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Municipal Accounts Show Surplus of \$11,610,88

Finance Committee Reports that Town's Financial Condition is Gradually Improving

Newcastle Town Council met in adjourned session Wednesday night, Mayor Fish in the chair. Aldermen present: C. C. Hayward, J. F. Kingston, F. C. McGrath, T. A. Scribner, James Stables and H. H. Stuart. Minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed.

C. motion, the Police Magistrate was heard re a mistake in his annual Scott Act Report. He had paid over to the Town \$66.30 too much. On motion of Ald. Hayward and Kingston, that amount was ordered returned to the P. M.

A letter from D. & J. Ritchie & Co was read, asking for authorization to install a Bowser Red Sentry Pump and Gasoline tank opposite their store on Castle Street.

On motion of Ald. McGrath and Kingston, the authority was granted, installation to be under direction of the Public Works Committee.

An offer from the Eastern Securities Co. to sell the Town \$4000 worth of its own bonds at 97 and accrued interest was accepted on motion of Ald. McGrath and Stuart. This is a gain of one per cent. Interest and \$120 discount to the Town.

The Mayor read a communication from the Dominion Government re utilizing vacant lots for gardening, which he considered a capital idea and wished to see in operation here.

Ald. McGrath thought that such questions should be referred to the Town Improvement League, which was a great force in the town. This was seconded by Ald. Stables.

Ald. Stuart opposed the motion.

The League was only a forum for public discussion having no executive power. The Council should not seek to evade any of its responsibilities. No matter how many the League represented, the Council represented the whole town, and they should take action.

Ald. McGrath contended that the League was the proper place to discuss such things.

Mayor Fish said that the League had had great success along moral lines, and the taking up of economic questions should make its discussions more lively. Much time was being wasted by people who could garden. If our people can be induced to be thrifty, it would be a great gain. Sixteen barrels of potatoes from one acre these days would make a man a millionaire.

Ald. Hayward thought it would be better to refer it to the League for suggestions and recommendations.

With this understanding the motion passed.

The following was read, adopted, and ordered printed in the Town Book:

Report of Petition, Bye-Law and Licensing Committee: Newcastle, N. B., Feb. 28, 1917. To His Worship the Mayor and Town Council, Gentlemen:—Your Petition, Bye-Law and Licensing Committee beg to submit their report for the year 1916. We had very little to take up our attention during the year. Towards the close of 1915 the

matter of amendment of the Building Bye-Laws was referred to us. On investigation we found that most of the subjects we had been instructed to deal with were already provided for in the Bye-Laws. The latter already provided that no street, lane or alley shall be laid out or opened without permission of the Council, and that no building of more than one story higher than twenty feet shall be erected or changed without the consent of the Building Inspector, etc. Bye-Law No. 5 required the appointment of a Building Inspector and an Inspector of Plumbing. There need not be a special Street Commissioner, as that office is, until such appointment, filled by the Chairman of the Public Works Committee.

In view of above facts your Committee on February 17th, 1916, recommended the following which was adopted:

1.—That in Bye-Law No. 24 (re Construction of Buildings), section 1, all words be struck out from the word "building" in the second line down to the word "thereof" inclusive, in the sixth line, leaving the amended Section 1 to read as follows:

"No person shall hereafter, build or attempt to build or reconstruct within the town any building without having first obtained a permit therefor from the Building Inspector."

2.—That a Building Inspector be appointed.

3.—That an Inspector of Plumbing be appointed.

Chief of Police Finley was appointed Building Inspector and acted as such until he removed to Fredericton. No successor has been appointed. No Inspector of Plumbing was appointed.

Both these offices should be filled before the coming of spring.

Respectfully Submitted,
HENRY HARVEY STUART, Chairman.

Following was read, adopted and ordered printed in Town Report: Report of Finance Committee: To His Worship the Mayor and Aldermen of the Town of Newcastle, N. B.: Gentlemen:—Your Finance Committee beg to submit the annual report for the year ending Dec. 31st, 1916.

The financial condition of our town as shown by the accounts, show:

Assets	\$221,025.36
Liabilities	209,414.48
Surplus	\$11,610.88

During the year our liabilities were reduced \$1000 by the purchase of one of our own Debentures, for which we paid \$975. Our Savings Account was reduced by \$975 by the purchase of this debenture.

I am pleased to state that our financial condition is gradually improving and by the practice of economy, our town will soon be in an excellent financial condition.

Respectfully submitted,
F. C. McGRATH, Chairman.

There was only one tender—from The Union Advocate—for printing the Town Report, it was accepted. Price, \$125 a page.

Following bills were passed:

Finance	
Union Advocate	\$3.75
Light & Water	
Stothart Merc. Co.	\$200.58
Can Gen Elec Co.	18.74
Can Gen Elec Co.	29.30
Police	
Chas. Sargeant	\$3.00
Park & Fire	
Stothart Merc. Co.	\$73.88

The matter of the High Cost of Living was brought up again by Ald. Stuart, who on Dec 8th last moved, seconded by Ald. Scribner:

"That in the opinion of this Council excessive prices are being charged in the Town of Newcastle for the staple necessities of life.

After discussion, on that date, it was moved in amendment by Ald. McGrath, seconded by Ald. Stables and carried:

"That this resolution lie over till next meeting.

Ald. Stuart asked that his motion of December 8th be taken from the table and dealt with.

It was moved by Ald. McGrath, seconded by Ald. Kingston:

"That the matter be indefinitely postponed.

This was carried by the following vote:

Yes—Ald. Hayward, Kingston, McGrath, Scribner and Stables.
Nay—Ald. Stuart.

At this point Ald. McGrath left the Council, being called away on business.

Ald. Stuart reported that the committee appointed to make recommendations re the taxation problem had no report, as the committee had failed to agree. One member, Ald. McGrath, wished no changes recommended this year. He (Stuart) wanted the Council to discuss the matter.

The Mayor said that changes were needed, and the majority of the Committee could make a report.

The matter was again laid over till next meeting.

The Council went into committee on the whole to consider this year's (Continued on page 4)

Chatbam District Methodist Meeting

One of the most successful meetings of the Chatbam District Methodist District ever held convened in St. Luke's Hall Tuesday.

Owing to delay occasioned by the train service, the chairman did not reach Chatbam on Monday evening and the District meeting was not organized till Tuesday morning. A meeting was held, however, Monday evening, when a large and appreciative audience listened to Rev. W. H. Barraclough's lecture on "Life in the Yukon," and an address by Rev. Dr. Geo. Steel.

At the meeting Tuesday the following were present:

Bathurst—Rev. F. A. Wightman, President; Rev. John P. Carey, Campbellton—Rev. Geo. M. Young, financial secretary; Mr. W. J. Appleton.

Newcastle—Rev. Dr. C. W. Squires, Mr. J. H. Ashford, and (part of the time) Mr. H. H. Stuart.

Chatbam—Rev. J. J. Pinkerton, Mr. S. McHorton—Rev. Ernest Rowlands, Richibucto—Rev. B. O. Hartman, Harcourt—Rev. Chas. F. Stebbings, also Rev. Geo. Steel, D. D. of St. John, Supt. of Missions; and Rev. W. H. Barraclough of St. John, who came in place of Rev. J. H. Arnup.

On motion of Rev. J. J. Pinkerton, seconded by Dr. Steel, Conference was asked to so rearrange the work that Butouche be placed in the Sackville District and Boiestown in the Chatbam District.

It was regretted that no supply for the Tabernacle pulpit was in sight.

Rev. Dr. Squires gave an able address on "Missions in the Sunday Schools," and Rev. E. Rowlands another on "Practical Missionary Methods for our District." Both these papers gave very practical suggestions that were taken up later in the Round Table Discussion led by Dr. Steel.

The first paper in the afternoon was that on "Prayer and Missions" by Rev. Geo. M. Young. His definition of prayer was "Asking God for something we need, within the circle of the divine will, specified by human wish or will, that the Father may be glorified while we abide in fellowship with the Father and with one another." Let a full connection be made between ourselves and God and our prayers will be answered. The laws of prayer are not faulty, but we ask amies. The energy of the Divine is released in answer to prayer. The master stroke of the Devil is to get the attention of the church away from prayer. Prayer is a personal transaction between the soul and God.

Rev. F. A. Wightman spoke on "War and Missions." War will influence Missions, he said, it will leave the world as before. The commercial outlook was changed. Scientific research has been revolutionized. Socially, all are affected. The world will never go back to its old level. The advertisement that Canada has received through her part in the war will bring many to her shores after the conquest. Then, the great Home Missionary problem will take on a new value. At the beginning of the war, the Missionary band retrenched, but financially we are better off than before, because the war has taught people to sacrifice. The changes in the direction of the new fields.

Rev. J. J. Pinkerton gave an interesting and instructive report of the work of the District Missionary Committee.

A discussion on this paper was led by Rev. Dr. Steel, who explained how the missionary money was spent. The total expenses of handling it amounted to only 6 1/2%.

Home Missions:	35
Domestic	7.4
French and other	42.4
Foreign:	
Japan	11.8
China	19.9
India, etc.	11.1
Young People's Societies, etc.	4.9
Supernumerary	1.9
Sundry	1.9
Interest Charges	1.9
Administration	6.5
	100.1

The Missionary income of the N. B. and P. E. I. Conference last year was \$17,769, of which \$15,294 was expended within the Conference.

In the whole Dominion there are 575 Home Missions and 649 missionaries. In this conference there are 39 Home Missions and 37 missionaries. The Indian Missions number 80, with 53 missionaries. There are 20 foreign missions in Japan, and 19 in China. In the latter country are 80 missionaries. Total missions of the Canadian Methodist Church \$66, and Missionaries \$11. Rev. Dr. Steel reported an improvement in the payment of Home Missions in recent years. Some Missions

needed information concerning the fund. Special grants to Home Missions because of affliction would not be paid in future, as their salaries now equal or exceed many of those on "independent" circuits, but where Home Missionaries are ill, the same allowance for supply will be made as usual.

Rev. W. H. Barraclough urged greater system in giving and also in the distribution of Missionary literature. He hoped there would soon be a Missionary summer school for the North Shore.

Rev. Mr. Young gave the following table of missionary giving (exclusive of what was raised by the Women's Missionary Society) for the different districts:

Summerside, \$1.56 per member; Charlottetown, \$1.47; St. John \$1.22; Sackville, \$1.04; Fredericton 93c; Woodstock 93c; St. Stephen 79c; Chatbam 75c; Too much stress should not be laid on statistics, still they furnish a thermometer of the church's feelings. <p>Rev. Dr. Squires introduced a resolution on Missions to be submitted to the public meeting in the evening. It was referred to the following committee: Revs. Squires, Young and Pinkerton, and was moved by the latter after supper.</p> <p>Reports from all circuits indicated increased missionary givings this year.</p> <p>Adjourned to meet in annual session at Bathurst the first week in June.</p> <p>Evening Meeting</p> <p>The delegates and a large number of citizens sat down at 6.20 in St. Luke's Hall, to a banquet served by the ladies.</p> <p>After supper the following, prepared by Rev. Dr. Squires, was moved and seconded in short addresses by Rev. J. J. Pinkerton and Mr. H. H. Stuart, and carried by a unanimous standing vote.</p> <p>In view of the increasing importance of missionary activity and especially considering the fact that Chatbam District is somewhat below the other Districts of the conference in respect to missionary contributions,</p> <p>Resolved that this District meeting recommends that we place before ourselves a Missionary objective or at least 10 per cent. increase over last year, and that in order to reach this goal the duplex envelopes be used in every church wherever it is at all practicable so as to afford opportunity for missionary contribution, and that an every-number-canvas be attempted on every circuit. Also that each minister preach a distinctly mission sermon once every quarter during the conference year especially, giving information in respect to the local missionary situation.</p> <p>Also that an attempt be made to organize in every Sunday School a Missionary department which will provide a short missionary program every month and when possible the organization of mission classes.</p> <p>Rev. Dr. Steel gave an earnest and inspiring address on Missions and Rev. W. H. Barraclough gave a magnificent illustrated lecture on Canada's Immigration Problem.</p> <p>Adjourned sine die.</p>

Liberal Candidates Score Victory in Northumberland

Messrs. Burchill, Murray, McGrath and Allain Elected to Legislature by Substantial Majorities

Hon. John P. Burchill 2453
Robert Murray 2350
Dr. F. C. McGrath 2304
David V. Allain 2182
Lawrence Doyle 1732
J. L. Stewart 1688
J. D. Swin 1629
Jerome A. Gallant 1397

The above authentic figures furnished by Sheriff O'Brien this morning, tell the official story of the 2182 electoral members of the provincial legislature from Northumberland county on Saturday last. The four high men are all Liberals. The Advocate's comments on 1397 the election will be found in the editorial columns.

OFFICIAL ELECTION RETURNS FOR NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY

No.	District	Burchill	Murray	Allain	McGrath	Doyle	Stewart	Gallant	Swin
1	Newcastle A. G.	65	58	52	68	83	73	67	69
2	Newcastle, H. McL.	57	53	47	64	70	54	55	56
3	Newcastle, McL. Y.	69	65	59	66	83	59	50	59
4	Newcastle Douglastown	30	27	27	31	124	72	56	55
5	Newcastle Sullivans	31	39	28	27	30	24	17	19
6	Alnwick (Willows)	13	16	12	10	32	30	27	25
7	Alnwick A. McK. (Neguac)	63	64	65	62	42	43	41	41
8	Alnwick McK. U. (Neguac)	88	87	93	87	59	57	58	58
9	Alnwick (Tabucintac)	76	81	77	76	70	73	62	72
10	Alnwick Portage River	50	50	52	50	46	46	46	46
11	Derby	79	72	46	58	75	63	42	62
12	North Esk Trout Brook	35	16	18	20	20	19	16	19
13	North Esk, Protectionville	20	18	16	14	8	7	4	4
14	North Esk, Whiteville	22	15	15	18	38	45	34	46
15	North Esk, Matchets	29	30	30	31	32	30	31	36
16	Blackville (Indiantown)	99	14	84	107	34	38	20	41
17	Blackville, Public Hall	79	81	72	73	66	68	59	59
18	Blackville, Donalds	16	14	13	13	34	34	34	39
19	Blisfield	77	78	68	72	82	86	82	99
20	Ludlow	69	56	49	49	84	91	64	129
21	Nelson, A. L.	73	62	61	70	19	15	11	11
22	Nelson N. W.	69	56	56	62	15	7	8	6
23	Nelson, Barnaby River	62	51	56	71	7	3	6	4
24	Nelson, Chelmsford	45	35	33	31	17	20	16	27
25	Hardwick (Hardwoods)	115	118	116	117	32	31	37	27
26	Hardwick, Lr. Bay du Vin	53	52	42	46	56	63	52	58
27	Rogersville A. G.	67	66	69	66	46	47	48	46
28	Rogersville G. Y.	114	115	114	116	46	48	46	48
29	South Esk (Scotts)	15	13	12	17	12	10	11	11
30	South Esk, Redbank	49	49	48	48	66	65	65	67
31	Chatham (Loggville)	75	83	76	78	54	59	50	52
32	Chatham, Chatham Head	71	58	46	51	15	22	7	13
33	Chatham, Town A E	121	123	118	121	38	43	30	37
34	Chatham Town F. L.	123	123	110	108	48	53	33	38
35	Chatham Town, L. O.	123	126	116	120	44	50	28	28
36	Chatham Town, P. Y.	130	131	114	112	29	42	24	24
37	Glenelg Wilson Bridge	30	35	26	25	21	27	18	17
38	Glenelg Richibucto Road	61	60	46	49	55	74	48	52
		2453	2350	2182	2304	1732	1688	1397	1629

Happy Hour Features

FRIDAY
THE FAMOUS PLAYERS PRESENTS
PAULINE FREDERICK

"Nanette of the Wilds"
A stirring romance of the Northwest Mounted Police and a girl
ADMISSION 10 cts.

IT WILL BE HERE
TUESDAY, MARCH 6th
SPECIAL—SPECIAL

The Picture You Have Been Waiting For
"AN ALIEN"

One of the Most Impressive Picture Stories Newcastle has ever seen in
8-WONDERFUL REELS-8
FEATURING
GEORGE BEBAN

It gives opportunity for the great actor to tell a comprehensive and connected tale, which without doing violence to logic, or making common the most sacred belief of humanity carries the audience from the manger in Bethlehem, where the Infant Christ is seen to the humble dwellings of the lower class Italians where the sincerest love abounds.

THE PLAY THAT MAKES THE DIMPLES TO CATCH THE TEARS
TOOK NEW YORK BY STORM
READ WHAT THE CRITICS SAY ABOUT IT

A MASTERPIECE A SUPER FEATURE
—Moving Picture World.—New York Morning Telegraph.
JUST ABOUT PERFECT HUGE SUCCESS
—Motion Picture News.—New York Journal.
CREATED A SENSATION CAUGHT THE ATTENTION OF BROADWAY
—New York American.—New York Evening Mail.

If there was a dry eye in the theatre it must have been a glass one.—New York Herald.
Played the Strand Theatre, New York at prices ranging from 25c to \$2. It will be shown here for
10 AND 20 CENTS
TRY TO SEE THIS BEAUTIFUL PICTURE FROM THE START. COMMENCE 8 O'CLOCK SHARP.

OBITUARY

GORDEN DOAK

The death of Gordon Doak, of Doaktown, a brakeman on the C. G. R. who on Saturday last, while shunting cars in Newcastle yard, fell between the cars and had one of his legs taken off just below the hip, by the car wheel, occurred in the Miramichi Hospital Tuesday afternoon, shortly after an operation had been performed. The poor man was so badly crushed in the accident that there was never much hope of saving his life. He leaves a wife, who was formerly Miss Lyons of Doaktown, and two small children. He was 35 years old, and a general favorite.

MRS. JANE FLEIGHER

After an illness of only a few days of pleurisy and pneumonia, Mrs. Jane Fleigher, relict of the late George A. Fleigher, of Chatham, passed away at the home of her son, Fred Fleigher, here at 11.30 yesterday morning, aged seventy-nine years. The deceased has been in the enjoyment of the best of health, until she contracted her fatal illness, and despite her advanced age, was a very active worker in the cause of good. Her husband predeceased her by about twenty-three years, and of late Mrs. Fleigher has been residing with different members of her family, and has become endeared to all whom she met. She is survived by one son, Frederick W. Fleigher, of Newcastle; and five daughters—Kate, (Mrs. John Simpson), Amanda, (Mrs. Charles Atkinson), Denver, Col.; Ida (Mrs. T. M. Gaylor) Chatham; Emily, (Mrs. Justus Underhill) Blackville; and Reza, (Mrs. Blackstock Matheson) Newcastle.

The funeral will take place on Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Services will be conducted at the house by Rev. W. J. Bates, and at the grave by Rev. Arch-Deacon Forsyth. Interment will take place in St. Paul's Churchyard, Bushville.

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The Hon. George J. Clarke, Former Premier of New Brunswick, Died Monday

St. Stephen, Feb. 26—After a protracted illness, borne with great bravery and rare patience, Hon. George J. Clarke, the recent premier of New Brunswick, entered into rest soon after two o'clock this afternoon at his residence on Union street, the announcement, though expected for some time, causing profound sorrow throughout the community, where the deceased gentleman was universally respected and esteemed.

Hon. Mr. Clarke's health became impaired soon after he was called



LATE HON. GEO. J. CLARKE

to assume the duties of the premiership and the brave fight that he made against the inroads of disease is known in many parts of the province. Death was due to hypertrophy and dilation of the heart and arterio sclerosis. He had been unconscious since last Wednesday evening excepting for a few brief intervals on Friday morning, and knew nothing of the important political events transpiring to the world around him. Until the first of last week he had kept in touch with public matters, the daily papers being

read to him by his devoted wife who seldom left his bedside. He had suffered but little pain during his illness and the end came very peacefully.

An Active Life

Hon. Mr. Clarke's life had been an active one and he had given liberally of his time and talents to the public weal. He was born in St. Andrews and taught school in several places in this county while still in very early life. When a young man he served as town clerk of St. Stephen and later filled the mayor's chair, in 1858 and 1859. He was a valued member of the board of school trustees of St. Stephen for many years and until the time of his death. He was a member of the local golf club and curling club and an enthusiastic yachtsman. He was editor and manager and principal owner of the St. Croix Courier. His political career is more fully told elsewhere. A gentleman of most kindly instincts, he numbered his friends by the score and was esteemed for his ability and his personal integrity.

Hon. Mr. Clarke's Family

Hon. Mr. Clarke is survived by his wife, who was a daughter of the late Rev. Heskiah McKewen, a former well known Methodist clergyman of this province, and two daughters, Mrs. W. S. Lane of Vancouver, who reached her father's bedside some weeks ago, and Mrs. W. L. Jarvis, who is now with her husband, Lieut. W. L. Jarvis, of the 115th Battalion, now in England. They have the sympathy of all in the loss of a most kindly and devoted husband and father. Two little grandsons, the children of his two daughters, also survive, one having been born in England only a few weeks ago.

Hon. Mr. Clarke was connected with the Methodist church and was regular in attendance at its services so long as his health permitted. He was a member of Sussex Lodge, F. and A. M., of the Odd Fellows, Knights of Pythias, Foresters and other fraternal organizations. He was a past grand chancellor and past supreme representative in the Pythian order.

Hon. Mr. Clarke is survived by

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