

WHY THERE WAS NO TOWN ELECTION

An Explanation Set Forth by E. B. Hagerman, Mayor, and the Citizens' Ticket.

Mr. Editor: We the undersigned, not being entirely satisfied with the result shown by the so-called Progressive Council during the year 1922, and especially with the financial statement submitted by Alderman R. B. Hagerman as chairman of the Finance Committee, and feeling with all the majority that we could improve upon the result shown, our nomination papers were filed as required by law before 6 o'clock in the afternoon on Friday last.

After the mail was distributed on Saturday afternoon we had the pleasure of perusing a manifesto issued by the Progressive Council, copies of which are now in the hands of the more prominent newspapers and distributors residing within the Town limits.

By reference to this manifesto it will be seen that the Progressive Council, if elected, pledged themselves to carry on the business of the Town during 1923 on an assessment of not more than \$2000, out of which they further pledged themselves to set aside \$2000 as a sinking fund for the Town debt. As a balanced budget is an Alderman Hagerman they also pledged themselves that there would be no over-expenditures in any department of the Town service.

Having perused this statement, and comparing it with our own, we did some figuring on our own account to see where the \$2000 assessment would be applied, and we are giving these figures for the benefit of the taxpayers.

First of all, out of this \$2000 the Progressive Council must set aside \$2000 for a sinking fund as pledged by them in their manifesto. Then they must pay the Town share of the County Tax for 1922, which according to Alderman Hagerman's report is still unpaid and amounts to \$2500, and practically the same Council Tax will have to be paid in 1922, making a total for County purposes of \$2000. In 1922 the present Council expended \$2500 for salaries, and it is safe to assume that no material reduction can be made in 1922. They also expended \$2500 for interest, and as this is a fixed charge the same amount will have to be paid in 1922. In addition nearly \$2000 was allowed for discount on taxes and adjustments in 1922, and practically the same amount would be payable in 1922 as the rate of discount is fixed by law and allowed to every taxpayer who pays his taxes within a certain time. Then as shown by the last Council meeting, there are at least \$5000 in unpaid miscellaneous bills, which of course will be paid out of the 1922 assessment, and the assessments for making up the assessment are entitled to receive \$2000 as fixed by resolution of the Town Council. In 1922 the Progressive Council paid out over \$2000 for miscellaneous expenses, so that if they can make \$2000 cover this item in 1922 they are doing very well indeed. These fixed charges, practically uncontrollable by the Council,

and which must be paid, total, as we figure it, \$22,700, leaving a balance of \$2000 with which to carry on the business of the Town for the year, including the carrying for the post, whom we have with us already, street and roads, fire protection, water service, lighting, heat and light for the Council Chamber wherein the Progressive Council sit, credit all for the new engine, which Alderman Hagerman said was a credit deal, extending the water-mains to the southern end of High Street at Charles Bradley's and from the old water-mains to W. P. McMillan, extending the present sewer from the old water-mains, and other trifling services, too trivial to mention.

Now, Mr. Editor, it is quite inconceivable that the Progressive Council will not carry out their promise absolutely and to the letter, and when we consider what they are going to do on \$2000 we are lost in silent admiration of the financial genius displayed.

Quite frankly we admit that it is beyond us and as these benefits are to be conferred upon the Town in 1922 for the trifling sum of \$2000, as taxpayers ourselves, and having the interest of the other taxpayers at heart, we could not consistently do anything to disturb so startling and generous a program. If our entire budget had been elected, and we had assessed for more than \$2000, we would never be able to get away from the charge that the Progressive Council could run the whole show for \$2000.

Therefore, we did the only logical and consistent thing—withdraw our nomination at the earliest opportunity, and dispensed with an election in order that there might not be the slightest possibility of any single one of these financial whorls being depicted of the opportunity of showing how to "take nothing from nothing and have something left." We admit again that we cannot run the Town on \$2000 per year, but we have made absolutely certain that the only seven men in Town who can do so will have a perfectly free hand in demonstrating how the trick is turned.

Thinking the many taxpayers who assured us of their support, assuring you that we could not possibly have the heart to stand in the way of such a clever Government during the coming year, and that we will all watch with a great deal of interest the unfolding of the Progressive Financial Platform during 1922, we remain,

Yours truly,
W. D. KIRK,
and the Citizens' Ticket.

TOWN FINANCES

Mr. Editor: After having submitted our annual financial statement to the annual business meeting of the Town, it may be well to draw the attention of the citizens how the 1922 budget was expended. As I pointed out at the annual meeting, it is not possible to handle the finances properly from year to year with the present system of funds, seeing that there may be an overdraft or surplus in the different departments, and when such occurs, same should be carried forward to the next year. This can only be done properly by the double entry system. However, in order to have it clearly understood how our budget was expended, we take the trouble to go into the matter of each department and have prepared a statement showing in detail what expenditures occurred.

RECEIPTS	
Assessment	\$30,200.20
Licenses, etc.	222.75
Total	\$30,422.95
Overdraft	407.52
	\$30,830.47
EXPENDITURES	
Discount	\$ 228.42
Roads	2,688.27
Water	2,346.83
County	1,400.00
Salaries	1,775.00
Shovelings	1,142.78
Miscellaneous	644.75
Interest	505.00
Taxes	100.00
Total	\$10,942.97

It will be noticed that none of the receipts or expenditures in the above statement have anything to do with the year 1923, but concern 1922 entirely. When the public considers what improvements have been made during the past year and the money saved the Town by the careful expenditure of their money, we think there should be few regrets.

It has been rumored that there was a very heavy over-expenditure during 1922, but as their mindless opinion can constitute this statement when even he takes the time to look into the facts. It is rather an unorthodox and unorthodox position, to be handling the affairs of the Town when the people do not have the opportunity of expressing their desires by their ballots and electing those who best express their wishes. My personal opinion is that this is the most satisfactory way to all concerned and I

think I did my part to bring it about with others, but without the desired results.

Yours respectfully,
R. B. HAGERMAN
Chairman Fin. Comm. 1921.

MAINSTREAM NOTES

Mrs. Milton has been visiting her friends in this neighborhood. Winifred Shaw of Main Stream is visiting her Grandmother Cook at Victoria Corner.

Mrs. Jessie Hartington from Carleton, N.B., spent her Christmas with her mother, Mrs. George Prosser.

Miss Jessie Clark is spending her winter with her mother, Mrs. Ephraim Clark.

Miss Lovina Balliett is spending a few weeks with her sister, Mrs. Herman Downy.

Christie Foster is at home from visiting her cousin, Mrs. Odgun.

Harold Stockford is at home after being away nine years. He is staying at the present time with his nephew, Charlie Furlong, who has been laid up for some time.

Doris and Horace O'Hanlon spent their Christmas with their sister Josephine at Waterville.

Mrs. Nina Prosser from Carleton was visiting her sister, Mrs. Charlie Furlong, last Wednesday.

Mrs. John Hill was a caller on Mrs. C. Furlong on Friday.

Mrs. Horace Shaw is spending the winter with her mother, Mrs. Hiram Foster.

MRS. WILLIE CARMICHAEL

Mrs. Millie Carmichael, widow of James Carmichael of Good Corner, died at one o'clock, Jan. 4, at the home of her son, Freeman. Deceased was 72 years of age and leaves to mourn their loss of a kind, generous and loving mother, nine children, twenty-two grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. She also leaves one brother, George Pryor of Fredericton, and one sister, Mrs. Victoria Parks of Bridge-water; four daughters, Mrs. Maggie Nicholas, Mrs. David Pryor, Mrs. Ernest DeLong and Mrs. Addie DeLong; two sons, Freeman of Good Corner and Byron, Joseph, Maurice and Roy of Bridge-water.

Funeral services were held Jan. 5, at the home, Rev. H. R. Bell of Centreville speaking very comforting words from the text, "If a man die shall he live again?" The floral offerings were very beautiful—a spray of carnations from the family, a bouquet of white carnations from Mrs. Lizzie Kimball of Fort Fairfield, and a beautiful white lily from Mrs. Geo. Pauls. Mrs. Carmichael was laid to rest beside her husband in Upper Bloomfield cemetery.

STRAW RIDE AT BATH

Last Friday evening a number of young people of Bath enjoyed a straw ride to the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Kilpatrick of Wicklow. Dancing and cards were enjoyed by all, after which an oyster stew was served. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. John Commis, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Gibson, Misses Gertrude Commis, Kathleen Commis, Ed Fulton, Bernice Fulton, Myrtle Fulton, and Edwin Hand, Henry Lewis, Wiley Day, Thomas Robins, Nicholas Gorman and Milton Lunn.

A surprise party was tendered Mr. and Mrs. Herman Gibson of Bath for Monday evening, Jan. 8. Dancing was indulged in and dainty refreshments were served. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Kirk, Mr. and Mrs. John Commis, Misses Mildred Kilpatrick, Freda, Bernice and Myrtle Fulton, Louise Kearnes, Grover Kilpatrick, Wiley Day, Edwin Hand, Donald Nixon, Nicholas Gorman, and Milton Lunn.

MR. PLEASANT BREEZES

A number of the boys from this place are in the woods.

Rev. H. W. Bragdon has been holding very successful revival meetings in the Primitive Baptist church. Glad to know his son is on the way to recovery as he has been very sick with pneumonia.

Miss Alma Shams of Knowlesville has been visiting friends at this place before returning to her school in Jacksonville.

Our school started Monday with Miss Minnie McCallan in charge. L. C. Hatfield has caused much excitement in this place with his "bean guessing" contest.

Edward Hamilton is very sick with pneumonia.

Gay Hatfield and Bert Clark, junior, made a trip to Minamit one day last week.

Children Somerville returned to hospital after spending Christmas and New Years with his sister, Mrs. Douglas Clark.

TRACEY-RILEY

At the residence of Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Hamilton, St. John, Wednesday evening, Dec. 4, their niece, Miss Hazel J. Riley was united in marriage to Gordon L. Tracey, Rosedale, by Rev. J. Henry. The bride is a graduate of the Fisher Memorial Hospital training school for nurses at Woodstock, N.B.

WHAT CAUSES HEADACHES?

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and Mrs. Tracey will make their home in Rosedale.

IN MEMORIAM

In loving memory of our dear Baby, Lillian Fern Holmes, who died January 4, 1921.

She is gone but not forgotten, Never will her memory fade; Sweetest thoughts will ever linger, 'Round the grave where she is laid. Mother Aline Holmes.

Bath, N. B.

LOSE!

A little boy about the size of a man, in his bare feet with his father's boots on. When last seen he was on his way to Price's Market where

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Nervous Breakdown

The extreme depression and discouragement which comes over one at times is the most alarming symptom of nervous exhaustion.

This letter is a message of hope to all who find themselves in this unfortunate condition.

Mrs. C. T. Tingley, Allist, N.B., writes:

"For years I was in a very nervous, run-down condition, was much depressed in spirit and suffered a great deal at times. The last time would not let me out at times I felt as though I certainly would go crazy. I consulted different doctors to no effect."

"A friend advised the use of Dr. Clark's Nervine Food and I can truly testify today to the great benefit received. There was a marked change before I had finished the second box and when I had used a dozen boxes my nervous system was thoroughly restored and I was able to live. I shall owe the credit to Dr. Clark's Nervine Food, for it was this medicine that enabled me to get on my feet and live again."

Dr. C. T. Tingley, Allist, N.B. is a Dr. C. T. Tingley, Allist, N.B.