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SPECIAL MEETING TOWN COUNCIL

Takes Hold of the Taxation Problem—New Tenders For Bonds —Scott Act Report—Bills Passed.

Newcastle Town Council met in special session on the 28th ult. Aldermen present: T. W. Butler, John Clark, J. G. Kethro, S. A. Russell, Charles Sargeant, Geo. Stables and H. H. Stuart. Absent. Mayor Fedolin and Ald. C. M. Dickison.

On motion Ald. Clark took the chair.

Minutes of previous regular session were read and approved.

Ald. Sargeant's report of the committee of the whole held on the 25th ult, was read, the question under discussion being the disposition of the $30,000 debentures, for which tenders were received in July last. The Montreal Investment and Trust Co., to whom the debentures were then awarded had not taken delivery of them, it having been found impossible to get in touch with the people representing that firm. The committee recommended that all previous negotiations regarding the sale of these debentures be cancelled and that Town Clerk be authorized to advertise for new tenders for their purchase.

On motion of Ald. Russell and Sargeant, the report was received and adopted.

On motion of Ald. Butler and Kethro, it was resolved, That the Town Clerk in advertising for tenders require tenderers to give some standard bank as reference from whom their standing may be learned.

Following bills were ordered paid:

FINANCE

Thistle Rubber Type Co., office supplies.	Town $9 27

LIGHT AND WATER

St. John Railway Co.	4.94
E. O'Donnell	4.80
Colonial Lubricating Co.	101.05
Wm. J. Hogan	29.90
A. R. Williams Machinery Co.	61.60
T. McAvity & Sons	27.00
I. C. Coal Mining Co.	637.35
Canada Foundry Co.	225.00
Can. Gen. Electric Co	1.60
	$1093.24

PARK AND FIRE

L. Comfort, first horse at Rundle boat fire.	$5.00

Ald. Butler reported that the usual inspection of Light and Water Station had been made by Inspector Bonnyman, who had found machinery, boilers, etc., in good order. Report was received and placed on file.

Ald. Butler reported that his committee had ordered a light placed on Henry Street in front of Mary Street, one of the darkest places in town.

Re proposed sewer plans, Engineer Fish had not had time to proceed with the work, and Engineer MacKay of Chatham had promised to oversee the work. He was expected in town the next day.

SCOTT ACT REPORT

Chairman Sargeant of the Police Committee submitted following report:

"Newcastle, Sept 28, 1911

"To Chairman of Police Committee,

"Sir,

"I beg to submit my report on C. T. A. for the month as follows: There have been two informations laid and both resulted in convictions and fines, each paying fifty dollars and costs.

"Your obedient servant

"Adam Dickison

"Town Marshall"

A letter from R. Murray to the Scott Act Inspector was read stating that proceedings in the Scott Act Appeal in Supreme Court was postponed till the December issue.

Ald. Stables reported progress re entertainment of Union of N. B. Municipalities.

Ald. Kethro of the Public Works committee asked for a requisition on the County Secretary for plans and records of the Town held by him

Request was granted.

On motion of Ald. Butler and Stables, the Police committee was empowered to provide overcoats for the Policemen.

TAXATION

Ald. Stuart brought up the question of taxation. He spoke of the great dissatisfaction with the present system evidenced in many quarters and of the great inconvenience and injustice of the provincial law whereby improvements, personal property and incomes must be assessed at the same rate as land and one-sixth of the totae taxes must be raised by a poll tax, the assessors appointed by the authorities having no choice in the matter. There was a growing demand for a change, but no municipality could make any improvement in its tax system without first obtaining special authority therefor from the Legislature. This question of taxation was to come up in the approaching Convention of the Union of New Brunswick Municipalities, and it would be wise for this Council to make a pronouncement thereon before the meeting of the Union. He would therefore, in order that, by carrying to the Legislature, either singly or in co-operation with other municipalities or with the Union, a demand for freedom for each municipality to regulate its own tax system, the first step might be taken in bringing about in New Brunswick a comprehensive and radical improvement in the methods of raising municipal revenues, make the following motion,

Resolved, That this Town Council of the Town of Newcastle prepare (or co-operate with the Union of New Brunswick Municipalities or any County, City or Town in said province in preparing) a bill for the next session of the Legislature providing that any County, City or Town in the province of New Brunswick shall, upon a majority vote of its qualified ratepayers have the power to reduce or abolish within its jurisdiction taxes on polls, improvements, personal property and income, or any one or more of these, and raise its revenue by means of a land tax with or without a poll tax and with or without a system of business licenses.

Ald. Butler in seconding the motion denounced the present system of taxation as penalizing progress. As money cannot be easily taxed, people with cash put it in the banks instead of using it to build, for as soon as one builds down comes the tax-gatherer. On the other hand the holder of idle land is taxed so low that he can afford to hold his property for speculation. Those who borrow money from the banks to build have to pay both interest and taxes and get discouraged: The system works out like the ancient landlordism of Ireland. The least improvement is taxed. Hence improvements are discouraged and the money driven into the banks. Some reform must be accomplished. The motion did not change the system of taxation but merely applied to the Legislature for permission for municipalities to tax themselves as they should see fit.

The motion was adopted unanimously.

On motion of Ald. Stuart and Stables, the Town Clerk was directed to forward a copy of this resolution to the Secretary of the Union of N. B. Municipalities before the next meeting of the latter.

After a discussion on the entertainment of the Union the Council adjourned.

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RED ROSE TEA

ITALY MAKES WAR ON TURKEY

Very Little Fighting Yet, But Italians Likely to Win Tripoli Soon.

St. John, Sept. 29.—J. M. Robinson, brokers, received flash by private wire this afternoon that war has just been declared between Turkey and Italy.

Saloniki, European Turkey, Sept. 30.—An Italian cruiser has destroyed a Turkish destroyer in the harbor of Prevesa in Epirus, and landed troops. (Prevesa is in the southwestern corner of European Turkey).

Constantinople, Oct. 1.—It is officially confirmed that the Italian squadron has bombarded Prevesa, but the landing of Italian forces there is denied It is announced from Janina that two Italian warships yesterday bombarded the port of Beschadie, and torpedo boats lying in that harbor, one of which was damaged, and landed its crew.

The Italian ships entered the port and shelled the town, several houses being struck. After taking soundings they left and later entered Port Muste, taking the captain of the port and three boatmen prisoners. The Porte has notified the powers of the suspension of the lighthouse services in the Red Sea, the Mediterranean, the Dardanelles, the Aegean and Adriatic. The Italian workmen in the government factories have been diminished. The Italians employed on the construction of railways in Asia Minor are abandoning work and leaving the country.

A Constantinople despatch to the Reuter Telegram Company timed 5.50 p. m. says that an official telegram has been received stating that the Turkish squadron reached the Dardenelles safely at noon to-day after an eventful journey thither. It appears even doubtful whether there has been any actual occupation of Tripoli, and it is practically certain that there has been no bombardment by the Italian warships.

It seems almost certain that the reported destruction of the Turkish fleet is untrue. In fact, the only result of the first three days' hostilities which can be vouched for is the destruction of the Turkish destroyers by the Duke of the Abruzzi ship off Prevesa.

According to the Daily Telegraph's Rome correspondent, Germany and Austria have already made official representations to Italy of their displeasure at her proceedure and that if these representations are ignored they will be followed in another shape by "humiliation to Italy." According to the information of Rome diplomatic sources the landing of the Italians at Prevesa is greatly resented by Austria and Germany, and had much to do with their reported change of attitude towards Italy.

Calcutta, India, Oct. 2.—A cablegram was forwarded from here to-day in the name of the Mohammedans of India, urging Great Britain to take a hand in the Italo-Turkish situation. The message was addressed to the foreign secretary at London, and a duplicate went by telegraph to the Indian home secretary at Simla. It was dispatched at the behest of a mass meeting of Mohammedans held here, and asked England, as "the greatest Mohammedan power in the world," to check Italy's career of agression.

That the Mohammedans of India are thoroughly aroused, is indicated by the mass meeting's action in forming a strong committee to take such steps as seem advisable to prevent war.

London, Oct. 2.—From present appearances the Turco-Italian war promises to be the shortest and most bloodless war in history. Thus far its distinguishing characteristic has been the absence of fighting, and with Germany acting as peacemaker it may be ended before fighting occurs

It is concluded that no mediation will be accepted by Italy until she has accomplished the military occupation of the Tripolitan coast. After that negotiations will be much easier and are not unlikely to be successful, if Turkey will accept a money indemnity for allowing Italy to establish herself in Tripoli as Great Britain did in Egypt.

Evidently Tripoli has not been bombarded, and is not likely to be if the Turks do not oppose the Italian landing. The warlike operations are confined to a blockade and the captnre on either side of a few small vessels. It is now admitted from the Turkish side that Prevesa, in European Turkey, is not occupied.

Italy's announcement that she has no intention to carry the war into European Turkey will do much to allay apprehension over Balkan or other complications

AT THE OPERA HOUSE

The opera House was well filled Monday night, to witness the playing of 'Captain Clay form Missouri' by the Klark - Urban Co. The play took well with the audience, and the six vaudeville Specialty Acts were especially popular. The acting of the "Star" Miss Maisie, Cecil, Harden Clark, Frank Urban, and the other members of the party was very good. Last night the play was "In the Bishop's Carriage,' and tonight the company will play "The little Gray Lady." seats for sale at Dickison's & Troy's.

AUSTIN, PA., DESTROYED BY FLOOD AND FIRE

A Patched Dam Breaks and Wrecks the Place Killing One Hundred and Fifty People.

Austin, Pa., Oct. 1.—Austin, a busy mill town of 3000 people, is torn to pieces by water and eaten by fire.

Some 400 houses, a score of business blocks, three churches, and several large lumber mills were wrecked, and three miles further down the river at Costello, there are the ruins of more than fifty buildings.

The loss of life at Costello, where the residents had more warning, is believed to be but three. Property loss in the valley is estimated at upwards of $6,000,000. After the flood fire broke out and finished the destruction.

The immediate scene of the obliteration of Austin covers an area three-eighths of a mile wide and one and three-quarter miles long. This comprises the business section and the valley residence portion,

Nearly a mile above stood the mammoth concrete dam of the Bayless Paper & Pulp Company, 600 feet long, fifty-two feet high and sixty feet thick at the bottom, tapering to a thickness of three feet at the top. Back of this dam yesterday lay a reservoir of water a mile and a half long, and an average of thirty-five feet deep. Directly in front of the dam stood the plant of the Bayless Company, with four main buildings. Stacked high nearby was a five year supply of wood, valued at $5,000,000.

A mill stream, Freeman Run, flowed through the town into a Creek, leading to the Susquehanna River.

ONLY PATCHED LAST YEAR

Repairs last spring had consisted of a patch of cement fourteen feet square. One of the several sections yesterday began at that patch. The Bayless dam was examined by experts over a year ago and certain recommendations were made looking to its safety. An inquiry will be held this week. In Austin about 150 people perished.

WITH THE HUNTERS OF BIG GAME

The Miramichi Hotel is Alive With Foreign Sportmen going to and Returning From the Forests of Northumberland County.

O. H. Van Norden of New York returned from the Miramichi woods Wednesday bringing as trophies a moose and a bear. Guide Manderville conducted

H. R. Diedel of New York came out from Bald Mountain on the 26th ult., with a deer and a moose. Guide Mandervilie conducted him.

P. A. Hartman, R. Oenslager, and W. S. Ray of Harrisburg, Pa., went in to Bald Mountain with Edward Menzies on Friday.

O. C. Hubbard of Boston and E. W. Bill of New York went to Bald Mountain Saturday guided by Edward Menzies.

Douglas Clinch of St. John, president of the Guides' Association of N B; and his friends R. Johnson Hold, and Dr. Brunn of New York, who had been hunting with Edward Menzies on Bald Mountain came down on Monday, with two moose heads and one bear.

A. F. Main of Mexico City went up Menzie's [illegible] on Monday.

N. Rendlemann and Dr. F. A. Hartung of Pittsburg, Pa., went up the North West with Wallace Johnston on Monday.

Dr. C. H. Vosburgh of St Louis C. W. Howard of New York and J. Reymershoff of Galveston, Texas, came down river Monday night, each with a moose and a deer.

Messrs Clement [illegible] and King; Wain[illegible] Philadelphia, Thomas D. W[illegible], Pa., Louis D Clarke of [illegible] P.

John H Seigel and [illegible] of Williamsport Pa Saturday from the Mir[illegible] woods where they have been hunting big game. Mr Wood secured a fine moose but the others were not successful.

Mr. R. A. Jaggard of Williamsport Pa., arrived in Fredericton on the 28th after a fortnight spent in the woods near Doaktown. Mr Jaggard did not see a moose worth killing but saw many cow moose, spikehorns and other young moose. He was one of a party the others of which got their moose. Thos Weaver and David Lyons were the guides.

DISTRICT DIVISION NEXT TUESDAY

Will Inaugurate Campaign to Make Richibucto Parish No-License.

Kent and Northumberland Dis. Division, Sons of Temperance, will meet at Richibucto, Tuesday afternoon. Oct. 10, and at this meeting will be inaugurated the local option campaign for Richibucto parish which will terminate in a plebiscite on the 17th. Prominent men in the campaign will be Rev. R. Hensley Stavert, father of local option in Harcourt parish; H. M. Ferguson; J. P., Rexton; R. W. Beers, Richibucto; Rev. W. R. Robinson, of St. John and Rev. J G. Shearer, Presbyterian secretary of moral and social reform. The latter will speak in Richibucto and Rexton on the 13th, 14th and 15th. A determined effort is being made to put Richibucto, the last liquor selling parish in Kent county, into the no-license column.

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