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GRANT PASSED FOR HOSPITAL

Council Will Ask Legislature To
Legalize Payment—Other
Business.

A meeting of the town council was held on Monday evening, His Worship Mayor Alexander in the chair, with Councillors McBeath, Chapman, Miller, Harquail, Patterson and Currie present.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

A communication was read from the Hotel Dieu Hospital in reference to the protest which had been filed with the council against that body voting a grant to the Hotel Dieu. The communication contained practically the same statements as published in Ratepayer's letter which has already appeared in the local papers. Laid on table.

A communication was read from the Secretary of Agriculture asking the co-operation of the council in assisting to find men to help harvest the crops. Laid on table.

A communication was read from the town solicitor re the legality of the council voting a grant to the Hotel Dieu Hospital. The town solicitor held that under the town's Incorporation Act the council had not the power to vote money for such a purpose; that legislation would be required before such a grant could be legally given. Laid on table.

A communication was read from the McLennan Foundry & Machine Works with further reference to tax exemption. Laid on table.

The usual monthly accounts in the various departments were ordered paid.

Councillor Currie, from the Special Committee appointed to look into the matter of the general management of the town reported that the committee had consulted with the town solicitor regarding the necessary changes in the town's by-laws in order that same could be brought into effect, and read a lengthy report dealing with the changes asked for. This report was laid on table to be dealt with at next meeting of council.

Councillor Harquail then brought up the matter of the Hospital grant, and moved that \$400 be voted the Hotel Dieu Hospital after having been approved of by the Legislative Assembly. His motion was seconded by Councillor Miller, and on being put to vote declared carried, Councillor Patterson voting nay.

Considerable discussion took place over the purchase of a Road Plant in which the Councillors were of the unanimous opinion should be procured. During this discussion the matter of permanent streets and sidewalks was gone into, also the manner in which they should be paid for—whether or not we should do a certain amount of permanent work each year out of the assessment, or whether we should issue bonds and do a larger amount of permanent work. It was finally decided that the Finance Committee interview our bankers with regard to the best means to be employed, regarding financing, etc.

Superintendent Farrer of the Electric Lighting Plant reported to the Council the urgent need of a boring bar for the electric lighting station, also the need of a boiler for the steam fire engine which had been condemned by the Boiler Inspector. The electric light committee was authorized to purchase a boring bar at the best possible price, and the Fire Committee authorized to take up the matter of the purchase of a boiler for the fire engine with the manufacturers, and report back to the council.

There being nothing further before the meeting the council adjourned.

GOOD OUTLOOK FOR ALL CROPS

General Survey of Conditions in
New Brunswick Show Big
Increases.

Fredericton, N. B., Aug. 10.—A general survey of crop conditions in New Brunswick shows that, with few exceptions, agricultural products are making a good showing and excellent yields are promised. The labor situation is the only disquieting feature. No estimates of yields can be made yet, but it is probable that the federal department of agriculture will issue a statement containing figures, at an early date. Information has been gathered by the New Brunswick agricultural department, on which a general crop report is based.

In wheat there has been a greatly increased acreage. Last year the acreage sown to wheat was about 16,000 acres. This year the estimated acreage is about 50,000, an increase in the neighborhood of two hundred per cent. In all sections of the province wheat is looking well. Disease has shown itself in certain districts, but not to an alarming degree. Disease is not peculiar to New Brunswick, as all other provinces report its occurrence in their wheat fields.

Oats, which always have formed an important crop in this province, promise pretty well, except in districts where there is very heavy clay, so in the low lands. There the crop will be light. There was a considerable increase in the acreage in 1918.

The potato crop everywhere in New Brunswick is reported to be exceptionally good. Blight has made a slight showing in districts where spraying was not followed up properly. The yield in all parts promises to be high. The acreage of this important crop is not known exactly. In Carleton County, usually the most important potato growing section of the province, there was a reduction in acreage, but in other sections more land was planted to potatoes, so that it is possible that there will not be a reduction in the total.

There is a good average hay crop in all parts of the province, some, however, is getting too ripe before being cut. In the gathering of this important crop, the scarcity of labor is felt keenly.

The acreage of barley is increasing slowly. This year the crop looks well. Buckwheat, which some years ago was considered a very important crop in New Brunswick, is not very heavy, but is fairly good in quality. Frost did much damage to the buckwheat. Rye is little grown in this province. What is being raised is looking well.

TRAFFIC CONTROL AT THE FRONT

What It Means and How Traffic
is Regulated—Responsible
Position.

Mrs. Sullivan of Campbellton has received an interesting letter from her son, Pte. Elmer Sullivan parts of which are explaining his work in France, he also sent the following news item from a paper regarding this.

France, July 18th, 1918.

I suppose you often wonder what this traffic control is like, for any person who has not been here and see for themselves, would not have the slightest idea about it. Now I have the cuttings from a paper which will give you some idea what it is like. There used to be staff officers for this but now the traffic control is sort of a unit of its own. First they sent one man from each battalion but now there are hundreds more. A man has to be sober and careful on traffic. He can hold up a General's car or anyone who is breaking the traffic rules though that does not happen often. Sometimes they do things to try men to see what they are like. It is not a nice job by any means, but someone has to do it, and when a man is told to do a thing in the army, well he knows what he is up against if he refuses.

The following is the article mentioned above.

A SIDE SHOW.

A main road in a forward area, even during the periods of deadlock, is an amazing spectacle of bustle and life. But during an attack, with the tenfold weight of traffic, to a green spectator's eye it would present a sight of hopeless confusion.

Picture a long, crawling stream of mule-drawn ammunition limbers with the perspiring and cursing drivers urging the tired animals forward. Then, immediately behind, a seemingly endless column of shell-laden lorries and huge caterpillar tractors each drawing its mammoth howitzer.

Motor ambulance-cars jutting gently along, passing over the deepest ruts with the minimum of discomfort to the mud-and-blood-stained occupants.

Serious-looking staff officers hurrying along in private cars, overtaking the slow traffic where possible, occasionally turning into a gap to permit important transport of the opposing stream to pass, thereby conserving the continuous ebb and flow of traffic—a vital factor to success.

A marvel of the road is the despatch rider, who manipulates his machine in and out of this mass with wonderful dexterity, sometimes extricating himself from apparently impossible positions, always risking life and limbs—with amazing "sang froid."

Mounted patrols—both horse and cycle—are constantly on the alert, slowing and accelerating the columns to meet the demands of by-road traffic.

At each cross-roads stands the traffic man. Upon this individual rest great responsibilities. It is he who with a peremptory movement of the arm, momentarily holds up everything, when giving precedence to transport proceeding "line-wards." It is he who briefly answers the thousand-and-one questions regarding the positions of units, villages, etc., in his locality.

Occasionally it happens that a vehicle breaks down. Immediately a score or so of willing "Tommys" are requisitioned who speedily remove the obstacle from the road.

The word "Block" is a dread one with all concerned in this mysterious of the war. Every possible precaution is taken to ensure a free-running of all traffic.

Thanks to a perfect system, combined with the fixed determination of all users of the road "to get there, and get there quickly," these blocks are few and far between.

ELMER SULLIVAN,
Traffic Control,
Somewhere in France.

Mr. Alonso Frenette of St. Jean Evangelist, Que., is visiting Mr. J. Ernest Boudreau at the St. L. Hotel.

SUDDEN DEATH OF MR. JOHN KERR

Nash's Creek Resident
Away While Visiting
Tabusintac.

Mr. John Kerr of Nash's Creek died suddenly at Tabusintac, N. B. Mr. Kerr being in his usual health left him home on July 31st to visit friends in Tabusintac. He went by rail to Newcastle and by boat to Neguac. He was met by friends and taken by auto to Tabusintac manse.

On Friday he went with friends to a picnic and seemed to enjoy himself. Saturday evening he was taken suddenly ill with spinal meningitis, and was attended by three doctors, but all that medical aid and kind friends could do was of no avail, and he passed away peacefully on Aug. 6th at 4 p.m. The Rev. Mr. Tattery and Mr. McKenzie accompanied his remains to his home at Nash's Creek, from where the funeral services were held on Thursday afternoon at 2 p.m. Interment being made in New Mills cemetery. A large number of sorrowing friends followed the remains to their last resting place. The funeral services both at the house and grave were conducted by the Rev. Mr. Jobb of New Mills, and the Rev. Mr. Tattery of Tabusintac who was with him during his illness.

Mr. Kerr was of a kindly disposition was a friend to the poor, he never spared his time or money to help the needy. He will be very much missed in the community in which he lived. He is survived by an aged mother and one sister, to whom the sympathy of the whole community goes out to in this their sad and sudden bereavement.

SERIOUS ACCIDENT AT DALHOUSIE

Employee of PQ Lumber Company's New Mill Badly
Injured.

A very serious accident occurred Wednesday morning at the new mill recently erected and put in operation by the PQ Lumber company at Dalhousie by which Edward Cannon an expert sawyer, who was in charge of the large band saw nearly lost his life.

It appears that something was not running just right about the large band saw, with which the mill is equipped to saw the logs, and the sawyer left his station to adjust the guide when the saw broke. The unfortunate man was caught and one leg and one arm severed. Medical aid was at once summoned, and later he was brought to the Hospital here.

To-day he is reported resting well.

PROVINCE AS DRY AS LAW CAN MAKE IT

Licensed Vendors Only Legitimate Channel Through Which
Liquor Can be Secured.

Less than one year and a half ago it was possible for any one to secure as much liquor as they wished, providing they had the necessary cash. Today the story is a different one, caused by the enforcement of the New Brunswick prohibitory act. The purchase of a case of the "Oh be Joyful" is at present practically impossible and daily the purchase of quarts is becoming harder.

The difficulty of purchasing liquor at present comes to those who do not really need it, for the legitimate user of alcohol in any form can purchase it by securing a prescription duly signed by a medical practitioner which, on presentation to a vendor, will be speedily filled. The business of these vendors is supervised by the chief inspector, Rev. W. D. Wilson, to whom the vendors are required to send their prescriptions every month to be checked. Every time a vendor makes a sale the transaction is marked down in a record book. This book is sent to the chief inspector every three months to be audited.

Inspector Wilson said yesterday that the largest sales recorded by the vendors for any one month so far was \$300. The average is much below this figure.

Such a business might appear to the observer to be a lucrative one and so it would had not the inspector opened channels by which the vendors have competition. Since prohibition the distillers' price have advanced considerably and with high freights and breakage the profits are somewhat reduced.

The vendors, explained Mr. Wilson, are doing everything in their power to prevent themselves from being duped in the presentation of fake orders. There have been some vendors in the province filling prescriptions somewhat freely but only for a short period, for so soon as the inspector became acquainted with conditions he at once took the matter up with both doctors and vendors. Since several of the doctors in the province had been before the courts there have been fewer prescriptions taken to vendors.

FARM LABOR SCARCE

The provincial government has received a great number of protests against farmers' laborers' excursions to the west being run during the present year and has been asked to make representations to the dominion government and to the railway authorities that the need of the laborers in New Brunswick is great and the necessity for gathering this harvest so pressing that no inducements should be held out for laborers to leave the province. The government has acted along that line.

Occasionally the first to propose a reform is the last to accept it.

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90,000 SECURED UNDER THE M. S. A.

Ottawa, Aug. 9.—There may be a new Military Service Act this autumn if the exigencies of the military situation abroad call for it.

The present act is specifically limited to 100,000 men. The next batch of figures by the Military Service Council will show that about 90,000 have been secured and the remainder are in immediate prospect. When the total has been enrolled, the question will be up to the Government as to what further measures are necessary, and this will involve consideration of the requirements of the forces overseas.

In turn these will be governed by the extent of their activities and the result and wastage. There will also be consideration of the extent in which the country's man power admits of being further drawn upon.

If the Government consider it expedient to exceed the limit of 100,000 men, there are three ways in which it may be done, by an amending Act of Parliament, by an amending Order-in-Council under the war measure.

The last mentioned course is not without its advocates, assuming that conditions are such as to justify it. The Judgment of the Supreme Court in the Grey case affirms the right of the Government to amend an Act of Parliament by Order-in-Council and also places the broadest construction of the powers of the Government in dealing with any condition arising out of the war.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS DRIVE.

The "big drive" in the interests of the Canadian overseas forces, which is being inaugurated by the Knights of Columbus will start in Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island on August 10th and continue until the 31st. The campaign in New Brunswick will open on September 15th, and will continue for a period of one week.

Mr. Bert Wilson spent Sunday in Dalhousie.