

NEWCASTLE BOARD OF TRADE DISCUSSES LIVE TOPICS

**Bound to Get Better Train Services--
Want New Fish Hatcheries--Discuss
Taxation.**

At the meeting of Newcastle Board of Trade Monday night, following new members were admitted:

M. Sutherland, Redbank; S. B. Miller, H. W. Brightman and Andrew McInnis, Newcastle; Roman Savoie, River des Cachees; and Lester P. Parker, Miller.

A letter was read conveying thanks for dredging secured through Board of the channel in front of Sinclair Bros. mill, deepening channel to 20 to 22 feet which used to be only 15 to 16 feet.

Secretary McCurdy reported results of interviews with Mr. Pottinger and others of the I. C. R. Board re extension of Newcastle-Blackville train service to Doaktown and separating passenger service from the freight, new I. R. C. wharf and ten ton crane here etc. Very little satisfaction had been obtained. A good wharf at I. R. C. terminus here would greatly increase Newcastle's shipments. Lumber from Bathurst would go from this port. Chatham had got \$100,000 for a wharf. It was time for Newcastle to get her share. He had shown Mr. Pottinger that even a lower rate was quoted by I. R. C. from up-river points to Chatham than to Newcastle, a much shorter distance. The train service from Newcastle to Blackville was dis-

graceful. It had been suggested that one of the through freights from Fredericton to Chatham might run to Newcastle only, and that one might run between Loggieville and Blackville or further west for Chatham's convenience.

The passenger service between Blackville and Newcastle—which takes two hours between Millerton and Newcastle, a distance of eight miles—was severely condemned by John Betts and Postmaster Geo. Vanderbeck of Millerton; Rev. E. S. Murdoch of Benou, Hon. D. Morrison, J. D. Creaghan, W. J. Jardine and others. The train sometimes spent an hour and ten minutes at the pulp mill. A shunter was needed, and more shelter at sidings.

Postmaster Vanderbeck said that mails leaving Newcastle at 4 p. m. did not reach Millerton till after six, and mails from St. John and N. S. that should be thrown off at Derby Jct., were carried to Newcastle and sometimes did not get to Millerton till next day. Districts above Millerton were worse off still. A mail clerk should be on train. People along the branch road were seriously thinking of petitioning the government to restore old stage mail service. The road was losing passengers, as many preferred the quicker method of driving. He had kept a table of arrivals of train at Millerton

from Newcastle which it leaves at 4 p. m.:

Date	Time
Nov. 13	6.15
" 14	5.45
" 15	6.00
" 16	6.00
" 17	6.00
" 18	5.45
" 20	6.30
" 21	6.45
" 22	5.30
" 23	5.40

Loggieville had 7 trains per day Derby and Blackville only 2—Why?

Rev. Father Murdoch complained of no telegraph and other objectionable features at Renous Station. Also freight was liable to be sidetracked at stations above Millerton. The trainmen were overworked. Newcastle, Derby, and Blackville should wake up and demand their rights. Then they would get them.

W. J. Jardine thought that placing of I. R. C. under Railway commission would improve matters. Messrs. Creaghan, Morrison, W. H. Belyea and President Hennessy urged better I. R. C. wharf here and a station near the waterfront to be used by freight trains and the Blackville train.

A crane was needed at wharf, and the long promised Post Office clock and letter boxes had not arrived.

John Betts, Rev. E. S. Murdoch, and F. D. Swin of Doaktown were added to committee, consisting of the president, secretary, John Ferguson, Hon. D. Morrison and others, to interview the authorities and press anew for settlement of all outstanding grievances.

TAXATION DISCUSSED

W. J. Jardine brought up the very important question of civic taxation. Fredericton and the average town of N. S. had a tax rate of 1.50 per cent; Campbellton

1.65; St. John, 1.98; Moncton, 2.02; Chatham and Glace Bay 2.50, while Newcastle's, which last year was 3.00 and this year very little less, was highest in the Maritime provinces. Our high rate was due to our low valuation of \$747,000. This excessive high rate of taxation and low valuation interfered with profitable sale of bonds and real estate.

It was moved by Mr. Jardine, seconded by R. A. Murdoch, that whereas the tax rate of the Town of Newcastle is extremely high and the assessed valuation correspondingly low, as compared with other towns and cities in the Maritime provinces, and such a high tax rate and low valuation are prejudicial to the interests of the town in the eyes of investors buying our bonds and also to the property owners, therefore:

Resolved, That the attention of the Town Council be called to the question and that they be requested to take steps to adjust the same before the next assessment is made.

Messrs. Jardine and Murdoch supported revaluation; while Mr. Creaghan wanted discussion postponed. He did not want any more bonds sold. The town's credit had been far too good in the past. He was against any further borrowing. The system of taxation was wrong. Five-sixths of the personal property escaped taxation altogether. He was rather in favor of Ald. Stuart's idea of a land tax. Hon. Donald Morrison said that the Town Council could only appoint the assessors. They had no power over the valuation and assessment. The present system of taxation allowed personal property to go almost scot-free, while the man who tried to improve his property was heavily taxed. He had followed Ald. Stuart's arguments before the last convention of the Union of N. B. Municipalities and agreed with him on several points. This question was too important to be voted on

tonight. On motion Messrs. Morrison and Stuart, further consideration was laid over till next meeting, when a full house is expected to be present and take part.

The following was moved by John Betts, seconded by Hon. Mr. Morrison and carried unanimously: That in the opinion of this Board of Trade a Fish Hatchery on the Southwest Branch of the Miramichi River would be of inestimable value to the fishing interests of the Miramichi; that the question of artificial propagation of salmon, e. c., has long passed the experimental stage as attested by the last increase of fish where hatcheries are in active operation that under the very best conditions only about ten per cent of salmon ova matures on the natural spawning beds shows the great necessity of artificial propagation, therefore resolved this Board of Trade memorialize the Federal Government for a sum to be placed in the estimates for the erection of salmon hatcheries on the tidal waters of the southwest branch of the Miramichi. Adjourned.

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Miss Jessie Kirk, daughter of Rev. J. H. Kirk, who recently graduated as a nurse at Victoria Hospital, Halifax is spending a few weeks at her home.

Rev. R. J. Coleman held services at the Junction and at Maple Green on Sunday.

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