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## NEWCASTLE HOLDS ELECTION FOR MAYOR AND ALDERMEN

Weather Not the Best—Good Order Prevailed—Big Time at Opera House—Both Bands Furnish Music.

### L. B. McMURDO ELECTED MAYOR

Election passed off quietly to-day, a very slim vote being polled. The assembled voters were distinguished for their sobriety and orderliness, and good humour prevailed throughout. Mayor Miller who has held the chief magistrate's chair for the last three years was beaten by Ald. McMURDO, who had but three votes more than his rival. The returns for the last three years show many changes, proving that, in time, the electorate sways from side to side, and may elect or re-elect to-day the candidate who was rejected yesterday.

Less than one-third of the registered vote was polled. This continuous reduction of the number of votes is serious. While a number of men are away on the drives, and a number do not take the trouble to cast their ballot, the greater number of those who abstain from voting are doubtless compelled to do so because their taxes are unpaid.

As compared with last year's returns, Aldermen-elect Allison and Falconer overcame their defeat of last year and Alderman-elect Clark his defeat in 1908.

H. H. Stuart, who ran in the interests of the working class, is the only candidate whose vote compared with that of 1908 and 1909 shows a steady and continuous growth both as regards actual numbers and percentage of the total vote cast in each year. In 1908 he received twenty per cent. of the total; in 1909 thirty-two per cent., and to-day forty-eight per cent.

Hon. D. Morrison and Thomas Russell, who have notably distinguished themselves in their departments, appear at the head of the poll with Charles Sargeant a close third, J. G. Layton who will doubtless make a good alderman received a good vote. While last, but by no means least, among the successful candidates is T. W. Butler, who will bring his great abilities to the council for the good of his fellowmen. Allan Russell the popular and efficient manager of the Opera House, polled a good vote and should not be discouraged. His star may yet be in the ascendant.

Early in the morning, a few minutes after poll opened, W. H. Belyea published a declaration announcing his withdrawal from the contest, as he had been nominated without his knowledge and against his consent. But already 45 votes had been cast for him, and had he stayed in the field his chances for re-election were very bright.

To-night the bands serenaded the successful candidates from the bandstand, Mayor Elect McMURDO and Ex-Mayor Miller responded, but as the rain was falling, the meeting was adjourned to the Opera House, where about 800 people listened to the post election speeches of some of the candidates. Dr. F. L. Pedolin occupied the chair.

### MAYOR McMURDO

Mayor McMURDO was the first speaker. He thanked the electors and would endeavor to worthily preside over the destiny of the town, he had sat at the Aldermanic Board for four terms, had served as chairman of Public Works for two years also chairman of Police com., for one year. Besides serving on several other committees. He was proud of the position he held tonight for several reasons 1st, because it was the highest honor that could be bestowed on a citizen of a town, 2nd, because he had worked his own way up to it having left home when but a boy 15 years old, he had gradually worked his way up to the chief magistrate's chair. Mayor McMURDO went on to explain that he had been asked by friends to run for Mayor last year. He had talked the matter over with Mayor Miller, who said some of the electors wanted him to run again as he also did the Drummonds and that he "McMURDO," told Mr. Miller if he felt he could do the town more service by being Mayor for another term he would not offer. This year Mr. Miller had again insisted on being a candidate for Mayor. Mr. McMURDO said he felt it was his privilege to run and a duty he owed to the friends who had supported him for four years. He felt and he thought the people felt four years was long enough for one man to hold the office. He said Mr. Miller had been a good Mayor and he would be satisfied if he could fill the office with the same efficiency, and he felt the electors would be satisfied. Mr. McMURDO promised to do all in his power to bring industries to the town without burdening the people, he did not favor bonusing companies, but would feel like assisting them by lightening their taxes, etc. He had every reason to believe that the newly elected Council would cooperate with him in keeping down the expenses of the different departments. After again thanking the people for their hearty support the Mayor took his seat amid cheers from the large audience.

Ald. CLARK took his victory as an endorsement of his work in Council the two years he sat there before. The only platform he had was economy. The first year he had served his dept. had had a surplus of some \$300. As an assessor last year he had found it hard to get information.

Ald. FALCONER said that the chairmanship of the Police Committee had put him out last year, although he had shown a surplus. But he was back in the Council. He wanted new industries in the town but would like to see only such as could pay their own way.

Ald. BUTLER said that after sixteen years of life here, during which he had been well patronized by the town he had determined to give his services, both as an alderman and as a lawyer, to the town free for a year. He would do all he can to make the town better.

Ex-Mayor MILLER had no regrets in retiring. He had done his duty as he thought the town would wait a long time before it got another mayor to do. He had not been absent one meeting of Council in four years. He had not asked Mr. McMURDO to retire last year. He had neglected his business to serve town and would continue to serve it. He urged citizens to co-operate with new Council.

Ald. LAYTON took exception to Ald. Morrison in matter of taxes. It was not fair to withhold from a property holder the right to vote if his taxes were unpaid. The town had security for the amount. This reform should be sought in the legislature.



Mayor Leslie B. McMURDO.

### MAYORS OF NEWCASTLE

His Worship Mayor-Elect McMURDO is Newcastle's sixth Chief Magistrate. Coming here from Alberton, P. E. I., twelve years ago, he engaged in business and by his honest and straightforward methods of dealing won a large trade and became well and favorably known in the community. His five years as Alderman was a sufficient training for the high position to which the voice of a majority of his fellow citizens now elevated him. Mayor Miller vacates the chair after four years of most active work in which he has spent much time and money in the interests of the town. It will be greatly to Mr. Miller's interest financially to be relieved of the responsibilities he has so long and willingly borne for the public.

The men who have been the people's choice as mayors since incorporation are the polling:

Hon. Allan Ritchie	1880-1900
Hon. Donald Morrison	1900-1904
George Brown	1904-1905
S. W. Miller	1905-1906
P. Hennessy	1906-1907
S. W. Miller	1907-1910
L. B. McMURDO	1910

The pictures of each of the above will be found in today's issue with the exception of that of the Hon. Mr. Ritchie, which, we very much regret, we were unable to obtain. Mr. Ritchie, the popular head of the firm of D. & J. Ritchie and Co., has done much to further the interests of the Miramichi. For the last year he has been an able and efficient Alderman, and retired from the board of his own accord.

## MANY BUILDINGS FALL PREY OF THE FLAMES

The Town Hall, Congregational Church, Court House, County Jail, and Thirteen Dwellings Destroyed at Hyde Park, Vermont.

### TWENTY FAMILIES HOMELESS

Hyde Park, Vt., April 17—Driven by a strong wind, a fire that started until the Jail, Court House, Town Hall, Congregational Church, one store and 13 residences or tenements had been laid in ashes. Twenty families are homeless.

The fire started shortly before noon, presumably from a defective stove pipe between the first and second story. The fire started in a rooming house, and attention was directed to the burning structures. The two persons, both minor offenders, whom the jail held, were released and turned to with a will to help fight the flames which did damage estimated at \$100,000.

### THE FOOL

To those who enjoy a hearty laugh at real legitimate comedy the performance of "The Fool" at the Opera House will especially appeal. Comedy alone is not a feature of this production for an intensely dramatic plot runs through it, provoking an unusual interest in the mind of the audience. Not until the final curtain can the interest waver and those who witness the performance are sure to leave the theatre only with the conviction of an evening well spent. The present tour of the company is continuing the success of the piece at the time of its London and New York productions. "The Fool" can well be called one of the prominent plays of modern times. Secure seats in advance at Dickson's & Troy's Drug Store.

### TEMPRANCE VICTORIES

The Local option campaign in Campbellton which ended today, resulted as follows:—

Ward	For	Against
Ward 1	101	18
2	178	92
3	67	81
	346	191

This abolishes licenses in Wards 1 and 2, but not in Ward 3. In Dalhousie, Chas. A. Stewart and 7 of his Temperance tickets of 8 were elected, and the local option was carried 167 to 81.

### DISASTROUS FIRE IN QUEBEC.

Montreal, April 17—The Protestant Church of St. Eustache and sixteen houses were destroyed by fire today in that town. The conflagration started in a timber yard and it soon got beyond the control of the local fire brigade.

When firemen of a Montreal detachment reached the town by special train they saved the town from utter destruction, as there was an ample water supply. The Anglican Church was a stone building, and although the burned houses were of wood, the loss reaches \$40,000. The insurance is small.

St. Eustache is an historic village, being a hot bed of insurrection in 1837. Dr. Chenier, the local leader, being shot in the belfry of the Church by British troops.

SHERIFF O'BRIEN'S STEAMER The Miramichi Foundry has Sheriff O'Brien's new steamer planked, and Mr. Tweedie expects to launch her about May 15th. She is 56 ft long and 13 wide, and will draw about 4 1/2 ft. The frame, including deck frame, is of hackmatack, the garboard strokes are yellow birch, and the planking, spruce, 1 5/8 inch. She is strongly built and well fastened. She has an easy entrance and run, with a flat floor under engine and boiler. The engine is of 75 h. p. It is nearly ready, having been built at the Miramichi Foundry, and is a handsome piece of machinery. A similar engine has been built there for one of the two steamers Mr. Lamont is building at Douglastown.

PUBLIC UTILITIES BOARD The provincial Government has appointed as the Public Utilities Commission Col. D. McLeod Vince, of Woodstock, chairman; O. M. Melanson, of Shediac, and G. O. C. Otty, of Hampton, E. P. Robinson, of York county, is secretary. This commission is a court authorized to hear complaints against companies of firms administering public utilities under the jurisdiction of the province, to investigate the grievances and determine the remedy.

## Results of the Poll.

The result of the poll today, with the vote cast for the same candidates in 1909 and 1908, were as follows:

	1910	1909	1908
Total vote polled	279	380	421
FOR MAYOR			
L. B. McMURDO	129	—	—
S. W. Miller	126	207	218
FOR ALDERMEN			
D. Morrison	207	261	—
Thos. Russell	200	207	—
Chas. Sargeant	190	264	—
J. G. Layton	181	—	—
John Clark	179	—	182
John R. Allison	176	114	158
T. M. Falconer	166	117	231
T. W. Butler	156	—	—
H. H. Stuart	134	121	84
Allan Russell	133	—	—



Ex-Mayor Miller,

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