

Pre-election Stories Told by Candidates Friday Night

The public meeting in the Newcastle Town Hall on the 12th instant, called by Mayor Fish, on request of a number of ratepayers, in order that the candidates for civic honors might be heard, was very largely attended, the Hall being nearly filled with gentlemen electors. The interest, always great, was at times most intense, some of the speakers receiving considerable heckling.

All of the 19 candidates but three—Ex-Ald. Doyle and Sargeant and Mr. P. Russell—were present and addressed the meeting.

Mayor Fish presided and made the opening remarks, and also spoke at the close. The others spoke in following order:

Ex-Mayor C. J. Morrissy
A. Stuart Demers
R. Waldo Crocker
W. L. Durick
Ald. C. C. Hayward
Ald. J. F. Kingston
C. P. McCabe
Ex-Ald. D. Ritchie
Ex-Ald. J. Russell
Ald. T. A. Scribner
D. W. Stothart
Ald. H. H. Stuart
Wm. Stymiest
Ald. S. W. Miller
John H. Troy

Mayor Fish
His Worship was pleased to see so many present, but regretted there were no ladies. The meeting had been regularly called by himself on request of a number of ratepayers, and the object was to hear from the various candidates their views on town affairs. Those who had requested him to call the meeting were members of the Town Improvement League. The T. I. L. had no object in view—and he challenged anyone to assert the contrary—but the welfare of the town. True, the most prominent feature of their discussions was the enforcement of that law which had been twice voted upon and sustained by the people of the county—the Canada Temperance Act. The T. I. L. simply ask that the law be enforced. The clergy of the town did not deserve to be lightly spoken of. They had done their duty attending the T. I. L. They may perhaps have emphasized moral questions more than economic, but everything they said and did was in order. The Scott Act being law, it was the duty of all to enforce it as fully as possible. It might never be fully enforced, as those in the liquor traffic are there for money and die hard, but it was much better enforced now than formerly. The Prohibitory Act, when it comes into force, will take the enforcement of Temperance laws out of the civic sphere entirely. The T. I. L. had had unfair criticism. Its members had no idea but that of town improvement. No one would openly challenge the clergy for their part in its work. All ought to encourage the League in its work. In every town of importance they had such a League, which kept in touch with the Town Council, to advise and assist the latter. The League was simply a bureau of research. Take for instance, the matter of lighting. That problem was not yet fully solved here. The beauty of the League's

discussion was the education all could obtain there.

Last year, concluded His Worship, there was great difficulty in getting a Council. He was glad that the retiring Council has so roused the people's fire that there was now no lack of candidates. He then read the list of candidates and called upon Ex-Mayor Morrissy to address the meeting.

C. J. Morrissy
Mr. Morrissy thought the present Mayor should have given an account of his stewardship at the first of the meeting, if it had met even with his own approval. What about the default taxes? In the year 1913 and 1914 while he (Morrissy) was Mayor, he and his Aldermanic colleagues had reduced the default tax list from \$22,000 to \$17,000. But today it, instead of being \$14,000 or \$15,000, was \$18,500. All that had been heard from Mayor Fish that evening was a defence of the T. I. L. He would quote from Rev. P. W. Dixon's speech at recent T. I. L. meeting that we had not the decent, clean, moral town today we had then. Had we any disorderly houses in 1913-1914? No! We didn't know of any then. Now we had a St. John politician who, if he (Morrissy) were Mayor, would be on duty at 7 o'clock in the morning instead of 9.29. He favored Scott Act enforcement. B. I. lots of places were selling liquor, although the Miramichi Hotel and that of which Edward Dalton had until lately been proprietor, had been compelled to stop. Indians could get all they wanted. The Scott Act was not enforced any better now than in 1913-1914.

He would enforce the Scott Act in same way, if elected, as he formerly did. Would Mayor Fish tell why he signed a cheque for \$125 for an infamous detective and one for \$100 for a policeman (Callan) for work never done? When he (Morrissy) was in office, a policeman was dismissed without the town having to pay him anything not due him. There had been a canvass against him because he had paid the first twenty Newcastle men who went to the front a sovereign apiece before having the bill passed by the council. It was done in a hurry with the consent of the majority of the Council, and he would do the same thing again in an emergency. Had the aldermen been stingy, he would have paid the money out of his own pocket.

As chairman of the Reception Committee Mayor Fish allowed wounded soldiers to come home unwelcomed. Concluding, Mr. Morrissy promised, if elected, to give the same degree of attention to town affairs he had previously done. He would enforce all laws as well as any man would. He wanted a clean town—clean streets. The chairman of the Park and Fire Committee left the chairs used in John Wood's reception, stay out in the park all winter, although he would not see them every day from the Lounsbury windows.

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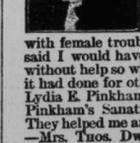
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These Three Women Tell How They Escaped the Dreadful Ordeal of Surgical Operations.

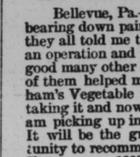
Hospitals are great and necessary institutions, but they should be the last resort for women who suffer with ills peculiar to their sex. Many letters on file in the Pinkham Laboratory at Lynn, Mass., prove that a great number of women after they have been recommended to submit to an operation have been made well by Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound. Here are three such letters. All sick women should read them.



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—Mrs. FRED BEANKE, Marinette, Wis.



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—Mrs. THOS. DWYER, 989 Milwaukee Ave., East, Detroit, Mich.



Bellevue, Pa.—"I suffered more than tongue can tell with terrible bearing down pains and inflammation. I tried several doctors and they all told me the same story, that I never could get well without an operation and I just dreaded the thought of that. I also tried a good many other medicines that were recommended to me and none of them helped me until a friend advised me to give Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound a trial. The first bottle helped, I kept taking it and now I don't know what it is to be sick any more and I am picking up in weight. I am 20 years old and weigh 145 pounds. It will be the greatest pleasure to me if I can have the opportunity to recommend it to any other suffering woman."
—Miss IRENE FROELICHER, 1925 Manhattan St., North Side, Bellevue, Pa.

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C. C. Hayward
Ald. Hayward spoke, in part, as follows:
It is not in my line to speak on a public platform; my interest, however, in the government of our town prompts me to take the contrast—a few matters that should concern each and every voter and ratepayer of Newcastle.

I have been a member of the Town Council for the past two years, and if you will note carefully the Year Books for 1915 and 1916, you will find that good progress has been made toward reducing our liabilities and improving our financial position.

On Dec. 31, 1915, we had a net surplus of \$7,992 after setting aside \$3,890 for depreciation on overdue taxes and plant.

On Dec. 31, 1916, we had a surplus of assets over liabilities, after setting aside \$7,286, for depreciation on overdue taxes and plant, of \$11,610, which is a gain of \$4,324 over 1915.

Now, gentlemen, compare this with the Year Book while Chas. Morrissy was Mayor, and note the contrast—a default of over \$16,000. Will Mr. Morrissy kindly explain this? No answer.

Many of our citizens are asking for better roads and sidewalks, and rightly so, for this work needs to be done, and we all agree that work of a permanent nature would be the cheapest in the end. This necessitates a large expenditure, and we have only been

able to do a small amount. The appropriation for this work for 1917 has been increased, therefore the coming summer should show a noticeable improvement. We are in the same position regarding sewers. But to increase our bonded indebtedness or raise our taxes just now would hardly meet with the approval of our financial men.

Re Police Matters—We are pleased to report better conditions. The sale of liquor has been to a great extent suppressed, and by continued efforts, may be completely done away with. The records show a decided reduction in arrests for drunkenness, as follows:
1914—111
1915—83
1916—79
1917 (first 3 mos.)—9

This is a great improvement. The prevailing temperance sentiment has made this work comparatively easy and pleasant.

The police officers have been very successful in putting a stop to the small burglaries and rounding up the offenders.

Good attention has been given to the collection of dog taxes, which total for 1916—\$104. With the registration we now have, the work can be done more thoroughly another year.

Mr. Morrissy has told you that we have three policemen. Now this is not so. We have only one day man and one night man. John Ashford is a C. T. A. Inspector, and Default Tax Collector at \$75. Mr. Ashford's salary is paid from the C. T. A. fund, and is therefore no expense to the ratepayers.

Mr. Morrissy complains of default tax collections. In 1913 Mr. Morrissy and his colleagues collected 46% of the default taxes; and in 1914 only 41.9%. In 1916 we collected 46%. Nothing for him to boast of in this matter.

Mr. Morrissy has told you that \$225 of your money has been thrown away by the Police Committee. This is not so. The amount referred to

was paid from the C. T. A. fund, and has no connection with our taxes or loans. Why does Mr. Morrissy try to make you believe what is not true? Newcastle has a bright future commercially. Every young man should lay claim to his share of this prosperity, increase his earnings, multiply his savings to invest in Newcastle enterprises, and otherwise equip himself for some particular undertaking, so that Newcastle may be noted for its capable, bright and progressive men.

Now, gentlemen, you have before you 19 names, from which to select your Council Board, and let me remind you that the business of our town is no trifling matter, but it demands the attention of our best men, men who have been developed, men who know how to practice economy, men of sound judgment, men of action, to whom you can safely entrust the spending of our Town Funds. We need men who are broad enough to sacrifice and even forget the personal interest in order to do that which promotes the interest of our Town and brings the most good to the greatest number. The record of the retiring Council reflects credit on our Town. In view of this record, and the fact that the Mayor and some of the retiring council are coming up for re-election, I would strongly suggest that they be included in your ballot.

I thank you for having had the privilege of serving you during the past term, and while I am not looking for extra work, still, if you honor me with re-election, I will endeavor to merit your confidence.

J. F. Kingston
Ald. Kingston said he was not responsible for what the last Council did, for he was never allowed to do anything. Ald. Hayward and his friends had opposed any suggestion he had made. He was opposed to putting three men on Police and Scott Act work. If it were his own private business he would have two, and they'd collect the taxes also. He would not coax anyone to vote for him. If anyone thought it right to do so, he would be thankful.

C. P. McCabe
Mr. McCabe said he had some lots on the Station Road, and would like to have water and sewerage facilities, which were also needed in many places. Now, if a man with a family comes here looking for a house he cannot find one. Housing accommodation is the crying need of the hour. There are lots of men who would marry—they have the girl, but can't get houses. He was against the Scott Act, but was strong for Prohibition. If elected he would do all in his power for his native town.

D. Ritchie
Ex-Ald. Ritchie had got a good vote when he ran two years ago, and hoped he would get as good again. He offered this year, considering there was work to be done. All knew how he stood on Scott Act and on all laws. He favored their enforcement. He did not see much to criticize in last council. If they made mistakes others could profit by them.

John Russell
As Ex-Ald. Russell began to speak, someone interrupted him, and he said there were too many knockers in town. If he had more men like Hon. John Morrissy and Mr. McCarty, and less knockers, it would be better. He would do his best for the town if elected, and expected to lead the poll.

T. A. Scribner
Ald. Scribner, having had the honor of serving one year on the Board, said that if they considered him worthy of another year on his record, he solicited their support.

D. W. Stothart
Mr. Stothart promised to do his best, if elected. He would keep his oath of office respecting enforcement of law. There was room for improvement, for years to come. The selection of Aldermen was simply a business matter. The town advertised for 9 men and had 19 applications. All runners were good men, and the town should pick the best. If elected he would always have the town's interest at heart.

H. H. Stuart
Ald. Stuart thanked the electors for such support in the past that of the ten years he had been a resident of Newcastle he had sat at the council board five years. At the request of a number of ratepayers, he was again a candidate for Alderman and hoped that his platform and past record would again meet with approval. If again elected he would continue to work for the following aims:
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