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In the Municipal Council

ANNUAL SESSION, 1912

Council met at the Court House at Annapolis the 9th. day of January 1912, at 10 o'clock in the morning There were present the Warden, W. G. Clarke; Councillors, Frank R. Elliott, Freeman Fitch, Joseph I. Foster, Watson Bent, William E. Armstrong, Edgar H. Porter, Elias Rawding, William C. Healy, Frank H. Willett, William FitzRandolph, J. C. Grimm, A. D. Thomas, J. Bartlett Gillis, A. Stanley Brown.

Minutes of semi-annual session read and approved.

Moved by Councillor Healey, seconded by Councillor Brown that the standing Committees for 1912, be the same as those of 1911.

Moved in amendment by Councillor Elliott, seconded by Councillor Willett, that a committee be appointed to draft standing committees, amendment lost.

The following reports which will be published in a future issue of the Monitor-Sentinel, were then read and adopted:- The report of the Superintendent of the Annapolis County Hospital; of the attending Physician of the Municipal Institutions; the Health Officer, M. E. Armstrong, M. D.; the Scott Act Inspector John Hall, and others.

At subsequent sessions the following business was transacted:—

The warden read a communication from Dr. James Ross, Halifax, in re an anti-tuberculosis convention to be held in Halifax, January 23th. and 26th. asking that delegates be appointed by the Council to attend said Convention.

The report of the committee appointed to look into the matter of a gravel pit was then read. Moved by Councillor FitzRandolph, seconded by Councillor Fitch, that this municipality vote $100 towards the purchase of a gravel pit near Lawrencetown mentioned in above report passed.

Ordered that the Committee on tenders and public property make the necessary arrangement to instal a telephone in the office of the registrar of deeds at Bridgetown.

Ordered that the Committee on tenders and public property be authorized to give to the deputy registrar of deeds in Bridgetown, authority to purchase such books and make such records therein as may be absolutely necessary to preserve the records of the said office at the lowest possible cost.

Ordered that Mr. G. W. Shipton be heard.

Mr. Shipton addressed the Council in re the Saunders Road, claiming that the same hadnot been laid out and defined in accordance with the instruction of the Council to their committee and asking that a further committee be appointed.

Upon reading the petition of Bernard Longmire and upwards of twenty other freeholders of the County of Annapoli, praying for the opening of a new roads extending from the south-west corner of Arthur Longmire's west line, west of school-house and north of main highway in the Village of Hillsburn also leading in a direct line westerly, across properties of the late William Longmire deceased, George Ray and Roy Longmire, to the Anderson Cove breakwater, and that a committee be appointed to report upon the necessity for said road, and report. Ordered that Fred Longmire, John Kay, and C. F. Armstrong be the committee.

Ordered that the following by-law be adopted by this Council and be known as By-law No. 28.

Relating to Jury Fees:—Be it ordained by the Council of this Municipality that the fee for jurymen in this county be increased to $2.00 per day for actual attendance under the provisions of Nova Scotia Acts of 1903, Chapter 57.

Moved by Councillor Outhit, seconded by Councillor Thomas that the Semi-Annual Session be abolished, motion lost.

Ordered that this municipality appropriate the sum of two hundred dollars towards the building of the Recreation Hall, built by Mr. Hiltz, for the benefit of the County Institutions.

Moved by Councillor Armstrong, seconded by Councillor Outhit, that the services of John Hall as Scott Act Inspector be continued another year.

Moved in amendment that Elias Messenger be the Scott Act Inspector for this municipality for the ensuing year. The Council called for election by ballot. The ballot was taken, resulted in a tie and no one was therefore elected. A second ballot also resulted in a tie, eight votes for Hall and eight votes for Messenger.

(To be continued)

Harry B. Clarke Found Not Guilty

St. John Man Acquitted of Charge of Stealing Money From Bank.

St. John, Jan. 11—Harry B. Clarke, the former bank manager, was this afternoon found not guilty of stealing the sum of $2,477.77 from the Bank of New Brunswick. The Jury returned to Court at 2.40 o'clock and announced the finding, and were at once discharged, Geo. W. Fowler, K.C., M.P., warmly shook the hand of his client, who was at once set at liberty.

Mr. Fowler, in his address to the Jury said that the Bank did not lose a single cent by the transfer of the Gallagher account to the account of Wm. McBeath. He said that the bank authorities had not properly enquired into the standing of the different people whom Clark had to do business with. He scored the Bank for not answering the telegrams sent to them by Clarke from New York, and asked why Collins and McBeath were not arrested.

The Attorney General declared that Clarke was guilty, and spoke strongly on the Jury disregarding Clarke's wife and family in the city in their consideration of the case. Judge Barry in his charge summed up the evidence briefly, and it was thought that he spoke slightly against the prisoner.

MAY REMOVE THE DUTY ON POTATOES.

Washington, Jan. 16 A suspension for six months of the tariff duty of twenty-five cents per bushel on potatoes was proposed in a Bill introduced today by Representative Ayers of New York. The Bill stated that "the scarcity of potatoes in the markets of the United States has raised the price to a point almost prohibitive to the consumer.

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Absolutely Pure
The only Baking Powder made from Royal Grape Cream of Tartar
NO ALUM, NO LIME PHOSPHATE

One of the Most Prosperous Years Bridgetown Ever Had

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Early in the year it was announced that the C. P. R. had purchased the D. A. R. A few months since a lease was consummated and though no change has yet been made in the personel of the management the D. A. R. is operated by the C. P. R. The Company is expected to make some improvements in the line, in the way of new steamers, railway equipment and summer hotels, and it is also hoped that the inadequate and antique stations along the line may come in for attention, and that Bridgetown in particular may thus have one of its greatest needs realized.

Some months ago a delegation of the Town Council and the Board of Trade met the federal member for Annapolis County, Mr. S. W. W. Pickup, to ask for a public building to include post office and custom office to be subsidized by the federal and provincial governments. It was understood that the proposition was favorably received, and the present federal member, A. L. Davidson, has also encouraged the citizens who have consulted him to believe that the coming year will see the erection of a suitable building undertaken.

Socially Bridgetown has many advantages. Its churches and schools are beyond reproach. Its citizens are cordial and sociable with each other and to the stranger within the gates. For the amusement of the young a tennis and quoit club with a wide membership furnish summer sports, and an open-air skating rink is a fine field for winter sport. During the year a company of Boy Scouts was organized under capable and enthusiastic leadership. A moving picture show which is open four nights a week the year around furnishes entertainment for old and young, and the management have recently shown their progressive and business-like abilities in the entire rearrangement of the Hall which they occupy, for the better convenience and accommodation of the amusement-loving public, and will fit it up this winter with suitable scenic equipment for local and other dramatic entertainments.

The attractiveness of Bridgetown as a residential town is undisputed. Its fine residences, with well kept grounds, its wealth of beautiful shade trees, and its natural picturesque setting on the banks of the Annapolis River between the North and South Ranges, which lend the beauty of their verdure summer and winter, all combine to place our town among the foremost in beauty of the towns of the province. With one of the best possible water systems, fed by springs from the heart of the mountain, a superior electric light system and modern street construction, Bridgetown stands easily among the finest towns in Nova Scotia, from a residential point of view.

McKenzie, Crowe & Co., Ltd.

Bridgetown's oldest industry, which had for its nucleus George Murdoch's tannery, over fifty years ago, and which later passed into the hands of William H. McKenzie is the firm of McKenzie, Crowe and Co., Ltd., of which Councillor Arnold B. McKenzie, one of the youngest and also one of the most energetic of our business men is the general manager, his father sometime since having retired from active business life. Every year witnesses some new advancement in equipment made by this progressive firm. This year they have added a steam dryer to their tannery plant. Through the aggressive salesmanship of Mr. McKenzie this firm is sending heavy shipments of their larrigan products to the West. Winnipeg and Montreal bought a large proportion of the 75,000 pairs manufactured last year turning into the firm $92,000 in cash of which $20,000 was paid over to their forty-five employees.

A large proportion of the receipts goes to Halifax and St. John for hides, which unfortunately cannot be supplied in sufficient quantities by our stock-raising constituency. This is a case where supply and demand should be better balanced and we commend the problem to our agriculturists for consideration.

This firm give work to their employees the year around with the exception of two weeks at the beginning of the year for stock-taking. During the fall season they are usually running over time in some of their departments.

The energetic young manager has just returned from a trip to Winnepeg and Montreal where he has booked the sales of half the proposed output of 1912.

Lake Larrigan Factory

Although this industry is yet in its infancy being but two or three years old, its prospects are promising, and the business for the year has been most satisfactory. It has a good building and an up-to-date equipment.

J. H. Hicks & Sons

This progressive firm has had a banner year. A large part of its out-put and building contracts have gone towards the construction of apple warehouses for the various local co-operative companies which have become so popular. Five large apple ware-houses have been built by them this season all of improved frost-proof design.

They also erected twelve cottages for the Canadian Iron Corporation at Torbrook, built a store at Aylesford and supplied a large amount of building finish throughout the Valley. About 1½ million of lumber was purchased and thus a large amount of money distributed. During the busy season they had on their pay-roll over seventy men.

They are now building the new Baptist Church at Gaspereaux and have excellent prospects for the coming season.

The furniture house of J. H. Hicks and Sons is one of the finest and best-stocked business establishments in the Valley. They have recently issued a handsome art catalogue from the Monitor job print department and find mail order sales steadily growing.

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The Day of the East

(Sussex Record)

West will be east before we know it. We have accustomed ourselves to look to the west for big things and more than that we have, to a certain extent, deluded ourselves into the belief that the east could not amount to anything. We have been shaking that off and there is good reason for it. The east is as good as the west, and better in the average year, and what we want to do is to convince our own people and intending settlers that such is the case.

The Record has had so many instances of failure in the west brought to its attention lately, that it is becoming more and more convinced that he is a foolish man who will leave a comfortable home in the east to take up life in the west. There can be no doubt of that if the question of farming alone is concerned. The farmers of the west are today experiencing some of the bitter discomforts of western life. The railways are unable to handle the grain that has been threshed and the owners are without their money! Others have been unable to get their grain out of the straw and will not do so until spring. Many have had the experience of seeing wheat which should have graded number one hard, fall as low as number four.

A former resident of one of the finest sections of Queens county, who sold out to go west, writes home that he wished he had not. His entire crop of wheat is still in the straw and he is discouraged. He wants to come back to New Brunswick to live, and there are thousands like him. A good New Brunswick home is better, my friend, than a cabin many miles from nowhere in the west. Think it over. The day of the east is at hand.

Find Worth $20.000

Lump of Ambergris Picked up on Nantasket Beach.

Brockton, Mass., Jan. 6—Tests just completed by a New York chemist have assured William H. White, of this city, that a piece of substance which he pickedup on Christmas Day while walking along the beach at Nantasket is ambergris of excellent quality.

At the present market price, the lump is worth nearly twenty thousand dollars.

Talking Through "Sound-Proof" Wall

An English inventor, Grindell Matthews, with the aid of a $48 instrument known as the aeroplane, has just succeeded in projecting the sound of his voice through material which the big gest steel projectile on earth would fail to penetrate. United States Consul-General John L. Griffiths, of London, in a consular report, says that Mr. Matthews was placed in the strong room of a big Landon commercial house and locked in, with nine inches of armor steel, nine inches of fire brick and six feet of concrete between him and the outer world. By means of his small portable apparatus he carried on a conversation with an operator in another room on the farther side of the building. So distinct and faithful was the transmission that the experts in attendance were actually able to hear the tick of his watch, notwithstanding the almost inpenetrable mass between the two instruments. The inventor contemplates a further test through five miles of solid rock. In speaking about the aeroplane, he said that vibrations produced in the air by his appartus do not take the form of Hertzian waves, as in the Marconi system of wireless telegraphy in fact, they are not waves at all, inasmuch as the disturbances are of such high frequency that there is no appreciable break between them, and their action is rather continuous than fitful and separate, as in the case of Hertzian waves. It is estimated that a complete set of instruments by means of which it will be possible to carry on a conversation through walls mountains or any other object within a radious of five miles will cost forty-eight dollars.— Springfield Republican.

St. James' Church Notes

Visit of the Bishop—Annual Meeting.

The first annual meeting of the Rector, Wardens, Vestry and Parishioners under the new Church Act was held in the Sunday school room last Monday evening, the Rector presiding. Probably on account of the storm, the attendance was much smaller than anticipated. After the presenting and adopting of accounts the retiring church-wardens Messrs A.F. Hiltz and T. Bird, were re-elected for the ensuing year. The qualifications for vestrymen having been changed it was decided to elect the minimum number required, and the following will form the Vestry for this year: Messrs. A, Morse, R.W.W. Purdy, H Ruggles, T. Kelley, W. Spurr, A. FitzRandolph. The other elections were Vestry-Clerk, W.R Longmire; Treasurer, E. Ruggles.

After some discussion of the requirements of Sec. 21 (2) Church Act and the proposed changes in the financial system, the hour being late, it was decided to further discuss these, with a view to some definite action being taken, at an adjourned meeting to be held in the same place next Monday evening, 22nd inst at half-past seven o'clock.

Last Monday evening the third of this season's social gatherings under the auspices of the Adult Bible Class, was held in the school-room and a very pleasant evening was spent by those (a goodly number) who braved the elements in order to be present.

The Bishop of the Diocese will pay a visit to the parish from Saturday to Monday next for the purpose of administering the Apostolic rite of "The laying on of hands" (Confirmation) on Sunday in St. James' church. The services during the day in Bridgetown at which the Bishop will be present will be at 8 a.m. (Holy Communion) 11 a.m. and 7 p. m.

If your children are subject to attacks of croup, watch for the first symptom, hoarseness. Give Chamberlain's Cough Remedy as soon as the child becomes hoarse and the attack may be warded off. For sale by all druggists and dealers.

The Sydney moving-picture theatre was burned last week by the explosion of a film. No one was injured.

Halifax Has Big Fire

Property Loss Estimated at $300,000, Insurance About $150,000—Thirty-Seven Firms and Offices and Six Families Burned Out—Most Disastrous Conflagration That Has Visited Halifax in Many Years

The Halifax Recorder of Friday last says:—

Halifax has had several serious conflagrations the past few weeks; but not in years has such a blaze been experienced as that which destroyed some [illegible] buildings in the heart of the centre of the city this morning.

The loss cannot be correctly estimated today, but it is believed that the damage will total $350,000, and some even say the loss will be nearer the half million mark. Nothing but hard work on the part of the fire department and the two brick buildings of the Recorder on Granville street, prevented a much greater loss than occurred.

The firemen all responded quickly when the three alarms from box four were rung in and they had one of the most difficult undertakings that they have had for many years. The street down the latter street to Granville, and south on that street to [illegible] The fire zone extended from Sabot's on Barrington street, north to George the Recorder office building. All of the structures within those points with the exception of one were gutted and practically all the contents destroyed. The exception was the three-story wooden building on George street, owned by William Dennis and occupied by H.H. Marshall and Harry Wright. Only the rear of this building was touched by the flames, and but one room on an upper flat was to any extent damaged.

STARTED IN MUNNIS' STORE.

The first known of the fire was when a man named Fox, passing up George street, shortly before one o'clock this morning, saw the reflection of a fire apparently on Barrington street. He immediately hastened to the Public Station and sounded an alarm from box four.

With lightning-like rapidity the fire which originated from some unknown cause, spread to the adjoining buildings, and the whole block, surrounded by Barrington, Granville and Prince streets, was soon endangered.

So quickly did the flames spread that people residing in the nearby buildings escaped with little or no clothing, aside from their night clothing.

From the Munnis building the flames spread to the Herald building, and this morning one of the finest office buildings in Halifax is nothing but a mass of ice-coated smouldering ruins, with the walls still standing.

The first duty of the early arrival at the conflagratiobs was to save the people asleep in the adjoining buildings. Police, firemen and newspaper men forced their way into the smoke-filled dwellings and carried the women and children to places of safety. The Munnis building, Heralh, Cragg Bros, Davidson's Bookstore, H. H. Marshall's, Continental Hotel and other adjoining buildings on Granville St., were totally destroyed and several others were badly gutted.

The fire was bursting from the roof of the Munnis building, and the flames were leaping across the intervening space to the windows of the Herald building and the wooden building on Granville street to the south of the Herald.

The family of Thomas Hardy at 100 Granville street were all removed to a placeof safety, and the guests in the Acadian Hotel were all aroused and notified to seek quarters more removed from the conflagration.

The flames broke through into L. Clyde Davidson's bookstore on the south and Schaefer's jewellry store on the north.

In the rear the flames were eating up the side and going into the windows of the Herald Building and the top of that building was soon in the grip of the fire-fiend. The buildings on the south of the Herald, all constructed of wood, were soon burning and the firemen were driven from their first stand in the rear of Hardy's back on to Granville street. From this point ladders were run up to the roof, the front of which had not been touched, and turned their streams down from that point of vantage.

With the wind fanning the fire to ever-increasing fury the flames spread quickly in the rear of the buildings on Barrington and Granville streets and the tenants all south of the fire were forced to vacate.

Eating its way against the wind the fire spread into the buildings on the corner of Barrington and George St. occupied by Cragg Bros. and the building on George street, occupied by Harry Wright, and the store of H.H. Marshall.

Every piece of apparatus was called into use, and tons of water were being poured into the burning buildings making fiery furnaces.

Once the fire got its grip on the Herald building the structure was doomed. As it broke in through windows it spread quickly into the offices in the upper stories and the roof fell in with a crash in a very short time.

On Barrington street the flames broke out in the front of the building and the firemen were able to get at them.

On the Granville street side the fire

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The
Royal Bank of Canada
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CAPITAL - - - - $6,200,000
RESERVE FUNDS - - $7,200,000
TOTAL ASSETS - - $109,000,000

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