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Editorial

THE DEFAULT TAXES

A gentleman who came to Newcastle to reside was scarcely in the town two weeks when he was presented with a tax bill. This gentleman felt at the time that the least the town might do was to await until he had fully decided whether he would remain in Newcastle or not. The assessment had already been made for the year, but not with standing, his name was added, and presentation made of the tax bill. This is rather a sharp method and certainly does not give strangers, who might possibly domicile here, a very good impression of us. This same gentleman felt inclined,—not because of the amount involved but because of the principle at stake,—to leave Newcastle and go else-where, but finally decided that he would remain here and consequently paid the tax bill, rather than have any further trouble in its connection. Supposing for instance that 1000 people came into town with the intention of making Newcastle their home and hardly before they arrived, they were presented with tax bills, but rather than pay them, before they became thoroughly settled, packed up and left the town. What would be the result? Would not Newcastle be the loser? Decidedly so. But what about those people who have been living in town for years, enjoying all the conveniences etc., and their names are to be found on the Default Tax List.? Is this kind of treatment fair and just? Decidedly not. Well the RATEPAYERS of Newcastle want fair and just treatment meted out to one and all alike and they demand that the DEFAULT TAX LIST be collected. It can be done and the next Town Council will be expected to do it without delay. The town has suffered considerably by this annual loss of revenue, and it should not be a difficult matter to correct it. In some municipalities, the matter of tax collection is no difficulty whatever and very few, who are liable, effect an escape. If it can be done elsewhere, is there any reason why it can not be done in Newcastle?. The general opinion seems to be that there is no reason why it cannot, other than that the matter has been side-stepped altogether too long. and the ratepayers expect definite action to be taken immediately. It is simply a business proposition against which deaf ears can no longer be turned.

INTEREST IN CIVIC ELECTIONS

How can our citizens be induced to participate in civic elections? The question is one that is occupying the minds of many of our ratepayers. To-day there is a wide-spread concern over the lack of interest in public affairs. That lack of interest manifests itself in the failure to pay taxes; in the unwillingness of men of business to take a participating interest in public affairs. in the indifference of a considerable percentage of those who pay their taxes to go to the polls to vote, in the demand for special concessions which increase the burdens on the general body of citizens and in many other ways. At the coming election; in town on the 15th inst' if every qualified vote is polled; it is doubtful if a fifty per cent expression of popular opinion can be obtained; as the other fifty per cent is defranchised. In various elections of recent years the popular will has been made manifest by as low as forty per cent of the electorate. In the old days when business men took a more direct personal interest in Town Council representation it occasionally happened that there was a lively last-minute tax-paying that was helpful to the Town's finances. No such thing occurs to-day and it is the opinion of many that the sooner we get back to conditions which prevailed in years one by, the better it will be for all concerned. Newcastle has many able business men to whom the ratepayers are looking forward to and expecting to take an interest in the public welfare. The time is short for them to make up their minds—Friday at 6 p.m. nominations close—and it is to be hoped they will not fail in filing their nominations in good time. Newcastle needs good, level-headed business men in her government.

EDITORS MAIL

We are not responsible for opinions expressed by writers under this heading. Correspondents would oblige by writing legibly, and on one side of the paper only, name and address (not necessarily for publication) must always be sent. Correspondence should be as concise as possible.

Newcastle; N.B. April 7— 1924

The Editor of the Advocate

Sir:—

We hear so many criticisms of own Government that few give credit where credit is due. Last year among other things the following work was done.

1. Establishment of an important industry in our town which promises to give a large amount of employment at a living wage. This hardwood industry is in its infancy and the concentration of all commercial work of the Creosote Products here, means the establishment of further allied industries in the near future. .....

2. The marketing of our surplus current—$5000.00 of unused electric energy surplus was paid for by the town and wasted since hydro was first instituted. Under the new contracts which were successfully completed this surplus will be taken up by the Canadian National Railways who will pay annually to the town upwards of $4500 and by the Canada Creosote Company who will use at the start probably $2000 increasing each year. This means an extra profit over previous years of at least $6500. Cheaper light or lower taxes are bound to result from this.

3. The further development of a fund for permanent street work. Last year $3000 was appropriated and with the amount already set aside we have now $5000 available for this purpose.

4. Provision has been made for stablishment of a town market.

5. The extension of sewerage in the town has been proceeded with without further bond issues. This year there was included in the estimates, provision for a sewer on Green Street and Ledden Lane—Gas House Lane—and the outlet at the old Ferry Slip. Considerable provision has also been made for water extension and arrangements will be undertaken with the Creosote Co. with a view to so constructing their water main as to give the residents of upper Kings Highway the advantage of our Town Water supply.

6. The establishment of a Public Tourist Camping Ground is being proceeded with so as to attract more visitors to the town.

7. Default Taxes is the one outstanding problem which has to be contended with. Last year we gave the old system a final try. A new system is now being worked out which will show big results next year. Drastic action is contemplated.

Thanking you for space.

Yours truly

D. S. CREAGHAN Mayor

Monument To Alex. Gibson Sr. Is Erected

The grave of the late Alexander Gibson Sr. in the family lot at Marysville which has been unmarked since his death in 1913 has been marked by means of a handsome Italian marble monument five feet in height which has been erected by Cluham's Marble Works for Mrs. John D. McConnell of Marysville daughter of the deceased.

The monument is of simple but very effective design and the inscription is in keeping with its general appearance. The inscription is as follows:

ALEXANDER GIBSON
1819—1913
Lead Me to the Rock that is
Higher than I

A Masonic emblem also is on the monument beneath the inscription.

The late Mr. Gibson although it is 11 years since he passed away has left a mark upon the province of New Brunswick. He was founder of the Town of Marysville and at one time its chief owner. He also built the narrow gauge railway from Gibson to Edmundston which later was standardized and now is part of the Canadian Pacific and the Canada Eastern Railway from Fredericton to Loggieville now part of the Canadian National system. The Gibson cotton mill at Marysville now operated by Canadian Cottons Limited was founded by him and perpetuates his name. The village of Gibson is now part of the town of Devon but one of its streets is Gibson street. The lumbering industry of the Nashwaak and of a portion of the Southwest Miramichi was conducted by the deceased for many years.

REDBANK W. M. S

The W.M.S. of St. Stephens Church Redbank held their monthly meeting at the manse on Thursday afternoon at 2:30 with the President Mrs. McLean in the chair. Meeting opened singing hymn "The Morning Light is Breaking—followed by Scripture reading Act. 11th Ohap. Prayers by Rev. Wm. Girdwood and the President. Roll call answered by 8 members each reciting a passage of Scripture. Minutes read and approved. Following the business to hand and disposed of a reading and speech was given by Rev. Mr. Girdwood pertaining to Home Missions. Very cordial address of welcome and appreciation was given by Mrs. (Rev) Wm. Girdwood to the W.M.S. also in behalf of the Whitneyville and other sections of the congregation for their successful work in rebuilding the Church and Manse in Redbank. Meeting closed by singing Hymn "Pass Me Not O Gentle Saviour and Prayer in unison.

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Standing of Pupils for the Month of March

SENIOR DEPARTMENT

Margaret Hartery, Bella Dunn, Georgina Dolan, Loretta A'Hern, Mary Finley.

Alma Paulin, Mary Fletcher, Gladys Donovan, Eileen O'Brien.

Edna Ryan, Frances Ryan, Susie Dolan, Gladys Hogan, Elizabeth Bayle, Helen Floyd, Margaret Gardner, Helen McCullum, Louise Coughlan, Helen Connors, Ella Hayes.

Pupils of this Dept. who made 75 per cent in examinations during month are:

Margaret Hartery 95, Bella Dunn 88.5 Georgina Dolan 86, Loretta A'Hern 85.

Alma Paulin 85, Eileen Kirwan 85

Frances Ryan 88, Edna Ryan 87. Susie Dolan 82, Gladys Hogan 82, Mary Hickey 81.5, Elizabeth Bayle 80, Helen Floyd 77, Margaret Gardner 76, Helen McCullum 76.

SUB-SENIOR DEPARTMENT

Frances Hartery, Edith McWilliam Kathleen Morrissy, Kathleen Richard.

Catherine Dawson, Delphine Murphy, Margaret Hansen, Genevieve Fitzgerald, Helen McWilliam, Cecilia Salome.

INTERMEDIATE DEPARTMENT

Eileen Morrissy, Nellie Young Margaret McCafferty, Virginia Hayes, Mary Craig, Francis Tobin, Fay Kingston, Mary McMahon, Rose Black.

Bessie Witzell, Yvonne Brown Loretta Hogan, Wilhelmina Hogan Margaret Black, Gladys Black, Annie Fenelon, Patricia Floyd.

JUNIOR DEPARTMENT

Gladys O'Neill, Elizabeth Fitzgerald, Julia Campbell, Alma Woods, Kathleen Hall, Katie Ryan, Ida Collette, Violet Floyd, Annie Ryan, Moira Desmond, Rose Gillis, Elizabeth Dunn, Nan Carter, Patricia Whalen, Josephine Murphy.

Kathleen Mann, Cecilia Coakley, Blanche Arsenault, Stella Witzell, Anna Babineau, Annie McMahon, Amanda Assovuf, Edith Black Bertha Craig, Philomene Tulippe, Mary Coakley, Clara Malley, Grace Butler.

The Fraser's Pulp mill at Millbank closed Saturday night for one month while repairs are being made.

The power at Newcastle was off from 8 o'clock to 10 o'clock Tuesday morning, while the circuit to the pulp mill was being cut off. The company intends installing a power plant of its own, the Bathurst Company which has been supplying hydro power being unable to continue the present service. It is expected the new power plant will be in operation by May 1st. Last week the main shaft and wheel, weighing 11 tons, were removed from Beaver Brook, under the direction of John H. McEwen, and despite the long haul the removal was effected without a mishap of any kind.

Both warehouses of the company on the north and south side of the river, are full of pulp, awaiting the opening of navigation for shipment freight rates by water, we are told are practically half the present rates.

Dubious Outlook For The Church Union Bill

Fredericton April 4—The Church Union Bill in the Legislature is placed on the order paper of the Corporations' Committee to be taken up again next Tuesday.

It is definitely asserted that the bill will not pass without amendments and the sponsor of the bill has already told the committee that the promoters of the bill are not prepared to accept amendments.

If amendments are not acceptable and are insisted upon by a majority the only course for the promoters is withdrawal of the bill otherwise the committee would have to report against it.

SCIENCE DEMANDS UNIFORMITY

Careful research made in recent years in the study of dietetics has shown the great importance to the human system of purity and uniform quality in foods. It is a great blessing that today so many delicious foods as well as tea and coffee can be procured in air tight packages. SALADA Tea was one of the first pure food products to become widely popular in Canada. The aluminum package keeps the tea fresh and delicious while skilful blending maintains the quality absolutely uniform.

HEALTH REPORT GOOD

In the report of Dr. F.J. Desmond, D.M.H.O. for Northumberland Subdistrict it is shown that the number of cases and deaths from notifiable diseases have been comparatively few.

THE LAST DAY

What Friday may bring in the way of civil nominations it is impossible to forecast in advance. Friday; April 11th is nomination day while the town elections take place on Tuesday 15th inst.

THE FIRST ROBIN

The first robin so far as reported in this vicinity was seen Sunday morning. This is considered a good sign that we are approaching spring weather.

LUMBERMEN'S ASSOCIATION

The New Brunswick Lumbermen's Association is holding a meeting today in Fredericton at which the members will go before the Provincial Legislature as a delegation.

NORTHUMBERLAND L. O. L.

The following officers were elected at a meeting of Northumberland County Orange Lodge held here.

C.M.—Herbert Russell.
D.C.M—R.A. Walls
Chaplain—Arthur Schofield
R.S.—Wm. Corbett jr. P.C.M.
F.S.—Harry Underhill.
Treasurer—H.T. Atkinson.
Lecturer—Thomas Vye.
D. of C.—Wm. A. Touchie
D.L.—Jas. Hetherington; J.F Yoe
Auditors—W.J Sutherland and A.T. Ross.

SUDDEN DEATH OF NORDIN MAN

Jeoffrey DeWolfe Passed Away Last Night After Twenty Minutes Illness

The many friends of Jeoffrey DeWolfe, a highly respected resident of Nordin, will be shocked to learn of his death which took place suddenly last night.

Mr. DeWolfe, who had been in his usual good health, had attended the Mission being held in Newcastle, returning home about nine o'clock. Shortly after he complained of a severe pain in his abdomen, and in about twenty minutes passed away.

Deceased was sixty years of age and is survived by his wife, three sons and one daughter, Edward of the Royal Bank of Canada, Newcastle, Clarence of Boston, and Vincent at home; and Margaret DeWolfe, R. N., of Boston. Three brothers, Albert of Nordin, Peter of Bathurst and James of South Devon, and one sister Mrs. Thomas Gilmore of Montreal, also survive.

A BEAUTIFUL SIGHT

Early risers were afforded a beautiful sight yesterday morning —the trees and buildings being covered with a beautiful silver coating of ... were fully one half inch in length and set very close together thus producing a wonderful scene in the early hours before the frost fell to the ground .....

DEED FORMS

We have in stock, Deed Forms, Teacher's Agreements, School District Rate Tax Books, Dog Tax Books, Assessment Lists, Road Tax Books, Poor and County Rates.

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