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## MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

### Minutes of Annual Session Held in Annapolis Royal Last Week

**TUESDAY MORNING**  
The Council met in annual session in the Court House at Annapolis Royal on January 10th, at 10 o'clock a.m.

The minutes of previous session were read and approved.

#### THE WARDEN'S ADDRESS

Gentlemen:—We convene in annual session this morning for the last time during the life of this Municipal Council—and I am asking your indulgence, if, for a brief period, I become retrospective.

In the year 1893 I first became a member of this Council, presided over at that time by James P. Hoop, of Clementsport, who will be remembered by many for his zeal and watchfulness over Municipal expenditures. Later, after the removal of Warden Hoop to another part of the province, the position was ably filled by the late lamented Hon. S. W. W. Pickup, than whom no more faithful and efficient Warden ever filled the Chair.

In the year 1895, owing to the election of the late Mr. Pickup as our Federal representative, he resigned the position he had so ably filled and I was honored by being elected your Presiding Officer, and have been re-elected by each succeeding year Council up to the present time, thus having occupied this position for a period of twenty-seven years. In passing, I may say I have grown grey in your service.

It does not become me to refer to the manner in which the duties of my position have been discharged, only to remark that within my limitations I have performed those duties to the best of my ability.

After so long a period of service, I deem it only fair to myself, as well as to all those who have been officials and representatives of this Municipality during the long period of my term of office, my sincere appreciation of the generous support and uniform courtesy I have always received, and in the years to come I shall regard my association with you as among the most pleasant experiences of my life.

We come now to matters of more general interest in connection with the year just closed. It was with a measure of relief and small regret that we said farewell to 1921. Penance seldom begets thanks, and the readjustment process has not been painless. It was a year when deflation, begun in 1920, generally culminated. It will be known as a year of shrunken prices, of lifeless markets, of genuine sacrificial sales, of scanty yields, yet large taxes.

Notwithstanding all these features, the constructive elements stand out strongly among these adversities—and the worst is over. There will doubtless be some fluctuations, but basic conditions in Nova Scotia are sound and with a proper realization that we must get back to conditions existing in the pre-war period we shall slowly, yet surely, return to normal. Nova Scotia, due to the diversity of her resources, is not as violently affected by these upheavals as are some other sections of Canada. The sanity of our people, with less admixture of race and blood than any other part of Canada, or America, will guide our policies in such a manner as to bring about a resumption of activities in all departments during the present year. The greatest aid to this end will be the development by our governments of a strong and virile immigration policy, which should be limited only by the desirability of the immigrants and the country's ability to assimilate them. The Municipality of Annapolis has probably suffered less during the past year than any other part of the province. While the unprecedented drought reduced agricultural field crops by probably one-third—the apple crop has largely made amends for this decline. We will doubtless have at least 1,500,000 barrels when full returns are known and may possibly exceed this figure. I cannot close my remarks without reference

to the splendid structure now uniting the towns of Annapolis Royal and Granville, known as the Annapolis-Granville bridge, opened for traffic November 17th, 1921. The realization of our hopes, covering a long period of years, will be a factor in developing trade between the towns thus joined, will open up splendid drives to our summer resorts, will enhance property values and provide such facilities for development as have long retarded the progress of the towns aforesaid, and save the Municipality a large sum of money annually spent in providing service, which, at its best, was never satisfactory.

The disastrous fire which laid waste the major part of this old and historic town during 1921 evoked our sympathy, and I am sure this Municipal Council will gladly co-operate in any way possible with the town authorities in any measures having for their end the restoring of the town, not only to its original condition, but to assist in rebuilding a bigger, more beautiful and better Annapolis Royal.

Among the matters you will be asked to consider and decide upon are the following:—  
1st.—Consideration of Tenders for repairs and addition to Court House.  
2nd.—Matters in connection Department of the Public Health, having reference particularly to retention and maintenance of Public Health Nurse.  
3rd.—Consideration of Chapter 6 Acts of 1921, entitled An Act Respecting Prison Farms, and the advisability of adopting the principle of the Act as affecting this Municipality.  
4th.—Consideration of letter Hon. E. H. Armstrong re proposed legislation regarding income—with other routine matters of general importance.

Trusting 1922 may bring increased happiness to the inhabitants of our Municipality, I am,  
Sincerely yours,  
W. G. CLARKE, Warden.

The Auditors' Report was read and on motion approved and adopted.

Ordered that the standing committees be the same as last year, viz.: Finance: Elias Rawling, A. D. Thomas, J. N. Berry and Treasurer; Tenders and Public Property: F. W. Bishop, C. L. Piggott, A. P. Bowly and Clerk.

Assessment: W. A. Marshall, Frank Balsler, J. C. Grimm.  
Insane: J. I. Foster, Myers Gibson, Hovey Gates.

A petition was read from the residents of Hillsburn and Granville Ferry concerning the condition of the Mills Mountain Road.

Ordered that the Clerk forward the same to the Provincial Highway Board.

A petition was read from James Orde and others, asking for an alteration in the Liverpool Road around the Mickey Hill.

Ordered that the Clerk forward the same to the Provincial Highway Board.

The report of the Superintendent of the County Hospital was read and on motion received and adopted.

The report of the County Medical Health Officer was read and on motion received and adopted.

Ordered that Dr. Armstrong be Medical Health Officer with a salary of \$100.

Council adjourned till 2:30 p.m.

#### TUESDAY AFTERNOON

Council met at 2:30 p.m. All present except W. G. Clarke. Minutes of previous session read and approved.

A letter was read from Arthur Roberts, Secretary of the Union of Municipalities saying that the next meeting would be in Kentville and asking that delegates be appointed.

Ordered that the annual fee of \$10 be paid and that the following delegates be appointed: Councillors Foster, Armstrong, Piggott, Grimm and Balsler.

A communication was read from the Minister of Public Works, and ordered to be laid on the table.

The reports of the Temperance Act Inspectors were read and ordered to be laid on the table.

Ordered that Arnold Eaton be Reviser in Section No. 4, in place of John McCormack, deceased.  
Council adjourned till 10 a.m.

#### WEDNESDAY MORNING

Council met at 10 a.m. All present except W. G. Clarke. Minutes of previous meeting read and adopted.

Dr. Lawler, of the Nova Scotia Hospital, addressed the Council on the subject of building a Central Hospital for the care of the Insane. The same being the matter referred to in the communication from the Minister of Public Works. The Council was asked to adopt the following resolution:

"Resolved that Chapter 7 of the Acts of 1921 of Nova Scotia entitled Institutions for the Insane be declared to apply and is hereby declared to apply to the Municipality of Annapolis County."

After a discussion the foregoing resolution was rejected by a unanimous vote.

Mr. Arnaud addressed the Council regarding the erection of a barrier to prevent the public from crossing the Court House square. He also asked permission to erect a drinking fountain at the corner of the street to further help protect the corner of the square, as well as being a needed convenience. Ordered that the committee on Tenders and Public Property be empowered to meet with the Town Council of Annapolis Royal and arrange with them regarding Mr. Arnaud's proposal.

The report of the committee on Tenders and Public Property was read and ordered to be laid on the table.

The report of the Treasurer was read and ordered to be laid on the table. Offered that the Historical Society of Annapolis Royal be granted permission to hold their meetings in the Court House.

Council adjourned till 2:30 p.m.

#### WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

Council met at 3 p.m. All Councillors present. Minutes of previous meeting read and approved.

Ordered that Edward Berry be Draw Tender of the Granville-Annapolis bridge with a salary of \$200.00 per year.

Ordered that Elias Messenger be Temperance Act Inspector for the present year with a salary of \$150.00.

On motion Inspector Nixon's report was received and adopted with the exception of the expense account which was referred back to him for further explanation. The same to be returned to the Warden and paid on explanation.

On motion, Inspector Amherman's report was received and adopted.

On motion the report of the committee on Tenders and Public Property was received and adopted.

On motion the Treasurer's report was received and adopted.

Ordered that J. Arthur Rice, F. H. Willett and Eri Nelly be the Board of Revision and Appeal.

Ordered that Councillors Armstrong, Cassey and the Clerk be the committee for revising Jury Lists.

Ordered that Elias Messenger be a County Constable.

Ordered that the Revision of the Assessment be suspended for the present year.

Ordered that Fred Shaffner and F. E. Baker be Auditors.

Ordered that John Adams be keeper of Victoria bridge for the present year. Salary \$150.00.

Ordered that the Arbitration committee be The Warden, Treasurer, F. W. Bishop and A. D. Thomas.

Council adjourned till 9 a.m.

#### THURSDAY MORNING

Council met at 9 a.m. All Councillors present. Minutes of previous meeting read and approved.

The report of the committee on Assessments was read and on motion received and adopted.

On motion Councillors Bishop, Thomas and Balsler, were appointed a committee to nominate Revisers for year 1923.

A communication was read from Dr. W. H. Hattie, Provincial Health Officer, urging the reappointment of the County Health Nurse, and stating that the expense for the present year probably amounting to \$1,800 would have to be borne by the Municipality.

After a discussion the following resolution was adopted:  
"Regarding the letter of Dr. W. H. Hattie, Provincial Health Officer, respecting the appointment of Public Health Nurse. Resolved that the appointment of said Public Health Nurse be decreed indefinitely."

Ordered that the lists of Ward Officers as handed in to the Clerk be the Ward Officers for the present year. The report of the committee to nominate revisers was received and adopted.

The following are the Revisers for 1923:  
Sec. No. 1: Frank Atchison, J. A. Phinney, LaMert Spinney.

Sec. No. 2: E. L. Balcom, Benjamin Barteaux, Arthur Borden.

Sec. No. 3: Harry Parker, John Titus, Eugene Sanders.

Sec. No. 4: C. W. Croscup, E. H. Porter, Arnold Eaton.

Sec. No. 5: B. C. Clarke, Adelbert Milard, C. F. Morton.

Sec. No. 6: Henry Messenger, John Todd, F. A. Chipman.

Sec. No. 6: N. G. Charlton, Abernethy, Murray Morrison.

The report of the committee on Insane was read and on motion received and adopted.

Ordered that Bye Law No. 31 be adopted for the present year, authorizing the Municipality to borrow \$12,000 from the Royal Bank of Canada for current expenses.

Ordered that the Clerk in printing the lists of Ward Officers be instructed to state the date on which they take office, viz., February 1st, and have the Lists of Officers printed in the local paper promptly after the adjournment of Council, and also have sufficient number of Lists of Officers for posting mailed to each Councillor.

On motion the following resolution was adopted:  
Resolved that this Council adopt the present plans and specifications as submitted by Architect Fair for remodelling the Court House, and that the Tender of J. H. Hicks & Sons of \$21,300 for the completion of the work as specified be accepted.

On motion the report of the Finance committee was received and adopted.

Ordered that the committee on repairs of Court House be continued in office and keep in touch with the Architect in the oversight of the work on the Court House.

Resolved that the building committee with the Treasurer be instructed to ascertain and if satisfactory arrangements can be made, to arrange for such funds as may be required either temporarily or permanently to meet the costs of our building programme. Carried.

Council adjourned sine die.

FREEMAN FITCH,  
Municipal Clerk.

## THE FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY

Programme of Jubilee Celebrations of Gordon-Providence United Church, Bridgetown.

Sunday, 22nd January, 11 a.m., Rev. Wm. H. Hearts—the first pastor, 1872. 7 p.m., Rev. John H. Freestone—the present pastor, 1922. Dr. Hearts will preach on the subject: "In the Midst of the Years" and the present pastor will preach on the subject: "Ye Observe Days, and Months, and Years."

Monday, 23rd, at 7:30 p.m. A Congregational sociable at which addresses Historical and otherwise will be delivered by pastors of bygone days and Dr. Armstrong.

Tuesday, 24th, at 7:30 p.m. A Grand Concert open to the public—Silver offering.

Wednesday, 25th, at 7:30 p.m. Service of Prayer and Praise led by old pastors.

Thursday, 26th, at 6:00 p.m. Open to all at 50c. and 25c. To be followed by after-dinner speeches and music. Supper.

Friday, 27th, at 7:30 p.m. Young Peoples' Rally night with addresses by Rev. George T. Bryant, who will open the new Tuxis room, and Rev. Mr. Layton. The Birthday cake will be cut at the close and disposed of through the usual medium.

Sunday, 29th, at 11 a.m. Rev. Dr. Ross of Fort Massey Church, Halifax, 3:00 p.m., Grand Sunday School Pageant: "God's Clarion Call." 7:00 p.m., Rev. Dr. Ross.

Special music is being arranged for all the exercises and a grand week of Jubilee celebrations is looked forward to. There are many interesting details to be included in the programme which are not mentioned above. All are very cordially invited.

The schooner Phyllis C., Capt. Crocker, was in Digby last week with fresh fish.

## VALLEY MEDICAL ASSOCIATION

An Important Session Held at Bridgetown, Nova Scotia, Last Week.

The first regular meeting of the Valley Medical Association for 1922 was held in Bridgetown on Friday, January 13th, 1922.

The membership of this Association is made up of the doctors of Kings, Annapolis and Digby Counties. The Society has had a creditable record and has been of great value to the public and to the profession in these three counties.

Doctors in attendance were:—L. R. Morse, President; J. A. Sponagle, Secretary; and Doctors G. J. McNally, P. N. Balcom, W. F. Reid, M. E. Armstrong, C. E. A. DeWitt, M. R. Elliott, W. S. Phinney, T. H. Macdonald, A. A. Dechman, Mrs. (Dr.) Stella Pearson.

The visitors present were:—Dr. H. K. MacDonald, Halifax Medical Society; Dr. A. C. Jost, Public Health Department, Halifax, N. S.; Dr. S. L. Walker, Dept. S. C. R. Halifax, N. S.; Dr. D. A. Craig, Mass. Health Commission, Halifax, N. S.

Besides routine business, the following was the programme:—  
Diagnosis of conditions regarding Tonsillotomy, Dr. W. S. Phinney, Lawrenceston, N. S.

The Ethics of Organization, Dr. S. L. Walker, Halifax, N. S.

Early diagnosis of Cancer, Dr. H. K. MacDonald, Halifax, N. S.

Important points in the physical examination of the chest, Dr. D. A. Craig, Mass. Health Commission, Halifax, N. S.; Vital Statistics, Dr. A. C. Jost, Provincial Health Inspector.

The Valley Medical Association is affiliated with the Nova Scotia Medical Society and elected at its meeting, as members of the Provincial Executive: Dr. W. F. Reid, Digby, N. S.; Dr. M. R. Elliott, Wolfville, N. S.; Dr. J. A. Sponagle, Middleton, N. S.

A vote of thanks was extended to the visitors for their papers and addresses.

One pleasing feature of the session was the dinner provided by host O. C. Jones, of the "Riverside Inn" where the meeting of the Society was held.

The next meeting of the Association will be held in the town of Wolfville, N. S.

Council adjourned sine die.

FREEMAN FITCH,  
Municipal Clerk.

## THE VETERANS' ASSOCIATION

Regular Monthly Meeting of the Bridgetown Branch Held Last Wednesday Evening.

The monthly meeting of the Bridgetown Branch of the G. W. V. A. was held in the hall of Trade Union on Wednesday, January 11th, at 7:30 p.m., Comrade W. E. Gesner, President being in the Chair.

Mr. J. B. Peters was taken on the strength and the transfer of Comrade W. J. Green from the Middleton Branch was effected.

Several matters relating to the work now being done by the Associations were discussed.

Comrade Howe, of the Annapolis Branch, was present, and spoke of the work done by that branch previous to the fire which destroyed the G. W. V. A. rooms.

After the meeting, several ladies were entertained, when card games and a competition "An Episode from Birdland" were enjoyed by all present.

Miss V. Christie and Comrade H. E. Carter were successful in winning prizes, which were presented by the Chairman, Comrade Gesner.

Refreshments were provided and a vote of thanks made by Dr. Warey on behalf of the guests, brought the evening to a close, about 11 p.m.

The next meeting of the Branch will be held on Wednesday, February 1st, at 7:30 p.m.

Every ex-service man should join the G. W. V. A. Unity is strength.

G. H. WAREY,  
Secy.—Treasurer.

## PROF. BLAIR RETURNS HOME

Tells About Value Of Annapolis Valley Fruit in Markets in the Old Country

Professor Blair, superintendent of the Experimental Station, Kentville, who has been on leave of absence for three months, representing the United Fruit Companies of Nova Scotia, Limited, in making a survey of market conditions and Fruit Markets in the Old Country has just returned to Canada by the S. S. Sachem.

Mr. Blair states that because of the barrel apples going to England being practically entirely from Nova Scotia a distribution has been possible to prevent overloading of any particular market and prices have remained on the whole fairly good. Some half million boxes of Pacific Coast apples which were placed on the market principally during December resulted in a noticeable drop except for exceptionally good stock. The box fruit is now pretty well out of the way and future shipments will not be large so that the market will be supplied entirely from Nova Scotia which would indicate good prices for all shipments now going forward if they reach the market in good condition.

Because of the dry season much of the Valley fruit is decidedly under-size, and in many cases premature ripening has resulted in the fruit landing soft. Without a doubt every effort possible has been made to put up and land the fruit on the British market in good condition, and on the whole success has attended these efforts. The system adopted throughout seems to be such as to indicate a desire to give the best product and service possible to build up a fairly satisfactory organization from grower to consumer.

The labor situation was such that doubt was entertained as to the possibility of absorbing the fruit likely to go forward. There is not a great surplus of money and really essential food products have to be provided for first. The apple is, however, being looked upon more and more as a necessary part of the daily fare and the consumption is increasing very rapidly. The Imperial Apple Show added greatly in bringing to the notice of the British consumer the value of the apple, as a daily article of food and no form of advertisement could have been more effective in this particular.

Nova Scotia aided in no small way in this show, and the exhibit made by the United Fruit Companies and by the Nova Scotia Department of Agriculture did much to strengthen the market for Scotia apples.

The important thing is to give the very best attention possible to later shipments so that the standard may be fully maintained and our fruit continue to hold a foremost place on the British Market. That Nova Scotia should have the British Market practically to herself is quite unusual, and it offers a fine opportunity to show the British consumer that our fruit is equal to the best.

When a country Editor looks over his subscription book, it is hard for him to believe that man is made of dust.—Dust settles.

## FRUIT GROWERS' ASSOCIATION

58th Annual Session Being Held in Primrose Theatre, Bridgetown, This Week

The 58th annual session of the Nova Scotia Fruit Growers' Association opened in Bridgetown yesterday afternoon. The committee in charge has arranged a splendid programme, securing some very notable speakers, who are authorities on subjects upon which they will give addresses.

Following is the programme as arranged:—

**TUESDAY EVENING**  
7:30 o'clock.  
Opening Prayer.  
Address of welcome.  
Reply—A. E. McMahon, Kentville, N. S.

President's address—Manning Ellis, Port Williams, N. S.  
Address—Prof. Cumming, Truro, N. S.

Illustrated address—"Present Status of Apple Sucker", Prof. W. H. Brittain, Truro, N. S.

**WEDNESDAY MORNING**  
9:30 o'clock.  
Address—"Home Grown Crops", Prof. John M. Trueman, Truro, N. S.

Address—"Strawberry Culture", W. O. Creighton, East River, Pictou Co., N. S.

Address—"Horticulture West of Nova Scotia", W. T. Macoun, Ottawa, N. S.

**WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON**  
2 o'clock.  
Addresses to be given on "The Pre-cooling of Fall Apples Before Shipping" by: C. W. Mann, U. S. Dept. of Agriculture; J. A. Rudick, Ottawa; Prof. M. Cumming, Truro, N. S.; A. E. McMahon, Kentville, N. S.; G. H. Vroom, Middleton, N. S.

Address—"Fruit of Interest Learned at English Market", Prof. W. S. Blair, Kentville, N. S.

**WEDNESDAY EVENING**  
7:30 o'clock.  
Address—"Recent Results from Dust Spraying", George E. Sanders, Annapolis Royal.

Address—"Illustrated Address", C. W. Baxter, Fruit Commissioner, Ottawa.

Address—"Growing and Marketing of Certified Seed Potatoes", W. A. Macoun.

**THURSDAY MORNING**  
9:30 o'clock.  
Business Meeting—Resolutions followed by any subjects that may have been crowd-d out on account of time.

Address—"Fertilizers in the Orchard", Mr. B. Leslie Emslie, Consulting Agriculturalist Commissioner, Oakville, Ont.

## A YARMOUTH TRAGEDY

Mrs. James W. Hudson, a Demented Woman, Tried to Burn Her Baby.

A horrible affair took place at Yarmouth at an early hour Sunday morning when Annie May, wife of James W. Hudson, was so seriously burned that she passed away a few hours later. It appears that during a fit of delirium this woman left her bed with an infant baby only a few hours old and stuffing some torn paper in the chimney of a lighted lamp attempted to burn it to death. The child was heroically rescued by its twelve year old sister who snatched it from the mother's arms in time to save its life. The deceased is a native of Yarmouth but resided in Bridgetown during the time that her husband was overseas. Mr. Hudson, who is a native of Parker's Cove or one of the fishing villages along the Bay of Fundy shore, is now a member of the crew of a Yarmouth fishing vessel. A Yarmouth correspondent writes: "The affair is one of the worst that has ever occurred in the history of the town, and those intimately acquainted with the family, which in every way has been most deserving of all the aid that has been rendered them, were horrified to learn of what had happened. Mrs. Hudson, besides her husband, leaves one son and four daughters, all under twelve years of age.