

## FOR BETTER RAILWAY ACCOMMODATION

### Newcastle Board of Trade Determined to Obtain Justice for the Upper End of the County

#### SEVENTEEN NEW MEMBERS

At the regular monthly meeting of Newcastle Board of Trade Monday night, seventeen new applications for membership were accepted, bringing the total membership up to 76. The new members are: John Betts and J. J. Clarke, Millerton; F. D. Swim, Doaktown; John McColan, Northesk; John A. Flett and T. W. Flett, Nelson; P. A. Forsyth, Whitneyville; Mayor Pedolin, O. Nicholson, J. G. Layton, John A. Whalen, A. E. Shaw, R. Lingley, Neil O'Brien, H. W. K. Maltby, John W. Miller and Rev. W. J. Bate.

The secretary having read an offer from a Washington man who would sell cheap the Canadian patent of a new Fertilizer Distributor and grain sower, which could be manufactured for from \$22 to \$25 and take the place of the much more expensive machines used, the secretary, on motion of W. H. Belyea and Ald. Clark, was directed to ask inventor to send a sample machine that local woodworkers might have a chance to look into the matter. Most of the parts of the machine could be made by local men thus leaving for a new factory only the manufacture of certain parts and the assembling of all, and the sale, etc. Initial cost of factory need not be more than \$1000. The patent right was offered for \$500, or it might be leased on royalty of \$2 on each machine.

On motion of Ald. Stuart and H. Williston, it was resolved to urge upon the I. R. C. management a change in the running of No. 40 mixed train, which leaves Campbellton eastbound at 19 o'clock, but travels too slowly to be of any use for passengers beyond Bathurst, so that such train might leave Campbellton at 18:30 and reach Moncton in time to connect with the express for St. John at 3:10 and the Eastern S. S. Co.'s boats for the U. S. A., and with the mixed that leaves Moncton for Halifax at 3:20; also to have No. 39 which leaves Moncton at 22:40 and takes 18 hours to Campbellton leave Moncton early in the morning and reach Campbellton about noon the same day, such change to be embodied in new summer time table. These changes are also favored by Chatham Board of Trade.

The Board strongly protested against the time table of the Blackville branch train. There is only one mixed train each way per day. This takes 1 hour and six minutes between Millerton and Derby Junction, a distance of only four miles. Returning from Newcastle train is almost always very late; while coming this way it has so much time to spare. The amount of shunting necessary at Blackville, Lower Derby Derby Jct., necessitates two days—one freight and one passenger. The output of Lower Derby mill is about to be increased and this will still further increase traffic. The Managing Committee promise no relief.

Mr. Murdoch and others have condemned the state of affairs on the Blackville branch. It takes from 1 1/2 to three hours to go from Newcastle to Renous, only 17 1/2 miles.

T. A. Hurley of Blissfield wanted better communication between Doaktown and Newcastle.

Committee consisting of Pres. Hennessy, Secretary McCurdy and John Ferguson were appointed to prepare and circulate petitions be-

tween Doaktown and Newcastle asking for improved suburban service between those points, so as to allow people along the line to do business with Newcastle under more favorable conditions. Immediate attention to the removal of sunken blocks off Redbank, dredging at Lawlor's shore, dredging between Newcastle and Nelson, and providing suitable wharfs along the North West Miramichi were strongly urged upon the Dominion Government. The wharves between here and Redbank were in most disgraceful condition, making it dangerous for women to travel by the Boat, and seriously hindering the growth of traffic by the Boat.

## BREACH OF PROMISE ACTION

### George English of Nelson is Defendant in Action Brought by Catherine E. Vye, Who asks \$5 000.

In North Shore circles some little stir has been created by an action for breach of promise now brought by Miss Catherine E. Vye of Nelson, who resides with her mother there, against Mr. George English, a butcher, of the same place. The parties have been keeping company for some time and the filing of a writ by the plaintiff through her attorney, Mr. R. A. Lawlor, in the Supreme Court, is the sequel to their courtship. The damages to her affections are estimated at \$5000.

The plaintiff resides at home with her brother. She is somewhat younger than the defendant who is 45 years old. The defendant has employed Mr. Allan Davidson of Newcastle, to act in his behalf.

## MILITIA TO BE REORGANIZED

### The Maritime Provinces Districts to be United Under One Command.

Ottawa, Ont., April 29.—It is announced in the militia orders today that in order to reorganize the militia on a divisional basis the four commands in Eastern Canada will be reconstituted so as to form six divisional areas, providing six infantry divisions and four cavalry brigades. The change affecting the maritime provinces is that by which the sixth divisional area replaces military districts numbers 8, 9 and 12 comprising the provinces of New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island with headquarters at Halifax. To each divisional area will be appointed an officer to command the infantry division to be organized in that area and in addition to command and administer such other units as may be quartered in the divisional area.

### PROTECTING MILL

The waste burning pit at Buckley's mill, from which sparks frequently caught last year on adjoining fences etc., is being very much deepened and made much more safe.

## TOWN COUNCIL DIS- CUSS NEW INDUSTRY

### Receive Deputation at Regular Meeting and Grant Most Liberal Inducements—Sharp Discussion on Wages and Land Tax Exemption

#### OFFICERS APPOINTED

The Town Council met on the 27th ultimo, the full board present. The Young Men's Dancing Class was granted, on Ald. Butler's motion, use of the Town Hall two evenings per week at \$2 per night. Following bills were passed:

Finance Committee—North Shore Leader, \$40.50; H. B. Rainsford, \$420.

Water and Light—I. C. Coal Mining Co., \$202.08; Darling Bros. Ltd., \$6.30; T. McAvity & Sons Ltd., \$3.25; Garlock Packing Co., \$17.08; R. C. Miller Oil Supply Co., \$7.63; Miller's Foundry, \$0.85; Imperial Oil Co., \$5.25; Canada General Electric Co., \$10.57.—total \$253.01.

Police—N. S. Leader, \$4.00. Park & Fire—H. K. Maltby, \$2.

On recommendation of Police Committee following officers were appointed for ensuing year, overseer of poor being omitted as coming properly within the sphere of the County:

Scalers of Leather—Edward Hickey, Edward O'Donnell.

Measurers of Stone—C. E. Fish, John Williamson.

Surveyors of Lumber—J. G. Layton, H. H. Lamont, John Dalton, J. E. T. Lindon, R. Lingley, H. S. Lindon, Jeremiah Craig, John Robinson, John Matheson, Benj. Reid, Thos. Holloran, Thos. Hickey, James Craig, Michael Craig, John Williams, Dan Sullivan, J. Robertson Allison, John Woods, Charles Cassidy.

Ferry-men—L. Coughlan, L. McDonald, John Russell.

Inspectors of Butter—John Dalton, H. Wyse.

Fence Viewers—John Foran, Charles Cranmond, Sr.

Inspectors of Fish—T. W. Crocker, A. H. Vye.

Surveyors of Dams—Thos. Herbert, Wm. E. Fish.

Boom Masters—Andrew Cobb, James Baizley.

Inspectors of Shingles—H. B. Cassidy, Henry Ingram.

Constables—T. C. Hill, Adam Dickison, John Ashford, Wm. Galliah, H. B. Cassidy, Andrew Mather, Wm. Irving, Thos. Fallon, John Jardine, Arthur Petrie, Geo. Johnston, Wm. J. Black, Samuel Matheson, D. C. Smallwood, Edward Hickey.

Hog Reeves—Timothy Carroll, John Edmunds, James Dalton.

Pound Keepers—J. D. McAuley, James Dalton.

Weighers of Hay and Coal—Thos. Malby, J. D. Paulin, G. G. Stothart, D. W. Stothart, H. Carter, John Russell.

Revisors of Votes—O. Nicholson, P. J. McEvoy.

Policemen and Scott Act Inspectors—T. C. Hill, A. Dickison.

Board of Health—Col. R. L. Maltby, Hugh Morris, R. Nicholson, M. D., A. H. MacKay, Edward Hickey.

Auditor—A. S. Murray.

Ald. Stables complained that last year the hog Reeves had not done their duty.

The Mayor and Town Clerk, on recommendation of Finance Committee, were authorized to issue thirty debentures of \$1000 each, redeemable in 40 years, bearing 5 per cent interest, in order to pay off floating indebtedness. Former bonds floated at 4 per cent had realized only 86. Five per cent bonds would probably sell at par.

H. W. Robertson, barrister, of St. John, was heard for the J. W. Miller Extract Co., Ltd., which is being organized to build a Tanning Extract factory somewhere in this County. Mr. Miller was also present.

Mr. Robertson had no definite offer as to locating here, but wished to have following option from the Council.—That the Town should guarantee a fixed valuation for 20 years of the Anderson property (now owned by Crandall & Harris) at \$5000 instead of \$3000 as at present and of the R. Corey Clark property, now assessed at \$1350, at 5-8 of its present assessment. Also that Town should agree to supply either by connection with Town pipes or with reservoir, or by well, a daily amount of 25000 gallons of water, the well if sunk and found suitable to be taken over and paid for by the Company. He said that the Council's answer would have influence upon the Company's decision as to whether they would locate here.

The proposition was referred to a Committee of the whole, with Ald. Clark chairman.

In committee of the whole, His Worship argued against tapping the town's suction pipe for water. Town's supply was a well 250 feet deep. There were some twenty wells in the town from 85 to 110 feet deep that were running without any apparent diminution of the town supply. He favored sinking a new well for the company.

Mr. Robertson said he could not guarantee the company's taking over a well, but he thought it would.

Mr. Robertson also said that the company would know what it would do inside four months, probably in one month.

Six of the Aldermen appeared favorable to giving the company all the tax exemption asked for.

To Ald. Butler's question whether company would not be satisfied with assessment at present value all future improvements to be exempt, Mr. Robertson said that the company might reasonably have asked for total exemption, but would ask for only a three-eighths reduction from the present assessment. He considered present valuation too high anyway. The proposed factory would employ 40 to 50 men the year round, payroll probably \$20,000 a year. If tannery were built it would employ ten men more.

Ald. Clark favored reducing assessment to \$5000 on Anderson property. The taxes from the factory's workmen would swell the revenue of the town and more than make up for the loss of taxes from the company.

To Ald. Stuart's enquiry as to the lowest wages that the company would pay to common labor, Mr. Miller said he could not guarantee anything in that line, but it would be probably \$1.50 a day.

Ald. Clark said that as wages depended upon the labor market, it was useless to ask such questions.

Ald. Stuart said that the question of wages was the most important of all.

Ald. Stables said that many people had grumbled about the low wages the Anderson factory had paid but they now wished the Anderson people had stayed. The question was, can we get this factory to locate here. Fifty cents a day was all some people were worth. He himself, in the old country, had worked four years for his board and was glad to get it.

Ald. Butler was against exempting from taxation anything but improvements, but finally made a compromise motion to fix assessment at six-eighths of the present instead of five-eighths as asked by the company.

Ald. Stuart held out against any exemption except for improvements—the town should not offer a bonus in the way of reduced taxation on the actual value of the land to be acquired by the company; but he was willing that all improvements the company should make should be exempt for twenty years.

The committee finally reported in favor of

- (1) The town sinking a test well;
- (2) Fixing valuation of real estate acquired for their industries by the J. W. Miller Extract Co. Ltd., at three-quarters of the present valuation for next twenty years, whenever it shall be ascertained that by doing so the industries will locate here.

His Worship resumed the chair, and Ald. Clark reported decision of committee of the whole.

On motion of Ald. Stuart, the report was taken up section by section.

Section 1 carried on motion of Ald. Stuart and Sargeant.

Section 2 carried on motion of Ald. Butler, Ald. Stuart's amendment providing that the council agree to exempt only improvements, not the land itself, from taxation for twenty years being lost.

On motion of Ald. Stuart and Kethro it was resolved to hold the above offer open for four months.

Ald. Kethro proposed opening up of street from Sportville street to the I. R. C. Station at once. There was land there that a through street would open up and greatly increase in value.

Ald. Butler said that five years ago he had secured right of way for half the street from Mrs. Watt and Mr. McCallum, and he had no doubt the right could now be secured from all three proprietors.

Ald. Russell said, why not open the same street down ward to Pleasant Street?

Ald. Clark and Sargeant moved that matter be referred to special committee.

Ald. Butler and Russell moved that the Board of Works be authorized to take such steps with respect to opening this street to the I. R. C. Station as they deemed advisable in the interests of the Town.

Amendment carried.

It was moved by Ald. Stuart and Russell and carried, That the Board of Works be authorized to take such action with respect to continuing Sportville Street from the King's Highway to Pleasant Street as they deemed advisable in the interests of the Town.

Ald. Sargeant reported that the horse that had been used for Town work was now needed by its owner. His Worship suggested that the

## THIRD OF BANGOR CITY WAS BURNED

### Two Lives Lost, Forty Blocks Destroyed and Over A Thousand People Are Homeless

#### MARTIAL LAW PROCLAIMED

Bangor, Me., May 1.—Property valued at upwards of \$6,000,000 was destroyed and thousands of people rendered homeless by a terrible fire which raged here yesterday.

At 8 a. m. today the fire was virtually extinguished and no further spread of the flames was anticipated. One-third of the city had been destroyed, including about forty city blocks, and some of the finest homes in the residential part of Bangor, also of the public buildings with the exception of the city hall and the greater part of the retail business section.

Estimates of the loss varied and were problematic, although it was generally thought at least \$6,000,000 worth of property had been destroyed. The loss of life, so far as known this morning, was confined to two persons, and only half a dozen injured ones had been admitted to the hospitals.

To aid the police in the protection of the little heaps of furniture and clothing saved from the fire by individuals, one company of militia men patrolled the burned district and effectually prevented all attempts at looting the ruins.

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## I. C. R. PICTURES ARE APPRECIATED

### And Help to Advertise Attractions of Eastern Canada.

The Intercolonial Railway has just completed the distribution of an issue of very handsome framed lithos of the famous summer train the "Ocean Limited" and many appreciative letters are daily being received from shippers and other patrons of the railway in Quebec, Ontario and the West, where the distribution was in large measure confined.

The picture shows the Ocean Limited rounding at full speed one of the curves of the shore at Bedford Basin. It is a beautiful scene and the coloring is a very faithful representation of the true loveliness of the verdure, and the shimmering hue of this picturesque ocean inlet.

Prominent display is being given these pictures in hotels, public buildings, Telegraph and Express offices, and in many places where the travelling public is most likely to notice them and be charmed accordingly.

They should play a prominent part in calling the attention of travellers to the attractions of the Maritime Provinces, and the advantages of the route traversed by the I. C. R. and in another important link in the chain of publicity which the Intercolonial has in recent years given to Eastern Canada.

## SMALLPOX

Proprietor Moses Whitney and one other patient are quarantined in the Royal Hotel for Smallpox. Harry Murphy is also quarantined at his home. In the who's county only about a dozen cases remain of the four hundred. At Fair Isle and Legaceville and Neguac, there were seventy-five cases and the disease there has been stamped out. There are two or three cases at New Jersey and the Grand Downs still under quarantine there. Col. Maltby has placed guards on the roads leading to Kent county to prevent fresh infection from that quarter.

Water & Light Committee take steps to have a railway siding put in at the Power House.

Ald. Butler said that the Committee already had the matter under consideration.

Ald. Sargeant reported that the sewer on Pleasant Street was filling up. He thought that the sewer from the Opera House cellar carried mud and gravel into it. The cellars of Messrs. Armstrong, Davidson and C. E. Fish also drained into this sewer.

On motion adjourned.