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Newcastle Societies.

MEET AS FOLLOWS—

NORTHUMBERLAND LODGE No. 17 A. F. & A. M., in the Lodge room on the evening of the second Tuesday of each month at 7 o'clock.

NEWCASTLE DIVISION No. 45 S. T., in the Temperance Hall every Thursday evening at 7.30 o'clock.

COURT MIRAMICHI No. 165 I. O. F., in their rooms, Masonic Hall, on the evening of the fourth Tuesday of each month at 8 o'clock.

NEWCASTLE BOARD OF TRADE, in their room in the Cragh building on the evening of the first Monday in each month at 8 o'clock.

ANCIENT ORDER OF UNITED WORKMEN, Miramichi Lodge No. 11, in its Lodge room on public wharf on the first Tuesday in each month at 7.30 p. m.

"NO SURRENDER" L. O. No. 47, in their lodge room on the first Friday of each month at 8 o'clock.

COURT HAPPY REEF No. 150 I. O. F., in Foresters' Hall, Derby, on the evening of the third Thursday of each month at 7.30 o'clock.

The County Council and the Temperance Question.

Credit to whom credit is due. County Councilors are an important body of men. They are intrusted with the municipal affairs of the county, they have important business to transact, they have interests to consider and considerable power lodged in their hands. That the Councilors for this county have given the affairs of the various parishes and of the entire county their careful attention no one will question.

They may differ politically and in many other ways yet agree to do conscientiously that which is for the best interest of each parish and the county at large. Their action in reference to the Temperance question—their report, the recommendation of the Inspector, the hearty endorsement of his work and the unanimous vote of thanks tendered him—must be very gratifying and satisfactory to all sincere and earnest temperance workers. Their action doubtless is also very acceptable to the majority of the electors and will commend itself to the community at large. It is not too much to say that the council board seems desirous to do what is for the best interest of the county and that they have before them the general good, even-handed justice, and the common property of all.

We hope the time will never come when the councilors will not endeavor to carry out the wishes of the people of this county on the liquor question. We hope the time is far off when no man will consider it worth while to offer himself as a candidate for municipal local legislative or dominion parliament honors who is not a temperance man and in thorough sympathy with the Temperance Reform. By this we do not mean that all men shall work in the same way, that all men shall become 'temperance men' and that all shall belong to the same temperance order that shall give the same amount of time and attention to this work but that all who aspire to the position of representative men shall be representative in the best sense of the word and that they shall be no doubt on the minds of the electors concerning their moral excellence and true sobriety. Think of a municipality affected to be so decent and pure that it will not allow a drunken man to misbehave, after licensing twenty barrooms to make men drunk. The Canada Temperance act may not be all we could desire or all we hope for, yet conscious we are that it is better than any license system in operation.

We are perfectly satisfied that on the following points and this is the sure ground on which we tread and the safe rule whereby we may always work: That whatever the liquor traffic wants we do not want; that whatever the liquor party is clamorous for we do not desire. The safe rule for temperance men to work by is the following very simple one: Tell us what the liquor traffic wants and we will tell you what we do not want. This rule will be applied in a variety of ways both in reference to men and things. Show us the man that the liquor interests want for man we do not want. Show us the man that the liquor party do not want and we will show you the man we want. Point us out the man that those interested in the liquor business, run sellers and liquor buyers, do not want for Inspector in this County and we will at once point you the man we want, and more than that, the man we really need. Show us the magistrate or the constable or any other official that the liquor party would like to see removed from his position and that is the very man we want to see retained and the man that for the good of all needs to be retained and upheld.

Do not let us be unwise in this our day with the light we have and the civil privileges we possess. We have better not sacrifice that which would be for the good of our country and the safety and happiness of coming generations for the sake of just having our own way on political matters. The sooner we get down to good practical sense in these matters the better for us all. There is not so much difference in political parties at the present time that we should give our considerations to moral questions and sacrifice a moral reform for the sake of party politics. At the best of times party politics are not the best things to be guided by, they are principles and motives belonging to a higher realm than party politics by which we ought to be influenced and guided. No man can tell absolutely what legislation affecting our commerce will be best for us in time to come. No man can tell absolutely what policy touching our trade relations will be best for all concerned. But the total or partial suppression of any evil is always good. It is good for the individual and good for the community. It is good for the legitimate trade and lawful commerce. It is good for the genuine prosperity of all classes of the community. When a store is doing business along a liquor saloon there is great danger lest the saloon should flourish at the expense of the store business. The man who do business at the run shop and the general store have not money

enough to patronize both successfully and of the two the store must suffer, for the run shop does a cash trade and one that is very remunerative. The majority of men have not money enough to indulge in strong drink and supply their families with necessary food and clothing, consequently when they give way to this indulgence the food and clothing become scanty. It is a pity that the money that should go into the till of the tradesman and merchant should be diverted from its proper channel and find its way into the pocket of the liquor seller. Whatever is hurtful to the workman is very injurious to the country, for he is the great stave of our country's strength. Now the run traffic has been the greatest, worst, and most destructive enemy of the toiling masses. Leave out of the question the moral aspect and regard it wholly from an economical standpoint and it is still the most destructive and ruinous, and purely vicious traffic, and ought to be entirely suppressed. Many men who are now pressed to meet their financial engagements might have been beyond the reach of financial anxiety if they and their friends had not wasted their substance on strong drink.

For many years the most serious obstacle to mutual reform is the alliance which has existed between politics and the liquor traffic. The sooner this alliance is broken up the better for us all.

Let men of sense and sound judgment inform themselves on the question. The liquor dealers will not inform themselves. The more alcohol is drunk the less desirable revenue in the public treasury. With less alcohol there is more industry, with more industry there is more money in circulation, and less risk in business. It just amounts to this, which is simple and certain, that the greatest form of civilization and prosperity must destroy the liquor traffic or be destroyed and ruinously injured by it. Which shall it be?

Municipal Council of Northumberland.

(Continued from last page.)

Mr. Gregory Savoy, Benoit Russell, col. rates; Donald McLean, by-road com.; Eubulus McCullum, col. road taxes; Gregory Savoy, col. Louis P. Robichaud, col. justice; Eubulus McCullum, col. rates, to lie over till July.

Comm. Toner said there was some work to be done yet on the county accounts, and he moved that the Council adjourn for one hour for committee work. Carried.

On reassembling the Warden called on Mr. Morrison to the chair. On motion of the Warden the following resolutions were passed: Wm. Woods, com. highways, mid dist.; John Niven, police magistrate; David Hogan, by-road com.; Mr. J. R. Delaney, col. rates lower dist.; Wm. Campbell, by-road com.; Wm. Mason, col. justice, up dis., ten cents due the district; Jas. Fox, by-road com.; lower dist.; John Niven, police magistrate; David Hogan, by-road com.; Mr. J. R. Delaney, col. rates, up dis.; Newcastle Police Fund with Sec. Treas. showing balance of \$1016.72.

The Warden resumed the chair.

On motion of Comm. Guter the following resolutions were passed: John S. Pond, col. justice; Maurice O'Donnell, col. justice, \$38.56 due on default list, to make returns in July; ordered that Justus Fairley, by-road com., make returns at July session.

On motion of Comm. Hayes the following resolutions were passed: John S. Pond, col. rates, \$10 due to be paid over forthwith; Thos. Lynch, col. rates No. 1, balance due committee of \$2.19; Lawrence G. Gutter, col. rates, \$2.19; Geo. Burdell, Jr., col. justice; Geo. Burdell, Jr., col. justice, \$31.80 charged as constables fees illegally, to be refunded to Sec. Treas.; Thos. Gill, com. highways; Michl. Walsh com. roads 1893; Michl. Walsh com. roads No. 1 balance due the com. of \$48.29; Alex. Harper, by-road com.; No. 3; Thos. Gill, by-road com. No. 2, balance on hand of 50 cents; Wm. McKimley, highway com. No. 3.

On motion of Comm. Anderson the following resolutions were passed: Jas. Stymist, col. justice; Jas. Stymist, col. justice.

Comm. Merseaux moved that Enoch Bannard, col. justice for 1891-2-3, be ordered to make full returns in the July session, showing how much he has collected. Carried.

Comm. Jones moved that E. P. Williston be elected Auditor for the present year. Carried.

Comm. Bannard moved that David Goggin and Francois McGil, by-road com., Rogersville, be ordered to make returns at the July session. Carried.

Comm. Bannard moved that Michael Savoy, col. justice, Rogersville, 1892, be ordered to pay \$3.53, being the balance in his hands. Carried.

Adjourned till 10.30 to-morrow morning.

THURSDAY.

The Warden took the chair at 10.30. The minutes were read and approved.

The Sec. Treasurer read a communication from P. Tole in reference to the lunatic now in the asylum whose maintenance is a charge on the county of Northumberland, five in number, namely, Patrick Flood, Chatham; Jos. Banford, Blisfield; John McBride, Newcastle; Jane McPherson, Chatham; and Mrs. Alice Bateman, Douglastown.

On motion of Comm. D. P. Sullivan the following resolutions were passed: Matthias Kehoe, col. rates; Jas. B. Morehouse, col. rates; Andrew Craig, col. rates; John McCarthy, by-road com.; Jacob Leighton do.; Edw. Caulfield, highway com.; Jas. H. Dale, do.; Patk. Donovan, do.

On motion of Comm. D. P. Sullivan the parish and county officers for Blisfield were appointed.

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CO. ACCOUNTS.

Your committee to whom was referred the duty of examining the county accounts beg leave to report that after a careful audit we find the accounts generally correct and satisfactory. All overcharges and corrections appear on the several accounts.

In order to lessen the contingent assessment we would respectfully recommend that the Jail Committee exercise greater economy in maintenance of those institutions.

We therefore recommend that the following accounts pass and be paid out of the contingent fund unless otherwise ordered.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN BETTS,

THOS. W. FLETCHER,

JAS. F. CONNORS,

J. TOZER,

D. MORRISON.

Comm. Merseaux would like to recommend that the Auditor get another book and have it plain than this. He felt as though he had not got down to the bottom of everything, and would like to have them plain. He had heard that the Auditor of the Sec. Treasurer's bond—that one of the bondsmen was not reliable.

The Warden ruled that a discussion of the bond was not in order at this stage.

Comm. Merseaux said he was led to believe yesterday, after questioning the Auditor, that that official didn't know what amount the County has had in the Jail. There was a feeling that the subject should be investigated.

Auditor Williston got leave to explain. He was asked by Comm. Merseaux how much the county had in bank, and he told him he had no information. He was then given by the Sec. Treasurer's books. The Auditor asked if it wasn't his duty to take the statement of the Sec. Treasurer.

Sec. Treas. said his receipts and accounts were to be seen by anybody. They were all plain and anybody could understand them.

The Auditor—Is it my duty to go to the bank and inquire about the accounts?

Comm. Morrison said the Sec. Treasurer showed his deposit receipts, and his current account, and he would take any commitment to the bank to verify them. Even the amount on hand could be verified by counting his cash. It is not the Auditor's business to inquire about the Sec. Treasurer's account, but the Sec. Treasurer's account is to be seen by anybody. They were all plain and anybody could understand them.

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