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MONTHLY MEETING TOWN COUNCIL

Bills Presented and Ordered Paid Communications Read and Resolutions Made

The last meeting of the old Town Council of the town of Bridgetown was called by His Worship, the Mayor, and held pursuant to written notice given by the Clerk to each member of the Council, twenty-four hours previous to such meeting in the Council Chamber, February 3rd, at 7:30 o'clock p.m., with Mayor Warren in the Chair.

Councillors present: C. B. Longmire, A. A. Dechman, J. S. Moses, A. L. Anderson and C. A. Bent.

Bills presented and ordered paid were:

Dr. M. E. Armstrong \$ 4.50
Bureau of Statistics 5.20

Auditor's bill for \$75.00 to be paid according to the result of the interview of the Chairman of the Finance committee with the chief assessor.

Detective Power expenses \$25.00 after being properly endorsed presented to the County Treasurer for payment.

Fire Dept. (Albert Burns, Secty-Treas.) \$82.55
Arthur Marshall, wood to crusher, \$7.00.

Pay sheet for month of January, \$62.70.

Nettle Spruce for typewriting, \$1.00.

Moved by Coun. C. B. Longmire, seconded by Coun. A. A. Dechman, and passed that after this date all employees on pay sheet be paid by individual checks and a record of same be kept in a regular time book by the Clerk.

A communication from the town of North Sydney showing a strong resolution passed by their Council claiming from the government assistance on the trunk line on one of the streets in their town. Moved by Coun. Longmire, seconded by Coun. Dechman that a resolution similar to that passed by the North Sydney Council be prepared and presented to the government for their consideration.

Moved by Coun. J. S. Moses, seconded by Coun. A. L. Anderson, whereas the debentures of the water extension to Crookill Lake matured September 1st, 1921, and the sinking fund was not sufficient by \$1,000 to pay off said debentures, therefore resolved that a ratepayers meeting be called at an early date to consider the question of borrowing a sum of money not to exceed \$1,000 for water extension at Crookill Lake.

Moved by Coun. Dechman, seconded by Coun. Anderson that H. B. Hicks, C. B. Longmire, C. A. Bent be a committee to investigate and make report to the Council on the proposition of housing question.

Moved by Coun. C. B. Longmire, seconded by Coun. A. L. Anderson and passed that the Public Utilities Board schedule be received and adopted.

The Auditor's report was read.

Moved by Coun. C. B. Longmire, seconded by Coun. J. S. Moses and passed that the said report be received and adopted.

Moved by Coun. Longmire, seconded by Coun. Anderson and passed that the Finance committee forthwith have installed a new and up-to-date form of book keeping as the old form has become obsolete.

The Mayor, in his very cordial manner, expressed his pleasure in the harmony ever prevailing between Council and the Chair during his term of office as Mayor.

The Council, under resolution, expressed satisfaction in the able manner in which the business of the town has been conducted under the management of the present Mayor.

Minutes read and approved.
Council adjourned.

J. E. LLOYD, Clerk.

One of the most inconsistent things in the world is a keep-off-the-grass sign in the middle of a snowdrift.

DEATH OF MR. O. S. DUNHAM, LESSEE AND EDITOR OF THE WEEKLY MONITOR

It was with a sense of shock and profound regret that the citizens of Bridgetown learned last Friday afternoon, that about 2 o'clock Mr. O. S. Dunham, the Lessee and Editor of the Bridgetown "Monitor" whose name has become familiar to the many readers throughout the counties of Annapolis and Digby, had passed into "the great beyond."

Comparatively few had known of his illness, and fewer still of the serious turn the illness had taken. Although not feeling altogether well, he had continued at his office until the previous Saturday, going home at noon in the usual way. Later in the day, however, it became apparent that, in some way, he had contracted what seemed to be a very heavy cold. This continued on Sunday, and on Monday medical advice was sought. The patient was known to be subject to bronchial and respiratory trouble, yet it was conjectured that, with care, he would soon be round again. By Tuesday, however, pneumonia was unmistakably evident. On Wednesday matters began to look grave and arrangements were made for a trained nurse to come from Halifax. Thursday brought no improvement and but little hope of recovery was entertained. Nevertheless, no one was prepared for the collapse that occurred at 11:30 on Friday morning. Just a little previous to this, in spite of great distress, he had been responsive to ministrations of which he had signified keen appreciation, then, without warning, the beginning of the end came, and about two o'clock he breathed his last, the heart having become too weak to longer maintain the fight against the fell disease.

Oakes Singleton Dunham was born at Barton, Digby county, Nova Scotia, on March 31st, 1871, being the third son and youngest child of Captain Chas. Budd and Mary Warner Dunham. After spending most of his youth at home he eventually left Barton for Digby to enter the office of the "Courier". This was somewhat over thirty years ago. Here he steadily rose in his chosen profession until he became Manager and Editor of the paper.

In 1917 he came to Bridgetown, having leased the "Weekly Monitor", and of this paper he not only maintained its high traditions of clean uplifting journalism, but he soon set the mark of his own personality upon it. He was ever a keen gatherer of news and "Personal Mention" rarely occupied less than two columns. Yet no slander or anything pertaining to the low or vulgar found a place. The uplift and advancement of the community was always before him and he freely gave space at all times to this end.

As a citizen, Mr. Dunham was one of the best. In Digby he was a member of the school board for a number of years, and the improvement organizations—such, for instance, as the Board of Trade—which had not his active support and membership, were few indeed, and this latter is true of his life in Bridgetown.

Along this same line was his enthusiasm for Oddfellowship. A member of St. George's Lodge, Digby, also of Grand Lodge, of the Yarmouth Encampment, and the Autumn Leaf Rebekah Lodge, few were better versed in the law, aims, and objects of this Order and its kindred societies, and his residence in Bridgetown was well-

come by the Crescent Lodge at whose meetings he was amongst the most regular and consistent attendants.

On Oct. 5th, 1895, Mr. Dunham married, at Digby, Ella, daughter of Benjamin and Susan Keene. Of this marriage two children were born, Budd, who died in 1909, and Mariel, who a few years ago married Mr. Chas. S. Innes, a native of Halifax County, N.S., and are now living at Ponoka, Alberta.

Besides the widow and this daughter, there survives to mourn a devoted brother, Mr. Chas. B. Dunham, of Barton; Mrs. John McKay, of Barton; Mrs. Sarah Dunn, of Digby, and Mrs.



The late Mr. O. S. DUNHAM

Helen Gregg, of Beverly, Mass., and to these is extended the sincere sympathy of this whole community.

For a wider area and as covering some of the phases of Mr. Dunham's life which this brief survey has not touched we feel we cannot do better than quote the following which appeared in the Editorial Column of the Halifax Morning Chronicle on Saturday last:—

A LOYAL WORKER

The Morning Chronicle deeply regrets to announce the death of Mr. O. S. Dunham, Editor and Proprietor of the Bridgetown Monitor, who has fallen very suddenly a victim to pneumonia. Mr. Dunham was one of the best known and most successful weekly newspaper men in the province. He had a keen zest for news and an enthusiasm for the work which never failed him. He had been the correspondent of The Morning Chronicle, first in Digby and since 1917 in Bridgetown, for many years, and no newspaper has ever been more loyally and faithfully served. During this long period he has covered many important events for this paper, the most notable assignment of late having been the fire at Annapolis Royal, and all his work was well and carefully done. Mr. Dunham was keenly interested in shipping, was an enthusiastic yachtsman, and for a number of years was Commodore of the Digby Yacht Club. Many visitors to that charming summer resort carried away pleasant memories of the genial and enthusiastic Commodore who gave them so hearty a welcome. Only last week Mr. Dunham took a lively interest in the Jubilee of the Gordon Providence Church at Bridgetown, and probably the last contributions

from his untiring pen were the excellent reports of those anniversary services which he furnished to The Morning Chronicle. Mr. Dunham was a good newspaper man and a public spirited citizen, and his death in the very prime of life is a serious loss to the community which he so loyally served. We share in the sorrow of his friends everywhere at his passing and tender his bereaved family our sincere sympathy.

The funeral took place on Monday, the day being typical of the feeling of the very large number of citizens of all walks who attended to pay their last tribute of respect.

The "Union Jack" with which, during his regime at the Monitor Office, Mr. Dunham marked every public occasion, had been flying at half-mast since Friday. On Monday morning it hung listless. As far as possible all business was suspended from 10 o'clock until noon, the shops and many private residences having their blinds drawn.

At 10:30 a short service was held at the house conducted by the Rev. E. Underwood, Rector of Bridgetown, the music being rendered by members of the Crescent Lodge of Oddfellows, and of the Autumn Leaf Rebekahs. The procession was then formed to wend its way to the D. A. Railway station, whence the body was to be sent to Digby for interment beside that of the beloved son who died some twelve and a half years ago. This was headed by one of the largest representations of the Crescent Lodge of Oddfellows seen in Bridgetown in recent years, all in full regalia. Immediately behind the hearse came the male members of the "Monitor" staff, and then followed a long line of citizens representative of the churches, professional, business and private life of the community.

The pall bearers at Bridgetown were Capt. W. R. Longmire, C. L. Piggott, B. N. Messinger and Capt. W. E. Gesner.

On arrival of the train at Digby a heavy snow storm was prevailing. Nevertheless, not only the members of the St. George's Lodge, turned out in large numbers, but also the citizens. The procession being formed it proceeded direct to the cemetery where the church service was conducted by the Rev. Wm. Driffield, Rector of Digby. This was followed by the Oddfellows' service, Noble Grand J. T. Wallace and Chaplain H. E. Jones, officiating.

The floral tributes were exquisite, roses, carnations, and narcissus predominating. Amongst them was noticed the following:—A Crescent from the Crescent Lodge of Oddfellows, Bridgetown; a Wreath from the St. George's Lodge, Digby; a Wreath from the Yarmouth Encampment; a Spray from the Autumn Leaf Rebekah Lodge, Bridgetown; a Wreath from the staff of the Weekly Monitor, Bridgetown; a Wreath from the Editor and staff of the Digby Courier; a Wreath from Mr. and Mrs. Geo. F. Freeman, Middletown.

This tribute was paid to the memory of one whose five years' residence has won universal respect and admiration, but what made this sad event doubly poignant was the fact that Mrs. Dunham was herself taken ill shortly after her husband, being threatened with the same disease and is only now recovering.

A SPLENDID ENTERTAINMENT

Concert Given Under the Auspices of the Anglican Church at the Recreation Hall.

The entertainment held in the Recreation Hall, Tuesday, January 31st, under the auspices of the Anglican Church for the benefit of the inmates of the County Institutions, can be described as having been a splendid success. Each and every item on the programme was very creditably carried out, and speak volumes for those who evidently spent considerable time in preparation as a contribution on their part toward such a splendid evening's performance; every item was heartily applauded, and as evidence of the interest taken by the inmates, one need only cite the remarks of several, (though the entertainment was of two hours duration), "Sorry it did not last an hour longer."

The splendidly equipped hall lends itself admirably to the holding of entertainments; the spacious dressing rooms, the well-appointed stage, together with the acoustic quality, are a few of the outstanding features.

Those in immediate touch with the affairs of the institutions, as well as that of financing the upkeep of the hall, have always felt that while the entertainments are primarily for those of the institutions, it is very fitting that the public be admitted and an admission fee charged; in this way not only is considerable income received for the upkeep of the hall, but it has undoubtedly been the channel through which increased interest has been brought about.

The Rev. E. Underwood performed the duties of Chairman during the evening. At the close of Part (I) of the programme he thanked one and all on behalf of the management, for the success of the evening's entertainment. He also announced that the members of Baptist and United Churches, would each in turn, give an entertainment at a future date, notice of which would be given in due time.

The following is a copy of the evening's programme:—

- PROGRAMME
Recreation Hall, Tuesday, Jan. 31st.
Part (I)
Overture—Bridgetown Orchestra.
Song—"Spring's a Lovable Lady" Rev. E. Underwood.
Song—"Learn to Smile" Miss M. Dearness.
Piano Duett—Antique Quartette, Mrs. A. F. and Miss D. Little.
Song—"Anchored" Mr. C. E. Wheeler.
Song—"Dreaming Alone in the Twilight" Miss Violet Gillis.
Instrumental Medley—Selected. Messrs. J. and C. Longmire.
Vocal Duett—"Master and Pupil" Mrs. H. Ruggles and Rev. E. Underwood.
Selection—Orchestra.
Character Song—"I Ain't Nobody's Darlin'" Mr. J. Longmire.
Song—"The Magic of Your Eyes" Mrs. H. Ruggles.
Piano Duett—"A Military Song" The Misses N. and M. Gardiner.
Song—"I Passed By Your Window" Dr. Warey.
Violin Solo—"Ave Maria" Miss N. Gardiner.
Song—"The Sunshine of Your Smile" Mr. C. E. Wheeler.
Vocal Duett (a Medley)—"Domestic Squabbles, or, My Mother-in-law" Mrs. H. Ruggles, and Rev. E. Underwood.
Accompanist, Mrs. A. F. Little.
Interlude—Bridgetown Orchestra.

- Part (II)
A FULL HOUSE
"A Farce in One Act"
Characters:
Mr. Hiram Jinks, the landlady's husband—Mr. C. S. Bothamley.
Mr. Adoniram Chase, a plain man—Mr. J. Longmire.
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