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Newcastle Citizens Hold Public Meeting

To Decide About Celebration on August 4th, The Anniversary of Declaration of War

The public meeting, called by Mayor Stothart to determine what would be fitting in the way of a celebration on the 4th August, that being the anniversary of the Declaration of War by England, was held in the Town Hall on Monday evening, and owing to the short notice given, there was a very small representation of citizens.

Mayor Stothart called the meeting to order and Magistrate J. R. Lawlor was appointed chairman, J. H. Brown, secretary.

Mayor Stothart, after explaining the nature of the meeting, read the following communications:

Sackville, N. B., July 19, 1915

Dear Sir:

I have a circular letter from Henry Cust, Chairman of the Central Committee, for National Patriotic Organization. It is dated, London, Eng., 16th of June, 1915. I enclose herewith the most important clauses contained in the circular. I am sending these to the Mayors of the different cities and towns throughout the Province.

Will you be good enough to take such steps as you think are best suited to local conditions in your town and as will make the celebration a success worthy of the occasion.

Yours truly,

JOSIAH WOOD,
Lieutenant-Governor.

His Worship,
The Mayor of Newcastle,
Newcastle, N. B.

The Central Committee for National Patriotic Organizations,
Hon. President—The Prime Minister,
Vice-Presidents—The Right Hon. The Earl of Rosebery, K. G., The Right Hon. Arthur James Balfour, M. D.

Chairman—Mr. H. C. Cust.

Dear Sir:

This Committee is to carry the spirit of the Imperial meeting at the Guild Hall on May 19th under the Presidency of the Lord Mayor of London at which the Prime Minister proposed a vote of thanks to the Empire outside the British Isles for their splendid services rendered during the war. The Central Committee are anxious that public meetings of a patriotic and Imperial nature should be held throughout the Empire on August 4th next, the anniversary of the Declaration of War against Germany. Steps are being taken by us to carry out this idea in Great Britain. The Secretary of State for the Colonies has given his approval and support and the High Commissioners and Agents General, who have taken up the suggestion with enthusiasm, are making the necessary arrangements for inviting the co-operation of the Dominions. The Committee feel sure that the other dependencies of the Crown will be glad to participate in this demonstration of the solidarity and enthusiasm of the Empire in the cause of the Allies, and its increasing determination to carry on the conflict until a peace, honorable, durable and satisfactory, is assured. I would ask you to be so good as to lay the proposal before the Chambers of Commerce in the hope that they will give as much publicity as possible to the campaign and undertake the arrangements of such demonstrations in the Capital and in such other towns as may appear to them to be expedient.

The following resolution is suggested by the Committee for submission at all meetings:

"That on this anniversary of the Declaration of a righteous war, this meeting of the citizens of Newcastle, records its inflexible determination to continue to a victorious end the struggle in maintenance of those ideals of liberty and justice which are the common and sacred cause of the Allies."

I have the honour to be, Sir,
Your obedient servant,
HENRY CUST,
Chairman.

The chairman then called the meeting open for discussion.

Rev. Mr. Harrison suggested that if it were possible to secure one or two prominent speakers to come to Newcastle, that much could be accomplished in the way of increasing the enthusiasm of the people, bringing more strongly to their minds the seriousness of this war, and by this much valuable assistance would be rendered recruiting. There would be a general demand all over the Province for these speakers, and quick action should be taken. An urgent appeal is now being made for machine guns, and if our people were brought to a full realization of how matters are at present with the Allied armies, they would make a stronger effort to lend their assistance. He suggested the appointment of a committee to take the matter in hand.

Mr. E. A. McCurdy called the attention of the Chairman to the presence at the meeting of His Honor Judge McLatchy, of Campbellton, whom, he said, might offer some valuable suggestions.

Judge McLatchy said he had come to the meeting for the purpose of getting a few ideas for the benefit of his own town. A meeting had been held in Campbellton the other evening along the same lines, and when he saw the notice of this meeting, he thought he would attend. It had been discussed at the meeting of the Campbellton citizens the advisability of getting two prominent speakers, Sir George E. Foster and the Hon. Mr. Marcell. Both these gentlemen have Dominion-wide reputations as speakers, and he would advise getting both of them, or even one. The services of the band could then be had and our hall filled. He suggested having printed slips for distribution during the meeting to those likely to donate. The idea was to get the people together, and if possible, impress most forcibly upon them the real condition of affairs at the present time. More men were required, and we must put forth our best efforts. The papers are continually calling for more men, but many of us fail to recognize the seriousness of the matter. We ought to do all we possibly can, "but," the speaker said, "do we do all we possibly can?" We must put our hand to the plow and go forward. We have gone into the thing too light-heartedly. This meeting had been advertised, but the work had been left to about twenty-five people. No people's hearts burn any better than our own; we are sending our sons to the front, and only about five or ten per cent. of the people left behind are subscribing to the different funds. The speaker said, while not wishing to give any particular prominence to Restigouche, that county, in proportion to size, was doing as well as any other part of the province. The people must be enthused with the spirit of patriotism and giving; we must drive home the full responsibility that rests upon each one of us, and we must all work together. Men who have no work, in many cases have wealth, and should use it. A man who stands back and does nothing is a discredit to the country.

Mr. McCurdy said he thought it would be fitting for the Town of Newcastle to give the matter serious consideration and organize a celebration worthy of the town. It need not be along the line of a celebration of victory, because the present position of the contending armies does not justify a celebration of that nature. Every town and village can do all in their power, however, by contributing of their means towards the various organizations for raising funds. He would suggest that we engage the band and hold a parade. Prominent speakers from outside might be procured, who would put the matter before our people and thus assist to a marked degree, recruiting. There are two ways we can assist the Mother Country—sending men to the front, and by contributions. The British army and our Canadian troops are not equipped as well as are the Germans. This is a decided handicap to our Canadian soldiers, and we should make it our business to see that it is remedied. Only by a united effort can we accomplish this. A wave of enthusiasm is now over the Dominion, and soon this disparity will be overcome. We are now in the serious part of the fight and we must go fully into it. Time is the essence of success, and if we wish to succeed we must not procrastinate. Germany has been preparing for the past forty or fifty years, while all other armies have been sleeping. There is no question of the ultimate result of this great war, because the side of right must surely win. By being thoroughly equipped with machine guns, many Canadian lives will be saved. If Committees are appointed

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ACTIVE WORKERS BEGIN TO FORGE AHEAD IN BIG VOTING CONTEST

Beautiful and Useful Prizes Make Strong Appeal to Appreciative Contestants who Count Upon Earnest Effort to Make Them Winners—Deserving Contestants Realize That Only Work Brings Success

\$400 Lonsdale Piano, The First Prize, Has Arrived

With a total of nineteen ladies entered by themselves or friends, as contestants in the Advocate \$700 Prize Voting Contest, the great prize distribution affair may now be considered to be in full swing.

The big question, which will be asked, and repeated time and time again between now and August 26, on which date the winners will be known, is: "Who will be the winners?" To this question there will perhaps be as many questions as there are contestants. For the present, at least, the chances of all contestants would appear to be fairly equal. If all contestants were now putting the same energy and determination into their efforts, the chances would be equal. Apparently, however, such is not the case, for reported which have been reaching the contest department the last few days from friends of contestants who are watching the progress of their respective favorites with keen interest, indicate that some contestants are displaying more activity than others, and that the next few days will witness a marked separation between the workers and the wishers.

Those ladies who are active workers, are the ones, of course, who have firmly grasped the all important fact that, in this contest, just the same as in all the big things in life where success is sincerely desired, there is one all-potent, dependable, never-failing element upon which success is surely built. That element is just plain, every-day, honest, faithful, persistent, determined effort. While the dreamer, the wisher, the idler, builds his or her air-castles, and dreams dreams of what he or she would like to have and be, and while the idler dillys on the byways of life, the worker faces facts and conditions, honestly and fearlessly as he or she finds them, and works, works, works, with steady progress towards the goal of success. The Advocate contest will be an object lesson which will demonstrate in material terms the great principle that success comes, not to those who dream, and wish, and passively desire, the good things of life, but to those who work for them. At this time, no one, of course, can predict with any degree of certainty who the winners in the Advocate voting contest will be. Another week or so will be required perhaps, to separate the workers from the wishers. But within a short time this separation will come about, and seven or eight contestants will stand forth as the real workers, and possible winners in the contest. Then, within the remaining few weeks of the contest, which will fly with almost unbelievable speed; the principle of the "survival of the fittest" will assert itself, and those with the most stick-to-it-iveness, resourcefulness, energy, enthusiasm and confidence in themselves and their ability to achieve success will forge ahead of their competitors, and rush ahead to victory.

Exhibition of the \$400 Lonsdale piano which will be awarded as first prize in the Advocate contest, will do more, by far, than words can do, to impress contestants and the public with the beauty, and merit of this prize. The piano has arrived in Newcastle, and just as soon as suitable arrangements can be made for its exhibition, it will be placed on view, and any contestant, or musician will have the privilege of "trying" the piano, and examining it as critically as one may choose to ex-

amine it. The Lonsdale Piano Co., of Toronto, who manufacture this instrument, welcome the most rigid tests of their product that can be made, as each and every piano the concern puts on the market is built of the very finest materials procurable, and only workmen of the highest skill are employed in their factory. The tone is perfect, and in every little particular the Lonsdale is guaranteed to be an absolutely first-class piano. No matter what price she might pay for a piano, were she to buy one, the winner of the Advocate first prize, could not get a better piano than will come into her possession on August 26.

No woman who loves home life, who takes pride in her home equipment, and who appreciates a properly appointed table, can fail to look upon the beautiful cabinet of flat silverware which will be awarded as second prize, with any feeling less than that of keen desire. Nothing more beautiful, for real use in the home, could be imagined than the finest plated silverware which make up this prize, together with the handsome polished oak cabinet containing the collection. This silverware is manufactured by the Canadian Wm. A. Rogers, Limited, of Toronto, by whom it is guaranteed. This company for generations has stood squarely behind every article of its manufacture, and now, as in the past, the unwavering policy of the company is to make "quality" the watchword, and to guarantee to every purchaser of a "Wm. A. Rogers" product that he or she receives the best article of its kind which the money will buy. The second prize in the Advocate contest will consist of the heaviest sectional plated ware made. Not only by its winner, but by generations to follow, will this prize be used and treasured. The guaranteed retail value of this prize is \$150.00.

Exceptional beauty, as well as a high degree of usefulness, also mark the third prize. This will be a five piece silver tea service, in the plain pattern now so much preferred by people of cultivated tastes. Each piece is ebony mounted, which feature adds appreciably to their attractiveness. This silverware, also, is from the Canadian Wm. A. Rogers, Limited, 570 King Street West, Toronto, and is extra heavily plated. The Canadian Wm. A. Rogers Limited guarantee goes with this beautiful tea service, and the lady who wins it will have the assurance of positive knowledge that nothing of superior quality can be obtained. This prize is also guaranteed as to

its retail value of \$100 by the manufacturers.

The winner of the fourth prize will receive an extraordinarily fine collection of genuine cut glass, manufactured by the Wallaceburg Cut Glass Works, Wallaceburg, Ont. This concern specializes in light cut glass—in fact they are the only manufacturers of this particular line in Canada and their product has met with an exceptionally favorable reception among persons of refined tastes. Simplicity is the distinguishing feature of this cut glass. The patterns are extremely pretty, and nothing more artistic could find a place on a carefully appointed table. This prize is \$50 retail value.

This week the names of twenty ladies who have entered the contest of their own account or who have been nominated by friends, are published for the first time. Not all of these ladies are expected to be active workers—in fact it is known that some of them are making no positive effort to get votes—among the twenty there are a number of highly promising vote getters, and several who are known to have accomplished very creditable results already. Next week the vote standing of each contestant will be published, and each week until the close of the contest the standing will be shown.

Many readers will doubtless indulge considerable curiosity as to the identity of Miss "A." In regard to this it is sufficient now to say that Miss "A" is one of the real workers in the contest, who for quite valid personal reasons does not desire her name published. She is, therefore, designated Miss "A" for the purpose of making it plain to other contestants and the public at large that she is a participant in the contest, and a possible prize winner.

Contestants nominated up to press time this week:

Miss Florence Parker, Derby.
Miss Irene Foran, Newcastle.
Miss Minnie Sutherland, Cassilis
Miss Georgie Tozer, Sunny Corner
Miss Olive Mutch, Whitney
Miss Evelyn Dale, Blackville
Miss Margaret Appleby, Newcastle
Miss Lou McEneaney, Newcastle
Miss Nan Benn, Nordin
Miss Cora McLeon, Chatham
Miss Armanda Mallett, Rexton
Miss Sarah Palmer, Rexton
Miss Irene LeGoff, Richibucto
Miss Stella Estey, Trout Brook
Miss Zaida Hinton, Doaktown
Miss Florence Price, Newcastle
Miss Nellie Lawlor, Newcastle
Miss Janie Irving, Newcastle
Miss A. Newcaste.

COMPLIMENTARY BALLOT

This ballot, if returned into the Advocate Campaign Department, in accordance with the rules of the contest, on or before August 21, 1915, will be good for

100 VOTES

to the credit of the contestant whose name and address is filled in below.

Contestant's Name

Address

NOTE—These ballots will be received and credited in groups of ten only. By fastening the ballots together in groups of ten it will be necessary to have the contestant's name and address written only on the first ballot in each group.

Electrical Storm

A heavy electrical storm passed over Newcastle Sunday evening, about eight o'clock. A heavy fall of rain continued throughout the night.

Band Concert

The band gave another concert on the balcony of the Hotel Miramichi last evening, which was enjoyed by a large gathering, including a number from Chatham and other outside points.

Report not True

It was reported last evening that the Str. Helmer Morch, which left here about two weeks ago, had been torpedoed, but upon enquiry it was learned there was no truth in it.

Long Walks and Good Time

A card received from Private Ernest Treadwell, of the 26th now at Sanding Camp, England, states the battalion is having plenty of long walks, are all sober, and otherwise having a merry time.

Distinguished Visitors

On a Fishing Trip
The Earl and Countess of Ashburnham arrived in town on Monday night, and left by auto Tuesday morning for the Big Hole, John Harre's fishing grounds, where they will spend a few days on a fishing trip.

The many Newcastle friends of Mrs. Annie Allingham, who is ill with typhoid at the Newton Hospital, Newton, Mass., will be pleased to hear she is slowly improving.

Blackville Citizen Shows His Spirit of Patriotism

Mr. M. Schaffer is Paying \$35 Per Month to a Volunteer With The 55th



M. SCHAFFER,
One of Blackville's Leading Merchants

The Advocate is pleased to produce in this issue a photo of one of Blackville's energetic and patriotic citizens, and a business man, in the person of Mr. M. Schaffer, who is conducting on an extensive scale a departmental business in that thriving locality.

While the Advocate's representative, in company with Mr. John S. Scott, who is conducting the Voting Contest in the interest of the Advocate, was in Blackville on Thursday last, a call was made on Mr. Schaffer, and a visit made through his up-to-date store. Here was found the very latest conveniences always found in a first class department store, even to the cash carrier system.

A visit through this store reveals an immense stock of all saleable wares, including an extensive line of furniture. Mr. Schaffer, who has a thorough knowledge of his business, has the faculty of being able to study the wants, wishes and tastes of his patrons, and in this particular he has laid the foundation for the success of his steadily increasing trade.

Besides being an energetic citizen and business man, Mr. Schaffer has a patriotic spirit worthy of any of the great men of our country. When the present war broke out, not having sons who could take their place on the firing line, and having a strong desire to show the patriotic blood that flowed in his veins, he made the splendid offer to the young men of Blackville that he would pay to the first one who would volunteer, the sum of \$35.00 per month during the period of the war, and today Edward McPhail, of Blackville, who accepted his offer, is with the 55th Battalion now at Valcartier.

In this and many other ways, Mr. Schaffer has proven his worth as a citizen and his loyalty to the flag under which he enjoys his freedom. Knowing conditions as they exist in his native country, he knows the absolute need of the Empire's call to the men of Canada for assistance. In the matter of contributions for Red Cross and other purposes, Mr. Schaffer has always been found to the fore, always ready and willing to give, not particularly that his name may be placed with those of the generous-hearted, but because the true spirit of patriotism and loyalty runs in his veins, and Blackville is indeed lucky to have such a worthy citizen numbered as one of its residents.

Reception Tendered Blackville Volunteers

Citizens Met and Did Honor to Their Boys—Address and Presentation

On Friday evening the 9th inst., the citizens of Blackville held a very pleasant reception in honor of the five young men of that locality who have joined the 55th battalion, and who are now at Valcartier in training preparatory to their going to the front. The five young men who have answered the call of the Empire are Edward McPhail, Stanley McDonald, John Peterson, Joseph Ross and George Stewart.

In a very patriotic manner the citizens of this thriving village, showed their appreciation of the many way in which these young men so willingly volunteered their services to the cause of the Empire, and as a further tribute to their loyalty, subscribed a large sum of money to purchase presents for each one of them. A very appropriate address was read by Dr. L. Beaton, and the following presentations were made to the boys by Rev. H. T. Montgomery.

Edward McPhail, wrist watch*
Stanley McDonald, wrist watch.
John Peterson, wrist watch
Joseph Ross, wrist watch
George Stewart, fountain pen.

Major Donald, of the 55th battalion, who was present, made a very stirring speech, in which he outlined the great need of the young men of Northumberland to come to the assistance of the flag of Britain, the flag which means freedom and liberty to all who live beneath it. Speeches were also made by Mr. J. H. Dale, who made the collections to purchase the presents, and by Mr. John Williams, who is a Belgian, and who in his own sincere and patriotic manner, expressed his appreciation of the benevolence of the citizens of Blackville towards his native country.

An interesting program of music was also carried out, and in all a most pleasant reception was held, and best wishes extended to these young men that ere long this cruel war would cease and that they would return to home and friends as heroes of their King and Country. The Advocate hopes to be able to publish their photos in its next issue.

Confirmation at St. Mary's Church

One Hundred and Forty Young Persons Were Confirmed On Sunday

The Rt. Rev. Bishop O'Leary, accompanied by his Secretary, and a special preacher, reached Newcastle on last Saturday evening, for the purpose of administering the Sacrament of Confirmation for which the young people of the congregation, with some adults, have been preparing for some months past.

One hundred and sixty candidates presented themselves for instruction early in May, but as some wedding took place from time to time, one hundred and seven only were confirmed. On Sunday morning there were several services, because of the presence of the priests who came to render assistance. Father Dixon celebrated early Mass at 6.30 a.m., followed by His Lordship, the Rt. Rev. Bishop O'Leary, when the candidates for Confirmation received the Blessed Sacrament of the Eucharist. After the 8 o'clock Mass, celebrated by the Rev. Dr. Sibilet of the Eudist Order, and at which he preached a sermon suitable to the occasion, the Bishop examined the candidates on Christian Doctrine. The examination, severe and comprehensive, evidenced a very thorough knowledge of Christian teaching. The examination having been brought to a close, the Bishop administered Confirmation, after which he addressed first, the young ones who were recipients of the Sacrament, and then, their parents.

The 10 o'clock Mass was offered by the Rev. Fr. Vautour, who acted as Secretary to the Bishop.

The Bishop and the several clergymen present left for Bridgetown at 1.30 o'clock. Fourteen candidates were there confirmed, having previously undergone a lengthy and severe examination, as at Newcastle. From Bridgetown the party left for Eel Ground where nineteen young persons were confirmed. Altogether one hundred and forty were confirmed on last Sunday by His Lordship Bishop O'Leary. Bridgetown and Eel ground are, at present, attended from Newcastle. The last Confirmation was administered three years ago.