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THE DUKE OF DEVONSHIRE PAYS OFFICIAL VISIT TO NEWCASTLE.

Tendered Addresses on Behalf of the Town, Harkins and St. Mary's Academies—Very Highly Impressed with Town Worships at St. Andrew's Church on Sunday Morning.

Saturday, the 14th inst., was a memorable day for Newcastle, when His Excellency the Duke of Devonshire, Governor-General of Canada, paid the shiretown an official visit. Along with His Excellency came the following officers, composing his staff:

Col. H. G. Henderson, Military Secretary, Lord Neville, Capt. the Earl of Minto, and Major W. E. C. Irwin, A. D .C.'s.

Shortly after three o'clock in the afternoon His Excellency's private train drew up to the station, and the distinguished visitors were received by His Worship Mayor Troy and the reception committee of the Town Council. All the council but Ald. W. L. Durick, who was ill, were present, along with Town Clerk J. E. T. Linden.

His Excellency's first official act was the review on the station platform of the returned soldiers of the district, and he was much pleased with the men's appearance and had a kind word for each hero.

The Governor-General and his attendants, guests of the town, were conveyed in automobiles on a tour of the town and were accompanied by the council, with Judge J. R. Lawlor as Marshal, preceded by the Citizens' Band.

Harkins Academy, the superior school, was the first place visited. Dr. Nicholson, chairman of the Board of Trustees, acted as Master of Ceremonies, and the largest room in the building was filled by the teachers and pupils. His Excellency was received with cheers and the singing of the National Anthem.

Principal J. D. Keane read the following address:

His Excellency, the Duke of Devonshire, Governor-General of the Dominion of Canada.

May it please Your Excellency, the pupils and teachers of the Public Schools of Newcastle desire to express to you on this occasion their sincere appreciation of the honor that is theirs in being privileged to have with them in person the distinguished representative in Canada of His Majesty King George V.

As Your Excellency is aware, this is not a regular school day. But we could not allow a circumstance of this nature to prevent us from enjoying a privilege that Your Excellency has so graciously accorded the teachers and students of other towns of the Province.

In these unprecedented times, when the vital necessity of education in any effective scheme of national advancement is being brought before people's minds as it never could have been perhaps, in more settled times, it is the particular good fortune of His Majesty's subjects in this Dominion to have as their political head one who combines so well the qualities of eminent scholarship, thorough acquaintance with the needs and aspirations of the people, and zeal for the cause of education.

From the turmoil of the world war from which we have just emerged so triumphantly the people of Canada enter upon a new era of national growth, when problems will present themselves for solution that will call forth the best and most sustained efforts of Canadian citizens. And it is to our educational and political leaders that we shall look during this period for enlightenment and guidance. We are glad to be able to say that the sympathetic interest Your Excellency has always taken in matters affecting the common welfare, bids us rest assured that we shall not lack, for the solution of these problems and for the work that lies ahead, the incentives of Your Excellency's inspiration and encouragement.

Last year was celebrated the 50th anniversary of the Confederation of the Canadian provinces. That great achievement was for Canadians the starting point on the highway that leads to national greatness, and to recognition among the peoples of the world. As we pass in review the glorious pageant of our nation's history during this period we become more and more impressed with the greatness of the qualities inherent in our people. But we do not forget that our present high station is due, in a measure hard to exaggerate, to an abiding sense of those great principles of liberty, justice, and equality which are fundamental in British institutions. Those principles were fostered and developed by Your Excellency's countrymen in years gone by; they are the proudest heritage of the millions that glory in the Union Jack; in their defence the blood of heroes has been copiously shed in remote as well as in the most recent times; and they are now about to receive—for such is the prayer that goes up from the heart of an anxious and expectant world—the fullest measure of application to all the peoples thereof.

We should like to dwell at greater length on these great thoughts, and particularly we should like to recount the proud story of the services rendered our country through the medium of your noble and exalted office. But we are aware that Your Excellency's stay with us must needs be very brief, and that a strict obligation rests upon us not to encroach upon the rights and privileges of other citizens.

We ask you, accordingly, to accept this testimony of the affection and esteem in which you are held by the pupils and teachers of the Harkins Academy. And we cordially wish Your Excellency many, many years of fruitful service in the councils of the Empire, there to enhance through the influence of Your Excellency's knowledge, experience and personality, the glory and the prestige of the greatest of commonwealths so that it may continue to merit as it has so well merited in the past, the encomium of one of its leading political figures: The most potent secular influence for good that the world has ever beheld.

His Excellency was much pleased with the reception and the address, and made a very pleasing reply. The country, he said, had been engaged in the greatest war the world has ever seen. Their fathers, brothers and other relatives had fought for the Empire. The boys and girls, fast growing up, would soon have to go out in the world to earn their living and carry on the great work those heroes had started, and follow the example they had set—an example for all time. They (the pupils) had good, kind teachers, and they should make the most of their opportunities. They would never regret the time and pains spent in school in order to become fitted for happier life and greater capacity for service. He wished the school every happiness, prosperity and good luck, and proposed three cheers for the King, which were given with hearty good-will.

The children then, led by Vice-Principal Drummie, saluted the flag, and "Oh Canada" was sung, when, after an inspection of other parts of the building and the proclamation of a holiday next Monday, the party passed on to the Opera House.

The Opera House was packed. Mayor Troy delivered the civic address, which was as follows:

His Excellency, the Duke of Devonshire, Governor-General of the Dominion of Canada.

May it please Your Excellency, on behalf of the Town of Newcastle, we extend to you the most cordial welcome of our community. Your visit, both as that of the representatives of our Most Gracious and Beloved Sovereign across the seas, and that of the most distinguished and respected citizen we know yourself to be, is most timely and acceptable, and we unfeignedly tender you our loyalty and personal regard.

We regret very much that circumstances have not permitted Her Grace the Duchess, to be present with you, but we hope that in the not distant future we may be favored with a visit from Her Excellency.

Our community, though neither large nor wealthy, has yet done something to help the cause of freedom in the great struggle whose end is now happily in sight—something towards repaying the immeasurable debt we owe the dear old Motherland from which Your Excellency comes to preside over the affairs of our Dominion. Our soldiers have gone overseas—men who have done their bit in what ever position they were placed; our nurses, ladies of equal courage and devotion, have followed their brethren to the danger zone; our people have cheerfully accepted the privations inseparable from warfare always remembering that their sufferings were slight as compared with those of Britain and her European Allies who bore the brunt of the strife; and they have not withheld their money when needed for various departments of voluntary war work or when called for by the Government of our land either in the shape of extra taxes or in that of loans.

We rejoice in the glorious outcome of the struggle precipitated by the would-be war lords of Europe, and appreciate keenly the increase of human freedom thereby gained and still further to be expected as the necessary result thereof; and we pledge anew, through you, our devotion to the Empire and the high ideals of its leaders and people.

Coming to Canada in the most critical stage of her history you have had difficult tasks to perform, and we would assure Your Excellency that you personally have the respect and esteem of our citizens for what you have accomplished and their full confidence in your guidance for the trying days to come.

May your rule be assisted with all that is most prosperous, great and glorious in the history of the Dominion over whose destiny you have come to preside, is the loyal and heartfelt wish of the citizens of Newcastle.

(Sgd.) JOHN H. TROY,
Mayor.

Dec. 14, 1919.

His Excellency replied in part as follows:

He thanked the mayor and citizens for the beautiful and loyal address and cordial reception, a report of which he would convey to His Majesty the King. He regretted that his wife was not able to be with him, but hoped that he would have another opportunity of visiting Newcastle and have her accompany him. He would like to see more of the natural beauty of the place. He was glad of this opportunity of meeting with and obtaining the views of the citizens, and

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Presents for the whole family at Creaghan's—The Home of Good Goods.

The Duke and Duchess of Devonshire

MEETING OF THE PRESBYTERY OF MIRAMICHI

Oppose the Use of Sunday as Day of Special Thanksgiving and Also Monday as Annual Thanksgiving Day.

The quarterly meeting of the Presbytery of Miramichi met in St. James' Hall here last Tuesday at 11.00 a. m., with afternoon and evening sessions.

There were present:

Ministers: Hugh Miller, Campbellton; F. L. Jobb, New Mills; J. H. MacLean, Dalhousie; Alex. Firth, Douglastown; L. H. MacLean, Newcastle; L. J. King, Escuminac; F. W. Thompson, Loggieville; E. J. Rattee, New Richmond; G. A. Grant, Blackville; J. F. McCurdy, Redbank; J. M. Fraser, Black River; A. J. MacNeil, Doaktown.

Elders: Mr. Vye, Nelson; Mr. Robertson, Matapedia; Joseph Henderson, Bathurst; John Williamson, Newcastle; Geo. W. Vanderbeck, Millerton.

Rev. Hugh Miller was chosen moderator for next six months and Rev. W. McN. Matthews, of Bathurst, at present ill, was re-elected clerk.

Rev. F. L. Jobb was chosen clerk pro tem.

A call was received from Millerton and Derby churches for Rev. W. McN. Matthews, guaranteeing stipend of $1200 per year, with manse, glebe and four weeks vacation. The call was accepted. Rev. L. H. MacLean and Elder Vanderbeck appeared on behalf of Millerton and Derby, and Elder Henderson for Bathurst.

Mr. Henderson regretted Mr. Matthew's withdrawal. He had been pastor for seven and one half years, during which time a new church and manse had been built, and the spiritual needs of the people well looked after. His people were very sorry to lose him. The great demand made upon him by Mission work in the outlying districts had undermined his health.

Rev. L. H. MacLean will preside at the induction, induct and address the people; Rev. A. Firth will address the minister and Rev. J. H. Anderson will preach.

The committee to audit the Stephens Trust Accounts was continued.

Afternoon Session.

Rev. F. L. Jobb reported for the Budget Committee, showing that the Presbytery had 2,848 families, which had raised for schemes of the church $7,536 during 1917, an average of $2.65 per family. The Allocations by Synod for 1918 had been increased to $10,000, and amounts placed as follows:

Bathurst $352; Bass River $262; Black River $052; Blackville $252; Campbellton $1100; Chatham (St. Andrew's) $900; Chatham (St John's) $260; Dalhousie $462; Douglastown $302; Escuminac $175; Harcourt $212; Loggieville $49; Millerton $202; Matapedia, New Carlisle $252; Newcastle $702; New Mills $870; New Richmond $705; Redbank $305; Restigouche $255; Rexton, $555; Tabusintac $400; Upper Miramichi $125.

Rev. J. F. McCurdy's report on the Home Mission Fields showed that effective work had been done in Kouchibouguac, Millbank, Miscou and New Brandon stations. Missionary giving on these fields showed considerable increase in most of these fields.

Revs. F. L. Jobb, H. Miller and E. J. Rattee were appointed a commission to require into a possible re-arrangement of boundaries of Matapedia, Tide Head and Pte. LaGarde, pastorates on the Restigouche river. Tide Head is on both sides of the river, with no bridges.

Pte. LaGarde congregation is decreasing, and some suggest a division of Tide Head bteween Matapedia and Pte. LaGarde. The committee are to report not later than June next.

A warm discussion arose over the Government recently setting aside a Sunday as Thanksgiving day, instead of taking a day from business and work in the middle of the week.

Rev. Mr. Thompson submitted that holding Thanksgiving Day on a Sunday was an evasion of the whole religious issue. Every Sunday is naturally a day of Thanksgiving and prayer. The Government should have called the people to hold Thanksgiving on a day that meant cessation of work. Furthermore, the Government had no right to call upon the church to do so and so on a Sunday. In June the churches had been asked to hold a day of prayer for victory on Sunday. Every Sunday was a day of prayer. The attention of the people to the solemnity of the occasion would have been called much more effectively had they been asked to go to national prayer on a week day. Further the principal of holding Thanksgiving day on a Monday was wrong. President Wilson's call to prayer and thanksgiving had been much more more solemn and appropriate than our Governments.

Rev. E. J. Rattee agreed that it was inappropriate to evade the giving up of a week day by training Thanksgiving on to Sunday.

Rev. L. H. MacLean said the church should speak out in the matter. The government should not look on religion as a thing to be trifled with.

On motion of Rev. E. J. Rattee, it was resolved, that a commission be appointed to prepare an overture to the general assembly in connection with the taking or the Lord's Day as the day of National Thanksgiving and the providing of no special occasion for cessation of work, etc.

The committee are Revs. F. W. Thompson, J. H. Anders and J. M. Fraser.

Rev. L. H. MacLean reported re the McLaggan Trust in Blackville. Lands had been left in Blackville for the use of the church. An act of the Legislature authorizing sale of the lands did not cover all the lands. It was decided to ask for an amendment to enable the Presbytery to sell the rest.

Rev. F. W. Thompson pointed out the danger of allowing a layman to be eligible to election as Moderator.

Rev. Mr. Rattee thought the church should be free to so honor exceptionally great and good laymen.

Revs. Thompson, Anderson and Fraser were appointed a committee to take up remits and report thereon at the March meeting.

The evening session was devoted to consideration of the Forward Movement, a public meeting and conference thereon being held.

LATE COL. McKENZIE'S LIFE AN EXAMPLE FOR OTHERS

So Says Lt.-Col. P. A. Guthrie in a Letter to a St. John Ltdy

In a recent letter from Lieut. Col. P. A. Guthrie to Mrs. E. Atherton Smith, St. John, reference is made to the death in action of Lieut. Col. McKenzie, late O. C. of the 26th Battalion. The letter follows:

Somewhere in France,
October 10, 1918

My Dear Mrs. Smith:

Recently when on leave to Scotland I spent a few days at Duart Castle with our chief, Sir Fitzroy D. Maclean, Bart., K.C.B. I told him all about your great work in raising money for the pipes for our "Maclean Highlanders," and as he was too ill to write you himself, he asked me to say to you that he and Lady Maclean are deeply thankful for the great service you rendered, and the house of Maclean will always feel indebted to you and those who through your efforts contributed.

He wanted me to ask you to thank each and every one of these friends for him, and to extend to them on his behalf, his kindest wishes for every future success.

Since coming to France I have heard a lot about Colonel MacKenzie. He met his death leading his men most gallantly at a time when his presence and prompt action meant everything to the battalion and the advance generally. The history of New Brunswick's famous "Fighting 26th" will be one and the same, in the story of New Brunswick's effort in this war.

I am proud of him not only as a friend, but as a fellow citizen. As his life was an example, so shall the manner of his death be a living inspiration to all of us who are engaged in chasing the Hun back to Hunland.

Faithfully,
P. A. GUTHRIE

FINANCIAL STATEMENT RED CROSS SOCIETY

How the Ladies Have Raised Funds and Expended Same for Our Boys "Over There."

RED CROSS, REPORT OCT., 1918.

Receipts.

Balance	$ 12.45
Life member, Mrs. J. D. Volckman	25.00
Membership Fees	21.00
Sale of Cook Book	.50
Donations—	
Miss Gertrude Davidson	.50
Mrs. Bell	1.00
Mrs. E. Flett	3.00
Mr. Chas. May	.50
Mrs. Richards	5.00
Lounsbury Co., Ltd.	25.00
Sinclair Bros.	100.00
Miss Marjory Davidson	5.00
Monthly Mite—Bridgetown	12.50
" " (Aug.)	13.75
" " —Newcastle	17.50
	$242.70

Expenditures.

Stamps for Secretary	$ 1.00
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Balance on hand	$241.70
Donation, Mrs. Brown, Mexico. (Life members, Mr. James Brown, Mrs. Geo. Brown, Mrs. Myer Moss, Mrs. Fred Landymoor.)	100.00
Life Members—	
Mrs. John Elder	25.00
Miss Hennessy	25.00
Miss Nancy Russell	25.00
Membership Fees	10.00
Donation, Mr. Ernest Hutchinson	10.00
Proceeds from Rink Supper	289.65
Monthly Mite—	
Chatham Head	4.65
Nelson	12.10
Newcastle	34.35
Sale of Yarn	2.90
Sale of Cook Book	.50
Comm'n on Chautaqua tickets	8.00
Bank Interest	.68
	$789.53

Disbursements.

C. B. Allen, Bridgetown Mite	$ 13.75
do.	12.50
Moody & Co.	14.40
J. D. Creaghan Co. Ltd.	4.57
Dominion Express	1.25
N. B. Telephone Co. Ltd.	1.20
Briggs & Little's Woolen Mill	154.85
	$202.32
By Balance	587.21
	$789.53

Helen A. M. Stables, Treas.

NEW STOTHART BLOCK A WORTHY ADDITION TO NEWCASTLE'S BUSINESS SECTION

Building Now Occupied by the Stothart Mercantile Co., Ltd., one of the Finest in Newcastle, if Not on the Whole North Shore.

With the opening of the new store of the Stothart Mercantile Co., Ltd., this week, Newcastle receives an addition to its business section of which it may be justly proud.

The new Stothart Block, which is situated on the corner of Pleasant and Henry streets, opposite the Post Office, is of brick, two stories high, with a frontage of forty-eight feet, and extends back to a depth of one hundred and ten feet. The main entrance is on Pleasant street, where also are located five large display windows.

The retail store occupies the entire front of the building and is 47x55 feet finished in steel with hardwood floors and presents a most inviting appearance. The latest style of wall cabinets are installed in this room for the display of the goods. They have large plate glass fronts and in addition to giving a splendid display also keep the goods neat and clean. On the upper part of the store the grocery is located, where everything in this line may be procured, while in the rear and at the lower side are placed the hardware and electrical goods, with large display tables in the centre. In one corner of this room is located the business office, while a room adjoining is user for the sale of paints, oils, etc. Here is located five of the latest styles of Bowser Oil Pumps, connected with barrels in the basement, and provide for the clean and speedy supply of the most important oils, viz., machine oil, raw boiled oil, raw linseed oil, kerosene oil and turpentine, while it is the intention of the company to instal a gasoline tank on the curb in the early spring.

Connected with the main store by a stairway is another large room on the second floor, the same size as the main store, which at present will be used as a storeroom, but later will be put into use for display purposes. Off this room is located the toilet and wash rooms.

Two large warehouses occupy the back part of the building, connected together by a stair as well as a large hand elevator, while the basement which extends under the whole building, will also be used for storage purposes.

The building is heated by hot air supplied by a large furnace located in the basement, and every method for convenience and comfort, both for the employees and customers, has been provided.

The work on the building was done under the supervision of Mr. Thomas Power, of Newcastle, who deserves every credit for the manner in which it is constructed.

The members of the firm of the Stothart Mercantile Co., Ltd., are among the most progressive on the North Shore, and their rise from a small beginning to one of the most modern business places in Newcastle speaks well of their ability as business men.

About seventeen years ago the senior member of the firm, Mr. C. G. Stothart, bought out the Park business, and conducted a general hardware and grocery store for about five years ago, when the late company was incorporated in its present name and the coal business of the late R. R. Call acquired. So rapidly did the business grow that in 1915 the Company further stretched out its business and built and equipped the Radio Flour Mill, one of the latest and most modern of its kind in the Province.

The increase of the Company's business of late years has been badly hampered by the lack of floor space, and it became necessary to seek larger quarters, and the new building which will be opened for business this week is the result.

The President of the Company is Mr. C. G. Stothart, who has served as alderman and mayor of Newcastle. Mr. Stothart is also prominent in agricultural circles at the present time being secretary of Agricultural Society, No. 122, as well as the owner of one of the best farms in the county, and a herd of Ayrshire cattle that knows few equals. Mr. Stothart's farm is on the Chaplin Island Road.

Mr. Charles R. Stothart, who holds the position of Secretary of the Company, is one of the rising young business men of the town, and very prominent in Masonic circles, as well as one of the leading members of the Newcastle fire department.

The Union Advocate takes pleasure in congratulating Messrs. Stothart on their enterprise and trust that their business will continue to grow in the future as in the past.

SOCIAL SERVICE COUNCIL URGE PROHIBITING AMENDMENTS

Ask Government to Enact Stricter Regulations — New Castle's Vendors Also Come in for Discussion.

A meeting of Newcastle Social Service Council was held in Newcastle police office on Monday evening, Dec. 9th. There were present:

Newcastle Presbyterian Church—Rev. L. H. McLean, in the chair; Jos. Ander.

Newcastle Methodist Church—Rev. F. T. Bertram, vice-president; John H. Ashford and Mrs. E. H. Follansbee.

Newcastle W. C. T. U.—Mrs. T. A. Clarke, treasurer; Mrs. Alice B. Leard, Miss Isabella Falconer.

Newcastle Red Cross—Mrs. Arthur E. Petrie.

Newcastle Women's Institute—Mrs. C. C. Hubbard, Mrs. John Russell, Mrs. John McCallum.

Newcastle Salvation Army—Captain Miss Nellie Robinson, and her Lieutenant.

Newcastle Town Improvement League—Fred E. Locke, secretary; E. A. McCurdy, Ald. H. H. Stuart.

Visitor—Rev. A. J. McNeil, Doaktown.

Total attendance, 18.

The following ladies were admitted to council as representing the Newcastle Women's Institute—Mesdames C. C. Hubbard, John Russell, John McCallum, C. C. Hayward and W. F. Copp; Mrs. Hubbard being elected to the executive.

The Captain and Lieutenant of the Salvation Army were admitted to the council, Capt. Robinson as a member of the executive.

Following were elected to the N. B. Social Service Council Executive—H. H. Stuart and Rev. L. H. MacLean.

Following were chosen as additional representatives to the N. B. Social Service Council annual meeting—T. A. Clarke, J. Ander, E. A. McCurdy, Harry T. Brown (Nelson), John Williamson, Mrs. C. C. Hayward, Mrs. Alice B. Leard, Rev. Alex Firth, (Douglastown), and Coun. Joseph McKnight (Douglastown).

In case any delegate should not be able to attend, the president and secretary were empowered to select a substitute.

Temperance and educational subjects were vigorously discussed, many taking part.

On motion of H. H. Stuart the following subjects were separately and unanimously recommended for a place on the agenda of the annual Social Service Council of New Brunswick:

1. That the Dominion and Provincial governments be asked to enact all present temporary restrictions on liquor traffic, which needed strengthening amendments thereto, into permanent legislation, not to be repealed except on a direct vote of the majority of the people.

2. That all drugs and liquids that can be used as substitutes for intoxicating liquors be taken into account in all prohibitory enactments.

3. That intoxicating liquors and all harmful drugs be manufactured and sold through salaried government officials only, and that no more than one such vendor be appointed for every four thousand people, or fraction thereof, in any incorporated town or city.

4. That compulsory attendance at school be enforced by the provincial authorities.

5. That the government beasked to provide widows' pensions, as in Manitoba, to make it impossible that any orphan child should be deprived of school privileges.

Sections 1 and 2, and the reduction of the number of vendors were proposed simultaneously by the chairman and practically the whole meeting. Several speakers severely scored the appointment of so many (four) vendors for the town of Newcastle.

This first meeting of the local council since its organization on September 24th last was a most enthusiastic and successful one, every point being discussed until the decision was unanimous.

NOTICE.

After being in business in Newcastle for the past forty years, I beg to announce that I have disposed of my business to Mr. James Stables, who has been managing it for a number of years. I desire to thank the public for the generous patronage and assistance they have given me in making the business the success it has been, and trust that you will favor my successor with a continuance of the same.

GEORGE STABLES

Newcastle, Dec. 16, 1919.

Xmas Perfumes, Toilet Sets, Fancy Goods, etc., for the least money at Morris' Pharmacy.