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## NEW BRUNSWICK HAS HIGHEST RATE OF INFANT MORTALITY

Statistics Show That in New Brunswick Out of Every Ten Children Born Alive One Died Within Twelve Months of Its Birth.

Ottawa, Jan. 25.—Infant mortality registration area was 75.4 per thousand in May, 1923, and 95.2 in May, 1920.

That may last (the latest month) of 1923 had an infant mortality rate of 85.9 per thousand living births. This figure covers the province, excepting the provinces of Quebec, the Yukon, and Northwest Territories.

Of provinces, New Brunswick had the highest infant mortality rate. There it was 100.1 per thousand, which means that out of every ten children born alive, one died within twelve months of its birth.

The infant mortality rate for the

## FIRST MEETING TOWN COUNCIL

Standing Committees Chosen and Some Important Matters are Dealt With

The first meeting of the newly elected Town Council was held Monday evening in the Town Hall. His Worship Mayor McKay presiding.

Present were Messrs. Coun. Armstrong, Cool, Patterson, McDonald, Savage, Ramsay and Caldwell.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

His Worship explained that the first business of the Council would be the naming of the standing committees for the year.

On motion of Coun. Ramsay the regular order of business was suspended and the Council went into committee of the whole. Coun. Patterson, chairman of the Council.

Upon resuming their places Coun. Patterson reported the standing committees as follows:

By-Laws and Legislation—Armstrong, Ramsay and Mayor.

Finance—Ramsay, Mayor and Caldwell.

Assessment and Appeals—Caldwell, Cool and Patterson.

Police—Patterson, McDonald and Savage.

Public Property and Streets—Cool, Patterson and Ramsay.

Water and Sewerage—Savage, Armstrong and Moore.

Electric Light—McDonald, Armstrong and Moore.

Fire Protection—Moore, McDonald and Caldwell.

Education and Improvement—Mayor, Savage and Patterson.

Public Charities—Armstrong, McDonald and Caldwell.

The report was received and adopted.

The regular order of business was resumed.

The clerk read a communication from the Sec. Treasurer of the Municipality stating that in future fifteen per cent of all dog taxes collected by the town must be paid over to the Municipality.

The communication was referred to the Town Solicitor.

A communication from the Citizens' Research Institute of Canada was received, offering to make a complete survey of the town for \$500.00. Placed on file.

The mayor stated that there were several matters to come up before the meeting. One was in reference to the bank account. About a year ago this was taken away from the Bank of Nova Scotia for what reason he could not say.

Coun. Ramsay suggested that the account be divided between the Canadian Bank of Commerce and the Bank of Nova Scotia.

Coun. Armstrong suggested that the division of the account might create confusion.

Coun. Cool moved that the whole account be transferred to the Bank of Nova Scotia.—Carried.

The matter of renting the Town Hall for dances was discussed. One councillor stated that it was not adapted for such purposes as there was no dressing rooms, etc.

Coun. Patterson moved that in future the Town Hall be not let for dances.—Carried.

Several matters of proposed legislation were brought up and the By-law and Legislation committee authorized to take up the matter with the Town Solicitor.

Coun. Savage moved that the chairman of each department make out a list of supplies needed for his department for the year and that tenders be asked for supplying same as required from time to time.—Carried.

Coun. Ramsay moved that an investigation be held into the alleged irregularities in the collection of electric light and water rates, and taxes by Mr. F. A. O'Leary, that two weeks public notice be given in the local newspapers that all persons must submit the receipts for amounts paid to him on said accounts not later than the 9th day of February, 1924, to the town office, that the Finance Committee be authorized to arrange all details in connection with said investigation and an auditor be engaged to assist in checking all accounts in question.—Carried.

Coun. Armstrong asked what progress had been made in revising the by-laws.

## Revival Of Effort In Inter-Provincial Bridge Project

Municipal Councils Now Working on Matter—Success of Merger Looks More Likely Than Ever Before—Interesting Letter from Hon. Chas. Marcil, M. P. For Bonaventure.

To residents of Campbellton and Restigouche County and the whole Gaspé Peninsula, the following letter from the Hon. Chas. Marcil, M. P. for Bonaventure County, dealing with the long talked-of inter-provincial bridge between here and Cross Point will be of considerable interest.

In view of the efforts put forth recently by the Municipal Councils of the three Counties most interested in the actual undertaking of this proposed bridge across the Restigouche now looks much more likely than ever before. Committees from the several County Councils are now working on the matter and it is expected that before long they will have some favorable report to make. With the hearty support of business interests and citizens generally it is to be hoped that before long real progress will be made in this great merger, the success of which will mean so much to Campbellton and this part of this country.

The initiative in the matter rests with the Municipality and the Provincial Government.

Ottawa, January 23, 1924.  
To the Editor of the Graphic,  
Dear Sir:

The Restigouche County Council have sent me resolutions asking for an inter-provincial bridge between Campbellton and Cross Point. My good friend, Mr. Thomas Young, Mayor of Matapédia, sent me similar resolutions adopted some time ago in the County Council of Bonaventure.

Similar resolutions have been adopted many times in Campbellton and various parts of Gaspé and Bonaventure Counties. As far back as 1907 I had a bill adopted by the Parliament of Canada authorizing such a bridge, combined Railway and Highway, and the late Mr. Thomas Malcolin had everything ready to start the work, but having sold his railway and the war coming on nothing more was done.

The need of such a bridge is greater than ever (in 1921 a report was made on the petition of Mr. Geoffrey Stoad, District Engineer and Mr. G. E. Martin, Asst. Engineer, and the Superintendent of Public Works then estimated the cost of a highway bridge at \$1,000,000 as against \$600,000 estimated by Mr. Stoad in 1916).

As the request has been made that this work be undertaken by the Dominion I think your readers would be interested in knowing the attitude as taken by the Hon. Dr. King, the present Minister of Public Works, who was at one time a citizen of your Province, who wrote me the following letter on the safe given.

Ottawa, November 6, 1923.  
Dear Mr. Marcil:

I have your favor of the 3rd instant forwarded, resolutions from the County Council of Bonaventure asking for a contribution towards the construction of an inter-provincial bridge between Cross Point and Campbellton, N. B.

This proposal was reported on in year 1921 and the cost thereof estimated at \$1,000,000.

It seems to me that, in a matter of this kind, the municipal authorities should approach the Provincial Government first and have them make some proposal to the Federal Government. If the municipal authorities are sufficiently interested to co-operate as to what would be expected.

I may say in the case of the Inter-provincial bridge between Ottawa and Hull, which, as you are aware, has been built, the two Provinces of Ontario and Quebec have contributed one-third each of the cost, and in the case of the proposed inter-provincial bridge between Hawkesbury and Grenville, the proposal is that the provinces each contribute one-third of the cost, the municipalities interested taking the matter up with the Provincial authorities with a view to securing an undertaking from them to that effect.

So far as can be ascertained, no legislation has been received from either of the Provinces of Quebec or New Brunswick that they would be prepared to contribute towards an inter-provincial bridge between Cross Point and Campbellton.

Yours sincerely,  
J. H. KING  
Hon. Charles Marcil, M.P.,  
Ottawa, Ont.

In view of this stand of the Dominion Government, it rests with the Municipal authorities to lay their requests before the authorities at Fredericton and Quebec. As Campbellton and district has the largest population and therefore the greatest interest in the matter, it is to be hoped that the Municipalities and Provincial Governments make their proposal at Ottawa I shall be delighted to support it, as will also I have no doubt Hon. Pius Michaud, M. P. for Restigouche and Madawaska Counties.

I may say that with the help of Hon. C. H. LaBrosse, then Minister in the New Brunswick Government it took us seven years to have the old I. C. R. bridge at Matapédia converted into a highway bridge. The co-operation of three governments and the I. C. R. authorities had to be secured but it was done. At the same time the Quebec Government re-erected the Mercier bridge at Matapédia over the Matapédia River.

To succeed at Matapédia we had to call in the assistance of the late Hon. A. G. Blair and also Hon. H. R. Emmerson, in turn Ministers of the Railways and Canal and Hon. W. S. Fielding, acting Minister, as well as the late Hon. James Sutherland, Minister of Public Works, who secured the vote of the House transferring the matter from the Department of Railways and Canals to the Department of Public Works.

The co-operation of the Quebec and New Brunswick governments also had to be obtained and the approach on either side, but that last connecting link between the two Provinces was finally laid down. Still it was a smaller matter than the bridge now asked for.

I have always entertained the hope that when the Gaspé Railway became merged in the National System a combined Railway and Highway bridge would be erected from the Restigouche at this spot. Then the Gaspé Peninsula would be linked up with both the Maritime Provinces and Quebec as well as the rest of Canada, and by the International Rly. also with the United States where it would find a great market for its produce as Boston and the great fish markets of the United States would be brought within 24 hours of Gaspé. I hope to live long enough to see that done.

In the meantime it rests with the citizens of Restigouche and Bonaventure Counties to take action as indicated.

Yours truly,  
CHARLES MARCIL

Messrs. Currie and LeBlanc are taking this bridge matter up actively with Premier Veniot, who has pledged his support to the undertaking and has gone so far as to commit his government to the project.

Recently Mr. Thomas Young, Mayor of the Municipality of Mann spent an afternoon with Messrs. Currie and LeBlanc and discussed ways and means of bringing the matter to a head. It is hoped that some definite action will be taken shortly.

Western Union Humor  
It has been reported that a certain well known young married man of this community burst into the office in the wildest excitement recently and wired his wife's relations as follows: "Twins today; more tomorrow!"

## ANOTHER MOVE IN GR. FALLS SCHEME

Will Open Negotiations With Que. for Storage Rights in That Province

St. John, N. B., Jan. 25.—G. H. Lowry, C. E., expert engineer of the Ontario Hydro Commission and representative of H. G. Acres, consulting engineer to the New Brunswick Electric Power Commission, left here this morning accompanied by C. McN. Steeves, M. Sc., M. E. I. C., of Fredericton, of the engineering staff of the N. B. Commission, for Grand Falls and headquarters of the St. John river to examine storage possibilities in connection with the proposed development at Grand Falls.

Surveys upon which work has been carried on so far in connection with the investigation of the feasibility of the project have been those which were made about ten years ago for the International Joint Waterways Commission. The object of the present surveys is to ascertain whether or not there has been any change in conditions and to check up the information which is available.

Next Monday Hon. Dr. E. A. Smith, chairman of the N. B. Commission; Hon. J. E. Michaud, member of the Commission, and S. R. Weston, acting chief engineer, leave for Quebec to enter into negotiations with the Quebec Government in relation to storage rights in that province in the districts of Temiscouata Lakes in the event of the Grand Falls development being proceeded with.

These developments bear out the information given by Premier Veniot to The Gleaner following his recent conference with Engineer Acres that "noting unfavorable has developed" in connection with the likelihood of proceeding with the Grand Falls development.

William H. Vanderbilt (above), scion families, heir to about \$20,000,000, is working in Boston as an office boy—for \$8 a week. But he admits his salary doesn't pay his expenses. He wants to learn the brokerage business.

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Imperial Preference Is Abandoned. Another Conference to be Called

London, Jan. 26.—The proposals of the Baldwin Government for trade preference to the British Dominions, which were elaborated at the Imperial Conference of 1923, will not be adopted by the new administration, according to the political correspondent of the Westminster Gazette.

The writer says that the report of the conference on imperial preference will be laid before the House of Commons and so may receive parliamentary decision, but that the Government does not regard itself bound to the pledges of its predecessor. A free vote of the Commons will accordingly be taken which, the writer predicts, will certainly result in the rejection of the programme as the Liberals will support the Laborites' hostility thereto.

The correspondent also asserts that the Government will refuse to accept the bargain proposed by Mr. Baldwin, lately, that if the sugar duty is reduced the existing Dominion preference will be maintained. The Laborite Ministry desires to cut down the sugar levy at the first opportunity, he points out, and it has already been hinted that this may be done in the coming budget.

Another conference of the British Dominions in 1924 is being mooted, according to the same authority, but if held it will be along different lines than the last. Before there was any immediate prospect of Labor taking office the suggestion was made that workers organized in the Dominions send representatives to a Labor conference here, to discuss questions of policy of interest to themselves, as well as to British Labor. This is the gathering that is now contemplated.

Now STATIONED AT CAPE OZO, QUE.

Popular Mt. Allison Man Ordained Recently at St. John N. B.

On Thursday evening, Dec. 27, R. Harry Baxter, was ordained to the Methodist Ministry at Centenary Church, St. John.

The ordination services were conducted by Rev. E. E. Styles, President of the N. B. and P. E. I. Conference, assisted by Rev. Dr. Watson of Mount Allison, Rev. F. Holmes, Rev. Neil MacLaughlin and Rev. R. G. Fulton.

Mr. Baxter, or "Harry" as he is better known to students on the campus, entered upon his course at Mount Allison before the war but like many another his studies were interrupted by the call of King and Country. Enlisting in the 6th Battery, he went overseas to four years' service at the front. After his return to Canada he resumed his theological studies and for a time preached in Gaspé where his work has led to his early ordination. Ordinarily he would not have been ordained until next May but the insistent call of the people of Gaspé has led to the date being advanced. He is especially literary in his tastes, and his articles and poems, in addition to figuring prominently in the columns of the Argus, have been published in several of the Maritime newspapers.

Rev. Mr. Baxter takes with him to his first pastorate the best wishes of his many friends upon the Mt. Allison campus.

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