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THE ADVANCING WAVE OF PROHIBITION

It is most encouraging to those who believe in and advocate, improvement in the social and moral conditions of our communities to note the onward march of temperance sentiment. Already two provinces in this Dominion have successfully grappled with the liquor evil, and others will very shortly follow their example. In Saskatchewan, where the liquor traffic is a thing of the past; liquor stores are comparatively few in number and there is every prospect of their entire abolition at an early date. Prince Edward Island already has prohibition and the citizens of Alberta have voted in favor of the adoption of prohibition measures, and the same will take effect in a very short time. Ontario, in spite of the three-fifths handicap required by the local option laws of that province, is over half "dry," and every succeeding year shows the "dry" territory being added to, as well as a reduction in the number of existing licenses. In the United States the proportion of territory which has gone "dry" is even greater than in Canada, nearly one half of the States having declared for prohibition.

Two other provinces in this fair Dominion, New Brunswick and Manitoba will shortly take up the question and the residents of them will be given an opportunity to declare their sentiments regarding it. There will be no three-fifths handicaps, and no strings attached whereby the leech of inebriety may remain attached to the body politic. With the sentiments which the people are believed to hold, and which are particularly strong in the rural districts, there should be a sweeping majority in favor of prohibition. Those who believe in it should talk for it and work for it. Nothing in the way of reform can ever be accomplished without activity on the part of those vitally interested. We may depend upon it that the liquor element in the community will make a titanic struggle to save their sources of supply from destruction. Arguments will be forthcoming as to the value of liquor to the community and of the machine which sustains it. Particular efforts will be made to gain evidence for statements supporting a traffic which has from an economic or social standpoint, nothing whatever to recommend it. The public will be asked to perpetuate a habit which not only lessens a man's physical, mental and moral efficiency, but we believe that the state of public sentiment is such as to make all the efforts of the "wet" of no avail, and that New Brunswick, and Manitoba also, will join in the elimination of the liquor traffic.

In addition to this, every determination should be made to eliminate all desire for intoxicating drinks among the people. Alternative education, recreation and social entertainment must be provided. If this is done, not only will the support of all be gained for as sober and temperate wealth formerly undeveloped or wasted at the instigation of appetite will be put to the best possible use to the great advantage of the individuals most immediately concerned, and to the ultimate and lasting advantage of the community at large.

GOOD SEED AND CROP YIELDS

At this time of the year most farmers are making their plans for the coming season's crops, and one of the first considerations that confront them is the selection and preparation of their seeds whether grain or roots. Methods of cultivation and the character of the soil may be all that could be desired, but even with these complete success cannot be obtained in crop production without attention to the variety and quality of the seed used. Good seed is not necessarily a guarantee of a good yield, but it is one of the most important factors to be dealt with if a good crop is to result. Even from good seed a poor crop may be harvested, but in that case the result is in spite of the use of good seed and not because of it. An extremely unfavorable season or poor cultivation would likely be the cause, and if such were the case, no amount of attention to the seed would overcome the objectionable influences exerted by the causes contributing to the failure of the crop. It will not do to assume that a good crop one year will necessarily be followed by similarly good results the next year, and therefore no great harm will be done if the preparation of the land is not as thorough as it might be or would perhaps have been had the previous season's crop been only a poor or average one. If a poor quality of seed is used, and adverse conditions

Pte. Warren Gulliver Killed in Action

A Miramichi Boy Gives up His Life to Save the Empire from Invasion.

On December 30th, 1915, somewhere on the western battlefield, bravely defending the cause of his country and Empire, fell Warren Gulliver, of the Miramichi. The deceased was in his twenty first year. He was born at Boom Road in 1895, son of John V. and Emma Harris Gulliver. He was brought up in Douglstown, later returning to Boom Road. Heeding the call to arms, he enlisted as a Driver in the 23rd Field Artillery, under Col. Steele. He afterwards was transferred to the infantry with which he spent six months in the trenches. At the time of his death he was connected with the field telephone service, in which he met his death from the enemy's shrapnel. He leaves one sister, Miss Emma, of Boom Road, a half brother James, of Douglstown; and two little half sisters, Margaret and Iva Gulliver of



PRIVATE WARREN GULLIVER

Newcastle.
Miss Gulliver has received the following:

Office of the Minister of Marine and Fisheries, Ottawa.
Jan. 15th, 1916

Dear Madam:
It was with feelings of very deep regret that I read in the newspapers the sad news that your brother, Driver Warren Gulliver, was killed in action on the 30th December. I am writing this letter to you for the purpose of extending my sincere sympathy. While nothing can mitigate the sorrow caused to you and the members of his family by his death, at the same time it must be a satisfaction and a source of pride to know that he met his death like a brave man fighting in the defence of his country and of the Empire.

Again expressing my deepest sympathy, I am,

Yours very truly,
J. D. HAZEN

(Sgd.)
Miss Emma Gulliver,
Boom Road, North Co., N. B.

The following was enclosed in the above letter:

"The Prime Minister and members of the Government of Canada send their deepest sympathy in the bereavement which you have sustained."

MRS. ELLEN GULLIVER

Mrs. Ellen Gulliver, nee Vye, relict of the late James Gulliver and one of the oldest and most respected inhabitants of Douglstown, and the last of a large family, born at Beaubien's Point, died after a short illness of bronchitis, Tuesday evening, Feb. 8th, 1916. Deceased who had enjoyed seemingly good health up to about

follow, only failure can possibly result. If good cultivation and good seed offer any reasonable form of insurance against a poor crop, they should be made a necessary part of the cropping scheme, and as such should occupy a foremost place in the places which the farmers make for their forthcoming crops. The present is an excellent time to select and prepare the seed, which should be thoroughly cleaned and graded. If these operations are left over until the spring rush is on, they are apt to be done very carelessly, if not passed over entirely. Like produce like, and the man who uses inferior seed cannot expect much else than an inferior crop. Poor seed or seed that is frost-bitten, shrunk or broken, cannot possibly have the vigor of good, plump grain, and will not produce vigorous plants. A little time and attention given to his matter of seed selection will be found to pay well in the long run.

Newcastle Town Council Meeting

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of arrests made or fines imposed from April 30th to July 1st, 1915.

There were also 157 meals supplied to prisoners.

There were 44 violations of the C. T. A. reported, of which 31 were convicted, 5 were dismissed, 1 case withdrawn, 4 cases result not stated, 1 left town before trial, 2 before Court.

Fines imposed \$1,550. Costs imposed \$357.85—total \$1,907.85.

There were also four searches made under warrant, from which no results were obtained.

I do not undertake to vouchsafe for the correctness of this report, as it is made up from records in this office which have been kept by several persons, and such records are not very full.

I have adopted a system of keeping a record of the work done by the police, and if this is continued, the next annual report should be more satisfactory than this one.

Respectfully submitted,
W. H. FINLEY,
Chief of Police

PARK AND FIRE DEPT.

To His Worship the Mayor, and Aldermen of the Town of Newcastle, N. B.

Gentlemen:
The Park and Fire Committee beg to submit the Annual Report for the year ending the 31st day of December, 1915.

We have had John Edmonds employed as caretaker for the Park and think he deserves great credit for the condition he kept it in, especially after considering the number of public gatherings held there.

The fountain was out of commission and required a great deal of repair, which we hope will be permanent.

The Fire Department is in good running order; the horses have been fitted out with coats and boots, which were badly needed; and supplied with extra fire fighting apparatus, which should enable them to cope with all fires.

The Steam Fire Engine has been thoroughly overhauled, is being tested monthly under the care of Robert Beckwith, and it is in better condition than it has been for some years.

We regret very much the loss of Fireman Frank Masson, who was a good citizen and efficient fireman.

JAMES STABLES,
Chairman

REPORT OF FIRE DEPT.

Newcastle, Dec. 31, 1915

The Chairman of the Fire Dept. Sir:

I hereby present to you for your consideration my report for year ending Dec. 31, 1915.

The apparatus in the fire house is in good condition, the steam fire engine, which is under control of the Park and Fire Committee is in good running order.

The firemen are attending to their duties satisfactorily, and as usual answer all alarms promptly. There were eleven alarms during the year, and of these three were of a very serious nature, namely, 1st. The one which totally destroyed the livery stable owned and conducted by R. H. Gremley, Esq.; 2nd. that which totally gutted the barn of P. Hennessy; 3rd. that which destroyed the barn owned by J. D. McAuley.

The alarms rung in were as follows, Feb. 19—Chas. Jardine's house, occupied by W. O. Chamberlain, badly damaged.

Apr. 4—James Bernard's house, very slightly.

Apr. 8—W. J. Hogan's blacksmith shop, roof slightly damaged.

Apr. 25—Miramichi Hotel, false alarm.

May 1—Wm. Ronan's house, roof slightly damaged.

June 18—Dr. Deamond's barn, badly damaged.

Aug. 2—R. H. Gremley's livery stable, totally destroyed.

Sept. 4—John Kingston's house, roof slightly damaged.

nine days before her death, and had all her faculties up to the last was 81 years old in April last. She leaves four children, David and Richard, of Douglstown; Mrs. Geo. Gratto, East Deering, Me.; and Mrs. Giles Ricker, of Hudson, Mass.; also a grandson, James Gulliver, who lived with her, and a large number of other grandchildren, and great grandchildren. Warren Gulliver, recently killed in action, was a grandson. Within the last seven years deceased lost ten members of her family, including husband, brothers, sisters and sons and daughters. The last one, Mrs. P. Walsh, died three months ago, and Mrs. Gulliver never got over the shock of her loss. The funeral was held on Thursday afternoon, services being conducted at the house and grave by Rev. Alex. Pirih, pastor of St. Mark's Presbyterian Church, of which deceased was a faithful member. There was a large attendance. The hymns sung were, "Asleep in Jesus," and "Jesus, Keep Me Nearer the Cross." The pall bearers were six nephews of the deceased—Walter, Edgar, James, Howard and Thomas Vye, and Wm. J. Craik. Interment was in St. Mark's Cemetery.

Sept. 7—P. Hennessy's barn partly damaged and a quantity of goods destroyed.

Sept. 18—John McAuley's barn, partly damaged.

Dec. 10—Dan Aiton's barn, partly damaged.

At the present time there is 1550 feet of serviceable hose.

During the year we have received the following:

500 feet hose,
8 pairs Rubber boots,
2 Rubber Coats,
2 nozzles,
2 Siamese,
1 gate,
2 Traces.

The Fire Company had the misfortune during the year to lose one of its most valued members through the death of Fireman Frank Masson. He was a very active fireman, and did his duty nobly and well, and will be greatly missed by the Company.

The Firemen at present are as follows:

C. M. Dickson, Chief,
R. F. Maltby, Lieut.,
W. P. Stables, Sec.

Hosemen—H. A. Taylor, J. Fallon, W. J. Dunn, Geo. T. Bothune, Brian D. Hennessy, Chas. Delano, Wm. Ferguson, Chas. P. Stohart, P. Russell, P. Brown, Wm. A. McMaster.

I wish on behalf of the members of the Newcastle Fire Dept to thank the Mayor and Aldermen for their consideration on our behalf during the year.

Hoping this report will meet with your approval, I remain,
Your obedient servant,
C. M. DICKSON.

Chief

On motion of Ald. Creaghan and McGrath, it was resolved that the annual reports of the Water and Light and Potable Committees be printed in the Town Report after endorsement by the Mayor.

Following bills were passed:

FINANCE

Lonsbury Co. \$17.15
John Morrissey 25.75
R. F. Maltby 27.29

POLICE

Union Advocate \$ 6.63
Daily Telegraph 1.10
Chronicle Pub. Co. 3.35
W. H. Finley 6.73
R. G. Anderson & Son 75
Geo. Stables 1.50

LIGHT AND WATER

Garlock Packing Co. \$ 11.55
T. McAvity & Sons, 5.09
John Ferguson & Sons, 27.56
Inverness Ry. & Coal Co. 251.66
Inverness Ry. & Coal Co. 354.65
Inverness Ry. & Coal Co. 45.14
Can. Gen. Elec. Co. 242.57
Can. Gen. Elec. Co. 12.66
Can. Oil Co. 49.16

\$1,029.85

The Police Committee recommended the reappointment of the present Board of Assessors—C. E. Fish, J. F. McWilliam and J. H. Phinney.

Ald. Stuart moved that the appointment be laid over till next meeting. Not seconded.

On motion of Ald. Creaghan and Ald. Ritchie, the recommendation was adopted and Messrs. Fish, McWilliam and Phinney elected.

F. C. Morrell was elected constable and Chas. Cassidy a surveyor of lumber.

The Mayor—Has the Fire Engine been tested.

Ald. Stables—Yes, last month, and found in good order.

Following report of the Water and Light committee was read by Ald. Ritchie:

With reference to the Pump, tenders have been received from several firms on Pumps of 350 and 550 gallon capacity. After considering all the tenders received the Committee decided to select one of the following:

The Allis Chalmers pump at \$2310.
The Mather & Platt Pump at \$2135.
The Jno. Inglis Co. Pump at \$1919.

After taking these under careful consideration and obtaining all possible information, we have decided on accepting the tender of the Canadian Allis-Chalmers Co. for the Mather & Platt 450 gallon pump at \$2135. Before placing the order the Committee would like to have their action confirmed by the Council.

A. H. MacKAY,
Chairman

Ald. Creaghan asked if the Pump recommended had any advantages over the cheaper pump.

The Mayor replied that there was no cheaper pump. The Inglis Co. did not guarantee installation, which would cost extra, and could not be done for \$200. The other tenders guaranteed installation expenses, clear of rough labor and cartage. Each would send a directing engineer to set up free of cost to the town.

Ald. Stables—The Water and Light Committee were given power to install the pump.

Ald. Doyle moved that the recommendation be accepted, seconded by Ald. Ritchie and carried.

Police Report for Jan. 1—Feb. 17

Chief of Police Finley submitted his report for Jan. 1 to date, including C. T. A. cases.

PROSPERITY SALE

On Tuesday Next February 29th.

CREAGHAN'S will hold an unusual sale—PROSPERITY—remember Feb. 29th appears only every four years, so the bargains at this sale will be extraordinary

Wide Table Oilcloths 25c.
New Gingham and Muslins 15c yd.
Reg 10c Towelling 7c.
Mens \$1.25 Underwear 98c.
Cashmere Hose 25c.
Mens \$1.00 Shirts for 69c.
18c Jap Mats for 9c.
15c Curtain Poles for 49c.
65c Boys' Worsted Hose 9c.
12c Cottons for 9c.

Odd Colored Silks 25c.
65c Velvet Cords 49c.
Ladies' Coats Half Price
Mens' Overcoats Less 20 p. c.
95c Overalls for 69c.
\$1.25 Ladies Corsets 1.00
New Fancy Blouses 1.00
8x4 Unbleached Sheeting 25c.
40c Police Braces 22c.
12c Flannellettes 9c.

J. D. Creaghan & Co. LIMITED

WHERE THE GOOD GOODS COME FROM

The report was taken up section by section.

The adoption of Sec. 1 was moved by Ald. Stuart, seconded by Ald. Creaghan.

Ald. McGrath thought that under the new section there might be unwarrantable interference with the personal rights of citizens.

Ald. Hayward endorsed the section as amended.

Section 2 was moved by Ald. Stuart, seconded and strongly endorsed by Ald. Doyle and carried.

Section 3 passed on motion of Ald. Stuart and Stables.

The report was then adopted as a whole.

Ald. McGrath thought that the Builders might pay for the inspection.

Ald. Hayward thought the change would not be violent.

Ald. Ritchie suggested that information re inspection be got from nearby towns.

IMPORTANT CHANGES PROPOSED

Ald. Stuart made the following recommendations:

That this Council hereby authorize and instruct the Mayor and Town Clerk to have a bill prepared and the necessary steps taken to have the same moved and seconded in the Legislature and properly supported in Committee therein, asking for such amendment to any Act or Acts relating to the Town of Newcastle as will enable the said town, upon a majority vote of its qualified ratepayers voting—such vote to be taken at the time of the next Town Election after the passing of such Bill afore said, and at any subsequent Town Election, when the same shall be demanded in writing by not less than 15 per cent. of the qualified ratepayers at least one month before the date of such election—to

1. Reduce the assessment on buildings and other improvements of Real Estate by 25 per cent. of the full value for 1916 and by an additional 25 per cent. for 1917 and an additional 25 per cent. for 1918, and an additional 25 per cent. for 1919;

(2) Exempt from taxation all incomes up to \$400;

(3) Abolish income qualification for voting and allow all persons who pay poll tax to vote as well as those who pay any additional form of tax.

(4) Exempt personal property from taxation and substitute therefor, if desired, a Business License.

(5) Abolish the Property Qualification for office of Alderman.

(6) Abolish the Property Qualification for office of Mayor.

In order to get the matter before the Council for discussion Ald. Stuart moved that these recommendations be received for discussion.

No one seconded either the recommendations or the motion that they be discussed.

The following was moved by Ald. Hayward, seconded by Ald. Stables:

"Resolved that the By-Law Committee be and they are hereby authorized and instructed to procure legislation at the next meeting of the Provincial Assembly and to take all necessary steps in connection therewith, whereby the payments, statements and returns mentioned and provided for in Sec. 100 of the Towns Incorporation Act, shall be made monthly by the Police Magistrate of the town of Newcastle and that such returns and statements shall include all proceedings under the Canada Temperance Act."

Ald. Doyle said that it was now too late to introduce this motion. The Legislature could not consider it at this session.

Ald. Hayward said that the town's legal advisor said it was not too late.

Ald. Creaghan wanted to know of what value the change would be.

Ald. Hayward—The Council wants to know what is being done.

Ald. Ritchie said that, as it was now too late, it had better be dropped.

Ald. Hayward repeated that it was not too late.

The motion was lost on the following vote.

Years—Ald. Hayward, Stables and Stuart.

Nays—Ald. Creaghan, Doyle, McGrath and Ritchie.

Ald. McGrath moved that the Council go into committee of the whole to consider estimates for the coming year. Carried.

Ald. McGrath was appointed chairman.

On motion of Mayor Stohart, seconded by Ald. Creaghan, following estimates were approved of:

1915 1916
Park & Fire \$2000 \$2000
Police & Street Lighting 2300 2500
Schools 10,550 10,550
Public Works 1500 2000
Contingencies 2700 2800
Sinking Fund 4163 4500
Interest 6300 5000
Sewerage 800 1000

County Tax \$30,313 \$30,350
3859 2341

\$34,172 \$33,691

Council went back to regular session, and above appropriations were adopted.

Ald. McGrath, seconded by Ald. Stuart, moved resolutions of condolence to His Worship the Mayor and Ald. Ritchie, on the death of the father of each, whereby the town had lost, in each case, a most valuable and respected citizen, the Hon. A. E. Ritchie having been also the first Mayor of Newcastle and Alderman several years.

The resolutions were heartily endorsed and unanimously adopted.

His Worship and Ald. Ritchie replied very feelingly.

After a discussion on the hydrants and the best way to protect them in cold weather, Council adjourned.

CLASSIFIED ADS.

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Sec. Trustees.

Feb. 17th, 1916.

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