

# The Union Advocate

VOL. LIV. No. 15

NEWCASTLE, NEW BRUNSWICK, TUESDAY, APRIL 12, 1921

FIVE CENTS PER COPY

## STOCK UP NOW

Soon your customers will be calling for Refreshing and Cool Drinks

The Drinks That are Made With The True Fruit Flavors

*Iron Brew*

*Ginger Ale*

*Lemon Sour*

*2 p.c. Malt Beer*

Place Your Orders Now!

Write, Phone or Call for Prices and Particulars

**A. D. FARRAH & CO'Y**

### PUBLIC MEETING WELL ATTENDED

The Public Meeting of the rate-payers, of the Town of Newcastle, held in the Town Hall, on Friday evening, 8th inst, was a well attended and enthusiastic one. The meeting was called to order at 8 o'clock with Mayor D. P. Doyle in the chair and Mr. G. M. Lake as Secretary.

Ald. R. W. Crocker asked for an explanation of the calling of the meeting and Ex-Mayor Chas. E. Fish in answer said that the reason for calling the meeting was for the purpose of getting the rate-payers together to discuss town matters. They did not mean to criticize the present Board of Aldermen, as he felt they had done their best, but still there were many matters such as the Streets, Electric Light Plant, Taxation System etc., which were all subjects in which the rate-payers were interested and thought that a discussion of these matters by the rate-payers would not be out of place. He felt that the citizens should get together and do their utmost in finding a solution to the present unsatisfactory condition of affairs.

Mr. E. A. McCurdy, stated that the calling together of the rate-payers was a good method of talking over the many matters of interest to all. Instead of holding meetings of the rate-payers occasionally it should be done frequently and in this way the spirit of co-operation, which was badly needed, would be generated. Many improvements in civic matters needed attention and the getting together of the citizens to talk matters over would facilitate the work. The Power Plant question was an important one and he would be pleased to hear from the members of the present Council Board.

Ald. W. L. Durick, said that the Power Plant was the main problem which the town had to grapple with and he personally would be pleased to hear of any remedy which could be used to place it on a better basis. Wages and fuel had greatly increased and it would be necessary for the Town to continue operating the plant at a loss until such time as some other more favorable proposition was secured. He understood that the Government had given their assurance that they would give Newcastle, electric power at as early a date as possible.

Ald. Durick spoke of the work on the roads during the past year and thought that considering the small amount of money at the disposal of the Public Works Department that they had done as well as could be expected.

Ald. R. W. Crocker, Chairman, of the Light and Water Dept. said that he had no apologies to make in regard to the management of the Power House during the past year, as he had endeavored to run the plant as economical as it was possible for him to do under the existing conditions. He compared Newcastle with Chatham in respect to their Power plants and thought Newcastle had not done so bad.

Mr. H. H. Ritchie who is an aspirant this year for civic honors, did not think that Newcastle was in such a bad plight, considering the prevailing conditions and thought it was our duty to carry on in future as best we could.

Ald. Atkinson hoped that four good strong business men would be elected at the coming election to assist the remaining four aldermen, as the town needed the assistance of the best men that could be procured.

Mr. E. A. McCurdy suggested the publishing, in the Town's Annual Report each year, of the default list in its entirety, showing the arrearages of each defaulter in the different years. The rate-payers who paid their taxes were entitled to this information and if printed in the Annual Report each year the necessary information desired by them would be ascertained.

He also suggested that the System of Town Manager be fully looked into by the Town Council as it had proven successful in other towns, having been found

### STATEMENT FROM REV. W. D. WILSON

Rev. W. D. Wilson General Secretary, of the Temperance Alliance of N. B. who was in Newcastle to-day on his way to Campbellton was asked concerning a report appearing in several newspapers concerning James Dickison, a former Inspector under the Prohibition Act, stated that the Temperance Alliance stood for the strict enforcement of the Prohibition Act.

That anyone found violating the Law, ought to be punished, much more so one whose duty it had been to carry out above law.

Concerning any recommendation that may have been made by some party or parties connected with the Alliance on Mr. Dickison's behalf, these recommendations may have been given, but if so, it would be in the belief or assumption that this officer had given efficient service, moreover nothing to the contrary had ever come to me while Chief Inspector nor since vacating that office, until this affair was brought to my attention last week through the newspapers.

desirable on account of its advantages.

Ex-Ald. Capt. John Russell said that he had his siege in conducting the Power Plant, and assured the meeting that it was a big problem. He also advocated the citizens of our town to get together and start industries with our own capital, and if this were done and we could supply cheap power, outside capital would speedily come in.

Ex Ald. Thos. A. Clarke said it was a very easy matter to find fault, but much more difficult to get a remedy. However he did a lot of travelling and was sorry to admit that Newcastle did not measure up to some of the other small towns which he visited.

Police Magistrate J. R. Lawlor stated that the present Town Council was not responsible for the present deficit or high taxation. The town had too many knockers and the best men possible should be elected to co-operate with the remaining four aldermen who have had some experience, and the business of the town should be conducted as economically as possible.

(Continued on page 4)

### HAPPY HOUR ON WEDNESDAY

Be a good crook, Flossie. Don't let the cops forget the name of Golden!" are the dying words of Flossie Golden's father. With this heritage, Flossie Golden, daughter of one of the cleverest crooks who ever piled his trade while posing as a policeman, is left alone in the world to win her way by crooked means or straight. Flossie chooses the turn to the left. Her father, having been a crook before her, she decides to uphold the Golden tradition. Thus, working in conjunction with Larry, a former associate of her father's she tries out her charms with blackmail as the object, on a young man who has nothing to recommend him but a tremendous bank account. Flossie plays the game skillfully. She attempts to extort money from the rich young man. But the latter's lawyer, who is over six in the ways of the world spikes the guns of Flossie and her henchman, Larry. Then the lawyer falls in love with Flossie, and just as she finds she has him completely at her mercy, she is unable to pursue her plans further. What happens after this complex and powerfully dramatic situation is thrillingly unfolded in this brilliant comedy drama starring the adorable Viola Dana at the Happy Hour Wednesday.

#### PULPITS EXCHANGED

The pastors of the local Protestant Churches exchanged pulpits last Sunday morning.

#### LABOR MEETING

A mass meeting was held last night in Chatham to discuss the labor problems existing on the Miramichi River. It is said that no solution of the troubles was effected.

#### SEED WHEAT

Arriving To-day—100 bushels imported "Marquis" Seed Wheat. Also a full variety of Field and Garden Seeds.

STOUGHT MERCANTILE CO LTD

#### NEW CIRCUIT

The New Brunswick Telephone Co. Ltd. have a crew of men busily engaged installing a new line between Newcastle and Blackville. When completed, a much better service will be given throughout this section which under the present system is in a badly congested condition.

### CAUSE FOR ACTION

The following is a summary of the assessment, made in the Town of Newcastle from the year 1900 to date, giving the name of the Mayor of the Town, and also showing the surplus and deficit in the Water and Light Department for each year. The summary is one which speaks for itself and shows the manner in which we are drifting each year. The question "Where are we going, and when do we get there"?, may be fittingly asked in this instance. After perusing this summary, it is sincerely hoped that our business men will take heed and come to the rescue.

Year	Amt. of Assessment	Mayor	Water & Light Dept.	
			Surplus	Deficit
1900	7,898.00	D. Morrison		
1901	9,200.00	"		
1902	10,120.00	"		
1903	14,124.00	"		
1904	13,656.86	Geo. Brown	2,008.49	
1905	14,649.47	S. W. Miller	1,950.73	
1906	18,688.17	P. Hennessy	1,415.59	
1907	21,177.56	S. W. Miller	2,708.57	
1908	24,246.75	"	1,126.06	
1909	27,063.50	"	1,671.33	
1910	30,887.59	L. B. McMurdo	1,685.56	
1911	24,600.00	Dr. F. L. Pedolin	2,264.30	
1912	33,681.35	W. H. Belyea	3,367.32	
1913	32,660.82	C. J. Morrissy	2,103.21	
1914	33,098.03	"	2,004.75	
1915	34,172.32	G. G. Stothart	3,126.32	
1916	37,781.18	C. E. Fish	4,514.01	
1917	35,074.30	C. J. Morrissy		2,813.58
1918	44,694.32	John H. Troy		7,151.36
1919	57,454.00	D. P. Doyle		4,140.50
1920	60,578.23	D. P. Doyle		10,087.34
1921	69,581.54			

Of 900 ratepayers, 330 are defaulters, of whom only 95 are owners of real estate.