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### CLOSING SESSION OF THE KING'S COUNTY COUNCIL

Hampton, N. B., Jan. 24.—The municipal council concluded its business this afternoon. On petition of the residents of Smith's Creek the completion of the road from Newton to Jordan Mountain will be suspended. The building committee was ordered to install a modern heating system in the court house. D. McKenna, editor of the Sussex Record, asked for a grant of \$200 in aid of a illustrated number to be distributed in areas Britain to advertise Kings County. The grant was refused. Instead of giving a grant of \$200 to the Sussex and St. John Agricultural Society the council recommended that the necessary assistance be given by the provincial government. A committee was appointed to report to the council on the consolidation and reprinting of the atlas books of the county records, some of which are 100 years old. Lewis Perry's bill for \$18 for time lost while in quarantine established by officials of the council was struck out. The Board of Health presented his bill for \$498.45 as ordered paid. W. G. Ashall, vice president officer, was reappointed at a salary of \$200 a year. Coun. Gilbert presented the case of the parish of Robbsey for having a re-valuation made and the actual value, he contended, not being more than \$422,400, the remainder of the \$500,000 put on by the valuers having been on fictitious values which had since disappeared. This included twenty-one ships of the Thomson company then registered at Robbsey, while now there were only four, also \$10,000 on the Macdonald Metal Company, \$20,000 on the Prince Royal Mining Company, \$20,000 on the New Brunswick Telephone Company, and several others, all of which had either disappeared altogether or had been re-duced. If the council did not see fit to ask the legislature to pass a bill authorizing the re-valuation of Robbsey parish alone was defeated by a large majority. On motion a committee was appointed to present the resolution recommending the dismissal of Dr. F. H. Wetmore as chairman of the county board of health to the local government. The wardens named Councillors Hamford Price, E. R. Folkins and Perry. A. J. Murray and the wardens were appointed delegates to the next meeting of the N. B. Union of Municipalities.

WOODSTOCK AND SUSSEX FOLLOW. Woodstock and Sussex have joined the ranks of the towns which are to have model orchards. After hearing A. G. Turney's lecture in Woodstock last evening, five men agreed to subscribe \$200 each for the purpose, and possibly another \$1,000 may be raised. On their own initiative, the members of the Sussex Board of Trade yesterday raised \$1,000 for an orchard and decided to go ahead as soon as they could secure the benefit of Mr. Turney's advice.

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### SAYS ITALY HAS MADE A BLUNDER

War in Tripoli Useless Undertaking Says Ashmead-Bartlett

AMBITION LED HER ON

Sought to Found a Colonial Empire—Writer's View of Her Calculations is That There Will Be Little Return for it All

(By E. Ashmead-Bartlett, in the Academy, London.) I have often been asked the very pertinent question, "Is Tripoli of any value to the Italians?" To outward observations it is absolutely worthless. In Tripoli, because the conquests are not made because of their commercial value; they are usually the result of the ambition of every nation to expand when it desires its population emigrating year by year. The Italian government is peculiarly alarmed at this tendency of the people to leave Italy and settle in Canada and the United States, where they can grow rich and prosperous, and at the same time escape the crowding in Tripoli. There has been an absurd report going about that Italy made her million coup when Tripoli because the Germans intended to seize the country. But no proof has ever been produced in support of this statement, and it is so absurd in itself that it can be lightly dismissed. If Germany was not in a position to fight over Morocco, she certainly was not any more prepared to fight over Tripoli. Had she attempted to seize the country it would have led to an immediate ultimatum from France and England, for France could not afford to have her on the Tunisian frontier and would not permit any treaty with Germany. Germany army established on the frontier of Egypt. Also the anti-German critics overlook the strategic role of the question. Can Germany afford to divide her fleet? The North Sea is a great danger to her in the Mediterranean, and if it was to be held in time of war, would necessitate a division of her fleet which would be playing into the hands of her enemies with a vengeance. No; the supposition will not bear a moment's consideration. Italy's intervention in Tripoli must be sought for elsewhere.

Eyes on Africa For many years Italy has been desirous of obtaining a colonial empire in Africa. Her expeditions in Somalia and against Abyssinia met with little success. Adowa postponed the day of colonial expansion for Italy, but the memory of Adowa has faded into the past. The army has been reorganized the finances are being reorganized, and every year for the last ten years there has been a surplus in the annual budgets and the treasury chest is being used against the day of colonial expansion. The people have been urged to sacrifice for the sake of the empire, and the army has long been anxious to see the day when they would be sent to Africa. Only Tripoli was left to seize. The rest of northern Africa was already in the possession of England, France, Germany, and the United States. The settlement of the long outstanding Morocco question seemed the psychological moment to strike, and therefore the conquest of Tripoli was the only advantage to be derived from the occupation of Tripoli never entered into the consideration of the Italians at all. All they knew about the country was that: At one time it was a prosperous province of the Roman Empire, and exported a vast amount of corn to Italy. In fact it was one of the greatest granaries of the empire. Therefore they argued that it was a very important strategic position, and they should not become a second-rate power. But they overlooked one essential fact, Tripoli has been in the possession of the Arabs who never have been cultivators of the soil. They are essentially a nomadic, pastoral race, and their only source of wealth is their herds and not on the production of cereals. Thus ever since the Arab invasion of the eighth century the surface of Tripoli has been allowed to decay and the country has been turned into a vast desert, and the fertile lands have been blown to the winds from the Sahara steadily northwards until the country is almost completely covered, and there is no soil left on which crops can be profitably grown.

The mineral wealth of the country is an unknown factor, but if it was really of any value we should surely have heard of it before this. There are, however, no traces of gold, iron, coal, or copper. Phosphate mines are apparently the only valuable minerals in the country, and these can hardly repay the cost of conquest and of maintaining a large army in Tripoli. Italians argue: "The stream of emigration will be turned from the Western Hemisphere towards Northern Africa, and this vast army of hungry seekers after wealth and comfort will not be lost to the Italian nation." But will the stream be turned? Can any stream, more especially a powerful one, ever be turned by a barrier of sand? For that is all the Italian conquest—if it is really a conquest—amounts to. They have carried a vast quantity of sand, following the example of other nations. I do not believe for a moment that the possession of Tripoli will make any difference to the Italian emigration to the United States. Already the troops who have seen the country hate the sight of it, and long to return to Italy, the home of music, of sunshine, of laughter, and beautiful scenery. If ever a nation blundered into a useless undertaking the Italians have done so. Their increased trade with the country cannot repay them the vast cost of the undertaking. There are only about one million and a half poor wandering Arabs in the land, whose wants are simple and whose cash is scarce. No European has ever attempted to dwell in the interior. They have kept to the fringe of coast towns, which are already crowded. The size of these coast towns is the extent of the cases which surround them, for when the fringe of the desert is reached no man can live. Thus it cannot be maintained that the outlook for Italian emigration is very favorable.

When Will it End? The question is now being continually asked, "When will the war end?" No one can say when the Turkish government will

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COSTUME SECTION—SECOND FLOOR.

### MORNING LOCALS

Riverside Council Temple of Honor last evening conferred the degree of select templar upon S. W. Lilly and W. W. Chamberlain. The ceremony was conducted by the chief of council, George Blewett. In the Seaman's Institute last night an excellent musical and literary programme was given by a troupe from the Allen line teamship Tuisian. Hon. R. J. Ritchie delivered an able and interesting lecture on the Legal and Moral Aspect of Intemperance, in the Mission Church school-house last night. The lecture was given under the auspices

of the Y. M. C. A., of the church and was attended by many. Walker P. Potts, of this city, has assigned to Timothy Collins for the benefit of his creditors. The Public Utilities Commission yesterday transacted routine business. The commission's rulings on the rates of the Fredericton Gas Light Company and the Red Brook Hydro-Electric Company will not be given until the April meeting. D. Postinger of the I. C. R., who was in the city yesterday, said that some action would have to be taken soon to relieve the congestion at the Mill street crossing. He dismissed the suggestion of a tunnel as impracticable on account of the narrowness of land and estimated that the

over-head bridge idea might be the solution although it would offer some difficult problems. REV. MR. SAMPSON TO P. Arrangements for the public meeting to be held in the Carleton Hall this evening were discussed at a meeting of the committee last night. Rev. W. H. Sampson reported that or Frank had declined to preside at the meeting and it was decided that Rev. M. Sampson would preside. Rev. Messrs. Sampson and Thomas and A. E. McEwen were appointed to draw up a resolution of protest to be presented to the meeting. There will be general discussion

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