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## KINGS COUNTY COUNCIL

Holds Special Meeting and Approves Auditor's Formal Report

The report of Price, Waterhouse and Company, Chartered Accountants, Montreal, on the auditing of the books of the Municipality of Kings County was received at a special meeting of the Municipal Council at which Warden Munro presided, on Thursday last.

On opening the Council the Warden said he had just received word of the death of Councillor Gaul at 3.30 Thursday morning. The Warden paid a warm tribute to Mr. Gaul; "he was the 'Father' of the Council; a man of excellent judgment, deeply interested in the affairs of the Council." Councillor Bill also spoke of the severe loss the County had suffered in the death of Councillor Gaul. Tributes were paid to the late Dr. P. N. Balcom, of Aylesford, who for many years was Medical Officer of the Municipality. Letters of condolence, expressing the sympathy of the Council, will be sent by the Clerk to the families of Dr. Balcom and Councillor Gaul.

The report of the auditors covers the four years from January 1st, 1920, to December 31st, 1923. At the time of the commencement of the investigation upon the financial affairs of the Municipality in February of this year, the late Clerk and Treasurer, Mr. L. Dodge, was absent from his duties on account of illness and there was no other officer of the Municipality to whom they could refer.

The financial records of the Municipality were found to consist solely of one cash book (in addition to incidental records, such as bank pass books, cheque stubs, etc.) but this cash book had only been entered up in respect of one of the five bank accounts, no entries whatever appearing for the bank accounts maintained for the Provincial Highway Taxes, the County Home, the North Mountain Railway Damages Fund, or the Patriotic Fund. No attempt had, it appeared, been made to reconcile the cash books with the general bank account, the transactions of which it purported to record.

The general disorder in which were found the vouchers, receipts, invoices, accounts, minutes and other original records and documents of the Municipality indicated a considerable degree of negligence. Such vouchers and receipts as were available for inspection were in great confusion, and it was apparent that no systematic approval of expenditure had been obtained by the Clerk from the Finance Committee or Council; and so far as could be observed, no systematic verification of the accounts themselves had been made by the Clerk prior to their payment, and this was especially noticeable of payments to hospitals and institutions.

The complete lack of subsidiary records, three upon the auditors the labor of ascertaining from outside sources the existing obligations of the Municipality. This was done by advertisement in the public press and by correspondence with the corporations, institutions and larger business houses with which the County appeared to have dealings. Although every means available was taken to ascertain the outstanding liabilities, as at December 31, 1923, there is no certainty that all liabilities are included in the balance sheet prepared as at that date.

Exhibit 14 contains the particulars of all insurance policies which the auditors have been able to locate covering the County's buildings. From this list it appears that the insurance carried on the buildings and contents is considerably below the replacement values.

The amount of \$9,568.17, shown as receivable as at December 31, 1923, represents the total amount of over-payments to the Government on account of Highway Taxes from 1920 to 1923 inclusive.

The overpayments appear to have been the result of incorrect returns made by the late Clerk to the Provincial Government—the returns of taxes payable on Highway Account gross in all cases in excess of actual gross amount of the Tax Roll. An Act was passed at the 1924 session permitting the County to deduct \$3,189.39 from the Highway Tax normally payable for each of the years 1925, 1926, and 1927, the aggregate of these amounting to \$9,568.17.

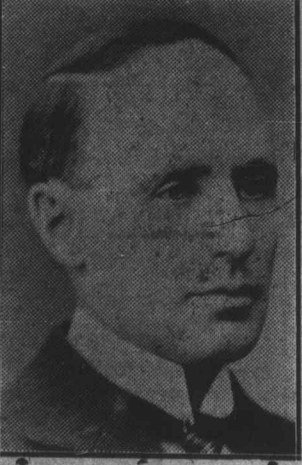
The Auditors suggest that the Highway Tax should be levied and collected at the normal rates, but in the presentment (Estimate) the difference between the amount to be collected, and the amount to be paid over to the Government, (\$3,189.39), should be added to incidental revenue for the year, thus decreasing the County Rate proportionately.

The towns which were party to Joint Service Expenditure appeared to have contributed less than the proportionate amounts agreed upon from time to time during the four years covered. This situation was the result of the omission by the late Clerk to bill the Towns with the difference between the estimated requirements and the actual expenditures each year, it being the case that the expenditures were in every instance in excess of the estimates. The totals receivable for Kentville being \$2,454.76—Wolfville, \$2,078.48.

No amount is charged into Joint Service Account for rent of the Court House. It is suggested that the maintenance of these buildings is a Joint Service item, and that they appear to be owned solely by the Municipality. Nor is any charge made for the cost of administration, except a proportionate amount for Office Expense, which is estimated as 4-10 of the total of all administration.

Considerable space is devoted to the "Collectors Accounts" which are calling in all the townshippers, that either of the collectors, or of the townshippers, have not paid their taxes. The amount of the taxes is \$13,000.00.

## HIS 50TH BIRTHDAY



Right Hon. Arthur Meighen leader of the Opposition in the Federal House, celebrated his 50th birthday on Monday.

## CRICKET CLUB REORGANIZED

During the past year or eighteen months nearly every adult cricketer in Wolfville, or the neighborhood, has removed elsewhere. The death of Mr. John F. Herbin also removed an outstanding figure. This has necessitated the reorganization of the Wolfville Cricket Club, which was effected last week. It will mainly consist of the younger generation. Rev. Mr. Dixon presided at the meeting and the following officers were appointed: President, Rev. R. F. Dixon; Manager, A. C. Cox; Captain, Nelson Grant. The Club by permission of Rev. Dr. Patterson will play on the new ground for the present. A subscription started last week has been well received and enough has already been promised to purchase two new balls and two bats. A match with the Windsor Junior team is hoped will be shortly arranged. All lovers of the game of whatever age are cordially invited to come down to the Campus for practice will be given by Mr. Cox or the captain, Nelson Grant.

errors in the majority of cases being that the collector was required to pay over to the Municipality less money than the actual aggregate of the Roll which he collected. An aggregate of \$14,447.86 is the amount shown on the Balance Sheet which appears to be due from collectors during the past four years.

With reference to the present method of collecting taxes by solicitation and by a separate collector for each Ward, it is suggested that it would be more economical and efficient if arrangements were made for the payment of all taxes into the Municipality's Office by the tax-payers direct.

The Balance Sheet contains under the heading "Suspense Account of the late Treasurer", a sum of \$11,311.33. This may possibly be accounted for by the fact that payments in cash have been made for equivalent sums which were not recorded in the Cash Book or other records.

It would seem desirable to provide a sinking fund for the redemption of the Patriotic Fund Bond Issue and the County Home Bond, and in the accounts as now prepared the auditors have charged Revenue for the year ending December 31, 1923, with an amount of \$3,255.20 and have credited Sinking Fund Reserve. A like amount set aside annually for a period of ten years, with interest compounded at 4 1/2 per cent. annually will amount to \$40,000 by December 1, 1932, the date of the maturity of the bonds.

On May 25, 1923, the Town of Berwick was incorporated and so became a party to Joint Service for the year 1923. In the Joint Service Account for that year the share of Berwick has been estimated at the equivalent of 4 1/2 per cent. per annum and one half of this rate has been taken as represented by approximately Berwick's share for 1923. One half of the taxes which were assessed and collected in the Berwick District in 1923 (\$878.39) have been credited to the Town and there is a balance due to town of \$515.66.

From the Balance Sheet, as at Dec. 31, 1923, there is a shortage of working Capital which will require to be made good by the new Bond Issue of \$60,000, which has been approved by the Provincial Government by an Act of 1924.

The Auditors have found many indications of what appear to be substantial inequalities in the basis of assessment throughout the County. The present system of appointing individual assessors for each Ward has resulted in what appears to be a divergence in the standards of valuation adopted, especially as between Wards. In addition to this the work of the Assessors generally appears to have been performed in somewhat of a perfunctory manner, and errors which have been made in the Assessment Rolls have been in many cases perpetuated from year to year. It is suggested that if the Council is satisfied that the present Assessment Roll is uneven, a small Commission be appointed to draw up an Assessment Record which might be used as a basis by local Assessors in the future. Under this scheme it would be necessary for the Commission personally to visit every assessable property in the County.

Following considerable discussion a resolution was passed approving the report, and a committee was appointed by the Warden to look into the matter. Two motions were also passed; one authorizing the solicitor, J. F. Ouhit, to secure expert legal opinion as regards the bonds of the late Clerk and Treasurer; and the other, that a chartered accountant be employed to make an audit of the books every quarter.

## WOLFVILLE DEFEATS WINDSOR

In Valley League Game—Score 16 to 0

The Wolfville baseball team journeyed to Windsor last Thursday and played their first league fixture with the team in that town. The final score was 16 to 0 in Wolfville's favor. The following account of the game is taken from the "Hants Journal".

The visitors started out in the first inning, and on two singles, one double, a walk, and two errors, scored six runs. It was plainly seen that the locals were off in their hitting from the very start of the game, for in the first inning with two out, Fogarty reached first on an error, Clark advanced him to third with the first clean hit of the game, but Singer, usually a reliable hitter, flied out to Dick. It looked as if a real ball game was in progress in the Wolfville half of the second. Harry Smith playing at short, picked up Barteaux's hard grounder and pegged from a difficult angle to Fogarty on first. Every one seemed to tighten up, and Munro was disposed of, Baker to first, while Smith caught Robertson for the last out. With such a fine brand of ball in the second, the spectators looked for a score for Windsor, but Baker and Anthony struck out, while Eagles took care of Kuhn's grounder. Wolfville scored some more in the third, scoring three runs on three hits, three errors and a stolen base. Ellis opened Windsor's half of the third with a safe out, but was caught napping off the first sack. Robertson followed with another safe one, and Hughes reached first on an error, while Robertson took third; Hughes ran for second on the first ball pitched to Fogarty, and when Phinney started his peg to second Robertson set sail for home, but Barteaux saw the local catcher getting under way and intercepted Phinney's throw and got the baseman at home by a foot. The best play of the game was pulled off in the third inning. Kenney singled, stole second and advanced to third on Phinney's bunt; Hughes faked a throw to second to get Phinney, but whipped the ball to Singer, who had Kenney six feet off the base, and with the help of Smith and Robertson they ran him down. This showed real headwork on the part of Hughes.

The teams: Wolfville—Dick, 3b.; Barteaux, a.s.; Munro, p.; Leighton, c.f.; Kenney, 2b.; Phinney, 1b.; Elderkin, r.f.; Eagles, 1b.; Burgess, l.f. Windsor—Robertson, c.; Hughes, p. & r.f.; Fogarty, 1b.; Clark, 2b.; Singer, 3b.; Baker, a.s. & 2b.; Anthony, c.f.; Kuhn, l.f.; Ellis, r.f. & p.

## "ASHES OF VENGEANCE" A MAGNIFICENT PRODUCTION

Here is a picture that can't be overestimated. It has everything—and of everything in rich abundance. Joseph M. Schenck took cognizance of the trend to historical romance, knew he had the biggest star on the screen, and determined to present her in the greatest picture of the year. And with him, determination is performance. This, in a nutshell, is why "Ashes of Venice" is the peerless picture of 1923. And don't think that drama was sacrificed to overshadowing opulence—though magnificent runs riot in mansuety settings and gorgeous costumes; some more massive and more magnificent than anything the screen has ever reflected, the Norma Talmadge who is dear to the hearts of hundreds of millions is ever the central figure in a love story the like of which even she, in her thousand triumphs, has never before had chance to interpret; the story of an adamant aristocrat whose purple pride, passionate hatred and desire for vengeance bowed one by one to the exaltation of an all-consuming love. And this love shoots like a sunbeam through the shadows of a calamitous epoch; stands out in the midst of a virile rush of action, of herculean battles between hate-maddened swordsmen—the vivid re-creation of days darkened by the ruthless ambition of Catherine de Medici. At the Orpheum, Monday and Tuesday.

## TORONTO UNIVERSITY EIGHT TO REPRESENT CANADA

St. Catherines, Ont., June 15.—Never headed and rowing well within themselves after the first half mile, Toronto University crew won the right to represent Canada in the eight-oared contest at the Olympiad in France next month by taking first place in the Canadian Olympic elimination contest held on the Canadian Henley course late Saturday afternoon.

Wolfville was visited by a cloud-burst yesterday afternoon and for some time rain fell in torrents, during which a slight electrical storm prevailed. It was a veritable deluge which caused anyone in the open to seek cover.

## TOWN BASEBALL LEAGUE

Holds Annual Meeting and Draws Up Schedule

The annual meeting of the Town Baseball League was held on Tuesday evening at the Town Hall, with the president, H. P. Davidson, in the chair. It was decided to sub-divide the town into slightly different districts this season, and the three teams competing will be the East End, Centre and West End. The trophy, which was donated by the publishers of The Acadian, was won last year by the West End, and this season one of the other teams will no doubt do their best to win it. The team which first wins the cup three seasons will hold it permanently. The series will not begin this year until the first of July, the following being the schedule decided upon:

- July 4—East vs. West
- July 11—East vs. Centre
- July 15—East vs. West
- July 18—West vs. Centre
- July 22—East vs. Centre
- July 25—East vs. West
- July 29—West vs. Centre
- August 1—East vs. Centre
- August 5—West vs. Centre
- August 8—West vs. Centre
- August 12—East vs. Centre

As will be noted by the schedule the games will be played on Tuesday and Friday of each week, and as last year, will be played in the evenings, beginning at seven o'clock. It is hoped that more interest will be taken in the games this year than was manifested last season.

At the meeting on Tuesday evening the following officers were re-elected: President—H. P. Davidson; Vice-President—Dr. J. A. M. Hemmingson; Sec.-Treas.—P. W. Davidson

## LAWRENCE GAUL

The death occurred at the Infirmary, Halifax, Thursday morning, of County Councillor Lawrence Gaul, of East Dalhousie. Although in his eightieth year, Mr. Gaul was active and vigorous, and until a few months ago had never known what it was to be ill. But recently his health failed, and he went to the Infirmary for an operation, which was successfully performed two weeks ago, and he seemed to be improving, but took a turn for the worse on Wednesday, from which he did not rally.

Few men held a higher place in the esteem of the people of King's County than Lawrence Gaul. He was a man of sterling qualities, and was deeply interested in all that made for the best welfare of his native county. For upwards of thirty years he served continuously as a member of the County Council, where he was regarded as a man of sound judgment. He was also one of the promoters of the Western King's Memorial Hospital, and was a member of its Board of Directors.

Mr. Gaul was a native of Dalhousie, where for many years he conducted a general store. He had also carried on extensive lumbering operations, and only a few years ago sold out his interests to the Berwick Co-operative Company. By his industry, honesty and exceptional business ability he had prospered and was for many years he conducted a general store in the use of what he possessed. Mrs. Gaul predeceased him by three years. He is survived by two sons, Constantine, of Berwick, and Douglas, of Paradise; and two daughters, Mrs. Clara Kirkpatrick, of Dalhousie, and Mrs. W. D. Muir, of Berwick. The funeral was held at his home, Dalhousie, on Saturday afternoon.

## SHIRLEY MASON AND CHARLES JONES DEFTY DEATH IN EXCITING STUNT

That there is a special Providence protecting the daring motion picture player is demonstrated again in "The Eleventh Hour", Bernard Durning's production of Lincoln J. Carter's exciting melodrama, in which Shirley Mason and Charles Jones co-star.

This sensational William Fox feature, which comes to the Orpheum theatre for two days commencing Friday, is studded with hair-raising thrills that unfold in breathless succession. In one of the daring scenes, Charles Jones swings head foremost from a ladder suspended from a flying hydroplane and catches Shirley Mason up in his arms from a motor-boat as he speeds by her. Not satisfied with this stunt, you get a semi-close-up of Shirley and Jones climbing the swaying ladder until they reach the safety—if such it can be called—of the plane. This scene was not rehearsed. It was too hazardous. Some ten odd cameramen were in position to shoot the action and what they got is one of the most thrilling stunts ever enacted on the silver sheet.

If the modern girl must reveal some charm to win a husband, let her reveal some ability as a cook.

## REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE

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## S. S. DISTRICT HELD YEAR'S CONVENTION

Central District of Kings County Met at Kentville—Officers Elected

The Central District of Kings County Sunday Schools of the M. R. E. C. held the annual convention on Thursday in the United Church, Kentville. President, W. E. Porter, was in the chair. After devotional services, conducted by Rev. B. J. Porter, a summary of the work and conditions was given by the President, Mrs. J. R. Webster, Secretary-Treasurer, gave a report of the finances. The schools are paying their allotment, and the full allotment of the district will be paid.

A roll call of schools and reports was responded to by most of the schools, showing that much interest was taken. There are sixteen schools in the district, of which eight are evergreen; four other districts should have schools; local workers are needed.

An inspiring and helpful address on "Missions", by Rev. G. W. Schurman, of Blitworth, was discussed at considerable length. A Round Table conducted by the Field Secretary, Rev. W. C. Machum, was of a most helpful nature.

At the evening session, an address was given by Mr. Machum, on "Essentials in Religious Education". The supreme opportunity of the Church is her childhood and youth. The privilege of Sunday school leaders is to unite with God for the religious training of the young. For this great work there are certain spiritual and intellectual requirements, and the introduction of the best in methods is necessary to efficiency. Mr. Machum has also held conventions during the week at Aylesford, Berwick and Canning.

Officers were elected as follows: Aylesford: President, Mrs. A. J. Banks; Secy-Treas: Miss Jean Bishop.

Berwick: Pres. Walter Ward; Secy-Treas. Mrs. Ivor Best.

Canning: Pres. Miss Gertrude Eaton; Secy-Treas. Miss Lois Porter, Pearsu.

Kentville: Pres. Thomas Weaver; Secy-Treas. Miss Alice Porter.

The executive of the Kings County Religious Education Council met at Kentville on Thursday afternoon. Reports were received and new officers elected as follows: President: W. E. Porter, Kentville; Vice-Pres.: Prof. A. Sutherland, Wolfville; Secy-Treas. Mrs. J. R. Webster, Kentville.

## ABOUT BOOKS

(By The Acadian Bookman.) James Gould Cozens, whose mother, nee Bertha Wood, was formerly a student at Acadia Ladies' Seminary, and whose first cousin, Mary Read, graduated from Acadia University in 1923, has achieved the remarkable distinction of having completed his first novel, "Confusion" (B. J. Brimmer Co., Boston), before he was twenty years of age and of having had it published while he was still twenty and a Sophomore at Harvard University. No less striking than the early production of the book is the knowledge of the world and of books suggested by its pages. This rich store of material, permeated by ideas somewhat in the manner of H. G. Wells, is organized for the purposes of fiction with a success that speaks the narrative artist. Rapid, concentrated presentation of emotional situation frequently reminds one of Thackeray.

The central character, Cerise D'Atree, daughter of a French father and an English mother, after very careful training in childhood, is sent, because of the Great War, to a girl's school in New England. Confronted with the facts of a world "in confusion," she ponders deeply on the meaning of life, and has not yet reached a definite conclusion at the time of her tragic death. Readers of this novel will look forward to what Mr. Cozens may have to say in later fiction as to the meaning of life.

An interesting illustration of the vitality of picturesque fiction is "The London Adventures of Mr. Collin", originally written in Swedish, by Frank Heller (handled in Canada by McClelland and Stewart). The variety of action, the frequent surprises without sacrifice of plausibility, the delightful humor, and the entertaining style make this book superior to a large proportion of the literature of roguery. Readers are advised not to use it in an attempt to induce slumber.

One can't help wondering what Babe Ruth's thoughts are as he receives his salary check.

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## DEATH OF PROMINENT CITIZEN

Sir Charles Townshend Pass'd Away Suddenly on Monday Morning

The community was shocked by the unexpected news of the death of Sir Charles Townshend, which occurred at 6 o'clock on Monday morning at "Rosedale", his summer home here. While his health had not been so good as usual during the preceding few days there was no indication of his condition or that his end was so near until Sunday when he took a turn for the worse and passed away as stated above.

Since coming to Wolfville to reside in 1904 when he purchased the fine estate of the late John W. Boreas, Sir Charles has been a familiar figure in our community life, and his passing is deeply regretted.

He is survived by his wife and five children, George, who arrived home last week from British Columbia; Miss Mary Townshend, at home; Mrs. J. D. Sherwood, of this town; all children of his first marriage; and two sons by his second marriage, Stewart, an engineer, and Wray, who is practicing law at Windsor.

In the passing of former Chief Justice Sir Charles Townshend, Nova Scotia mourns the loss of one of her native sons who had filled the land of his birth and whose faith was justified in that he attained, by his sterling ability, the highest professional honors the province could bestow. Born in Nova Scotia, educated in Nova Scotia, he spent his entire life in the Province of his birth. Sir Charles was born at Amherst eighty years ago. He was a son of the late Rev. Canon Townshend, rector for sixty years of Christ church, Amherst, in which edifice today will be found several memorial tributes to the service of the Townshend family. His mother was Elizabeth Stewart, daughter of Alexander Stewart, Master of the Rolls in Nova Scotia, an illustrious grandfather of one who was to prove an illustrious grandson.

Sir Charles received his early education in King's Collegiate School, Windsor, and later in King's College there, where he received his preparatory training before being indentured, in 1862, with the law firm headed by the late Hon. Senator Dickie in Amherst. He was four years with Senator Dickie's firm and later served with Hon. S. L. Sherman. He was admitted to the bar in 1886 when Sir William Young was Chief Justice of the Province. In 1867 the young barrister married Laura Kinross, fourth daughter of the late J. D. Kinross. She died in March, 1884, and three years later he married Margaret MacFarlane, daughter of John MacFarlane and grand daughter of Hon. D. MacFarlane, M.L.C.

For the two score years after his admission to the bar he ranked among the most brilliant legal minds in the Province in active practice of his profession. In 1881 he was made a Queen's Counsel and for some years thereafter was a member of the law faculty of King's College, Windsor. In 1887 he was made a puisne judge of the Nova Scotia Supreme Court. In November, 1901, he was made Chief Justice of the Province, a title he retained until 1915, when he retired.

Sir Charles was given his title by the King in 1911.

It is not surprising that such an active and able intellect as that of Sir Charles Townshend should have been called to the service of his country in Parliament. In 1874 he was induced to contest the seat of Cumberland County in Conservative interests at the Provincial elections. He was defeated but was elected in 1878 and sat in the Nova Scotia Legislature for that constituency until 1884 during four years of which time he was a member of the Government. From 1884 to 1887 he sat for the same constituency in the House of Commons.

Sir Charles and Lady Townshend were present by invitation at the Colonial Conference in Guildhall, London, in April, 1907, and while in London on that occasion were received by the late King Edward the Seventh. He was also chief speaker in the year 1908 at the celebration of the 150th Anniversary of the establishment of responsible government in Nova Scotia.

Several literary works remain as a memorial of the genius of this son of Nova Scotia, including "The Life of Hon. Alexander Stewart, Master of the Rolls in Nova Scotia", and "The History of Courts of Judicature in Nova Scotia"; also several biographies of prominent Nova Scotians. On March 22nd, 1924, which day marked the attainment by Sir Charles of his 80th birthday, he was tendered a tribute at Halifax by the bench of the bar of this Province. Seated with Chief Justice Harris and the other judges of the Supreme Court on the bench which he formerly occupied as Chief Justice of the Province Sir Charles was tendered the felicitations of the Chief Justice and other dignitaries.

## MORE SAMON PLACED IN GAS PEREAU LIT

On June 10th Fomenko and Chas. Jorty, the Gasperau, were present at the annual meeting of the Hon. Gasperau Club, held at the Hotel de Ville, Paris. The meeting was presided over by the Hon. Gasperau, and the Gasperau Club was re-elected.

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## Town Topics

Tid-bits on the Tip of Everybodys Tongue

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### She Sent A Complaint

Miss Jean MacDonald, of Ste Anne de Bellevue, Que., attending MacDonald College, bought a box of Moir's Chocolates and wasn't satisfied with them. So she filled out the guarantee slip enclosed with each package and sent it back with a letter.

The letter said: "The only complaint is they went too quick. I need another box to keep the other one company. Moir's Chocolates are delightful."

Mr. William Moir is in England, where Moir's Chocolates are now on exhibition at Wembley.

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