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MONTHLY MEETING TOWN COUNCIL

MAYOR AND ALL THE MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL PRESENT MONDAY EVENING

Chief of Police Goldsmith Hands in His Resignation to take Effect Next Month—Rate of Taxation, Bills Ordered Paid and Other Matters of Interest

The regular monthly meeting of the Town Council of the town of Bridgetown, was called by His Worship the Mayor and held pursuant to written notice given each member of the Council by the Clerk, at least twenty-four hours before such meeting, in the Council Chamber, on Monday evening, the 4th day of March, A. D., 1918, at 7.30 o'clock, with Mayor McKenzie in the chair and Councillors present as follows: W. H. Maxwell, A. C. Charlton, W. Percy Burns, F. V. Young, W. A. Warren and R. H. Whiteway.

The Clerk read the minutes of the last regular monthly meeting, also the minutes of the assessment court of appeal for the year 1918.

Ordered that the following bills be paid: Anderson & Rankin, Water Works, \$11.00; A. D. Brown, registration of births and deaths for quarter ending December 31st, 1917, \$2.50; Weekly Monitor, printing, \$11.25; Maritime Tel. and Tel. Co., Ltd., repairing fire alarm, \$5.25; J. Herbert Hicks, wood for crusher, street account, \$58.00; Crowe & Magee, labor on water works, \$5.55.

The Clerk was authorized to pay J. H. McLean's account for labor on water works rendered for \$24.50, at \$22.00 and the item of \$2.50 was referred to the Superintendent for explanation.

Chief of Police Goldsmith gave notice that he would terminate his contract with the town in one month from the 10th instant, under the terms of his agreement with the town, by which one month's notice in writing is required, and handed in his resignation to the Council.

Moved by Councillor Whiteway, seconded by Councillor Charlton and passed that Mr. Goldsmith's resignation be accepted and that the Police Committee take steps to secure the services of another officer.

The Clerk laid before the Council the assessment roll for the present year as finally passed by the assessment appeal court and certified to by him as required by section 76 of the assessment act and amendments thereto.

The Clerk also laid before the Council the special assessment and valuations for the year 1918, made by the finance committee of the Council of the real estate and properties in the said district liable for the Granville street east sewer extension as authorized and empowered by chapter 51 of the acts of the Legislature of the Province of Nova Scotia for the year 1915, entitled "An act to authorize the town of Bridgetown to borrow money for extension of the sewerage system of the town," as amended by chapter 55 of the acts for the year 1916.

Whereupon it was moved by Councillor Maxwell, seconded by Councillor Warren and passed that the said special sewer assessment be ratified and confirmed by the Council.

The Clerk laid before the Council the estimates for the current year, which were duly considered and discussed by the Council, whereupon it was moved by Councillor Charlton, seconded by Councillor Whiteway and passed that the town Council of the town of Bridgetown do hereby authorize the levying and collection of a rate of one dollar and seventy cents on the one hundred dollars of the assessed value of property and income assessed on such roll to raise the sum required to defray the general current expenses of the town for the current year.

Also a rate of eighty cents on the one hundred dollars of the assessed value of property and income assessed in the said town of Bridgetown and in the County of Annapolis, assessment rolls, for the school section of the said town of Bridgetown and all property outside the said school section of the said town of Bridgetown liable to taxation for the support of the schools of the town of Bridgetown for the current year, and also a rate of fifty-eight cents on the one hundred dollars of the assessed value of real estate under said assessment roll of the said town of Bridgetown liable to be taxed for the new sewer (so called) and a rate

of thirty cents on the one hundred dollars of the assessed value of real estate under said assessment roll of the said town of Bridgetown, liable to be taxed for the old sewer (so called) to provide interest and sinking funds for those two loans for sewerage purposes.

Also a rate of one dollar on the one hundred dollars of the assessed value of real estate in the said town of Bridgetown under the special assessment made by the Finance Committee of the Council for that purpose and attached to the general assessment roll of the town liable to be taxed for the construction, repairs and maintenance, and to provide interest and sinking funds for the Granville street east sewer extension in the said town of Bridgetown, under and by virtue of the authority given the said Town Council of the said town of Bridgetown by chapter 51 of the acts of the Legislature of the Province of Nova Scotia for the year 1915, entitled "An act to authorize the town of Bridgetown to borrow money for the extension of the sewerage system of the town," as amended by chapter 55 of the acts for the year 1916.

Also a special rate of ten cents on the one hundred dollars of the assessed value of property and income assessed on such roll to be known as the "Highway tax," as authorized and empowered by chapter 3 of the acts of the Province of Nova Scotia for the year 1917.

Moved by Councillor Charlton, seconded by Councillor Maxwell and passed that the Finance Committee of the Council be and they are hereby appointed a committee to revise and correct the rate book of the town for the present year, when prepared by the Clerk and to report the same as revised and corrected to this Council at its next meeting to be held on Monday evening, the 1st day of April, next ensuing.

Moved by Councillor Young, seconded by Councillor Burns, voted upon and passed that an annual poll tax of four dollars shall be levied and collected from every male resident of the town between the ages of 18 and 60 years, who are not rated upon real or personal property within the town and that the Clerk prepare a by-law to that effect, as authorized by chapter 17, section 10, sub-section 6, (1) of the acts 1910.

The annual agreement between the town and the Royal Bank of Canada, was presented to the Council by the Clerk, whereupon it was moved by Councillor Whiteway, seconded by Councillor Charlton and passed as follows:

Resolved that for the purpose of defraying the annual current expenditure of the town of Bridgetown, which has been duly authorized by the Council, the Council do effect a temporary loan from the Royal Bank of Canada or from any other chartered bank in Canada, for the sum of \$5000.00 and that the Mayor and the Town Clerk be and they are hereby authorized to execute in the name and under the corporate seal of the town of Bridgetown the agreement with the said bank in relation to said loan, which has been presented to this meeting and is hereby approved.

Councillor Maxwell, chairman of the streets committee, suggested that a suitable street sign be placed at the junction of the three roads at Carlton's Corner outside the town limits, to indicate to tourists, the road to Bridgetown and that he could procure a suitable sign for \$5.00 and have it erected.

Moved by Councillor Warren, seconded by Councillor Burns and passed that the street committee be and they are hereby authorized to have said sign put up at once.

Minutes read and approved and Council adjourned.

Table with columns: Income From "Belvoir" Farm, MIXED FARMING, 1917, Potatoes, Turnips, Apples, Horse and Colt, Pork, Boars for breeding, Small pigs, Sow for breeding, Cream, Butter, Beans, Cow, Bulls

The above is the income from a farm which cost \$4,000.

THE FIGHT ON THE DEEP SEA

SUBMARINE SINKINGS SHOW INCREASE

Eighteen Vessels Went Down by Mine or Submarine Last Week—Continued "Frightfulness" Shown by the Sinking of the Hospital Ship Glenarct Castle.

LONDON, February 27.—Eighteen British merchantmen were sunk by mine or submarine in the past week according to the British admiralty report tonight. Of these, fourteen were vessels of 1,600 tons or over, and four under that tonnage. Seven fishing vessels also were sunk.

The losses to British shipping in the past week show a considerable increase over the previous week, when the vessels destroyed numbered fifteen, 12 of them over 1,600 tons. In the preceding week, 19 British merchantmen were sent to the bottom.

SWANSEA, February 27.—The British hospital ship Glenarct Castle, which was sunk yesterday in the British Channel, went down in seven minutes, 35 survivors were landed here. The torpedo struck in number three hold. The life boats on the starboard side were for the most part smashed by the explosion. Only seven lifeboats could be launched, and these with the greatest difficulty.

Captain Burt was last seen in the chart house, after the last boat was launched, and it is believed that he went down with the ship.

The sea was so rough that it was almost impossible to handle the lifeboats which required continuous bailing by all hands. Two boats were picked up after many hours at sea and the survivors landed here. One boat contained nine men, the other 25.

Of the two hundred persons aboard, one hundred and fifty were members of the crew; seven were women nurses, none of them has yet been reported saved; the others belonged to the Red Cross and included doctors, nurses and orderlies.

PHILADELPHIA, February 27.—The tank steamer Santa Maria has been torpedoed and sunk off the Irish coast, according to cable advices received here today. The crew was saved.

The Santa Maria was of 8,300 tons deadweight and was owned by the Sun company, of Philadelphia.

LIEUT. VANBUSKIRK KILLED

A Bear River Aviator Falls to His Death in England.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles VanBuskirk, Bear River, have received a cable from England conveying the sad news that their son, Lieutenant LeRoy Ellsworth VanBuskirk, of the Royal Flying Corps, had been killed in an aeroplane accident at Upavon, England. He had been out for a half hour's flight and was returning to the field, when his comrades who were watching him, thought that he seemed to faint, and fell at a distance of fifty feet. He was quickly picked up and taken to a hospital, but he only lived for fifteen minutes. The doctors were of opinion that he suffered nothing after striking the ground, the concussion having been very great.

The deceased officer was given a military funeral, his wife and a brother, Sergeant Frank VanBuskirk, of the 11th Battalion, Shorncliffe, being present.

LeRoy VanBuskirk was born at Bear River, Annapolis County, August 19th, 1885, educated at Oakdene Academy and Kerr's College, St. John. He held positions in the Royal Bank of Canada at Bear River and North Sydney.

He went overseas with the first Canadian division and was married in London, on January 7th, 1915, to Miss Irene Runciman, of Toronto. He crossed in February to France with the cavalry brigade and had only been on active service a few days when he was severely wounded, though accidentally. He was brought back to Netley hospital, where he underwent a serious operation. Next February, he joined the Fort Garry Horse, and had fourteen months' service at the front with that unit, going through the battles of the Somme, where he won his commission. In April last, he went to England to qualify for the position of Lieutenant, and before leaving France was banqueted by his companions and presented with a

handsome leather belt and a pair of silver spurs. He was gazetted on July 14th. He was then appointed machine gun instructor and later instructor in the science of using and repelling gas. He then transferred to the Flying Corps, and while taking instruction in air navigation met his death.

NEARLY FROZE, SORE AT HUNS

So McAlpine Enlists to Get Good and Even

[Boston Post, Feb. 26, 1918.]

Harry Douglas McAlpine, of Somerville, yesterday, joined the Canadian army at the recruiting headquarters, 44 Bromfield street, just to get even with the Germans for giving him a good wetting and almost causing him to freeze to death when one of their "subs" torpedoed the Norwegian steamer Avon, on which he was a fireman.

"A German submarine sunk the Avon, 100 miles from Falmouth. They gave us ten minutes to leave our ship," said McAlpine yesterday. Most of us got a good wetting and nearly froze to death. I am going to France in the hope that I will be able to give some Germans 10 minutes to live, and during that 10 minutes, be able to tell them something about the treacherous way they have sent hundreds of sailors to Davy Jones' locker."

McAlpine is a native of Bear River, Nova Scotia, and has been going to sea since he was a boy.

Yesterday was a big day at the Mission headquarters, with 43 applications for enlistment, of which 33 were accepted.

Military Wedding at Darlington.

Considerable interest was shown in the wedding which took place on Wednesday afternoon at St. Luke's church, Darlington, England, of Miss Magdalene Isabella Ruggles, of the Canadian Pioneers, son of the late Mr. Charles Ruggles, of Paradise, Nova Scotia. The bride, who was given away by her father, was attired in a dress of white crepe de chene, having a deep corsage belt of white velvet, on the front of which was embroidered a large maple leaf in its natural coloring, and bearing in the centre the regimental number of the bridegroom. With this was worn a long white tulle veil, arranged over a wreath of orange blossoms, and the bouquet was of choice lilies and white heather. Miss Nellie Zissler, sister of the bride, was the bridesmaid, and Mr. George Barnard Zissler, the bride's eldest brother, was the best man. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. R. Tindall, and Mr. W. Nelson was at the organ. The honeymoon is being spent at Edinburgh.

Military Situation in Quebec Clearing

OTTAWA, February 27.—The military situation in Quebec is clearing. Reports received by the Military Service Council show that satisfactory progress is being made both in the hearing of appeals and in the apprehension of men classed as defaulters. Up to February 20, 929 decisions had been rendered by the Provincial Appeal Court in Military District No. 5 (Quebec city district). Of these 184 were granted exemption; 51 were refused exemption; 46 obtained temporary exemption; 322 obtained conditional exemption; 68 were granted exemption till category "B" is called out; 93 till category "C" is called out and eight till the calling out of category "E." Fifteen were granted exemption till the calling out of the second class.

Silver Wedding at Middleton.

A despatch from Middleton says: "Harry A. Jacques, for sixteen years the efficient station agent of the D. A. R., at Middleton, and Mrs. Jacques were at home Thursday to their friends on the occasion of their 25th wedding anniversary. Some one hundred and fifty friends visited them in their beautiful home to extend their good wishes. The wedding presents consisted of over one hundred dollars in silver and numerous articles in the same metal besides numerous floral remembrances.

Just opened a large assortment of Tweed Raincoats for Ladies and Gents.

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