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## FIRST TROOPS TO ENTER MONASTIR AFTER ITS CAPTURE BY ALLIES

**Monastir was recaptured by the Allies when French and Russian troops entered the city in the latter part of November. The picture shows some of the Russians just outside the city waiting for breakfast in an open bivouac. Just now the city is being prepared for a big drive which the Allies are reported contemplating in the Balkans. The city, which is flanked on three sides by rugged mountains and nature, is almost invulnerable and has been extensively fortified till the position constitutes a great stronghold.**

# Town Council Holds Its Regular Monthly Session

The regular monthly meeting of the Newcastle Town Council was held in the Police Court Room on the 18th instant.

There were present: Mayor C. E. Fish, and Ald. C. C. Hayward, A. H. Mackay, S. W Miller, Jas Stables and H. H. Stuart.

A letter was read from the Secretary of the Union of N. B. Municipalities with reference to the appointment of a member of its Legislative Committee and also asking for the doubling of the $10 annual fee.

The Town Clerk reported from the last annual meeting o the Union of N. B. Municipalities at St. Stephen last August. At that meeting it was decided to establish a Legislative Committee with one member from each constituent part of the Union. Mayor Fish was chosen tentatively as Newcastle's representative. He would retain his office until the first meeting of Council after next town election

The Mayor doubted the value of the Legislative Committee, as, in his opinion, each municipality had problems of its own not shared by others.

Ald. Stuart believed the Union a good thing and thought the Legislative Committee a wise move. The problems of all the towns were essentialy the same, and a common Legislative Committee ought to prove of great benefit. The double fee was probably needed to help defray the expenses of organizing the Committee, and he thought the town should keep its membership in the Union and have a member on the Committee

The matter was referred to the Petitions Committee.

The Town Clerk read a memorandum from the Clerk of the Executive Council showing the apportionment of taxation for the Patriotic Fund.

The Mayor outlined the two plans of paying the apportionment. Some were in favor of assessing for the amount at once, raising it thence, either by a poll tax or in the ordinary way, or by a bond issue. He, himself, thought it was too heavy a load to raise the money at once, and that it should be borrowed.

Ald. Stuart did not favor borrowing any part of it. The extra amount needed was only an average of $3 a head on the adult male population of the County, and he favored paying it off by this year's assessment—not by a poll tax alone but by assessment in the usual way. It was not wise to borrow when borrowing could be avoided. The country was prosperous now, and would probably be less prosperous immediately after the war, so now was the best time to pay it off. Besides, another call might be made next year for the same money but a long time. A poll tax was not fair, as the poor would have to pay as much as the rich. Also by borrowing, not only the interest paid would be a dead loss to everyone but the taxes that might, by assessment under the special Act relating to the Patriotic Fund, be got from specially—exempted properties would be lost. In assessing for the Patriotic Fund, no property is exempt, although it may have been exempted, in whole or in part, from ordinary taxes. So it was better, from all standpoints, to assess the whole sum this year and be done with it as, he understood, the towns of Bathurst, St. Stephen, Milltown, and others and several of the counties intended to do.

He moved, That this Council instruct its delegate at the County Council to favor the payment of the Patriotic Tax in its entirety during the present year, instead of issuing any bonds.

Ald. Mackay said he was against the issue of bonds, and the consequent increase of debt. He agreed with Ald. Stuart, and seconded his motion.

Ald. Hayward said he was not in favor of issuing bonds, but thought that $25,000 was too much to be paid in extra taxes in one year. He would like to see it distributed over three years, one-third to be paid each year. Then if more money was needed next year, borrow it on the same short term.

The Mayor expressed himself in favor of short term bonds rather than assessment for the whole amount.

Ald. Miller favored the issue of five-year bonds, and moved, in amendment, as follows:

That our delegate advocate the advisability of the County issuing short time serial bonds, retiring one-fifth of the indebtedness each year. This was seconded by Ald. Hayward.

The amendment carried

Yea—Ald. Hayward, Miller and Stables.

Nay—Ald Mackay and Stuart.

The Mayor reported having received New Year's greetings from the Lieutenant-Governor of N. B. and the Mayor of Moncton.

Following bills were ordered paid:

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| **Light and Water** | |
| D. & J. Ritchie & Co. | $ 8.51 |
| Page Wire Fence Co. | 8.46 |
| H. Williston & Co. | 1.50 |
| Inverness Ry. & Coal Co. | 164.71 |
| T. McAvity & Sons | 4.31 |
| Can. Oil Co. | 28.34 |
| Maritime Foundry | 31.32 |
| H. A. Russell | 1015 |
| Can. Oil Co. | 36.06 |
| Can. Gen. Elec. Co | 186.87 |
| Stothart Merc. Co | 7. 3 |
| **Finance** | |
| Delegate's expenses to Fredericton | 29.75 |
| **Public Works** | |
| Stothart Merc. Co. | 350.69 |
| Page Wire | 1.35 |
| Geo. Stables | 3.30 |
| H. A. Russell | 6.18 |
| D. J. Buckley | 170.40 |
| **Park and Fire** | |
| Stothart Merc. Co. | $23.72 |
| Can. Gear Works | 135.21 |
| **Police** | |
| W. W. Crocker | $1.80 |
| Union Advocate | 6.25 |
| Stothart Merc. Co. | 23.34 |
| Lawlor & Morrisey | 46.00 |

The Police Court returns for quarter ending Dec. 31st were submitted and referred to Police Committee.

The returns show 18 arrests—drunkenness 13, assault, 2, children under 16 in barroom 2, vagrancy 1. Total fines and costs collected $75.80; Justice's fees $39.80. Balance paid to Town Treasurer $36.

Scott Act Inspector Frederick Lucas reported that from Sept. 20th, the date he assumed office till Dec. 31st, 1916, there had been 10 Scott Act cases reported to the court, resulting as follows:

5 convictions obtained.
1 dismissed
1 defendant left town
3 cases before the court.

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| Fines imposed | $200.00 |
| Costs | 29.95 |
| Total | $229.95 |

One hotel has gone out of the traffic, and another has been transferred to a new management, both of which no doubt contributes to the noticeable decrease of drunkenness, which usually increases between October and Christmas time, and which has been decreased from 6 arrests in October to 3 in November and only 2 for the month of December, 1916.

John H. Ashford has rendered valuable assistance in the enforcement of the Canada Temperance Act, and has been a most earnest worker in its interest, having assisted me in all of the above cases.

Respectfully submitted.
(Sgd.) FREDERICK LUCAS,
Scott Act Inspector.

Chief of Police Lucas reported as follows for Sept. 20–Dec. 31:

| | Arrests | Convictions | Remarks |
|---|---|---|---|
| Assault, Common, | 4 | 3 | 1 withdrawn |
| Assault on Police | 2 | 2 | |
| Abusive Language | 2 | 2 | |
| Burglary, | 1 | | Com. for trial |
| Causing disturbance | 5 | 5 | |
| Drunk, | 19 | 18 | 1 discharged |
| Deserters from Vessels, | 2 | 2 | |
| Profane Language, | 1 | 1 | |
| Resisting Police, | 1 | 1 | |
| Stolen Goods in Possession, | 1 | | Com. for trial |
| Vagrancy, | 1 | | Sent to his home |
| Wrongs to children (Minors in barroom) | 2 | 2 | |
| Totals | 43 | 38 | |

For the above offences there were 27 arrests, and two summoned, one person charged with 5 offences; two persons charged with three offences; and six persons charged with two offences.

I may explain that in connection with the charges of "Burglary" and "Having Stolen Goods in Possession", I was requested by several people to investigate the burglaries at Doughastown, Ferryville, Nordin and other villages and settlements and on account of the unsettled state of the community, which these offences had brought about, I considered it advisable to investigate results being as shown in Police Offences and Report.

There were three doors found open and owners notified.

Nine calls to quell disturbances

One fire alarm sent in by police.

Twenty-nine meals supplied to prisoners.

I am very pleased to be able to say that there have been no crimes of a serious nature to report, and there has been a steady decrease in drunkenness, which was particularly noticeable at Christmas time.

In October there were six arrested for drunkenness; in November three and in December two only. Of these only six were residents of the Town of Newcastle, of which five were old offenders.

Mr. A. A Davidson has rendered valuable assistance to me, being ready at all times to advise and assist me in the performance of my duties, and I take this opportunity of thanking him. I have also to thank your body for the confidence placed in me. Hoping the same cordial relation will continue,

I remain Your Obedient Servant,
(Sgd.) FREDERICK LUCAS,
Chief of Police.

The auditors to whom were submitted the accounts of the School Trustees for the year ending June 30, 1916, reported as follows:—"We have examined the books and vouchers for the year above mentioned and have found the same correct, with vouchers for all amounts paid; and all money has been expended for school purposes.

Following is a statement of receipts and expenditures.

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| **Receipts** | |
| Cash in bank, July 1st, 1915 | $1981.10 |
| Amount from Town Treasurer | 9760.00 |
| Amount from County Treas. | 697.89 |
| Rent | 50.00 |
| Interest on Bal, Royal Bank | 31.62 |
| **Expenditures** | |
| Salaries | $4948.96 |
| Interest | 2320.00 |
| Fuel | 804.81 |
| Insurance | 269.10 |
| Auditors | 10.00 |
| Printing | 8.88 |
| School Garden | 31.99 |
| Furniture and Repairs | 173.10 |
| Incidental Supplies | 64.78 |
| Sinking Fund | 1100.00 |
| | $9731.62 |

Balance on deposit, Royal Bank, June 30, 1916, $2788.99.

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| **Sinking Fund Account** | |
| Amount, Royal Bank, Savings, July 1, 1915 | $9404.94 |
| Interest | 168.64 |
| | $9573.58 |
| Deposit, 1916 | $1100.00 |
| | $8473.58 |
| Amount withdrawn to retire $8000 debentures | 7591.89 |
| Balance, Royal Bank, June 30, 1916 | $881.69 |

The report was received and adopted.

P. Meagher and W. J. McEvoy were heard re dismissal of the former from the Power House, and the matter was referred to the Committee of the whole.

## Annual Meeting St. James' Church

The annual congregational meeting of St. James' Presbyterian church was held in the Kirk Hall Monday night, James Falconer in the chair. There was a good attendance.

The Financial Secretary reported:

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| Collections for the year | $5,080.83 |
| Expenditures | 4,252.96 |
| Balance on hand | $827.87 |

The Mission Report showed:

Receipts of $600.00.

The Ladies Aid raised $683.59, and expended $611.01

The Junior Women's Club showed a membership of 29, and they raised $87.35.

The Women's Foreign Missionary Society reported one of the best years in history. They sent away clothing, toys, etc., to Trinidad, the Maritime Home for Girls in Truro, the Rescue Home in Sydney, and to Scotchtown, near Sydney. Their cash receipts were $104.34, which was disbursed among the different missions.

Following were elected Trustees for ensuing year: Allan L. Kerr, E. A. McCurdy, John Williamson, A. J Ferguson, W. E. Fish, James Falconer, John Robinson, Jr., Wm. A McMaster, G. G. Stothart, W. A. Park Joseph Ander, D. W. Stothart.

At a later meeting of the Trustee Board, James Falconer was appointed Chairman; A. J. Ferguson, Financial Secretary; E. A. McCurdy, Treasurer A. L. Kerr and Joseph Ander auditors, and the following Committees:

Church and Graveyard—A. J. Ferguson, D. W. Stothart, A. L. Kerr

Manse—W. A. Park, G. G. Stothart and James Falconer

Sunday School—E. A. McCurdy, W A. McMaster, W. E. Fish.

Lands—John Robinson, Jr., John Williamson, Joseph Ander.

Choir—A. L. Kerr, Robt. Galloway Mrs. P. Russell. Mrs. D. W Stothart

Organist—C. W. Browne.

Janitor—John Edmunds.

Ushers—Geo. Stables, Harry Taylor, W. A. McMaster, Jas. Stables, G. G. Stothart, Blanchard McCurdy, Gordon Brander, Wilbur Macarthur.

## OBITUARY

### MRS. R. N. WYSE

Her many friends on the Miramichi and throughout the province learned with deep regret of the death of Mrs. R. N. Wyse of Moncton Friday morning, following a still-born accouchment a few days before. Mrs. Wyse whose husband before moving to Moncton was a successful merchant and an Alderman of Newcastle, before her marriage was Miss Annie Wison of St. John. She is survived by her husband, one daughter and four sons The daughter is Miss Ruth. The sons are Harry (Robert, Wilson and Lyall, all resident at home. Mrs. Wyse is also survived by three brothers and three sisters. The sisters are Mrs. (Dr.) Grant, of Calais, Maine; Mrs. G M Bailey of St. John and Miss ary Wilson of St. John West. The brothers are Messrs John and Ramsey Wilson, of New York and S. D. Wilson of St. John. The deceased lady was an earnest worker in all religious and patriotic undertakings and was a valued member of Wesley Memorial Methodist Church. She was about 40 years of age.

### JOHN C. STEWART

John C. Stewart, a native of Loggieville, but for nearly all his life a resident of Chatham, died on Friday night, after a short illness of kidney trouble brought on by a bad cold. Deceased was 55 years of age. He leaves a widow, one son Clyde Kerr Stewart, manager of the Renfrew, (Ont.) Mercury, and one daughter, Mrs. J. A. Hennessy of Blackville The funeral was held Sunday afternoon under the auspices of Chatham Lodge, I. O. O. F. Deceased was well known and had many friends

Services were conducted at the house by Rev. John Harris and the choir of St. John's church, and interment was at Riverside cemetery The pall-bearers were John B. Bell A. McLennan, A. H Marquis, A V Watters, H. W Flieger and Mr McDonald, members of the I. O. O F The floral tributes included a wreath from the family, the Oddfellows and the deceased's fellow-employes of the J. B Snowball Company

### YOUNG WORSHIPPERS

A League of Young Worshippers was organized in the Methodist Church Sunday afternoon, Jan. 14th, with the following officers: President—Rev. Dr. C. W. Squires; Sec—Hammond Atkinson; Treas.—Virginia Squires; Outlook Committee—Gordon Petrie; Claude Masson, Gerald Black Hazel Johnston and Tileen Stuart.

## Jack Frost Grips Kitchen Range and Explosion Follows

An explosion which wrecked the kitchen range, embedded shattered pieces thereof in the floor, walls and ceiling of the kitchen, drove a stove lid through the ceiling, displaced a partition wall, and for the nonce all but frightened the inmates of the house out of their wits, occurred at the home of Mr. Wm. Ferguson last Sunday morning. The explosion resulted from a too sudden and intense heating of the frozen up water front in the range.

During Sunday night the water front and connecting pipes, all filled with water, froze up tight, and unaware of this fact, Mr. Ferguson put on an intense fire Sunday morning, causing the contents of the water front to rapidly thaw, then boil, and quickly turn to steam, while the pipes remained frozen, preventing expansion in the ordinary manner, of the super heated contents of the front box. Denied the usual means of escape, the steam sought another avenue, and finding a weak spot in the water front, concentrated its force there and with a roar, which Mr. Ferguson describes as seeming like that of a big seige mortar, burst its bonds, with the consequences already noted.

Fortunately no one was in the kitchen at the time. Had there been it is more than likely that the explosion would have caused more or less serious bodily injury.

The range was so badly damaged by the explosion that it can not be repaired in Newcastle, and is being sent to the stove foundry in Moncton where it will be rebuilt.

## County Court has Only One Case

The County Court opened here Tuesday morning, His Honor Judge McLatchy presiding.

There were no civil cases, and but one criminal case, that of King vs John McCormack, arrested some time ago by Chief of Police Lucas on suspicion of being the mysterious burglar who had terrified so many people last year and the year before.

The Grand Jury present were: D S. Creaghan, foreman; E. H. Sinclair, Philip B Barry, Robt. Irving John W. Vanderbeck, Bryan D. Hennessy, Philip McIntyre and J. D. Paulin. F E Neale, Willis Nicholson and Howard McKendy were absent, because of the storm, and Weldon Robinson, unable to return in time from New York. All four were excused.

A true bill was brought against McCormack on nine counts, three for burglary, one for housebreaking, and five for having in his possession money and goods knowing them to have been stolen.

The following petit jury was sworn in:—Frank Lavoie, Rogersville; John Irving, Lawrence Coughlan, Thos. King, Chatham; Wm. McGrath, Barnaby River; James O'Brien, Beaver Brook; Joseph O'Beirne, Nordin; Charles P. Jardine, Wm M. Copp, Andrew McCabe, Geo. T. Bethune, Newcastle; and Wm J. Copp, Trout Brook

A. A. Davidson, Clerk of the Court conducted the prosecution, and L. J. Tweedie, for the defense.

The witnesses summoned are Jas John. Frances T., Annie and Susan Duthie, Horace and Mrs. Margaret McKinley, of Chelmsford; Ernest Carroll, Chief of Police Fred Lucas and Angus McIvor.

Evidence began Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock.

## HYMENEAL

### HILL—SHERRARD

The marriage of Stanley Thomas Hill, of Ellenstown, and Miss Nancy J., daughter of Samuel Sherrard, of Whitneyville, was solemnized at the Manse, Redbank, Thursday evening, by Rev. J. F. McCurdy, B. A The couple were unattended

### MERSEREAU—RUSSELL

Miss Lulu Russell, daughter of the late Everett Russell, of Newcastle, and Guy A. Mersereau of Chatham were married at "Dunscuffnage," Chatham, by Rev. D. Henderson, on the 18th instant, the immediate friends of the principals being present Both parties are deservedly popular, and their many friends wish them a happy journey through life.

### RESULTS OF WEEKLY TESTS

St. Mary's Academy High School Dept.:

Pupils who made 60%:

Grade XI (a)—Subject, Geometry—Margaret Callahan 100; Cleora McLaughlin 99; Lottie McWilliam 77; Gertrude Ryan 75;

Grade XI (b)—Subject Arithmetic—May Doan 87.5; Margaret Clarke 82.5; Bernedette Keating 68;

Grade X, Subject Grammar—Agnes Lawlor 96.5; Celia Murphy 78; Nellie Cranmer 78.

Grade IX—Subject Grammar—Rosie Crangle 95.6, Margaret Dolan 95.3 Dora Allen 86.6, Mary Taylor 80.5, Inez Swalow 70, Mary Doyle 68.7, Mona McWilliam 68.2.

## Burglar Sentened to Eight Years

John McCormack, who was indicted on nine counts forb uglary, housebreaking and having stolen goods in his possession, was sentenced to eight years imprisonment by Judge McLatchy in county court this (Thursday) morning.

McCormack at first entered a plea of "not guilty," but this morning gave up the fight for his freedom, and through his counsel, Hon. L. J Tweedie, withdrew his defense, and admitted his guilt. He committed a series of burglaries in Douglastown, Chelmsford, McKinleyville and other parts of the country last summer and fall, and was taken into custody by Chief of Police Lucas, in a Newcastle restaurant, when on his way to his home at Maple Glen, after having eluded the officers of the law for several weeks.

### PLOUGHED GOOD ROAD

The town authorities down to the French Fort Cove bridge and the Miramichi Lumber Co., from that point down to their mill in Douglastown, have ploughed a most excellent road.

### NEARLF 400,000 HAVE ENLISTED

Up to the 17th instant Canadian recruits accepted for overseas number 387,490. Of this number 35,158 came from the Maritime Provinces and 42,074 from Quebec.

### HONOR ROLL TO BE UNVEILED

In the Methodist church next Sunday evening, at a special service to be conducted by the pastor, Rev. Dr. Squires, an Honor Roll containing some 41 names of the members of the Congregation who have enlisted for overseas service, will be unveiled. There will be special music also.

### COLD WEATHER

Friday night the mercury dropped rapidly, it being 22 below at 7 o'clock Saturday evenng and 18 below at 9 o'clock. Saturday night and Sunday morning was a bit colder. The easterly snow storm Monday blocked the trains again, making them several hours late.

### DEDICATION OF DOAKTOWN CHURCH

Rev. W. R. Robinson, of St John, preached the dedication sermon at the United Baptist church at Doaktown on Sunday evening, a large congregation being present A new vestry and several new class rooms have been added to the church and these were dedicated on Sunday. Rev. S. W Stackhouse is the pastor of the church which is now in a flourishing condition.

### SEND-OFF TO THE 12th BATTERY

Lieut. J. L. Lawlor and the 50 non-commissioned officers and men of the 12th Field Battery draft, were given a royal send-off Tuesday night on behalf of the Citizens and the executive of the Patriotic Fund, by a committee composed of the following gentlemen: Mayor Fish, J. Ander, Wm. A. Park, C. J Morrissy, John D. Creaghan and R. Corry Clarke, all of whom addressed the Battery, wishing them Godspeed. Lt. Lawlor replied for the men, thanking the delegation for their good wishes.

### WHITNEYVILLE L. O. L.

Thomas L. O L, No 154, Whitneyville has elected the following officers for 1917:

W. M.—Edward Dunnett
D M—Wm. Sherrard, Strathadam
Chaplain—Clifford Parker
Rec. Sec.—Wm. H. Parker, Strathadam.
Fin. Sec.—Neil G. Rae, Strathadam
Treas.—Gregory Dunnett;
D of C.—Charles McKay
Lecturer—Geo. Sherrard, Strathadam
1st Committeeman—Hiram Whitney
Committee—Benj. McTavish, Addington McLean Alfred Baisley and Fred Whitney.

### GOOD WORD FROM FRANCE

France, Jan. 2, 1917

Dear Mr. Stewart,

It is a great pleasure for me to write you a word about your son Pte. George M. Stewart, of the 42nd Battalion. He is well and safe in the deepest sense of the word. At the recent meeting held by a great speaker, Capt. W. A. Cameron, of Toronto, he with 35 other men indicated his decire to lead the highest and best life, and to be a close follower of the Great Master and Friend.

There could be no better word for you to get at the dawn of the new year than first that your son has committed his way to the guidance of Him who never faileth. He has set his face to the light and to the service of God. How better could he spend his life, I hope he will write you of this himself. I rejoice to do so at his request.

With warmest good wishes, I am
Very sincerely yours,
GEO. G. D. KILPATRICK,
Chaplain 42nd.

Mr. Earl Petrie who was accidentally hurt by having the point of a pair of shears stuck in his wrist, thereby being threatened with blood-poisoning, has completely recovered and is [illegible]