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IN THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL SEMI-ANNUAL SESSION, 1915

Council met at the Court House, Bridgetown, in the County of Annapolis, April 20th, 1915. Present: The Warden, Councillors Elliott, Foster, Troop, Withers, Coulstun, Marshall, Piggott, Gates, Gibson, Grimm, Thomas, Nelly and Rawding.

An election having taken place in Ward 3 to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Freeman Fitch, the nominees were Fred W. Bishop and Herbert Starratt.

The returns having been received by the Clerk, and it appearing that Fred W. Bishop had received a majority of 31 votes, he was declared elected, and being called forward was duly sworn.

Mr. Bishop made some appropriate remarks.

The minutes of the Annual Session were read and adopted with the following corrections:

Scott's Act Inspector's account on page 3, cases tried before Stipendiary Legg as per bill annexed should read \$183.55 instead of \$186.05.

Bill of Solicitor Parsons should read \$279.25 instead of \$283.75.

Outside Poor Account, page 21, Dr. Young bill of \$40.00 should read \$70.00.

Treasurer's Account - on page 12, item education should read \$6502.40 instead of \$5502.40.

The committee appointed to draft a letter to Mr. Roscoe re Road District No. 7, Ward 10, presented the following letter from Mr. Roscoe:

Kentville, N. S.,
April 15, 1915

W. G. CLARKE, Esq.,
Warden of the Municipality of the County of Annapolis, and

GEORGE W. SHIPTON, Esq.,
Road Surveyor in Annapolis County

Sirs:—Relating to the matters referred to me by your communication of the 12th of April inst., I beg to say as follows:

1.—The Municipal Council of every Municipality is obliged as I understand the law to set off road sections covering all the highways in the Municipality, and define their limits. Section 5 of the Highway Act uses the words "may from time to time," but "may" in that case as in every case where a public duty is enjoined by a statute, means "must," and it can be understood generally that it is the duty of County Municipalities to have all the public highways in the Municipality set off into districts with definite bounds. It would be unthinkable that there is any portion of a public highway which does not belong to some road district, and still less that the limits of each district should not be absolutely set and affixed. The highways of a Municipality are vested in the Municipality, and their duty in the respect which I am pointing out appears to me to be plain.

2.—I know of no obligation which a Municipality is under to direct a Surveyor of a highway as to his duties. The law points them out. When once a Surveyor is appointed he is obliged to be sworn into office, and to faithfully perform his duties. He takes over by his appointment and oath of office all the powers which are given by Statute to Surveyors. He exercises them on his own responsibility, and is accountable to the public for the way in which he discharges his duties, and is liable to a penalty if he neglects to do that which the law requires him to do.

3.—Subject to the unlimited authority of Municipal Councils over highways, regulated however by express provisions of Statute, there are certain duties devolving upon Supervisors of public grounds which they are bound to perform when a proper occasion arises, and they are as a body set in motion as pointed out by the Statute.

4.—The discharge of the duties which I have outlined, covers everything which appears to me to be required of in the communication which I have received, and I think careful and exact adherence to what is stated will be found ample under all circumstances.

Yours very truly,
W. E. ROSCOE.

Ordered that the matter be laid over till to-morrow morning. In the meantime some of the Councillors to visit the locality and look over the situation.

The commission appointed to lay out a road at Granville Ferry to connect with the new bridge reported that they had laid out the road, but were unable to make an agreement with Mr. Troop, the owner of the land.

Ordered that the report be received and adopted, and arbitrators appointed.

The report of the Board of Revision and Appeal was read and on motion adopted.

The following is the report:

Report of Board of Revision and Appeal.

We, the undersigned, your Board of Revision and Appeal, beg leave to report as follows:

We met at the Court House, Bridgetown, on the fourth Tuesday of January, 1915, to consider appeals from the Assessment. A number of appeals were presented. The following are our decisions:

Harry Marshall, District No. 4; assessment raised from \$250.00 to \$400.00.

H. F. Williams, District No. 4; \$250.00; Assessment changed to Freeman Corbett.

Norman Charlton, District No. 4;

BELLEISLE

April 19
Mrs. Howard Abbott and son Hilton of Annapolis are visiting Mrs. Abbott's cousin, Miss Sadie Gesner.

Mr. Benj. Goldsmith returned to his home in Digby today, after spending a few days with his son, Charles Goldsmith.

Sergt. Kenneth Gesner and Private George A. Gesner, who came from Halifax, on Thursday to attend the funeral of their nephew, returned to their regiment to-day.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Goldsmith and family will have the sincere sympathy of the community in the death of their son John Mason, age 17 years and 7 months. He died at the Military Hospital, Halifax where he was doing guard duty with his regiment. He contracted measles about a fortnight ago, but was getting along very well when pneumonia set in, causing his death very suddenly on Wednesday the 14th inst. The funeral took place on Friday afternoon the Rev. Ernest Underwood, officiating. May God in his tender love and mercy strengthen and help the heart-broken parents to bear their great sorrow.

In the account of the fire which occurred in this community last Monday morning the 12th inst published in the "Evening Mail," the "Mail" correspondent must have been entirely misinformed or else has drawn largely from imagination. The buildings burned down were store-sheds, and carpenter shop, belonging to Mr. Sylvester Bent, and situated on the corner of the Marsh road. The fire was caused by Mr. Bent striking his foot as he was entering the shed and falling forward, striking his lantern, and breaking it as he fell. Luckily the wind, which was blowing a gale was from the south driving the fire out across the fields; otherwise the damage would have been pretty bad. Mr. Bent's loss was partly covered by insurance.

Signed,
J. ARTHUR RICE
F. MILES CHIPMAN
FRANK H. WILLETT

Bridgetown, January 26th, 1915.

A petition was read from W. J. Spiney and upwards of twenty others, asking for a change in the Spiney Road, so-called, running from the Messenger Road to the Canaan Road. On motion the petition was received and adopted, and I. J. Whitman, W. J. Spiney and Milledge Marshall were appointed a commission to consider the necessity of the said change and to lay out the same according to law.

The following report was made by the committee for revising the Jury List:

To the Warden and Councillors of the Municipality of Annapolis:

Your committee appointed to revise Jury Lists for the present year beg leave to report as follows:

We found it difficult to revise the lists properly owing to the unsatisfactory condition of the books. We suggest that new books be made up directly from the Assessment Rolls.

If separate pages were kept for the different letters of the alphabet, the new names could be added yearly without mixing the names alphabetically.

Also the age column of the Assessment Rolls should be filled in as required by Statute. This is necessary in order to remove the names of those over 60 years of age. Only two of the Rolls for this year have age columns.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

ELIAS RAWDING
ERI W. NEELY
FREEMAN FITCH

Report received and adopted and the Clerk instructed to procure new books.

The following circular addressed to the Assessors of the Municipality was read and adopted:

Circular to be addressed to the Assessors.

As there is considerable irregularity in making out the Assessment Rolls, the Assessors are requested to carry out more carefully the "Instructions to Assessors."

1st.—All exemptions must be taken out. The whole value of the property should be stated in the first column, the exemption made and only the net valuation placed in the column marked "Whole Taxable Property." The amount exempted should be noted in the margin in the last column.

2nd.—In the column headed "Residence," give the post office address carefully. This is needed in sending notices to the Road Surveyors, etc.

3rd.—In making the Assessment it is generally sufficiently accurate to put the sums at equal parts of \$100.00, 25, 50, 75, 100, and it simplifies computing taxes very much.

4th.—The age column must be filled up. It is intended to show all persons of 60 years and upward, and is needed in revising the Jury Lists. It is merely needed to note as to 60 all persons of that age and upward.

5th.—All non-residents must be entered on the sheet especially prepared for that purpose and not in the general assessment. Please remember that a non-resident is one who resides outside the Municipality, or in an Incorporated Town. All other names must be entered in the usual way. Except such property owners as reside in some other Polling District in the County in which case the number of Polling District must be entered opposite their name.

6th.—Make four copies of the Assessment Roll. Post one copy. Send one copy to your Revisor. Send one copy to your District Clerk for making out the road tax, and one copy to the Municipal Clerk for making up the County tax. Each page of this Roll must be added up, showing amounts of Real Estate, Personal Property and Income. These separate totals to be carried over to the back of the book and added up showing totals of Real Estate and Personal Property and Income, also total length.

Ordered that J. Elvin Shaffner and L. W. Elliott be heard in reference to a grant from the Municipality in and towards a building for Agricultural Demonstration School at Lawrence-town. The gentleman addressed the Council at some length.

Ordered that the Local Government be requested to pass an Act during the present session giving the Council authority to make a grant for above object, not to exceed \$500.00.

Ordered that the Treasurer be instructed to pay out of the current funds when required, the amount of the War Tax levied by the Provincial Government.

Council adjourned till tomorrow at 9 o'clock a. m.

(To be continued next week)

THE WEEK'S WAR NEWS

British Troops Have Begun a Strong Advance South of Ypres

LONDON, April 20—British troops have begun a strong advance in Belgium south of Ypres. The War Office last night merely circled the taking of a hill in that region but a dispatch to the Morning Post from "North of France," under date of yesterday states that the British lines have been pushed forward three miles after fighting fully as fierce as that at Neuve Chapelle. The correspondent writes: "In point of view of territory recovered, this latest success of the British army south of Ypres is the biggest advance that has been made since the autumn, for they have advanced five kilometres, and have obtained possession of a district of the greatest tactical value.

"The fighting, I hear was quite as fierce as at Neuve Chapelle. The British advance swept on to a point where there were no trenches and the men were exposed to heavy fire while digging themselves in. It was a case of breaking through the German lines of trenches to a point considerably behind them.

The attack commenced Sunday morning when the miners, whose admirable sapping has been a feature of the campaign, sprung a series of mines of exceptional strength.

"The British artillery, following up the sappers, played havoc with the German trenches, and, as at Neuve Chapelle, the infantry fell upon a foe utterly demoralized.

"The action is still in progress and the British advance has been unchecked.

"Eight hundred German prisoners have already come in and everything points to the enemy's losses being greater even than those at Neuve Chapelle. Their attitude is one of depression.

WAR BRIEFS

Typhus fever, worse than the black plague, is increasing in Servia. Nearly 200 hundred doctors have died from the infection.

KATE. "Yes, I happened to be in that very city when the German aeroplane dropped the bombs."

ALICE. "Did you run for the cellar?"

KATE. No; I heard there were rats there.

"Johnny, I don't believe you have studied your Geography."

"No, mum, I heard pa say the map of the world is changing every day, and I thought I'd wait a few years until things got settled.

I know of a case in a seaside town in Cornwall, where the wife of a German has been making a German flag to float over the town when England is conquered. Referee.

A British Officer says, it is wonderful how these French peasants stick to their homes, while they are under shell fire every day.

Fifteen of Princess Patricia's Regiment, invalidated home from the trenches arrived in Halifax by C.P.R. Steamer. Australia offers a third Contingent for the war, and it will likely be accepted. The Dominions have provided more troops than were expected.

Bad teeth has been the cause of the rejection of about thirty percent of the total rejections among the British volunteers.

The Dutch people are highly praised for their great kindness toward the wounded soldiers on their way to England from Germany.

The Colonial Empire, which before the war was about five times the size of Germany and upon which Germany expended more than three hundred millions of dollars is almost destroyed.

Five and a half millions of tons of German shipping and one million tons of Austro-Hungarian shipping have been driven off the seas or captured during the war.

Before the war the opinion prevailed that Great Britain would not be able to get men sufficient to man the fleet. But the men have been forthcoming.

Southern Europe is highly excited over the forcing of the Dardanelles, and probably it will bring Roumania, Greece, Bulgaria and Italy into the War.

The probability is that the Germans are preparing for another drive for Paris or Calais.

It is reported that King Victor Emmanuel has twenty-five millions of dollars of his private fortune invested in the Krupp armament works, which he stands to lose if Italy opens war with Germany.

The fine United States Officers in the German army have been ordered home. It is believed the cause is bitter feeling towards the United States in Germany.

The Eitel Friedrich hoped to escape from Newport News, but is now safely interned.

I. W. Bottomly, 44th. Regiment of Niagara Falls, paymaster in the First Canadian Contingent, has been dismissed from the service in England on charges growing out of shortage in his accounts.

No annual Oxford and Cambridge boat races in March this year. At least two thirds of the under graduates are under arms.

On Easter day a Taube dropped bombs on a Church near Ypres, Belgium, killing twelve women outright, besides inflicting other injuries. The preacher died shortly after of his wounds.

It is reported that a Russian Colonel has been court-martialed and executed as a spy for giving information to the Germans by which the Russian army was entrapped.

Arbour Day Observance Should be General

The Objects for which it Stands are to the General Advantage of Canada

Arbour Day is not observed in Canada to the extent which its importance warrants.

The people of Canada must ever keep in mind their dependence upon her forests. With large areas suitable only for forestry purposes, it is essential that the value of trees and their protection should be thoroughly impressed upon Canadians.

While Arbor Day is observed in the rural schools and in some city schools its recognition by the general public is not as general as it should be.

In the province of Nova Scotia, Arbour Day is celebrated to a limited extent in the schools. This is not sufficient however. The observance of Arbour Day should be general. There is need in every part of Canada for the education and instruction which Arbour Day represents. The day should be observed as a public holiday, at a time most suited to the climatic conditions of the locality. Public recognition should be given to Arbour Day, and the planting and protection of shade trees, the preparation of flower and vegetable gardens, and the thorough cleaning up of homes and surroundings should be advocated as special duties for the day.

Arbour Day has its justification in the value of trees, from whatever point of view they may be considered. Nothing contributes so much to make the world a pleasant place to live in as trees. The true home feeling is not satisfied without the presence of the trees, with their shelter and shade, their beauty of form and leaf, their blossom and fruit, their varying shades with the passing of the seasons, and their fulness of colour in the autumn days. They also afford homes and shelter for our feathered friends the birds during their annual visits to us.

There is nothing which will add beauty and value to a home or the schoolhouse more than the presence of trees; there is likewise nothing which adds more to the comfort of the pedestrian than shade trees on the roadside. The way may be long and dusty, but under the cool shade of the trees relief is found.

It is to be hoped therefore, that the celebration of Arbour Day will become more general; that the planting and care of trees and shrubs around schoolhouses, homes, public spaces and by roadsides may have the effect of developing a keener appreciation of the value and beauty of trees; and that in thus enlarging the field of Arbour Day activities greater interest may be created in the protection of our Canadian forests from the reckless destruction by fire and the axe with which they are threatened.

PORT LOBNE

April 19
Capt. Edwin Hall, Brockton, visited friends here quite recently.

A little daughter arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joshua Sabeen last week.

Mrs. Patterson Foster is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Fred Milner at Parker's Cove.

Quite a number from here attended the drama in Arlington school house last Monday evening.

Eileen, age eight months, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Truman Lewis, passed away last Thursday.

Mrs. Howard Neaves and daughter Helen, have returned home after spending the winter in Somerville, Mass.

A pie and ice cream sale will be held at Tomploman's Hall next Saturday evening, April 24. Proceeds for church purposes.



Small Deposits Welcome

If you wish to start a Savings Account do not hesitate because you have only a small sum to begin with; you will be welcome at our office. Some of our large accounts began as deposits of \$1.

It is our aim to have customers come to us with the feeling that we will attend to their business with pleasure.

The Bank of Nova Scotia

Capital - - - - - \$ 6,000,000
Surplus - - - - - 2,000,000
Total Resources over - - - 80,000,000

BRIDGETOWN BRANCH
J. S. Lewis, Manager

Former Bridgetown Boy Dies in British Columbia

The British Columbia, New Westminster of March 29th contains the following obituary notice of a former Bridgetown boy:

"The death occurred at the Royal Columbian Hospital this morning of Mr. William Ernest Sinclair, well known in business and athletic circles in the city. The late Mr. Sinclair was taken ill two weeks ago and was last evening removed to the hospital. He was born in Bridgetown, N. S., the son of Mr. William J. Sinclair, and was thirty-seven years of age. He came to British Columbia in 1895, making his home first in New Westminster and later in Kaslo where he engaged in the shoe business. Returning to the city in 1898 he took over the shoe business established by his father, now known as the W. E. Sinclair Shoe Store. He was affiliated with the Royal City Lodge No. 3, I. O. O. F. and was widely known in athletic circles of this city. He is survived by his wife, three children, a brother, Mr. Arthur Sinclair, and a sister, Mrs. A. C. Andrews of Pictou, N. S.

First Dose Ends Indigestion, Heartburn, Or Gas On Stomach

The question as to how long you are going to continue suffering from indigestion, dyspepsia or out-of-order stomach is merely a matter of how soon you begin taking Tonaline Tablets.

People with weak stomachs should take Tonaline Tablets occasionally, and there will be no more indigestion, no feeling like a lump of lead in the stomach, no heartburn, sour risings, gas on stomach, or belching of undigested food, headaches, dizziness or sick stomach; and besides, what you eat will not ferment and poison your breath with nauseous odors. All these symptoms resulting from a sour, out-of-order stomach and dyspepsia are generally relieved five minutes after taking Tonaline Tablets.

Go to your druggist and get a \$1.00 box of Tonaline Tablets and you will go to the table with a hearty appetite, what you eat will taste good, because your stomach and intestines will be clean and fresh and you will know there are not going to be any more bad nights and miserable days for you. Tonaline tabs freshen you and make you feel like life is worth living.

Tonaline Tablets cost \$1.00 for a 50 days' treatment. At druggists or mailed by American Proprietary Co., Boston, Mass.

MONITOR BELGIAN RELIEF

Previously acknowledged, \$836.11
East Inglesville Circle,
per Lilla Nauglar, Sec., 1.00

Proceeds of Concert held in Mrs. Freeman's barn, by Lottie Gill, Wm. Gill and Delancey Gesner, 1.55

838.66

Royal Bank of Canada

INCORPORATED 1869.
Capital Paid up - - - \$11,560,000
Reserve Funds - - - 13,575,000

Savings Department Accounts may be opened with an initial deposit of One Dollar. Interest is credited half yearly.

Joint Account An account in the name of two members of a family will be found convenient. Either person (or the survivor) may operate the account.

A. F. LITTLE MANAGER, Bridgetown
F. G. PALFREY MANAGER, Lawrence-town
E. B. McDANIEL MANAGER, Annapolis Royal.