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Morrissy Scores Victory In Mayoralty Contest

Enforcement of Scott Act was big Issue--Aldermanic Candidates Waged Exciting Battle, and Results Appear to be a "Wet" Triumph.

The civic elections which were held on Tuesday were among the most exciting that have been held in the town since its incorporation. While the various candidates fought upon no acknowledged platform of a definite character, and each aspirant for office professed to be running on the principle of "each man for himself and the devil take the hindmost," there was nevertheless an important issue at stake; and although the issue was kept in the background because both sides were apparently afraid to openly test public opinion on it, the elections were fought out on the question of enforcing the Canada Temperance Act in Newcastle. There was no "ticket" opposed to the enforcement of the act, and there was no "ticket" asking for votes on the proposal to rigidly enforce the Act. But there was a strong undercurrent of agitation which made the issue clear to most voters, and whatever denials or assertions may be made concerning the matter, it is common knowledge now that enforcement of the Scott Act was the issue of the day, and the great majority of the electors voted knowingly upon that issue.

Which side won? Perhaps neither the Mayor elect, nor any of the Aldermen-elect, will admit that they received sufficient votes from opponents of the Scott Act to elect them. An analysis of the election figures proves nothing either way. The fact is that every one of the men who were known to be strongly in favor of enforcing the Scott Act, was defeated, while among those elected not one stands out conspicuously as a temperance advocate, and some even are known opponents of the temperance cause. The conclusion seems to be entirely warranted that the "wets" scored a victory.

Of other issues there was none. Partisan politics cut no figure. The religious question carried no more weight than might be expected. Protestant electors voted for Mr. Morrissy and Catholics marked their ballots for Mr. Fish. Purely civic problems—such as finance, assessment, taxation, management of the various civic departments, public improvements—received but scant attention during the campaign, and except in two or three instances were not discussed with intelligence even, and not at all fully in any case. "Scott Act" was the only question upon which it may be claimed with any support of evidence, the voters rendered a decision. And that decision appears to be in favor of a less rigid enforcement of the Canada Temperance Act than has been practiced during the last year or so.

Notwithstanding the extraordinary success manifested in the elections, the day passed off quietly, with no disturbance of any sort, and apparently without any ill feeling among the candidates towards one another. Many of the candidates worked hard for election—some of those who were defeated, as well as those who were successful. Although, as the results show it was unnecessary for him to do so, John H. Troy, who headed the poll, worked as hard as any of the candidates. Many teams and motor cars were busy throughout the day carrying voters to and from the polls. A noteworthy feature of the elections was the large number of votes cast by women—the largest number, it is said, coming from that source in the town's history. The total number of votes cast was 390, which is somewhat above the average.



CHAS. J. MORRISSY Mayor of Newcastle, 1917

that the canvass made against Mr. Morrissy that he was opposed to the enforcement of the Scott Act should be proved false. He, himself, favored the enforcement of it and all laws. He hoped the public would attend council meetings and help with suggestions and advice.

John Russell

Ald.-Elect John Russell, who served the council for the first time, represented his native town—one of the best in N. B. If the men devoted as much industry and enterprise to the town affairs as their women to Red Cross work, the town would boom. Let all work together, and not let the honor done him, and the town, as the Light & Water and Public Works Departments needed careful handling.

Perley Russell

Ald.-elect Russell, a new man, like Messrs. Troy and Durick, thanked the people for the honor done him, and he would strive to deserve it.

C. C. Hayward

Ex-Alderman Hayward thanked the electors, and spoke a word for the defeated council. Never before had the Town Year Book showed the town in such a favorable financial standing. Always before 1915 there had been a deficit. Now a good surplus, thanks to careful management. When Mr. Morrissy was Mayor there was a deficit of \$15,000. Last year \$20,000 had been transferred from the Savings Account to Dominion Loans, saving a considerable sum in interest. The retiring Council were leaving the town in the best condition ever, in excellent shape for the newly elected Board.

C. E. Fish

Ex-Mayor Fish accepted the popular verdict, and thanked his supporters. He thought that verdict was against the town's best interests, that it was largely to the town's undoing, as time would tell. He was proud of the vote he had received, and so much to support adult criminals, people who thought out what they were voting for. The vote of the majority was largely sentimental and would not permanently count. He was amazed to hear the new men tell of what they are going to do—to put in new water and sewerage, etc. Where will they get the money? The town is now taxed about \$28,000. Of this \$20,000 is already pledged, for interest, sinking fund, and other fixed charges. This leaves only \$8,000 to be expended for the immediate benefit of the public—to keep up the roads, light & water, etc. \$2,000 was used last year on the roads, but \$1,100 of it is taken up by the workman's salary and horsekeep, etc. leaving only some \$800 or \$900 for repairs.

George Stabler

Mr. Fish replied that the council had carried out the work laid out by the previous council, and had appropriated, without borrowing or increasing the taxes, still more for the present year. They started things, which were now thrown out of gear. The trouble in Newcastle was that the people did not always vote on the ability of the candidates, but on smaller issues. Twelve months from now the town would be as bad off as ever. Our tax rate is 4%—a disgrace. What will the new council do to relieve this? Nothing! Plans had been laid last year to help matters. It will take the new men a year to learn the run of things. Personally he was happy to be relieved of the responsibility, and he hoped things would now go as well as the new council imagined they would.

H. N. Stuart

Ex-Ald. Stuart thanked the people for the handsome vote he, although defeated, had received. It appeared that, standing in the middle place of all the candidates, he represented the average citizen. He was proud of being an idealist—what Mr. Morrissy so contemptuously termed a "faddist." So-called faddists had, by overturning the rotten government of Russell, saved the allied cause from defeat and possible destruction. So-called faddists had started every good movement, and now that he was

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RESULTS OF CIVIC ELECTION

ELECTED	VOTES	DEFEATED	VOTES
For Mayor		For Mayor	
Chas. J. Morrissy	216	Chas. E. Fish	167
For Aldermen		For Aldermen	
John H. Troy	233	H. H. Stuart	154
D. P. Doyle	225	D. W. Stobhart	147
Char. Sargeant	222	C. C. Hayward	141
W. L. Durick	187	T. A. Scribner	139
J. F. Kingston	146	Wm. Symiest	125
David Ritchie	182	C. P. McCabe	121
John Russell	165	R. W. Crocker	120
Perley Russell	162	A. S. Demers	110
		S. W. Miller	101

In the evening, a large crowd of citizens assembled in the public square, round the band stand, where the Band of the 73rd Regiment furnished their usual excellent music. All the successful candidates, but Ald. Sargeant made addresses, and of the defeated parties, Ex-Mayor Fish, Ex-Aldermen Hayward, Stuart and Miller and Mr. Crocker spoke.

C. J. Morrissy
Mayor-Elect Morrissy said he could hardly find words to express his thanks for the handsome vote ever given a Mayor in this town, notwithstanding many mean canvasses that had been used against him, religious and otherwise, among them being that he was on a "wet" ticket. But the people who had voted for him in 1914 had stood by him again in spite of the many mean canvasses against him. Personally he thanked his old white-headed friend in the audience who at the recent public meeting had declared he had too much Scotch in him to be done by a Fish. He congratulated the citizens on their new council of able business men. The town was through with faddists. The new Aldermen, along with himself, pledged themselves to do something for the town, which hadn't been done by the last council. No act of his would cast reflection upon himself. Should he appear for re-election next year he trusted he could safely do so.

J. H. Troy
Ald.-elect Troy thanked the people for his unexpected measure of success. He had never dreamed of leading the poll. It seemed that all had stood behind him. He thanked them all—both ladies and gentlemen. He could heartily congratulate them on the efficient Mayor they had elected. A good Mayor should have a second term. There was a heavy responsibility on the new council. The Public Works department deserved great care, also the Light and Water. But three or four members elect had experience in such affairs, and, along with the Mayor members, would give the town a government of which they might be proud.

J. F. Kingston
Ald. Kingston said that, considering some men he had associated with in the past, he never expected to be elected again. He had had no chance in last council to do anything. He thanked the people for their confidence.

D. P. Doyle
Ald.-elect Doyle thanked the people for his sixth election. He would do all in his power to further the town's interest. He would try to put the streets in better shape than they had been kept the last two years. If there were any surplus cash to throw away, it would be given to the hand boys for music, not to "spotters." He would do all he could for Newcastle, which was proud to represent at the Aldermanic Board.

W. L. Durick
Ald.-elect Durick thanked the people, and hoped that at the end of the year he should be worthy of the confidence they had reposed in him. Very little had been done by the old council—very little last year for the health and improvement of the town. For months of last year one of the most important sidewalks of the town—that which was used by hundreds of school children—was allowed to remain full of holes. The Water and Sewerage had not been attended to. Many requests for sewerage had never been brought before the Council by the party to whom they had been sent. The people did not approve of the Acts of the last council, for all but one—and that one claimed he had not been allowed to do anything—had now been left home. The retiring Mayor had said in a recent public meeting that the last council was run by five men. He should be ashamed to say such a thing. Everyone should have had a fair chance. He hoped that at the end of his term the people might be able to say he had done his duty.

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D. Ritchie
Ald.-elect Ritchie thanked the people for a second term, and was glad they thought he merited re-election. A voice—How about the T. I. L.?
Ald. Ritchie replied that he hoped

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Minister Pleads for Delinquent Girls

Rev. V. M. Purdy, D. D., financial agent of the Maritime Home for Girls at Truro, N. S., spoke in the Methodist church Sunday morning and in St. James Presbyterian in the evening, on the work of the Home and its needs.

Each province, he said, has an equal interest in the Home, which is for delinquent Protestant girls of the three Maritime provinces.

There were Boys' Brigades, Boy Scouts and kindred organizations for boys, but the girls had hitherto been neglected. The girl problem was the more important for the national stability rests upon our womanhood and womanhood upon the girlhood of our land.

The law defines a delinquent girl as one under 17 who is beginning a life of vice or a career of crime.

Some say these girls cannot be reclaimed. His Good Lord, at such a statement, Christ reclaimed such, and if His church cannot do the same it ought to go out of commission. Seven out of every 10 delinquent girls have been reclaimed and made good wholesome Christian characters. Delinquent girls have no chance to be trained to useful work. The public educates our children, the church helps them, we are all pulled along by somebody else. When a girl has no such chance she is not to be blamed. She is not responsible for her home, her parents, nor for her companions in most cases. She has lived in unsanitary homes, with improper clothing with improper companions.

It costs to reform a girl for life only one-half what it costs to keep a criminal woman one year! It costs so much to support adult criminals because we have neglected to reclaim them in youth. Good citizenship demands that we reclaim them.

What makes the difference between us and those? They lived in surroundings that tempted to sin; we surround them with surroundings that suppressed evil tendencies.

Delinquent girls believe in Christ a whole lot more than many of us who profess to do so. They have never seen Christianity. As soon as they get a clear vision of Christ revealed in human life they begin to imitate it. From the Truro Home has followed a good influence. The girls are trained religiously. They have prayers night and morning, grace at meals, Sunday School and church.

Girls are taken in from 9 to 16 years, and may be kept till 21, if necessary. They average 14 years. Now the Salvation Army Homes, Orphanages, etc., are doing a good work but are only voluntary institutions. The girl may leave or be sent away. In Truro she is legally committed and can be held. In time she can be saved. One girl at Truro, who ran away 8 times in 8 months, is now a good girl that can be safely trusted on the streets.

The girls are taught kitchen gardening, poultry raising, laundry, plain cooking and dressmaking, etc. Those in the Home have nearly paid their way.

One girl came to the home filthy, verminous, ragged, illiterate, a vagrant and vagabond and for 3 months refused to work. At last she followed the others' example, and in 13 months more could be safely paroled. She has now been 13 months in the home of an Anglican rector with excellent results, and a week ago was received in full communion with the Presbyterian church.

If our own girls were going astray we would not wait till the war was over to save them. Rev. Mr. Purdy said he had given up collecting when war started, but 5 months later resumed it. Money was wanted, and during the week he would visit the citizens of Newcastle, for contributions.

The 27 girls at Truro had done a lot for Red Cross work, and earned by washing \$9.70 for Polish relief, also helped the poor children and poor

Log and Ice Jam Causes Big Washout

A big ice and log jam at the Canada Eastern Railway bridge, at Doaktown, has caused a washout of about fifty rods of railway track and threatens still greater damage. The jam formed last night and backed the water up in the river forcing the current into the intervals a short distance west of the bridge where it began to eat away the roadbed, and shortly after the Newcastle-bound express passed part of the track was washed out. The water today is being forced higher hourly, and the public highway is covered with about two feet of water. The highway bridge is in danger of being carried out. The "whooper" from Boiestown, and the "Express" for Fredericton, which left Newcastle this morning, are tied up on opposite sides of the washout, and passengers are being transferred from one train to the other by teams. About a million feet of logs are caught in the jam.

W. B. SNOWBALL MAYOR OF CHATHAM

The only contest for the Chatham Town Council this year was fought between Ald. W. B. Snowball and Dr. Loggie for the office of Mayor, and resulted in a victory for the former by forty seven votes. The poll standing:

Snowball	297
Loggie	250

The Aldermen were elected by acclamation as follows:—W. F. Cassidy, T. M. Gaynor, D. P. MacLachlan, J. Y. Mesereau, G. T. O'Brien, A. P. Williams, F. M. Tweedie, S. D. Heckbert.

RUNDLE PROPERTY SOLD

The property of James A. Rundle was sold under execution, by Sheriff O'Brien at the Court House at noon today, and was bid in by J. R. Lawlor for Mr. Rundle. Ex-Mayor G. G. Stobhart was the runner-up.

Mr. Rundle's household furniture was sold en bloc to Edw. Dalton for \$560. R. W. Crocker was the only other high bidder. Mr. Dalton auctioned off his purchase piece by piece this afternoon.