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# NEW MAYOR TO ASSUME DUTIES EARLY IN MAY

Acting Mayor Frink Speaks of New Incumbent of Office

VOTE SMALLER THAN IN 1924 CONTEST

Strenuous Contest, Says Com. Wigmore—Com. Bullock Ill Today

Acting Mayor Frink said this morning that according to custom, Mayor-elect W. W. White, chosen by the electors yesterday, would assume the chairmanship of the Common Council during the first week in May. Up to this office and felt sure he would fill the position with the business grasp in service into the detail and with the dignity and learning which had characterized his public life as well as his private business and professional relationships. Conditions had changed somewhat in council affairs and routine since Dr. White was Mayor in 1922. The first citizen of the city was considerably more in evidence as a functionary nowadays. It was of course a matter largely of personal inclination as to how much of this official functioning a mayor would indulge in.

## WHEN MAYOR BEFORE

During Dr. White's former incumbency of the mayoralty chair, the first big step in modernizing Saint John's water supply was taken, at the time Engineer Harbour drew the plans and specifications. This work came directly under Dr. White's supervision. He also occupied the chairmanship of the water and sewerage board. The ramifications of the contract and the strain of varied circumstances that followed the acquisition of properties, riparian rights, etc., to bring this new service into the city were matters of extraordinary importance. Mayor White retired from civic life before all these affairs were quite settled and upon Dr. Frink, then a comparatively new member of the Council, devolved the duties of carrying them to a satisfactory conclusion. These matters involved the purchase of the Musquash pulp mill to secure a water supply; water route; farm land rights and other privileges far inland to the third lake in the Loch Lomond chain.

## TERMS OF OFFICE

The newly-elected Mayor, the present acting Mayor and Commissioner W. L. Harding are all slated to remain in office until April 1928. Commissioners Wigmore and Bullock, re-elected yesterday, are to have another four year term, until 1930.

Mayor-elect White is a Commissioner of the General Public Hospital and one of its leading surgeons; surgeon-in-chief of the Military Hospital in Lancaster and acting superintendent during the illness of Dr. Stewart Skinner. He is a past president of the Council of Physicians and Surgeons of New Brunswick as also of the Medical Association of Canada. He was for many years a member of the corporation of McGill University, is a director of the University of Nova Scotia and a member of the Senate of the University of New Brunswick. Other official positions are duties provincially in scope, as well as national.

## FIGURES CHECKED

The official returns of yesterday's election correct a few slight mistakes which inadvertently crept into the hurried collection of details last night. In the main, however, the standing of the candidates remains unchanged. The figures will be found on page 10.

Commissioner Wigmore said this morning that he considered his fight yesterday to have been perhaps the most strenuous and complicated one he had ever entered, a combination of new circumstances having arisen over the recent amendment of the local election law whereby double contests were done away with, narrowing the balloting to the first contest only.

Commissioner Bullock was confined to his home today with a very heavy cold, contracted yesterday.

## THE VOTE

In 1924 the total number of votes cast in the final was 7,281, as compared with 6,095 yesterday. This means that practically 1,000 who took the trouble to go to the polls in 1924 did not do so this year. In 1924 the vote on the mayoralty stood: Potts, 4,249; Fisher, 3,238. For Commissioners the vote stood, Frink, 3,742; Harding, 3,631; McInerney, 3,128; Corbett, 2,585.

## A "DRY" ELECTION

It was stated by those who were about yesterday that there was little, if any, liquor or its effects in evidence. The local inspectors were here and there, watching matters closely.

## Meetings of Two Sewing Circles Held

The sewing circle of Fairville Baptist church was entertained last evening at the home of Mrs. George Currie, Prospect street. Sewing and fancy work and a radio concert occupied the time, and dainty refreshments were served by the hostess. Plans were furthered for a supper and sale for next week. Those present were Mrs. A. E. Kierstead, Mrs. Harry Kierstead, Mrs. Robert McMillan, Mrs. William Fox, Mrs. Harry Gallant, Mrs. Leonard Trafton, Mrs. Allen Thorne, Mrs. C. T. Clark, Mrs. George Fowler, Mrs. Robert Thorne and Miss Ida Wayne.

At a meeting of the Busy Bee Sewing Circle of Baxter Lodge, last evening, in Orange Hall, Fairville, the time was busily spent in quilting. It was announced that Mrs. Burton Ring and Mrs. Harper Henderson, were appointed delegates to the grand lodge convention. Those present were Mrs. R. Irvine, Mrs. H. L. Blagdon, Mrs. G. C. Laurence, Mrs. E. Moore, Mrs. J. J. Cheesman, Mrs. W. Murray and Mrs. O. Stinson.

# ALMANAC FOR SAINT JOHN, APR. 13.

High Tide..... A.M. High Tide..... P.M.  
Low Tide..... 6:16 Low Tide..... 6:28  
Sun Rises..... 5:45 Sun Sets..... 7:08

## Local News

### BOYS REPORTED

Last evening at 8 o'clock Policeman Phinney responded to a call from the corner of Union and St. Patrick streets to disperse a crowd of disorderly boys. On arrival of the officer the boys had disappeared.

### HE PAID BOTH

Two men, charged with drunkenness, appeared before Magistrate Henderson in the Police Court here this morning and pleaded guilty. One of the men, who had a roll of \$200 when arrested, quickly peddled off the necessary \$16 and paid the fine for both himself and his friend.

### ADJOURNS TILL TUESDAY

The April sittings of the Circuit Court were opened here this morning, and immediately adjourned by the clerk of the court, John Willet, K. C. Adjournment was made until next Tuesday morning, when cases will be entered and grand jury business dealt with. Chief Justice Barry will preside at this term.

### JESSIE CHIPMAN CIRCLE

The Jessie Chipman Mission Circle of Portland United Church met last evening in the Y. A. hall. About 30 members were present. The president, Mrs. Fred Snider, occupied the chair. Devotional exercises, "The Transforming Power of Prayer" were led by Miss Laura Fanjoy. A question on the annual report was held, and much information received from the stations. A pleasing solo was sung by Miss Alma Roberts, and a piano solo by Miss Mary Kirkpatrick was enjoyed.

### CLEAN SIDEWALKS SUBJECT OF DEBATE

Pythian Teams to Discuss Obligation to Clean Away Snow and Ice

The third in the series of debates among the Pythian lodges of the city will be held tomorrow night in Union Lodge. The teams representing New Brunswick and Union lodges. The subject chosen is one that is of interest to every citizen. It is "Resolved, that able developments would give Winnipeg an enormous amount of cheap power and would doubtless cause the city to be a great industrial centre."

The affirmative will be upheld by the New Brunswick team, composed of W. L. T. Moore and N. L. Brennan. The negative by the Union Lodge team, composed of W. C. Pater, L. T. Moore and N. L. Brennan. The winners of this debate will receive the consolation prize.

On Friday, April 30, teams from Saint John and Carleton Place lodges will debate for the past chancellor's shield, the Carleton Tower hall. The subject will be "Resolved, that capital punishment should be abolished."

### DEANERY SESSION

Two Addresses By Visitors at Meeting Held This Morning

The Rural Deanery met in the Church of the Holy Trinity this morning with Rural Dean Rev. W. H. Sampson in the chair. The meeting was held in the church of the Holy Trinity church at which Rev. C. Gordon Lawrence and Rev. W. E. Fidler were present. A paper on "The United Church of Canada and its quest for a Catholicism" was read by Rev. C. Gordon Lawrence. After a business meeting, Rev. Robert Smart, of the United Church of Canada, read a paper on "The United Church of Canada and its quest for a Catholicism".

Rev. J. Cooper Robinson, D. D., addressed the meeting on Missionary Work in Japan. Clergymen present were Rev. W. H. Sampson, Rev. W. B. Armstrong, Rev. C. Gordon Lawrence, Rev. B. Belyea, Welford, Rev. J. Prescott, Hoyt Station, Rev. A. L. Fleming, Rev. J. H. A. Holmes, Rev. A. J. Paterson, Westfield, Archdeacon Crowfoot, Canon R. P. McKim, Rev. H. A. Cody, Rev. John Unsworth and Rev. W. E. Fuller.

### As Hiram Sees It

CLIFTON SPRINGS, April.—"Hiram," says Joe Jewett to me this morning after he'd listened in an' pounded an' meditated an' he's a chist, "I'm gonto take another X-ray o' your tomorrah. You jist stay in bed today an' meditate an' hev your meals sent up." Well, sir, I meditated an' ordered up breakfast an' dinner an' listened to the singin' an' done some readin', but when it come supper time I went down stairs an' there was the big dinin' room with a pot o' flowers on every table an' the water gas all in white an' I hed some Easter after all. I hed hominy, an' oyster patties, an' hull wheat bread, an' apple sass, an' cocoa an' I didn't leave a speck of it. They aint a hotel in the country where they hev better vittles. Me an' two other fellers he's a table together an' neither one of us knows what's wrong with the other. It's hard on me but you got to keep your troubles to yourself. I guess that's right, too. That's Hiram's idee an' she don't let me forget it when I'm home.

They hed a great service in the chapel tonight—an' orchestra—lots o' queer thing about it was that they wasn't an' Easter hat to be seen. They hed spile it fer some folks—but Easter means more'n hats to this here congregation. Well, here comes my sleepin' medicine. I guess I must be gettin' better, after all. They's only been three nurses in all day today to tell me what to do—I hope I won't forget anything.

HIRAM.

# FUNDY POWER DEVELOPMENT NOT TOUCHED ON

Dr. H. A. Powell Speaks of Waterways Commission Meeting

GRAND FALLS LIKELY TAKEN UP AGAIN

Rainy Lake Level Question Gone Into—Chicago's Water Diversion

The proposed development of Passamaquoddy Bay was the subject tonight before the International Joint Waterways Commission, which held a session in Washington, D. C., last week. It was learned today from H. A. Powell, K. C., one of the members of the commission, who has returned from Washington.

The change of programme with respect to the development of power at Grand Falls, N. B., he said, would probably result in that large undertaking again coming before the commission. He added that the matter was not yet sufficiently ripe to ask the commission for its approval of the work.

### RAINY LAKE

The business before the commission, Mr. Powell said, was connected with the raising of the water level in Rainy Lake and several lakes, the outlets of which flow into Rainy Lake. The object of the proposed increase of levels was to make more power available to the large pulp and paper mills at International Falls. One of the effects would be to regulate the flow of these lakes and the Lake of the Woods and thus increase the dependable flow at the outlet of the Lake of the Woods into the Winnipeg River.

The City of Winnipeg depended for electric power on the present hydro electric development on the Winnipeg River. It also was possible, Mr. Powell said, that hydro electric power would be developed on the English River, a branch of the Winnipeg. The proposed developments would give Winnipeg an enormous amount of cheap power and would doubtless cause the city to be a great industrial centre.

### FUNDY'S TIDES

Mr. Powell said the scheme for the development of power from the tides at Passamaquoddy Bay was not yet advanced sufficiently to come before the commission. It was the intention of the promoters to submit the project to the commission for approval as soon as they could conveniently do so.

### CHICAGO'S DIVERSION

When asked about the Chicago drainage canal and the immediate diversion of the waters of Lake Michigan and the ultimate diversion of the waters of the St. Lawrence River, Mr. Powell replied that, strange to say, this matter had never once come before the commission, but it looked now as if the project would find its way there before very long. By the terms of the treaty between Great Britain and the United States under which the commission was organized, there should be no diversion of boundary waters, except with the consent of the commission.

The people of the United States were by no means a unit in regard to the ultimate diversion of the waters of the St. Lawrence River, Mr. Powell said. The United States territory bordering on boundary waters below Lake Superior was opposed to the diversion, while the citizens in favor of the diversion were those in the territory lying along the drainage canal and the river system of the United States into which the canal emptied.

### POWERFUL INTERESTS

The vast shipping interests of the Great Lakes and the St. Lawrence River, which were opposed to the diversion, were very powerful and an idea of the size of these interests might be formed from the fact that the tonnage up and down the Detroit River during seven open months of a year was several times greater than the tonnage passing through the Suez Canal in the 12 months of the year.

In addition, to this, the Montreal Harbor Commission claimed that the diversion of the waters of the St. Lawrence River would be a lowering quite substantially, and that the harbor was injured.

A large increase in the diversion of water to the Chicago drainage canal, he said, also would result in a corresponding lessening of the potential water power of the St. Lawrence River.

### CHICAGO'S CLAIMS

When asked on what grounds Chicago claimed the right to divert this water, Mr. Powell replied that this was a matter that had not come before the commission and he was unable to say what Chicago's contentions exactly were. One of the city's claims was that, under an agreement with Canada, it could divert water, but the amount agreed upon had been largely exceeded. It also claimed that it had the right to divert waters under treaty for sanitary and domestic purposes and also by international law the city had the right to appropriate absolutely any waters in United States territory, regardless of the effect such diversion might have on Canada.

These questions would all doubtless be threshed out very fully if the matter came before the commission, just as they were being threshed out in the suit before the Supreme Court of the United States for the object of preventing the diversion.

When asked why the commission of its own motion did not consider the matter, Mr. Powell said that the commission had no power to act unless the matter was brought before it by either one of the two nations concerned or by citizens of either nation with the consent of the nation itself.

### SALVATION ARMY WEDDING

An interesting event will take place on Thursday evening at the Salvation Army Citadel, in Brimley street, when a "Hallelujah wedding" will be celebrated. The principals are Miss Ethel Thompson of this city, and Alexander Gayley, of Sussex, both members of the army. The ceremony will be performed by Ensign Hart.

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