

## SPECIAL MEETING TOWN COUNCIL COUNCIL CHAMBERS THURSDAY NIGHT

Town Council met in special session on the 14th instant, Mayor Morrissey in the chair. Aldermen present: Doyle, McCabe, Mackay, Miller, Sargeant, Stothart, and later, McGrath.

Following bills were passed:  
Finance  
J. & A. McMillan \$24.00  
J. D. Creaghan Co. 16.50  
\$40.50  
Public Works  
H. A. Russell \$4.30  
J. Jardine & Co. 6.85  
J. H. Sargeant 21.80  
D. J. Buckley 86.86  
John Ferguson & Sons 57.00  
H. B. Rainsford 10.00  
\$186.81

In the absence of Chairman Kethro, the following Police Committee bills were moved by Ald. Doyle, seconded by Ald. Sargeant:  
Russell & Morrison (2 rain-coats for Police) \$7.00  
Union Advocate 1.25  
J. D. Kennedy (clothing for Police, including \$5.00 for repairs) 62.50  
A. A. Davidson (for prosecuting 32 cases under C. T. A. from June to Dec. 31st, 1914) 192.00  
\$262.75

Ald. Miller wondered how the Chairman could have authorized the item for repairs.

Ald. Doyle said that it was customary and right, that policemen should be supplied with clothing. He knew nothing personally of this bill but the chairman had told him by phone that it had all been ordered by him, and he (Doyle) thought it all right.

Ald. Miller protested that he had never heard of the Council before, ever paying for pressing and cleaning of policemen's suits. He would not stand for it. And moreover, the policemen were not doing their duty in an entirely satisfactory way. The one who was present knew this and the public would soon know it. He wanted a division taken on this vote.

Yeas—Ald. Doyle, Mackay, McCabe, Sargeant, Stothart.  
Nays—Ald. Miller.

Following bills passed:  
Park & Fire  
Geo. Stables \$ .20  
J. H. Sargeant 3.00  
R. G. Anderson & Sons 16.08  
\$21.08

Light & Water  
Following Light & Water bills were passed:  
H. A. Russell \$11.85  
John Morrissey 5.75  
Crandall, Harrison & Co. 140.50  
I. C. Coal Mining Co. 69.13  
I. C. Coal Mining Co. 239.25  
T. McAvity & Sons 13.12  
Col. Lubricating Co. 61.35  
Can. Gen. Elec. Co. 270.25  
The following report was received:

Newcastle, N. B.  
Dec. 31st, 1914

To the Chairman of the Fire Department:

I herewith present to you for your consideration my report of the Newcastle Fire Department for year ending Dec. 31, 1914.

The apparatus in the Fire House is in good condition. The Steam Fire Engine was overhauled and is now in good working order. The following new parts were procured for it, namely:

One new plunger new valves in pump, new suction hose.

The engine was taken apart and thoroughly cleaned. The hand engine is still at the store house and is out of commission. I gave notice of this last year in my report and would advise you to have it put in running order as it would be of some service at certain fires.

The firemen are attending to their duties satisfactorily and are prompt in answering all alarms.

During the year we have been very fortunate, as only nine alarms were rung in, and of these only one was of a very serious nature, namely the one which destroyed the stable owned by Mr. Edward Dalton. This goes to prove that the residents of the town are endeavoring to take the

necessary precautions to guard against fire and in doing this are helping the department.

The alarms rung in are as follows:  
Feb. 12—Wm. D. Stothart's residence—light damage.  
Feb. 17—Henry Treadwell's residence—light damage.  
Apr. 12—Residence at station owned by Mrs. Watt. Slight damage to roof.  
Apr. 30—Wm. Ronan's residence—No damage.  
Aug. 19—Stable owned by Edw. Dalton, completely destroyed, besides a number of horses.  
Aug. 31—Harold Russell's blacksmith shop—badly damaged.  
Sept. 1—Jas. Sullivan's residence—No damage.  
Oct. 13—Residence occupied by Mrs. Mary Chambers—no damage.  
Nov. 10—Small store house at Wireless Station. Totally destroyed.  
Nov. 19—David Dinan's residence—No damage.

At present there is 1400 feet of serviceable hose. I would strongly urge upon you to procure from 500 to 1000 feet at your earliest possible convenience. I might add here that the arrangement made for conveying fire apparatus to fires has proven of great advantage to the department and, I presume, to the Council as well. I would also advise you to procure one pair horse collars for use at the Fire Station.

The firemen at present are: C. M. Dickison, chief; B. F. Maltby-Lieut.; W. P. Stables, Sec.; Hosemen—H. A. Taylor, J. Fallon, F. Masson, W. J. Dunn, G. T. Bethune, B. D. Hennessy, C. Delano, W. Ferguson, W. A. MacMaster, C. P. Stothart, P. Russell and P. Brown.

I wish, on behalf of the members of the Department, to thank the Mayor and Council for their hearty co-operation in all matters pertaining to the good and welfare of the Fire Department.

Hoping this report will meet with the entire approval of the Board, I am, sir, your obedient servant.

C. M. DICKISON,  
Chief N. F. D.

Ald. McKay, seconded by Ald. Sargeant, moved that the report be received and printed in Town Book.

Ald. Miller expressed his great appreciation of the work done by the firemen. He thought that the Park & Fire Committee should be empowered to procure what the company requested. Some of the firemen had shown him the great advantage of the one siamese they had got, they should have two, and all the extra hose they asked for. He moved an amendment to that effect.

The Mayor said that the Park & Fire Committee were the ones to recommend purchase of new apparatus.

Ald. Mackay said that the committee had intended to buy 300 to 500 feet of new hose this month or the next. Would there be need of special authorization?

Ald. Miller—Yes; certainly.

The Mayor—The committee is there to get what is necessary.

Ald. Miller—It would be necessary to have the endorsement of the Council to buy new hose. He for one would heartily agree.

Ald. Stothart—Have we as much more, or less serviceable hose than we have last year?

Ald. Mackay—The same length of hose, but some is not quite so serviceable.

The Mayor—It is two years old.

The following report was read:  
Newcastle, N. B.  
Dec. 31, 1914

To His Worship the Mayor and Aldermen of the Newcastle Town Council,

Gentlemen,

I beg leave to submit the following report of the Board of Health District No. 29 (Town of Newcastle) for the past year.

The health of the District has been very good, except a few cases of scarlet fever and diphtheria, without any fatal results from either of these diseases.

Scarlet fever breaks out here every year or so, and we take every means to stamp it out, by strict quarantine and fumigation, etc. When a new case is discovered we can generally trace the source of infection to outside districts. We therefore feel that a better system of quarantine and fumigation in outside districts should be enforced.

There have been 37 deaths in the district during the year (six less than last year). The causes of death are as follows: Chronic bronchitis, 1; hemorrhage of the brain, 1; old age, 4; pneumonia, 4; heart disease, 6; tuberculosis, 8; Inanition, 1; cholera infantum, 3; cancer, 3; suffocation, 1; drowning, 1; paralysis, 1; marasmus, 1; senile debility, 1; colitis; 1; septicemia, 1.

Respectfully submitted,  
R. L. MALTBY,  
Chairman.

R. Nicholson, M. D.  
Secretary.

Board of Health District No. 29.  
P. S.—The members of the Board are the same as last year, as follows: Edward Hickey, James H. Phinney, Hugh Morris, R. Nicholson M. D., secretary; R. L. Maltby, chairman.

Attached, you will find an account of the receipts and expenditures of the Board for the year ending Dec. 31, 1914.

Receipts and Expenditures  
1914

Jan. 1 Bal. in Royal Bank	\$202.84
Unexpended appropriation from 1913	800.00
Mar. 31 W. O. Chamberlain, salary as Insp.	\$15.00
July 2 H. K. Maltby	12.00
July 2 B. F. Maltby	1.50
July 24 W. O. Chamberlain, salary	15.00
Aug. 24 Wm. B. McCullam	3.00
Sept. 16 A. E. Shaw	3.00
Sept. 20 Wm. B. McCullam	3.32
Nov. 6 Wm. B. McCullam	3.32
Dec. 2 Wm. B. McCullam	3.32
Wm. B. McCullam	3.32
N. S. Leader	5.75
R. L. Maltby	50.00
T. J. Durick	11.65
Bal. in Royal Bank	47.22
Bal. of appropriation in hands of town	800.00
\$1002.84	\$1002.84

On motion Ald. Doyle and Miller, the report was received and referred to Finance committee, to be, if correct, printed in Town Book.

The Police Magistrate's Report for quarter ending Dec. 31st, showed 65 cases. Drunkenness, 41; vagrancy, 9; stealing fruit, 3; assault, 2; escaping from lockup, 1. Fines allowed to stand, 5; allowed to stand, to go to work, 4; costs paid and fines allowed to stand, 2; went to gaol, 6; went to gaol, but fines paid to jailer, 2.

Fines and costs paid \$288.25; magistrate's fees, \$168.00; constables' fees, \$17.25; balance to town, \$103.00.

The Police Magistrate's report for 1914 showed 74 cases—10 search warrants, 4 dismissed, 4 dropped; 3 convictions for second offence and 53 for first.

Total fines and costs collected \$3206.20.

Magistrates' fees	\$235.00
Court & Witness fees	228.76
J. & A. McMillan for seals.	2.25
465.95	
Cheque to Town Clerk	2740.25
\$3206.20	

Ald. Miller said that the last quarterly report of the Police Magistrate had been referred to the Finance Committee and no report had been heard from it. He moved, seconded by Ald. Sargeant, that the reports of the P. M. be received and referred to the Finance Committee.

Ald. Stothart said that the second last report had been referred to the Police Committee and there had been no report from it either. The Finance Committee had discussed the last report but had decided that it really belonged to the Police Committee to whom the former report had been referred.

Ald. Miller said they should get down to facts and have last year's business cleared up. He understood that the Police Magis-

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trate should be placed upon a salary basis. The M. P. was a good officer; he had no fault to find that way. What he had said about the policemen doing their duty was in a general way. They were good officers but were not satisfying the people. Were the Council afraid to deal with the M. P's report? If he (Miller) were Ald. Stothart's bookkeeper he would not be allowed to end the year's accounts so.

Ald. Stothart said that, as one of the Finance Committee to whom the report had been referred, it seemed hard to act upon the thing. The Committee had considered the salary proposition, but had not thought that would be best. Their decision was that the Report be received and accepted as it stood.

Ald. McGrath said that many people thought the council should do something with the report. But he saw nothing definite to authorize the council interfering. How were they concerned with the P. M.'s? The Government appointed him and stipulates that he be paid by the Court proceeds—fees, etc.—or by salary.

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