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School Board Severely Criticized

At Public Meeting. Steps Taken to Recall Bond Issue and Annul Contract for New School.

A public meeting, called by His Worship the Mayor at the request of Messrs. John McKane, Hon. Allan Ritchie, Hon. D. Morrison, W. A. P. R. C. M. P. P., J. D. Creaghan, ex-Alderman Desmond, ex-Mayor Hennessy, Aldermen Falcone and Doyle, W. A. Hickson, R. Lingley, John Dalton, C. Call and William Wright, assembled in the Town Hall, Thursday evening, March 18th.

Chas. E. Fish, ex-M.P.P., was elected chairman, and Postmaster Jas. M. Troy, secretary.

The chairman explained that the object of the meeting was to consider the provisions of an Act of the Legislature passed in 1908 in reference to an issue of \$40,000 bonds for school purposes in the town of Newcastle and to take such action in reference thereto as might be deemed expedient, also to obtain information from the School Trustees as to what action had been taken under the said act in regard to issuing bonds and entering a contract for proposed new school buildings in said town.

MAYOR MILLER.

S. W. Miller, a member of the board of school trustees (the other members of which are: Dr. Nicholson, chairman, J. R. Lawlor, H. Williston, Dr. H. Sproul, A. A. Davidson, K. C. M. Rannan and Mesdames T. A. Clarke and S. A. Demers) read a copy of a resolution passed by the Trustees asking the citizens who had called this meeting to appoint a committee to interview the Trustees on the matter under consideration. The said citizens had not responded, as he thought they should have done. His Worship sharply criticized Mr. Creaghan's recent newspaper article in the civic finances. The gentlemen who had incurred the town's floating debt of \$19,000 were among the same gentlemen who had called this meeting.

J. D. CREAGHAN.

Mr. Creaghan said that the civic finances, especially those of the school trustees, were in a miserable condition. Messrs. Hennessy, Ritchie and himself had tried some days ago to get light on the trustees' finances. They had been referred by the secretary to the chairman, and the latter had referred them to the whole board. They had not yet received the information desired. Apparently the trustees had no office. Our property was too heavily taxed. The Adams school house could have been extended at a cost of \$1,500, while the trustees understood, were paying \$40,000 for three new rooms in proposed annex to Harkins' Academy, which it would be too far for some children to walk.

W. A. HICKSON.

Mr. Hickson challenged the Mayor on the latter's statement about the floating debt of \$19,000 having been incurred by Aldermen who sat at the Board before Mayor Miller had entered the council. But Mayor Miller had been on the committee that had gone to Fredericton to get permission to issue bonds when \$25,000 would pay all debts. The committee had got \$40,000. The extra \$15,000 had been spent, and the town had still a floating debt of \$19,000. \$40,000 was not required for the schools. The extra interest on the \$65,000 to be borrowed would be \$3,250 a year, bringing our yearly interest charges up to \$12,000. Taxes were a quarter higher this year than last. Property was depreciating in value each year, because of reckless town government. The electric light department was running behind.

Here the speaker began to condemn the extension of the electric light to Douglastown when Alderman Morrissey objected on a point

of order. He would meet any interlayer any time to discuss his chairmanship of the light and water committee, but this meeting was called to discuss school matters only. The chairman sustained Alderman Morrissey's objection.

W. A. Hickson—A \$15,000 school is big enough for this town.

S. W. MILLER.

The Mayor acknowledged that he and Alderman Ritchie and Desmond had got power to issue \$40,000 bonds. When Mr. Hickson was chairman of the Finance committee he (Hickson) refused to sell the bonds at \$98, and they had to be sold later at \$86. This was where most of the \$19,000 had gone to.

J. M. TROY.

Mr. Troy said that all the school accommodation necessary could be secured by erecting a \$10,000 annex to Harkins' Academy with four rooms, and putting a second story in the Adams school with two rooms at a cost of \$1,500. The prospect of any new industry coming here was small. We should call a halt in expenditure.

P. HENNESSY.

Ex-Mayor Hennessy said that \$40,000 was an enormous sum to add to our civic debt. The needed extensions could be had, as Mr. Troy stated, for \$11,500. Concentration would be had for young children. There was a mania among A.L.J. public bodies to borrow and spend money. This was true of all towns and especially of school boards, which were not directly responsible to the people. Borrowing was characteristic of the age. The borrowers never thought of the burdens they imposed on the people. We cannot continue to have the town government as it has been the last ten years. He favored government by three well-paid commissioners.

S. W. MILLER.

Mayor Miller explained the Trustees' program. The Regent street, Mission Hall and Empress Hall schools were to be closed and the pupils sent to the new building. The salaries of three janitors, rent of two buildings, and much fuel would be saved, and the Regent street house and lot could be sold. The second and third stories of the annex would at present be left unfinished.

W. L. CURTIS.

Mr. Curtis of Bridgeport did not want the Buile school closed, but he wanted a little more money expended in the upper end of the town. Pupils from there could not walk to the Academy, and to haul them would cost more than an extra teacher. Many of the children past Grade IV were staying home now rather than walk 2 1/2 miles.

Mayor Miller explained that it was not now intended to close the Buile school. The Board of Health had condemned the Mission Hall school.

JOHN CLARK.

Ex-Alderman John Clark, now an Assessor, thought that time for criticism of trustees had passed. The contract was signed and it was dangerous to break it.

A sharp passage followed. Mr. Hickson said that when the trustees had discovered opposition they had hurried things up and sacrificed the town.

Mayor Miller objected to the imputation that the trustees had squandered money.

Mr. Troy said the trustees did not do fairly by people when they did not advertise for second tenders. The contract could be broken as no work had been done on it.

W. A. PARK.

Customs collector Park did not think it too late to interfere with either contract or issue of bonds.

ORANGEMEN'S ANNUAL MEETING

Shows Net Gain of 443 in Provincial Membership During Past Year

FOUR NEW LODGES

186 Delegates Present—Surplus \$3,412 Officers Elected

The Grand Orange Lodge of New Brunswick was in session in Fredericton, March 16th and 17th. Newcastle representatives were: Wm. Symiest, T. A. Clarke, John Menzies, Henry Wyse and Cameron Smallwood. About 186 delegates attended.

The report of the Grand Secretary, Neil J. Morrison, showed that there are now some 6,000 Orangemen in the Province of New Brunswick. Returns have been received from 14 counties, 1 district, 128 primary lodges, and 13 Searlet Chapters. During the year 426 members were initiated, 114 reinstated, and 71 joined by certificate making a total of 611. Four new lodges were organized, four reconstituted and two warrants were cancelled. There were 48 deaths, 112 members obtained withdrawal certificates, six were expelled, and two suspended for causes other than non-payment of dues, a net increase of 443.

The report of Grand Treasurer Wadman, showed a balance of \$3,412 on hand.

The following were appointed a special committee to look into the financial affairs of the Orange hall in Newcastle and to recommend some plan whereby the lodge there may be relieved of the financial burden now imposed upon it: H. G. Wadman, J. King Kelley, A. W. MacRae, J. H. Burley, S. W. Smith.

The following officers were elected: A. W. MacRae, Grand Master; W. J. Smith, Jr., Deputy Grand Master; Rev. A. A. Rideout, Grand Chaplain; N. J. Morrison, Grand Secretary; W. G. Wadman, Grand Treasurer; Frank A. Gardiner, Grand Director of Ceremonies; W. C. H. Grimmer, S. M. Moore, Grand Auditors; Rev. J. G. A. Belyea, Rev. R. W. Colston, Rev. F. A. Thorne, Deputy Grand Chaplains.

When notice of application to Legislature was published last year no mention had been made of \$40,000 bonds. Some suspected what was on foot. The act says 2nd series of bonds, \$40,000 in the whole. But \$8,000 had been got on 1st series, that left only \$32,000 properly available for 2nd series, whereas \$40,000 had been issued, making \$8,000 in all. The issue could be upset. Trouble is that trustees are not responsible—do not take people in their confidence. It was worth a while to try to stop the bonded debentures.

Mayor Miller was of the opinion that the last issue of \$40,000 was perfectly legal.

Mr. Parks then moved the following:

SWEEPING RESOLUTION:

Whereas an act was passed at the session of the Legislature in 1908 entitled An Act to Authorize the Board of School Trustees in the Town of Newcastle to Issue Debentures,

And whereas the notice of application for said bill was published in the North Shore Leader, but the said notice merely stated that the said act was to authorize the Board of School Trustees to issue debentures for providing school accommodation without stating any amount nor was there any petition of the ratepayers presented to the Legislature in support of the said bill,

And whereas since the passage of the said act it appears that the trustees have effected an issue of \$40,000 debentures with interest at five per cent, which they claim to have sold for 103 and a fraction,

And whereas the trustees recently asked for tenders for proposed school accommodation, when it was

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FISH FISH FISH
Smoked Haddies,
Kippers,
Bloaters,
Digby Herring,
Salt Codfish,
Labrador Herring,
Shad,
Mackerel.
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NELSON.

Flett Bros. are about to build a couple of scows suitable for the lumber trade. Mr. J. Pallen handled some lumber to make the framework of the scows.

A large quantity of boxwood has been hauled to Sutton Road Crossing. Later in the season it will be shipped to A. & R. Leongie of Longville, Ont.

Miss A. Burns of Boston is visiting her sister, Mrs. T. Delahanty.

The service at St. Patrick's R. C. church on the 17th inst., was very impressive. The sermon, descriptive of the life and labours of St. Patrick, was eloquently delivered.

J. Walsh has nearly completed his contract of getting ties for the I. R. C. Two fine yearling heifers were killed by the train on the 18th inst. They were owned by W. Woods of Nowlan Settlement. Surely Mr. Wood will be compensated for his loss.

CANADA'S CENTURY.

"In 1800," says the Toronto Globe, "the population of the United States was 5,288,000, and in the decade ending 1810 she received 70,000 people. In 1910 Canada's population was 5,371,000, and in the decade following we will in all probability receive between 2,000,000 and 3,000,000 immigrants. To every settler Uncle Sam in his high-chair stage received we are taking in thirty-six, a situation the importance of which few appreciate."

I wonder who first said "It's better to be born lucky than rich?" queried the young widow.

Some old fool whose young wife married him for his money I imagine, rejoined the wise bachelor.

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