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## REGULAR MEETING OF TOWN COUNCIL

### Council Decide, by Casting Vote of Mayor, that Scott Act In- spectors Report Monthly.

Newcastle Town Council met on the 20th instant, Mayor Pedolin in the chair. Aldermen present:—T. W. Butler, C. M. Dickson, J. G. Kethro, S. A. Russell, Geo. Stables and H. H. Stuart.

Communication read from Falconer & Allen, objecting to ordering of hose wagon from outside firms and tendering to do the work for \$325.

Ald. Dickson said that before closing with the Sussex firm, he had asked Mr. Falconer to tender but had been told by him that he (Falconer) could not do the work at all. Mr. Falconer had directed him to apply to the Sussex firm. He had also tried other firms. In Truro the same would cost \$375, and in Montreal \$500. The communication was laid on the table.

L. MacDonald submitted following bill re his horse falling into hole in the street some time ago:  
Lost 15 days work of horse \$30.00  
Feed of horse 15 days 7.50  
Cart Shafts and Irons 4.75  
Pair Reins 1.75  
padding harness 2.00  
bottles liniment 5.00  
veterinary's services 7.00

Mr. MacDonald also claimed allowance for depreciation of value of the horse, which, he stated, had, before the accident, been worth \$200.00.

The matter was referred back to Petitions Committee with instructions to get legal advice as to Town's liability.

Assessment Crandal.—Harrison Co. for \$8000 personal property was on motion of Ald. Butler and Stables stricken off, on ground that it was mortgaged.

Patrick Regan's application for cancellation of 1910 taxes, because of his illness that year was, on motion of Ald. Stables and Butler, refused.

Ald. Butler said it was a settled fact that Council had no power to remit taxes.

Wm. E. Fish's bill of \$17 for surveying and planning road from Sportville to I. C. R. Station was passed.

Ald. Kethro reported that Fulton Gertz would give the right of way through his land for proposed street. Miss Dalton wished to know how much town proposed paying.

His Worship said it might be a good thing to have Miss Dalton put a value upon her land to serve as basis for taxation.

The Public Works Committee were granted an extension of time.

The Finance Committee reported that, after consulting the Committee of the whole, they had accepted for the \$30,000 issue of new bonds the tender at par of the Montreal Investment and Trust Co. The other tenders had been \$29,475 from the Royal Securities Corporation, and \$29,403 from the Dominion Securities Corporation. The report was adopted.

The following Finance Committee bills were passed on motion of Ald. Butler and Russell:—

St. John Telegraph, advt. \$6.44  
Montreal Star, advt. 19.20  
Union Advocate, advt. 32.50  
Barnes & Co., Printing 23.50

Following Light & Water bills passed on motion of Ald. Butler and Stuart:—

T. McAvery, supplies, \$65.95  
Can. Gen. Elec. Co. " 39.61  
St. John Ry Co. " 46.22

I R C Coal Mining co, coal 293,000 \$444.78

Ald Butler opened a general discussion in favor of extending sewerage through Falconer Street to Pleasant Street and down the latter to connect with the sewer in that street. Such extension was urgently needed. The ditches were a menace to the public health. He advised raising the sewerage tax to help pay for running of the sewerage system.

The Light and Water Committee were authorized on motion of Ald Butler and Kethro, to procure estimates of cost of proposed extension.

The throwing of sewerage into the brook was also spoken against by Ald Russell and others.

The appointment to office committee recommended appointment of same school auditors as last year, P J McEvoy and J J Barron Adopted.

Ald Stuart enquired if there were no report this month from the Scott Act Inspectors re their work in enforcing the act. The county council had instructed their Inspector to report his work to the Press. When no reports had been submitted from our Inspectors in April, May and June, he had presumed they meant to report only quarterly. In such an important matter as the proper enforcement of any laws restricting the Liquor Traffic the public were entitled to the fullest publicity.

The Mayor replied that he had received no reports from the Inspectors.

Ald Butler said that he was not aware that there was any law requiring Scott Act Inspectors to report to the council either monthly or quarterly. They were supposed to report annually to Police Magistrate. The county had ordered publication of Scott Act news and would be billed for advertising. The largest assembly of people ever held here had been temperate. In the county there was no legal sale. In town several gallons of liquor had been gathered up and distributed, but there was no drunkenness, no convictions, no cases.

Ald Kethro said he saw no drinking in town.

Mayor Pedolin said that he knew of a great deal of drunkenness showing up in crooked lanes on Saturday night or, at least, manifestations of it.

Ald Butler said that there had on the day before been a conviction registered against a party in Nelson, a bootlegger, and another conviction a few days before against another Nelson party. There were five or six barrooms in Chatham, and as boats run every day it was easy for Newcastle people to get liquor outside of town. There were no reports and no convictions here.

Ald Stuart asked if Ald Butler was sure there were no saloons in Newcastle.

Ald Butler said he was not, but the town was quiet, there was an absence of indications of drunkenness. If any liquor was being sold it was very quietly. Five or six places in town were selling beer, but he did not go in to see if they were selling liquor. He presumed that liquor was being legally sold by properly authorized persons.

Ald Kethro spoke to the same effect.

The Mayor reported that in regard to the proposed fire alarm system, the latter could be installed.

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## Rev. Mr. Simpson and the Ne Temere Decree

To the Editor of the Advocate:—

Sir,  
The Rev. Mr. Simpson has assumed the self-imposed task of replying to my letter of the twenty-eighth June re the Resolution proposed by the Rev. Dr. Cousins at the United Baptist Church Convention in condemnation of the Ne Temere Decree.

The "man on the street" would naturally conclude that were a reply to be made that letter of mine, such should come from Dr. Cousins. It would appear, however, that Mr. Simpson considers himself as ALONE competent to deal satisfactorily with the subject. Dr. Cousins and Mr. Simpson are at liberty to settle among themselves this gross breach of good breeding.

I will venture to say that had the Rev. Mr. Simpson kept quiet and allowed the Doctor to look after his own affairs, Mr. Simpson would have consulted his personal reputation as a scholar.

Mr. Simpson is not very well equipped for the task; for he has dealt, in part at least, with a subject which he does not understand. As an illustration, we will take one or two sentences of his eloquent address to the Tabusintac and Douglastown Orangemen: He says:—"Father Dixon tells us that the "Ne Temere" Decree is a modification of a law already existing, made by the council of Trent in the early days of the Reformation. It has been promulgated in some countries and not in others; at one time and not another; and that it has no effect where it is not promulgated."

WHAT OF THE PRE-TENTED INFAILLIBILITY OF A CHURCH WHICH CAN IN THIS WAY MODIFY AND CHANGE ITS DECREES; WHICH CAN PROMULGATE THEM OR HOLD THEM IN RETENTIS; AND WHICH BY DISPENSATION CAN SUSPEND OR SET ASIDE ITS RULES AS POLICY MAY DEEM DESIRABLE. [The capitals are mine.] What will the intelligent people of Douglastown think of such stuff as the above? Were any child of the Catholic Sunday School at Douglastown guilty of such a blunder, he would be laughed at by the other members of the class, and ranked among the stupidly stupid. But we must not expect too much of an Orange Chaplain. Is the Rev. Mr. Simpson so devoid of intelligence? Is his intellectual status so very low that he is unable to distinguish between Discipline and Infallibility. The Infallibility of the church comprises dogmas of faith and morals, as for instance, the truth of the Trinity, or the Incarnation of the Second Person of the Trinity. Discipline changes as conditions of time and place may demand. Thus the liturgy of the East is, in accidentals, not the same as in the West. The "Tametsi" decree has been somewhat amplified by the "Ne Temere." No Catholic imagines that they are infallible utterances. We must have the Rev. Mr. Simpson tell us what they mean! His friend (?) Dr. Cousins, must stand aside and allow this Orange Chaplain the lime-light, and speak to the world in tones not to be misunderstood. Then he continues:—"Why, as Father Dixon, no doubt, deeply deplures, there are Catholic countries where the promulgation of this very decree is not tolerated; and where the church of Rome bends before the determination and resistance of its own people."

Mr. Simpson is again in error. The Decree "Ne Temere" was promulgated by its publication in Roman Official Documents, independent

of any view which peoples or Governments may take with regard to it.

I presume Mr. Simpson refers to Germany. Mr. Editor, permit me to enlighten Mr. Simpson on the subject about which, as about many others, my learned friend is very much muddled. During what I may be permitted to call the regime of the Tridentine "Tametsi," the Tametsi Decree was published in some of the provinces of the Germanic Confederation; but in others the Decree was not published. The Catholic church was unwilling to create an embarrassing condition of things, therefore, did not promulgate the Tametsi in those provinces which at the beginning of the Protestant Reformation were induced to abandon Catholicity. Later on, however, many of these provinces returned to their former allegiance and professed Catholicity. The result was more or less confusing where there was question of marriage. The Pope in order to do away with this state of affairs made a special law for the Germanic provinces, affecting all alike. This was some two years previous to the modification of the Tametsi, which was replaced by the Ne Temere. As no great legislative body makes a law to be abrogated in a few years, the Catholic church in her new Decree did not legislate for Germany; made her an exception, on the principle just mentioned that the laws of great legislative bodies are not to be modified or abrogated every now and then.

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Mr. Simpson and his friends must understand that the Catholic Church seeks not permission when there is question of teaching the world, converting the nations, or saving souls. To her was given the command:—"Go, TEACH YE ALL NATIONS, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the son and of the Holy Ghost; teaching them to observe all things whatever I have commanded you, and behold I am with you all days, even to the consummation of the world." To this command she has listened in reverent obedience. Her children have gone, and yet go, forth to teach and preach, irrespective of conditions. Her children in the fulfilment of this mission have suffered and died. Her missionaries have lived a life of self imposed exile in order to carry out this divine command. Father and mother and all the comforts of home they left, never to return, never to renew acquaintanceship until that final day when all shall meet and receive the reward due to the laborers.

Mr. Simpson's references to "this Protestant country," to "that Saint of God, Luther," are most refreshing. It is, I think, Horace who says "risum teneatis, amici" which I will translate by "For goodness sake, don't laugh," or, better, please try to look serious.

Is he still moving about in intellectual swaddling clothes? Did he never hear of those great men, the great Catholic Missionaries who besides converting peoples from paganism, were great discoverers, that from the Atlantic to the Pacific, the rivers, the lakes felt the splash of their oars, and the mountains and valleys resounded the hymns of praise offered by them to the great Creator of them all? Has he ever read or heard of the "Jesuit Relations" which to this day are the admiration of cultured people? Apparently not. And this country is Protestant.

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## 23RD SESSION OF DISTRICT DIVISION

### Kent-Northumberland Sons of Temperance Hold Meeting at Chatham on 21st inst.

The twenty third quarterly session of Kent and Northumberland District Division Sons of Temperance met in Temperance Hall, Chatham on the afternoon of July 21st, 1911, Rev. R. H. Stavert in the chair.

Officers and Delegates present were: Harcourt, No. 438—Rev. H. Stavert, D. W.

Newcastle, No. 45—Alderman H. H. Stuart, District Scribe; and Walter C. Day.

Northumberland, No. 37, Chatham Ex Ald. Geo. Stothart, R. Alvin Walls, John Forrest, Miss Jean Ross.

Caledonia, No. 126, Douglastown—Harold C. Stothart, D. W. A.; Misses Helen Gray, Jane Jessamin and Eliza Hutchison.

Silver Stream, No. 330—Miss Zena Walls.

A number of visitors were also present from Chatham Division.

The following committees were appointed:

Credential—H. H. Stuart.

Program—W. C. Day, R. A. Walls, Misses Jean Ross and May Betts.

The D. W. reported good progress in temperance work in Kent Co. The few who sold liquor in Harcourt were being prosecuted. By August first, licenses would cease in Buctouche and the rest of Wellington parish. Richibucto parish would have abscise on local option in October, when it was hoped, all Kent County would pass under No License. The District Division's recently proposed amendments to Canada Temperance Act and Provincial License Laws were endorsed by the N B Grand Division on May 24th.

The District Scribe's report dealt more particularly with Northumberland County. The country districts seem fairly free from liquor selling and in Newcastle there are signs of a genuine awakening of temperance sentiment. By the casting vote of the Mayor the Newcastle Council had on the 20th instant instructed its Scott Act Inspectors to henceforth make monthly reports to the Council of work done by them in enforcing the C. T. A. The Provincial LOG T were likely to also endorse the District Division's proposed amendments to existing Liquor Laws. The membership of the eight divisions reporting was on June 30th as follows:

Miramichi, No. 428, Burnt Church, 29; Newcastle, 30; Northumberland, 51; Silver Stream, 38; Caledonia, 44; Harcourt, 32; Rexton, 43; Grangeville, 40; Total 336.

Treasurer's report showed at close of meeting, cash on hand, \$31.68.

The committee on the State of the Order, whose report was adopted, recommended the re-endorsement of amendments to the C. T. Act and Provincial License Laws proposed at the sessions of January 20th and April 7th last, viz:

That importations of liquors into districts under Canada Temperance Act or Provincial local option should be prohibited except by Vendors appointed by Government and residing within such districts; that persons arrested for drunkenness be compelled to tell where and from whom they obtained their liquor, imprisonment to be the penalty for those refusing to tell; that no prescriptions from medical men residing outside of such districts be obtainable except where medical man nearest to the patient resides in an adjoining municipality; and that the Dominion and Provincial governments take the necessary steps not only to carry into effect the above recommendations but also to make in all other respects their laws relating to sale of liquors as effective as the laws of Nova Scotia, which provide: That the find liquor on any premises shall be, until the contrary is proved, deemed evidence of intent to sell, although no barroom appliances may be present; law officers to have power to search for and seize liquor without warrant; the finding of

liquor concealed or falsely labelled to be prima facie evidence of intent to violate the law; prosecutions for second offense to immediately follow first conviction; and no appeal from decisions of stipendiary magistrates.

It was voted to hold next session in Richibucto in October just before the Local Option election there.

A public meeting in the evening was held. Readings were given by Harold C. Stothart, Miss Gray and Miss Dower. Music was furnished by Misses Mersereau and Burke, and Messrs. G. A. Mersereau and W. C. Day; addresses were given by Mayor Byrne; Ex-Mayor D. MacLachlan, M. P. P.; Rev. J. M. McLean; Geo. Stothart; R. H. Stavert; and the chairman, Rev. R. H. Stavert. At the close refreshments were served by the local Division.

## SAD ACCIDENT AT NELSON

### Clayton Carrington Drowned While Swimming at Nelson Yesterday.

Clayton Carrigan, son of Mr and Mrs Alex Carrigan of Nelson, was drowned yesterday afternoon off Daley's wharf, where, with a crowd of boys, he was swimming. The body was recovered about three o'clock, by William Wall. Deceased leaves several brothers and sisters: Rose, of Portland, Maine; Lex, clerk at Hotel Miramichi, Thomas, Amherst, N S; Katherine, Martin, Ambrose and Inez at home. Fred of Hotel Touraine, Chatham Deceased was 10 years old, and youngest of the family. Deceased's father is engineer at Lynch's mill.

## NEW BRUNSWICK WILL LOSE SEAT

### Chief Gain in Population in West- morland and on North Shore.

An unofficial estimate places New Brunswick's increase in population, as a return of the census at 30,000, the gain being mainly in Westmorland and along the North Shore.

The result so far as St. John goes is disappointing. The basis of representation in the next House will be advanced from 25,000 to 32,000. This will mean the loss of one seat in Parliament for New Brunswick.

## THE 11'S ENCYCLICAL

The Pope, in view of the increased cost of living, has issued an encyclical to Catholics with a view to helping the working and salaried classes. The Pope has decided to abolish the obligation to hear mass on the days of St. Joseph and St. John the Baptist and Corpus Domini, which henceforth will be solemnized on the nearest Sunday.

Catholics must continue to attend mass on Sundays, Christmas, New Years', Twelfth Day, Ascension Day, All Saints Day, Feast of the Conception and St. Peter and St. Paul. If any such feast fall on a fasting day, the Pope will dispense Catholics from fasting.