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## SPECIAL MEETING TOWN COUNCIL

### Newly Elected Councillors and Mayor Duly Subscribed and Sworn In

A special meeting of the Town Council of the town of Bridgetown was called by the Mayor and held pursuant to written notice given by the Clerk in writing to each member of the Council twenty-four hours previous to such meeting, with Mayor W. A. Warren in the chair.

The Clerk read the returns and declaration of the Council election for 1922 held on the 7th inst. W. A. Warren was duly elected Mayor and A. L. Anderson, W. E. Gesner and A. J. Burns were elected councillors for the ensuing term of two years, whereupon the newly elected Councillors were duly subscribed and sworn to the oaths of office and allegiance before his worship, Mayor W. A. Warren.

Councillors present: H. B. Hicks, C. B. Longmire, A. L. Anderson, W. E. Gesner, C. A. Bent and A. J. Burns. Minutes of previous meeting read and approved.

By motion of Councillor A. L. Anderson, seconded by Councillor C. A. Bent and passed that Councillor H. B. Hicks was elected Chief Councillor.

His Worship, the Mayor, submitted the following names to fill the committees and offices of the town for the ensuing year, which upon motion of Councillor H. B. Hicks and passed that the following persons be and hereby appointed members of the various Standing Committees, other Boards and Committees, and to the various town offices for the ensuing year as follows:—

**STANDING COMMITTEES:**  
Presiding Councillor—H. B. Hicks.  
Finance—C. B. Longmire, C. A. Bent, H. B. Hicks.  
Streets—A. L. Anderson, A. J. Burns, W. E. Gesner.  
Police and License—W. E. Gesner, A. L. Anderson, H. B. Hicks.  
Poor and Insane—C. A. Bent, A. J. Burns, W. E. Gesner.  
Fire Dept.—A. J. Burns, C. B. Longmire, A. L. Anderson.  
Public Works—H. B. Hicks, C. B. Longmire, C. A. Bent.  
**OTHER BOARDS AND COMMITTEES:**  
Board of Arbitration—C. A. Bent, A. J. Burns, A. L. Anderson.  
Assessment Appeal Court—H. B. Hicks, C. B. Longmire, C. A. Bent.  
School Commissioners—W. E. Gesner, H. B. Hicks, Mayor W. A. Warren.  
Fire Escapes—A. L. Anderson, A. J. Burns, W. E. Gesner.  
Electric Light Committee—H. B. Hicks, C. B. Longmire, W. E. Gesner.

## TUXIS DEBATE AT MIDDLETON

### Bridgetown Wins The Davidson Trophy For The Second Time

All aboard, for Middleton! And what a delegation! Over a hundred and ten strong, and all way just to hear the Tuxis Boys of Bridgetown debate with the boys of Middleton. But that only illustrates what is the characteristic attitude of the Church-going people of Bridgetown towards the Tuxis work in general. A hundred and ten or more strong, and in the worst storm of the winter. The D. A. Railway company was kind enough to arrange for a special train to bring them back at the conclusion of the debate and this was very much appreciated.

Upon arrival at Middleton the delegation was met by Mr. Davidson, the donor of the cup being debated for; Mr. Andrews, President of the Boys' Work Board for Middleton; Rev. Mr. Hocking, and many others. A joint session of the two Boards was held to discuss the whole subject of debating and much satisfactory work was done but as reports of this meeting will appear in due course elsewhere, we are not, in this place, giving any report. One thing, however, it will not be out of place to state. It was learned that there are one or two others who would like to enter the League next year. The Boys' Work Movement through the Tuxis is evidently a going and growing concern. At 2.45 a hockey match was played and we shall have a few words to say about that at the end of this report. From 5.30 to 7.30 p.m. the I.O.D.E. served supper "a la footie" and this attention was very much appreciated by the visitors. The supper was excellent and we heartily approve the arrangements. The opening of the school building for this, and to accommodate the visitors, was a good thought.

At 7.30 p.m. the Princess Theatre was filled to capacity. Upon the platform was Canon Morrison who acted as chairman and time-keeper. On the right of the platform looking from the audience sat the Middleton debating team, Messrs. Messinger, Landry, and Davidson; on the left the Bridgetown team, Messrs. Foster, Roberts, and Fay. The two teams made an imposing and good-looking array. When it is remembered that the boys are only sixteen or thereabouts it will be seen what a creditable thing the whole affair was. Mr. Messinger opened the debate, stating clearly the subject: "Resolved that the ill-effects resulting from the recent World War exceed the benefits." A very simple appearing subject, but as one of the debaters himself said, "A hard, hard subject". Mr. Messinger spoke clearly and forcibly, calling attention to the immense physical losses and the apparent futility of the whole dreadful tragedy. In reply, Mr. Foster, the leader for Bridgetown, who opened up the negative side, after defining the resolution very forcibly, showed that the "Overwhelming, overshadowing good resulting from the War was that Prussianism had been slain, Autocracy had been overthrown by Democracy, Might by Right, and Militarism by Pacifism". He also spoke of the restored Democracies of Europe. Mr. Landry rose to continue the debate for Middleton and delivered an address bringing out the economic losses due to the war, the immense war debts and the burdens of taxation. Following him came the second speaker for Bridgetown, Mr. Roberts, who, in a quiet, earnest and impressive manner, pleaded for his side the three great benefits. The greater consolidation of the British Empire; the Washington Conference; and the bringing together in greater friendliness of the two great branches of the Anglo-Saxon race. The speech was well received, as indeed were all the speeches. The third speaker on the affirmative was Mr. Davidson, who with inimitable style, came forward to deliver his contribution, and a real contribution it was. His polemic against War in general and against this War in particular was a praise-worthy effort and was often interrupted by applause. He was still going strong when the time bell rang. Mr. James Fay, the third and last speaker for the negative side, made a fine contribution for Bridgetown, both in matter and in style, and it is fair to say, safely rounded off and clinched a well argued side. The rebuttals were then

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## APPROCIATION

### J. E. LLOYD, Clerk.

One day last November I got off the train at the Bridgetown station and received a warm handshake from my recently departed friend, Mr. Oakes S. Dunham, whom I had not met for many months. Little did I dream that it was to be my last meeting with him on earth. It is almost impossible to realize that his busy and helpful pen has been laid down forever.

I had enjoyed the acquaintance of this fine type of Canadian Journalist for thirty years, and I have never known a more high-minded or friendly man. Both Bridgetown and Digby and, indeed, all Nova Scotia, have lost a true friend. Mr. Dunham was filled with the traditional spirit of Nova Scotia hospitality, cherished high ideals of journalistic ethics, and was tireless and indefatigable in his efforts to help his community and make it a better place in which to live.

My heartfelt sympathy goes out to his family and associates. His good work will live after him.

— THOMAS F. ANDERSON  
Boston, Mass., Feby. 10, 1922.

## COWBOY CHAMPION STARS IN NEW SERIAL

### Art Acord In Fast-Moving Western Photo-Thriller.

Quite a contrast to the usual run of serial pictures will be given the patrons of the Primrose Theatre when the first episode of the Universal chapter play, "The White Horseman", starring Art Acord, will be shown Thursday.

The story concerns a lost opal mine and the efforts of unscrupulous relatives to gain control of the mine from the ranch owner on whose property the underground workings are located. A historical novelty is introduced into the story in connection with the location of the mine.

One of the squatters on the ranch, the property of Art Acord, finds a bracelet of ancient workmanship bearing a picture message evidently written by Indians. When translated, this leads to the discovery of an extensive system of underground mine workings and also proves to be the key that opens the cliff and affords entrance to the mines.

In the first episode Art Acord is shown strapped to the floor of a buckboard, drawn by a runaway team at reckless speed. When the wagon reaches a sharp turn in the road, the wagon tongue snaps and the buckboard rolls over the edge of a cliff and falls to the bottom.

He was a non-commissioned officer in the Thirty-ninth Infantry of the Fourth (Regular) Division, one of the leading fighting units of the Army. His two hottest fights were the gruelling days along the Veele River, when the Fourth Division fought inch by inch against the most continuous and terrific shell-fire laid down by the Germans during the latter part of the war, and in the Meuse-Argonne campaign.

In the Meuse-Argonne fight Acord was with the Division when it went in and hammered its way north of Montfaucon to the fastness of the famous Krimhilde Stellung, the last prepared trench system in the notorious Hindenburg line. For his bravery in battle and his fearless disregard for his personal safety, in leading his men against a German machine-gun nest, Acord received the French Croix-de-Guerre.

"Paris was better guarded by M. P.'s (Military Police) than the front was by soldiers," he complains.

## BRIDGETOWN BOARD OF TRADE

### Election of Officers and Councillors. Four New Members Received

The annual meeting of the Bridgetown Board of Trade was held in their comfortable quarters in the Royal Bank building on Tuesday evening, February 14th, and notwithstanding the severe winter weather there was a good attendance.

The Secretary read an encouraging report on the past year's work which appears in another column.

The Treasurer's report was read showing a cash balance, which while small, was on the right side.

After the routine business was dealt with, President Hicks addressed the Board in a very able and pleasing manner, speaking of the good-will and harmony which has always prevailed among the members. He thanked the members of the Council and the entire Board for the hearty support given him since his coming to the chair. In closing, Mr. Hicks spoke very feelingly of the sudden death of the late Councillor, Mr. O. S. Dunham, whose place at the Council Board will be hard to fill. Mr. Dunham was a regular attendant at meetings of the Council and Board, and could be relied upon for good advice on public matters. A resolution of sympathy will be sent to the bereaved family.

Election of officers and Councillors resulted in the following: E. A. Hicks, President; A. B. MacKenzie, Vice-President; and W. H. Maxwell Secretary-Treasurer, officers re-elected. The Councillors elected were: W. A. Warren, W. E. Gesner, Dr. Armstrong, F. E. Bath, C. B. Longmire, F. M. Graves, M. C. Foster, W. R. Longmire, Angus MacDonald, G. O. Thies, H. S. Magee and H. J. Campbell. Four new members were received into the Board.

A general discussion of numerous matters of public interest followed, and if plans suggested are carried out, they will be of utmost importance to Bridgetown and vicinity.

The Board of Trade is also planning on having social events in connection with their quarterly meetings. An invitation is extended to all live wire business men, whether in town or country, to join the Board and help boost Bridgetown, for in boosting Bridgetown you are boosting your own interests.

Halibut fishing schooners Dorothy M. Smart, of Digby, and Elmer Gray, of Boston, were among the vessels at Sandy Point (Shelburne) for shelter over the week end.

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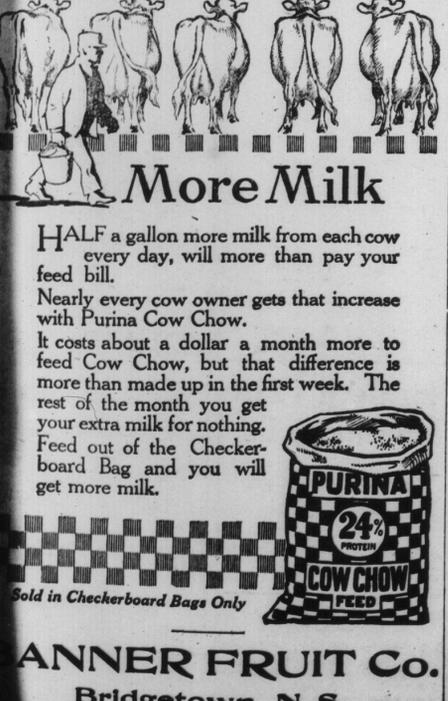
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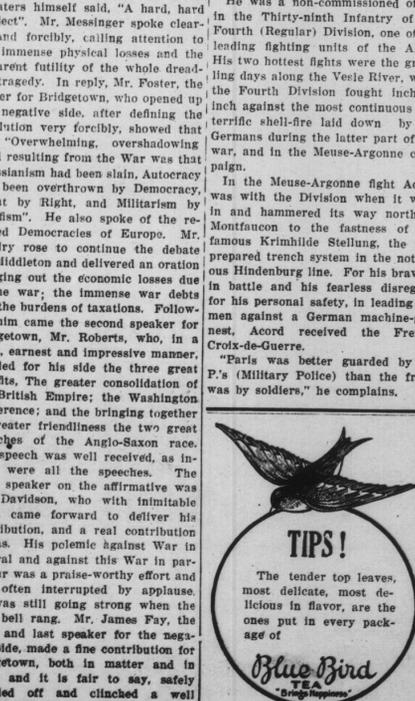
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AT 8.30 P. M.

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**PROGRAMME**

Reading—"Penrod's Letter" Booth Tarkington  
Doane Hatfield.  
Vocal Duett—"Domestic Squabbles" Harry Hunter  
Mrs. Harry Ruggles, Rev. E. E. Underwood.  
Reading—"Group of Poems" Selected  
Doane Hatfield.  
Vocal Duett—"The Music Master" Mrs. Whiting  
Mrs. Harry Ruggles, Rev. E. E. Underwood.  
Reading—"The Little Red Hen" Doane Hatfield.  
Accompanist, Mrs. F. Little.

**"MY COUSIN TIMMY"**

The Bridgetown (Junior) Dramatic Club under the direction of Mrs. W. D. Lockett

Miss Betha Alderney—"Mistress of a Select School Junior Girls" Marion Dearness  
Patricia Holland—"A Recent Arrival" Doris Wear  
Dorothea Reynolds—"Her Chum" Gladys Mailman  
Stella Mayburn—"Formerly the Most Popular Pupil" Hattie Anderson  
Rita Garland Myrtle Ritchie  
Millie Jones Pupils Annie Anderson  
Mollie Spooner Marion Crowe  
Jonas Chorker—"The Gardener" Pearl Beeler  
Maggie Bings—"The Maid" Olive Buckler  
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