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## THE TOWN COUNCIL

### Minutes of the Proceedings at the Last Regular Meeting

The regular March meeting was held on Friday evening, the 13th inst., with His Worship Mayor Salter in the chair, all Councilors being present.

The Clerk read the minutes of the last regular meeting, also the minutes of the Assessment Appeal Court.

The following bills read and on motion ordered paid:

Mrs. Fisher ..... \$15.00  
Ethel Davis ..... 2.75  
C. S. Dunham ..... 13.50  
J. H. McLean ..... 3.00  
Auditors' bill ..... 10.00  
J. H. Hicks & Sons ..... 23.27  
Time bill, Streets ..... 6.50

A few other bills were referred back to committees for explanation.

After hearing read a quantity of correspondence re "Drive to the Right" it was moved by Coun. Dechman, seconded by Coun. Warren and passed that it is the opinion of this Council to turn to the right with vehicles and automobiles is to be preferred to the old system.

The Clerk laid before the Council the estimates for the current year which were duly considered and discussed whereupon it was moved by Coun. Warren seconded by Coun. Anderson and passed that the Town Council of the Town of Bridgetown do hereby authorize the levying and collection of a rate of \$1.50 on the \$100 of the assessed value of property and income assessed on the assessment roll of the Town of Bridgetown to raise the sum required to defray the general current expenses of the town for the current year.

Also a rate of \$1.25 on the \$100 of the assessed value of property and income assessed in the said town of Bridgetown and in the County of Annapolis Assessment roll for the school section of the said town of Bridgetown and all property outside the said school section of the said town of Bridgetown liable to taxation for the support of the schools of the town for the current year.

The Clerk laid before the Council the assessment roll and valuations for the year 1920 as finally passed by the Assessment Appeal and certified to by him as required by Section 76 of the Assessment Act and amendments thereto.

The Clerk also laid before the Council the Special Assessment and valuations for the year 1920 made by the Finance Committee of the Council of the real estate and properties in the said District liable for the Granville Street East Sewer extension as authorized and empowered by Chap 51 of the acts of the Legislature of the Province of Nova Scotia for the year 1915, entitled "An act to authorize the town of Bridgetown to borrow money for the extension of the Sewerage System of the town as amended by Chap. 55 of the Acts for the year 1915," whereupon it was moved

by Coun. Anderson seconded by Coun. Dechman and passed that the said special Sewer Assessment be and the same is hereby ratified and confirmed by the Council.

Also a rate of 58 cts on the one hundred dollars of the assessed value of real estate under said assessment roll of the said town of Bridgetown liable to be passed for the new service (so called), and a rate of thirty (30) cts on the \$100 of the assessed value of real estate under said assessment roll of the said town of Bridgetown to be taxed for the old Sewer (so called) to provide interest and sinking fund for those two loans for sewer purposes.

Also a rate of \$1.00 on the \$100 of the assessed value of real estate in the said town of Bridgetown under the special assessment made by the finance committee of the council for that purpose and attached to the general assessment roll of the town liable to be taxed for the construction, repairs and maintenance and to provide interest and sinking fund for the Granville Street East Sewer extension under and by virtue of the act of legislation given the said town council of the said town of Bridgetown by chapter 51 of the acts of legislation of the Province of Nova Scotia for the year 1915 entitled "An act to authorize the town of Bridgetown to borrow money for the extension of the Sewerage System of the town as amended by chapter 55 of the acts for the year 1915."

Also a special rate of 10 cents on the \$100 of the assessed value of property and income on such roll to be known as the highway tax as authorized and empowered by chapter 3 of the acts of the Province of Nova Scotia for the year 1917. Moved by Coun. Moses seconded by Coun. Clute and passed that the finance committee of the Council be and are hereby appointed a committee to raise and correct the rate book of the town for its present year when prepared by the Clerk and to report the same as raised and corrected to this at its next meeting to be held Friday evening, April 2nd next.

Mr. J. I. Foster appeared before the council and stated a grievance of not being given a hearing before the Assessment appeal court. After some discussion it was moved by Coun. Anderson seconded by Coun. Warren and passed that in the opinion of this council it had no jurisdiction in the matter.

Mr. Geo Gill asked for an increase in salary which was referred to police committee to report at next regular meeting.

## EXCURSIONS TO ANNAPOLIS

(Spectator)

June 3rd, the King's Birthday, is being set by the Band for a grand outdoor sports day in Annapolis Royal. It is expected that there will be excursions here from other towns and everybody will join in to make a big event.

## THE FLOOD IN THE ANNAPOLIS VALLEY

### Water Reached the Highest Point Ever Recorded. Queen and South Streets Covered From Mrs. Fisher's Block to Mrs. R. L. Lessel's Residence. D. A. R. Tracks Under Water, Just the Top Arms Showing on the Telegraph Poles. Traffic Bridge Destroyed.

Sunday, March 14th, 1920, will go down as an important date in not only the history of Bridgetown, but the entire Annapolis Valley.

About four o'clock in the morning the ice broke in this portion of the Annapolis River and in a few minutes almost the entire river overspread its banks and by 7 a. m. had reached the highest point ever recorded and continued at this high level up to Monday morning when it began to recede and is now at tidal level. Rain began Friday afternoon and

the main crossing the river which deprived all the people from water who reside on Queen and South Street.

The town was also in darkness Sunday night with no means of communication with the power house, the private telephone line being broken.

At Middleton the water was over the first floor of several houses on Bridge street and dozens of cellars were flooded.

At Brickton and all along both sides of the river, including Lawrencetown and Paradise, people were compelled



THE TRAFFIC BRIDGE BEFORE THE DISASTER

to move from the houses on the low levels, and quite a number of cattle were drowned in the barns.

The new D. A. R. station yard was flooded at Bridgetown and the water was up to the cars on the sidings.

Quite a large quantity of timber was floated from Beeler & Peters' factory yard and a quantity of cordwood from Mr. R. J. Messinger's yard, Granville street, but considerable of the latter washed ashore and was picked up by the owner, assisted by Mr. Charles McLaughlin, of the MONITOR staff.

At Bear River, the traffic bridge was destroyed and people are compelled to around the head of the tide to get from Digby to Annapolis counties.

At Digby the basement of H. T. Warner's large business block was flooded and about \$2,000 worth of goods destroyed.

The dredging plant and all shipping at Digby rode out the gale in safety; the south west wind making it smooth along the harbor front.

Saturday night's Yarmouth-Halifax "Sleeper" remained at Weymouth, the Yarmouth-Middleton freight was stalled at Bridgetown and Saturday night's Halifax-Annapolis express at Lawrencetown.

The Western Union Telegraph wires went out of business Saturday night. The Maritime Telephone and

Communication, except by telephone, was soon cut off Sunday morning between the north and south sides of the town. Queen and South streets being under water from Mrs. Fisher's business block to Mrs. R. L. Lessel's residence, and all along the water front at that level. Dozens of cellars were also flooded.

Mr. J. T. Foster's loss is about \$1500 worth of flour, feed and sugar.

Among the houses on the South side of the river which were flooded were Mr. Louis Ricketson's and Mr. Parker Whitman's. The town water was turned off Queen street owing to the bursting of

The power plant at Lawrencetown was under water Sunday but stood the test without a break. It will be running as soon as it can be dried out.

Working trains from Kentville were running yesterday as far west as Bridgetown East, and the regular train service will be resumed much sooner than it was expected by many of our residents.

The railway line is said to be clear from Yarmouth to Annapolis and that the regular express reached Annapolis yesterday.

### AN IMPORTANT MEETING

#### N. S. Delegates To The G. W. V. A. Dominion Convention

HALIFAX, March 11—The following delegates will represent their respective locals at the Dominion convention of the G. W. V. A. to be held in Montreal on the 22nd inst. They will travel by a special car attached to the Ocean Limited on the 20th, and in Montreal will reside at the Windsor hotel.

Amherst—C. E. Bent.  
Annapolis—A. Kitsall.  
Arichat—M. S. Binet.

Bear River—W. D. Tait.  
Bridgewater—K. D. Clark.  
Digby—M. C. Denton.

Glace Bay—Dan Macdougall, R. Brown.  
Halifax—G. E. MacLeod, J. E. Ralston, J. F. Down.

Inverness—J. McKinnon.  
Joggins—J. Kent.  
Liverpool—Dr. G. B. Trites.

Louisburg—T. Scott.  
Middleton—H. P. Hamilton.  
New Glasgow—R. D. Graham.

New Waterford—S. Hoyer.  
Pictou—J. W. Macdonald.  
Springhill—R. Murray.

Stellarton—Dr. G. W. Whitman.  
Sydney—G. Barratt.  
Sydney Mines—Dr. N. Macdonald, A. Coll.

Truro—Dr. S. C. MacArthur.  
Wallace—J. A. McKinnon.  
Yarmouth—T. Burnes.

Proxy votes for the other locals will be carried by the provincial president, vice-president, provincial secretary, Dr. Whitman and R. R. Murray.

### SUDDEN DEATH AT CLARENCE

Tom Jenkins, (colored) aged about 50 years, who had been chopping hoop poles all day Tuesday, March 9th, for J. S. Moses, dropped dead late that afternoon while talking to Wheelock Marshall at Clarence. A physician was immediately summoned. No inquest was thought necessary.

Interment took place the following day, the funeral services being conducted by Rev. M. J. Richardson pastor of the Bridgetown Baptist church. Jenkins was a native of Hammond's Plains, Halifax Co.

Anyone who sees too much these days and would prefer going about for a while with one eye might advocate daylight saving among the farmers near Bridgetown.

## BOARD OF TRADE

### Annual Meeting Held Monday Evening and Officers Elected

The annual meeting of the Bridgetown Board of Trade was held Monday evening.

The President, Mr. E. A. Hicks, gave an interesting synopsis of the business transacted during the past year, and thanked the officers, the Council and members for the assistance given him in carrying out the work.

The treasurer's and auditors' reports showed a satisfactory year financially. The following officers were elected:

E. A. Hicks, President.  
H. B. MacKenzie, Vice President.  
W. R. Longmire, Secy-Treas.

Council—H. S. Magee, O. S. Dunham, J. W. Salter, C. B. Longmire, W. H. Maxwell, Dr. M. E. Armstrong, K. Freeman and F. E. Bath.

Auditors—A. F. Little, R. V. Arnold.

The room in the Royal Bank Building, was engaged for another year on the same terms of rental, but the reading room will be discontinued and subscriptions to papers and magazines stopped.

A considerable amount of important business was transacted.

The Bridgetown Board of Trade has rendered valuable assistance to the town and has been the means of improved mail service, and other matters of public interest which is not only a benefit to the residents of Bridgetown but to those of the entire Annapolis Valley.

### FATAL ACCIDENT AT CLARENCE

#### Willard Phinney Fell Down Stairs and Did Not Regain Consciousness

A special telephone message to the MONITOR announces the sad death of Willard Phinney, aged 78 years, which occurred at the home of Mr. Everett Sproule, Clarence, Sunday afternoon. He accidentally slipped and fell down stairs, and although he received the best very best attention, passed away without regaining consciousness. The deceased was single and had resided with Mr. and Mrs. Sproule for many years. He leaves one brother James in Newcastle, N. B., and one sister, Mrs. Emma Sproule, in Newburyport, Mass. The funeral took place yesterday afternoon with interment in the Rumsey burying ground at Clarence, the service being conducted by Rev. I. A. Corbitt, pastor of the Paradise Baptist Church.

It was said on Saturday that the traffic on the Boston-Yarmouth steamer route this summer is expected to be a record breaker, and arrangements are now being made for a two steamer service. The Prince Edward and Prince George are now being prepared, and it is estimated they will not be able to handle all the passenger traffic offering.

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**SATURDAY NIGHT, March 20th**  
A Special Mixed Show. "Pathe News", "FLAT BROKE", with Harry Pollard; "CHARMING MKS. CHASE" a 2 reel feature with John Cumberland, and a "Lloyd Comedy" "SOFT MONEY."

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