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Millerton Welcomes Her Returned Heroes

Returned Lads Tendered Reception at That Place on Thursday Evening

One of the largest celebrations ever held in this county was that in the Millerton hall on the evening of the 20th inst., to occasion being the welcoming home of the Derby and Chelmsford and Upper Nelson boys from the front.

John Betts presided. The platform was very prettily decorated with flags and banners. Prominent was the Victory Loan flag with nine crowns, won by Derby Parish. A large banner, 14 by 8 feet, white, with red letters, contained the surnames of the returned soldiers invited, most of them were present. Over the top was "Welcome Home," and at the bottom "Well done, Boys."

The smaller banner, 8 feet square, blue, with white letters, bore, over the surnames of those who made the supreme sacrifice, the words "Faithful Unto Death."

The names of the returned men invited were:

Harold Appleby, Leo Baxter, Theodore Bryenton, Daniel Clarke, Harry Crocker, Major Randolph Crocker, Cornelius Doyle, Clarence Crocker, Abraham Fary, Archibald Harper, Harold Hill, Frank Knight, L. McElwee, Hilton McKinley, John Price, Silas Russell, Fred Stoddall, Ernest Simpson, Wm. Sullivan.

On the roll of those who died for the Empire overseas are:—

Willard Appleby, Beverley Barron, Howard Bryenton, Newton Bryenton, Hiram Bryenton, John Clarke, Harvey McKinley, John Newman, Arthur Parley, George Peterson, Kenneth Price. A united choir of some 25 voices, assisted by the following orchestra: Thomas Ross, violin; Miss Grace Russell, violin; Miss Agnes Flett, piano; Councillor J. W. Vanderbeck, cello and harp; and J. W. McKay, cornet, furnished vocal and instrumental music throughout the evening.

The program included: Tableau—Scene at the Front—Soldiers, with "Keep the Home Fires Burning" by the choir and orchestra, followed by cheers for the King and the returned boys, and the National Anthem.

Address by Rev. H. T. Montgomery. Duett—Watch, Hope, Wait, Little Girl, I'm coming back to you.—Miss Jessie Lyon and Miss Evelyn Denning. Selection—O Canada—Choir and Orchestra. Addresses—John Price, Frank Knight, Rev. E. Rowlands. Selection—Orchestra. Addresses—Ernest Simpson, Archibald Harper.

Selection—Orchestra. Addresses—Rev. W. McN. Matthews and Rev. Father Cyr. Bugle Call.

Then followed supper in the Upper Hall, at which 325 were served by the ladies of the parish, to whom and the managers and assistants and to the musicians every praise is due.

It is proposed to hold a similar celebration in June, when more soldiers will have returned.

PLEDGED TO KILL PRESIDENT WILSON

Montreal, Feb. 24—The Gazette publishes the following despatch from New York:—

Acting on information that two Spanish anarchists had agreed to kill the President and would arrive in this city today, from Philadelphia, on the way to Boston, secret service operatives raided two resorts of Spanish radicals today and arrested fourteen men.

Two of those arrested are suspected by the police of being a pair who were pledged to attempt the life of President Wilson. They were said to have arrived in this city today from Philadelphia and to have planned to leave tonight for Boston. While the secret service agents who uncovered the plot and planned the raids refused to give details of the conspiracy, it was learned that a thorough search of the two places which were raided was made for a bomb which was to have been thrown at the presidential party tomorrow if the plot had been carried out successfully.

Newcastle Assessment Will be \$52,400

An Increase over Last Year of almost \$8,000—Further Enquiry to be Made re Water Power Development

The regular monthly meeting of the Newcastle Town Council was held on Thursday evening. Mayor Troy presiding, all aldermen were present except Ald. Ritchie.

The school estimates amounting to \$16,000 were submitted and on motion of Ald. Durick and Sargeant the same were referred to the Finance Committee for inclusion in their estimates for the year.

A communication from the Town Clerk of Chatham, enclosing a copy of resolution passed by the Chatham Town Council re valuation of the two towns, was read and on motion of Ald. Sargeant and P. Russell, was received and placed on file.

The following accounts were passed:

FINANCE—	
St. Michael's Academy,	\$35.00
Booker & McKechnie,	\$7.30
B. F. Malby,	23.22
F. V. Dalton,	4.00
W. R. Melanson,	4.00
J. W. Davidson,	4.00
E. W. Keating,	4.00
LIGHT AND WATER—	
Canadian General Electric,	\$114.00
Imperial Oil Co.,	71.01
P. Hennessy,	4.72
Newcastle Planning Mill,	25.26

On recommendation of the Appointment and Office Committee, G. F. McWilliam, S. A. Russell and John Clark were re-elected assessors.

An application from Officer Bayles for increase of salary was read and on motion of Ald. Durick and Sargeant his salary was increased to \$300.00 per month from Feb. 1st.

The tender of The Union Advocate for printing the Town Book was accepted.

On motion of Ald. P. Russell and Durick the Town Clerk was granted an increase of \$100.00 per year from January 1st.

The following report from the Committee of the Whole was presented.

I beg to report that a Committee of the Town Council has considered the assessment for the ensuing year and would recommend the following amounts be assessed for 1919, viz:—

Park and Fire,	\$ 3,000
Police and Street Lighting,	5,500
Town Schools,	16,000
Public Works,	3,500
Contingencies,	9,200
Sinking Fund,	4,700
Interest,	7,400
Sewerage,	3,000
Board of Health,	100
	\$52,400

Communications were also considered by that Committee from Mr. H. K. Smith, Dominion Water Power Commission; F. S. Sayre, Richibucto and Rexton Electric Light Commission; and J. Y. Mersereau, Chairman of Chatham Electric Light Committee all with reference to the proposed Electric Development of the Town of Newcastle.

We would recommend that a committee of the Mayor and two aldermen be appointed by the Council to inquire into what repairs and adjustments the town electric light plant requires, whether there is sufficient power at Kouchibouguac for our supply and its approximate cost and into all available sources of electric power and to report back to the Council at next meeting, and that an engineer be engaged if the Committee decides they need his services.

(Sgd.) D. DOYLE, Chairman. On motion this report was received and it was moved by Ald. P. Russell, seconded by Ald. J. Russell and carried, that the assessment for 1919, as recommended, be adopted, and the Treasurer be authorized to issue warrants for the several amounts. On motion of Ald. Durick and J. Russell the recommendation regarding the Committee on Water Power, was adopted and Ald. Durick and Crocker were appointed.

The annual reports of the different departments were read and on motion were ordered printed in the Town Book.

It was moved by Ald. Doyle and Crocker that the collector be instructed to furnish the two local papers

Would Nationalize The Liquor Business

After Prohibiting All Using of Liquor for Beverage Purposes

Quarterly Board of the Newcastle Methodist Church met in special session last night, Rev. F. T. Bertram in the chair. Others present—H. D. Atkinson, recording steward; T. A. Clarke, A. E. Petrie, Howard Williston and H. H. Stuart.

The following resolutions were, after thorough discussion, passed unanimously:

Canada to grant the request of the Dominion Prohibition as follows:

(a) That the order-in-council now in effect prohibiting the importation, manufacture and interprovincial shipment of alcoholic liquors for beverage purposes, created into law by the Parliament of Canada;

(b) That this legislation be effective until the electors of Canada shall have opportunity to vote on the question of making it permanent, and

(c) That the Government of Canada fix the date of voting at a time subsequent to the return of the soldiers from overseas, and that at least six months' notice shall be given of the time of taking the vote.

II. That this Quarterly Board further urge upon the Government that legislation be enacted requiring that all alcohol and alcoholic liquors and compounds needed for medicine, industrial and sacramental purposes be manufactured, distributed and sold directly and solely by the Government through salaried officers permanently attached to the civil service and therefore having no financial interest in making sales.

These resolutions were, on motion of T. A. Clarke, and A. E. Petrie, ordered sent to the Acting Premier, Sir Thomas White, and to W. S. Loggie, M. P.

for their next issue lists of persons who had paid their dog taxes for 1918. The report of J. W. Spurden, auditor, was read and on motion, adopted. The Town Clerk reported that at the recent plebiscite held, that there were 144 ballots cast, 128 in favor, 12 against, 24 spoiled ballots.

The Mayor's report was as follows: To the ratepayers of the Town of Newcastle: Ladies and Gentlemen: I beg to submit my report for the year ending December 31, 1918, for your consideration.

During the year your Council retired local improvement debentures to the amount of \$5,000, maturing in 1920 at a saving of \$150.00. \$2,000 was also invested in the last issue of Victory Bonds for fifteen year terms, thereby increasing the earning capacity of the sinking fund by one and a half per cent. The corporation has, up to the present time, \$27,000 invested in the above bonds.

It will be noticed from reports of the various committees that all have kept within their appropriation, and the majority of them with a balance to the credit side, showing that each department practiced economy as much as possible.

The Light and Water Committee reports a loss of \$7,151.36. This was not on account of inefficient management, but owing to the high cost of fuel. The light rates were increased during the year for the idea of providing against too great a deficit, the Council feeling confident that a change should be made in the method of manufacturing electric current, engaged the services of a competent engineer in the person of F. H. McKechnie, of Booker & McKechnie, of Halifax, N. S., to investigate streams adjacent to the town with the idea of having the most practical one developed. As you know, the Sevegie River was the one selected, and in the near future you will be asked to decide whether the corporation shall apply to the Local Legislature for the authority to issue bonds for the amount of \$150,000.00, to proceed with the power development on the above stream.

The year just closed will be remembered by our people as the most historical and most momentous which we as Canadian and British subjects have passed through. The decisive victories during the latter months of the

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Newcastle Downs Halifax Curlers

Locals Hand out Defeat to Mayflowers in Good Measure—Banquet After The Games

Two rinks of curlers from the Mayflower Club, Halifax, played a friendly game with Newcastle here on Friday evening, and were badly outclassed by the locals, who ran up a score of 31 against the visitors 9. The games were very interesting throughout but the boys from Nova Scotia were not used to keen ice and lost many a good shot through that.

The games and scores were:

Newcastle	Halifax
J. Ryder	D. G. Stewart
R. W. Crocker	H. McLeod
R. Galloway	C. W. Durant
J. R. McKnight, 19	N. Jackson, 7
E. Dalton	A. McDonald
C. M. Dickison	W. Foyley
J. Russell	W. Busch
J. Sargeant, 12	F. P. Quinn, 2

After the games the visiting team was entertained to a banquet in St. James' Hall, where a hearty request was served by the Ladies' Aid of St. James' Church.

Speeches were delivered by Mayor Troy, C. J. Morrisay, J. R. Lawlor, Rev. L. H. MacLean and Skips Jackson and Quinn, and the gathering broke up by singing the National Anthem.

DEATH OF NELSON BOY

The death of Fred W. Flett occurred at the hospital in MacLeod, Alberta, on Monday, Feb. 17th, where he had been ill since Xmas. Deceased took influenza, which developed into pneumonia and then pleurisy and heart trouble, which hastened the end. He was the son of Mrs. Allan Flett of Nelson, and went west with the Dominion Bridge Co. about twelve years ago. He has been their engineer the best part of that time. He married Miss Violet Cloney, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Cloney, of Edmonton, Alta., and made his home there, although away a great deal of the time. He was 32 years of age, and a bright, promising young man, beloved by every one who knew him and his thoughts were all for others and the news of his death came as a blow to all his friends and relatives. He leaves to mourn his sad loss, his wife, three children, Reta, May and Harry; his mother, two sisters, Mrs. D. C. Fraser, Westbrook, Me., and Mrs. Harry Brown, Nelson; and five brothers, Howard, of Calgary, Alta.; who was with him when he died; Ray and Milton, of Amherst; Cecil and Carl at home, besides a large number of cousins. His remains were taken to Edmonton to be buried from his late home.

PTE. WM. BRANSFIELD HONOURED

In the Associated Lodges Hall at Douglastown on Wednesday evening Pte. Wm. Bransfield, of the 132nd Battalion, who lately returned home after nearly three years' service overseas, was tendered a most enthusiastic reception by the members of the three lodges of which he has long been an honored member: Court Douglastown, No. 3373, I. O. F.; Newcastle Lodge, No. 93, I. O. F., and Ever True Rebekah Lodge, No. 65, I. O. O. F. On behalf of the three lodges an address was read to Bro. Bransfield by J. H. O'Brien, B. A., and a set of military brushes, etc., was presented to him by Miss Annie Morrison, D. W. Anderson presided, and before the presentation gave an address. After the presentation addresses were given by Councillor Joseph McKnight, James Simpson, J. H. O'Brien, Alex. Jessamin and Mrs. M. A. Miller. Pte. Bransfield gave a very feeling reply. Supper was then served in the large hall downstairs to some 50 people. Games and music followed, and the gathering dispersed about midnight.

SIR EDWARD KEMP IS BEREAVED

London, Feb. 20—Much sympathy is felt for Sir Edward Kemp, Canadian Overseas Minister, in the loss within four months of his second son-in-law, Lieut. Walter Scott Waldie, who died from pneumonia, following influenza at Mimmel Camp on Wednesday.