

Report of The Auditors of The Town of Bridgetown

GENTLEMEN: We, the auditors of the accounts of the Town of Bridgetown for the past twelve months ending on the 31st day of December, A. D. 1911, beg leave to submit the following report.

We have made a very careful and accurate examination of the Books of the Town Clerk and find them correct in every particular.

Every item of receipts and expenditure have been carefully checked. The deposits in the pass book of the Royal Bank of Canada correspond with the items of cash deposited in the cash book of the Town Clerk and with the total sum of cash received.

The proper amounts have been deposited to the credit of the various sinking funds, including the two new loans issued the past year, namely \$4000.00 for permanent streets and \$1500.00 for water.

We note that during the year the sum of five hundred dollars has been deposited to the credit of the sinking fund for schools whereas the yearly deposit required is only two hundred and fifty dollars. This increased deposit was necessary on account of this sinking fund being in arrears. Also seventy-five dollars was deposited during the past year additional to the credit of the sinking fund for the Carleton's Corner extension for the same reason.

We also note that the town treasurer has paid the past year to the Royal Bank of Canada the sum of one thousand dollars to retire debentures due on the Engine house as will appear by the Debenture sheet annexed hereto, and that the sinking fund in this account only amounted to the sum of \$499.26, leaving a balance to be taken out of current account of \$500.74.

Notwithstanding this unprovided for expenditure of \$500.74, the overdraft in the Royal Bank on the 31st day December last, was only \$277.03 and there was cash in the treasury amounting to the sum of \$214.90.

It will be of interest to the rate-payers to know that the uncollected taxes due to date only amount to the sum of \$238.07 and that there is only one delinquent carried forward from the year 1910 and a judgement is held for that.

We append a statement of uncollected taxes.

It will also be of interest to the rate-payers to learn that during the past year the Council were able to secure much better and more favorable terms with the Royal Bank of Canada who have now the town account.

This matter was discussed in Council, and it was the opinion that better terms should be asked for, from both Banks.

The matter was left with the Finance Committee, and they asked both local banks to submit written tenders for the town account.

When the tenders were opened by the Council it was found that the tender of the Royal Bank was a little better than that of the Bank of Nova Scotia, and that both tenders were much more favorable than before.

The tender of the Royal was accepted, by which the town is now allowed interest on current account on any sum of \$1000.00 or over, the rate of interest on Savings Bank account where the sinking funds are kept was increased from 3 per cent to 4 per cent and other concessions were made.

Signed—A. MORSE H. L. BUSTIN Auditors.

Dated, January 27th, 1912.

THE TOWN OF BRIDGETOWN— In Account with H. RUGGLES as TREASURER— From January 1st 1911, to December 31st 1911—

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The various items of expenditure included in the above statement will be found in the disbursement sheet of the general town account attached hereto, and any person or persons interested will find the same in the town ledger, where a strictly separate account has been kept, and where the same may be examined and inspected at the office of the Town Clerk at any time during office hours.

We find upon examining the ledger account that the sum of \$934.00 was expended by the street committee in the purchase of stone last summer and we are informed by the street committee that there is still on hand, stone valued approximately at the sum of \$616.00.

I am enclosing you herewith the financial statement of the town for the past twelve months ending December 31st 1911, with the auditors' report.

In addition to this statement I wish to add that the appropriation for streets included in the town estimates for 1911 was \$600.00 and out of this sum the street committee have only spent about the sum of \$150.00 thus leaving a balance of about \$450.00 on hand to be added to the balance on hand on permanent street account which by the enclosed report amounts to the sum of \$170.75 thus making a total of \$620.75 on hand to be used in 1912, together with stone on hand valued in the report at \$616.00.

I would also call the attention of the rate-payers to the fact that an expenditure of about \$277.00 was incurred last year in extending water service with hydrant to the factory of Salter and Graves which will also appear in the report, and this expenditure was not in the estimates for 1911 and was not provided for.

It will be also noticed by the report that there was a payment out of current account of \$500.74 to retire Debentures which matured during the year on the Engine house, as the sinking fund was not sufficient. If these two items of expenditure had not been incurred, and they were unprovided for, there would be a substantial balance in the Bank instead of a small overdraft, together with the amount of cash on hand at the end of the year.

In reference to the communication in your issue of the 24th instant, signed by "Elector" in which he refers to me in an ungentlemanly manner I have only to say, I have always absolutely refused to answer correspondence of this nature, as I think a person who is afraid to disclose his identity in asking information is unworthy of notice.

I submit that the enclosed financial statement will convince any intelligent and unbiased rate-payer, "Elector" to the contrary notwithstanding, that the financial affairs of the town are in a very satisfactory condition, during my term of office, and that they will compare very favorably with any other year since incorporation.

Thanking you for your valuable space, I am, Respectfully Yours, D. G. HARLOW, Mayor.

Lawrencetown.

Lawrencetown, Jan. 30th.—Services for Sunday, Feb. 4th, Baptist 11 a.m., S. School 10 a.m., Mission Band 3 p.m., Methodist S.S. 3 p.m., Episcopal service 3 p.m., Methodist sermon 7:30.

Miss Myrna Stoddart spent last Sunday at Clarence the guest of Miss Nellie Elliott.

Miss Elizabeth Robblee is visiting her sister, Mrs. Whitman at Aylesford.

A surprise party of young people assembled at the home of Mrs. E.A. Phinney on Thursday evening last. The time was pleasantly spent in games and music, after which refreshments were served.

Mrs. Elvin, Shaffner spent a few days last week at Middleton the guest of Mrs. L. P. Shaffner.

Miss Evangeline Elliott of Clarence East, is visiting her friend and former school-mate, Miss Grace Jefferson. Invitations by order of Committee, are extended to ladies to be present at a tea given in the vestry of the Methodist church on Thursday evening, Feb. 1st. Gentlemen are invited to meet the ladies from 8 to 10 p.m. in a musical social.

Mrs. Frank Whitman spent a few days last week with friends at Nicotux and Torbrook.

A party was given by Mrs. Clarence Longley on Thursday evening in honor of her guest, Miss Ethel McKee.

Mrs. Arthur Dusan, accompanied by her brother, Mr. John Buckler, of Massachusetts, visited friends at Dalhousie and Albany last week.

Herman A. Whitman, of Yorkton, Sask., formerly of Clarence and son of Mr. Wm. Whitman, is visiting Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Balcom and other friends at Lawrencetown. Ten years ago he went West and was engaged in teaching for a time, after which he attended the Normal College at Regina. Subsequently attended Wesley College and was granted the degree of B.A. in 1908. Mr. Whitman then began the study of law in the office of the late Hon. T. Mayne Daley, K.C., P.C. In connection with the law he pursued the honorary degree of L.L.B. of the University of Manitoba, graduating in the spring of 1911, and completed the study of law in the province of Saskatchewan in October.

Clarence.

Clarence, Jan. 28th.—Mr. Edwin Whitman has returned from Uncle Sam's domain.

Clarence Division, No. 366 is to hold a pie social on Wednesday evening the 31st inst.

The Quarterly Conference meets here on Monday and Tuesday, Feb. 5th and 6th. A good program has been arranged.

While working in the woods on Thursday, Deacon Henry Messenger met with an accident which might have proved rather serious. He was felling trees when one was caught in the top and did not come to the ground. The Deacon, feeling the spring of youth climbed up some five or six feet the trunk of the tree with ax in hand. He began to chop and had nearly finished his work when the tree broke in two, throwing him to the ground. In the course of his fall he struck across his back on another large limb, breaking it in two. He has been confined to the house since the accident.

The B.Y.P.U. held their monthly missionary meeting on Jan 25th. Leader, Wm. Creelman. The following program was rendered:—

Scripture, Rom. 6th, Prayer, by leader.

"A trip up a mountain in China," by Mrs. Eldon Marshall.

Extracts of letters from Rev. Robie Longley, of China, by V. B. Messenger.

Music— "A moon-rise in China as seen from a mountain trip," written by Rev. Robie Longley, by Mrs. W. C. Creelman.

Music— Letter from Mrs. R. E. Gullison—Bimalapatan, India—E. S. Leonard.

Music—Offering Letter from Miss Peck Vitzrangram written in camp—Miss Hattie Banks.

Music— Letters from our own missionary, Miss Cora Elliott—Rayagadda—by Miss Nellie Elliott.

What next? Hon. Sam Hughes, Minister of Militia, writing to the N.R.A. Journal, London, in approval of rifle shooting, declares that it is his ambition to see every woman and girl, as well as man and boy, able to hit the bull's eye occasionally at six hundred yards.

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Paradise

Paradise, Jan. 30th.—The Messrs Troop of Granville are visiting their sister, Mrs. L. H. Balcom.

Messrs. F. W. Bishop and J. C. Phinney attended the Farmers' Provincial Association at Yarmouth last week.

Harry Morse attended the Fruit Growers' Association at Wolfville last week.

A little son arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Longley on the 18th.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Longley welcomed a daughter on the 19th.

The trustees of the school section gratified the pupils of the school their annual half holiday for skating last Wednesday afternoon.

Co-operative Fruit Companies seem to be the order of the day. The Fruit Company which was organized last year has had a very successful season. A number of fruit growers in this vicinity have organized another company with a view to caring for the 1912 crop.

Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Freeman arrived from Philadelphia last week.

Mrs. David Jodrie and Mrs. Archibald Gillis arrived home from the United States last week.

The Literary Society will hold a public debate, Longley's Hall on Monday evening, Feb. 5th. Subject: "Government ownership of public utilities."

Mr. J. Alex. Henderson, who for the past five years has been learning to farm with Mr. Wallace Rumsey, left last Wednesday to visit his home in Bristol, England.

Hampton

Hampton, Jan. 29th.—Flashlight Division is still in a healthy condition, though feeling deeply the loss of Bro. E. B. Foster. The officers for the quarter are:—

W.P.—George K. O'Neal W.A.—Flavilla Foster Chap.—Hanley Brinton F.S.—John F. Titus Treas.—Clarence Snow R.S.—G. E. Tompkins A.R.S.—Annie Foster Con. Nellie Chase A. Con.—Ruky Farnsworth I.S.—Harvey Dunn O.S.—Henry Milberry P.W.P.—John E. Farnsworth

On Saturday evening, 27th Victor Bent joined our Division. We hope to see more such promising young men follow.

Thursday evening, 25th inst a party from Bridgetown took advantage of the good sleighing and drove over to Hampton and spent the evening at the pleasant summer residence of J. W. Beckwith.

Belleisle

Belle Isle, Jan. 22nd.—The Bishop officiated at the Church of St. Mary on Sunday last. He preached an able and impressive sermon from Isaiah XXI, 11v. "Watchman, what of the night?"

Miss Gussie Wade is the guest of Mrs. (Capt.) Norman Roop at Annapolis Royal.

The children of the Upper Granville school purpose holding a social at the Upper Granville hall on Thursday evening, 25th inst. to try and raise funds to purchase a library for the school. Their effort is indeed a commendable one.

Upper Granville

Upper Granville, Jan. 29th.—A social was held recently in Granville Hall for the purpose of obtaining books for a library.

The W. A. met at the home of Mrs. Shaw on Jan. 27th.

Mrs. Max Newcome has returned from Brookfield, Quebec Co., where she was suddenly summoned by the death of her mother.

Mrs. R. Newcome is spending a week at the home of her daughter, Mrs. R. Messenger, Centreville.

Mrs. Edwin Dodge has been the guest of her brother, Mr. Charles Parker, Bridgetown, for a few days.

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Bear River

Bear River, Jan. 30th.—S. P. Bear River arrived from S. John on Friday last.

Mr. Nathan Morse, a former resident of Bear River, has been here a short time renewing old acquaintances.

Mr. Alex. Binney was in town a few days last week.

The Adult Bible Class held its monthly meeting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. Wade on Monday evening.

The sailing of S.S. Bear River this week is delayed by ice for a few days.

Mr. O. E. Jones, after a long illness, was able to resume his duties on Monday at Royal Bank.

Mr. I. J. Steeves, teller of the Royal Bank, goes to Halifax on Thursday, Mr. A. D. Chapman being promoted from accountant to the position of teller.

The marriage of Louis V. Harris, of this place to Miss Blanche A. Rogers, daughter of Mrs. Lenest Rogers, of Middleton, will take place at Halifax on Thursday morning, Feb. 1st. Rev. V. E. Harris, uncle of the groom will tie the nuptial knot. After a brief stay at Kentville and Middleton, Mr. and Mrs. Harris will return to their new home here on Wednesday, Feb. 7th.

West Paradise.

West Paradise, Jan. 29th.—The month of January has passed and gone, and has been a record breaker for steady cold weather, not even giving us our usual January thaw. A little more of "the beautiful" would come very acceptable.

The Literary meeting held at the home of Mr. J. E. Morse on the 23rd inst, was largely attended, and an enjoyable evening was spent by all present. An excellent programme was prepared and well rendered by those taking part. The subject for the evening was "Common things." Several papers were read on the use and manufacture of common articles, such as glass, alum, salt, etc. and of the evening was one read by Mr. others. The most interesting paper H. J. Starratt, subject, "Nova Scotia Apples" giving the origin and history of some of our most popular varieties. Instrumental music and songs by some of our musical talent was highly appreciated. The genial host and hostess did their best to make the evening an enjoyable one.

Roy Sateans is in the woods logging for Mr. John Jackson. He reports pretty good going, but a little more snow would make it better.

Everett Sprowl of West Clarence, is logging for N. I. Daniels.

Preaching service at the hall Sunday, Feb. 4th, at three o'clock, p.m. Prayer meeting Friday, Feb. 2nd, at 7.30 p.m.

Round Hill

Round Hill, Jan. 29th.—Mrs. Dusan, of Bridgetown, spent a few days of last week with relatives here.

The Mrs. Annie and Harriet Dodge, of Bridgetown spent Sunday with friends here.

Mr. Willard Anderson of Parker's Cove, was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. G. Hervey a few days of last week.

Mrs. J. A. Foster, who has been spending the past week in Bridgetown returned home on Friday last.

Mr. John Bath of Upper Granville spent a few days of last week with friends here.

Mr. Bernard Fitzgott, of Bridgetown is the guest of his sister, Mrs. Elwood Armstrong.

We are glad to report Miss Mary FitzRandolph, who has been quite sick, much improved and able to be about again.

Lewis B. Dodge, of Bridgetown, is the guest of his aunt, Mrs. H. B. Whitman.

We are sorry to report the illness of Mr. H. B. Whitman, who is quite ill with congestion of the lungs, but trust he will soon be around again.

Miss May Armstrong, of Upperville, spent Sunday with relatives here.

Mr. W. H. Williams, who has been on the sick list for the past week, we are glad to say is much better and able to resume his duties again.

Outram

Outram, Jan. 24th.—Preaching service at Outram on Feb. 11th at 3 p.m. by Pastor Rundell.

Mrs. Wm. Bent has returned home after spending a week with her sister, Mrs. Frank Marshall at Middleton.

Joseph Bent and John A. Balsor had the misfortune to lose their horses last week.

Farmers are busy cutting and huling their wood.

Mr. and Mrs. Byard Marshall spent a few days in Middleton quite recently.

Port Wade

Port Wade, Jan. 31.—The Ferry boat "Port Wade" is again in commission, her engines being supplemented with some new appliances and attachments. Capt. Keans reports that she is making better time than she ever did.

The deck load has been taken off the tarque Calburge and the leaking is about stopped. We have not ascertained where she will be taken for the needed repairs.

The getting of the year's fire wood is in order now. Mountain roads are still a little rough. A few inches more snow is needed.

Our elderly people, who have been ill for some weeks are convalescing. The young people gave Miss Goldie Johnson a surprise party on Saturday night last. A handsome water set was the present.

Mr. Ansel Casey purchased a fine organ of Mr. C. B. Tupper last week.

No services were held in the Baptist church on Sunday, 25th on account of the illness of the pastor's wife, Mrs. Brown, which we regret very much.

Ms. Minnie Snow came home from Truro Friday, 26th. She will take a school in a few days.

The Cumming Bros. returned to their homes at Annapolis Royal on Saturday.

Capt. J. W. Snow is away on a business trip.

Mr. Fred Ramsay returned home Saturday from Mochele.

Deep Brook

Deep Brook, Jan. 30th.—Very good sleighing here now, but with the glass hovering around zero it is rather uncomfortable. It seems hard for the weather man to hit it just right.

Mr. Edwin Pinkney slipped and fell on the ice last week. He is still confined to his bed.

The military class is having a very good attendance and Sergt. Graham is much pleased with the progress made in the drill.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Hutchinson are spending a few weeks in the United States. They expect to return next Saturday.

Mr. Shippy Spurr, of Sydney, C.B., is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. V. Spurr.

We are sorry to learn that Mrs. A. G. Sulis is suffering from an attack of acute rheumatism.

The stork visited the residence of Mr. and Mrs. John Kennedy late in the evening and presented them with a little girl.

Major W. Purdy attended the Nova Scotia Farmers' Association last week at Yarmouth as a delegate from the Annapolis County Association. He reports a large attendance of delegates from all parts of the province.

Fancy Dress Carnival at Granville Centre

Granville Centre, Jan. 30th.—This usually quiet community was somewhat stirred and excited on Friday evening last, when the first fancy dress carnival ever seen here was given by the young people on their outdoor skating rink on the grounds of Mr. Walter O. Bent. The rink has been fitted up with a nice waiting room, so that spectators were made comfortable notwithstanding the zero weather. About one hundred and twenty-five skaters and spectators were present. Some of the costumes were very pretty and appropriate, others took the form of the ridiculous. All helped to make the occasion a merry one. Following is a list of the skaters in costume:—

Grace Withers—Starlight Gladys Eaton—Miss Canada Leta Eaton—Red Riding Hood Jennie Bent—Starlight Susie Troop—Silver B-telle Eaton, Nina Troop—Pumpkin girls Catharine Gormley—Snow-flake Norman Wade—Gentleman of long ago Arnold Eaton—Uncle Sam Vernon Parker—Clown Herman Calnek, Maurice Calnek—Silas and Miranda Roy Willett—Clown Gladstone Parker—Haysed. Guy Mills—Clown Rupert Troop—Hunter Avar Withers—Old Dutch Cleanser Robert Troop, Eugene Troop, Black Brothers.

Shannon Tanch—Mr. Dorillie Joe Troop—Coon Judson Withers—Hockey boy Joe Bent—Chimney sweep Russel Covert—Soldier Aggie Troop—Snow-flake. Ethel Goodwin—McCall's magazine. Flossie Troop—Red, white and blue Susie Bent—Squaw. Barbara Willett—Flower girl. Robie Palmer—Colonel Ellis Palmer—Negro Ivan Troop—Indian Carroll Gilllett—News' or Gregea Gillitt—Telegraph boy Walter Bent—Dandy Jim. Claude White—Coon.

Mr. and Mrs. John Hayes have arrived home from Massachusetts, after spending a few months with their children there. ... Mr. and Mrs. Matland Brown are both on the sick list. Dr. Sponagis is in attendance. Mrs. James W. Balsor and son, Corey from Middleton, have been with her parents for the past two weeks. Prayer meeting every Sunday evening at seven o'clock. Cordial invitation to all.

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