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### WILL YOU STAND FOR THIS?

No country in the world taxes its people so heavy as does Canada. That is, Canada raises more revenue per man than any other country. This is done principally by the enormous custom duties the people pay on goods they have to import. In England the rate of taxation per man is very low. Her people pay no taxes on the necessities of life as we do. Yet the government of England has a surplus of billions—thousands of millions each year. Under Premier Borden Canada is about to borrow, on the credit of the over-taxed people, \$35,000,000 to buy battle ships as a gift to England. They will borrow the money in England to do this with. Do you call that good business, considering the price of hay and potatoes?

### TRUCK WITH YANKEES.

The wabbling, wavering loyalty of the Conservatives is open to censure. During the summer of 1911 we were told it was little short of treason to dicker with our American neighbours, our farmers should not dream of marketing their produce in the States. And now such papers as The Gleaner and The Standard are welcoming the possible lowering of the American tariff wall as a great boon to our people. A great boon it will be, if effected, but the Tories can get no credit for it. It is the American antithesis of Toryism that gives hope for a freer entry to Uncle Sam's markets.

### COUNTY COUNCIL

(Continued from page eight)

Woolverton did largely the constable work.

coun Melville—Properly, the salary of the Inspector should be in the account.

coun Gallagher (Beth)—Did Annew Kenney pay anything?

Inspector—No. The matter is unsettled. He can be brought to jail at any time.

coun Gallagher said he had written to the Inspector advising that he then accept \$39 in settlement.

Inspector—It was not paid in, but we would have agreed to the proposition.

Report submitted to committee composed of couns Williams, Tracey and Tompkins, to report tomorrow.

coun Shaw moved that a petition, prepared by the sec-treas, be presented to the governor general, in connection with the Canada Temperance Act be amended so that search warrants may be served at night time as well as in the day time.

coun Estey seconded the motion.

coun Melville—Is it usual for the County Council to recommend such matters as these to the Dominion Parliament. I think we are just wasting our time.

coun Shaw—Nothing is accomplished without effort, and under our democratic government we can approach the powers that be. They can't make a seizure after dark. There is nothing unreasonable in our presenting such a petition as this.

coun Melville—Can you cite us a case where they have listened to us?

coun Shaw—I don't know of the case having been brought up.

coun Bell favored the motion of coun Shaw. He believed that the act should be amended and we can do our part by passing this resolution.

coun Phillips—I am in favor of the resolution. It is a move in the right direction.

Motion carried unanimously.

coun Britton moved, seconded by coun Houghbill that \$350 be assessed to Brighton and paid over to the Highway Board for land damages for road purposes. Carried.

coun Montgomery brought up the question of the sum of \$80 by collector L. B. Bedell, which was paid to H. B. Smith, for land damages for the building of a road near the oil tank below

Woodstock. I have the receipts of Mr. Bedell that he paid the money to Mr. Smith. He would like the secretary's opinion in the matter. Mr. Smith refused to repay the money.

Sec-treas—I have information that the road has never been laid out, nor the money expended therefor. He had advised that the chief commissioner be notified of the circumstances and his advice be sought.

coun Montgomery—I want the money paid back to the parish.

Sec-treas—I think the facts should be brought before the chief commissioner of public works.

coun Montgomery—I thought the money belonged to the parish and we should be in a better position to recover that the highway board.

Sec-treas—I think the money was paid out improperly, and the only redress of this council would be to sue the collector, L. R. Bedell. We have nothing to do with Smith in the matter. Bedell can sue Smith for the repayment to him.

coun Montgomery moved, seconded by coun Mezon that the sec-treas write to Mr. Bedell in the matter. Carried.

Four hundred dollars was ordered assessed on the parish of Kent for road damages.

coun Shaw moved, seconded by coun King that the delinquent list for front Wakefield for 1905-06-07-08 be struck off. Carried.

coun Melville moved that \$6.00 be ordered paid Richard Clark for laying out a road and be charged to Peel. Carried.

The following report of the board of Health was submitted.

Hartland, N. B., Jan 1st, 1913.

To the Warden and councillors of the Municipality of Carleton:

Gentlemen—I beg to submit the annual report of Board of Health District number ten, for the year ending Dec 31st, 1912. The Board has looked after the cases of contagious diseases, also the various nuisances that have been reported as carefully as possible with due regard to economy.

A case diagnosed as smallpox occurred in Knowlesville and a number of people in the lower end of the Parish of Woodstock were exposed to a case of the same disease that occurred in Maductic in the county of York, all of which were quarantined and held till all danger was past.

The expenditure for the year was \$156.05. The financial statement and bills accompanying this report show how and where the money was spent, there being vouchers for all bills except a few items.

The Board respectfully requests an appropriation of three hundred dollars for the year 1913.

Respectfully submitted,

I. B. CURTIS, M. D., Chairman.

(Continued next week)

### Armond.

Miss Barbara Wilson and Miss Stella Spinney of South Knowlesville spent the week end at the home of Henry London.

Robert Crossen who has been working for Herbert Adair, Jardine Brook, has returned home and is now in Penbrooke for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilmot Kimball were visiting her brother, Thomas McCrea of Peel, recently.

Miss Charlotte Henderson has returned home after visiting her aunt, Mrs. Henry Smith of Windsor.

Mrs. Henry Smith and Mrs. Jack Avery were guests of Mrs. Robert Henderson on Friday last.

Miss Eva McAfee has returned home from Fredericton where she has been staying with her uncle for a few days.

Samuel McAfee is convalescing slowly.

Our teacher, Miss Evelyn Tedford, while on her way to school on Monday last, met with an accident resulting in a sprained wrist.

### South Wakefield.

Robert Crossen of Armond spent Sunday with relatives in this place.

Arthur Sharpe with his team took a sled load of young folks to Rosedale to attend Messrs. Cook and Allen's meeting Sunday evening.

Raymond Dickinson and Arthur Sharpe are doing a hustling business sawing two foot wood. They are the boys that fear no noise.

Harry Shaw had the misfortune to lose one of his horses recently.

John Sharpe was in Hartland doing business on Tuesday.

Elijah Shaw has moved to St. John. We regret their departure and wish them success in their new home.

William Hammond is in the employment of William Kearney.

A number of young folks attended the skating party at McGuire Lake on Monday evening.

Job Printing at the Observer Office

### WEST SIDE NOTES.

BY NICODEMUS

Exactly 7,348 individuals during this cold snap have informed me that the weather bureau is working up something in the real old genuine in preparation for the Poultry Show, and we believe it, for nearly every water privilege in the country is gone up the spout.

On Saturday last neighbor Asa McNinch celebrated his eighty first birthday. During the day several called on our venerable friend to offer congratulations.

H. Baker shows little improvement over his condition of last week.

Mrs. Amanda Boyer has been obliged to cancel her engagement as nurse at the McNinch home and Mrs. Beckwith has been installed in her place. We are pleased to write both Mr. and Mrs. Mac. are daily improving.

Mrs. Joseph York is making a protracted visit at Florenceville with her daughter, Mrs. Kilpatrick.

At her Jackson St. home last Wednesday, Mrs. Dickinson entertained several young friends at tea.

During the past week several pleasant social functions were given at each of which about the same parties were included.

On the 6th Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Cochrane gave a delightful afternoon and evening to a few invited guests, on the 6th Mrs. and Mrs. W. H. Birmingham entertained and on Saturday 8th at Beverly Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Boyer charmingly entertained.

As was announced at Christmas closing exercises of the Victoria school, a new flag has been purchased and the children are in proud possession of a gaudy new Union Jack.

The flag arrived on Saturday and on Monday the children delightedly watched the bright hued emblem of their country unfold itself on the wintry winds. With just such pride we helped christen the flag just discarded away back in 1895. Who of us will be here at the next christening?

One afternoon last week a West Side-driving party enjoyed a genuine straw ride to Windsor where they spent a few pleasant hours at the Gin Brook ranch home of Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Hallett. The drive home was made in the night and was greatly enjoyed. Those who went on this expedition were Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Albright, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Hayward, Mrs. Dickinson and William H. Albright.

### Mr. Barnett Explains Further.

Immediately after the publication of the last issue Mr. Barnett came to the office and stated that there was something more he had to say in the "Go preacher" controversy. He was granted space on the understanding that no new phase should be introduced. He writes:

DEAR EDITOR: I regret having to trouble you again, but there are two statements concerning me in Mr. Schurman's letter of Feb. 6 which I wish to correct. The first is that I admit that my first letter was misleading in at least one point. I do not and never did anything of the kind. The allusion I made was probably not understood—I did not intend that it should be—but it was not misleading. Mr. Schurman came to me on Feb. 1 and said that the allusion I made to the incident which I did not recite was taken by some to be a reflection on his personal character, and he brought in the name of one of his prominent members, implying that that gentleman had so interpreted the passage, although he did not exactly say such was the case. I did not ask further but told Mr. Schurman what I did allude to and also told him I would correct any such mistaken impression in your next issue. And I did so. My letter was in your hands very shortly after noon on Feb. 3.

A word further with regard to this: I have not thought worth while to enquire of the person interested about what took place between him and Mr. Schurman. He is very non-committal in such matters, and I doubt very much if he assented to such interpretation other than by silence. I cannot imagine why anyone should interpret what I said as an imputation on Mr. Schurman's moral character unless a suggestion came from Mr. Schurman himself.

The second matter to be corrected is that I have acknowledged that as evidence, said by Mr. Schurman to be in his possession, would be acceptable in my court. I think, in a hurried conversation and such hypothetical evidence "would you accept" but to that I partially and only partially assented. But Mr. Schurman has never produced any additional evidence, and I certainly could not pronounce upon it until it was produced.

Now with regard to Mr. Fitzpatrick's endorsement of what Mr. Schurman has written, it does not seem to me that Mr. Schurman's position is strengthened by it. I do not like to

accuse Mr. Schurman of slurring me in the words "Mr. Barnett's many admirers" but the phrase has very much that appearance. However let that be as it may. I think the general verdict would be that I have had as much experience and am as capable of correctly estimating its value as either of those two clergymen.

When the matter of these Go-preachers (not used in derision) first came up, and before I had an opportunity of ascertaining the very faint nature of the charges against them, Mr. Fitzpatrick told me that the former Attorney General for the province had taken action against them and had issued handbills or placards warning people of their dangerous character. I advised him to write to the present Attorney General asking for information and a supply of those handbills. In due time he informed me that he had received a reply and had been informed that no trace of such action or of such handbills could be found in the office, and that they advised him to be careful how he proceeded with the matter.

I think that in all probability the yarn of legal proceedings in P.E.I. has about as much foundation.

I am sorry that I have to write in this manner, and did hope that Mr. Fitzpatrick could have kept out of this latter mess. But it would have been cowardly, I would have been untrue to my conviction of right, had I kept silence.

There are other matters which bear upon the subject in dispute, but in consideration of your desire to terminate the controversy (a desire which I share) I forebear to bring them forward, unless further occasion should arise.

In writing this letter I have found difficulty in restraining the use of words and expressions which would have appeared harsh, but I believe would have been just.

JOHN BARNETT.

Feb. 7.

### G. L. Cronkrite.

Died, on Sunday Jan. 26, 1913, at 3.35 p.m. at his home in Royaltown, G. L. Cronkrite.

His illness was paralysis of less than four days' duration. Born in Southampton in 1829 Mr. Cronkrite was brought by his parents, Henry and Hannah Hartley Cronkrite, to the age of two and a half years to the farm on which he lived and died. The country was then almost an unbroken wilderness and a man of 84 must needs see many changes. The family acquired property by dint of hard work and he lived to reside in the third house built on the homestead.

He first married Miss Adeline, daughter of Zephaniah Mills (known as Squire Mills). She died of paralysis on Jan. 28, 1898, at the then home of her daughter, Mrs. Addie Knight of Robinson, Me.

Seven children were born to them; Mrs. Maria Hovey, deceased; Alonzo, in Polson, Montana; Sadie (Mrs. J. E. Long) of Long Settlement; Addie (Mrs. R. E. Knight) now of Moosejaw, Canada; Harry and Mabel (Mrs. Herbert Buchanan) of Royaltown.

There are also 18 grandchildren and 9 great grandchildren.

In 1900 he married Miss Belle Cox of Knoxford. In her he secured not only a kind mother and a peace-maker in his family but a wife whose constant devotion to their aged father won her the unstinted praise and most loving appreciation of all his children. During his last illness his mind cleared frequently and when he knew his days were to be few he repaid his wife for patient care by words of generous appreciation for her tender faithfulness toward him.

Mr. Cronkrite was an Orangeman and a Free Mason, and the latter order took charge of the services which were held at Tracey Mills.

Rev. M. J. Harlow preached to a large congregation from Jas. 4: 14.

Mr. Cronkrite was a farmer and a prosperous one. Obstacles along all lines in his life, only whetted his determination to succeed. Not satisfied with farming he took a lively interest in local affairs extending it little by little until he had served his county in various offices.

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