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### Proceedings of Municipal Council Annual Session 1914

The Municipal Council for the County of Annapolis convened in Annual Session at the Court House, Annapolis Royal, on Tuesday the 13th day of January A.D. 1914, at ten o'clock in the forenoon.

The ballot boxes being in and the returns complete, the following candidates at the Municipal Elections held to elect councillors for the various Wards of the Municipality of Annapolis, were declared elected by the Municipal Clerk to fill the office of Councillor for the respective Wards for the term of three years.

- 1 Daniel M. Outhit.
- 2 Frank R. Elliott.
- 3 Freeman Fitch.
- 4 Joseph I. Foster.
- 5 LeBaron Troop.
- 6 Joseph Withers.
- 7 Ansel Casey.
- 8 Elias Rawding.
- 9 W. G. Clarke.
- 10 W. Marshall.
- 11 C. L. Piggott.
- 12 Ernest Gates.
- 13 J. C. Grim.
- 14 A. D. Thomas.
- 15 Myers Gibson.
- 16 Eri Nelly.

All the Councillors then sworn into office by the Clerk.

The Council then proceeded to the election of a Warden, whereupon Willard G. Clarke was unanimously elected Warden for the next ensuing three years and being duly sworn into office by the Clerk, took the chair and with a few appropriate remarks called the Council to order.

Minutes of Semi-Annual Session, 1913, were then read and approved.

Ordered that Councillor W. A. Marshall be Deputy Warden for the ensuing three years.

Ordered that the Warden proceed to appoint a Committee to nominate standing committees. He appointed D. M. Outhit, A. D. Thomas and F. R. Elliott, as said Committee.

Ordered that the report of the Superintendent of the Annapolis County Hospital as read be received and adopted.

(Report to be published later)

Ordered that the report of the Health Officer as read be received and adopted.

(Report to be published later)

Ordered that the report of the Auditors as read be laid on the table for further consideration.

(Report to be published later)

Ordered that the report of the Attending Physicians of the County Institutions as read be received and adopted.

(Report to be published later)

A communication from A. H. McKay, Superintendent of Education in reference to grants to School Taxation was then read and on motion laid on the table for further consideration.

The petition of O. P. Goucher and upwards of twenty others, freeholders of the County of Annapolis, asking for a grant of two hundred dollars per year for the establishment and upkeep of a local hospital, said grant to be made conditionally, on the Town of Middleton, granting \$100.00 towards the establishment and upkeep of said Institution was then read.

Ordered that the petition as read by the Clerk be laid on the table for further consideration.

Ordered that a delegation due here from Middleton tomorrow morning from the Middleton Board of Trade be, on arrival, heard.

The petition of Charles Haynes and upwards of twenty others, freeholders in the County of Annapolis, was then read, praying that a strip of road in District No. 3, Ward No. 7, which is a menace to traffic as it is steep, dangerous and hard to keep up and crooked, be fixed by having the same straightened, was then read and on motion referred to a committee, consisting of Charles Haynes, John H. Rigg and Spencer Merry, who were to draw into the necessity for the

straightening of said road and report at the Semi-Annual Session.

The petition of James Alley and upwards of twenty others, freeholders of the County of Annapolis was then read, praying that Road Section No. 10 be divided into two Sections, each four miles in length, the division to be made at the Railroad Crossing near the Mill Brook, the southern divide to be known as Road District No. 25 in Ward 13. On motion the prayer of said petition was granted.

On motion the Council adjourned until two o'clock p.m.

Tuesday Afternoon, 2 o'clock.

All Councillors present. Minutes of preceding session read and approved.

The report of the Scott Act Inspector, Mr. John Hall, was then, by request, read by W. G. Parsons, and on motion the report as read was laid on the table.

The report of the Committee on Tenders and Public Property was then read and on motion was received and laid on the table for further consideration.

Upon reading the petition of George C. Hutchinson and upwards of twenty others, freeholders of the County of Annapolis, asking that a Committee be appointed to mark out and set off a road running from the Wade Road to the Young Mountain Road under the North Mountain, in this Municipality, Ward 6, as requisite for the properties over which said road

On motion the prayer of said petition was granted and Stephen Wade, Reed Willett and William Woodward were appointed a Committee to consider the necessity for said road and report.

Ordered that Road District No. 11, Polling District No. 25, be divided into two districts, the new district to begin at the Eleven Mile Brook and go to the McBride Meadow Brook at Lake Munro, and be known as Road District No. 20 in said Polling District.

On motion the further report on road leading from the Liverpool Road to Lake Torment, called for by the Semi-Annual Session, 1913, was on motion, read, received and adopted.

(Report to be published later)

On motion the report of L. W. Elliott, Secretary of the Annapolis County Fruit Growers Association, was then read by the Warden and adopted.

(Report to be published later.)

Ordered that W. E. Porter be heard. He addressed the Council claiming that the grant from the Nova Scotia Government to the Horticultural Exhibition of Hants, Kings and Annapolis Counties be given towards an exhibition in Kentville, to be held in the autumn of this present year.

Resolved that the Municipality of Annapolis County, co-operate with the Municipalities of Kings and Hants Counties in the matter of the Horticultural Exhibition to be held during 1914 at Kentville. Moved by Councillor Piggott, seconded by Councillor Elliott.

Ordered that hereafter C. H. R. Crocker do his Statute Labor in Road Section No. 4, Ward 16.

Ordered that John Hall, our veteran Scott Act Inspector, be again appointed Scott Act Inspector for the present ensuing year.

A communication was read from John Irvin, Esquire, K. C., in behalf of the Historical Society of this Province, with which Mr. Irvin is intimately connected, requesting that a number of historical landmarks which exist in this County, be preserved as in some way designated.

On motion the communication of Mr. Irvin was laid on the table for further consideration.

(To be published later)

Ordered that the Warden appoint a Committee to look into the matter of some necessary amendments to Municipal legislation. The Warden appointed as said Committee, Joseph I. Foster, Freeman Fitch, Joseph Withers and Elias Rawding.

On motion Council adjourned to meet again on Wednesday morning at ten o'clock

(Wednesday Morning, 10 o'clock)  
All Councillors present. Warden in the chair. Minutes of the previous meeting read and approved.

Dr. Sponagle, one of the Committee appointed by the Middleton Board of Trade to interview this Council in re the exemption in the Road Act of parties over sixty years of age from road tax, being called upon, addressed the Council at considerable length, advocating that this exemption be at once removed.

Mr. F. A. Brown, another member of the game Committee, then addressed the Council at some length on the same subject. He was followed by Mr. Frank Whitman, who advocated not only the exemption, but also that the road work should be commenced early in the season and all speakers agreed that a more careful supervision of the roads during the whole season was necessary. Mr. Whitman was followed by Mr. Geo. E. Corbit along the same lines.

A petition was then presented by the Grand Jurors of this County on recommendation from Judge Ritchie, praying that some suitable employment be provided for prisoners confined in the common goal sentenced to hard labor. Ordered that the matter be referred to the Committee on Tenders and Public Property.

Ordered that Dr. Sponagle be allowed to address the Council on the question of the establishment of an hospital in some part of this Municipality in accordance with a previous resolution of this Council. Dr. Sponagle then addressed the Council at considerable length on this subject.

Ordered that the Report of the Auditors as read be received and adopted.

Ordered that the Treasurer's Report as read be received and adopted.

Ordered that the Scott Act Inspector's Report as read, be received and adopted.

Ordered that the Report of the Committee on Tenders and Public Property as read be received and adopted.

Ordered that Rupert Parker be Revisor for Revision Section No. 3 of this Municipality in place of A. Owen Price, resigned.

A communication was then read from Arthur Roberts, Secretary of the Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities.

(To be published later)

Ordered that the Warden name delegates to the meeting of the Union of the Nova Scotia Municipalities, at Amherst, in August. The Warden named as delegates, Councillors Elliott, Foster and Outhit.

The Report of the Board of Revision was then read and approved.

(Report published later)

Ordered that the meeting of the Board of Revision be suspended for the year 1914.

Ordered that J. A. Rice, F. M. Chipman and F. H. Willett be the Board of Revision and Appeal for the Municipality for this term.

Ordered that George Allen be the keeper of Victoria Bridge for the ensuing year.

Ordered that Councillors Nelly, Rawding and the Clerk be a Committee to revise the Jury Lists.

Ordered that Dr. M. R. Armstrong be the Medical Officer for this Municipality for the ensuing year.

Ordered that the road leading east from Port Lorne and along the shore be added to Road District No. 19 as far as Edna Marshall's Cottage.

Ordered that the Arbitration Committee of this Municipality be named by the Warden.

A report of the Committee of Arbitration appointed to appraise damages on the proposed new road from Malvea Square to the Kings County line across lands of Mr. Charles Jacques was then read and on motion adopted.

(Report to be published later)

Ordered that James Martin, Avery Patterson and J. Aber Phinney continue to be the arbitrators to settle the damages on said road, if their services be necessary.

On motion the Council adjourned until two o'clock, p.m.

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### The Nova Scotia Temperance Act Versus the Scott Act

Some Reasons Why the Scott Act  
Should be Repealed.

(Furnished by N. S. Alliance.)

The Nova Scotia Temperance Act placed upon the Statute by the Government of Nova Scotia in 1910 and amended in 1911, 1912 and 1913, can be used with better effect than the Scott Act in the suppression of the liquor traffic in the province. It is superior in many respects.

Some of the outstanding advantages of the Nova Scotia Temperance Act are:

**ALL ALCOHOLIC DRINKS PROHIBITED.**

1. The prohibition of the sale or keeping for sale of all drinkable liquids containing alcohol.

Various kinds of beer with a light percentage of alcohol, very injurious to the system, are being legally sold in Scott Act Counties—Nova Scotia Temperance Act prohibits the sale of such drinks.

**JAIL PENALTY AFTER FIRST OFFENCE.**

2. The jail penalty must be imposed after one first offence. The Inspector is liable to a penalty of \$20 if he does not regularly proceed from first to second or subsequent offence. This provision does away with the system in many municipalities of enforcing law to obtain revenue rather than to suppress the traffic.

**NO PERSONAL USE PROVISION.**

3. Under the amended Scott Act liquor can be legally shipped by Halifax dealers for personal use into the provincial bar-rooms for Scott Act Counties.

But liquor cannot be legally shipped by Halifax dealers into Nova Scotia Temperance Counties. The penalty is \$50 for first offence, \$100 for second, and \$200 for third and each subsequent offence.

**SAFE-GUARDING OF COURT RECORDS.**

4. Stipendiary Magistrate must send to the County Prothonotary a certificate of each conviction and such certificate in all proceedings upon an information where a previous conviction is charged, is sufficient evidence of such previous conviction.

This provision in the Nova Scotia Temperance Act means the safe-guarding of papers absolutely necessary for efficient enforcement.

**LESS DIFFICULTY IN MAKING SEIZURES OF LIQUOR.**

5. Any inspector or police officer may at any time without warrant enter and search premises where he believes liquors are kept for sale or disposal contrary to the provisions of the Act, and seize any liquors unlawfully kept.

Under the Scott-Act the officer required a search warrant and it can be executed only between 6 a.m. and 9 p.m.

**DISPOSAL OF FRAUDULENT SHIPMENTS.**

6. Any inspector or constable may without warrant seize and remove liquor he finds in transit in any vehicle or at any wharf, warehouse or other place. The Scott Act is ineffective where liquor is in actual transportation in a truck or wagon within a municipality, and in all seizures the Scott Act officer must have a warrant.

If it appears to the magistrate that such liquor was consigned to some person in a fictitious name, or was shipped as other goods, or was covered or concealed in such a manner as would probably render discovery more difficult it is prima facie evidence of violation.

**LIQUOR PEDDLERS MAY BE SEARCHED.**

7. Any person who may be suspected of selling liquor from or keeping for illegal sale in his pockets or from or in any vehicle, may himself, and his vehicle, be searched, and if any liquor be found he may be arrested.

**CLUBS CAN BE SUPPRESSED.**

8. Under the amended Scott Act clubs are common. The Nova Scotia Temperance Act prohibits such places; the keeping or having in any house or building or in any room or place oc-

cupied or controlled by any incorporated or unincorporated society, association or club or any member or members thereof or by any person of any liquor, is a violation of the Act. PRESCRIPTIONS BY PHYSICIANS

9. Under the Scott Act a physician who prescribes liquor for other than medical purposes is liable to a fine of \$20 for first offence and \$40 for subsequent offences.

Under the new Act prescriptions can only be given to persons whom the doctor has visited professionally within three days and the penalty for violation of this provision is \$50 for first offence and \$100 or two months' imprisonment for second.

**ENFORCEMENT.**

10. It is made the express duty of the Council, police and temperance committee and every officer and inspector to enforce this Act and take necessary proceedings to punish offenders.

**TO OBTAIN REPEAL.**

To obtain the repeal of the Scott Act in any county petitions must be signed by one-fourth of the electors, and forwarded to Ottawa. A date is then fixed for election. If a majority vote for repeal, the Nova Scotia Temperance Act will automatically come into force in the county.

### Last Thursday Bridgetown's Ninetieth Anniversary

(From "This Day in Canadian History," in Morning Chronicle.)

In the year 1824, a bridge was built across the Annapolis River, in Nova Scotia, fifteen miles above the town of Annapolis. The stream was navigable for sloops up to this point and in 1822 over sixty vessels came up to the bridge to receive their cargoes.

In the following year the number of vessels (which were of from thirty to one hundred tons burden) had climbed to one hundred; and a village had begun to spring up—no less than eight dwelling houses being erected in about two years. The progress of the place was due principally to the enterprise of a native of Norwich, in England—Mr. Crosskill by name. He had been employed by the British Government during the Revolutionary War in bringing Hessian troops to America, and later, after living for a time in Halifax, had obtained a grant of land in the beautiful district on the Annapolis River. Up to the close of 1823 the busy little hamlet was still nameless, but it was realized that the thriving infant was deserving of more respectful treatment, so, on this date, January 15th, 1824, a public dinner was held in the village, and the name of Bridgetown bestowed upon it, with all due form, ceremony and rejoicing.

### The Late James Auld

A few weeks ago there appeared an item in the "Forty Years Ago" happenings referring to the death of Mr. James Auld of Dalhousie West, which occurred on Nov. 23rd, 1873, in his 92nd year. He was born in a town in the north of Ireland and was married March 2nd, 1811, to Miss Martha Millen, whose death took place 1881, at the age of thirty-seven years. Their family consisted of nine children. His eldest child was born in the north of Ireland and was the mother of our esteemed and genial friend, Capt. J. J. Buckler, of Dalhousie West, at whose home the deceased resided during a number of years prior to his death.

Mrs. A. Cleaves of Mochele is his eldest granddaughter. Mrs. Olive Delancey of North Williamstown, who is also a granddaughter, has in her possession several letters written by the deceased, one which was posted in Halifax in 1848. Mr. Auld at one time held a position in the Commissariat Department in Halifax and also taught school for a number of years. He was the oldest Freemason in the County, probably in the Province, and was greatly esteemed by all who knew him.

The Healy Siegel Company of Boston, has been declared "hopelessly insolvent" by Attorney Grisbury in the United States district court. The big stores in that city, New York and Chicago are now in the hands of receivers and big discount sales are on.

### St. James' Parish Annual Meeting

The Church Wardens' Report Very Encouraging

The annual meeting held in the schoolroom on Monday night will go down to history as one of the best in the record of the parish. After the Financial Statement by the Treasurer the Church-Wardens presented the following report:

To the Rector and Parishioners of the Parish of St. James, Bridgetown, Your Wardens beg leave to submit the following report:

We have assembled this evening for this our annual meeting, under most gratifying conditions, and with reasons for thankfulness to Almighty God for His many blessings; but whilst we are thankful for that which has been accomplished, let us not forget the demands of the present, and things done, but ever strive to improve as opportunity presents itself, and as we are conscious of the need of things material, and strive accordingly, so let it be in our spiritual lives.

**RE FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

As will be seen by the Treasurer's Report, the financial condition of the Parish is very gratifying. With the united effort and hearty co-operation of the parishioners, we have been able to meet our obligations when due, and have a balance on the right side. It will be remembered that previous to the inception of the envelope system some three years ago, we were unable, or did not meet our obligations, which resulted in our having an increased deficit each year. This condition of affairs was doubtless due to lack of system in our contributions, for without system failure inevitably follows.

Conditions will, we think, warrant us in saying that the present method of contributing our share toward the maintenance of the church is a good one, and we must press on until every member who possibly can, is in the scheme. We would therefore urge upon each and every parishioner to take envelopes and to see that their contributions are made week by week, as far as possible.

**IMPROVEMENTS AND REPAIRS**

During the last few years, various improvements and repairs have been completed, but perhaps none so important as that of the cellar last year. The work of excavating, laying cement floor, re-setting furnace, changing position of entrance to cellar, and laying wall was done by contract, and at a very moderate cost. We are pleased to report that the work has been satisfactorily done, and according to contract. For payment of this we are indebted to the ladies of the church, and to Mr. Eason for his very generous contribution.

The church is at present in a good state of repair, and we hope will continue so for some time. The question of more room for storing wood has been solved in the excavation of cellar, but the need for a larger school room is becoming more acute, and will doubtless need attention in the very near future.

**ACKNOWLEDGMENTS**

We desire to acknowledge with thanks the courteous and considerate manner in which we have been received by you in connection with all things pertaining to the welfare of the Church, and also to thank all who in any way contributed toward the various departments in the church's work. We are also indebted to the most efficient and painstaking treasurer, Mr. Ruggles, for his long and faithful service as such, and might truly say we do not know how we could do without him.

Phillip Ferrill, a fireman, was killed and seventy-five families were turned into the street in a temperature of some degrees below zero by a fire which destroyed the department of W. & W. A. Bacon, a four-story building on Washington and Ruggles streets, Boston, last Wednesday morning. Sparks set fire to the roofs of a score of Harrison avenue and other nearby streets.

Recording Secretary—A. J. Bustin. Auditors—J. B. Gesmer and A. J. Bustin.

It was decided to hold the annual congregational "At Home" on the evening of Monday, Feb. 2nd. Miss Agnes Gesmer and Mr. Eri Wade were appointed Entertainment Committee, and the Chapel-Wardens with Mrs. H. Young and Miss S. Gesmer a general committee.

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### Royal Bank of Canada

INCORPORATED 1869.

CAPITAL . . . . . \$11,500,000  
RESERVE FUNDS . . . . . \$12,500,000  
AGGREGATE ASSETS - \$175,000,000

70 BRANCHES IN THE MARITIME PROVINCES

**SAVINGS DEPARTMENT**

Deposits of \$1.00 and upwards received and interest allowed at highest current rates.

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