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Council Not Prepared for Change in Taxation

Ald. Stuart's Motion to Reduce Taxation on Real Estate Improvements is Frowned Upon by Fellow Aldermen

Newcastle Town Council met on the 15th. Mayor Fish in the chair; Aldermen present: J. P. Kingston, C. C. Hayward, A. H. Mackay, T. A. Scribner and H. H. Stuart. Absent: F. C. McGrath, S. W. Miller and James Stables.

Minutes of previous meeting were read and approved.

The Mayor read a communication from E. A. Schofield of St. John re the Win-the-War Convention delegation from this county. As the Mayor did not specially affect the Town, but was merely a notice regarding the five delegates from the county at large, no action was taken.

A letter was read from the Mayor of Boston asking that delegates be sent to the Good Roads Convention. The letter was filed.

Re petition of a Newcastle widow for abatement of arrears of taxes, the Petitions Committee recommended that the said arrears be reduced by striking off her late husband's arrears of personal taxes only, amounting for 1913, 1914 and 1915, to \$432.30. Adopted.

On recommendation of the Water and Light Committee, Mont Jones was appointed engineer and manager of the Water and Light system at a salary of \$85 per month and Robert Beckwith was made engineer at \$225 per day.

Following bills were passed:

Canadian Oil Co.	\$57.40
Police	\$11.25
J. D. Kennedy	\$11.25

Finance
Newsome & Gilbert \$5.10
Following officers for the coming town election (Tuesday, April 17th) were appointed:
Returning officers:—Wm. Irving, J. H. Troy
Poll Clerks:—John Clark, E. W. Keating
Constables:—D. C. Smallwood, John Fallon

Ald. Stuart recommended the adoption of the following and moved that it be taken up section by section:

"That this Council hereby authorize and instruct the Mayor and Town Clerk to have a bill prepared and the necessary steps taken to have the same moved and seconded in the Legislature and properly supported in committee therein, asking for such amendment to any Act or Acts relating to the Town of Newcastle as will enable the said Town upon a majority vote of its qualified ratepayers voting—such vote to be taken at the time of the next Town Election after the passing of such bill aforesaid, and at any subsequent Town Election, when the same shall be demanded in writing by not less than 15 per cent. of the qualified ratepayers at least one month before the date of such election—

1.—Reduce the assessment on buildings and other improvements of Real Estate
(a) by 25 per cent. of the full value for 1917, and
(b) by an additional 25 per cent. for 1918, and

(c) by an additional 25 per cent. for 1919, and
(d) by an additional 25 per cent. for 1920;
2.—Exempt from taxation all incomes up to \$400.
3.—Abolish Income Qualification for voting and allow all persons who pay poll tax to vote as well as those who pay any additional form of tax;
4.—Exempt personal property from taxation and substitute therefor, if desired, a Business License.
5.—Abolish the Property Qualification for office of Mayor.
6.—Abolish the Property Qualification for office of Alderman;

The Mayor said that a new assessment act was being considered, and that this resolution would prevent it.
Ald. Stuart—Not at all.
The Mayor said he was in favor of abolishing the personal property tax, but he did not know how it could be done.
The abolition of property qualifications for alderman and Mayor was too radical. If that were done, men without property might have the power to levy taxes and borrow money and might do so without any regard to economy, as they would not have to pay the tax themselves.
Ald. Mackay said that, as the resolution in favor of a Revaluation was voted down at last meeting, it was now too late to introduce such a motion as Ald. Stuart was seeking to have discussed.

Merely to bring it properly before the meeting that it might be discussed. Ald. Hayward seconded Ald. Stuart's resolution.
Ald. Stuart spoke, in part, as follows:
First, what I ask for is to be adopted only on a majority vote of the people—the proper way to introduce anything new and far-reaching. There is no intention to force anything upon them hurriedly or without their full consent. No extra expense would be involved as the vote would be taken the same day as the town election. Surely this is fair and reasonable.
Second, the adoption of Section One would stop the fixing of a man for making improvements, and would encourage him to improve and beautify his premises to the greatest possible extent. It would discourage the holding of land idle through carelessness or for speculation. As the improvement tax is lowered the land tax rises and the holder of vacant land must improve it or part with it to those who will. The rise of the land tax will not affect those who improve their land, as their gain by the taking off of the improvement tax will more than balance their extra land taxes. The land tax will bear heavily only on those who fail to use their land. For if all taxes but those on land were taken off the holder of a well cultivated farm in the county or a lot in town covered by valuable buildings would pay no more tax than his neighbor whose farm is in woods or whose lot is abandoned to thistles. The enforced improvement of vacant land would produce closer settlement, and thus

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make it possible for all houses to have water, light and sewerage facilities at no more cost to the town than it now takes to supply these necessities to a fraction of the population. I have divided Section One into four sub-sections so that the council may vote in favor of a 100 per cent. or 75 or 50 or 25 per cent. reduction as it sees fit.

Third, Section Two is reasonable. The exemption of income is now only \$200. The motion would exempt \$400. Any man who earns only \$400 a year is not able to pay any income tax. Personally, I would make the exemption much higher. It is \$1000 in some cities.

Fourth, Section Three is necessary if Section Two is adopted, for now nobody can vote in town elections unless he is assessed on income, and if \$400 income be exempted, there might be some who would thus, under Section Three, be deprived of their franchise. This would be unjust, for the man with an income of \$400 pays enough into the Town Treasury indirectly to entitle him to vote.

Fifth, Personal Property taxes are, in the case of the man who has earned his personal property, unjust; further, in the case of the merchant, useless, for they are immediately shifted on to the consumer; and, finally, they are the most easily evaded of all taxes.

Sixth, Sections five and six would remedy a most disgraceful feature of our law. To say that a man, no matter how moral, no matter how intelligent, no matter how industrious, is not fit to be an Alderman of Newcastle unless he is assessed on \$400 worth of real or personal property, or fit to be Mayor unless he is assessed on \$1000 worth of real estate, is to say that not the man, but the property he represents, sits and votes at this council. In a southern state, it is said, an old darkey was allowed to vote as long as he possessed a mule property; but when the mule died he could no longer vote. He then woke up to the fact that it was not he who had been voting all along but his mule; and exactly so in Newcastle council. Now, if \$400 personal property makes a man fit to be an Alderman, a \$4000 qualification should make him ten times more fit, then why allow anybody but the very richest to hold office; and so why have any elections at all? Why not hand over the government to an aristocracy composed of two or three of the wealthiest families and avoid all the bother and expense of electing men to any Legislative body? Such a proposal, you say, would be ridiculous! Not a bit more so than the system which has prevailed in Newcastle since its incorporation. His Worship fears that, without a property qualification, town affairs would fall into the hands of reckless and incompetent men. Possibly so, but he must admit that all the debt of the town has been contracted, all its mistakes made, and its future mortgaged by council members of which was elected with the property qualification which His Worship upholds. I hold that men without property would, because they have to indirectly (through the merchant and the landlord) pay all the taxes of the town in the spending of public money more than any property holders. This merchant need not care, and rarely does care, what his taxes are—he passes them on to his customer; so with the real estate owner—he passes them on to his tenant. In the name of Justice and Fair Play and Good Citizenship, I ask you to vote in favor of every section and sub-section of this resolution I have laid before you.

Ald. Stuart then moved the adoption of first the preamble and section 1 (a); then sections 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6, in order, but none of them was seconded.

Ald. Stuart then reminded the Mayor that he had promised to give his views on taxation to the council before the close of its term.
His Worship said that he proposed that the new council should have a Plan and Survey of the town made with the view of getting a new valuation. No doubt some of Ald. Stuart's planks should be adopted, for instance that to abolish the personal property tax, and perhaps some others.

Ald. Stuart—Why not call a meeting to discuss it?
His Worship—It is too near election now, but if the citizens want it, it can be called.
Ald. Stuart said that he quite agreed that there should be some change in the method of assessment. Some change that would remedy matters would be worth while. An expert is needed. He (himself) could not suggest any plan that would be better than the present system.

Ald. Hayward spoke of there being no building inspector. Would it be wise to appoint one now or leave it over to the next council?
Ald. Stuart thought that the appointment should now be left to the new council. The building inspector should be a practical man, with a thorough knowledge of building. And a plumbing inspector was also needed. Both men should be not only thoroughly competent, but also independent and not personally interested in the work they inspect.

Ald. Hayward said the appointment of plumbing inspector was very important.
The Mayor said there should be an inspector of tenement houses. Some in Newcastle were in pretty bad condition.
Ald. Stuart said that that was or might be made part of the building inspector's duties, taking off the tax on improvements would help the tenement question somewhat.

Ald. Scribner said there would be no improvement in assessment, until it is done by independent assessors.
The Mayor—That is very true, but it is well to keep agitating the

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question. No little idea expressed is ever lost.
The cultivation of vacant lots was then discussed.

The Mayor said it was a free-will thing. Unless people should come and ask for lots, he didn't see that the council could do much. It was not a good move for the council to go to expense in the matter. All the people who are thrifty enough will take hold of the matter themselves.

Ald. Kingston said it would be well to have a talk with the people about planting time.
Ald. Scribner didn't think that the town could plow up all vacant lots. It couldn't undertake to tend gardens for people.
Adjourned.

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THE LATT DUCHESS OF CONNAUGHT

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She is survived by her husband one son and two daughters. The eldest of the three is Her Royal Highness Princess Margaret Victoria Augusta Charlotte Norah, Crown Princess of Sweden, who was born Jan. 15, 1882; the son is His Royal Highness Prince Arthur Frederick Patrick, who was born Jan. 13, 1883; the third child and the most widely known is Her Royal Highness Princess Victoria Patricia Helena Elizabeth, who was born March 17, 1886, and is familiarly known to the world as "Princess Pat."

While in Canada the Duchess, by her assuaging and democratic manner, endeared herself to the people wherever she came in contact with them and the mourning for her will be sincere and the family will have the sympathy of the Canadian people from one end of the Dominion to the other at the time of her sorrow.

To the "Princess Pat" particularly will the sympathy of all Canadians go out as she was better known all over the country than any member of the family.

THE MAN WHO QUILTS

The man who quilts has a brain and hand.
As good as the next, but lacks the sand.
That would make him stick, with a courage stout,
To whatever he tackles and fight it out.

He starts with a rush, and a solemn vow
That he'll soon be chowing the other how;
Then something new strikes his rove-eye,
And his task is left for the bye-and-bye.

It's up to each man what becomes of him;
He must find in himself the grit and vim
That brings success, he can get the skill.
If he brings to the task a steadfast will.

No man is beaten till he gives in;
Hard luck can't stand for a cheerful grin;
The man who falls needs a better excuse
Than the quitter's whining, "What's the use?"

For the man who quilts lets his chances slip—
Just because he's too lazy to keep his grip.
The man who sticks goes ahead with a shout,
While the man who quilts joins the down and out." (Selected.)

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The first of the family has been borne from our home,
Yet we would not recall him, in this region to roam;
Though his voice and his songs no more shall we hear,
We are in hopes of uniting with our Gordon, our dear.

As a beautiful flower that was nipped in the bloom,
He faded and died, he was laid in his tomb;
Still his voice from above resounds on our ears,
And bids us refrain from the shedding of tears.

Five brothers, four sisters, father, mother and widow lament,
For the Angel of Death to their home has been sent;
When he gathered a sheaf that was free from all blight,
And conveyed to his home their child from their sight.

His sufferings, though great, with patience were borne,
No dread did he have to appear at His throne,
But calmly and peacefully he looked unto Him,
And bid defiance to death, that monster so grim.

Our Gordon will bloom again in "That Land,"
Across the clear river with its glittering strand,
Though plucked from our home and summoned above,
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