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"BIDLAKE THE WISE-ACRE"

Editor Bidlake of the "St. John Standard" seems to think that there is as much prospect of a railroad being built between Newcastle and Tracadie, as there is from Newcastle to the moon. The citizens of Newcastle know Mr. Bidlake perhaps as well as any community in the province, and during his sojourn here, he did not by any means display a large amount of sagacity. We are at a loss to know where he is getting all the wisdom he now professes to be possessed of, and would suggest to him that he keep his hands off the North Shore, as we are quite capable of looking after ourselves, and do not require any of his long-winded vituperations to assist us in doing so. Mr. Bidlake will require all his time and egoistic sagacity to look after himself, and we fear he will not even be able to do this. If he does, it will be more than he was able to do while a resident of Newcastle. If the gentlemen, who are doing their utmost to urge upon the Government the necessity of building the Newcastle-Tracadie Railroad, were to tell the members of the Meighen Cabinet all they knew about Mr. Bidlake, his editorials would be regarded by them as absolutely ridiculous. The idiosyncrasies of Mr. Bidlake are so well-known by Newcastle citizens, that anything the Standard may publish, which comes from his pen, is absolutely unheeded. Of course, we are aware of the fact, that in so far as Mr. Bidlake is concerned, if St. John was looking for a million or two for Harbor improvement, it would be perfectly alright, but when the North Shore wants anything, it must necessarily be all wrong. Some Wise-Acre is Mr. Bidlake.

TOWN ELECTIONS

In about a month's time the Town Elections will be held, and the citizens will be called upon to elect a Mayor and four Aldermen. Four of the present Board of Aldermen have another year's term to serve, and four retire. In years gone by no interest in the civic election was displayed by our citizens until Nomination Day, and then severe criticism was heard from all sides. Would it not be a good idea for our citizens to think seriously over the matter of our town government, and endeavor to give the community the best government it is possible to obtain. The position of Mayor or Alderman is a thankless job, but nevertheless they are important positions of trust and while those who fill the positions do not receive the hearty cooperation of all, still they are performing the proper duties of a progressive citizen. While there is yet a month's time before the election, our public-spirited citizens should make up their minds that they are going to do their bit, and by so doing help to make our town a better one to live in. The

material for a good Town Council would be no difficulty whatever, if our citizens would be a little less selfish, and determine to take an active interest in the welfare of the town. There is absolutely no use of complaining about increases in taxation when our citizens sit idle, and do nothing in the way of endeavoring to keep expenditures down. One way to overcome the ever increasing assessment is to become interested and do your part. If an honest effort to do so were attempted, we would readily see a difference in our taxes, and then the continual grumbling which we are all so accustomed to would become a thing of the past. Why not try it this year?

TOWN MANAGER

At a meeting of the Commercial Club held last Thursday evening in the Town Hall, the matter of a Town Manager was discussed and a committee was appointed to gather data, as to the success of this system of government in towns where it had been adopted. The citizens generally are all of one accord that our present system is one under which we get the minimum amount of service and value for our money. If we continue as we are at present, the taxes which the rate payers will be obliged to pay, while at present burdensome, will become intolerable, and any movement to better this condition of affairs should receive the hearty consideration and cooperation of the public. The Town Manager System has its good points and also its weak ones, and before anything definite in the matter is decided upon, it should be looked into most carefully.

We do not want to jump out of the frying pan into the fire, but if the matter is thoroughly sifted and the Town Manager System is found to be the better, then by all means let this system be adopted. Newcastle at the present time is in a peculiar situation with respect to our Light and Water Department, and our streets, and full cognizance of this peculiar situation should be seriously considered before arriving at a decision. Under present conditions, we feel safe in saying, that the man who accepts the position of Town Manager if one is appointed, he certainly will have his work cut out for him.

Further, it will be impossible for him to accomplish very much, that would be noticeable, in less than three years time, and he would require to be given this length of time, together with the hearty co-operation of all the citizens, who must be prepared to eliminate the customary knocking which an official of this kind usually receives. In other towns where the Town Manager system of government is in vogue, it has been proven that it is advisable to keep the financial department of the town out of the jurisdiction of the Town Manager, and allowing that official to devote all his time and energy in keeping down unnecessary expenditures and to the looking after of the outside work in general.

TOWN PLAYGROUND

Last year in the columns of this paper, mention was made of a project to obtain a suitable piece of ground for a community Amusement Park.

This seems to be a good time to bring the matter to the attention of the public again.

We have nothing in Newcastle in the shape of a field on which a decent game of baseball or set of field sports could be held.

A town or city can not have any better asset than a number of their young men and boys who are physically fit and full of "pep" and who have the spirit of "team work" ingrained in them through participation in outdoor sports.

It would be a considerable improvement to the town if the boys and young men were out playing some game instead of standing round the corners doing absolutely no good to themselves or anyone else.

There is a fund of some two thousand dollars which was raised to erect a memorial for the boys of the town who lost their lives overseas which has been lying idle in the bank for some time drawing 3% interest.

Would it not be a better investment to put this money into a project which would pay considerable better dividends in the improved health and better community spirit which a proper playground would provide?

If the Commercial Club, the G. W. V. A. and any other citizens were to get behind this proposal there is no reason why we should not have a playground that would be a credit to the town.

NEWCASTLE TRACADIE RAILROAD

Editor Times: On Thursday the 3rd inst a delegation of twelve from the North Shore of New Brunswick, viz: Messrs. E. A. McCurdy, Newcastle; Storms, Millbank; Wood, Douglas-town; Anderson, Burnt Church; Young, Witell and Hache, Tracadie; Rev. P. Tattia, Tabusintac; Rev. J. B. Saindon, Neguac, and Rev. Raymond Hawkes, Bartibog with Donald Fraser, of Fraser Co. Ltd, met the Minister of Railways, Dr. Reid at Ottawa.

Present at the interview, which took place in Dr. Reid's private room in the House of Commons were, Honorable the Ministers of Customs and Public Works; Messrs. Wigmore, of St. John, and McCurdy, of Colchester, and we had our New Brunswick Senator J. A. McDonald, of Shediac, with us. Thanks to the Senator the work for the delegates was made easy. He gave us his whole time during our stay in Ottawa.

The Honorable Minister from St. John impressed the delegation as one who had the interest of the whole province at heart and a man who will do things.

Getting a peep behind the scenes the delegates are convinced that in the appointment of Senator McDonald Mr. Wigmore made a wise choice. This young man J. A. McDonald is a worker and given support he is willing and able to do something for this Province. He is the kind of man New Brunswick needs in public life.

The delegation to a man says: Give him support, give him a chance, for they know that on this particular occasion, "he prepared the way before them."

A MEMBER OF THE DELEGATION
Moncton Times March 11th

NEW SENATOR FOR N. B.

Judging from the reports from the North Shore delegation, which has recently returned from Ottawa, New Brunswick's new Senator, John A. McDonald is thoroughly alive to the duties and responsibilities of his new position. The splendid service rendered the delegation by Senator McDonald in connection with presentation of their petition to the Minister of Railways is certainly appreciated by every member of the delegation. Senator McDonald has a residence and farm in Shediac, much money invested in industrial establishments at Moncton, is also connected with the Trust Company doing business in this Province and has other extensive business connections in New Brunswick.

Through which connections he will undoubtedly have considerable influence. He is in sympathetic touch with the railway men of Canada with whom he was at one time associated, as a co-worker and he has identified himself with industrial workers as a class while occupying the position of employer. He has adjusted labour disputes, prevented friction and agitation in that field and settled grounds of disagreement between capital and labor before the strike stage has been reached.

Such a man is needed in the Senate. The more Premier Meighen's choice is studied the more it will be appreciated. Senator McDonald's elevation to the Senate will afford him greater opportunity and scope in the Public Interest.

N. B. HORSE WILL BE IN LIMELIGHT

All the horsemen in New Brunswick and the potato country, which is the trade name for Aroostook county, Me., are discussing the chances of Sharen duplicating the showing of

Peter Manning on his trip through the Grand Circuit this year, writes W. H. Gocher, secretary of the National Trotting Association, in the Bangor Commercial. While at Presque Isle, attending the meeting at which the Maine and New Brunswick Circuit was organized, I met Frank Murchie, one of the delegates from St. Stephen. He purchased the horse from S. J. Boyle, of Fredericton for A. Alcorn in the spring of 1920, managed him in his races last year, and sold him for \$25,000 to Thomas W. Murphy.

"I expect Bill Sharen, said Murchie, to trot a mile close to two minutes this year. When you and I saw him in Boyle's stable about a year ago the horse did not look like one that was being prepared for an active campaign. He was jogged whenever his owner felt like it. The day we saw him his coat still showed the harness marks from his last outing, a couple of days prior to our visit.

ATTENDED MATCH

A number of local Hockey enthusiasts attended the Chatham-Sussex game last Friday in Moncton.

Childhood Constipation

Constipation is one of the most common ailments of childhood and the child suffering from it cannot thrive. To keep the children well the bowels must be kept regular and the stomach sweet. To do this nothing can equal Baby's Own Tablets. They are a mild but thorough laxative; are absolutely safe and never fail to relieve constipation and indigestion; colds and simple fever. Concerning them Mrs. Jules Fauqueau, Nominique, Que., writes:—"My baby was terribly constipated and suffered day and night, I was advised to give him Baby's Own Tablets and from the first they helped him and now at the age of thirteen months he is a big healthy, happy boy." The Tablets are sold by medicine dealers or by mail at 25 cents a box from The Dr. Williams Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont.

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Mutt & Jeff Comedy

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