

MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
Reports Received and Adopted at the Annual Session Held in Annapolis.

Report of Superintendent of County Hospital.

To the Warden and Councilors of the Municipality of Annapolis County: Gentlemen—I beg leave to submit the following report of the Annapolis County Hospital for the year ending Nov. 30th, 1917.

Table showing admissions, discharges, deaths, etc.
 Registered Nov. 30th, 1916... 47
 Admitted during year... 8
 Discharged during year... 55
 Died during year... 3

It will be seen from the above table that 8 patients were admitted during the year. Of this number all were of the male sex and residents of Annapolis County. This is the first time on record that the admissions did not consist of both sexes.
 During the year much inconvenience and annoyance has been caused by failure of persons to comply with the regulations in the admission of patients. I have received telephone messages stating that a certain patient would be sent to the hospital on the morrow, notwithstanding the fact that no even application had been made for the reception of the patient, much less the two medical certificates required.

The health of the patients, as a rule, has been good. A number of the male patients have been employed on the farm with good results to both Recreation too has been a feature of the year; those who have not been employed in the open when weather permitted. Several excellent entertainments were provided by local talent and held in the recreation hall, so admirably situated for that purpose. A piano has been added to the furnishings of the hall and paid for by our numerous friends.
 The following extracts from Dr. W. H. Hattie's annual report of the Humane Institutions throughout the Province, may be a source of gratification to those who are contributing toward the maintenance of our County Institutions. Of the County Hospital, he says: "It is the wise policy of the administration to be liberal in the effort to keep the various apartments looking cheerful and home like. This is one of the best maintained of our County Institutions. Of the County Home, he says: "The quarters of the inmates are maintained in a very comfortable and clean condition."
 The usual repairs and renovation made necessary by the wear and tear of the year have been attended to.

Medical and Statistical Report of County Hospital and County Home for 1917.

Gentlemen: I beg to present the following brief report for the County Institutions at Bridgetown for the year 1917.

County Hospital.
 Number of patients at beginning of year... 47
 Admitted during the year... 8
 Discharged during the year... 55
 Died during year... 3
 Number of patients at close of year... 47

County Home.
 Inmates at beginning of year... 41
 Admitted during the year... 38
 Discharged during the year... 79
 Died during the year... 7
 Number of inmates at present... 58

The deaths in most cases have been due to advanced years or Chronic diseases, from which the patient had suffered for many years. During the year there has been a slight epidemic of measles, brought in by children, and we had a number of cases among the adults; otherwise there has been very little acute sickness. Some improvements have been made to the Sanitary conditions that will add to the comfort of the patients and inmates and the addition of some acres of bushy pasture to the farm, will afford light exercise in cutting bushes for these able and willing to enjoy this light work.
 The attention, interest and care given to these Municipal Institutions by those immediately in charge, deserves once more honorable mention. Their work requires great tact, patience and kindness and industry, all of these virtues, shown in charge exercise with wisdom and good sense.
 During the early part of the year, Dr. DeBlois, of Bridgetown, who had been connected continuously with the Institutions for over thirty years, as Medical Officer, was stricken with par-

Report of Carmichael Brook.

To the Warden of the Municipality of Annapolis County: Gentlemen: I beg to present herewith this brief report as Medical Health Officer for the past year.
 I am glad to again report an almost complete immunity from the severest contagious diseases. In a few localities we have had diphtheria but of a mild character, and as far as I have been able to learn, without any fatalities. During the year there has been a wide spread epidemic of measles and whooping cough, that has very seriously interfered with school attendance, but with little or no increase of our death rate. While it has never been considered just right that children should be purposely exposed to these common contagious diseases, yet it seems that we have got through with them while they are young and have ample time to lay by rather than have them in adult age, and the economic loss is much greater from disability. The wide spread epidemic of these diseases occurred largely in the summer and was a most favorable season to have them.

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Report of Farmers' Association.

To the Warden and Councilors of the Municipality of Annapolis County: Gentlemen: I beg to present herewith this brief report as President of the Nova Scotia Fruit Growers' Association for the past year.
 The Nova Scotia Fruit Growers' Association by our invitation, held their annual meeting in the Demonstration Building in January. This very successful and profitable gathering was addressed by D. Johnson, Chief Fruit Commissioner, and others from Ontario. Lively discussions on many five subjects kept the interest up. The County Poultry Club had an exhibition for three days in February. Principal M. Cunningham, Secretary for Agriculture, conducted a Short Course on the 20th, 21st, 22nd, and 23rd of February. He was assisted by F. Foy, Treasurer, Brinton, Shaw, Dr. Sinclair of the Agricultural College, as well as Prof. G. E. Sanders, of Annapolis, and W. S. Blair, of the Experimental Farm, Kentville. This course is commended to young farmers as an opportunity to easily acquire practical Farm Knowledge.
 In May the Women's Institute was also held in the Demonstration Building. On the 24th of August, a large and pleasant Farmers' Picnic and Rally was assembled on the Island Park and were addressed by Principal Cunningham, Dr. Sinclair and Rev. J. P. Raymond.
 A very instructive and interesting School Exhibition was held in the Demonstration Building in September. The Government Building did not operate in the county this year because sufficient clover was not saved to warrant moving the Huller. The annual meeting was addressed by our popular and efficient entomologist, Prof. G. E. Sanders and Mr. Howard Farmer of Yarmouth, a practical farmer and raiser of Gurnsey near the centre, that the work in such ward may be more efficiently done when required.

Sincerely yours,
 M. E. ARMSTRONG, M. H. O.
 Bridgetown, N. S., Dec. 31st, 1917.

Report of Carmichael Brook.

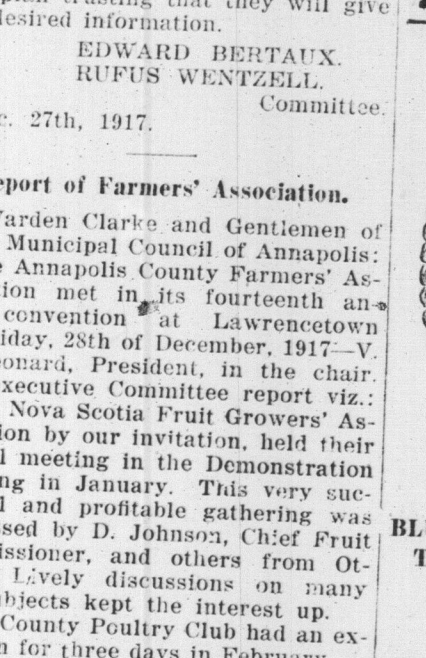
To the Warden of the Municipality of the County of Annapolis: Your committee, appointed to confer with a Committee, appointed by the Town Council of Annapolis Royal, and examine the proposed alteration of the road and bridge leading from Princetown to the Liverpool Road, beg leave to report as follows:
 We met Mr. Samuel Kippay and Mr. John Easson, the Committee appointed by the Town Council, on the ground

on the 2nd day of October last and examined the situation. We find that the proposed new dam to be built by the town of Annapolis Royal, is about 450 feet below the bridge across the Carmichael Brook (so called) and about 80 rods of new road will have to be made to get below it.
 There is a very good chance to make a new road by going back from the brook, on the West side, a short distance and keeping on the high ground down the brook below the dam. On the east side there will be more of a hill to raise but nothing very serious. The proposed new road will intersect the present road over Michie Hill about 37 rods north from where the present Princetown road intersects it, but this 37 rods is already graded and in very good condition. The accompanying plan shows the location of present Princetown road and the proposed alterations. The dotted red line is the present Princetown road and the full red line shows the alteration.
 When the new dam is built the present bridge will be 4 feet under water. A bridge just below the new dam will be more expensive to build and maintain than the present one will be. We respectfully submit this report and plan trusting that they will give the desired information.
 EDWARD BERTAUX,
 RUFUS WENTZELL,
 Committee.
 Dec. 27th, 1917.

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