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## Westmorland Co. Loses Prominent Barrister

### William Allan Russell, K. C., Judge of Probate, Died at Shediac Monday Night--Was Born in Newcastle.

William Allan Russell, K. C., Judge of Probate for the county of Westmorland, passed away shortly after ten o'clock Monday night at his home in Shediac, after a comparatively short illness, death being due to heart trouble. Mr. Russell was one of the leading barristers and one of the best known in the eastern part of New Brunswick. He was held in the highest esteem and enjoyed the confidence of all who knew him. He numbered among his numerous acquaintances a great many warm personal friends who will learn of his death with sincere regret and profound sorrow.

The late Judge Russell was in the 65th year of his age. He was born at Newcastle, N. B., on March 4th, 1850, and was the youngest son of James and Anna Russell, both natives of Ireland, who were early settlers on the Miramichi. He received his education in the public schools and Harkins Academy at Newcastle. After entering the law office of the late Senator Adams, of Newcastle, and subsequently entered the office of D. S. Kerr in St. John.

After being admitted to the bar he opened an office in Shediac and for thirty-five years he had practised in that town. He was very popular with people of all classes and credits and represented the parish of Shediac for many years at the County Council. He always took an active interest in educational matters and was trustee

of the Shediac Grammar School continually for thirty-five years.

When Shediac was incorporated as a town, he was appointed town clerk and police magistrate, filling both offices to the satisfaction of the public. Upon the death of the late Judge Emerson of Moncton, he was appointed Judge of Probate for the County of Westmorland. He was also solicitor for the Bank of Montreal, ever since a branch was established in Shediac.

Judge Russell was a Presbyterian in religion and a Conservative in politics. He was a Mason, being a member of Zealand Lodge, Shediac. He was also a member of Shediac Court, I. O. F. He was a man of great public spirit and identified himself with every movement that would advance the interests of the town and county. He was a promoter of the Shediac Electric Light Co., of which he was a director. His home in Shediac was the centre of hospitality as visitors to that town can testify. Shortly after removing to Shediac, Judge Russell married Miss Lois A. Evans, daughter of the late Evans Evans, of Sackville, by whom he is survived. He leaves three sisters and one brother to mourn their loss. The sisters are Miss Russell, Mrs. John Jones and Mrs. Robert Armstrong, all of Newcastle while the brother is Mr. S. Russell of Bellefleur, Ont.

The funeral will take place from his late home in Shediac on Thursday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, interment to be made in Greenwood cemetery.

## Presentation and Address To Hon. John Morrissy

### By the Town Council, on Behalf of the Citizens of Newcastle, Monday Night--Presented With Gold-Headed Cane.

The public address and presentation which was mentioned in the local papers last week was given to Hon. John Morrissy by a committee of the town council, in the Town Hall, Monday night, was not attended by as many citizens as was anticipated, nor anything like the number that would have been present had the affair been properly announced.

At nine o'clock A.M. Miller as chairman of the Committee, called the meeting to order with the following address: "The committee has the honor to present to you a very small scattering of citizens: Ald. McCabe, Doyle, McKay, Stothart and McGrath, the Mayor absent."

On motion, Col. Maltby was appointed chairman for the evening, and on taking the chair stated that the purpose of the gathering was to present the Hon. Mr. Morrissy with an address and presentation, from the Town Council, as a token of appreciation of his valuable services to the town as the Chief Commissioner of Public Works. The chairman said he was sure that all would agree that the Hon. Mr. Morrissy was deserving of recognition from the town for the work he has achieved in the building of the Morrissy Bridge, which should be appreciated by not only the town, but the whole county as well. With this the chairman invited Mr. Morrissy to take a seat on the platform.

Alderman Miller, who was chairman of the committee, then read the address, during which Ald. McCabe, on behalf of the Council, presented Mr. Morrissy with a gold-headed cane on which was inscribed: "Presented to Hon. John Morrissy by the Town Council, Newcastle, 1914." The address was as follows:

To the Honorable John Morrissy,  
Minister of Public Works of  
The Province of New Brunswick  
Sir,

We, the members of the Town Council of the Town of Newcastle, representatives of said town, hereby wish to convey to you our heartfelt and most sincere appreciation for the magnificent public utility which you and you alone have been able to accomplish and carry to a successful completion.

This public highway is not only a credit to yourself and to the immediate surrounding communities, nor do we wish to confine its beauty and great service to the Province but must admit that it reflects credit on our Dominion of Canada.

It has been a long felt want and we might further add, a long promised one, but to you must be admitted credit of its accomplishment.

We also appreciate the many difficulties and obstructions you had to overcome in its erection at its particular location, but all farmed into persons will admit that due regard was given to all matters in connection thereof. First, a good and proper foundation, second where it would offer the least obstruction to navigation, these two features carefully considered; then thirdly where it would best serve the towns and villages along both sides of our beautiful Miramichi river.

It is to be deplored that some of our prominent citizens in the different communities did in fact in the immediate community in which we live, became so exercised over its erection that they saw fit to offer every opposition and obstruction within their means, instead of exercising their influence in the opposite extreme, but we trust that in common with others, they will learn to appreciate its value and addition to our means of transportation.

This alone Sir, looked to the ordinary observer as being very discouraging but we are only too proud to be able to say you have in a greater degree than ever before clearly shown and proven that you are not of the type that is easily discouraged, but you are built of the right metal and of that determined disposition that carried to a successful completion.

That also has been further established by the fact that in your first effort to serve the public, you started at the foot of the ladder and have worked up to the position which you have the honor to hold today. Beginning first as a fire warden of our town, then a county councillor, an alderman, member of the legislature and now a member of Executive Government of this Province whereby you were placed in a position to do something for the Province in general and we are proud to say you have availed yourself of every opportunity along those lines, considering the amount of money at your disposal for such expenditure and where demand for attention was most pressing.

We, the members of our Town Council, at a regular meeting, felt it fitting on our part to show our appreciation on behalf of our citizens. A committee was therefore appointed to prepare this short address and while it is not of a very elaborate nature yet every word of it is sincerity on our part and trust it may be looked upon by you and accepted as such. They also authorized the committee to present to you this small token, not because of its intrinsic value but that it may serve as a memento to you and to us of the erection of this grand utility for which you deserve great praise and by which you have merited the hearty thanks of all who wish to see progress and development in our Province.

Signed on behalf of the Town Council of the Town of Newcastle,  
S. W. MILLER,  
A. McCABE,  
G. C. Stothart,  
Committee.

The Honorable Mr. Morrissy on rising to respond, after critically examining the beautiful cane, jokingly remarked that it was all right for an ordinary man, but for a man coming from Tipperary, he did not think it was bulky enough. In proceeding in his usual splendid form, the Honorable gentleman thanked the council for their flattering address, and the chairman for the flattering remarks at the opening of the meeting. He felt that every citizen of the town appreciated the fact that we now have the bridge, and he sincerely appreciated their gift, not for the value placed upon it, but for the spirit in which it was given to him. He then referred to his boyhood days, to the days of the Hamilton school, when he and the boys plied wood side-way, and end-ways. He was one of the boys then, and he was still one and among them. Whether it was at church or at home, he was always associated with them, and he was not at all times a saint, either. He knew there were many times when mothers wondered where their boys were. They were sometimes together at a dance, sometimes on boyhood rambles, but they were always together. There were, however, few of those school boys here now. The majority of them have gone to the United States and made their mark, which has proved an unfortunate thing for the Miramichi. The descendants of Old Scotia and Ireland have gone, and there were none better. This town still had good men, and we should get together and start up industries and keep them here. Give them a chance to show their worth and make men of themselves. The old time saw mill industry was not enough. Something was wanted to give them a chance to show their energy and pluck. The young men of today are after the money. The saw mill is not the place for them. Every man has an interest in his own country, and if we got together, got the leading men of our town interested in investing their money, we would soon have a Greater Miramichi. What we want is a couple of good industries employing about two or three hundred men. When these were firm "establishments" we would not stop, but hustle around for more. The speaker knew our bridge is being severely criticized, but he did not mind that. He then spoke of some of the difficulties he had experienced when the bridge was partly built, but also showed that by his pluck and energy, and his persistent determination he was able to overcome the strongest obstacles that stood in his way and almost seemed at times as if even his best efforts would be thwarted. But he stuck to his traces and fought the thing to a finish. The unfriendly feeling between Newcastle and Chatham, the speaker said, should cease. We should be a greater and a bigger Miramichi, and build up a better feeling between the two towns. The kindly feeling of neighbors is worth more than money. The speaker said he had never stooped to do a man an injury, and he never would; he would rather do him a good turn. He had been often told that he was a

## Local Curlers Prepare For a Busy Season

### Fifteen Rinks Formed at Wednesday Night's Meeting--Newcastle Plays for McLellan Cup on January 27th

The Newcastle Curling Club has got down to business for another season, which promises to be one of the best in its history. Over sixty members have already joined the club and it is expected that this number will be substantially increased in the next week or so. Mr. James McLaughlin has been engaged to look after the ice and rooms for the season and the first games of the President vs Vice President series were played yesterday with the following results:

President	Vice-President
C. J. Morrissy	B. D. Hennessy
W. J. Jardine	J. R. Lawlor

**Tuesday Afternoon**

C. J. Morrissy	8	B. D. Hennessy	5
W. J. Jardine	5	J. R. Lawlor	10

**Tuesday Evening**

J. H. Sargeant	13	John Robinson	10
John Morrissy	29	J. E. T. Lindon	4

**Wednesday Afternoon**

John Morrissy	10	R. W. Crocker	10
A. E. Shaw	5	W. R. Fitzmaurice	10

**Wednesday Night**

Chas. Sargeant vs John Ferguson	10
W. L. Durick vs Bye	10

The following rinks were selected at a meeting of the skips on Wednesday evening:

D. S. Creaghan	skip
E. J. Morris	Chas. Dalton,
Chas. Dalton,	Chas. Sargeant,
Chas. Sargeant,	skip
C. Rundie	P. Hogan
P. Russell	C. J. Morrissy,
C. J. Morrissy,	skip
E. W. Sawyer	C. P. McCabe
C. M. Dickison	John Robinson,
John Robinson,	skip
W. O. Chamberlain	H. W. Harrison
T. M. Maltby	John Russell,
John Russell,	skip
Sam Craig	J. H. Troy
P. Brown	J. H. Sargeant,
J. H. Sargeant,	skip

The play for the McLellan Cup which is now held by Bathurst, will open next Wednesday, when Sydney will endeavor to lift the coveted silverware, Campbellton plays the winners on the 13th, Truro on the 20th and Newcastle on the 27th.

## SERG. CAMPBELL GIVEN RECEPTION

### Blackville Friends Presented Volunteer Sergt. Campbell With Address and Purse

One of our Upper Blackville boys, Sergeant Chas. D. Campbell, of the 25th Battalion, now at St. John, was granted leave of absence to visit his parents for the Christmas week. On Christmas night a reception was given him at the home of Mr. Herbert Morehouse. A large number were present.

The evening was spent in parlor games, music, vocal and instrumental. Addresses by Rev. A. K. Dunlop and Major Cuthbert Dand, also recitals which were much enjoyed. Miss Myrtle Morehouse and Mrs. Lewis Duppuy were the pianists for the occasion. Private Cecil Davidson, another of our soldier boys who is on duty at Newcastle, was also present at the reception.

A nice purse of money was made up by the friends and also members of the Orange Lodge and presented to Sergt. Campbell by Major Donald, with suitable address. Sergt. Campbell responded with words of gratitude.

After the supper was served the guests once more repaired to the parlor, and although many patriotic songs had been rendered during the evening, the closing piece "God be with you till we meet again" was played and all present stood and joined in the singing just at the midnight hour which closed out our Xmas day which will always be remembered by those who were present.

## BLOCK SIGNALS INSTALLED HERE

### Automatic Block Signals Installed Between Nelson Jct. and Newcastle

Automatic block signals have just been installed by Electrician Thomas Hay on the I. C. R. between the new Nelson Jct. and Newcastle, to be in operation when the time table changes on January 15, making Newcastle, instead of Loggville, the regular terminus of the Fredericton branch.

The signals are of the latest type (D) three-position (stop, caution and go-ahead) union switch and signal. Under the new system, which is in operation as yet in only three maritime sections--Halifax to Windsor Jct., St. John to Hampton, and Moncton to Painswick--train leaving either end of the section is completely protected from all other trains, both front and rear. The work was done by Newcastle and Derby Jct. men mostly.

**James Randie**

The death of James Randie occurred on Monday at the age of 86. Deceased leaves a widow, formerly Miss O'Brien of Beaver Brook, and following children: James, at home; Miss Eileen, Portland, Me.; May, married in Portland, Me.; Miss Beatrice, Samuel, Patrick, Max and Rosie, all at home. The funeral took place yesterday afternoon, interment in St. Mary's cemetery, Rev. Father Dixon conducting services. The pallbearers were James Major, Alex. McFarlane, Wm. McEachern and Wm. Fenelon, Jr.

**Annual Christmas Tree**

The United Baptist Sunday School held its annual Xmas entertainment in Temperance Hall last night. A well filled Xmas tree was provided.

## COME ON IN, ITALY, THE FIGHTING'S FINE

(From the Toronto Star)

Did you know that if Italy were to join the Allies the war would be over in February?

FRANCE  
SERVIA  
BELGIUM  
PORTUGAL  
RUSSIA  
JAPAN  
BRITAIN  
ITALY

Red Cross Work

The Red Cross Society of Whitney, Stratford, and South Ek, wish to thank all those who so generously assisted in the Red Cross work, either by work or donations.

A box containing the following articles was shipped to Halifax from the above society: 85 pairs socks, 55 pairs wristlets, 21 pairs mitts, 12 skirts, 12 scarfs, 3 suits of pyjamas and 1 doz hospital handkerchiefs.

## PERSONALS

Samuel Russell, ex M. P. of Bellefleur, Ont., spent Xmas with his sisters, Mrs. John Jones, Mrs. Robt. Armstrong and Miss Nancy Russell.

Miss Alice Harrison of Summerside, P. E. I. is visiting her parents, Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Harrison at the Methodist Parsonage.

Mr. and Mrs. Moses Staples and Mrs. Samuel Bird, of Marysville, and Hiram Staples of Fort Saskatchewan, Alberta, the latter of whom has been absent for eighteen years, spent Xmas with their sisters, Mrs. John G. Keith, and Mrs. E. A. McLean, at the latter's home.

**Racing on Ice**

A number of our local sports had a woodway made on the river opposite here and enjoyed a few hours spin yesterday.

## Honor Roll St. Mary's Academy For Month of December

Honor Roll of St. Mary's Academy for month of December:

**Senior Department**—Alice Campbell, Lott'e McWilliam, Marj'ret Callahan, Kathleen Meahan, Yvonne Pincus, Gertrude Ryan, Kathleen McCarron, Agnes McCabey, Cecilia Young, Marion Kennedy, Asma Mitchell, Geraldine Keough, Cleo McLaughlin, Bernetta Keating, May Dolan, Helen Neif, Clare Bernard, May Donovan, Nellie Creamer, Agnes Lawlor, Cecilia Murphy.

Pupils of Senior Department making over 75 per cent. in examinations during past month are:

Alice Campbell, Kathleen Meahan, Gertrude Ryan, Agnes McCabey, Cleora McLaughlin, Bernetta Keating, May Donovan.

**Commercial Department**—Florence Newman, Mildred Reid, Kathleen Patterson, Mabel Miller, Corinne Lawlor, Inez Copp, Bessie Jeffrey, Susie Murphy, Lula Russell, Edna Clarke, Audrey Doyle, Bessie Murray, Maudie Wrynn, Katie Black.

**Intermediate Department**—Doris Buckley, Estelle Theriault, Louise Murphy, Annie Murphy, Isabelle Lang, Florence Sullivan, Emma Stewart, Margaret Daughney, Mary McCarron, Blanche Dube, Yvonne Cordt, Juliette Aubut, Omerille St. Onge, Mary A. Cahill, M. Louise Abousafy, Mary Doyle, May O'Brien, Marion Caboon, Marie Coughlin, Mona McWilliam, Bessie Creamer, May McEvoy, Helen Lawlor, Dorothy Lawlor, Cecilia McGrath, Edith Vickers, Irene Foran, Gertrude Tardy, Genevieve Gill, Lila Sullivan, Beatrice Dolan, Maud Keating.

**Junior Department**—Gertrude Hall, Margaret Campbell, Rose Cassov, Patricia Keating, Irene Doucett, Florence McEvoy, Clara Murray, Georgina Dolan, May Dunn, Beulah Hachey, Bessie Donovan, Bertha Dutcher, Bertha McGowan, Hannah Fogan, Ella Bernard, Belle Dunn, Bessie Thibodeau, Dorothy Fogan, Adele Farrah, Ida Mullins, Helen Dunn, Helen Donovan, Anna Fouraler, Annie Gormery, Laura Black.

**Primary Department**—Helen Black, Bridget McLean, Mary Hall, Lillian Scott, Veronica Fogan, Annie Thibodeau, Josie Rogan, Helena Daugh-

## A LETTER FROM SAILSBURY PLAINS

The following letter was received by Albert Robinson, from Magaus Betts, of Doaktown, who is with the First Canadian Contingent:

Sling Plantation Camp  
Dec. 8, 1914

Dear Albert,

I was very glad to hear from you. I did not get your card, sorry to say. I am enjoying very good health just now, except a little cold. Glad you are all well.

I suppose when this reaches you, you will be so rushed you won't know which end is up, with the rush and bustle of Merry Christmas. Tell the kiddos that a new Santa Claus will have to go around this year as the old one was a German. I hope he will use you a' well. I am going to London tomorrow if I can get my pass through. We do not expect to go to the front for some time yet. I think the fighting will stand pretty nearly as it is until spring, when we will go at it right good shape. Well I suppose you get all the war news, so goodby with love to all the family.

Yours as before,  
MAGNUS.  
Am sending a holly leaf to wish you all a Merry Christmas.

## Acknowledgment

W. J. Jardine, Treasurer, acknowledges receipt of the following contributions to the Canadian Patriotic Fund:

Newcastle Cricket Club	\$ 9.75
John Robinson, Jr.	5.00
Previously acknowledged	1751.22
	\$1765.97
County of Northumberland	500.00
	2265.97

Mrs. James O. Fish has gone to visit her niece in Hamilton, Ont., and later to spend the winter with her brother, John Sinclair, in San Francisco. Mrs. Wm. Sinclair accompanied her.