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## MILL STREET

### DISPUTE ON

Mr. Ellsworth Refuses to Allow Improvements—Other Business.

A meeting of the Town Council was held in the Firemen's Hall, Thursday evening, His Worship Mayor Murray presiding. There were present Councillors Currie, Belle Isle, Ingram, Bisset, Jamieson, Matthews and Devereaux. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

Communications were read as follows:—

From D. A. Stewart in answer to the Clerk's letter re Fire Bylaws stating that so far as he knew all his workmen were observing the said by-laws. Letter placed on file.

American Bank Note Co., wrote asking for payment of \$11.00 as they had made an error in charging excise tax on invoice for June. Account ordered paid.

Chas. A. Killam again wrote in reference to damage done by water backing up through the sewer into his cellar. The matter was referred to the Water & Sewerage Committee.

W. H. Wallace wrote asking a refund of toll tax for 1917-18-19-20 as he was over prescribed age. Referred to Assessment & Appeals Committee.

J. A. Fornier and Valmore Soudreau asking for reduction in assessment on account of errors in valuation. Referred to Assessment & Appeals Committee.

W. H. Rodgers asked for reduction of assessment on account of over assessment in Income Tax and John Devereaux asked for reduction because he had no income except government pension.

Both were referred to the Assessment and Appeals Committee.

Various departmental accounts were ordered paid.

The Assessment & Appeals Committee reported recommendation that Valmore Soudreau's assessment be reduced \$500.00 and J. A. Fornier's \$500.00. Report adopted.

On recommendation of the Police & Licensing Committee, P. Orr was given a license for two pool tables.

Coun. Devereaux reported progress re license for dance halls, etc. The secretary was out of town but would return Monday.

Coun. Devereaux asked for an extension of time. Extension granted.

Coun. Currie reported that Mr. Shephard of P. E. Shephard & Co., had requested the town engineer to give him the grade for their new building on Water Street. This had been given as near as it was possible but as it seemed that every building already erected had used a different level it was hard to give this. Mr. Shephard had asked to have the Council give him a guarantee that level would not be changed, but had refused to do so for the Council. It would let the town in for damages in case something should arise which would make a change necessary.

The matter of opening up Beaver Street was discussed and Coun. Ingram requested to have necessary deeds made out. The matter of procuring deeds for streets on the O'Leary property was also discussed and the Public Property & Streets Committee was authorized to interview Mr. Fred O'Leary in the matter.

The matter of a refund of a portion of the license fee paid by the Fireman for the Royal Exposition Shows was taken up.

The Clerk explained that the Firemen had paid \$150.00 for six days performance. The show was running only two days when closed and they asked for refund of \$100.00.

The refund was ordered paid.

The Clerk reported that he had interviewed Mr. Ellsworth in reference to jacking sidewalk on Mill Street and he had positively refused to allow any improvements to be made. He said he certainly had a deed to this street.

Coun. Currie explained that Mr. Ellsworth's rights were for a fifty foot right of way, whereas the owners of the property had laid out a street sixty-six feet wide. If thought advisable the sidewalk and light poles could be erected upon this sixteen feet. The town could get deeds of this sixteen feet.

Coun. Jamieson suggested that a committee be appointed to interview Mr. Ellsworth and go into the whole matter.

Coun. Belle Isle moved that the Chairman of the Public Property & Streets Committee be authorized to interview Mr. Ellsworth, and report to next meeting. Carried.

The council then adjourned.

## STRONG CANDIDATES CHOSEN

### BY RESTIGOUCHE SUPPORTERS

Most Enthusiastic Convention Held Here Tuesday, Same A. T. LeBlanc, M. P. P. and Ex-Warden John C. McLean as Standard Bearers.

One of the most enthusiastic and largely attended conventions ever held in Restigouche was that of the friends of the present administration which convened in the Municipal Hall Tuesday afternoon in response to a call issued by the President, Mr. John Harquail. Representatives were present from every parish, their being an unusually large number from Grimmer.

At three o'clock Mr. Harquail called the meeting to order, explained its object and asked that a chairman and secretary be appointed.

Mr. John Harquail was appointed chairman and Mr. M. A. Kelly secretary.

Mr. Harquail said that he would much prefer some one else in the chair, but if it was the will of the meeting, he would do the best he could. He then called upon Hon. P. J. Veniot, Minister of Public Works.

Mr. Veniot was received with great applause and addressed the meeting in English and French.

He congratulated the County of Restigouche on having such a large and representative convention, especially because of the late bad weather and the fact that the farmers had to sacrifice their work on such a fine day, to attend. The attendance also showed that the people of Restigouche were taking a greater interest in matters of public interest which was indeed a good sign and showed renewed interest in things.

He was not present to take part in the convention proper, but as this is really the opening of the campaign, to speak very briefly upon the work of the government.

The choice of the candidates rests entirely with the electors. Since the election of the present administration the province and prospects were never brighter for a victory. The leader of the Opposition, Hon. James Murray, is to-day disowned by his own party. A new convention of the followers of the Opposition has been called for the 23rd to choose a new leader.

On Saturday last at a meeting of the Opposition party of York County, Dr. W. Crockett, who was the leader of the party for that county absolutely refused to become a candidate. He no longer had confidence in the party he had been associated with for a lifetime.

There were many former supporters of the Mr. May-Baxter administration who to-day refuse to follow either of these gentlemen.

It may be asked why we brought the election on in such short notice. The answer was that the government wanted the campaign fought when the people could tell the difference between the two parties and take an interest in the election. Since 1917 when the campaign was fought in the bitter winter months, the government had given up the idea of holding an election in the winter months. The government had given up the idea of holding an election in the winter months.

Mr. Veniot spoke at some length upon the road policy of the government and roads as they were to-day. He made the interesting statement that he had been able to have the Dominion government agree to the proposed Campbellton-St. Leonard highway as a trunk road, and it would thus have the Dominion government assistance.

He also spoke of the Hydro Electric Commission which is developing the water powers of the province and preventing them from falling into the control of private corporations.

Encouragement of the great farming industry has also received the attention of the government. The present administration had no quarrel with the farmers. They welcomed any farmer candidate who might be elected. He asked any farmer to point out in what particular the government had failed to help them during the past three years. They had done everything possible to help and foster the great farming industry. In 1918 when seed grain was held up by the western dealers the government had appealed to Ottawa and the Dominion had commandeered thirty or forty cars of seed grain which were sold to the New Brunswick farmers at absolute cost and charges, which was a great help to the farmers. Then the government had made it possible for any farmer to restock his farm by procuring through the banks advance at very reasonable rates.

When fertilizer was almost impossible to obtain the government had erected a most modern plant for the crushing of lime stone and that produced could now be procured several dollars a ton less than formerly.

He drew attention to what the government was doing to foster the prosperity of the province. The opposition now say that the big lumber interests have the government by the throat, but this is not so. The opposition wanted the stumpage raised to 7.50, while some of the farmers suggested 10.00 as a fair rate, but the government after taking all matters into consideration thought 5.00 was a fair rate and fixed it so. While perhaps the southern counties, where they have few obstacles to overcome in lumbering, could pay the higher rate they felt that on the North Shore where the most of the lumbering was done, was very differently situated. They had to haul their supplies great distances and drive their logs at heavy expenses.

The government was anxious to deal fairly with every class. The opposition forgot to tell the people that they bled the lumbermen white and put the money into their own pockets instead of the government treasury and that a former premier had gone and is now afraid to show himself.

In closing he hoped that whatever candidates were chosen that they would have the unanimous endorsement of the convention and that every man present would roll up a tremendous majority in favor of the government candidates.—Applause.

Mr. Veniot addressed the meeting in French.

Hon. Wm. Currie was then called upon. He spoke briefly in reference to the government and its policy and thought their had a progressive policy and which he felt sure the people would endorse at the polls on the 9th of October.

With regard to the county of Restigouche, he thought that the people would admit that the roads had been greatly improved and much other good work done by the present government.

Mr. Currie spoke at length in reference to the Murchie charges, as that was the first opportunity he had of making a statement in public.

He thanked the electors for their generous support in the past and assured all that he would cheerfully abide by the choice of the convention.

A. T. LeBlanc, M. P. P.

Mr. LeBlanc made a very eloquent address in French which was frequently interrupted by applause. He also spoke briefly in English and was given a rousing reception.

The chairman then suggested that the representatives from each parish should meet and choose delegates in ratio to the number of electors. This figured out as follows:—

Grimmer  
Eldon



A. T. LeBLANC, M. P. P.

Addington  
Campbellton  
Dalhousie Parish  
Colborne  
Balmoral  
Durham  
Town of Dalhousie

These delegates would retire and choose the standard bearers for the party.

Hon. C. H. LaBelle was called upon and addressed the meeting.

There was some discussion of making the convention an open one and a motion was made to this effect which was lost on a vote of 31 to 52.

The delegates then retired and after being out a few minutes returned and Mr. F. M. Anderson reported that the choice of the delegates had been

A. T. LeBlanc  
John C. McLean.

The report of the delegates was made unanimous.

The chosen candidates briefly addressed the convention and Mr. Currie spoke briefly.

M. A. Kelly in a very neat address moved the following resolution:—

"Whereas Hon. Mr. Currie ex-Speaker of the New Brunswick Legislature has been the representative of Restigouche county for a number of years.

Whereas the said Mr. Currie has done yeoman service for the party in many hard fought fields.

Whereas the said Mr. Currie, with his colleague successfully carried this county in the contest during the winter of 1917 against most adverse conditions.

And whereas the said contest was waged at the expense of Mr. Currie's health.

And whereas in the succeeding years, broken in health, enemies assailed him in many forms but failed to destroy the confidence of friends or party in Mr. Currie.

And whereas owing to illness of a grave character Mr. Currie has been unable to take his seat in the legislature.

Therefore be it resolved that this convention assembled at Campbellton representing all parts of this county beg leave to express our regret that Hon. Wm. Currie's state of health makes it impossible that he should accept the nomination as one of the candidates for representatives of the county of Restigouche and that while expressing regrets at his impaired health we further express our confidence in Mr. Currie and commend him to the good will of the electorate of this county and kindly consideration of the government of the province, which he supported with zeal, intelligence and devotion and this convention very warmly appreciates the support of Mr. Currie through all these years.

The resolution was put and unanimously carried.

The county organization was then completed by the choice of the following chairmen for the different parishes who will proceed with parish organization at once.

Durham—Herman Ultican.  
Colborne—Joseph Roy.  
Balmoral—Jos. Arseneau.  
Dalhousie, Town—Andrew Barbareau.  
Dalhousie Parish—John McKinnon.  
Addington—John McBeath.  
Eldon—Wm. Copeland.  
Grimmer—Alex. Gauthier for Kedgwick and E. Michaud for St. Quentin.

## NEW TELEPHONE

RATES SEPT. 30

Patrons Notified of Advances and Much Dissatisfaction.

The new telephone rates, allowed by the Public Utilities Commission go into effect September 30th. These call for a considerable advance.

Office or business phones are \$30.00 for a wall instrument \$4.00 for a desk phone.

Private dwelling phones are \$30.00 for a wall phone or \$31.20 for a desk phone.

There is considerable dissatisfaction in reference to this increase and the Graphic understands that a large number of house phones will be removed when the new rate goes into effect.

## MORE PRIVATE STILLS DISCOVERED

Federal Officers Co-Operate With Provincial Liquor Inspectors.

The officers of the internal revenue department of the federal government are co-operating in several districts of the northern section of the province with the inspectors of the New Brunswick liquor enforcement squad in a determined effort to suppress illicit manufacturing, which has apparently been in progress secretly in selected places for a considerable time.

A general raid has just been made on Shippegan island and other islands and isolated sections of the north-eastern coast of Gloucester and as a result a large amount of spirits ready for drinking by that portion of the consuming public not over-particular as to their brands, and more in process of distillation were seized.

The moonshine distillers were summoned into court and before Maxime Dugas, of Upper Carleton Place, magistrate for that district of Gloucester county, fines totalling \$4,000 were imposed.

**FIRE AT ST. OMER.**  
On Thursday Mr. Nicholas Arseneau of St. Omer suffered a heavy loss by the destruction through fire of his store, house, barn and shed. Very little, if anything, was saved. Mr. Arseneau carried but little fire insurance, owing to the high rate charged.

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