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County Fathers Gather in Shiretown for the Annual Council Meeting

The annual meeting of the Northumberland County Council was begun in the Court House at Newcastle on Tuesday morning at 10.30 o'clock.

The roll call was as follows:

Alnwick—W. M. Anderson, D. V. Allain.

Blackville—D. G. Schofield, Geo. Hayes.

Blissfield—F. D. Swim, Ronald Hurley.

Chatham—A. H. Harriman, M. H. Baldwin.

Chatham (town)—C. P. Hickey, A. P. McLachlan.

Derby—E. J. Parker, J. W. Vanderbeck.

Glenelg—J. W. McKnight, D. Watling.

Hardwicke—Wm. Savoy, M. Jimmo

Ludlow—Walter Ryan, John McAleer.

Nelson—G. P. Burchill, R. Gill

Newcastle—L. Doyle, H. H. Lamont

Newcastle (town)—Chas. E. Fish

North Esk—M. O'Shaughnessey, Alfred Sinclair.

South Esk—Wilbur Somers, Jas. Parks.

Rogersville—J. L. LeBlanc, M. Chaisson.

Wm. Irving was appointed constable and J. L. Stewart reporter.

A committee was appointed to nominate the standing committees, as follows: Councillors Parker, O'Shaughnessy, Burchill, Somers and Doyle. The committee reported as follows:

Standing Committees for the year 1917

County Accounts—Councillors O'Shaughnessy, Doyle, Parker, Somers, Anderson, Ryan, Chaisson.

Petitions—Councillors Swim, Baldwin, Parks, Hayes, Jimmo.

Contingencies—Councillors Sinclair, Vanderbeck, Harriman, Doyle Schofield.

Parish Accounts—Councillors McAleer, Hurley, Hayes, Vanderbeck, Parks, Sinclair, Lamont, LeBlanc, Gill, Harriman, Watling, Savoy, Allain.

Visit Alms House—Councillors Jimmo, Vanderbeck, Baldwin.

Printing—Councillors Doyle, Vanderbeck, Burchill.

Bye-Laws—Councillors Lamont, Somers, Parker, McAleer.

Visiting Jail—Councillors Sinclair, Ryan, Allain, Hurley.

Alms House Accounts—Councillors Anderson, Parks, Gill.

Finance—Councillors Doyle, Vanderbeck, Burchill.

Jail and Public Wharf—Councillors Doyle, O'Shaughnessy, Lamont.

Land Committee—Councillors Burchill, Parker, Baldwin.

Sec. Treas. read the Patriotic Assessment Order and a letter from the Municipality Union. Referred.

Councillor Watling objected strongly to the Patriotic Assessment. Where did the money go to last year? Who got it? Only $10 reached Glenelg. A poor woman there whose sons are in the trenches got nothing. He didn't know half the time when the committee was to meet. Some persons were getting hundreds of dollars and buying pianos, furs and everything. It was something ridiculous.

Warden—"The Councillor is out of order unless he has a motion to make."

Adjourned till 2.30.

Afternoon Session

On motion of Coun. Jimmo, Coun. Savoy was excused for two days on account of illness. On motion of Coun. Parker county accounts were passed as follows: Chief of Police Lucas, investigating burglary cases, $28.45. (Coun. O'Shaughnessy objected to an item for six dollars for auto hire in this account, claiming it was excessive. Coun. Doyle explained that the committee passed these accounts because it felt that it was necessary to be sure of the services of Police Officers when needed.) Stothart Merc. Co .$30.20; Dickison & Troy, $1.35; Wm. Troy, Chatham, Prisoners' board, $13.09; Dr. Marvin, 2 certificates of lunacy, $8.00; Mir. Nav. Navigation Co., $5.15; Dr. Marvin, inquest, $21.80; D. W. Stothart $3.12; Mrs. Oliver Allain, accompanying lunatic, $5.00; Mrs. Edward Savoy, same, $5.00; Peter Coughlan, expences to Neguac, $10.00; John Williston, taking lunatic to Chatham, $4.00; E. P. Williston, making out school lists, $51.00; Z. Breau, taking lunatic to St. John, $36.40. Coun. Vanderbeck asked if the proposed overhead bridge near Derby Jct. had been built, Sec. Treas. "The abutments have been built and the rest of the work has been postponed because of the war." Coun. Vanderbeck said the new road laid out along the railway was very dangerous. Coun. O'Shaughnessy said if he would wait for the work to be completed he would find it satisfactory. On motion of Coun. Doyle, the Sec. Treas. was authorized to borrow $5000.00 for County exigencies.

Coun. Hurley presented petitions for and against allowing cattle to run at large in Blissfield Parish. Referred. J. R. Lawlor invited the councillors to attend the Patriotic Fund meeting this evening. Coun. Vanderbeck: "I will go, and this is the first time any of us have been invited to attend these meetings.

Adjourned.

Wednesday Morning

Warden called Council to order at ten o'clock. Coun. Burchill moved that $5000.00 insurance on the county Jail that had lapsed be renewed. Carried. Coun. Burhhill said that a comrittee of The Miramichi Agricultural Society wished to be heard and moved that they be heard at 11 Thursday morning. Carried. Coun. Jimmo moved that rates of the Bay du Vin River boom be raised. Sec. Treas: "You will have to get the byelaws changed." On motion of Coun. Parker the following accounts passed. E. P. Williston. Public land fund all accounts due to be collected at once or the license leases is cancelled. B. F. Maltby, $26.60; Wm. Irving for prisoners' board $306.20; J. Jardine & Co. County Jail account $5.33; Wm. Irving, washing blankets, $6.50; J. Jardine & Co. 85c; P. Coughlan, taking patient to Prov. Hospital, $10.65; E .P. Williston, stationery, etc., $80.00; Coun. Parks moved for the payment of $3.00 to Arthur Doran to be charged to South Esk. Carried. Coun. Doyle read acknowledgments of the contributions of $500.00 given by Northumberland to Belgian Relief Fund. Filed. Coun. Lamont submitted the following report of the Municipal Home visitation committee:

Your Committee on Municipal Home Visitation have inspected the Home and found it, as far we could judge, to be a model institution in every respect. The rooms were as clean and tidy as those of any well kept private residence, the house was warm throughout, and the inmates were pictures of orderly quiet and contented manhood and womanhood in the sere and yellow leaf of life—well fed, comfortably clothed, and with no complaints of any kind to make. They are treated with courtesy and kindness by Mr. and Mrs. Kirby, and respond cheerfully to calls for assistance on the farm, at the woodpile and in the house. There are thirty inmates now, all of them aged. The products of the farm last season consisted of 7½ tons of hay, 2 tons green oats, 52 bbls. potatoes, 12 bbls. turnips, 20 bbls. mangels, 3 bbls. beets, 2 bbls. carrots, 600 cabbages; 2 bushels beans, 2 bushels tomatoes, 2 bushels onions, 350 lb. porker was killed. A large quantity of dry wood, cut, split and neatly piled under cover by the inmates, is on hand Mrs. Kirby, with only one hired assistant, bakes a barrel of flour a week and does all the housework and all of the cooking. The inmates are served with meat on five days of the week and fish on two days, with vegetables, bread and butter, porridge and milk and other wholesome foods, all they require. The cost of food, notwithstanding the variety and unlimited allowance, and the increased cost of eatables, was only 82 cents a week each last year. The county has every reason to be satisfied with its Home for the indigent, and with the manner in which it is managed by Mr. and Mrs. Kirby.

Signed H. H. Lamont, W. B. Baldwin, M. Chaisson.

On motion of Coun. Anderson report adopted.

Coun. Swim said Coun. Parks, who had been appointed to represent this county on the Miramichi Hospital had not been notified of any meeting of the Board.

Sec.-Treas. said he had not notified the Hospital Board of the appointment—thought the publication of the appointment would be notice enough. Coun. Swim moved that Coun. Parks be re-appointed. Coun. Parks explained that he had not been notified of any meeting and suggested that some other Councillor be appointed. Coun. Burchill had heard Mr. Parks' name mentioned at meetings of the Board, and surprise expressed at his absence. It was probably an oversight on the part of the Secretary that no notice had been sent to Mr. Parks. Coun. Burchill reported from the Committee to issue bonds for the Patriotic Fund, bonds having been printed and sold. The price obtained 101.25 was one of which the county should feel proud. On motion of Coun. Parks accounts of Geo. D. Sutherland Edw. W. Goodfellow and Daniel Silliker, collectors of rates, South Esk., passed also road accounts. Adjourned till two o'clock.

Wednesday Afternoon

Coun. Schofield read a proposed bye-law imposing a dog tax in Blackville. Referred.

Coun. Jimmo presented a petition re Bay du Vin boom. Referred.

On motion of Coun. Jimmo, the following resolution was adopted:

Whereas the lower part of the county on the south side between Leggieville and Escuminac, after navigation closes, is without any means of travel except by horses and vehicles; and

Whereas there is, during the winter, large quantities fo fish to be exported and the only means of getting them to market is by teams, which mode of conveyance entails great expense and places the small operator at great disadvantage; and

Whereas there are large quantities of Feat fit for fuel, on or near the plains between Escuminac and the Point, to mine, which, to get to market is prohibited on account of no conveyance;

Therefore resolved That this Council recommends that the Dominion Government be asked to build a railway from Loggieville to Escuminac, and that a copy of this resolution be forwarded by the Sec.-Treasurer to the Manager of the C. G. R. and the Minister of Railways, at Ottawa.

On motion of Coun. Schofield the following Blackville returns passed:

Andrew Craig, Michael Hogan, Walter Mersereau, Collectors of Rates, also Parish accounts for pauper lunatic assessment and list of Parish officers.

On motion of Coun. Park parish officers for South Esk were appointed.

Coun. Watling said men when called to work on the roads in Glenelg were allowed to keep their own time and marked full time without in many cases having done any work. No work had been done for at least two thirds of the amount the supervisor charged for and yet that official was kept in office by the Government. No wonder they had poor roads. Special commissioners were needed to open winter roads. If the supervisor's bill were before the Council he (Watling) would not pass it, as it was not right.

Coun. Swim reported from the Petitions Committee against appointing a delegate to the Union of Municipalities. Adopted.

Coun. Parker moved to pass accounts of Everett Allison, Collector of Rates, Derby. Passed.

On motion Coun. Hurley, the return of Thos. Parker, Collector of Rates, Blissfield, passed, show $5.03 due collection.

Coun. Swim from Com. on Petitions recommended granting of prayer of petitioners for byelaw to prevent cattle running at large in Blissfield. Adopted.

On motion Coun. Chiasson, Parish officers of Rogersville were appointed, and Parish accounts and Pauper Lunatic Accounts passed.

On motion Coun. Parker, the Derby Supervisor was ordered to make returns.

On motion Coun. Chaisson, $203.13 was ordered assessed on Rogersville for Pauper Lunatics.

On motion Coun. Hurley, the Blissfield Road Accounts passed, and $10 ordered paid Alex. Stewart for laying out a road.

On motion of Coun. Allain, $312 was ordered assessed on Alnwick for Pauper lunatics; accounts of John T. Burchill, Henry Legere ($16.13 due him by the county), J. W. Hierlihy ($19.24 due county), and Gilbert B. Robichaud, Collectors of Rates, Alnwick, passed. Coun .Allain said he had been accused of doing an injustice, last year, because he had insisted upon a change in No .1 District, but the result showed a much better collection than the year before. He thought injustice could be found in allowing some men to go year after year, without paying their taxes, while others were obliged to pay.

Coun. Watling said he wished to congratulate the two independent members of the Legislature on the good work they had done for the roads of this county. They had done more for them than the late Chief Commissioner did during all his years of office. They deserved a vote of thanks. He thought it would be a good thing for the county if all its representatives were independent.

Adjourned.

Thursday Morning

A delegation of the Miramichi Agricultural Society, No. 9, consisting of Hon. J. P. Burchill, Geo. E. Fisher and Geo. J. Dickson, appeared before the council urging the municipal body to unite with the Agricultural Societies in pressing the provincial government to bonus a dredging plant on the Miramichi to bring up mussel mud to be used as farm fertilizer. The council approved of the idea, and appointed councillor Swim as a delegate to act with the society delegates in presenting the matter to the government.

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Newcastle to Get One of Fraser Pulp Mills

That Fraser, Limited will this coming summer build at Newcastle a big pulp mill, which will be one of four such mills to be erected in the province, is the assurance given the Advocate on Monday by a gentleman who is in the position to know something about the plans of the Company. Besides the proposed mill at Newcastle, it is said that another mill will be located on the Miramichi, a third one at Edmunston, while the site for the fourth plant has not been selected. No details concerning the proposed Newcastle mill could be obtained from the Advocate's informant.

Sir Max to be Lord What D'ye Call 'im?

Lord Miramichi Probably, but this is a Guessing Contest—Should Offer Prizes

From the Toronto Star—A dramatic surprise awaits a New Brunswick village, whose very name is unknown to nine out of every ten Canadians. Its chief communal joy hitherto has been its poetical and typically Canadian name. Subject to the King's approval, it is now about to share with Montreal and Amherst, the distinction of providing a title for the English peerage, with this added distinction that its name will be borne by the only peer, who is fully Canadian both by birth and residence. Moreover, the records of the Herald's official show that never before has a commoner been called to the peerage at thirty-seven. Sixty is the usual age.

Of course it's Sir Max Aitken, he for whom the London Morning Post suggested the title "Lord Bunty," because he pulls the strings. And it looks as though he would call himself Lord Miramichi, as some have said. Miramichi is a New Brunswick river, Newcastle is on it, and biographers say Sir Max was born there. The name is poetical, typically Canadian and the fact that the village of that name is in Nova Scotia not New Brunswick, is negligable.

If not Miramichi, then what? Beaver Brock is near Newcastle. Lord Beaver would be Canadian, but not poetical. The trouble is that there are few poetical names in that region the Micmac Indians having been responsible for such names as Tabucintac, Neguac, Escuminac and Bartibogue—fancy Lord Bartibogue! There is an Indiantown thereabouts Lord Indiantown it might possibly be. But; ha, there is also a Protectionville, and Protectionville is typically Canadian—altogether too typically so. Lord Protectionville would fit alright. Along comes James L. Hughes, however, with the declaration that Sir Max was really at Maple, Ont., and not in Brunswick at all. "Lord Maple" would be typically Canadian, and such a sweet, syruppy, flattering sort of a name. But Lord Miramichi is likelier.

TO ATTEND FORESTRY CONVENTION

Sheriff O'Brien and son Leonard, of Nelson, and W. B. Snowball, of Chatham, left for Toronto Saturday night to attend the Forestry Convention there. They expect to attend the opening of Parliament in Ottawa today, and the Auto Show in Montreal on the 20th.

SPEAK HIGHLY OF MIRAMICHI HOSPITAL

Mrs. A. Williston and Mrs. Stephenson, of Bay du Vin, and Chatham respectively, have recently returned to their homes after having been operated on for appendicitis, by Dr. Marven, assisted by Dr. Moore and Dr. Loggie. These patients speak in the highest terms of their treatment and of the careful attention given them while at the Miramichi Hospital.

HOCKEY

A fast game of Hockey was played between a Newcastle team and the Chatham Hustlers in the rink here last night. The score was 4—3 in favor of Newcastle. The line-up was

Chatham		Newcastle
H. Jardine	goal	Harold Falconer
F. McDonald	Pt.	A. Whalen
W. Johnston	c. p.	J. H. Drummie
S McDonald	r.	L. Mitchell
J. Groat	c.	T. Matheson
D. Cripps	l. w.	L. Jeffrey
E. Hilderbrand	r. w.	C. Morris

MRS. RAMSAY'S RECEPTION

Mrs. J. H. Ramsay held her postnuptial reception today and was assisted in receiving by Mr. Ramsay's mother, Mrs. Copp, and her own mother, Mrs. Frank S. Lister. She looked winsome in her bridal dress of duchess satin. In the tea room Mrs. Joseph Moore and Mrs. Wesley Vanwart presided over the daintily arranged table centred with pink and white carnations. Baby ribbons and smilax draped the electrolier. In the den where ices were served, Mrs. Albert Kitchen cut the ices. Those assisting were the Misses Phyllis and Audrey Lister, Miss Ethel Moore, Miss Violet Williams, Miss Violet Wilson, Mrs. O. B. Kitchen, Mrs. Lloyd Vanwart invited the guests out.—St. John Telegraph, Jan. 13th.

CLOTHES LINES ROBBED

Mrs. Edward Arseneau reported to the police this morning that a large quantity of personal and bed clothing which she left on her clothes line last night was missing this morning, evidently having been stolen during the night. Clothes lines and all the clothing attached thereto were taken, the lines having been cut at the ends. The clothing consisted of a number of bed sheets and pillow cases, as well as woolen underwear of herself and nine children.

Miss McKenzie of Nelson has taken charge of Whitneyville school, succeeding Miss Janet Shely of Dawson, Albert Co., who is teaching at home.

Mass Meeting in Chatham Sunday Night

For the further discussion of the new Profincial Prohibition Law, a Mass meeting was held in Chatham on Sunday night. Despite the inclemency of the weather a large crowd gathered at the Opera House. Considerable interest had been created of the questions to be discussed by the position of some portions of the Press.

Dr. B. A. Marven presided.

The first speaker was Rev. W. D. Wilson, General Secretary of the Alliance, who reaffirmed his previous statements that Scott Act Counties ought to repeal the Act and adopt the new measure. The speaker then went on to state that section after section of the province was falling into line and preparing for the coming into force of the Prohibitory Law.

One of the features emphasized was that at present under existing conditions there was a lack of uniformity of law enforcement. For example in Northumberland County, we have three different and distinct types of enforcement of the same law.

Here was the Town Council of Chatham trying to enforce the law. Only trying; then the Town Council of Newcastle enforces the law, and then we have the County Council enforcing the law; three separate kinds of enforcement.

Now, under the new law, this difficulty will be overcome, and we will have a uniform administration of our anti-liquor laws.

Dr. E. B. Wyllie was then called and he opened his address by stating that he spoke as a citizen of Chatham. He discussed the measure as compared with the Scott Act and stated that the new law, by reason of its mobility and its comprehensiveness was a much superior Act.

Put Screws on Tighter.

The centralizing of the enforcement was also dealt with and in this connection he stated "that the other day he had an interview with the chairman of the Police Committee, who stated that if the Scott Act was not repealed, that he would ask to have the screws put on tighter." If the screws can go on tighter," cried the speaker, "why can't they be put on now?"

W. S. Loggie, M. P., on being called to the platform, stated that his mission was not to make a speech, but to present the names of a group of men to act as a committee to form a branch of the Alliance for the purpose of putting through the work of the repeal of the Scott Act.

The names being read and the motion made and put was carried.

Dr. Wyllie proposed a vote of thanks to Father O'Keefe and the Temperance organizations for the use of the Opera House free of charge.

OBITUARY

EUBULUS McCALLUM

The death of Mr. Eubulus McCallum, one of the most respected residents of the Miramichi, occurred at his home in Douglastown early Tuesday morning, 16th instant. Deceased was 76 years of age, and had been ailing since April last, previous to which time he had always enjoyed the best of health. Deceased was born in Tabucintac, and removed to Douglastown 41 years ago, where he had lived ever since. He was an honored member of St. Mark's Presbyterian church and universally respected. He leaves a widow, formerly Miss Catherine Macdonald, of Tabucintac, and the following children: Thomas, of Fort William, Ontario; Elizabeth (Mrs. J. J. Osmond), of Bellerica, Mass.; Marjorie (Mrs. Alexander Cowie), Douglastown; and Albert, of Portland, Me.; also the following brothers and sisters: Wm McCallum, Newcastle; James, Tabucintac; John, Rice Lake, Wisconsin; and Catherine (Mrs. John Dutcher, Newcastle. The funeral was held this afternoon, interment in St. Mark's cemetery, Douglastown.

MRS. BENJAMIN WARREN

The death of Mrs. Benjamin Warren of Grey Rapids, occurred on the 13th instant, after an illness of six months. She was formerly Miss Maria Curtis, and was a native of Grey Rapids. She leaves her husband and three daughters—Maud, Blanche and Annie; also the following brothers and sisters—George, Albert, Raymond, Robert and Clarence Curtis, and Mrs. Flemming Warren, all of Grey Rapids, and Mrs Norris Manderville, of Derby. Deceased was 30 years old. She was a member of the Anglican church and a faithful and most valued church and Sunday school worker, who will be sadly missed. The funeral took place at 2 p. m, Monday, services in St. Agnes Church, Gray Rapids, by the rector, Rev. H. T. Montgomery Many attended to pay the last tribute of respect to the loved one. The pallbearers were Messrs Norris Manderville, Perley Bryenton, Albert and Wm Coughlan and Chaves and Howard Curtis.

RAISED SIXTY DOLLARS

The proceeds of a supper and tie social held in Boobs Road hall in aid of the Belgian Children Relief Fund amounted to sixty dollars.

Sensational Charge Flung at Pres. of Patriotic Fund by Councillor Vanderbeck

That Chas. J. Morrissey, President of the West Northumberland Patriotic Fund, prostituted the functions of his office by using his position to enforce upon a beneficiary of the fund, payment of a debt of the beneficiary's husband to the merchandising firm with which Mr. Morrissey is connected was the substance of the charge made by Councillor J. W. Vanderbeck at a joint meeting of the members of the executive of the Patriotic Fund and the County Council, in the Town Hall Tuesday evening.

The charges came like a bolt from the blue, near the close of a meeting called for the purpose of having the members of the county council pass upon the grants made from the Patriotic Fund to beneficiaries outside of Newcastle. With one exception all the grants were approved. The exception was the case of Mrs. Georgina Williston, of Blackville, whose husband, a nominal member of the 132nd Battalion, is now absent, it was alleged, from his unit without leave.

After a spirited discussion of the matter it was decided that further payments to Mrs. Williston should be suspended until the merits of the case could be determined. Councillor Parker stated that Pte. Williston, the beneficiary's husband, enlisted in the Kilties at Fredericton a few days ago.

The case which brought forth Councillor Vanderbeck's sensational charge was that of Mrs. Annie White of Lower Derby, from whom Mr. Vanderbeck read some letters complaining of her inability to secure the money she considered due her, until she had agreed to pay $50 to John Morrissy on a debt of her husband to that firm. Mrs. White stated that six month's grants were due her and unpaid, because it was stated the executive of the Patriotic Fund had not received the necessary certificate of her husband's enlistment, but that within two days after she agreed to make a payment on her husband's indebtedness to the Morrissy firm, she received a cheque for $50 from the fund and this was promptly turned over to Arthur Doran, an agent for the Morrissey firm.

After reading the letters from Mrs. White, and producing receipts from Morrissey's to substantiate his statements, Councillor Vanderbeck launched upon a passionate denunciation of the methods used by John Morrissey to collect money from Mrs. White and of the part the president of the fund had played in the matter. Mr. Vanderbeck was most scathing in his language and vehemently declared that if money from the Patriotic Fund was to be coerced from beneficiaries to pay for furniture, wagons, etc., it was time that the fund be cut out. The councillor stated that at the time Mrs. White was induced to make the payment mentioned her children were without shoes, she was virtually destitute, and that coal and doctor's bills which she owed and desired to pay could not be met because of her compliance with the demands made upon her by the Morrisseys.

During the tirade of which he was the object, President Morrissey sat silent until near the end, when he retorted that he wished that Councillor Vanderbeck's son would receive some patriotic money, characterized the councillor's charges as "rattlebrained," and asked how much Mr. Vanderbeck had subscribed towards the Patriotic Fund. To the question Mr. Vanderbeck replied that he had subscribed $175, which sum he asserted was more than the president of the fund had given.

At the close of his remarks, Mr. Vanderbeck assured President Morrissey that the last had not been heard of the matter.

Following the pyrotechnics, the meeting seemed to be in a mood to adjourn when W. A. Park suggested that the mode of raising the county's apportionment of $25,000 towards the provincial Patriotic Fund for this year be discussed—whether money should be raised by bond issue, direct taxation or partly by each method. He thought it was hardly right to bond the country and pass the debt on to futurity, but that the people ought to feel it a little by levying taxes for the amount now.

Secretary E. P. Williston, who is also County Treasurer, reminded the meeting that there was some $16,000 in County requirements to be raised by taxation this year, and that by adding the patriotic assessment there would be a total of more than $40,000 which seemed to him rather heavy for one year. He suggested as an alternative a poll tax of $5.00 on each of the county's 8,000 rate payers.

Councillor Schofield approved of the poll tax principle, but thought it should be designated as a war tax.

Councillor Jimmo expressed disapproval of a poll tax because it would fall upon rich and poor with equal force.

Ald. H. H. Stuart strongly urged raising the money required by taxation this year, and pointed out that there would be no property exemptions from the patriotic fund tax, mentioning the Wireless Plant, Maloney's Mill and Canadian Gear Works as some of the Newcastle properties that would be liable to such a tax, for their full value. Ald Stuart also emphasized the point that in borrowing the money on 20 year bonds at 5 per cent. interest, the country would in twenty years pay the face value of the bonds in interest, and would still owe the principal which would be passed on to posterity, and the county would be out the interest paid.

out the interest paid. He thought that to raise the whole amount by poll tax would be unfair. Property should pay its full share, but he would prefer to pay his share in any way rather than have the county go any further into debt.

Councillor Chaisson declared the County could not pay the $25,000 in two years. "We would have to sell out the parish of Rogersville to pay it," he said.

Rev. S. J. Macarthur favored immediate taxation, contending that it would not be right to continue accumulating bonded indebtedness which would become too heavy for posterity. The country was prosperous now, money was plentiful and now was the best time to pay, in his opinion. "If we in Canada, were paying our share, as compared with Great Britain," opined Mr. Macarthur, "we would not count $25,000 as anything."

ANNUAL MEETING OF HIGHLAND SOCIETY

The annual meeting of the Highland Society at Miramichi, was held in Chatham, Saturday, Geo. B. Fraser presiding, David Ritchie sec. pro tem

The Treasurer's report showed a cash balance of over $800 and also 23 shares of Bank of N. S. stock.

Besides the usual charitable donations, following grants were made: Miramichi Hospital $250; Belgian Relief $100; Newcastle Red Cross $50; Chatham Field Comfort branch Red Cross, $50; and a set of bagpipes to the Kilties.

Mr. Main of Charlotte Co., whose father in overseas, was granted the U. N. B. Scholarship for 1916, no North Shore boy having applied.

The following new members were added to the society:—Dr. D. R. Moore and Allan J. Kerr, Newcastle; R. A. Logie, R. A. Snowball, F. H. McNaught and E. S. Jack, Chatham

The following were elected officers for the ensuing year:

D. P. MacLachlan—President

R. Corry Clarke, Robt. Murray, Geo. Stables—Vice Presidents.

Allan J. Ferguson—Secretary

Wm. Wilson—Treasurer

Archibald Gibb—Piper.

Allan A. Davidson was elected the Society's representative on the Miramichi Hospital Board; and Rev. S. J. Macarthur, Geo. Stables, E. Hutchison, Wm. Wilson, Jas. D. Johnston and James Robinson were re-elected the committee for the dispensation of charity.

Highland Society Scholarship Committee—W. A. Park and A. A. Davidson.

Directorate for 1917:—John McDonald, David Sadler, Howard Irving, J D. Johnston, A. H. Marquis, L. J. Loggie, E. B. McEwen, A. T. Ross, John Elder, R. A. Snowball, R. A. Loggie, E. S. Jack, W. J. C. Scott, John C. Miller, Allan A. Davidson, W. A .Park, John Robinson, E. A. McCurdy, Willis Nicholson, Weldon Robinson, David Ritchie, John Ferguson, Allan J. Kerr, Dr. D. R. Moore.

Curling Notes

Club Cup: Second Series

January 10th

Skips		Skips	
J. R. Lawlor	11	J. Russell	13
R. Beckwith	9	P. Russell	12

January 12th

R. Galloway	16	Hon J Morrissy	12

Third Series .....

J. Russell	11	C. J. Morrissy	9

CLUB CUP: THIRD SERIES

Skip.	Jan. 15	Skip	
J. R. Lawlor	14	R. Galloway	7

CLUB CUP: FINAL

Jan. 16

John Russell	14	J. R. Lawlor	7

FATHER DIXON CUP:

FIRST SERIES

Jan. 15

C. Sargeant	14	R. Beckwith	10

Jan. 16

J. E. T. Lindon	14	J. H. Sargeant	12

Bonspiel Practice Matches

January 11th

R. W. Crocker	24	J. R. McKnight	12
J. R. Lawlor	9	J. H. Sargeant	8
Hon. John Morrissy			12