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THURSDAY JANUARY 17th, 1918

Congratulations to The Carleton Sentinel of Woodstock, N. B., which entered upon its seventieth year with the first issue of this month.

THE WAR

The belligerent armies have made little progress during the week, although fighting has been very severe. The Germans raided the city of Yarmouth, England, and the allies raided the important German city of Karlsruhe, east of the Rhine. The Russians are calling for a new volunteer army for their western front and appeal to their people to provide provisions for men and horses. British and French troops are in Italy where some headway has lately been made against the enemy.

On Sunday night just after dark, a Canadian raiding party entered the German trenches, just north of Lens and captured nearly half its own strength without suffering a single casualty. The attack which was not preceded by any artillery preparation or barrage, but only supported with a standing barrage on the adjacent trenches by Stokes guns was splendidly carried out. The enemy was taken completely unawares, and his resistance was easily overcome. Eleven prisoners were captured.

THE FOOD SITUATION

We are informed from the Food Controller's office, Ottawa, that the food situation in the Allied countries of western Europe is graver than it has been at any time since the beginning of the war. Information has been received by the Food Controller which shows that the utmost effort must be made to increase spring acreage and to secure a much larger production of bread grains in 1918 than was done in 1917. Mr. Hoover has already pointed out that if ships have to be sent to more distant countries to carry food stuff to Europe fewer ships will be available to carry soldiers and supplies from this continent, with a result that the continued participation of the United States and Canada in the war will be greatly hampered. The situation has been thoroughly canvassed, and among those who have studied it, there is unanimous agreement that the only solution of the food problem is greater production in North America. In this connection it is especially important that the spring acreage sown in bread grains should be as large as it can possibly be made.

Every person who can possibly produce food must do so, no matter how small his or her contribution may be. Those who cannot produce food, can at least conserve it. The utmost economy is imperative. The situation today is critical and the world is rapidly approaching that condition when price will not be the most important question, but when even the people of Canada may be glad to eat any food which they can obtain.

The successful prosecution of the war by the Allies will depend to a very large extent upon the extent of food production and food conservation this year by the people of North America.

Baron Rhondas in a recent message says "The food position in this country, and I understand in France also, has without exaggeration been described as critical and anxious. I am now unable to avoid compulsory regulation. I fear it will have to come with long queues of people waiting in the severe weather in practically every town in England for the daily necessities of life."

PEACE TERMS

The Central Powers, who to Russia on the 25th tentatively declared their peace terms to be: No annexations and no indemnities, provided the Entente Allies should join in the peace negotiations within a set time, but who on the 28th limit of their offer by insisting that the parts of Poland, Courland and Lithuania arrested by them from Russia should be considered as having already been deformed their future, have now withdrawn their terms altogether.

The Bolshevik government of Great Russia which has already recognized

the independence of Finland and Ukraine, and guaranteed the freedom of choice of Poland, Courland and Lithuania, hold to their declaration of: No annexations and no indemnities and the right of all nationalities whether conquered in this or any previous war, to determine their own future. Consequently no apparent progress has been made in the negotiations of Russia and Ukraine with the Central Powers at Brest-Litovsk. The armistice has, however, been extended to February 18th and negotiations are expected to be shortly resumed at Warsaw.

On the 15th instant the British Labor Party, an organization with several millions of members about all of whom will have the right to vote under the new Franchise Act, gave out their views, which are practically the same as those of Russia and the same as they themselves have frequently enunciated both before and immediately after the outbreak of the war. They demand that the British government declare to all that its aims are identical with those of Russia, that the British people, too see no solution for the evils or militarism except self-determination and no indemnities. They recommend an international protectorate for the tropical African colonies of all nations and for the Arabs, Palestinians and Armenians rescued from Turkish rule. They call upon the peoples of Central Europe to compel their governments to fall in line with Russia, so that those governments will give the light of self-determination to the French, Alsacians, Italian Polish and Danish members of their states as Russia has given it to her European dependencies.

A great struggle is said to be going on in Germany between the party that wishes to accept Russia's terms and the military party that wants to hold everything conquered and annex everything in sight. Whether the bulk of the German people are acquainted with any of the peace terms of their opponents is problematical so strict and effective is the censorship maintained by their autocratic government.

The same controversies divide Austria-Hungary, and more bitterly there owing to the mixed character of the people. Austria-Hungary is the weak point of the Central combination. To save herself she may at any time declare for a separate peace with Britain and America on the generous terms offered her by those nations.

County Council Now in Session Here

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surplus. So each of our provinces is asked to grow wheat. Those who can and do not may not be allowed to buy wheat from outside. The N. B. agricultural department will buy seed wheat and bring it to the farmers the latter to pay by cash or approved security, at the car door. He urged the councillors in all places not served by agricultural societies to see that all farmers send in for seeds in wheat, oats, etc. He hoped the Council would take charge of distribution within the county.

Re sheep and dog law, on petition of 25 or more ratepayers the council must place a tax of \$5 on bitches and \$1 on dogs and played bitches.

He would send forms to anyone nominated by councillors who would organize agricultural societies.

The Dept. of Agriculture will buy wheat at lowest possible prices consistent with quality and hand it over to farmers at cost. It would cost about \$2 a bushel, and oats about \$1.10 or \$1.15.

The Warden thanked Mr. McLeod. Coun. Watling said the main thing was to get seed wheat, no matter what the price.

To the Warden Mr. McLeod said that wherever any farmer had not got a card from the school teacher applications for seed should be made direct to the department.

Several councillors said the cards had not reached their districts.

Mr. McLeod urged them to organize their parishes as for an election and then the cards could be made rapidly and thoroughly.

On motion of Coun. Sinclair, the question of seed grain was ordered to be taken up Wednesday at 3 p.m.

Couns D. P. Doyle and Sinclair moved, That this council place itself on record as in favor of having the Legislature pass a law making it compulsory for vehicles to turn to the right instead of to the left.

This was opposed by Couns Anderson, Watling, L. Doyle and O'Shanley as apt to cause accident.

Coun. Gill showed that only the Maritime Provinces and B. C. turn to the left. People would soon learn the new way.

On motion of Couns. Vanderbeck and Power it was moved in amendment that the matter be over till next year. Carried by 20 votes out of the 29.

Coun. Bowdell spoke in favor of

having winter roads broken out for double teams so that single teams could pass easily and farmers haul bigger loads. Many people had urged this reform upon him. He understood that the Legislature intended to introduce new road legislation, including a change of the law of the road from the left to the right, and he thought it wise to ask them to include provision for double roads.

He moved, seconded by Coun. D. P. Doyle, That this council recommend to the Legislature the passing of a law providing for double roads during the winter season carried manfully.

Adjournd till 10 a.m. Wednesday.

Wednesday Morning
The County Council resumed session at 10 a.m. Warden Burchill in the chair.

Coun. E. J. Parker moved returns of Everett Allison, Collector of Rates for Parish of Derby. Carried.

On motion of Coun. E. J. Parker and Vanderbeck, the secretary treasurer's account with the Parish Clerk, Parish of Derby passed.

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On motion of Couns. Lavoie and LeBlanc, the Parish Clerk, Parish of Rogersville was paid usual allowance for 1917 plus election expenses.

On motion of Couns. Gill and D. P. Doyle, secretary treasurer's account with Parish Clerk Parish of Nelson 1916 passed.

On motion of Couns. Power and Somers, returns of Edward Goodfellow, Daniel Shiller and Joseph Ferguson collectors of rates, Parish of South Esk passed.

On motion of Couns. Gill and Doyle, the assessment for pauper lunatics for Parish of Nelson for year 1918 was fixed at \$232.00.

On motion of Couns. T. Parker and Mersereau, returns of Edward Bowes collector of rates Parish of Blissfield passed.

On motion of Couns. T. Parker and Mersereau secretary treasurer's account with Parish of Blissfield, pauper lunatics 1917 passed.

On motion of Couns. MacNaughton and Watling, account of Malcolm Watling, collector of rates Parish of Glenelg passed.

On motion of Couns. MacNaughton and Watling, secretary treasurer's account with Parish of Glenelg, pauper lunatics passed.

On motion of Couns. MacNaughton and Watling, the sum of \$78 was assessed on Parish of Glenelg for pauper lunatics for year 1918.

On motion of Couns. MacNaughton and Watling, Secretary Treasurer's account with road supervision, Parish of Glenelg passed.

On motion of Couns. MacNaughton and Watling, default list of Malcolm Watling, Parish Officer for Glenelg Parish were passed.

On motion of Couns. Power and Somers secretary treasurer's account with supervisor of roads, South Esk passed.

On motion of Couns. T. Parker and Mersereau, secretary treasurer's account with road supervision, Parish of Blissfield passed.

On motion of Couns. Lavoie and LeBlanc, secretary treasurer's account with John Hachey, supervisor of roads, Parish of Rogersville passed.

On motion of Couns. Gill and Doyle, accounts of Thos. Dalton and Thos. Lynch, collector of rates, Parish of Nelson passed.

On motion of Couns. Gill and Doyle, secretary treasurer's account with supervisor of roads, Parish of Nelson passed.

On motion of Couns. Mersereau and Thos. Parker the Parish Clerk, Parish of Blissfield was ordered paid usual allowance.

On motion of Couns. Lavoie and LeBlanc, returns of A. Chaisson, collector of rates Parish of Rogersville passed.

On motion of Couns. LeBlanc and Lavoie, secretary treasurer's account with Clovis Casey, Road supervisor, parish of Rogersville passed.

On motion of Couns. LeBlanc and Lavoie, returns of P. B. Richard, collector of rates Parish of Rogersville passed.

On motion of Couns. MacNaughton and Watling, Parish Clerk, Parish of Glenelg was paid \$18.00 for year 1917.

On motion of Couns. Lavoie and LeBlanc the parish of Glenelg was assessed \$233.18 for pauper lunatics for 1918.

Coun. Thos. Parker moved seconded by Coun. Ernest Mersereau the following resolution:

"Resolved that the Parish of Blissfield shall, for the purpose of electing County Councillors be divided into two districts.

No 1 to comprise all that part of said parish west of John A. MacDon-

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side of the Miramichi River and the east side line of lands owned by John A. Mersereau, on the south side of said river, District No. 2 to comprise the remainder of the Parish.

"And further resolved, that the polling place for District No. 1 shall be at or near the Orange Hall, Doak town and the polling place for District No. 2 shall be held at or near the "Maroney Hall".

On motion of Coun. E. J. Parker it was referred to By-Law Committee for report.

On motion of Coun. Thos. Parker and Mersereau, the return of John A. Mersereau, supervisor of roads Parish of Blissfield was filed.

Coun. L. Doyle moved, seconded by Coun. Jos. McKnight, "Resolved that the secretary treasurer under the direction of the Finance Committee be authorized to borrow from the Royal Bank of Canada the sum of \$6,000 to meet financial exigencies of the county, under the Act of Assembly granting said municipal authority to borrow that amount and to be paid out of the taxes of the year 1918.

On motion of Couns. Hovey and O'Donnell the return of John S. Pond road supervisor, Parish of Ludlow were filed.

On motion of Couns. Hovey and O'Donnell, secretary treasurer's account with road supervisor, Parish of Ludlow passed.

On motion of Couns. Jos. McKnight and L. Doyle the sum of \$312 be assessed Parish of Newcastle for pauper lunatics for year 1918.

On motion of Couns. Gill and E. J. Parker, council adjourned until 12:30 for committee work.

Council resumed at 12:30. Moved by Coun. LeBlanc seconded by Coun. Lavoie, that the reporter be required to furnish L'Evangeline with a full report of the proceedings of the Municipal Council, and that the sum of \$10.00 be paid L'Evangeline for translating and publishing same.

Adjourned until 2 p.m.
(Continued Next Week)

THE NATION'S CALL

Ye young men of Canada come listen unto me.

The time has come when we must fight for home and liberty.

Our homes and lands we loved so well we must leave them all behind and take our turn to fight the foe upon the firing line.

Our comrades who have gone before, are calling you and me. To come and fight and gain our rights from far across the sea.

Hundred's of our loved ones who have voluntarily gone before. Now sleep in unknown graves on Europe's distant shore.

Their turn was called and answered, their work of victory done. That nations weak and nations small might be wrested from the Hun.

The enemy has been preparing for three years or more. And when they thought the time was right, they were tapping at our door.

All our Allied Nations were like men waked from a dream.

For they never thought that Germany would try to gain the world's domain.

So we must fight with all our might, our energy and skill. And bring those Germans to their knees and defeat their Kaiser Bill.

So ye young men of Canada do not deserters be. Come help to fight for a cause that's right and gain our liberty.

And when this war is ended and peace on earth we gain. We shall not bow our heads in shame to those who return again.

ROBERT ALYWARD
Barnaby River

EX-MAYOR McMURDO

LOSES HEAVILY

The Victoria Block, Moncton owned by L. Higgins was burned Tuesday night during the gale. There was \$22,000 insurance on the building. All the occupants lost heavily. McMURDO & Donald, tailors had \$5000 insurance but their stock is estimated as worth \$15,000. L. B. McMURDO was once Mayor of Newcastle.

SOUTH NELSON

The W. F. M. S. and Ladies Aid of St. James Presbyterian Church, Nelson held its monthly meeting at the home of Mrs. W. J. Appleby on Thursday evening, Jan. 10. President Mrs. Vye in the chair, meeting open-

ed with hymn 474. Roll call was answered by seven members with a New Year Resolution.

A report of the year's work was read by the secretary Mrs. A. Brown showing the amount collected during the year for missions \$380 for Ladies Aid \$865.

The following officers were elected for the year:
President—Mrs. Edgar Vye—(re-elected)

Vice-President—Mrs. Allan Flett—(re-elected)

Treasurer—Mrs. E. W. Bateman—(re-elected)

Secretary—Mrs. Harry Brown. It was moved seconded and carried that a resolution of condolence be sent to Mrs. T. W. Flett on the death of her husband which is as follows:

Nelson, N. B.
Jan. 10-1918

Our Dear Sister Mrs. Flett, We the members of the Ladies' Aid and Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of St. James Church, Nelson, desire to convey to you our heart-felt sympathy in your recent sad bereavement. Words seem empty and meaningless, yet we ask you to accept our deepest sympathy.

We know not why we are called upon to part with loved ones, yet we must all bow in submission to the Divine Will, consoling ourselves that the parting is only "Till he comes".

May he who stretched out his hand and bereaved you, comfort and sustain you in this the severest trial of your life.

In deepest sympathy, on behalf of the Society we remain,
Mrs. Edgar Vye—President
Mrs. Wm. Appleby
Mrs. Harry Brown

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