

Pre-election Stories Told by Candidates Friday Night

The public meeting in the Newcastle Town Hall on the 12th inst., 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. Morrissey
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

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 Morrissey to address the meeting.

C. J. Morrissey

Mr. Morrissey 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 (Morrissey) 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 done 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 policeman who, if he (Morrissey) were Mayor, would be on at 7 o'clock in the morning instead of 9.20. He favored Scott Act enforcement. But 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 to look for work never done? When he (Morrissey) 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, foreign 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 silly, 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. Morrissey 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.

A. S. Demers

Mr. Demers appealed for support as a new man. He had no particular platform but thought there was room for improvement in the town in every way—morally, socially and every other way.

How to avoid Operations

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 Benke, 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, 1923 Manhattan St., North Side, Bellevue, Pa.

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er way. If elected he would do his best to further the interests of the town in every way.

R. W. Crocker

Mr. Crocker said he had not intended to offer this year, and had merely told those who asked him that he would consider the matter. His nomination had been filed without his knowledge, but now that it was filed he was in the field and, if elected, would do all he could for the town. He did not represent the T. I. L. or any other organization and was not going to pledge himself to do anything radical, as promises were easily made but hard to keep. He was elected, well and good; if defeated, he would be with the majority anyway.

W. L. Durick

Mr. Durick said he was at all times willing to enforce any law for the welfare of the town. He was not on a ticket opposing the T. I. L. He was not on any ticket. Many acts of the last council he considered good—many bad. The management of the electric light plant could be improved, said Mayor Fish, who had rather the meeting to believe that the last Council had not enough brains to improve it.

Mayor Fish—You are mistaken. Mr. Durick apologized for mistaking the Mayor's remarks. There was a big opportunity for improvement there. It was the best money getting the town had. Were the people facing the public square the only ones to have fair play? People were unable to get water and sewerage. One of the Aldermen had been talking a great deal on Assessment and other improvement, but the Council had not been willing to help improve the land. The water and sewerage systems should be extended. Extension would increase the value of premises and then more taxes could be collected from them, and thus the town would lose nothing in the end, but gain. If the electors thought he would make a proper Alderman then he would get their votes. If not no doubt he'd be left home.

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 make reference to 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 \$7,092 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 \$7,266, for depreciation on overdue taxes and plant, of \$11,610, which is a gain of \$4,348 over 1915.

Now, gentlemen, compare this with the Year Book while Chas. Morrissey was Mayor, and note the contrast—a default of over \$15,000. Will Mr. Morrissey 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. 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. Morrissey 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 \$56. Mr. Ashford's salary is paid from the C. T. A. fund, and is therefore no expense to the ratepayers.

Mr. Morrissey complains of default tax collections. In 1913 Mr. Morrissey and his colleagues collected 46% of the default taxes; and in 1914 only 41.9%. In 1916 we collected 45%. Nothing for him to boast of in this matter.

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

1.—Equal rights for all citizens.

was paid from the C. T. A. fund, and has no connection with our taxes or loans. Why does Mr. Morrissey 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 but 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 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 Morrissey 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 running 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 not at the council held 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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male and female, without regard to the amount of property they possess:

- 1.—A substantial increase in the amount of income exempt from taxation;
- 2.—A new survey, plan and valuation of the town, to make possible a correct assessment; also a more equitable assessment;
- 3.—Thorough enforcement of all laws against the importation and sale of intoxicating liquors; and, generally,
- 4.—The preservation and enforcement of all laws tending, and the promotion of all changes calculated, to advance the interests of the town morally, socially and economically.

None of these planks were new or strange.

In St. John married women with property had the same voting privileges as their husbands and single sisters. Women had the national franchise in many parts of the world. In elections to Dominion and Provincial parliaments and in civic elections in St. John there was no property qualification for office—why should there be in Newcastle?

Only \$200 of a man's income is now legally exempt from taxation. But in many places the exemption was much higher. In the council he had demanded exemption up to \$400. A laborer who earned no more than \$400 was not able and had no right to pay taxes.

A survey and plan of the town was already demanded by the By-Laws of the town. If we had one, there would then be less excuse for the wretched assessment we have. Most all agreed that a better assessment law was needed. Messrs. Durick and McCabe demanded opportunity for everyone to have a house and water and sewerage facilities for it, and rightly so. Now his plan of exempting improvements from taxation and the consequent increased taxation of land values would, by making it profitable to hold land vacant in the middle of the town, make building lots cheaper and encourage close settlement whereby a greater number could be supplied with water and sewerage than at present with no additional cost.

He was in favor of all laws that promoted sobriety, for drunkenness was a fatal hindrance to all progress.

His fifth plank covered all other questions affecting the town's interests, and his record on these was also well known.

He wished to secure no votes because of any misunderstanding regarding his position on any question. If elected he would continue to work along the lines indicated in his platform, and he solicited the votes of all in agreement therewith.

Wm. Stymiest

Mr. Stymiest said he was nominated to fill the long felt want of an Alderman to represent the upper end of the town, which had not had a fair deal. Water and sewerage were needed in that section, too. If elected he would do his best to enforce all laws on the statute book. He didn't believe the Scott Act was all important, but he could try to enforce it. When an Inspector was got, pay him, make him do his work, and don't call him off.

John H. Troy

Mr. Troy thought there was room for improvement. He supported the Scott Act and every law that promoted social uplift. The N. B. Temperance Law will take the matter of enforcement out of local hands and make the government solely responsible for enforcement. Why so many business men have in the past refused to take part in town affairs was because of the difficulty of enforcing the Scott Act. He was on no wet ticket, nor on any ticket. He would do his best, if elected, to enforce every law tending to promote the welfare of the town. He hoped Newcastle would prove herself ready to do her share in the strenuous days of reconstruction that must follow the declaration of peace.

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