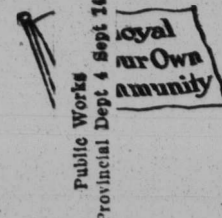




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Merchants' Association Hold Special Meeting

It is Proposed to Close Places of Business Every Wednesday Afternoon During Summer

A special meeting of the Retail Merchants' Association was held in town council chambers on Monday night at 8 o'clock.

The President, Geo. Stables, being absent, the first Vice-President, Chas. J. Morrissy, presided. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Secretary read a communication from the Provincial Secretary at St. John, in reference to attending a convention to be held in St. John on the 13th and 14th of April. The matter was discussed and a motion was made by H. R. Moody and seconded by A. H. McKay, that the Secretary be authorized to canvass the members of the local association to find out how many members would be able to attend.

Upon discussion it was found that there was one or more members who had signed the Roll when the association was being organized, but have not paid the Provincial Association fee and thereby claim that they do not belong to the Association. It was moved by James Stables, seconded by H. R. Moody that the Secretary be authorized to write the Association at St. John asking for a correct list of the members of the local Association.

The amount of the local initiation fee was then discussed and it was moved, seconded and carried that the amount be fifty cents per member.

A letter from Mr. Cuthbert Donald, of Blackville, asking to join the Association was read and placed on file, no action being taken.

The question of a half holiday during the summer months was then brought up, after some discussion it was moved by H. Williston, seconded by D. S. Creaghan that the several places of business close on every Wednesday afternoon at one o'clock during the months of July, August and September. Some of the members thought that it would be as well to close during four of the summer months, and on amendment it was moved, seconded and carried that the stores close during the months of June, July, August and September. A question of closing the dry goods stores at 9 o'clock, instead of 8 o'clock, on Tuesdays and Thursdays was discussed, but no action taken.

It was resolved that a committee be appointed to canvass the merchants of the town and ask them to sign an agreement to close their places of business on every Wednesday at one p. m. during the months of June, July, August and September. It was moved, seconded and carried that Messrs. John Troy, C. J. Morrissy, C. P. McCabe and the Secretary be on the Committee. No further business being before the meeting it adjourned.

Newcastle Board of Trade Endorses Railway Change

Citizens Meet and Strongly Endorse the Change of Time on the Canada Eastern--The Change a Business One

A most enthusiastic meeting of the Newcastle Board of Trade, and one largely attended by prominent citizens, was held in the Council Chamber on Monday night, Mr. J. D. Creaghan in the chair. The meeting was a special one, called for the purpose of considering the proposed changes in the Newcastle-Fredericton train service to take effect on May 2nd, the day the Ocean Limited goes on the route. The I. R. C. R. management was heartily endorsed for its action in arranging for new time table giving close connection with Ocean Limited Express. All the speakers and others present feeling that the management deserves, and has, the solid support of Northumberland County in the proposed changes.

The chairman called upon the Secretary, Mr. E. A. McCurdy, to state the purpose of the meeting.

Mr. McCurdy read an editorial from the Fredericton Gleaner of the 26th instant which told of the changes to come into effect on May 2nd, whereby instead of the express leaving Newcastle in the early morning and on its return leaving Fredericton about 6.30 in the evening, as at present, the express will leave Fredericton for Newcastle about 9.30 a. m. and Newcastle for Fredericton in the afternoon, while a new suburban train will leave Boiestown for Fredericton in the morning and return in the evening. The Gleaner is not satisfied with the new suburban service from Boiestown which will give Fredericton all the trade of the York County section of the Canada Eastern, but calls the action of the I. R. C. management revolutionary, revolting and unpopular and demands the continuance of the present timetable. It says the proposed changes are not asked for by anyone and will not make any improvement. Pres. J. D. Palmer of the Fredericton Board of Trade has sent a protest to the management and asked for a conference. The Gleaner complains that the new time table will seriously inconvenience the North Shore people who want to visit and trade in Fredericton.

Mr. McCurdy also read from the Gleaner of the 27th in which it was declared that public opinion in Fredericton was aroused and that the proposed changes would have to be abandoned. The change was to boost business for the Ocean Limited.

The executive of the Newcastle Board of Trade, Mr. McCurdy continued, had for years been trying to have the Canada Eastern service improved. The Miramichi had lost much of its valuable trade to Fredericton. The people of Northumberland County drive their logs down the Miramichi river from above Boiestown. They preferred to spend their money in Northumberland County, but on account of the train service to date they were unable to do so. The present train service compelled them to go to Fredericton to do their shopping. The I. R. C. management in the new time table studies Fredericton's interests, for it provides a suburban service from Boiestown to Fredericton to give that section the fullest opportunity to trade with the capital. It was time Northumberland County was getting its rights. The I. R. C. should direct traffic towards the main line. Its feeders should closely connect with through trains, especially the Ocean Limited, the most popular service. They now proposed to have the branch trains bring people to the main line. The management showed good sense. They should be upheld and encouraged in their determination to direct traffic to their own road instead of driving it to other transcontinental lines.

J. D. CREAGHAN

Mr. Creaghan spoke strongly in favor of the new service. All Northumberland County faced the main line. There was no large towns in York County but its suburbs, Marysville, served by Fredericton. The I. R. C. management was supposed to be out of politics. They had done wisely in taking steps to feed their own road. A strong telegram should be sent to the management endorsing them. Chatham and Nelson were equally interested with Newcastle. Those three towns and Douglastown had more people than Fredericton.

D. J. BUCKLEY

Mr. D. J. Buckley strongly supported the proposed change. The people who brought their lumber this way should be allowed to do business here. It was up to Newcastle Board of Trade to compliment the I. R. C. management. The road was now being run on business principles. In years gone by smaller places had suffered because of the political pull of the larger, but now the road was being run for the benefit of all the people of Canada in general.

R. A. MURDOCH

Mr. R. A. Murdoch, speaking for the river parishes, said he had discussed the proposed changes with many of the travelling public and they were well pleased with them. Fredericton had no reason to find fault with the proposed arrangement. It could not expect to have the whole of the Canada Eastern business. The fact of the railway going to put a suburban run from Boiestown to Fredericton gave a double service to all that section of country from which Fredericton now drew its business. The new connection with the Ocean Limited was of the best service to the whole country.

O. NICHOLSON

Mr. O. Nicholson heartily endorsed the sentiments of the preceding speakers. Having men who go from Miramichi to Fredericton stay there Board of Trade Two . . . IRCreatre, over night ought not to hurt the Fredericton hotels.

DAVID RITCHIE

Mr. David Ritchie was in hearty accord with the proposed change. Fredericton business originated at Boiestown and westward, and the new suburban service from Boiestown would greatly help that.

C. J. MORRISSEY

Mayor Morrissey heartily favored the change. It would benefit most people. All he could see in the Gleaner's protest was a fear that North Shore people would have to stay too long in Fredericton, while over there doing business or seeking legislation. The Board of Trade should compliment and support the I. R. C. management.

DAVID RITCHIE

Mr. Ritchie watched a new station built.

E. A. McCURDY

Mr. McCurdy said that the I. R. C. management intended giving additional accommodation in the station here right away. The editor of the Gleaner wanted to know what would become of the trade north of Boiestown. Fredericton need not worry over that. Miramichi could look after it.

H. WILLISTON, W. J. JARDINE and others heartily supported the management in their new arrangement.

Mr. Williston said that while remodeling the Newcastle Station the coming season a lunch counter would be provided.

Mr. McCurdy said that \$300,000 had been voted by the Public Works Department, Ottawa, for Newcastle wharf. He expected that tenders would be called for the present season.

MOTION OF ENDORSEMENT

On motion of Mayor Morrissey, the Secretary was authorized to send to the I. R. C. management a telegram complimenting them on the proposed change in the timetable thereby increasing the traffic of the People's Railway and assuring them of this Board's hearty support.

On motion of Ald. D. P. Doyle, Mr. Wm. Ferguson was admitted to membership, and Mr. David Ritchie, on motion of Mr. O. Nicholson.

Meeting adjourned.

Charges Answered

By L. B. McMurdo

Claims John H. Ashford Did Not State Facts at the Temperance Meeting Held Here.

Moncton, N. B., March 29, 1915.

Editor Advocate, Newcastle, N. B.

Dear Sir:

In your issue of March 24th, I read an account of a meeting held in the Town Hall on Monday evening March 22nd for the purpose of organizing a Town Improvement Club. In your report of that meeting John H. Ashford is quoted as saying that with a Temperance council he had successfully enforced the Scott Act till the council changed, then he was dismissed for doing his duty. The chairman (myself) forbade him to lay a charge against the Miramichi Hotel without consulting him. His raids were generally known before hand. These remarks, Mr. Editor, are very far from being the facts. I sat at the Aldermanic Board as you know for a number of years and I defy Mr. Ashford or anyone else to put their fingers on one act that was unbecoming a man holding the position I did. If his raids were made known before hand, I had no knowledge of it and can prove it. I feel in justice to myself I must write this and give the public the facts about the Scott Act enforcement, and Mr. Ashford's dismissal, while I was Chairman of the Police Committee.

Immediately after I was appointed Chairman of the Police Committee I went to Jas. Whalen, proprietor of the Miramichi Hotel, who by the way, under Mr. Ashford as Scott Act Inspector the previous year, and a good sober temperance gentleman as Chairman of the Police Committee, was selling liquor Sunday, Monday and practically all night every night. I told Mr. Whalen there could not be any liquor sold on Sundays or Saturday nights after 9 o'clock, and not after 9 o'clock any other night. If there was I would be the first to report same. Any further than that he would have to deal with the Scott Act Inspector. Mr. Whalen promised to comply with my request and did so. I then went to Mr. Ashford and told him what I had done and told him I didn't propose to interfere with him in the discharge of his duty, but as Chairman of the Committee, I wanted him to consult me in all matters. He promised me he would, and did so for a while. Things went along nice and smooth for considerable time and I was congratulated by hundreds of people on the sobriety that prevailed in town and county. Mr. Amos, captain of the boat running up river, said it was the only summer he could bring ladies from Millerton and feel that he could take them home safely. Coming on the latter part of the summer there was a movement, backed by the temperance people and some of the clergy of the town, to put Jas. Whalen out of the hotel, and put the late Thos. Foley back. It was then Mr. Ashford took the matter in his hands entirely and tried to drive Whalen out of business and I would not stand for it, knowing what was underlying the movement. At the time Ashford was pounding Whalen he passed two doors that he could not but help know were selling nearly as much as Whalen. But they were passed by Mr. Ashford. Now Mr. Editor the electors may think this was a deal with Whalen on my part but I can't see it that way as I never told him I would protect him in the traffic one way or the other. I looked the matter square in the face and admitted to myself that the act had never been enforced in Newcastle, admitting also that you can't stop the sale of liquor when our government appoints vendors and grants licenses and people have the desire to buy it. I believe it is better, if you can't drive the devil out to have him out in the open where you can have a chance to watch him. Now regarding Mr. Ashford's dismissal, I am the party he referred to in Monday night's meeting and whom he has referred to before on several occasions. It was I who recommended his dismissal and I was backed by the council, I told Mr. Ashford then, that I would bring a charge against him if he insisted on staying on as Inspector but I preferred not doing so for several reasons. If everything was over and above board why did not Mr. Ashford stay on, and force me to bring my charge thereby enabling him to clear himself and hold his position. Can Mr. Ashford deny knowing anything of a little meeting held in the house of the late Thos. Foley? If he forgets about it probably some of the clergymen can refresh his memory.

Can Mr. Ashford say he was using everyone alike and trying to enforce the Act at the time he brought the 2nd offence against Jas. Whalen and threatened the 3rd? What about the others Mr. Ashford, or were there no others at the time? I have had a great deal of experience with the Temperance people of Newcastle and they have given me splendid support in the past, and outside of a few I have always found them very fair. But the few I mention are the exceptions and I do not believe they are sincere. And the latest addition to the forces I must say is very little credit to the cause. In Mr. Willis, the new proprietor of the Hotel you have a gentleman, and one who I believe will do Newcastle a great deal of good. I trust he will do what is fair by the citizens and the citizens by him.

Thanking you Mr. Editor for the space you have given me in your esteemed paper, I am,

Yours sincerely,

L. B. MCMURDO.

South Esk Parish Patriotic Society

Organization Meeting Held at Redbank Wednesday Night

A South Esk Parish Patriotic Organization meeting was held in Redbank hall Wednesday night, Councilor James Gillis presiding, who after stating the purpose of the meeting, called on Rev. James F. McCurdy, B. A., to give an address.

Mr. McCurdy said that Britain would need more men—a fourth, perhaps a fifth contingent would be needed from Canada. Germany had had less losses than supposed and had resources yet untouched in men. Unless her munitions gave out she could still put up a long and bitter fight. The Empire must rise to the occasion, and while some are at the front we who are home must provide the patriotic fund for soldiers' dependents.

Organization was then proceeded with, officers being elected as follows:

Pres.—Councilor Wilbur Somers, Halcomb.

Vice-Pres.—James Shearsgreen, South Esk.

Sec.—Robt. Parks Redbank.

Treas.—Wm. M. Sullivan, Redbank.

Additional executive and collectors:

Hilcomb—Wallace Johnston and Isaac Mutch.

Shilker—Ernest Tozer and Lekroy White.

Redbank—James Power and James Parks.

Castles—Geo. Everett Sutherland and Wm. O'Shea.

South Esk—John D. Goodfellow and Wm. Taylor.

Williamstown—Wm. Sauntry and Annister Tweedie.

John Parks, whose son, Stanley, is at the front with the 5th Highlanders 1st Contingent, and in charge of a Maxim gun, gave an address. He was glad to have a son who knew his duty and was not afraid to do it. The meeting was well attended.

After a thorough canvass has been made a general meeting will be held on Tuesday May 4th.

Letters Received From Newcastle Boys

Frank Masson and Derby Atkinson Send Interesting Letters

The following letter was received by Mrs. Masson from her son George, now in France:

March 10th, 1915

Dear Father and Mother,

Just a line to let you know I am well, and hope this will find you the same. I received a letter yesterday dated Feb. 20th. Well, the second contingent has not left yet. I heard they were leaving the first of March. They will need them all.

Well, mother, I guess the big fight will soon be on. There was awful heavy firing last night. The Canadians are doing their share, believe me. Our battery has been into action now for about five days, but no one killed yet. We are getting a little better grub now. I have not got any papers from you lately. Tell Miss Dunnett I got that pair of socks and would write her but find it quite a trouble to write. I am sending this in a hurry. Will and Gifford wish to be remembered. Tell their mothers they are both well at present. I guess, father and mother, I will have to close now. I hope you had a nice birthday present; all I can send is my best wishes. Will write soon again.

Your son,
GEORGE MASSON.

Tipperarys Defeated Queen's Own 1-0

Weather and Ice Unfavorable But Large Crowd Attended Game

On Friday evening of last week the Fredericton "Tipperary Girls" defeated the Newcastle Queen's Own, by a score of one to nothing. Miss Palmer of Fredericton making the goal. The ice was very soft, nevertheless the game was fact, with no penalties. The line-up was as follows:

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Cannie Armstrong	Point
Hedge Morris	Lucile Hawkins
Laura Williston	C. Point
	Minnie Crockett
	Center
	Grace Palmer
	Rover
	Pauline McLeod
	Wings
Nan Creaghan	Grace Thompson
Pink Ingram	Zilla Edgecombe

After the game the visitors were entertained by the members of the Queen's Own Hockey Club to a lunch in the Mechanics Institute.

The Fredericton Tipperary Girls were entertained at different homes during their stay in Newcastle. Mrs. Allen, Miss Jean VanBuskirk were

To Be Promoted To Rank of Major

The many friends on the north shore of Capt. W. H. Belyea, of Newcastle, who is now in command of "C" company of the 26th Battalion, at St. John, will be pleased to learn that under a regulation order recently issued, he is to receive the rank of major. He will still, however, remain in command of his company, but will draw pay corresponding to his rank.

Capt. Belyea is one of the many who have sacrificed home and position to answer the call of the empire, and his numerous friends wish him Godspeed and a safe return to his home and friends.

DIED

ANSLOW—At Massachusetts General Hospital, March 22, Mrs. Lena C. Anslow, (nee Nicholson), beloved wife of W. P. Anslow, 40 Cushing St., Medford.

Basket Ball Game Won by Chatham

There was a good crowd of spectators at the Temperance Hall Monday night to watch the basket ball game between the local team and an exceptionally strong team from Chatham.

MAJOR P. A. GUTHRIE FIGHTING IN TRENCHES

Second in Command of 7th Battalion, 1st Can. Div., in France.

Fredericton, March 29—Major Percy A. Guthrie is not with the Princess Patricia's, but is second in command of 7th Battalion of First Canadian Division now fighting in trenches in Northern France.

BORN

At Lower Derby on March 27th, to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas W. Hutchison, a daughter.

At Newcastle, March 26th, to Mr. and Mrs. George C. McKay, (nee Addie Rockler) a daughter.

Postmaster Troy Receives Information

Re One Cent War Tax on Letters and Post Cards Mailed in Canada

The Postmaster is informed that a War Tax of one cent has been imposed on each letter and postcard mailed in Canada for delivery in Canada, the United States or Mexico, and on each letter mailed in Canada for delivery in the United Kingdom and British Possessions generally, and wherever the two cent rate applies, to become effective on and from the 15th April, 1915.

This War Tax is to be prepaid by the senders of a War Stamp for sale by Postmasters and other postage stamp vendors. The Postmaster will estimate the quantity of these war stamps that will be required by the patrons of his office and make requisition in the usual way for a supply.

Wherever possible, stamps on which the words "War Tax" have been printed should be used for payment of the War Tax, but should ordinary postage stamps be used for this purpose, they may be accepted. Postmasters are requested to use every endeavour to have War Stamps used in preparing the War Tax.

It will be the duty of the Postmaster to see that on and from the 15th April, 1915, each letter and postcard above specified bears in addition to necessary postage either a War Stamp or one cent additional postage.

This War Stamp or additional stamp for war purposes should be affixed to the upper right hand portion of the address side of the envelope or postcard, close to the regular postage so that it may be readily cancelled at the same time as the postage. It will be the duty of the postmaster at the office of posting to see that the War Stamp and the postage are effectively cancelled in the regular way.

In the event of failure on the part of the sender through oversight or negligence to prepay the War Tax on each letter or postcard above specified, such a letter or postcard must be date-stamped and endorsed "War Tax" and then listed and sent immediately in a special return to the nearest Branch Dead Letter Office.

The War Tax does not apply to letters and postcards posted in Canada for delivery elsewhere than as above specified, that is, it does not apply where Postal Union rates apply, nor does it apply to matter posted elsewhere than in Canada.

Circulars, catalogues, newspapers, parcels, etc., and correspondence which is legally exempt from postage charges are not subject to the war tax.

It is essential that postage on all classes of mail matter should be prepaid by means of ordinary postage stamps. The War Tax Stamp will not be accepted in any case for the prepayment of postage.

Information regarding the war tax on postal notes and money orders will be given in full next issue.

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The very high score made by Chatham—17 to 1—does not altogether prove their vast superiority over the locals, as our boys were under great disadvantages, one of which was having to play with a much heavier ball than they have been accustomed to, and another that of having a player on their team who was practically a stranger to both teams, almost playing as much against his team as for them. This, however, was not his fault.

The high score has not disheartened the boys, who intend arranging for another game when they expect to make a better showing. Watling, Loggie and McParlane, of the visiting clergymen can refresh his memory.

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