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HIGHER SALARY FOR REGISTRAR MAKES TROUBLE

Westmorland Councillors Object to Paying New Official \$1,400 Increase Annually. ASKS GOVERNMENT TO REDUCE THE SALARY Claim Registrar's Work Was Done Efficiently by Deputy at Much Less.

Special to The Standard. Dorchester, N. B., Jan. 23.—At the closing session of the Westmorland municipal council yesterday, a resolution was passed deprecating the action of the Government in increasing the salary of the registrar to \$4,000, in view of the fact that the work was being efficiently done at the former salary by the deputy registrar and could easily have been continued on that basis.

Debate Was Keen. The resolution was passed after quite a spirited debate, in which those who supported the resolution claimed that this was not the time to increase salaries, and that the Government was not justified in increasing the salary of the registrar of deeds without consulting the representatives of the municipality affected.

On the other hand, members of the council who spoke in support of the increase in salary for the registrar claimed that \$4,000 was not too much for the office, and that the salary would have been increased before, as other salaries had been, had the registrar been appointed on the basis of the work being done by a deputy.

Charges Political Act. The discussion became somewhat acrimonious as the result of one of the defenders of the Government intimating that politics actuated those behind the resolution, and closing session for a time saved of the old-time debaters. The resolution was more than a question of the interests of the ratepayers of the county. The vote, however, showed that the majority of the councillors still adhere to the principle of merit in the various, viz: That the interests of the municipality are best served when party politics are kept out of municipal affairs.

In regard to the registry office it may be explained that the increase of salary from \$2,600 to \$4,000 was made by the local Government since the appointment of C. M. Leeger, C.M.P., as registrar two months ago. The office of registrar was vacated by the death of Hon. R. D. Richard, about four years ago and was never filled until recently, the duties of the office having been performed by the interim by the deputy, J. A. Bourgeois.

The Resolution. Councillor Fawcett moved, seconded by Councillor Murray, the following resolution:—

Whereas, the local Government has increased the salary of the registrar \$1,400 per year, making the salary \$4,000; and, whereas, the work was being done in an efficient manner for \$2,500 by the deputy registrar and could easily have been continued on that basis, and as the increase is being paid by the county and salary has been increased without any consultation with the county council; therefore resolved, that the county council deprecates that action of the local Government in the matter and would ask the Government to reconsider the question and have the salary restored to the former basis.

Principle is Wrong. Councillor Fawcett said the matter in which the salary of the registrar has been increased was a wrong principle to follow. We were entering a period of hard times, he said, and he thought this move was very unfortunate. If this increase of salary had been passed by the legislature just entered, they would have nothing to say, but he didn't think the mass of the people would sustain the action of the Government in this matter.

Councillor Melanson said it wasn't fair to try and censure the Government in this matter. If there had been a registrar appointed before the resolution would have been \$4,000 last year, but the deputy was doing the work and that was why there had not been an increase for the office. It looked to him as if there was politics in this move.

Councillor Fawcett.—"There is no party politics, as far as I am concerned. It is just the interests of the country."

Looking for Reason. Councillor Murray said it looked to him as if there was "A Nigger in the Wood-PILE" somewhere. He didn't think it right for the Government to pass such things as this by its own council.

Councillor Carter (Swisbury) said he was going to vote for the motion on the ground that the Government had passed an act to put a whip over this council. They might just as easily have made this salary \$10,000.

Councillor Campbell said Councillor Melanson was wrong in saying there was politics in this. The people have to pay this salary in increased form.

Ring And Necklace For Miss Gallupe

East Florenceville Lady Coming to St. John to Take Position With Phone Co.

Special to The Standard. East Florenceville, N. B., Jan. 23.—Miss Mabel Gallupe, who has been for a number of years chief operator and bookkeeper for New Brunswick Telephone Co. here, but has removed to St. John, to take a position in the head office of the company, was the guest at two gatherings during the week, at each of which she was the recipient of tangible expressions of the good will of her friends of the village.

The local staff of the company presented Miss Gallupe with a beautiful crest ring and Rev. P. E. Bishop of the Baptist Church, on behalf of the congregation, presented her with a pearl and emerald necklace. The ladies in charge of the event, which took place in the Baptist Church, were Mrs. F. E. Bishop, Mrs. L. D. Boyer, Mrs. R. S. Sempie, Mrs. B. C. McInnes, Mrs. J. A. McInnes and Miss I. P. McInnes.

FOUND BODY OF MRS. HALL FAST ON RIVER SANDS

Tragedy of Mrs. Tilley Hall, Missing St. Stephen Woman, Solved on Sunday.

MISSING FROM HOME SINCE JANUARY 14TH

Probable That Body Had Drifted Four Miles From Place Where Coat Was.

Special to The Standard. St. Stephen, Jan. 23.—The body of Mrs. Tilley Hall, who disappeared from her home on Friday night, January 14th, was found today at the Lodge, four miles below this town by a young man named Holmes, who is a resident of that village.

Holmes was strolling along the beach this afternoon when he discovered the body about fifty yards below Birch Glen, a summer colony. It was face down and frozen into the sand and rocks, it being necessary to dig around the body and raise about six inches square of the beach.

Found Coat On Shore. Mrs. Hall's coat was found on Sunday last at the Cove just a short way from the international bridge, and it is thought that she had jumped in the river at that point and the body had either floated down then or that on Monday when dynamiting at that point the body had been raised and floated down with the tide and had drifted to the beach at this point as it appears the body had been lying there for the last few days. The coroner was immediately notified and the body was removed to the undertaking rooms of J. R. Sederquist.

Besides her husband Mrs. Hall leaves three children: also her father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Acholson, two sisters and two brothers.

ARRIVES AT OTTAWA. Ottawa, Jan. 23.—Hon. E. K. Spivory, minister without portfolio in the present administration, arrived in Ottawa last night from his home at Yarmouth. He expects to remain here until after the opening of the session.

He was opposed to the increase on principle and would support the motion. Councillor Fawcett said Councillor Melanson had put up to them that this was a matter of party politics, he (Fawcett) did not take that kindly.

He contended that when the Government did such things as this without consulting the representatives, it was a downright insult to the people, and it was time somebody took a hand in it. If Councillor Melanson was satisfied with this method of doing the people's business, he (Fawcett) was not. The deputy registrar could have done the work in this office at the present salary, and he could not see how the Government could justify the increase in the face of all the facts.

Against the Government. Mayor Doncaster said he was proud of the stand taken by Councillor Fawcett. His attitude on this question showed him to be a true representative of the people. He (Doncaster) was a lifelong Liberal and a supporter of the Foster Government, yet he felt that it was in the interests of the people to take this stand.

Councillor Melanson said he believed there was politics in this move. "This council the last few years has been run as much on party political lines as the Government at Fredericton or Ottawa."

Some councillors—"No!"

How They Voted. After some further remarks, the vote was taken, and resulted in the resolution being carried by a vote of 11 to 4, as follows: Yes—Councillors Fawcett, Campbell, Doncaster, Sherrard, Carter; (Swisbury), King, Murray, Carter; (Westmorland), Richard, Aiton, McInnes—11.

No—Councillors Melanson, Farrow, Gould, McInnes, Wells and Bourgeois—4. Council adjourned.

OVER 800 CASES OF LIQUOR SALE WERE CONVICTED

Report for Past Year Shows About 900 Cases Heard During Last Year.

REVENUE IN FINES IS ABOUT \$45,000

Nearly \$21,000 Collected in Excess of What Law Administration Cost.

Special to The Standard. Fredericton, Jan. 23.—Approximately \$45,000 is said to have been collected in fines in New Brunswick under the Prohibition Act during the fiscal year, which ended on October 31st.

The information is contained in the final annual report of Rev. W. D. Wilson, as chief inspector, which has been presented to the provincial government.

Information similar to that contained in his annual report is in possession of the New Brunswick Temperance Alliance officials, and it is said the financial report showed receipts in fines, licenses, etc., amounting to \$21,000 more than the disbursements during the fiscal year.

900 Liquor Prosecutions. It is further stated that the report shows approximately 900 prosecutions during the year by the prohibition department, there being more than 800 convictions and approximately 80 cases that were dismissed.

It is said that the report says that the repeal of the act in council, prohibiting the importation of liquor and the crime wave which has swept over the entire continent have been factors in increasing the difficulty in enforcing the prohibitory law, while the ex-chief inspector also condemns increasing the number of licenses, for vendors in towns and cities which, he says, has made more difficult for the inspectors to properly carry out their duties.

The Case of Doctors. There is also reference to the issuing of prescriptions by doctors, it is claimed in the report. It is said that one doctor issued 250 liquor prescriptions in one day, while another had issued fourteen prescriptions for liquor in one day, using a different name upon each of the fourteen.

The entire report reflects the acute differences, which existed between the former chief inspector and the government at the time Rev. Mr. Wilson concluded his official duties.

Included in the report is a recommendation in favor of the appointment of a commission to handle the importation and wholesale distribution of liquor in the province under authority contained in an amendment to the Prohibition Act passed in 1919, which the government is now about to do.

The average wage of a skilled woman cook in London is about \$250 a year.

St. Stephen Farmers Plan Bigger Year

Victor Poole Transferred to Montreal to be Auditor at the Head Office.

Special to The Standard. St. Stephen, N. B., Jan. 23.—A considerable change is in progress in connection with the business of the United Farmers Co-operative Co. here. A new board of directors has been elected composed of Edgar Blaney, Thomas Speedy, L. Stewart, Martin Wood and C. R. Pollard. Following the amalgamation of the New Brunswick branch with those of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, Victor Poole, recently manager of the St. Stephen store, is being transferred to the head office in Montreal to fill the position of auditor and a new manager is to be sent to take charge of the local store. Mr. Poole's experience with the Royal Bank of Canada, of which he was manager at Milltown when he resigned to enter the employ of the United Farmers Co., fits him for his new duties.

Fredericton Is Made An Aerial Harbor

Regulations Covering Entrance of Foreign Owned Airships Will be Enforced.

Fredericton, N. B., Jan. 23.—Official notice that Fredericton has been granted a license as an air harbor has been received by Collector of Customs Macnutt, who has been notified that the Minister of Customs has concurred in granting the license.

The regulations which foreign craft entering an air harbor in Canada must comply with, also the procedure for entering goods brought into Canada by airships have also been sent to Collector Macnutt, so that arrangements are complete for the reception of any aircraft that may come here.

General McBrien Is Coming to St. John

Halifax, Jan. 23.—Major-General J. C. McBrien, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., chief of the general military staff of Canada, arrived in Halifax on Friday evening. He made a formal inspection of the permanent fortifications and a general inspection of the fortress of Halifax on Saturday. He left tonight for St. John, N. B.

FOUND DEAD IN BED

Windsor, N. S., Jan. 23.—William Spence, aged 65 years, of St. Croix, Hanis Co., was found dead at the home of his brother-in-law, Daniel McLeod, where he had gone to spend the evening. In the absence of the regular coroner, Dr. J. W. Reid, at present in Montreal, Dr. McLeod, Rawdon, presided at the inquest, which the jury brought in a verdict of "Death from natural causes."

His wife died about a year ago and there are left a son and daughter.

In Seno Domingo two training schools for nurses are being established.

COTTON WORKERS PROTEST SLASH BUT WILL WORK

Marysville Union Discusses Wage Reduction But Decides to Continue Under Protest.

ALL UNIONS WILL ACT IN ONE BODY

May Demand Probe of Mill Profits to Decide if Reduction is Necessary.

Special to The Standard. Fredericton, Jan. 23.—The Textile Workers' Union of Marysville, of which most of the 450 employees at the Canadian Cottons, Ltd., Mill there are members, held a meeting on Saturday afternoon to consider the notification received by all employees of the Marysville Cotton mill of a reduction of 12 1/2 per cent. in wages effective tomorrow.

Lemuel Clegg, president of the union, declared after the meeting that it was decided to go to work tomorrow under the new conditions under protest and the wage reduction will be resisted to the limit.

All Act Together. He said communications had been received from the unions at St. John and Milltown, N. B., which were similarly affected, and that all would act jointly and formal resolutions would be passed by the Marysville union at a later date along the same line as those passed at St. John and Milltown.

It was further decided, he said, to demand an investigation of the Canadian Cottons, Ltd. profits in the past to determine whether the reduction in wages of employees was necessary. There had, he said, been no reduction in living costs and the mill was running on short time.

JOHN T. RUNDLE DEAD

Newcastle, N. B., Jan. 23.—John T. Rundle died in the Miramichi Hospital of pneumonia. He was 63 years of age, and was born in Newcastle. He was for many years manager of the Miramichi Lumber Company, retiring from business about eight years ago.

Mr. Rundle leaves one sister, Mrs. E. A. McMillan of Newcastle, James A. McMillan of Newcastle, James A. McMillan of Newcastle, James A. McMillan of Newcastle. The funeral will take place tomorrow, interment in St. James cemetery in the family lot.

OUT ON SUSPENDED SENTENCE

Fredericton, Jan. 23.—In the police court yesterday, Mrs. Jessie Sherman of Marysville was charged with omitting to provide necessities and care for her two weeks old child, The Children's Aid Society and the district nurse at Marysville acted in this matter. Mrs. Sherman pleaded guilty and Police Magistrate Limerick allowed her to go on suspended sentence. The child is to be visited regularly by the district nurse.

C. P. O. S. VICTORIAN DUE

C. P. O. S. Victorian is due to arrive at this port about ten o'clock this morning.

Dynamite Hurlled Rock Into House

Moncton Parlor Wrecked by Flying Boulder from Scene of Street Operations.

Dartmouth, N. S., Jan. 23.—A twenty pound stone, with a shrapnel accompaniment of slate rock fragments, tore through the front of Frank M. Tierney's house, Windmill road, Saturday afternoon and wrecked the parlor, causing total damage, estimated at \$1,000. Toward workmen engaged in widening the road had set off a dynamite blast fifty feet away. They claim it was the usual charge of dynamite and were astonished at the damage done. There was nobody in the room at the time.

Continue Probe Into Province Roads

Assistant Chief Engineer Admits Friction Between Himself and Late Chief.

Halifax, N. S., Jan. 23.—J. E. Belliveau, assistant chief engineer of the provincial highways board, was on the stand in Saturday afternoon's session of the royal commission inquiring into highway matters, and testified that there was friction between himself and Mr. Roland, the late chief engineer of the board, that he had made the photographs of vouchers described by D. Morris, the chief accountant at the morning's session and that he had done it to protect himself and preserve the identity of the vouchers.

Asked by Hon. A. K. MacLean, counsel for the Government, what he feared, he said he had no particular thing. Found Nothing Wrong. Mr. Studd, provincial auditor, who was also on the stand during the day, testified that he had found no irregularities in accounts, except those relating to duty and exchange, and that the amendments to the highways act passed in 1919 gave the highways board full control over their own expenditure, and he was only called upon to audit the accounts after the money had been spent.

May Deport Belgian Youth For Stealing

Adelard St Onge Pleads Guilty to Breaking Into House at Minto.

Special to The Standard. Gagetown, Jan. 23.—The trial of Adelard St. Onge, the Belgian youth, charged with breaking and entering the house of Lambert, Bonarts, at Minto, on the night of Jan. 7, held before His Honor, Judge Wilson at the Court House here, on Thursday afternoon last. When brought before Magistrate Scott McLeod at Minto on the Monday following his misdemeanor, he pleaded guilty and was committed to the county jail. On being committed to jail here, he elected to be tried before the judge without jury, under the provisions of the Speedy Trials Act.

On his last appearance on the indictment being read over to the accused, he again pleaded guilty. Before moving the court for sentence, F. M. Davis, who prosecuted on behalf of the Crown, asked the court to recommend that the accused be deported to Belgium. The court took the question under consideration and remanded the accused to the county jail until Jan. 31, when he will sentence the accused and at the same time give his opinion of the question of recommending the accused for deportation.

Farmer Fined For Killing Blue Heron

Special to The Standard. Fort Kent, N. B., Jan. 23.—A farmer near this place was recently fined \$10 and costs for killing a Great Blue Heron. This large bird, four feet in height, erroneously but locally known as a crane, whose outstretched neck, long dangling body and broad expanse of wing gives a picturesque animation to our marshes, have in the past been ruthlessly slaughtered. It belongs to the same family as the egret, which was so abundant about a generation ago, but now all that remains of them is the egrettes that, once worn as its wedding dress, today wave about the brows of women. These birds are permanently protected as non-game birds under the Migratory Bird Convention Act. The selling, taking, injuring, capturing or molesting of same subjects the violator to a maximum fine of one hundred dollars.

Halifax Police Hold Prisoner For Ottawa

Ottawa, Jan. 23.—The Ottawa police have been advised that Antonio Sullino, wanted here since 1917 on a charge of non-support, has been arrested by the Halifax police. An officer will be sent to Halifax sometime today to bring the prisoner back to the city.

EGGS ARE CHEAPER

Fredericton, Jan. 23.—There was the largest country market Saturday for some weeks, and as a result of the large offerings of eggs, prices dropped to 78 from 85 cents a dozen.

QUEENS COUNTY DOUBLES GRANT TO ITS SCHOOLS

Winter Session Was One of the Shortest Ever Held by Municipal Body.

THATCH ISLAND TO BE SURVEYED SOON

Increase in Teachers' Salaries Responsible for the Bigger Grant.

Special to The Standard. Fredericton, Jan. 23.—The Queen's County Municipal Council has closed after one of the shortest meetings on record.

S. C. Parry of Cody's, was warden, Donald A. Adamson reported on the finances, which showed the county beginning the year with a good surplus. It was decided to have Thatch Island, which is situated in the St. John River, about three miles above Gagetown surveyed, and the lots marked by permanent stakes. Considerable revenue comes to the county from the owning of this island.

Last season the sale of grass brought in \$1500, the highest revenue in its history.

Appropriations Cut. The estimates for the coming year were somewhat less than last year, \$7,500 was voted for contingent fund; last year's amount being \$10,000. The amount voted for the year was also less than usual. The amount voted for school purposes, however, jumped from \$3,500, voted last year, to \$7,500 this year. The increase is due to the well-deserved raise in teacher's salaries, some of which have nearly doubled. No amount was voted for the Board of Health, any expense in that connection to be met out of the contingent fund.

At the Council. All the members of the council were present this year: Solomon C. Perry, warden and Robert J. Stewart, councillors from Johnston; Henry Cooper, George Thorne, Peterewie; A. F. Barton, Thomas A. Ferris, Waterbury; A. D. Cass, Robert M. Akersley, Wickham; Morris Webb, J. Arthur VanWart, Hampstead; Duncan Estabrook, Call Sydney; Canning; St. Clair; Fraser, W. H. H. Burges; Chipman; J. S. Robinson, A. L. Genter, Cambridge; Joseph S. Beach, Weldon Kierstead, Brunswick; R. Harvey Weston, Charles Cooper, Gagetown. The auditor of the county accounts, Ingelwood Flower, was also present.

Yard of Gauze Was Left Within Wound

Former Soldier Dies and Then it is Discovered That Cloth Had Been Left Within Him

Fredericton, N. B., Jan. 23.—Thirty-four inches of gauze found in his bowels when a man operated upon a few days ago at the Department of Soldiers' Civil Re-establishment Hospital here caused the death yesterday afternoon of Harry A. Larlee, aged 23 years, of Perth, N. B.

Enlisting with the 9th Siege Battery, he got as far as England with the Canadian expeditionary forces and was mortally wounded in a concert party which toured the Canadian military camps in the latter period of the war. Upon his return home he went to the coast and there he was operated upon more than a year ago for appendicitis.

Yard in Length. It is believed at the military hospital here that the surgeons who performed that operation sewed up the patient with the gauze almost a yard in length still in his bowels. After that operation the patient never recovered his health and was forced to return to his home in this province.

Last July he was operated upon at Woodstock, but the operation was merely for adhesion and last September he became a patient at the local hospital.

Mrs. John McSorley Dies At Penniac

Born in Ireland 83 Years Ago But Spent Most of Her Days in New Brunswick.

Special to The Standard. Fredericton, N. B., Jan. 23.—Mrs. Anna McSorley, widow of the late John McSorley, died at her home at Penniac, this morning at the age of eighty-three years. She was a native of Ireland and came to this country in her youth. She is survived by five daughters, Miss Jane, at home; Mrs. M. Corbett, Mrs. Sarah Capen of the United States; Mrs. Fred McNeill, of Nashua, N. H.; and Mrs. Richard Coughlan, of Halifax, and one step-daughter, Mrs. John Salway, of Boston, and three sons, Frank, of this city; John, of Penniac, and James, of North Devon; and one step-son, Henry McSorley, of Marysville.

