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REGULAR MEETING OF NEWCASTLE T. I. L.

Alliance Officers Explain New Law and Render Valuable Assistance--The Detective Problem Discussed From Different Standpoints

The regular monthly meeting of the Newcastle Town Improvement League was held on the 10th inst. Pres. James M. Troy in the chair. Others present were Vice Pres. D. J. Buckley, Revs. P. W. Dixon, S. J. MacArthur and Dr. C. W. Squires; Ald. C. C. Hayward, James Stables and T. J. Scribner, Messrs. E. A. McCurdy, J. R. Allison, J. Ander, Fred E. Locke, J. H. Brown, R. A. N. Jarvis, the secretary, (Ald. H. H. Stuart) and others.

There were present also, Pres. Donald Fraser, of Plaster Rock, and vice-pres. Rev. Thomas Marshall and Sec. Rev. W. D. Wilson, of Fredericton, officers of the N. B. Branch of the Dominion Temperance Alliance, and F. D. Swim, M. L. A. of Doaktown. Minutes of session of July 17th were read and approved.

Mr. McCurdy reported that the Voters' Lists had all been copied--four copies for each parish--and certified by the County Secretary. Treasurer, E. P. Williston, and would be handled in at the Convention next day.

Moved by the Secretary, seconded by Mr. Ander, and carried. That the report of the committee be received and adopted and the committee thanked for their work. Rev. W. D. Wilson reported that Kings County, within 30 days after the passing of the Prohibition Act, had begun to circulate petitions for repeal of the C. T. A.

A beginning had also been made in Carleton, York, Sunbury and Albert counties. The secretary of the Alliance said that the new Prohibition law had been very well received. But there were many erroneous impressions regarding it. A Scott Act county must repeal the C. T. A. and come under Prohibition if it wants a vote on the referendum on the repeal of Prohibition some time after the war.

At the referendum only those counties under Prohibition will have a vote as to whether or not the Province shall keep the Prohibition Act. He was convinced that certain elements were working hard to prevent certain parts of the province coming under Prohibition. He congratulated this county on being so far advanced in the fight for repeal.

He would point out where the Prohibition Act differed from the Scott Act. Mr. Wilson spoke at length and explained the differences between the Acts and why we should adopt the new Act. For these reasons see page two.

Rev. Thos. Marshall Rev. Mr. Marshall said the Temperance Committees had desired that there should be no licenses for druggists. But the Government said that to control the business it was necessary to have licensed druggists. A druggist must have a bona fide drug stock, and be licensed before he can sell liquor for medical purposes. A first violation forfeits his liquor license, a second forfeits his drug license as well.

Rev. Mr. Wilson resumed and said that at the request of the Medical Association, the limit of prescriptions was removed. After April 30th next in Prohibition territory, no liquor will be sold anywhere for beverages purposes. All sales by druggists must be registered.

When liquor comes into the county under Prohibition, the carrier bringing it in must keep a correct registry.

These are some of the advantages of the new Act. Any officer can examine any parcel believed to contain liquor being shipped contrary to law. Bills of lading must show name and quantity of all liquors shipped. New Act comes into operation immediately on repeal of the Scott Act.

Northumberland needs 2000 names. Petition for Repeal of the Scott Act--better have 3000 to have plenty of margin. After names are secured, the petition must be advertised in local papers two weeks, then lists are open for inspection ten days, then government orders election on a certain day. Three months should be sufficient for all the work of repeal. Rev. Mr. Wilson then explained how to canvass for signatures for repeal.

Mr. Fraser, head of the Fraser Lumber Co., said he was here to do all he could in the work. In Victoria Co. only a certain number of licenses are allowed, thus some districts are without license. He strongly condemned using Scott Act or License law for revenue.

Rev. Mr. Marshall said that the Temperance workers had opposed beer licenses, but the government thought it better to limit the sellers of beer, and forfeit their license after violation of the law.

Donald Fraser said that Victoria Co. had several persistent law breakers who, put out of the liquor trade, went to selling beer, from which they could be prevented under the new Act, no one, who had broken the Prohibition law can even sell beer. The beer license costs a nominal sum, and is forfeited as soon as liquor has been proved to have been sold by him. Except in the two points above explained, the Local Government gave the Temperance people all they wanted, but afterwards some of the members in the Legislature demanded that the government draw a distinction between Prohibition and Scott Act counties as to the referendum after the war.

Rev. Mr. Wilson said there were no experimental sections in the new law. They were all taken from well-tried laws of other provinces or States, and would thus avoid litigation. Penalties under new Act are non-remittable. Inspectors are liable to be fined for not doing their duties, one-half of the fines to go to the complainant.

Donald Fraser pointed out that the Government enforces the Prohibition Act, pays officers, and bears all expenses. The enforcement of the law is taken completely out of the hands of the municipality and its officers. When a fine is collected the money goes to the Provincial authorities. The government appoints a Chief Inspector and he appoints local inspectors.

Appeals under C. T. A. are to the County Court; under new act no appeal for those who have no right to handle liquor, except, in case of jail sentence, when with proper security appeal goes to Supreme Court.

Rev. Mr. Marshall (to Mr. Hayward) Salary of Inspector not specified. Enforcement of Act will depend upon public opinion.

Rev. W. D. Wilson--To Rev. P. W. Dixon--Judge shall summon parties to appear within ten days, in case of appeal.

Under new Act, Prohibition prosecution may appeal against a dismissal of case.

Presentation to Pte. Matchett

Redbank Sons of Temperance Honor Soldier Member at Reception on Monday Evening

A large number attended the reception given by the Sons of Temperance in honor of Private Matchett, Monday night. A delightful program of recitations and songs was carried out, after which Sister Georgie Tozer presented Brother Matchett with a beautifully engraved signet ring, while Sister Sadie Sherrard read the following address:

Dear Brother M. Matchett, It is with a feeling of profound admiration, though regret, that the members of Redbank Division know you are soon to sever your ties with us, to fight for a cause worthy of every true Canadian. We shall sorely miss you, Brother Matchett, There will always be a vacant chair, a gap unable to be filled when you leave us. Your interest in Division has gained many a member, while your sterling qualities have influenced and upheld many a one in doing right. Your daily works and pleasures will be closely followed by the members of this Division. We can only commend you to a higher Power, hoping you will be successful in your work, returning to us in good health and spirits, where you will always be esteemed and welcomed.

We herewith present you with this small remembrance of the many happy hours we have spent to gether, asking you to wear it always as a token of Redbank Division's Love, Purity and Fidelity.

In behalf of Redbank Division, Signed SADIE SHERRARD, GEORGIE TOZER.

Brother Matchett was somewhat surprised, but nevertheless said a few appropriate words, thanking the Sisters and Brothers for their kindness. Supper was then served to all present, followed by music and other amusements, which lasted until midnight, the party dispersing with our National Anthem.

B. Frank Smith For Public Works

It is not unlikely that Mr. B. Frank Smith, M. L. A. of Carleton, will be called to the portfolio of Public Works, made vacant by the resignation of Hon. P. J. Mahoney, now in the hands of His Honor the Lieutenant Governor. His Honor has been ill at his home at Sackville for some weeks. Mr. Smith will probably be sworn in Minister of Public Works in a few days, and the date of the bye-election will be fixed immediately thereafter.--Gleaner.

PERSONALS

Fred and Miss Hazel Campbell of Fredericton, are guests of Mr. Geo. Stables.

Miss Evelyn Williamson of Fredericton, is visiting her home here.

Miss Abigail Hill, the popular post office clerk, has resigned her position, and taken a new one with H. Williston & Co.

Ald. H. H. Stuart attended the annual meeting of the I. O. G. T. Grand Brass Band, were found to be Manager Lodge of N. B. in Hampton yesterday, after Wm. Richards and suite of the at the delectable Mt. Pleasant Opera House, advertising the new Lodge, No. 334, Hopewell Hill, Albert County.

Amos P. Murray and daughter, Lillian, and Miss Atchison, left on Monday morning for Cross Creek, to visit the former's parents. On their return they will bring home his two sons, who have been visiting their grandparents there, the past three weeks.

Mrs. John Sprout, of Sussex, who has been spending the past month on the North Shore, visiting her sons at Campbellton and Chatham, spent a few days the past week with her other son, Dr. Heber Sprout of Newcastle.

The French people of the North Shore, held a picnic at Rogersville yesterday. Mr. Bourassa was one of the speakers.

FREDERICTON WANTS CHIEF

W. H. FINLEY Newcastle Scott Act Inspector Asked to Go to Capital at Increased Salary.

Chief of Police and Scott Act Inspector W. H. Finley, who has been in charge of Newcastle police affairs for the past eight months, has been offered a corresponding position by the Police Commission of the city of Fredericton, at salary of \$1200 per year. It is understood he will resign his position here in order to accept the new position.

W. C. T. U.

The annual meeting of Newcastle W. C. T. U. was held on the afternoon of the 10th inst. Mrs. H. S. Leard, president, in the chair.

Reports showed that during the year the hall on Mitchell St. has been renovated and all the broken windows refitted with new panes of glass, upwards of thirty being required. New shutters have been made and painted, which will in future protect the windows. Then, inside, the hall has been divided into two rooms, by means of a partition with four folding doors. There is a stove in each room, also electric light, tables and chairs, and at present each room boasts an organ, one belonging to the hall, the other loaned by a friend. The cost of work done on hall is about \$90.

The following gentlemen have the thanks of the Union for donations kindly given: Mr. W. A. Park, cash \$5; Mr. C. C. Hayward, cash \$2; Mr. Leard, work \$10.

A reading room has been started in connection with the Union, which should in time prove of no small interest to those who like the company of books, music and social intercourse.

Officers were elected for ensuing year as follows: Pres--Mrs. T. A. Clark 1st V. P.--Mrs. Annie Allingham 2nd V. P.--Mrs. H. S. Leard 3rd V. P.--Mrs. Chas. Sargeant 4th V. P.--Mrs. C. C. Hayward Rec. Sec.--Mrs. Bessie Gough (re-elected). Cor. Sec.--Miss Agnes Falconer Treas.--Mrs. Emily Wyse (re-elected) Auditor--Mrs. H. H. Stuart

Delegates to annual convention--Mrs. Wyse and Mrs. Leard; alternates--Mrs. Gough and Mrs. Allingham Delegates to County Temperance convention--Mesdames Clark, Stuart, Leard, Gough, Allingham, P. C. Johnston, and John McCullam, and Miss Falconer.

The regular meetings of the W. C. T. U. are held in the hall the second Thursday of every month at 3.30 p. m.

Manager Richards on Horseback A unique procession on the streets at noon today brought out a curious crowd to see what was meant. A knight on horseback, followed by two triumphantly-ornamented ancient-looking chariots, one of which contained the brass band, were found to be Manager Lodge of N. B. in Hampton yesterday, after Wm. Richards and suite of the at the delectable Mt. Pleasant Opera House, advertising the new Lodge, No. 334, Hopewell Hill, Albert County.

The procession was well gotten up and was a credit to Manager Richards' artistic ability.

At the A. O. H. Convention Ex-Mayor Morrissey, Ald. Kingston and C. P. McCabe, Newcastle; Jos. Grogan, J. J. Flanagan, M. F. Haley, R. J. Hay, Chatham; and J. W. Dawson, of Barnaby River, are among the delegates attending the A. O. H. Convention at Moncton today.

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I. O. O. F. Grand Lodge

Membership on June 30th was 11,431.--D. W. Anderson of Douglastown Elected Grand Guard

The I. O. O. F. Grand Lodge of the Maritime Provinces met at Fredericton, Aug. 9-12 inst.

J. J. McKinnon, grand sec., reported a decrease in membership amounting to 92, making net membership on June 30, last, 11,431. But considering the strenuous times through which we are passing, and the great number of young men who have left our shores at the call of the empire, he felt that there was no cause for complaint. Three new subordinate and two new Rebekah lodges had been added to the roll, while one Rebekah Lodge--Bethel No. 55--of Centreville, N. B. surrendered its charter. The present number of lodges is: Subordinate, 123; Rebekah, 68.

During the year the sum of \$21,184.58 was paid out in benefits.

Grand Treasurer T. H. Balcom in his report gave these figures.

Cash balance at credit of Grand Lodge \$4,318.43 Cash invested in bonds 4,183.57 Total balance at credit of Grand Lodge \$8,702.70

Following officers were elected for ensuing year: Dr. W. V. Goodwin, Pugwash, grand master, George S. Ryan, Charlottetown, D. G. M.; R. H. McKay, M. P. Westville, grand warden; J. J. McKinnon, Charlottetown, grand sec.; J. H. Balcom, grand treas.; Grand Chap. Rev. C. W. Neish, Port La Tour; Grand conductor, Dr. Morrison, of Dominion, C. B.; Grand Herald, W. L. Wood, Windsor; Grand Marshal, W. R. Sanderson, West St. John; Grand Guard, D. W. Anderson, Douglastown, N. B.; Grand Representative for two years, Murdoch McKenzie, Westville.

Reduction of age limit from 21 to 16 was favored.

Grand Lodge will meet next year in North Sydney, N. S.

Grand Assembly The Grand Assembly, Daughters of Rebekah, elected the following officers Tuesday afternoon: Mrs. Ida Pollard, Yarmouth, President, Mrs. Mary E. Bayne, Moncton, 1st Vice-President; Mrs. Victor Goodwin, Pugwash, Warden, 2nd V. P.; Mrs. Mary McKay, North Sydney, Secretary; Mrs. James McGowan, Moncton, treasurer.

Robt. Wm. Tardy Missing

One of four Newcastle Brothers at the Front is Wounded and Missing

Mr. John Tardy, of Newcastle, who has four boys at the front--John, in the British Navy; Joseph, with the Australian forces; and Robt. W. and Frank with the C. E. F., has received the following from Ottawa dated 17th inst.:

Sincerely regret to inform you 444753 Pte Robert William Tardy, Infantry, reported wounded, is missing since June 3rd. Will send further particulars when received. (Sgd) Officer in charge Record Office.

North Shore Casualty List

MOUNTED RIFLES Prisoners of War

Alfred M. Mundle, Rexton Missing since June 3rd Robert W. Tardy, Newcastle, N. B. Wounded

Harold W. Dickson, Chatham, N. B. Previously reported missing, now officially died of wounds whilst prisoner of war Corp. David H. Still, Chatham, N. B.

WILL WORK TO REPEAL SCOTT ACT

Temperance Convention Friday Organize a County Alliance and Take Steps to Secure Prohibition--Mr. E. A. McCurdy Chosen County President

The Convention of Northumberland County's Temperance Workers, held at W. H. Smith of Fredericton, W. B. on Friday afternoon, 11th inst., in the room of Andrew, Bishop Richard--Newcastle Town Hall, was a most enthusiastic gathering, and accomplished much work for the Temperance cause.

Seven parishes were represented by about 50 persons. Among the organizations that sent delegates were the Newcastle Town Improvement League; several divisions of the Sons of Temperance; several branches of the W. C. T. U.; the Millerton Women's Institute, and several churches.

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