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L. E. McFARLAND IS HARTLAND'S NEW MAYOR

New Council Elected By Acclamation Includes Four Former Aldermen—Successful Year Passed

Hartland has a new Town Council—its fifth—and over a one of them has been elected by the people. The personnel of the new council is Lewis E. McFarland, Mayor; W. B. Nixon, M. W. White, Aldermen for Goodwill Ward; H. H. Hatfield, G. Murray McLeod for Bradley Ward; H. R. Nixon, C. W. McQuarrie for MacMillan Ward.

Messrs. Hatfield, McLeod and the two Nixons were members of last year's council. Ald. White has had some experience in town matters, being revisor and also auditor. He has had a good clerical experience, having served with the C.P.R. for several years. Alderman McQuarrie is entirely new but he should prove a valuable aid in the town government.

The mayor is one of oldest and most highly respected citizens and so quiet and unassuming in manner has been during the nearly half century of residence here that when the honor of the chief office of the town was thrust upon him it was not only a surprise to himself but to most of the rate-payers.

He will fill the office creditably and if there is any honor attached to it no one in town is more deserving than Mayor McFarland. In past years he has had much experience in team work on various committees and he knows how to conduct a meeting. His manner is not verbose, but when he speaks he generally says something; he is a thinker and a man of clear-minded judgment.

Politics out much less figure in his affairs of men today than in former years, but it might be said incidentally that the new council is made up about fifty-fifty Liberal and Conservative.

On Thursday night there was a largely attended meeting of the citizens at the town hall, when ex-Ald. J. S. Faulkner was the chief speaker. He attempted to show that the town was very much more in debt than the annual statement would show, but he failed to make this altogether clear to his hearers; in fact the last analysis showed that the contrary was the case. At this meeting there were six nominations for mayor and 18 for aldermen. Those named for the office of chief magistrate were A. F. Campbell, E. C. Morgan, S. S. Miller, L. E. McFarland, J. S. Faulkner and C. E. Allen.

On Friday afternoon there was another hastily summoned meeting of the citizens and the first three nominees for mayor refused unconditionally to accept the honor and Mayor McFarland's nomination was made unanimous. The nominees for aldermen were sifted out and two were unanimously selected from each ward and the result of this meeting was the return of the new board by acclamation. The council has lost an active worker in the retirement of Ald. Hagerman, who, as chairman of the finance committee, rendered whole-hearted and capable service.

On Tuesday evening there was a special meeting of the town council when the following standing committees were appointed:
Streets—H. H. Hatfield, C. W. McQuarrie, M. W. White.
Water—W. B. Nixon, H. H. Hatfield, H. R. Nixon.
Police—W. B. Nixon, G. M. McLeod, H. R. Nixon.
By-Laws—C. W. McQuarrie, H. H. Hatfield, M. W. White.
Finance—M. W. White, G. M. McLeod, C. W. McQuarrie.
Poor—H. R. Nixon, G. M. McLeod, W. B. Nixon.
The chief departments of the town are streets, water and finance. Ald. Hatfield remains chairman of the

VERDICT FOR POTATO OWNERS

In the Circuit Court, before Mr. Justice Crockett and a jury at Woodstock, the case of C. E. Gallagher & Co., against the C. P. R., was decided on Saturday. It was an action to recover the value of three carloads of potatoes shipped by the plaintiffs in 1919 to New York, which the plaintiffs contended had been destroyed by reason of the negligence of the New York Central Railway at destination. Upon the answer of the jury, the judge ordered a verdict for the plaintiffs to be entered in the sum of \$3,745, the full amount claimed. Jones & Jones for plaintiffs; Dr. F. R. Taylor, K. C. for defendants.

G. W. V. A. OFFICERS

The G. W. V. A. met in the armoury on Friday, January 5, and elected officers for 1923 as follows: President, E. A. Britton; 1st vice-pres., W. B. Nixon; 2nd vice-pres., James Hovey; rec. secretary, S. G. Barter; treas., P. C. Barter; an. sec., W. B. Nixon. These together with the following make up the executive committee—A. R. Rigby, James Pratt, F. L. Dickason, H. F. Baker, H. K. Golding. The aim of the Hartland branch during 1923 will be to push forward the erection of a suitable memorial in honor of their comrades who sleep in heroes' graves. The memorial fund in the bank now amounts to \$460.

TRUSTEE PLUMMER TAKES A HAND

Gives His Version and Views of Matters Pertaining to the School

A few words from me might be of interest to the rate-payers of our district. A person not taking interest enough to inform him or her self might think from reading J. Sterling King's article in The Observer of Jan. 4, that our school building was a desperate place, not fit even for swine, let alone children; no apparatus with which to do any profitable work and only a waste of time for a pupil to attend such an institution. Now I attended the reopening of our department after the Christmas vacation and can emphatically say it is not an institution devoid of good accommodations and apparatus as you might be led to think from just reading Mr. King's letter. The rooms are well heated and comfortable; good apparatus with which to do efficient work, and two rooms on the third floor where

it was said "pigeons do congregate." I found to be models of comfort, well-warmed and lighted. Now if any rate payer or parent is interested enough to come with me some school day, we will together visit this institution, which is so soundly denounced. If the parents of the children of this district will send their children regularly to school and the teachers will create within them a desire to know something we can turn out pupils of whom we will not be ashamed. We have done it in the past and can do it again. There went out from this school under less favorable circumstances scholars who in grammar schools and colleges have taken a leading place.

I will thank the editor of the Carleton Observer for space in his valuable paper.

AMASA PLUMMER, trustee

LATH SITUATION IS LOOKING SERIOUS

Is the Pulp Wood Deal to Be Put Over Again Is Question Agitating Minds of Lumbermen

(Campbellton Graphic)
The present lath situation continues to attract the attention and the curiosity of the lumbermen throughout the province and the question as to whether Uncle Sam is attempting to put over another pulp wood deal on our lumbermen is discussed on all sides. During the fall months very high prices were quoted for laths in the U. S., the result of a decision of the American fire underwriters insisting upon wooden laths being used in the construction of building. The steel ones having proved a menace in firefighting. Very attractive prices were offered by American buyers on rather one-sided contracts, similar to the pulp contracts of a few years ago.

The lath industry took on unusual activity, some of our mills making arrangements for an all winter cut. We learn now that an embargo has practically been placed on their transportation over American roads and last week a drop of 75 cents was announced followed by another drop of 25 cents to \$4.00. Building in the winter months is not active and with an overload market in April and May the embargo can easily be raised when the Yankees will probably dictate terms to our lumbermen. Let us hope that it is not too late to meet the situation and that even our friends across the border hold five aces they will find Jack Canack ready to meet them.

GRAND FALLS TO BE UTILIZED

Hydro-Electric Development Report

"A rapidly growing demand for large blocks of power for use in connection with the pulp and paper industry," is given as the reason why the Grand Falls, on the St. John River, "may be taken over by the government" and development by the New Brunswick Power Commission "in the near future," in a letter which C. O. Foss, chief engineer of the commission, has written to Alderman Joseph A. Cain, president of the Fredericton Board of Trade, who made an enquiry for data in possession of the Commission in regard to water power development in the western part of the province, especially concerning Grand Falls and Pokiok-Shemogue powers.

This statement the Observer says, fully confirms the report published on Saturday to the effect that an important change in the policy for hydro development in this province is under consideration and that the early development of the Grand Falls power is embraced in the new plan. Following the development of this power (Grand Falls) a net work of transmission lines will be undoubtedly be constructed, covering the whole province," also, wrote Mr. Foss in his letter to the board of trade.

CARLETON BOY IN PENNSYLVANIA

Compares Prices There and Here— Everything is Higher.

The following letter is from Frank Sewell, son of H. M. Sewell of East Coldstream and who has been farming in Pennsylvania for a number of years:

"You have been telling what good prices the farmers get for their produce. I will give you some of the prices in this part of the world. When we can sell a bushel of potatoes we get fifty cents. An egg is worth six cents; butter 58 cents, oats 60 cents at the mill, pork and beef is no good. Milk sells good now. My milk tested 4-5 and is sold for \$2.50 per 100 lbs. The State college got to showing the farmers how to raise potatoes. A number of the farmers clubbed together and bought sprays and they sprayed every week all summer. Some had large crops and some not so good. Now farmers want some one to teach them how to sell them. C. W. Sewell of Keating Summit raised 2000 bushels on six acres. Frank Tangley from Houlton came out here to show to grow potatoes. He got a good crop but not as good as his friend over the fence.

We have had good weather this fall and not much rain and a little snow."

THE CUBAN MARKET MAY SLIP AWAY

Prompt Action By The Dominion Government Backed By Newspapers, And Business Organizations is Urgently Needed

A year or more ago the government of the Cuban Republic set ajar their trade doors for nations that would help to make mutually beneficial tariff treaties. The trade doors of that country have never been tightly closed but almost immediately a new tariff law goes in effect which will result in the markets of the island being closed to Canadian produce by a heavy tariff wall. This will mean a loss of millions of dollars to the maritime provinces and will paralyze agricultural and fishing pursuits. It will absolutely destroy the potato industry. Without any delay whatever the Dominion government should commence overtures with the Cuban government and such action should be urged by every newspaper and every public man in the maritime provinces. There also should be the least possible hindrance to free trade between Canada and Cuba since Cuba imports a part of all that Canada produces, while Canada can produce within herself none of the products of Cuba. The maritime provinces being shut out of the nearest market—United States—has left as its only hope the Cuban market for agricultural products, particularly potatoes.

Here is a letter addressed to Hatfield & Co., and others by a leading importing firm of Havana:

"Considering it of interest to you we are going to acquaint you with the steps that are being taken in connection with the revision of our import tariff, the special committee of which intends presenting the Bill to the House of Representatives during January.

"As the proposed new tariff affects potatoes very seriously when imported from countries other than the United States it will be convenient to take the necessary steps in time against the enormous differentials which they purpose establishing in favor of American potatoes. Under the present tariff the duty on a bag of potatoes from Canada will pay 1.26 and the difference between this duty and the duty on American potatoes will be about 48 cents per bag in favor of American stock. In the event of the House and the Senate approving such new tariff it is understood that during the six months after the Bill passes all countries outside of the U. S. will be applied a slightly lower tariff than the latter one mentioned and which is called, "Second Tariff." The idea of this is to give such countries a chance to negotiate a treaty or some arrangement with Cuba whereby

equal benefits be accorded to Cuban goods on entering such countries, as it happens that countries like England and possessions, Spain, Uruguay and others are taxing heavily Cuban goods while their goods are very slightly taxed on entering Cuba, and the aim of the tariff committee being to gain more markets for the Cuban goods among such countries whose goods are largely consumed in Cuba. If during such period of six months any of such foreign countries should not take advantage of above period to enter into negotiations with Cuba, the maximum tariff will then be applied to their goods such maximum tariff being adopted definitely.

"Second Tariff." For your information we may say that during the six month the Second tariff will then be applied the differential between American and Canadian potatoes will figure approximately 20 cents per bag.

"You will no doubt realize the importance of this tariff change and we presume that the necessary steps will be taken by all Canadian exporters to Cuba in order to get the advantages of the "Second tariff." This will require the Official efforts of some Canadian Government representative, who should be in Cuba at this time, as it is done by the Ministers, Consuls, and Commercial Representatives of all other foreign countries who are diplomatically studying the possibilities of a reciprocity treaty with Cuba.

"From the personal investigation of our Mr. Juan B. Suris we find that some parties have moved very actively in defending their goods at the various session that the tariff committee has already held nothing having been done in potatoes however although from the economical point of view we maintain that to raise the duty on the basis of \$1.49 a hundred (100 lbs) on such foodstuffs as potatoes involves almost a direct attack upon the poor class, while it does not mean any protection to any domestic industry as the growing of potatoes in Cuba is as you know insignificant.

"As a further illustration of what this handicap of the new tariff would mean to Canadian growers we propose sending you by an early mail statistical figures showing total imports of potatoes annually as compared to Canada.

"We are at your disposal for any steps you may wish to take in this respect or any further information you may desire, and in the meantime, we remain,"

J. SURIS & CO.

Mrs. Harry C. Gillin

Hartland friends of Mrs. Harry C. Gillin of Woodstock were shocked to learn of her death. The first years of her married life were spent at Hartland with her husband, who is a native of the town, and the family have the sincere sympathy of their many friends here. The deceased was formerly Miss Grace Prince of Lunenburg, N. S. Besides her husband she is survived by three children.

The funeral was held at the house on Tuesday afternoon the services being conducted by Rev. M. E. Conron. The remains were taken to her former home at Lunenburg. Among the floral offerings were: Cross, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. P. MacDonald, St. John's; wreath, St. John's family; flat bouquets, Women's Institute, Methodist mission circle, Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Bridge, Mr. and Mrs. Harry King, Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Foster, Mr. and Mrs. John Mrs. A. W. Klye Mr. and Mrs. J. F. McKinlay, 67th C. L. I. Bank, Mr. and Murdoch, Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Aton, Mr. and Mrs. M. Taylor, Mr and Mrs. J. E. McCollom and Martha McCollom, Rev. Fr. Lockhart.

VITAL STATISTICS

H. N. Dickinson, statistics officer for the Town of Hartland and Parish of Brighton, reports as follows for the year 1922:

Marriages in Hartland,	23
Marriages in Brighton,	5
Births in Hartland,	28
Births in Brighton,	47
Deaths in Hartland,	16
Deaths in Brighton,	16

MISS HARPER AT

THE METHODIST CHURCH

There will be held in the Methodist church on Friday evening, 8 p. m., a public Missionary Meeting given under the auspices of the W. M. S. of the above church, at which Miss Ruth Harper will be present and give an address. Miss Harper is one of our own County young women and has recently returned from Japan, where she has been teaching missionary, and is home on furlough after five years work in the foreign field. Her address promises to be very interesting.

A program of music and Readings is also being prepared. All are invited to attend. Silver collection.

CHARLES L. SMITH MARRIED

At the home of the officiating clergyman, Rev. L. A. Fenwick, on Wednesday evening, Mrs. Susie Gilman, formerly of Pokiok, but lately residing in Woodstock, was united in marriage to Charles L. Smith. Mr. Smith was a member of the Legislature at one time, postmaster at Woodstock, father of the N. B. United Farmers' movement and first president of the same. He owns a ranch in Alberta and one of the best farms in Carleton county.

PRODUCE PRICES

Today dealers are paying 50 cents for potatoes; hay \$9 to 10; oats 42 cents; butter 25 cents; eggs 45 cents.