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CITIZENS DISCUSS COUNCILS HYDRO DEVELOPMENT POLICY

Meeting Unanimously Asks for Postponement of Vote On Hydro Matter Until More Information Laid Before Citizens.

A meeting of citizens was held in the Curling Rink Monday afternoon to discuss Hydro matters.

Mr. A. A. Andrew was chosen chairman.

Mr. M. M. Mowat said that the meeting had been called to discuss civic matters. For the past two or three years the citizens had not been taking the interest in town affairs they should. It was now time to take action. The most important matter today was this hydro proposition which we are asked to vote upon on Friday. He did not favor the town going into the development of hydro on the Upsalquitch. If only 2500 could be developed he did not think it should be undertaken. He asked Coun. Moores, who was present to give the meeting some information.

Coun. Moores said that he was pleased to see the citizens taking a little interest in civic politics. So far as the hydro proposition was concerned, he wished to say that he was in favor of developing the Upsalquitch site if we could not get power from Grand Falls. The Council had engaged a competent engineering firm to make a complete survey of every available stream and after investigating the Kedgewick, Upsalquitch, Jacquet River and Assamstoughan rivers, the only proposition that appealed to the Council was the Upsalquitch. At the present time it was costing Campbellton $42,000 to run the present plant and the revenue was $50,000. The engineers estimated that 2500 could be developed on the Upsalquitch at the switchboard here at an expenditure of $16.65 per H. P. Grand Falls had quoted us $26.00 per H. P. In conversation with Premier Veniot the Council was assured that the government would have the cost of developing Grand Falls shortly. The Council plans are not to proceed with the development of the Upsalquitch if the Grand Falls proposition is proceeded with. It was estimated that the entire cost of operating Upsalquitch development, including interest, sinking fund, salaries, etc. would be $38,000 against $42,000 for a 500 H. P. plant now. In other words we would get 2500 for $38,000 per year.

The estimated cost of the work was placed at $420,000. If the present gas producer plant is enlarged by 500 H. P. it means an annual addition expenditure for coal alone of $18-000. We must have additional power before next December.

Judge McLatchy asked the following questions:-

1st—Has any allowance been made in estimates for interference with private rights?

Coun. Moores——An amount has been placed in the estimates for this purpose.

Judge McLatchey said he could not see how even an approximate sum could be set aside for this purpose. This river was used by the lumbermen in scowing their supplies up to their camps, in floating their logs to the mills, and it had valuable fishing rights. He would also like to know when the council got its authority to call such a vote and who were qualified to vote on such a question. He thought the council was wasting the people's money.

In answer to the previous speaker Coun. Moores said there would be sluice ways in the dam to run the logs through, and fish ways to allow the fish to get up. He did not know whether the council had authority to hold a vote, but they had held several in the past and he persumed they were legal. As to the qualification, he thought that every ratepayer who had paid his taxes should vote.

Mr. A. A. Andrew said that he thought that it was necessary to have an act of the legislature to hold such a plebiscite.

Mr. A. T. LeBlanc said that he felt sure that legislation was necessary before a vote could be held. There were necessary safeguards which the legislature always placed in the holding of such a plebiscite.

Mr. Ed. Alexander said that he thought the scheme was a gigantic fraud. From his experience of the Upsalquitch in the dry season he would gamble that the amount of power it would develop would be as near 25 H. P. as 2500 H. P.

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[illegible] construction. He also [illegible] from the town that the Upsalquitch development was a pretty big undertaking for a small town, and also that Grand Falls power would cost the town around $26 per H. P.

Coun. Moores said that he did not know [illegible] Grand Falls power would be sold at. He would not give out any information until the engineers' report was received.

Mr. F. P. Matheson said he doubted [illegible] if bonds for such a debentureholders [illegible] able price. He felt that such an undertaking should not be undertaken by a small town like ours, already burdened by a very heavy bonded debt.

Judge McLatchey favored the passing of a resolution and presenting same to the council at its meeting this evening.

Mr. H. M. Armstrong thought the plebiscite should be postponed until Premier Veniot made statement as to Grand Falls developlent.

Coun. Moores moved that a delegation be appointed to interview the council and ask for a postponement of vote until such time as Premier Veniot made his statement re Grand Falls development.

Mr. H. M. Miller said he was not in favor of holding this plebiscite, especially when every elector was allowed to vote.

The motion carried and the following delegation was appointed: W. H. Miller, Jas. T. Foley, R. B. Smith, Jas. P. Jardine, M. M. Mowat, Judge McLatchey, A. G. Adams, F. G. Kerr, S. S. Harrisen, H. M. Armstrong, S. W. Dimock, L. A. Gilbert, and W. P. Grey.

Dr. Pinault said that we all admired the Upsalquitch [illegible] and power, that we had a very poor light system. If the council has made an investigation and has obtained information, this should be given to the citizens for their enlargement. He did not know how to vote.

The meeting then adjourned.

BOY SCOUT TROOP CAMPS OUT

Returned Monday Evening from Delightful Expedition To Loch Lomond District

From Master Jimmy Troy, secretary of the recently organized Campbellton Boy Scout Troop comes an interesting report of some of the activities of this boys organization.

The Scout Troop returned on Monday evening from an enjoyable camping-out expedition of Loch Lomond of one week's duration. As most citizens know, Loch Lomond is located about fourteen miles from Campbellton and is beautifully situated in an area surrounded by heavy forest of spruce and fir and the campers took advantage of all it offers in the way of a real good outing. The comfortable little summer house of the Loch Lomond Fishing Club made a most delightful abode for the boys of the Troop who spent the busy days in skating, hunting and catching rabbits. No larger game was taken than several large rabbits which were promptly prepared and turned into most edible irish stews.

The cooking utensils and dishes were not sufficient in number for such a crowd and it added much to the novelty of the expedition to cook potatoes in the water pail and drink tea from tomato cans. But with appetites sharpened by keen frosty air and exercise, everything tasted good to the youthful campers.

The Scout Laws were strictly enforced in camp and some rather novel punishments were meted out to offenders, such as having cold water poured down one's sleeve, having the mouth washed out with a special solution or being obliged to run around camp bare-footed.

The long evenings were spent in reading and story telling. The bear stories told by the leader were very attentively listened to and make it evident that bears were much more numerous and savage in this district when the leader was a boy. No sign was seen of the mysterious "apemen" which were reported as being in the vicinity of the camp, but one night spooks put in an appearance and it looked serious until a wire was discovered running down the wall and attached to a tin box, which when pulled, made a most spooky and terrifying noise.

As a fitting climax to such a happy week in the open, an impressive scout meeting was held Sunday morning. The meeting opened with the hymn "Onward Christian Soldiers" and was followed by the Lord's Prayer and a most helpful address by the leader Mr. Havelock Sansom, who chose as his subject "The Abundant Life." The boys listened in rapt attention after which the meeting closed by singing the National Anthem. The members of the Troop are delighted with their outing.

HAS 9000 MEN IN WOODS

Mr. Donald Fraser, Plaster Rock, was in the city yesterday on business. He is employing over 9,000 men in the lumber woods this winter —Moncton Times.

EXPRESS THANKS

Mrs. John Sealy and family of Nash Creek wish to thank all who sent them donations and so kindly assisted them after the loss of their home by fire.

SAYS CIVIC PRIDE AT LOW PITCH

Strong Men of Campbellton Do Not Shoulder the Responsibility of Leadership

The brief but spirited remarks on "civic pride" made by a local clergy man at a meeting on Sunday last constitute a most timely and significant declaration on a subject that receives all too little consideration on the part of citizens here. The reverent gentleman referred to declared that he had never lived in a town where "civic pride was at such a low temperature" or words to that effect. The reason we cannot quote the speaker verbatim is simply that we have refrained from speaking to him on the matter, fearing from past experience, that we would be requested not to give his remarks any further publicity. Modesty is a virtue which we in our twentieth century mode of living all too frequently lose sight of but this, we believe, is an exception which justifies its disregard. Despite any evidence to the contrary, when we hear something good, something with an elevating thought behind it, we like to disseminate it for the common good.

The speaker referred to further stated that our strong men who should be the leaders do not shoulder the responsibility which is rightfully theirs. Besides these two points other matters, essentially of civic interest were toulhed on, and no doubt the more conscientious hearers carried home with them much food for thought.

In our opinion the gentleman quoted should be highly commended for his frank attitude. One of the greatest needs in Campbellton today is for men who, having a right to speak, give proof of possessing the courage of their convictions by taking the stand that duty directs and declaring themselves with a frankness that cannot be mistaken.

Why more of our prominent men who have the ability and possess the influence necessary to direct public thought, do not take a more active part in the various activities so vital to our town's improvement and growth, is a problem which has been discussed by many but solved by none.

Plain Laziness

The above caption is the answer one prominent man has given to this question. Laziness always did and always will shackle the steps of progress but when it is used to account for lack of activity right here in Campbellton it appears to be a disturbingly plain statement. But whether or not the deplorable lack of civic pride and town patriotism here is a result of antipathy to effort or exertion is a matter the writer does not care to discuss at present. There are however, a few statements we wish to make on a matter that is particularly timely owing to the nearness of our civic election.

In the first place it is not in keeping with a proper civic spirit that so many men of ability, of means and of influence should so persistently shirk the responsibility of local government as they have been doing in the past few years. Why can not the recognized strong men of our town interest themselves, unselfishly and without regard for party, in the vital matter of civic government? In this connection the attitude of many of our best men has, in recent years, been plainly disgraceful. Whether the underlying cause is plain laziness or not it is high time that the effects of this lethargic indifference and evasion of duty were being overcome by a revival of interest and a little energetic effort on the part of those whom we need to carry on this phase of our town's work.

Those who have undertaken these responsibilities have, for the most part done very well, considering the difficult with which they have been confronted. The last few years have been years of venture but they have also been years of progress. Mistakes have doubtless been made but few can afford to throw stones for the simple reason that they have done nothing themselves. Campbellton now has an auxiliary water system which, in spite of any evidence to the contrary, promises well; the memorable mud batter of Water Street is now concealed beneath a permanent pavement which gives reasonable promise of permanence; and one may walk from one end of our town to the other on various streets and enjoy the walking ease that a firm sidewalk supplies. These improvements have cost some money but there is no reason to regret having made the necessary expenditure.

Change Needed

Notwithstanding these facts there is a need of particular interest in our town's future and in the activities pertaining to civic government at this time. The local election will take place on Tuesday January 22nd and nomination day is on Tuesday of the previous week. There will likely be some vacancies in the present town council board. Whether there is or not, in our humble opinion, some changes ought to be made. There is a certain radical element in our council which for the good, and indeed, for the safety of our town's best interests, ought to be removed —and removed for all time. The attitude of certain of our councillors as displayed or several occasions during the past year has been one of such ignorance, narrow-mindedness and incompetency as to place them beyond the pale of public confidence To have such men representing an intelligent community in its governing body is not only a pity—it has all the attributes of the most ludicrous kind of farce.

But here is the issue. Unless men of ability who should be leaders in civic government, come out and take an active part, this farce will be continued. And we cannot afford to continue it longer. Campbellton wants government by a body that will follow a progressive policy, but progress must always be leavened by sane and judicious proceedure or it becomes a preciptious rush to ruin. We have some good men in our council but we need more. Whether we get them or not depends on the men themselves. We believe the electors will know what to do when the right men appear. Some of us have learned a lot in the last few years.

More active interest in town matters is what we much have at civic election time if we are to have our best men installed as leaders. Let us hope that this interest may grow steadily from now on.

PLEBISCITE IS OFF

His worship Myor McKay was this morning served with with an injunction, restraining the town from holding the proposed plebiscite on the hydro development of the Upsalquitch, consequently no election will be held at this time.

NOTICE

The general merchants of Dalhousie have agreed to close their stores every night at six o'clock except Saturday night until April 1st.

ATHLETIC PROJECT NOT ABANDONED

Officials of Club Purpose to Revive Undertaking Early Next Spring

From the officials of the Athletic comes the announcement that the associations undertaking, although temporarily suspended, has not been abandoned by any means. In view of the advance of the season, however, it is considered best to let matters lay over until the project may be taken up again at an opportune time.

The efforts of the club's supporters will doubtless be resumed early next spring so that the association may be properly organized in all its various branches and all arrangements made for a good summer in sport here before the opening of the summer season of 1924.

No doubt many—both young and old—who are interested in the organized promotion of athletics are disappointed over the summer's result of the sport movement here. It should be remembered, however, that the undertaking met with many unexpected reverses which would have promptly blocked the efforts of those less persistent. It is hoped that general conditions may be more propitious next spring and that when the movement is again launched it will meet with the hearty co-operation and support of all.

TOWN COUNCIL HEARS DELEGATION

But Refuses to Postpone Taking Plebiscite on Hydro Development of Upsalquitch

A meeting of the Town Council was held Monday evening. His Worship Mayor McKay presiding. There were present Couns. Belle-Isle, St. Onge, Moores, McDonald, Duncan, Graham and Gorham.

The reading of minutes of the previous meeting was dispensed with.

The Water and Sewerage accounts were reported upon and ordered paid.

The annual reports of the Town Engineer, on Water and Sewerage work, The Chief of Police, Fire Protection and Public Property and Streets were submitted and adopted These were ordered p rinted in the blue book.

Coun. Belle-Isle submitted a report on the proposed Upsalquitch development, also a report of the delegation which met Premier Venlot last week.

Reports were received and placed on file.

The Mayor asked Deputy Mayor Graham to take the chair.

His Worship explained that the town held in its sinking fund $10-000 in 1937 and $10,000 in 1933 victory bonds. These were tax exempt and were quoted 107 and 105. The town could buy 1934 Victory bonds for 102. These were not tax exempt, but that would not effect the town. He recommended that the former be sold and the latter bought, and the town would make $750 in the transaction.

Necessary authority was given the Mayor, Treasurer and Town Clerk to complete the transaction.

The Mayor resumed the chair.

He said that he felt that the matter of the plebiscite on Hydro development should be reconsidered and postponed.

Coun. Moores moved that the delegation of citizens be heard.—Carried.

Mr. W. H. Miller as chairman of the delegation said that while it was admitted that some arrangements should be made for additional electric power, yet it was surely not necessary to take this plebiscite without giving the electors time to study the information about the project. He felt that the taking of the vote should be postponed.

Judge McLatchey appealed for fair play and a square deal. He and every citizen would like to have full information on this proposition so that they could vote intelligently thereon. He favored deferring the vote until a later date, and thus give an opportunity to go fully into the matter.

Mr. M. M. Mowat spoke along the same lines. He thought we should take no steps until we knew whether Grand Falls was to be developed or not. If we needed additional power, an auxiliary unit could be installed for a small amount to carry us along for another year or more.

His Worship said it gave him great pleasure to have the gentlemen present, it showed an awakening of interest in civic affairs. He agreed with the sentiments expressed by Judge McLatchey and advised a reconsideration of the motion calling for the plebiscite.

Coun. Duncan said that for eighteen months this matter had been ununder discussion. There were certain matters which it was felt better not to be made public until it was decided to go on with the development, such as the rights of certain individuals along the river. He was a heavy tax payer and he would not do anything which would add a further burden to the tax payers. At the present rate of revenue, and the estimated cost of the development, the entire plant would be free of debt in thirty years. Our revenue from 500 H. P. was about $50,000, from 2500 H. P. it would be at least three times as much.

Coun. Belle-Isle saw no reason why the plebiscite could not be held Friday. The information would be in the ratepayers hands Wednesday, and that information was short and to the point, and could be understood by citizens of ordinary intelligence in 10 minutes.

Several other speakers addressed the meeting, and Mr. W. H. Miller thanked the council for its courtesy in hearing them.

Coun. Moores moved that the motion passed at the last meeting calling for a plebiscite on Friday Jan. 11th be reconsidered.

This motion was voted down upon the following vote.

Yeas—Moores, McDonald, St. Onge.

Nays—Belle-Isle, Duncan, Graham, Gorham.

The following returning officers were appointed for the plebiscite on Friday and the Civic elections on Tuesday, Jan. 22nd.

Ward 1—Harry Eagles.
Ward II—D. F. Graham.
Ward III—Thos. McDevit.

These officials were authorized to appoints their own poll clerks and constables.

His Worship reported that the offers for the towns 5 per cent bonds were 92.5 while they were assured that at 5½ per cent par could be obtained.

On motion the word five in the original motion was changed to read 5½.

On motion the overdraft on account of water extension was increased from $60,000 to $70,000. This would only be until such time as the bonds were sold.

Coun. Belle-Isle brought up the matter of the amount due from the J. and D. A. Harquail Co. and Snives Lumber Co. for school taxes. The matter of the collection of these taxes had been handed to the Town Solicitor nearly a year ago but no action had yet been taken. The Town Solicitor was the solicitor for one of these companies. If the Town Solicitor would not proceed to collect these taxes we should hand the account over to a solicitor who would collect them.

Coun. Belle-Isle moved that the Town Treasurer be instructed to hand these tax bills over to another lawyer if the Town Solicitor refuses to collect same.

Coun. St. Onge said this was an old sore. The J. and D. A. Harquail Co's contract period was up shortly, and the Snives Co., pay $500 yearly. After the fire in 1910 the council did what they thought best, and we should live up to the spirit of that agreement.

Coun. Duncan said this was a hard question. Councils had come and councils had gone, and many queer things had been done. He thought this matter had been left off too long. Should have collected this two or three years ago. He felt that we should carry out the wishes of the former council.

The motion carried, Couns. Belle-Isle, Graham, Gorham and Duncan voting yea and Couns. Moores, McDonald and St. Onge voting nay.

The council then adjourned.

JOSEPH ALBERT LEFT HOTEL DIEU AT NIGHT UNKNOWN TO HOSPITAL STAFF

Not Seen Since Evening of December 7th—Was Worried Over Financial Matters and Suicide Is Considered Possible—Resident of Paquetville—Leaves Wife and Five Children.

A mysterious disappearance on the night of December 7th following a two days' treatment at the Hotel Dieu Hospital here seems to complete the last chapter in the life of Joseph Albert, a resident of Paquetville, Gloucester County.

Whether Albert, in a despondent mood left the hospital and sought a watery grave in the cold waters of the Restigouche, wandered of in the neighboring woods and perished in the cold or left to parts unknown there to begin life independently has not yet been concluded by the several persons who have been investigating his strange case although a month and two days has now elapsed since his mysterious disappearance.

Few Clews

Little is so far known to the general public regarding this extraordinary occurrence and few clues of any value in establishing a possible solution seem to be at hand. It was at first thought that Albert may have gone to some lumber camp on the North Shore but this idea seems to have been abandoned. The local polire were not notified until nearly three weeks after the man's disappearance so were naturally handicapped in their efforts. The Chief declared this morning that they had no leads of any value to work on and has so far secured no information which promised any solution to the mystery.

Came Here on Dec. 5th.

Joseph Albert came here on December 5th last and entered the Hotel Dieu Hospital on the evening of that date to receive medical treatment for an injury which he had sustained a few days previous while working in the woods near his home. As a result of this injury an abscess or some similar condition had developed and on the day following his entrance to the institution an operation was performed by a local physiran. That Albert's case was not considered of a serious nature is evidence by the fact that he was confined to his bed in the ward but was permitted to walk about and enjoy the same liberty as a convalescing patient. No doubt this greatly facilitated his escape when the notion occurred to him to leave.

Disappeared In Evening

Albert disappeared on the evening of the 7th, two days after his arrival here, between 7 and 8 o'clock in the evening, just about the time the night staff takes over the duties of those who have been in charge during the day. The Sisters of the institution are known to be very careful in the discharge of their duties and keep a close vigilance on all inmates under their care and these facts only tend to deepen the mystery surrounding the disappearance of the patient. However the sisters declare that, owing to the fact that the missing man was permitted to walk about, it would be quite easy for him to slip out most any time without giving alarm or arousing any anxiety or suspicion. No one recollects having noticed Albert go out that evening but his absence was discovered shortly after eight o'clock on the evening of the seventh and he has not been seen since.

Was Greatly Worried

The theory that the man may have committed suicide is established on the fact that, during the last day of his brief so-journ at the hospital, he seemd greatly worried over the fact that he had little money. He consulted those who attended him and confided in them to this extent, stating that he thought he could depend upon indemnity from the Workmen's Compensation Board, but was not sure. If in the event of his having to meet the bill himself he declared that he was not in a position to do so at once. Being assured that he would be given ample time in which to settle up did not, however, appear to relieve his mind and it became noticable that he was rather unduly troubled over such a small debt. The doctor attending him also perceived this and spoke of it to the nurse in charge. Except for this, however, Albert seemed to be in a normal mental condition.

One peculiarity of the case, however, is the fact that although he admitted being in very straightened circumstances, Albert left the hospital without even taking his overcoat and the money which was found in one pocket, amounting to $10.50.

Not With Relatives

When it was learned that the missing man had not arrived home several days after his disappearance from the hospital here investigations were begun at once. It became known that Albert had relatives living at Athol, but upon enquiries being made it was found that they had not seen nor heard anything of him.

Was Married.

Albert has a wife and five children who are awaiting, at their home in

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CLUB BONSPIEL ON TUESDAY

Curling Club Season Auspiciously Opened Tuesday Afternoon and Evening

The Campbellton Curling Club's season was opened Tuesday by an inter-club bonspiel. Thirty rinks took part and the playing was exceptionally good for the first part of the season. One feature of the games was the large number of young men who joined the club this year, and are playing their first games.

At six o'clock a turkey supper, with all the trimmings, was served to over an hundred players.

The skips and scores were as follows:-

Afternoon 2.330

R. H. Gibson,	12	A. A. Andrew,	5
D. L. Trueman,	5	H. B. Anslow,	7
S. W. Dimock,,	6	D. L. McLean,	8

4 o'clock

N. Boulet,	5	A. McG. McDonald	7
H. A .Marquis	9	J. P. Wetmore,	5
A H. Ingram,	3	W. R. Millican,	12
Rev. W. W. McNairn	7	R. A. Chrstie	6

Evening 7.00

R. K. Shives,	5	J. T. Reid,	4
D. C. Firth,	5,	C. McLaughlin	10
E. P. Mowat	7	F. P. Wetmore,	4
H. A. Carr,	6	J. T. Mowat,	5

9.00

Evening 9

Geo. Miles,	7	F. J. McRae,	9
A. H. Troy,	2	T. Wran,	8
Dr. P. McNichol,	2	H. R. Barnes,	8
E. A. LeGallias,	5	W. H. Marquis	8

Eight prizes were offered to the rinks winning with the lowest and highest scores. For the highest score prze there are two rinks, and these will play off. These are R. H. Gibson vs W R. Millican.

BELOW ZERO

Sunday and Monday nights were the coldest of the season. The thermometer registered around 15 degrees below zero both of these nights.

Mrs. Ben Robinison of New Carlisle is visiting in town the guest of her sister Mrs. John White.

TONIGHTS GAME

Without a doubt the local skating rink will be the scene of considerable excitement tonight when the Moncton hockeyists face off with our boys for the first game they have engaged in for years. Those who saw our players in action last Wednesday night when they gave such a fine exhibition of clean, fast hockey and cleverness and tenacity in a closely-contested struggle. The Moncton squad this year has been completely re-organized and is said to have a very promising line-up of new players. The game to-light will likely be a treat for hockey fans.

Goldenberg is selling Ladies' Winter coats with fur collars for $16.90.

Town Topics

Tid-bits on the Tip of Everybody's Tongue

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Moir's are conceded by all lovers of good chocolates to be the best in Canada and we are specializing in Moir's, yet we recently bought 6 packages to 1 of other makes." The London Fruit Store, New Glasgow.

All last year experiments were carried on in Moirr's laboratory and in the plant to produce a certain article that would stand apart from anything now on the market. Some splendid results were attained—but perfection is the goal and so the article has not yet been produced. It may take a year more, it may take many years more, but no matter how long it takes it will not be placed on the market until it is perfected.

Incidentallly, this is the policy aimed at for every article made by Moirs