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TOWN COUNCIL IN SPECIAL
SESSION SATURDAY RE
MILITARY HOSPITAL.

The Kentville Town Council convened in special session Saturday afternoon at two o'clock, a temporary military hospital being the subject under discussion.

Mayor Pelton and Councillors Newcombe, Hiltz, DeWolfe, Caldwell, McBride and Lamont, the Recorder and Deputy Clerk were present.

The Mayor explained that this meeting was called to deal with a proposition from the military authorities regarding a temporary hospital for the use of soldiers quartered here suffering from an epidemic of measles and pneumonia and the question had to be decided at once.

Dr. H. B. Webster being present, was on motion asked to address the Council, and did so as follows:

The military authorities want the Town Council to co-operate with them in providing a temporary hospital for the use of the soldiers quartered here who are in need of hospital care and attention. If the Town will provide a suitable building rent free, the military authorities will furnish everything else that is necessary. Dr. Webster continuing said that if the town refused to unite with the authorities in this work there is no doubt whatever but what the soldiers would all be removed from Kentville, in fact he knew they would be, and that the matter should be decided without delay. He said that a place could be secured which had been examined and found suitable.

Lieut. Morris on motion was asked to address the Council. He said that Captain Bruce was making a tour, examining the sanitary conditions here and he says if satisfactory quarters for a temporary hospital be not provided at once, that all the soldiers would be taken away. Lieut. Morris would not say how long the soldiers would remain in Kentville in case the proposition of the military authorities was agreed to. He favored the house under consideration saying it would accommodate about twenty men and the family now there could remain.

Dr. W. B. Moore, as Health Officer for the Town of Kentville was on motion asked to give his opinion. He strongly advised the course proposed, and gave the following special report:

Kentville, Feb. 12, 1916. Whereas, the Town of Kentville has suffered, and is still suffering from a serious epidemic of la grippe, measles and pneumonia affecting a number of the military recruits quartered in the Town, with no means of protecting the general public by segregation of those affected, I, hereby, by virtue of authority vested in me as Health Officer, direct that the house mentioned, in the Town of Kentville, which is suitable for the purpose, shall be obtained by the Board of Health for the purpose of a temporary hospital for military recruits.

W. B. MOORE, M. D., M. H. O., Town of Kentville. On motion the Council adjourned and resolved itself into a Board of Health. Coun. Caldwell moved that the Health Officer's report be received and adopted and that the Board of Health take the necessary steps to secure the building to be used by the military authorities as a temporary hospital, and that the Mayor and Councillors McBride and the Health Officer be a committee to attend to this matter, which motion was seconded by Councillor Newcombe and passed unanimously.

Council adjourned.

Kentville Board of Trade
Discusses Matters of
Much Importance.

Demonstration Building for Short Course Work—Exhibitions of Poultry and Other Gatherings—Committees Appointed.

The Kentville Board of Trade held a most interesting session Thursday evening, Feb. 10th in Town Hall when live topics of interest were brought before the Board and intelligently dealt with. The Council of the Board convened at 7.30 o'clock, President W. S. Blair in the chair. Committees for the year were elected as follows:

Town Improvement—Prof. W. S. Blair, A. E. Calkin, W. A. Hiltz, Geo. E. Herman, Rev. T. C. Mellor.

Schools—Wm. Yould, H. G. Harris, R. H. Lamont, T. P. Calkin, Capt. William McBride.

Tourist—R. U. Parker, S. S. Strong, G. E. Calkin, H. L. Cole, R. T. Caldwell.

Press—Geo. E. Herman, H. G. Harris, E. B. Newcombe, K. T. Rogers, M. E. Giffen.

Industrial—Geo. E. Graham, Geo. C. Roy, T. P. Calkin, A. L. Pelton, R. T. Caldwell.

Trade and Transportation—D. J. Murphy, G. C. Hare, C. B. Lockhart, F. B. Newcombe, P. Innes.

A number of accounts were read and ordered to be paid.

The Board of Trade meeting convened at 8.30 o'clock with the President in the chair.

After the reading of the minutes, Messrs R. D. L. Bligh and J. Everett Kinsman were elected members of the Board.

A communication was read from J. R. Webster, enclosing one from R. U. Parker calling attention to the fact that no Winter Fair would be held at Amherst this year and suggesting that it might be possible to hold a Provincial Horse Show here in the spring.

The President called the attention of the Board to the advisability of holding a Fruit Exhibition next fall. He also referred to the need and possibility of having a Demonstration or Institute Building for Exhibitions of Poultry and Short Course Work as well as other gatherings. He also called attention to the Institute at Lawrencestown opened this week, and stated that some correspondence was being carried on about these different subjects.

On motion Committees were appointed to take up the different subjects as follows:

Horse Show—J. R. Webster, R. H. Lamont, Dr. W. B. Moore, H. L. Cole, J. Roy Hiltz, John Tobin, with power to add to committee.

Exhibition—Geo. C. Roy, A. E. Calkin, R. H. Lamont, G. E. Calkin, J. Everett Kinsman.

Demonstration or Institute Building—Prof. W. S. Blair, Dr. W. B. Moore, Rev. R. B. Layton, E. B. Newcombe, P. Innes, T. P. Calkin.

The President reported a deficit in Poultry Show, and on motion it was ordered that such deficit be paid by the Board.

Amount not to exceed \$10.00, account to be furnished the Board before payment.

An interesting statement was given of Farm Crops and Live Stock in Kings County, showing from the 1910 statistics that in nearly all kinds of crops this County leads all the other Counties of the Province, the number of pure bred horses owned in the County being nearly twice that of Cumberland and nearly as many as the Counties of Hants, Annapolis, Colchester and Pictou combined. While in pure bred cattle Kings County was only led by Cumberland by 39 head, the figures being—Cumberland 463; Kings 424. This clearly shows that Kings County is an Agricultural as well as a Fruit Producing County.

NATIONAL PROHIBITION

It was moved, seconded and passed that the Board place itself on record as favoring the Prohibition of the Liquor Traffic for Canada for the duration of the war, and for three years thereafter as per communication from the National Temperance Federation, and that Rev. R. B. Layton and Secretary, be a committee to draft resolution and forward same to the Premier.

Board adjourned.

Special Report of Health Officer of the
Town of Kentville

To the Mayor and Town Council of Kentville, N. S. Gentlemen:

Having been requested by the military authorities to inspect and report upon the sanitary conditions of the places in which the military recruits were quartered, I have made a careful inspection as required, in company with Lieutenant Morris, 112th Regiment, and reported somewhat in detail.

I beg to present herewith a brief synopsis of my report to the Military.

There has been very little evidence of overcrowding and steps were taken to remedy what existed by better distribution. While some places were rather dilapidated, with little furnishings and not prepossessing in appearance, the essential requirements of sanitary housing, namely, sufficient light and facilities for ventilation, sufficient space, plumbing free from defects in lavatories and bathrooms, excellent water supply in quality and quantity, and as clean in rooms and beds as the habits of some of the recruits would permit, were well fulfilled.

My opinion, based upon fair

knowledge and a careful consideration of the facts, is that the disease from which recruits suffered, principally La Grippe, Measles of a severe type with complications, Pneumonia, etc., of wide-spread distribution with several fatalities have not been due to any insanitary conditions of a preventable character, within the town, or in the quarters in which the recruits have been housed.

It is gratifying, however, to be able to state, that as you are aware, owing to the difficulty of handling cases of disease in ordinary houses, under epidemic conditions, steps are being taken by the Town, conjointly with the military authorities, to provide a suitable temporary hospital.

The general healthfulness of the Town of Kentville, with its very low average mortality rate for many years, can scarcely be reasonably assumed that in no other available place can the health and comfort of the recruits be assured to a greater degree.

Respectfully submitted,
W. B. MOORE, M. H. O.

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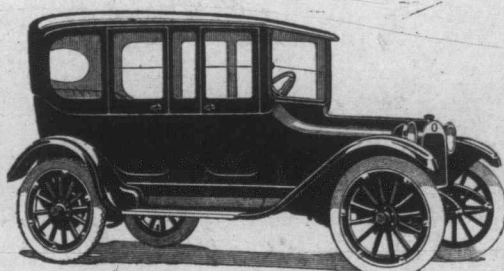
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