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CAMPBELLTON BILLS CREATE A HOT DISCUSSION

Automobile Business Makes Remarkable Strides Here In Last Decade

CAMPBELLTON BILLS DROP BY THE WAYSIDE AFTER HECTIC SESSION OF THE COMMITTEE

Three Bills Withdrawn, One Thrown Out And The Other Will Be Given Further Consideration—Belle Isle, Crockett and Wallace Lead The Opposition In The Face of Campbellton's Need Mayor McKay, Makes Spirited Reply—Some Facts And Figures—H. A. Carr Takes Part In Discussion.

Fredericton, April 15.—The Municipalities Committee had one of its most hectic sessions this morning with the Campbellton bills, all of which were vigorously opposed by a delegation of rate-payers. During the hearing of the promoters and opponents of the bills the committee heard an enlightening discussion on town policies, charges and counter charges being hurled back and forth.

All of the bills were finally taken into private consideration. The strongest opposition was that to the bill empowering the town to issue further debentures to the extent of \$65,000 for the purpose of meeting over-drafts occasioned by the over-expenditure on capital expenditures as stated by Town Solicitor H. A. Carr.

Finally three of the bills from Campbellton and Restigouche county were withdrawn altogether—these were the bills promoted by the Town of Campbellton and Restigouche county respecting representation of the town of Campbellton and Restigouche county in the Restigouche County Council and the bill to provide for head tax upon non-residents working in Restigouche county—the bill regarding assessment of the bill empowering the Town of Campbellton to issue \$65,000 of debentures was stood over for further consideration.

The Corporations Committee today considered the bill to authorize the Board of School Trustees of Campbellton to issue debentures and decided not to report the bill.

The proposed bond issue, explained Mr. Carr, was for the purpose of meeting over-drafts occasioned by over-expenditure on capital account and was not for new work, but the finances were not in good condition, he stated. The present bonded indebtedness of the town amounted to \$224,000, of which \$324,000 had been added since 1919. The present council, which had been elected after the old council had been dismissed, was endeavoring to solve the town's financial problem.

He could not understand the last minute opposition to the bills promoted by the town, especially as the opponents of the bills had not taken up the matter with the Town Council where they might expect them to be discussed. Capital expenditures had been over-exceeded as follows:

Hydro bond issue of \$50,000 to the sum of \$9,200; Walker Brook water project, \$7,446; electric light, sewerage, fire department and permanent sidewalks, \$66,169. At present the bank over-draft amounted to \$79,000. Last year the Legislature authorized an over-draft of \$25,000 on current account. He was afraid the banks would shut down on the town unless the relief sought was afforded. Un-collected taxes amounted to \$79,000 in 1924 and \$14,000 in 1925 on sinking fund. The council was endeavoring to eliminate this unlimited expenditure.

Independent Audit Suggested.

The bill was opposed by W. H. Wallace and A. C. Belle Isle on ground that the town should not be bonded while still showing a surplus of \$30,000 in outstanding taxes. Mr. Belle Isle questioned the ability of a new and untried board of councillors and referred to the "famous hydro contract" into which the town had entered and which he claimed was adding to the town's debt.

Information had been afforded the ratepayers as to the amount of the over-expenditure. General Rand suggested that if the ratepayers were not satisfied that they should seek an independent audit.

Mr. Belle Isle stated that the bonded indebtedness amounted to \$224,000 plus \$179,505 carried on housing scheme bonds and \$600,000 as surplus cost on hydro would be thrown away, making a total of \$1,003,505 or a per capita debt of \$284.

Mayor's Spirited Reply.

Mayor N. G. McKay defended the

EASTER MUSIC BY LOCAL CHOIRS

Fine Cantata Splendidly Rendered In St. Andrew's Church—Other Special Music.

The occasion of Easter was fittingly celebrated in St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church on Sunday evening when the choir rendered the stirring cantata "Redemption's Song" in a particularly pleasing manner.

Doubtless anticipating a musical treat a very large audience congregated and the building was crowded to the doors. Those attending were not disappointed. The whole musical program, which was of ample length, was of a high order and presented with admirable strength and harmony. The different solos were considered by many to be better than ever. Mrs. Miller and Mrs. MacNutt sang particularly fine in the duet part "Midnight In The Garden." Mrs. Calder's solo part was also rendered most pleasingly and Messrs Ramsay and Sunderland did their usual good work in two bass and tenor parts. Mrs. MacNutt's solo, "Death Is Swallowed Up In Victory" was also especially well done and to her as leader of St. Andrew's Church choir, much credit is due for the success of this fine Easter Cantata.

The different numbers follow—

No. 1. A New Song. Choir, Soprano Obligato.

No. 2. Ride On In Majesty. (Men's Union Chorus)

No. 3. Midnight In The Garden. (Soprano and Alto Duet). Mrs. Miller and Mrs. MacNutt.

No. 4. And He Bearing His Cross, Went Forth. (Bass Solo and Choir).

No. 5. If I Bear Not A Scar For Him. (Soprano Solo). Mrs. Calder.

No. 6. Now Upon The First Day of The Week. (Choir).

No. 7. Tell Me Glad Story. (Three-part Women's Chorus).

No. 8. Death Is Swallowed Up In Victory. (Alto Solo and Choir). Mrs. MacNutt.

No. 9. The Song of The Redeemed. (Tenor Solo and Choir). Mr. Sunderland.

No. 10. We Shall See Jesus. (Bass Solo and Choir). Mr. Ramsay.

No. 12. Rejoice And Be Glad. (Choir). Easter Sunday was also observed in the Baptist and Methodist Churches with special sacred music.

The program at the Baptist Church consisted of a number of anthems which were sung beautifully rendered. A solo part was also particularly well sung by Miss Winnifred Delaney. A large audience attended and all were much impressed with the high quality of this special musical service.

At Wesley Methodist Church the Easter music consisted of a male quartette by Messrs. H. B. LeRoy, J. T. Reid, C. T. Lepore and Rev. M. Godfrey, a beautiful Easter anthem and a trio which was given the previous Sunday. All these numbers were much enjoyed by a large audience.

CIVIC ELECTIONS IN DALHOUSIE

A. H. McKenzie and Full Ticket To Run For Office There Next Tuesday.

Apparently the stage is set for a lively civic contest in Dalhousie this spring. The annual election for Mayor and Aldermen takes place on Tuesday next. Friday is Nomination Day and a full new ticket headed by Mr. A. H. McKenzie for Mayor, will be brought out. The new ticket as follows: For Mayor, A. H. McKenzie; for Aldermen, N. McK. MacNeil, G. S. Grimmer, J. Arthur McMillan, Arsenault, Allain, Peter Valdon, Frank Godin, Benjamin Synett, and Thomas Bartholotte.

THE MOST IMPORTANT

The most important things going on now are spring hats.

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Town Topics

Vol. 2, No. 31 CAMPBELLTON, APRIL 16, 1925

Revolving Ovens

The ovens in which Moira Cream Soda Biscuits are baked are of the revolving type. They are huge enough to hold 1102 biscuits at a time which are held at a temperature of 560 degrees until they reach the right taste and enticing appearance that makes them so attractive.

Some Auto Figures For Restigouche

During the past decade remarkable strides have been made in the automobile business in Campbellton and Restigouche County. This fact is clearly shown by figures secured this morning from the Motor Vehicle Branch of the Dept. of Public Works at Fredericton. A full statement of comparative figures were not available but those that we have been able to secure show very clearly the great increase in the popularity of the automobile on the North Shore.

In 1914 the total number of licenses issued in the province was 1200. Figures for the town of Campbellton and Restigouche County were not available. In 1924 however, 339 licenses were issued in Campbellton alone; 298 of these were renewals while 91 were new. In Dalhousie 50 renewals and 18 new licenses were issued to car owners while the figures for the county were 371 renewals and 102 new.

Money Involved

In 1924 the amount of license fees paid by Restigouche car owners was \$17,647.83. From Campbellton these fees amounted to \$7,709.14 while Dalhousie contributed \$1,907.29. These figures do not include the fees for motor truck licenses. Last year these amounted in Campbellton alone to \$853.75.

ENTERTAINMENT DE LUXE

Such is Screen Version of Victor Hugo's "The Hunchback of Notre Dame" which opens at Opera House Next Monday.

Never since moving pictures have their inception has any picture received such unanimous and whole-hearted praise as has been accorded Universal's production of Victor Hugo's masterpiece "The Hunchback of Notre Dame."

From the press, the public, and also the pulpit have come the most glowing tributes. The worst that hard-hearted critics could say of it has been very laudatory and the masses and classes everywhere have thronged to see it. House records have been broken time and time again and extended runs or return engagements were necessary.

With a reputation such as this one can better understand why the local Opera House Management have seen fit to book this great picture for four days here. It opens at the Opera House next Monday night and will be one show each evening up to and including Thursday evening. On Thursday afternoon a special matinee will be given.

The outstanding feature of the production is the work of Lon Chaney, who plays the part of Quasimodo, the hunchback and as one great critic has said leaves an indelible impression on the memory which will be retained when all else has faded away.

Fatsy Ruth Miller, as Esmeralda, and Ernest Torrence, as King of the Beggars, also deserve laurels for their characterizations and in fact all the artists, of whom there are many, have given most wonderful portrayals of the parts allotted them.

The settings are truly magnificent, particularly the Cathedral of Notre Dame of Paris. This set was constructed in the original. Costumes tell of correct and beautiful.

All in all "The Hunchback of Notre Dame" is a vivid reality and a rare treat such as will not soon be repeated. Undoubtedly every person Day and a full new ticket headed by Mr. A. H. McKenzie for Mayor, will be brought out. The new ticket as follows: For Mayor, A. H. McKenzie; for Aldermen, N. McK. MacNeil, G. S. Grimmer, J. Arthur McMillan, Arsenault, Allain, Peter Valdon, Frank Godin, Benjamin Synett, and Thomas Bartholotte.

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CITIZENS WANT BETTER SERVICE

Meeting in Town Hall Tuesday Evening Largely Attended—Committee Named.

A largely attended meeting of the Board of Trade, Retail Merchants, Town Council and Commercial Travelers was held in the Town Hall Tuesday evening.

Mr. Geo. G. McKenzie was chosen chairman and H. B. Anslow, secretary. The chairman explained that the meeting was called to discuss the matter of adequate train service west of Campbellton. At a recent meeting of the Council of the Board of Trade, it was felt that a definite train service should be made to get to the Railway Commission. We all remember the difficulty we had in getting the local on between Bathurst and Campbellton. The railway officials claim that it would not pay, but today it was more than paying. In his opinion the territory to be served by a local train from the west was a better one than between here and Bathurst. Saturday night there were forty-three passengers for Tide Head and Flatlands who had to buy tickets to Matapedia and then from Matapedia back to destination, and taking about two hours for a twenty minute journey. This could not be called service.

Mr. D. Champoux thought the first thing to do would be to have an expression of opinion from the meeting, and if possible appoint a committee to draft a strong resolution to be forwarded to Mr. Appleton and Sir Henry Thornton.

Mr. Champoux moved and Mr. Day seconded, that a committee consisting of the chairman, the president of the Board of Trade, the Mayor, president of the Retail Merchants Association and president of the Commercial Travellers Association make up such a committee, be upon the matter, to draft a strong resolution to be forwarded to Mr. Appleton and Sir Henry Thornton.

The motion carried.

The chairman named the following committee: Geo. G. McKenzie, H. J. Currie, N. C. McKay, Wm. Ferguson and J. Arnold.

Ex-Warden H. C. Gillis of Tide Head, said that there was a large population along the district this train would serve.

They left on to-day's Limited for Bathurst and other N. B. Towns on their way to Boston and New York. On their return they will reside in Campbellton.

PRESENTATION TO JAS. B. FRASER

Storekeeper At St. Malo Shops And Mrs. Fraser Feted By Friends.

Quebec, Que., April 10.—A most enjoyable event took place at the Canadian National Saint Malo shop yesterday afternoon when Mr. Fraser, storekeeper, was made the object of a flattering demonstration by his fellow-workers, who assembled and presented him and Mrs. Fraser with three handsome gifts in the form of a mantle clock, a set of silver spoons and a silk umbrella on silver spoons.

The presentation address was delivered by Mr. J. H. Brown, the District Storekeeper, who presided over the reception and in a few well-chosen words expressed the regret that all members of the staff of the St. Malo shops felt at his severing his connection with them, but expressing the hope that he would like to return to the city.

Mr. Fraser, although taken by surprise at the event, rose nobly to the occasion and with a few choice phrases, thanked his fellow-workers for their kind gifts, which would ever be cherished by both he and his wife, and assured them that he was indeed sorry to leave Quebec.

ANNUAL MEETING OF DALHOUSIE C. W. L.

On Sunday evening the annual meeting of the C. W. L. took place and the officers for the current year were appointed. Mrs. Edward Canon, the outgoing president read a report of the work done by the Society during the past year, and her report made a deep impression on all the members present.

Mrs. Cannon will be long remembered for the interest she took on behalf of the sick and poor and her proof of wonderful executive ability in the management of the affairs of the Society. Mrs. Cannon on account of ill health, was unable to see her way clear to act as president for another year, after being strongly pressed.

The following officers were appointed: President, Miss May Goble; Vice-President, Mrs. Joseph Elzinger; 2nd, Mrs. S. Blanchard; 3rd, Miss Margaret Cimon; Secretary, Mrs. P. Main; Treasurer, Miss Albina Harcourt; Entertainment Committee, Miss Bessie Delaney; Entertainment Committee, Mrs. Vincent Harcourt; Con-venor for the poor, Mrs. John J. Bate-man; Con-venor for the sick, Mrs. Jos. Barthe.

PROMOTERS OF HALF HOLIDAY MAY JOIN FORCES WITH THE LOCAL BASEBALL SUPPORTERS

This Suggestion Is Advanced By One Who Is Interested In Success of Both Projects—Half Holiday Would Help To Promote Baseball And Other Sports—Those Interested Are Urged To Attend Next Friday's Meeting And Draw Up Definite Plan of Procedure.

In urging that local baseball enthusiasts and those who desire to have a weekly half-holiday instituted here this summer combine forces for the co-operative promotion of both projects, a local citizen has made a good suggestion and one that should meet with hearty approval from the supporters of both.

Next Week's Meeting

A meeting to organize for the coming baseball season is being arranged for Friday night of next week in the Town Hall and it is proposed that those interested in the half-holiday should attend this gathering and formulate a definite plan of procedure. Considerable interest has already been aroused in connection with the proposed weekly half-holiday and there should be no difficulty in getting a large crowd of enthusiastic supporters together.

WERE MARRIED AT DALHOUSIE

Miss Blanche Mercier Becomes Wife of J. Rene Vermette of Campbellton.

Dalhousie, N. B., April 15.—A pretty wedding took place at 3:30 o'clock this morning in the Chapel of the Sacred Heart Convent, Dalhousie, when Miss Mary Blanche Mercier was united in marriage to Mr. Joseph Rene Vermette, son of Mr. George Vermette of Campbellton. Nuptial Mass was celebrated by Rev. J. A. Hartt. The bride, who was given in marriage by her cousin, Mr. Numa Bernatchez of Campbellton, looked charming in a large crowd of enthusiastic supporters.

The Chapel was crowded with friends and the Convent Choir sang several hymns and the music was beautiful.

Following the ceremony a wedding breakfast was served at the home of the bride. The happy pair received many gifts, testifying to the wide esteem in which both are held.

The bride is a niece of Mr. W. E. McIntyre, Cobourg, St. John and McIntyre, Cobourg of Campbellton. They left on to-day's Limited for Bathurst and other N. B. Towns on their way to Boston and New York. On their return they will reside in Campbellton.

YOUNG MAN KILLED IN LUMBER WOODS

James Kierstead of Tide Head, aged about twenty, was accidentally killed on Saturday evening last while engaged in hauling logs near Grag Brook.

At the time of the accident the unfortunate young man, who was employed by Clifford Galie, lumber operator for the Sackville Outfit Company, was hauling logs to the main river and nearly completed the job when he was working overtime in an effort to finish on Saturday night. As far as is known the accident was due to the "brake chain" about the runner coming off of a stump or tree root. The young man was hurled about 50 feet from the load beneath the log skid and was killed instantly.

The victim of the accident was discovered by a fellow worker who, following with another log, found the young man beneath the log skid.

Word of the tragedy was sent to the young man's home and when the remains reached an inquest was held by Coroner Dr. Disbrow of Dalhousie, in the absence of Coroner Dr. Martin K. S.

The funeral services were very largely attended and interment was made in the Campbellton Rural Cemetery. Young Mr. Kierstead was well and lovingly known and his untimely death has called forth many expressions of regret and sympathy from all sides.

At the steps, Rev. I. M. Macdonald, M. A. to address the minister and Rev. R. Davidson, B. A. will address the people.