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## Town Council Regular Meeting Thursday Night

### Much Discussion on Matter of Commission Government—On Vote Being Taken, Motion Carried.

Newcastle Town Council met in regular monthly session on the 21st instant, Mayor Morrissey in the chair. Aldermen present: Doyle, Keith, Mackay, McCabe, McGrath, Sargent and Stohart.

Ald. Mackay reported that the Park and Fire committee wished to purchase 500 feet more hose, and he asked for permission to lay the same. Permission was granted on motion of Ald. Doyle and Keith.

Following Light & Water bills passed: Inverness Ry. & Coal Co., \$77.31; Can. Gas Elec. Co., \$78.94.

Chief of Police W. O. Chamberlain made following report for December: No. of Street Act violations, none; Police Court—16 cases for drunkenness, 6 fines paid, 4 fines allowed to stand, amount collected \$48; magistrates' costs, \$20; balance \$18.

Report was received and ordered filed.

Ald. Stohart reported that the Finance Committee were not ready to report re the Police Magistrate's report. The committee were given an extension of time.

It was moved by Ald. Doyle, seconded by Ald. Stohart, that the Mayor and Town Clerk be authorized to have a bill prepared for presentation to the Legislature at its next session, asking that the Town's Incorporation Act, in so far as it applies to the Town of Newcastle be amended so as to reduce the number of Aldermen for the Town from eight to four, and to have the Mayor and two Aldermen elected annually.

The vote was first taken without discussion.

Yeas—Ald. Doyle, Sargent, Stohart.

Nays—Ald. Keith, McCabe, McGrath.

Not voting—Ald. Mackay.

The Mayor said that when a division was called every alderman had to vote. The Town Clerk, being appointed to make the same decision.

Ald. Mackay said that he wanted the Board kept at 8 members but the Mayor and 4 aldermen elected annually. He had moved thus at a previous meeting.

Ald. Keith thought that Ald. Mackay should vote nay on the motion and then bring in his amendment as a new motion.

The Mayor agreed that this could be done.

Ald. McGrath wanted to know if Ald. Mackay wanted commission government. Every Aldermanic board in the province except in St. John, where the government was of the commission form with a Mayor and four Aldermen with salaries paid, consisted of 8 Aldermen and a Mayor. He strongly favored 8 members. In a small body discussion could be more easily shut off and doubtful transactions could be more easily rushed through without being noticed. A large council insured more discussion, more criticism, thereby rendering the procedure more safe for the public interest.

The second vote was called, and the six aldermen stood up as before, but Ald. Mackay hesitated. He wanted the matter held over, but the Mayor ruled that, as it had already gone to a vote, though it was decided because one alderman had not voted, it now must be voted upon, and every alderman had to vote. It was too late for an amendment at this stage.

He advised Ald. Mackay that his only reasonable course, seeing that he was not in favor of the motion, was to vote against it and then bring in his own idea. He himself was in favor of some such change.

Ald. Sargent wanted a change. Ald. Doyle said he did not want to force his motion upon the Council. Under the present system of election the whole Council might be changed each year. As soon as a man begins to get acquainted with his department he was liable to be defeated and a brand new man would step in a committee of three was too cumbersome. It was too much trouble for the citizens to have to consult two others about the least little things. And the committee did not always agree with each other.

It was also held to get three good men to serve on the Board. He thought the number should be reduced, and by a two year term it is insured that one-half of each Council should be experienced men who had been in office the year before.

Ald. Mackay concluded that, since he could not amend the motion, he would vote for it, and the motion carried 4 to 3, after Ald. McGrath had made another strong protest against it.

## Further Proof of Mr. Read's Good Standing

### Official Visit From Inspector Evans Removes all Doubt—Large Negotiations Being Carried On.

It will be remembered that a few weeks ago The Advocate published a letter written by Mr. L. G. Read, in which he properly denounced the originators of a rumor which falsely associated his name with the German espionage system. We said then—as we say now—that Mr. Read's coming here has been a decided benefit to the community, in the business he has brought and is bringing, and while we feel that it is a sacrifice of dignity to take any further notice of such a mean rumor we are authorized by Mr. Read to say that he has had Mr. Evans, an official inspector, visit him and satisfy himself that there are no wireless apparatus or high tension or other strange things about

Mr. Read's home. And as Mr. Evans called at this office, after his very pleasant visit to Mr. Read, he only confirmed our own opinion that the rumor was pure nonsense.

Some very large negotiations are just now being carried on by Mr. Read, which if successful, will mean a good deal for Newcastle, in that one of the largest of British concerns will locate a branch here and as several of our most prominent citizens are familiar with what Mr. Read is doing in this matter, we think to use Mr. Read's words—that "the slander-mongers" had better turn their attention in some other direction, or, better still, turn their minds to some higher and lazier purpose.

## British Officers Have Hard Time to Understand Canadians

London, Jan. 22.—The Canadian army is thoroughly American. Not only does it use American slang, sing American songs, and use emphatic American cuss words, but the spirit of the man is American and independent. It is because of this fact that the Canadians have been held in Salisbury Plain. This is best shown by a quarrel overheard between an English Major and a Canadian fellow officer.

"It was terrible," the English Major declared, "the way you Canadians came into London. Your officers and privates gathered together because of their many different

## QUEEN MARY'S NEW YEAR'S GIFT

Every woman in Canada has been asked to give a donation to this gift. The list comprises all Soldiers' and Hospital Supplies and clothing for refugee children and waifs.

The Red Cross Society of Newcastle are making a special appeal for the Belgian Children from infants to twelve years of age. The gifts which are to be new are asked to be wrapped and marked with the donor's name and contents, and sent to any one of the following committees not later than Tuesday Feb. 2nd.

MISS DAVIDSON,  
MRS. O. NICHOLSON,  
MRS. E. H. SINCLAIR,  
MRS. R. WALDO CROCKER,  
MRS. G. GILMOUR STOHART.

## Councillors Enjoyed Warden's Hospitality

### Informal Dinner at Hotel Miramichi Was Most Pleasantly Enjoyed—The Speeches

Warden Frank D. Swim, M. L. A., entertained the County Councillors, Chief County Officials, and others, at an informal dinner party, at Hotel Miramichi, on the evening of the 26th instant. J. W. Vanderbeck, the general councillor of Derby, was chairman and musical director, being well qualified for both positions. Besides himself on the guitar, there were with him in the orchestra Thomas Stewart, on the cornet and guitar; Lawrence MacIver, the clarinetist, and E. H. Gillis, the pianist. The band of the famous Amateur Players Plan, W. J. Jardine, Ald. S. W. Miller, and Mr. Foxworth of Amherst, greatly assisted by rendering solos during the evening, and Mr. Blaudel showed himself as efficient in vocal as in instrumental music. Mr. Vanderbeck played and sang his own song, "The Canada Eastern Railway" a very clever parody introducing the names of prominent railway officials and local politicians in such a way as to be perfectly clear to all residents of the Miramichi and to being down the house regardless of political affiliations. Later in the evening Councillor Chatham, and Councillor Gillis took the floor and gave fine exhibitions of time stretching. The speeches were opened and closed with God Save the King, and numerous patriotic pieces were among the songs rendered during the evening.

The speakers were E. A. McCurdy, manager of the Royal Bank; Hon. D. Morrison; Sec-treas. E. P. Williston; Warden Swim; Ex-Ald. H. H. Stuart of Newcastle; the chairman; W. J. Jardine, manager of the Bank of Nova Scotia; W. C. Harvey of Halifax, Inspector of Royal Bank; Coun. Jas. Gillis and Ald. S. W. Miller of Newcastle.

Mr. McCurdy congratulated the town and county on the new bridge, which was a credit to both and greatly help the business of both, on the Wireless Station which has put both of them in communication direct with the British with the other on the one hand and San Francisco on the other; on the new Court House; on the great increase during the last decade in the county's population, and generally on the prosperous state of its industries. There was no cause for any pessimism, but every reason for congratulation.

Hon. Donald Morrison spoke in the same strain and said no banker need fear to discount any New Brunswick or Northumberland drafts. Our great industry—lumber—never closes.

Mr. Williston, who was a member of Northumberland's first council, in 1876, congratulated the county on the new court house. Northumberland had had the first county record office, built in 1846 and now had the finest county building in the province.

Coun. Vanderbeck congratulated the county upon Mr. Williston's saving it from being in debt \$1700 on account of smallpox bills. Mr. Williston was most valuable official.

Coun. G. P. Burchill excused himself from making a speech.

Warden Swim spoke of the long efforts in getting a new court house, but when they did get one it was a good one. The building committee—Couns. Burchill, Connors and himself—had striven to get the best possible building for the money, and he thought they had succeeded. He explained that the dinner he was giving was informal, as the great need of the Belgians was a reason against any elaborate display.

Mr. Stewart spoke of the comparative safety of the Maritime Provinces in general and of this county in particular, because of their many different

means of livelihood—farming, lumbering, fishing and manufacturing. He believed this country would come through the present crisis safely, better equipped than ever, with greater care in selecting and more faithfulness on the part of the public servants, and a greater equality of opportunity for all classes. If these could be obtained the country would be bound to go ahead.

Coun. Vanderbeck said that while all our people would give liberally to patriotic or any other funds, they had to pay taxes. This county had already given fully \$20,000 to the new funds necessitated by the war, but they would not be likely to take kindly to any extra tax.

Mr. Jardine acted that business was going on as usual in spite of the war. The County's gift of \$500 to the patriotic fund was good, he urged the claims of that fund upon all.

Mr. Harvey spoke warmly of New Brunswick's great progress. One-third of New Brunswick's \$5,000,000 worth of lumber shipments came from this county. It was a permanent asset. There was no part of Canada where business was safer than in the Maritime Provinces, which were undoubtedly the most prosperous part of the Dominion. Newcastle was a credit to the county. Mr. Williston said that the hotel was a credit to the town. He congratulated the county on having such a council.

Coun. Gillis, the grandson of Duffy Gillis, the old loyalist celebrity of the Northwest Miramichi of a century ago, spoke of old times in this county and of the notorious Northumberland deal.

Ald. Miller said he had been the first to move for a new Court House, in the County Council. He had been laughed at for several years—but now we had the Court House. He pleaded for unity in the county.

## KNOX CHURCH ANNUAL MEETING

Annual Meeting of Knox Church, Loggieville, Congregation Wednesday Evening

Loggieville, Jan. 25.—The congregation of Knox Presbyterian church held its annual rockings on Wednesday evening of last week in the Sunday School hall. Rev. D. Henderson of Chatham was chairman of the meeting, and W. W. Herlihy acted as Secretary. Reports from the societies in connection with the church, and also the report of the church work in general showed that the financial standing of the congregation never was better. On the current expenses a good balance was found on the right side. The debt on the church building fund was completely wiped out during the year. The total amount raised for all purposes during 1914 was \$3053.98. The societies actively at work for two years were: Sunday School, Ladies' Aid, Mission Band, Swastika Club, Excelsior Club, Presbyterian Guild, Junior Club, Women's Missionary Society. All the above mentioned handed in excellent reports, which show that the work is advancing.

The following are the church managers for 1915:

Robert Loggie, chairman; David Russell, Geo. W. Loggie, J. W. S. Bubbick, Will Herlihy, Secy; Robert McDonald, Algar Baker, James McLean, John R. Johnston, Geo. Lewis, Stanley Simpson, W. G. Loggie, Treas.

The usher's are: Roy Whyte and Wesley Dempsey. The auditors William Archer, Jr., A. H. McKay. The Presbyterians here have recently extended a call to Rev. B. R. Rosborough, B. A., of Mulgrave, N. S. The stipend offered is \$1100.00 and the use of the Manse. If the congregation here is successful in securing Mr. Rosborough's services the outlook for the future is bright and encouraging.

REXTON ITEMS

Of Interest to Readers From Our Regular Correspondent.

Jan. 25.—The death occurred at his home, St. Nicholas River, yesterday morning of Patrick Harrett in the 62nd year. Mr. Harrett had been ill a long time with tuberculosis, and was a son of the late Thomas Harrett of St. Nicholas River and is survived by a widow who was Miss Ellen Murphy of South Branch. Five sisters, Mrs. Patrick Harahan and Mrs. William Roch of Main River; Mrs. John Whalen of Upper Rexton; Mrs. Daniel Wood of this town and Mrs. William Hannay of Boston, Mass., also another Michael Harrett of St. Nicholas River. The funeral will be held Tuesday morning. Requiem high mass will be celebrated by Rev. P. Hibert and interment will be made in the Catholic cemetery here.

Mrs. Mary O'Grady, relict of Edward O'Grady, passed away at the home of her daughter, Mrs. C. O'Leary at Emerson, Keat. Co., on the 11th inst. at the advanced age of 84 years. Deceased lady was born in County Cork, Ireland, and came to America when young. She lived with her husband on a farm in Waterford, Kings Co., about 50 years. Mr. O'Leary died about twenty-five years ago and since that time Mrs. O'Leary has lived with her family. She was the youngest of a family of four sons and two daughters.

Mrs. O'Grady is survived by two sons and five daughters. The sons are James of Great Works, Maine; John of Orono, Maine; the daughters: Mrs. B. Pierce, Orono, Maine; Mrs. J. McDermott, Ballernea, Mass.; Mrs. Thomas McDermott, Orono, Maine; Mrs. Mary DeCoursey, Sussex, N. B.; and Mrs. C. O'Leary of Emerson. Besides she is survived by 34 grandchildren and forty great-grandchildren.

Thomas Harrett has sold part of his farm in Galloway to John and James Girvan.

David Palmer of the 26th battalion at St. John, spent Sunday at his home here.

Len. Girvan has returned from a visit to friends in Campbellton.

Douglas Girvan who has been visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Girvan at West Galloway, has returned to North Bay, Ont., to resume his position.

Mrs. John Livingston has returned to her home in Shediac after spending a few days with her aunt, Mrs. Alex. Lennox who is very ill.

Mrs. J. L. Bishop went to Moncton yesterday to visit her sisters.

Miss Laddie Mallot is enjoying a visit with friends in St. Louis.

At suggestion of Mr. Bate, it was decided to add all Parish clergymen to the Executive.

The members to be added to the Central Executive were then nominated, the Parish representatives being as follows:

Ludlow Parish, Couns. A. C. Avery and Arthur O'Donnell; Rev. Geo. W. Tully, J. H. Richards, Boiestown; Wm. Brown, Paisley P. O.; J. H. Pond, Ludlow; John McAleer, McNamee; Ambrose Holt, Pleasant Ridge; Rev. Henry Waterton, Doaktown.

Blissfield—Couns. F. D. Swim and J. C. Weaver, Rev. Mr. Lewis, Wm. Whyte, C. B. Betts, Wm. Cumming, Alex. Storey, Doaktown; Theo. Cowie, Moan; Zachariah Gillis, John A. McDonald, Blissfield.

Blackville—Couns. Geo. Hay and D. G. Schofield; Bert Donalds, Dunphy; Herbert Morehouse, Rev. A. K. Dunlop, Morehouse; Rev. Fathers Murdoch and Scindon, Renous; Rev. M. Beaton, Rev. Fathers Crombly and Thibeau, Blackville.

Derby—Couns. Everett Parker and J. W. Vanderbeck; Revs. J. A. Ives, Alex. Rettie and H. P. O.; Montgomery, R. N. Weeks, Millerton; Albert Bryenton, Bryenton; Patrick Clancy, Derby Jct.; R. v. J. G. A. Colquhoun, Lower Derby.

North Esk—Couns. Alfred Sinclair, and M. O'Shaughnessy; John McColm, North Esk Boom; P. A. Fosythe, Whitneyville; David Sherrard, Boom Road; Wm. I. Murphy, John S. Mullis, Ekmore; Wm. Dunnett, John Copp, Trout Brook; Joseph Sobey, Protectionville; and Paul Kingston Wayerton.

South Esk—Couns. Wilbur Scmers and Jas. Gillis; Revs. J. F. McCurdy and P. Duffy, Murlock Sutherland; Redbank; LeRoy White, SEBKER; Wallace Johnston, Halcomb; James Sheagreen, John D. Goodfellow.

## Patriotic Committees Meet Councillors

### Many Parish Representatives Added to Executive and Steps Taken to Organize Whole District.

The Executive, Finance and Relief Committees, upon call of the President, met with the County Councillors Newcastle—Couns. L. Doyle and H. H. Lamont; Revs. J. G. Crumier and Alex. Firth, Joseph McKnight, Douglastown; Michael Fox, Bartibogue; W. G. Stevens, Millbank; R. McCabe, Ferry Road.

Mr. McCurdy asked if these gentlemen just appointed would be members of their different Parish organizations.

The President replied that it was the duty of those appointees to form Parish Associations, of which they could be members.

W. A. Park said that each parish needed a Relief Committee to assist the Central Relief Committee.

Coun. O'Shaughnessy wanted to know how to organize his parish, which consisted mostly of one long circular road.

The President said: Let each Parish organize and appoint its own committees to look after local organizations. Let there be five or six district organizations within the parish—as many as needed. All moneys collected were to be ultimately sent to the central body at Newcastle.

Coun. O'Shaughnessy—Will some member of this Executive go out and help us start.

The President—We'll go out whenever you're ready.

R. L. Maltby—it is our intention to send out speakers to each district. Will the Parish members send in names of soldiers' dependants to Rev. S. J. MacArthur, sec. of the Relief committee? We have lately discussed and placed upon our lists, Mrs. F. A. Rankin of Doaktown, Mrs. Chesley Gray of Millbank, Rev. Mr. MacArthur and I were down to see the latter.

Coun. Vanderbeck—How much has been paid to Mrs. White, of Millerton?

Rev. Mr. MacArthur replied that Mrs. White had received about \$25 a month besides her separation allowance. She had also received the latter for September from the Government.

Coun. Vanderbeck said he had seen Mrs. White. She said she was well to bed after.

Rev. Mr. MacArthur said that all applications must be in proper form and properly witnessed and recommended. One party in town who had received \$45 from the Relief fund, had been reported complaining that she had not received anything, which was not true.

Coun. Vanderbeck said that all in Derby would be looked after. The Derby people would attend to that.

Rev. Mr. Bate—What if allowance should have to be reduced?

Coun. Vanderbeck—We'll see that it don't suffer. If necessary, I'll make it up myself.

Warden Swim wanted to know who should notify the appointees.

The President said the Councillors should—perhaps the secretary.

The secretary said the appointees would see their names in the press.

Warden Swim requested that papers be mailed each party.

The President said that the speech of Mr. Ames, delivered at Chatham would be published and sent to all the clergymen to be read in the churches.

Coun. Vanderbeck—The County Printing Committee will look after that and have the speech printed as part of the Council proceedings.

On motion of Couns. Swim and Vanderbeck, adjourned sine die.

Mrs. Thomas Daughney, the death of Mrs. Thomas Daughney, of Rosebank, occurred at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Geoffrey DeWolfe, whither she was removed upon her last bad turn, a short time ago, Monday evening last. Deceased was 79 years old. Her maiden name was Margaret Ryan, and she belonged to Summerside, P. E. I. She had been in poor health for the last eight years, but was remarkably well, preserved and looked many years younger. Death resulted from paralysis. Deceased is survived by her aged husband, and the following children: Albert, at home; Mary (Mrs. Geoffrey DeWolfe), Rosebank; Margaret (Mrs. F. P. Cody), Montreal; Thomas, at home; Josephine (Mrs. Paul Carson, Boston); and Francis, Dalhousie, N. B. The surviving brothers and sisters are: Patrick Ryan, Summerside; Mrs. Richard Murphy and Mrs. James Anderson, Boston; and Mrs. Geo. Pelletier, St. Hubert.