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Chatham Declares For New Valuation

Great Dissatisfaction Expressed With Present System of Valuation and Assessment and Remedy Proposed

A public meeting in Chatham Town Hall, called by Ald. J. Y. Mersereau, chairman of the Efficiency Committee, was held last night, and over 60 ratepayers attended.

The meeting was called because of the protest of some forty ratepayers against their valuation for assessment purposes.

The meeting was called to open at 8 o'clock, Ald. J. Y. Mersereau in the chair, who explained that the meeting was called to discuss the present system of Valuation and Assessment in Chatham and suggest way to improve the same, which, in his opinion was at present unfair.

The first speaker was A. A. McGinn. Mr. McGinn claimed that the valuation of the town was unfair and unjust, as by the system now in vogue the poor man was paying most of the taxes, while the richer was getting off much too easily. An equitable valuation was needed. In order to get it, legislation was needed. But the expense would be money well spent. To secure a fair valuation, he suggested a Board of three assessors, the chairman to be a resident of Chatham, the other two to be drawn from, say, Bathurst and Chatham, the chairman of the assessors, the other two assessors to be independent unbiased business men not dependent upon any larger firms.

Another matter of great importance was the unpaid taxes. The town's last annual statement showed \$3789.65 unpaid taxes for 1917, and \$2479.54 for 1916. For 1914 and previous years \$2,658.94 total \$15,028.13. It was time for the town to have a thorough housecleaning. There should be a commission, with unlimited powers to investigate the town's affairs. The town should have a survey and plan made and be divided out into business, industrial and residential areas, and each area into blocks. The land in each block should be valued at so much per front foot, corner lots being of more value than the rest and the rest of equal value. Improvements should not be taxed at same rate. Nowadays a man is penalized in taxes whether he paints his house or renews his fence. It was

up to the Town Council to apply for legislation to remedy this state of affairs, or the town would get a council that would do so.

L. H. Abbott agreed in demanding a new plan of the town, and a better system of assessment in which every little improvement will not result in extra taxes.

Harry Loggie spoke to same effect, also D. T. Johnstone.

Richard Galloway complained about assessments being unequal.

Ex-Mayor Nicol partly agreed with Mr. McGinn.

A. E. Taylor, manager of the Bank of Montreal, spoke with approval of the taxation system of the west, where improvements are largely exempt and the emphasis in taxation is laid on land values. Improvements should not be penalized.

Assessor J. H. Pallen and Town Clerk P. J. McIntyre said that the assessors had the power and used it of changing assessments at any time during their year of office.

Mayor W. B. Snowball agreed that the assessment system was defective. As in England all should be compelled to give a true statement of all their property. Improvements should not be discouraged. All incomes up to \$500 or \$700 should be exempt, and on from that to \$1500 carefully graduated, married men being exempt so much for each child, to enable them to properly rear and educate their children. He had talked to both recent governments of N. B. about taxation reform.

The following was moved by A. A. McGinn, seconded by Ex-Ald. Edward Gallivan, and carried unanimously:

That this meeting declare in favor of a revaluation of the Town of Chatham, such revaluation to be made by an independent Board of three appointed for same, the chairman of said valuers to be a resident of Chatham, the other two to be men from other N. B. towns of similar population, the chairman of said Board of Valuers to be appointed the permanent chairman of the assessors, the other two assessors to be men in business for themselves and not large property holders.

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Many Miramichi Boys Dead or Wounded

Reports of Casualties Coming in Fast the Last Few Days And Many Homes Are Saddened

Major Roy H. Gunning, son of H. D. Gunning of Chatham, was killed in action August 21st, aged 31. He first commanded D. Co. of the 222nd Manitoba Battalion, and was afterwards transferred to the 46th as a Lieutenant in order to more quickly get to the front. Deceased was a competent civil engineer and a talented musician. He leaves his parents, a brother Walter D., of Saskatoon, who was through the Boer war, and five sisters: Mrs. J. B. Steeves, Montreal; Mrs. Victor B. Terry, Lindsay, Ontario; Mrs. (Capt.) E. W. Watling of Chatham; and Misses Ida and Georgina, at home.

Pte. Leon Benson Stewart of Chatham, admitted to the first clearing station August 16th, suffering from gunshot wounds, died on the 18th. Deceased went overseas with the 59th Battalion nearly two years ago. He was wounded and after recovery joined the 14th Montreal Battalion. He was 22. He leaves his father, Wm. S. Stewart, a widow in England, a brother, Roy; and five sisters: Mrs. J. C. Godfrey and Misses Rhoda, Jean, Marion and Verna, all at home.

Lance-Corporal Cecil Curwin, son of John Curwin, sr., of Richibucto, died of wounds on the 15th instant. Deceased who lived for some time in Chatham, enlisted two years ago in the 65th Battalion. He was the first of the 25 overseas members of True Blue L. O. L. No. 90, Chatham, to give up his life in the war. Deceased's sister, Mrs. Murray of Burnt Church, died this month.

Peter Bernard of Burnt Church on Wednesday received a telegram stating that his son Steven Bernard died of wounds while on his way to hospital. He passed away in the ambulance. Before he joined an overseas Battalion, Pte. Bernard was constable of the Burnt Church Indian Reserve.

Wounded Pte. Anthony Shannon of Derby Jct., a soldier of the Wireless Garrison, has received word that his son Walter, who went overseas with the 132nd, has been wounded. Pte. Shannon has another boy, William, overseas and another James at the Wireless.

William Gromley of Newcastle has been notified that his son, Richard, who went over with the 132nd, has been wounded.

Pte. Arthur Johnston of the 132nd and later of the 87th, son of Charles Johnston of Chatham, was wounded on the 14th instant.

On the same date Pte. Peter Malley of Chatham, of the 132nd and later of the 87th, was admitted to hospital on account of wounds.

Pte. George Grant of Chatham, another 132nd boy, son of Geo. Grant sr., has also been wounded.

Mr. Louis Miller of Millbank, has been notified that his son, Pte. Geo. Stanley Miller, had been admitted to the 12th Field Ambulance, August 15th, suffering from wounds and gas poisoning.

Mr. Samuel Martin of Lower Neguac, has received word that his son, Pte. Edmund Martin, had been admitted to the Fifth Field Ambulance, Aug. 15th, with gunshot wound in left arm.

Among those recently wounded at the front was Lieut. Jas. D. McLean, of Campbellton, N. B., a graduate of Mount Allison University, who enlisted with the Canadian Pioneers. His brother Charles, a graduate of U. N. B. has returned from active duty and is now in Campbellton, at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John McLean. He is suffering from shell shock.

Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Macdonald have been notified from Ottawa that their son, William Earle Macdonald, who left here as Quartermaster Sergeant of the 132nd but volunteered for France as a private, in another battalion, was officially reported admitted twelfth field ambulance August 15th, wounded, gas poisoning. Pte. Macdonald was a well known printer before enlistment.

Stirling Wood, of Douglstown, son of Mr and Mrs James Wood, who was one of the first to enlist in the 25th Battalion, C. E. F., is after a long campaign, suffering from trench fever.

Mrs. John Connors has received word that her husband, Pte. John Connors is suffering from gas poisoning.

Mrs. Isaac McKenzie of Chatham has received word that her husband Pte. Isaac McKenzie was admitted to the Western General Hospital on August 20th, suffering from gun shot wound in left leg.

St. Peter's church, Bartibogue, was the scene of an interesting event Monday morning, Aug. 27, when Miss Margaret J. Kenna, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Kenna became the bride of Mr. John McCarthy of Barnaby River. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Father Hawkes. The bride looked charming in a travelling suit of navy blue with white satin belt. She was assisted by Miss May O'Neill who wore a navy blue costume with grey picture hat. The groom looking his best, was ably supported by his brother James. After the ceremony the wedding party motored to the bride's home where a dainty dinner was served, after which they motored to Newcastle and took the train for a short honeymoon through the province followed by the best wishes of a host of friends. The groom's gift to the bride was a handsome brooch set with pearls, to the bride a set of gold cuff links. The bride was the recipient of many useful and costly presents, including china, linen, silver and several substantial cheques. On their return the happy couple will reside at Barnaby River.

OFF TO THE HARVEST FIELDS
Mary Stohart, Harry McColl, Charles McLean, Frank Fitzgerald and Allison Gray of Douglstown left on Monday for the Western front fields.

Serious Stabbing Affair at Doaktown

Gordon Robinson in Serious State as Result of Being Stabbed by Soldier Named Parker

Blackville, Aug. 22—Miss Margaret Jardine was united in marriage to Mr. John Touchie at the Presbyterian manse, Blackville on Wednesday afternoon. They will reside at the bride's home at Indiantown.

Stabbing Affair at Doaktown

At Doaktown station on Saturday night a short time before the arrival of the express a man named Gordon Robinson insulted a soldier's wife that had come to see her husband off on the train. The soldier's name was Parker. Mrs. Parker told Robinson that she would take the law of him. He replied that there was no man in Doaktown or any other town able to arrest him. Robinson used very obscene and abusive language. Parker told him he had better behave himself. He made a lunge for Parker and Parker told him to keep away but he was bound for to have trouble. Pte. Parker told him he was trained to defend himself and he had the weapons to do so. The soldiers are supplied with a large knife and the soldier told him if he didn't behave himself and leave him and his wife alone he would use the knife. Robinson grabbed hold of him and he got the blade in the side, the point lodging near the hip bone. At last report Robinson was in a very precarious state.

New Post Office For Chatham Head

As a result of a visit from Post Office Inspector Woods and assistant Alex. Thompson, it is likely that a new post office will shortly be established at Chatham Head. Representations were made some time ago to the department regarding the matter and the inspectors personally looked over the field on Tuesday, and were agreeably surprised at the growth of that village, and will recommend the immediate opening of the much needed post office.

THREE MIRAMICHI SOLDIERS HOME FROM OVERSEAS

On the S. S. Magantic, which arrived at Atlantic Port on the 24th instant were James Bowling, of Chaplin Road and Andrew Crocker, of Newcastle, sent home because of ill-health. Pte. Bowling will go to the Halifax Hospital for treatment. His disability is rated as indefinite. Pte. Crocker is permanent. On the same ship was Maurice Gohreau, of Bartibogue Bridge, permanently incapacitated by ill-health.

Annual Methodist District Meeting

Held Yesterday Afternoon and Evening.—Forward Steps in Mission Work Endorsed

The quarterly meeting of the Methodist Chatham Financial District was held here yesterday afternoon and evening, an unusually large number of laymen attending.

Those present were: Rev. J. L. Dawson, president of the Conference;

Rev. Geo. Steele, Supt. of Missions Bathurst—Rev. Geo. A. Ross; Amos J. Eddy, Harville White New Bandon—Rev. H. C. Upton, Horace Hornbrook

Newcastle—Rev. Dr. C. W. Squires J. H. Ashford, H. H. Stuart and H. D. Atkinson.

Chatham—Rev. J. J. Plakerton, W. B. Snowball, R. S. Curil, S. McLoon Tabucintac—Rev. I. F. Curtis, J. W. Robertson

Derby—Rev. E. Rowlands Harcourt—Rev. C. S. Stobbing Richibucto—Rev. Thos. Pierce Buctouche—Rev. Wm. Lawson

Missionary and contingent fund assessments were placed as follows: Missionary Increase Contingent

Gaspere and Cape Cove	\$90 \$10 4
Campbellton	100 25 6
Bathurst and New Bandon	190 30 3
Newcastle	125 38 3
Chatham	250 50 9
Tabucintac	— 1
Derby	180 25 4
Harcourt	80 15 3
Richibucto	70 10 3
Buctouche	160 15 3
	\$1185 \$215 \$45

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PREMIER BORDEN WILL NOT RESIGN POST

Despite Rumors to Contrary Sir Robert Will Less Conservative Party in Coming Election—Union Government Not Possible

Ottawa, August 29—Sir Robert Borden will remain head of the Conservative party. At a prolonged ministerial conference today which lasted until two o'clock the Prime Minister dealt with the recent negotiations for a union government and stated that the western Liberals with whom he had been negotiating were willing to join a union government with himself as a member but not as leader.

Sir George Foster was one of those suggested as the new leader. Sir Robert expressed his willingness to retire but this met with no favor. Sir George Foster, who was present at the caucus, declined to accept the responsibilities of the leadership and maintained that Sir Robert's continuance in the position was essential to the efficient conduct of the war.

The caucus unanimously approved of Sir George's position and pledged their loyalty to Sir Robert Borden and their co-operation in his efforts to bring about a government presenting all elements favorable to a vigorous war policy.

The Conservative members of Parliament today adopted the following resolution:

"We the supporters of Sir Robert Borden's government in the parliament of Canada, record our emphatic approval of that government's policy and achievements during these three years of war.

"We endorse the earnest and patient efforts of the prime minister to bring about a union of all the war forces of Canada and to give to this Dominion in these days of ever-increasing stress, suffering and peril, the advantage of an administration which would typify that union and speak to the world the unwavering resolution of our people to see this war through to victory.

"For the purpose of such union we are one and all prepared to make any personal or party sacrifice that the occasion may demand.

Pretty Wedding At Bartibogue

Miss Margaret Kenna Become Wife of Mr. John McCarthy of Barnaby River on Monday

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