

IN THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

The Municipal Council of the Municipality of Annapolis County met in Annual Session in the Court House at Annapolis Royal on Tuesday, Jan. 9th, 1923, at 10 o'clock a.m.

The Bailiff Boxes having been opened and the returns of the Presiding Officers having been examined the following Councillors were declared elected by the Clerk:

- Wards—
- 1. J. A. Balcom, Margaretville.
- 2. Arthur Borden, Middleton.
- 3. Fred W. Bishop, Paradise.
- 4. Joseph I. Foster, Bridgetown.
- 5. Aaron Phinney, Granville.
- 6. Samuel Pickup, Granville Ferry.
- 7. Frank S. Mills, Victoria Beach.
- 8. Elias Rawding, Clemensport.
- 9. W. G. Clark, Bear River.
- 10. W. A. Marshall, Annapolis Royal.
- 11. C. L. Piggott, Bridgetown.
- 12. T. R. Charlton, So. Williamston.
- 13. J. C. Grimm, Springfield.
- 14. A. D. Thomas, So. Milford.
- 15. Myers Gibson, Dalhousie.
- 16. Leslie Armstrong, Torbrook.

The Oath of Allegiance and Qualification of Councillor was then administered to the several Councillors. All present except J. A. Balcom.

W. G. Clark was unanimously elected Warden, and on taking the chair addressed the Council as follows:

The Warden's Speeches

Gentlemen:—The meeting of this Municipal Council, its members bringing as they do a fresh mandate from our constituents, marks an epoch in the history of Annapolis County. Our surroundings to-day are vastly different than when we last met. During the interim this building has been thoroughly re-modelled and brought to a condition of excellence that is in keeping with present day requirements and will provide all necessary accommodations for the next century. This has been done too without destroying the former outline or historic character of the building, and when the report of your building committee is submitted, I think you will find the work has been completed at reasonable cost. This Municipality may justly feel that it now has, in this structure, a Court House that compares very favorably in all its appointments with any in the Province of Nova Scotia.

It is perhaps fitting that at this time, we recall and compare the conditions to-day with those existing at the beginning of 1922, to ascertain what progress, if any, has been made, in getting back to a condition of normality and what the year 1923 has in store. The opening months of 1922 were not of a very encouraging character and deflation still persisted. With the approach of mid-summer, a better feeling was manifest and since that period, we have been assuredly on the up-grade. This feature has been demonstrated by increased Bank clearings, larger Customs revenues, greater activity in coal and steel and the dominant note to-day is, that notwithstanding some clouds yet upon the horizon there are many factors which justify industrial and commercial confidence. During the aftermath of the war period our basic industry, agriculture has been the hardest hit, yet it is a fact worth remembering, that it nevertheless represents the largest single item in the year end summary of Nova Scotian products. Agricultural wages have practically reached normal, but the cost of living has not been proportionately reduced, and the middleman is finding more profit in marketing than producing.

Bountiful crops have rewarded agricultural effort, but prices to date have been, and are, very disappointing, and while the buying power of the farmer is reduced, by so small a reward for his industry and enterprise, there cannot be a full return to desired conditions. Transportation costs are more than double the rates prevailing in 1914, and will constitute an impossible handicap until this feature is satisfactorily adjusted. Besides operating adversely in marketing the output of the farms it also is bringing into competition with the railway, motor transport. A matter of vital importance to transportation companies, and they may find their profits seriously diminished through the maintenance of what are practically prohibitive rates, unless there is a getting together of these diverse interests. The lumber industry is also showing signs of improvement and the cut in 1923 will be materially greater than in 1922, although probably not more than 50% of the pre-war period. The manufacture of pulp, now one of Canada's greatest industries, is rapidly gaining ground and is again on a remunerative basis. So far as this Municipality is concerned, it would be a material aid to the restoration of business prosperity, if the industry within our borders which was compelled to cease operations in 1921 for lack of water, could complete the necessary arrangements and resume

business. Present indications point to this possibility.

One of the live issues before us as well as other sections of the Province, is the development of Hydro power. Recent investigations indicate the possibility of developing at least 300,000 h.p. in Nova Scotia, of which only 16% or 47,000 h.p. has been harnessed. The scarcity and high price of coal, point not only to the desirability, but emphasize the necessity of bringing into use this power, to place the industries of the Province on a parity with those of other Provinces who already have a Hydro policy highly developed. Nova Scotia, with its 2,000 miles of coast line, its splendid harbors, open twelve months in the year, with the most intelligent class of labor to be found in any country, is ideally situated to enter into the trade of Eastern United States, West Indies and South America, and industries situated in the interior of Canada without the advantage of our location and cheap water transportation could not successfully compete with natural industries operating in this Province once cheap power was assured. In the past, our greatest industries were located in the interior where enormous development work was necessary, but to-day a suitable location is found, the industry developed and power carried to it by the electric cable.

The possibilities of development are too great to be more than suggested at this time, but I feel assured, that where nature has made such a setting as this Municipality affords, the most careful study will be given to such propositions as may later come up for consideration in connection with Hydro power.

To provide funds for the cost of re-modelling this building, your committee, under the authority vested in them, placed upon the market \$25,000.00, 15 year, 5 1/2% bonds and disposed of them at a price slightly above par. Recently the Province of Ontario marketed a substantial issue of twenty year bonds bearing interest at 5 1/2% which sold below par, it may therefore, be inferred that the price realized by your committee was a satisfactory one. Certain matters directly affecting all Municipalities will be laid before you during this session. When the Municipal Act was first enacted, large powers were conferred upon Municipal Councils. Gradually these powers have been, either restricted or negated by legislation, until at the present time, practically the only obligation still remaining is, performing the office of Collector for the Provincial Government, paying taxes and shovelling snow. Under Chapter 52, Act of 1921, the amount of the Highway Tax payable by the Municipality to the Provincial Government is defined at 3-5 of one percent on all property and income rated or rateable for the ordinary purposes of the Municipality according to the provision of the Assessment Act, and in addition a poll tax varying from one to three dollars, and while this Act specifies the amount the Municipality shall pay to the Government as Highway Tax, it compels the payment of an amount which the Act in question does not enable the Municipality to collect from the individual. The result of this imposition is that instead of paying 60c on the hundred dollars or 3-5 on 1% the rate is increased by this adroit addition to about 75c on the \$100.00. This matter should receive the careful consideration of the Highway Committee and such representations made to the Provincial Government as are deemed desirable in the premises. Another feature worthy of consideration is, as to whether the time is opportune to advocate adding a Department of Municipal Affairs to our system of Government. These departments are functioning satisfactorily in other parts of Canada and recent legislation indicates that some closer cooperation than is now apparent should exist whereby the interests of Municipalities would be safeguarded. Having touched only a few of the matters to be considered, let me conclude by asking all committees to get in their reports as early as possible and to give the usual careful supervision to all matters that may come before them, remembering, that all estimates for the coming year, should be carefully scrutinized and while the efficiency of any necessary service should not be impaired by too scanty an appropriation it is only by practicing the most rigid economy in public, as well as private expenditures, that we can lighten the burden of taxation, which is already a most serious load and is operating adversely to the return of that prosperity we all desire. I am advised by our Treasurer, that we start the New Year with a comfortable balance to our credit of about \$14,000.00.

Asking your co-operation in the transaction of the business of the session, and trusting our efforts may result in advancing the interest of

this Municipality, I am, Yours very truly, W. G. CLARKE.

The following were appointed a committee to nominate Standing Committee:—F. W. Bishop, A. D. Thomas, Elias Rawding.

The Minutes of the last Annual Session of Sept. 5th were read and approved.

The report of the County Medical Health Officer was read and on motion laid on the table.

The report of the Superintendent of the County Hospital was read and on motion laid on the table.

A communication was read from the Secretary of the Union of Municipalities, stating that the next meeting would be held at Amherst, and asking that delegates be appointed, also that the annual fee of \$15.00 be paid.

Ordered that the said fee of \$15.00 be paid the Union of Municipalities. The committee to nominate Standing Committee reported as follows:—Finance—Elias Rawding, A. D. Thomas, J. A. Balcom.

Tenders and Public Property—F. W. Bishop, C. L. Piggott, Leslie Armstrong.

Assessment—W. A. Marshall, A. Borden, J. C. Grimm.

Insane—J. I. Foster, Myers Gibson, Stewart Mills.

Highways—Warden, A. D. Thomas, Aaron Phinney.

Jury Lists—Pickup, Charlton, and Clerk. On motion the report was received and adopted.

The Auditor's Report was read and on motion received and adopted.

Council adjourned till 2.30 p.m.

Tuesday Afternoon Council met at 2.30 p.m. All present except J. A. Balcom.

Minutes of previous meeting read and approved.

Ordered that the piece of road in Clarence running from Judson Chute's corner to the watering trough on the side of the Mountain be added to road section No. 4 in Ward No. 4.

On motion a delegation was heard, from the Annapolis Royal Historical Association, asking for the use of the Court House in which to hold their meetings four times each year.

On motion the Health Officer's Report was received and adopted.

Therefore resolved that this Council hereby requests the Legislature of the Province of Nova Scotia to relieve this Municipality of any obligation, real or implied, whereby it is required that Courts may be held at any point in the Municipality outside of the shire town of Annapolis Royal.

We further request that any legislation, if such exists, requiring any Court to be held other than as above stated be repealed.

Moved by Councillor Armstrong, seconded by Councillor Charlton, and passed.

ROADS Whereas Sub Section B, Section 12, Chap. 52 of the Acts of 1921, requires the Municipality to pay in addition 3-5 of 1% of the Assessment a road poll tax of \$3.00 for each person from eighteen to sixty years of age, and not assessed, and a poll tax \$1.00 when assessed.

And whereas the imposition of such an amount increases the rate to about 75 cents on the \$100, and the increase in the face of a decline in the rate of wages of about 33%.

And whereas the raising of the tax for Municipal purposes by an amount sufficient to meet said increased road poll tax has resulted disastrously inasmuch as a large percentage of these polls cannot be collected.

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NEW BRUNSWICK TO HEAR MRS. PANKHURST
St. John.—Mrs. Pankhurst, noted English suffragist leader and orator, will be in New Brunswick during the week beginning January 21st, accompanied by several representative officials of the Canadian Social Hygiene Council of Canada, to engage in a Provincial campaign against venereal diseases.

Delegates from all parts of the Province will convene in Moncton for the purpose of effecting an organization to take charge of the campaign.

Never add the burden of yesterday's trouble to that of to-morrow. The one is past; the other may never come.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ASSESSMENTS, 1922.
To the Warden and Councillors of the Municipality of Annapolis: Gentlemen:—Your Committee on Assessments beg leave to report as follows:—

We have examined the claims submitted and recommend the following to be relieved of the sums set opposite their names:

Refund of Bad Rates and Road Tax	Rate	Co. Total
Av. L. Hudgins	\$78.08	\$80.00 \$158.08
M. P. Nelly	57.46	72.90 130.36
Norman Healy	3.00	30.20 33.20
Elias Messenger	32.00	58.35 90.35
B. C. Goodwin	8.00	12.35 20.35

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SANTA CLAUS IS GOOD TO LIGHT INSPECTOR
Quebec.—The Inspector of Lights this agency of the marine department has received word from Ottawa that his salary has been increased from \$2,880 to \$3,240, or forty dollars per month with back pay of \$1,500, splendid "New Year's greeting" from the department. The increase of bonus, it is understood, applies all inspectors of lights in the Dominion: Halifax, St. John, and Charlottetown included. There was disappointment, however, in other branches of the marine service here because Santa Claus had not been more general in the distribution of his favors.

In 1910 the salary was \$1,600.

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Mrs. A. H. Covee ar visiting Mr. Winchester. Rev. T. F. and family have at the home of Mr. Mills.

Miss Nina White holidays at her home.

Mrs. L. K. K. to Leiting street holidays at the home of W. E. Armstrong.

Mrs. and Mr. children of Dr. turned of St. Xmas with Mrs. Phinney.

Miss Janet P. remains her home spent the Xmas in Bridgetown.

Mrs. Howard O. Miss Doris W. O., after an opic, is improving.

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