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LETTER AND SPIRIT

As there is quite a lot of talk going around regarding the action of the Mayor in giving coal to the town, we say giving, perhaps it would be quite in order to make some little explanation. Owing to the shortage of hard coal in town (none of the merchants having any) and the inability of the Electric Light committee to procure a cargo in time, the town was faced with the two alternatives, buy coal from the mayor or shut down the electric light plant. The manager of the electric light station was unable to procure coal at any price and in a manner demanded the coal of Mr. F. M. Murray. It would have been quite easy for His Worship to have sold the coal through some of the other merchants, and we suppose not a word would have been heard about it.

Rather than do that however Mr. Murray told the committee that if they must have the coal it would be done open and above board.

What would have the towns people thought if the plant had been shut down and some accidents had happened on the streets through the lack of light, putting the town into more lawsuits? We are afraid that those who are talking most would have howled loudest had not the Mayor stepped in and by his action assisted the town as he is in duty bound to do.

If some of those who are doing the talking would keep the letter of the law as well as His Worship keeps the spirit, there would be no necessity for such small mindedness as is being shown at this time.

PRESBYTERY, MEETING ON THURSDAY

A meeting of the Miramichi Presbytery was held in St. Andrews Church on Thursday for the transaction of business.

A call to Rev. J. R. Miller B. A., of Bass River from Matapedia congregation was submitted by Rev. T. P. Drumm signed by 30 communicants and over a hundred adherent and sustained.

Arrangements were made to have the induction service on the 14th, November in Matapedia at 2.30 p.m.

Rev. T. P. Drumm will preside and instruct the congregation, Rev. P. LeBell will preach, and Rev. Mr. Hardy will address the minister elect.

The Annual Synod of the Diocese of Fredericton opens for business Tuesday morning, Nov. 5th in Trinity Parish Hall, St. John. The Rev. J. E. Purdie and the lay delegates leave for St. John on Monday morning to attend the sessions.

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SHINGLE MILLERS FORM ASSOCIATION

An association of those interested in the shingle business of this part of the province and the eastern section of Quebec was formed on Monday Oct. 27, at Campbellton under the name of the North Shore Shingle Association. The officers for the association were elected as follows:

President—Angus McLean, Caspédia, Que.
Secretary—F. E. Blackall, Campbellton.

Additional Directors—W. F. Napier, Campbellton; W. P. Miller, Charlott; W. B. Snowball and W. P. Eaton of Chatham.

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carried. Mr. Mair then thanked the council and retired.

The next matter from the Water Sewerage committee was the proposed extension of water and sewers for 200 ft on George St. This in 9 inch sewer and 6 inch water main would entail an expenditure of \$392.00. This line could be continued at any time to Sugarloaf St., thereby making another main water service. After discussion the committee were authorised to proceed with the work if it could be done at the estimated cost for such distance as was required.

With regard to the clearing out of the Brook which is very necessary Councillor Alexander said this work could be done by Mr. Underhill for the sum of \$275.00. So far all the property owners but two along the banks had given the town permission to do the work. After discussion on ways and means it was decided to hold this matter over till the Spring.

The matter of expropriating part of the Moor's property on Rosebury St., for street purposes was then gone into. Mr. S. M. Moores appeared before the council and said he would like the matter fixed up right away, as he purposed changing the front of his building and doing repairs and would like to know what the council were going to do about it. He said he could not accept the offer made by the town and was only asking what he would have to pay for other ground in the vicinity.

Councillor Pinault said that an offer of 40 cents per sq foot had been made by the town and he as well as many others thought it was a generous offer at the time in comparison with prices paid for land sold in other parts of the town. Mr. Moores said his lowest price was \$2600 and he would remove the building. Councillor Pinault said he had intended moving, that the offer be valid only for a certain time, but if Mr. Moore's word was final there was no use in proceeding further. After general talk on the question Councillor Pinault moved that the offer stand open till noon of the 4th November when the offer would be withdrawn. This was seconded by councillor White. Before the question was put Mr. Moores said that the town had been using this land for 14 or 15 years on which he had been paying taxes and he was not asking any return of these, but only what he would have to pay for other ground.

Councillor Lunam thought the offer was a liberal one and was on the same basis as the government used when expropriating land for the subway. It was pointed out that the Miller lots on Water St. were sold for \$1000 with two buildings and larger area than the property under discussion which would net \$1760. The motion was then carried.

Mr. O. Smith then appeared before the council relative to the purchase of the Murray property on Water St. Mr. O. Smith said that he had refused offers for this property feeling certain that the town would be purchasers, and was informed that the project was only

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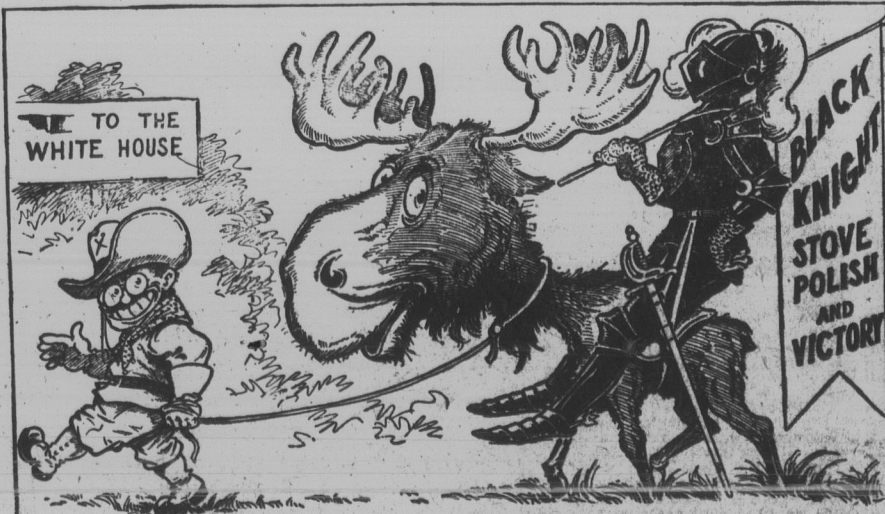
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