

THE ACADIAN.

WOLFVILLE, N. S., APR. 4, 1913.

Town Council.

At the regular monthly meeting on Wednesday evening Mayor Chambers and all the members of the Council were present.

The Finance Committee reported receipts during the past month \$444.15, with expenditures \$1212.73. The debit bank balance on March 31st was \$4355.49.

Mr. W. A. Reid asked permission to move a building from post office property to lot on east end of Main street which permission was granted.

A letter was read from E. H. Archibald referring to the condition of the water service on Earncliffe avenue and asking that a hydrant be placed on that street. Referred to the water committee for report at next meeting.

A communication from Elizabeth MacNamara referring to a threatened encroachment on Main street which would be prejudicial to her interests was read. Some discussion ensued and the streets committee reported that there was no encroachment as far as they knew. No action was taken.

A petition from George Harris & Bro. for rebate on license fee paid in 1912 was read and Mr. Harris appeared in support of same. No action was taken.

The appeal of C. H. Borden from the action of the appeal court in raising his assessment on stock from \$1800 to \$3000, laid over from last meeting, was taken up. Mr. Frank Bishop appeared for Mr. Borden and claimed that the latter was assessed too high in proportion to other similar business in the town. Coun. Porter moved, seconded by Coun. Harris, that the decision of the appeal court be reversed.

The matter was discussed at great length, the discussion being often animated although not always logical or in keeping with the rules of debate, after which the question was put and lost, the vote being 1 for, 5 against. Coun. Harris gave notice of reconsideration at next meeting.

A bill from Mr. E. C. Johnson for damage done to his dyke in consequence of sewer overflow was laid over until next regular meeting and the sewer committee was requested to look over the dyke and report probable damage.

The following bills were read and ordered paid:

- Town Clerk.....\$ 6.02
T. W. Boyd & Son..... 3.84
F. S. Crowell..... 3.87
Stephen Eldridge..... 2.00
Union of Canadian Municipalities..... 10.00
Acadia Electric Light Co., 49 25
Wood & Mahaney..... 12.75

The committee appointed at previous meeting to consider the matter of making some arrangement for a more general spraying for caterpillars reported that no action had been taken. The committee was continued and requested to endeavor to make arrangement with some person who will undertake this work.

The matter of the increase in salary of the superintendent of streets, &c. proposed at a former meeting, was taken up and discussed and referred to the committee interested to report at a special meeting to be called by the Mayor when ready.

It was decided that the date for payment of taxes for year 1913 be June 1st, and that the usual discount be given.

Editorial Notes.

It is said that the local government propose to solve the difficulty caused by the recent breaking of the Bishop Dyke by raising the road leading across the dyke to Post William so as to be above tide level. Such a procedure should be vigorously protested against, as the proposed roadway could not fall to be a dangerous as well as a very unsatisfactory one in every way.

The Presbyterian church is considering the establishment of a collegiate school for boys to be located somewhere in the Maritime Provinces. The Town Council and Board of Trade of Truro have appointed a committee to confer with Rev. D. Jack, who is chairman of the committee appointed by the Presbyterian Synod to consider the matter. It is understood that Truro will give a site of land for the erection of the proposed building.

As the spring season grows nearer, the time for cleaning up back yards and vacant lots is at hand. What better way to assist in making a town beautiful than cleaning up the winter's collection of tin cans, rubbish and cinders. One of the greatest assets of a town is cleanliness. Wolfville is an ideal beauty spot and it behoves each of us to see that the natural splendor is not marred by unclean and unsightly premises and dumps. Get the habit and start your spring cleaning early.

There will be a general provincial election on the 10th of April. There is not much time for campaigning, but it does not take the wisest counsel long to warn us. At present the Liberals have a large majority in the legislature, but all has not been going well with the government. Some time after the last election Premier Borden had to resign and his place was taken by Hon. Mr. Borden, who had to step down from the bench in order to save the situation. Since then the cabinet has developed, and while Premier Borden is no way responsible, his government will undoubtedly have to face the government when it comes before the voters. The opposition side of the house is the stand

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ONE OF THE PENALTIES WE PAY FOR MURRAY GOVERNMENT IS AN EXTRA AND NEEDLESS CHARGE OF FROM \$50,000 TO \$80,000 EVERY YEAR FOR SCHOOL BOOKS. THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT'S HALF-HEARTED RURAL TELEPHONE BILL.

House of Assembly, Halifax, March 29th, '13: More than six weeks of the present session of this Provincial Parliament have passed and the Murray Government has not shown much evidence of constructive legislation. Nothing has been brought down to show an intention of seeking the improvement of our roads of bettering the condition of our common schools or of making Nova Scotia better for Nova Scotians. "The things the government should do they are leaving undone and they are doing those things they should not do, and there is no health in them."

HEAVY BANK OVERDRAFTS.

In answer to a question from the opposition the other day, Premier Murray announced that the province has enormous overdrafts in three banks in this city—the Bank of Montreal, the Royal Bank of Canada and the Canadian Bank of Commerce. These overdrafts amount, he admitted, to hundreds of thousands of dollars, and the further admission was forthcoming from the government that the province, in all its history, had never had a credit balance. At the same time the Premier might have added, never before had the province so large a revenue but so unwisely expended, and that it had no debt when the conservatives went out of power in 1882.

NO DEBT WHEN LIBERALS CAME IN.

In addition to the overdrafts at the banks the province has a debt of \$1,000,000. In this connection it should be remembered, as already stated, that in 1882 Nova Scotia did not have one dollar of bonded debt. It was in that year that the liberals came into power in provincial affairs, succeeding the honest businesslike administration of the Hon. Mr. Thompson government. It was a bad day for the revenues and expenditures of this province when that change was made thirty-one years ago. Nova Scotia has paid dearly enough for it, with impoverished services, huge debt and gigantic overdrafts.

MONEY PAID OUT FOR NOTHING.

The bringing down of the report of the Nova Scotia Temperance Inspector caused, in the House of Assembly. It was shown to be incomplete and inadequate. Mr. Knight, who holds the office, besides being chief inspector is also game commissioner, drawing \$1,200 and expenses for each office. He is a strong liberal lawyer in Halifax, which lets out one of the acres of his ability to pull out the double salary from the Murray crowd.

Mr. Corning, of Yarmouth, questioned the government on the report of Mr. Knight, but he got no satisfaction.

NO LAW ENFORCEMENT.

Mr. Murray was asked how it was that this enormous salary was paid to this official and that yet they were unable to put their finger on one thing he had done, particularly in the matter of the Temperance laws. Mr. Corning pointed out that the government should enforce the temperance act, as is done in Ontario. A statement that Mr. Zwicker obtained from the Attorney General was that the chief forest ranger from Lunenburg county had refused to send in a detailed account of his expenses for last year. These amount to about \$500 as stated in the crown land report, and must under the act of legislature be paid by the ratepayers of the county of Lunenburg. What will the government do with an official of this kind? Will they require that he conform with the law, or will they go on in the same old rut, seeing that it is "only the people's money" that is being spent? R. H. Kennedy asked the government for returns showing the results of the government's alleged immigration policy in Colchester. If any results are apparent, the answer gave no encouragement to think that anything real or tangible is being done. What is true of Colchester prevails generally throughout the province. It is the old story of "nothing done."

HALF HEARTED RURAL TELEPHONE BILL.

The government has introduced its rural telephone bill, under which a subsidy of \$20 a mile may be paid by the government to local companies, who are prohibited from declaring dividends or bonus and in the event of connecting with existing lines shall pay five cents for each connection. It is a half-hearted measure, just what should be expected from a government "in a rut", and as becomes a group of men under the power of the trusts as the Murray government are known to be.

J. W. Margeson and C. E. Tanner in speaking on the second reading of the bill, the government for its part of the corporations, for its part of the huge telephone monopoly and its lack of progress, while they vigorously demanded telephone legislation in the interests of the people and not of the corporations. In concluding his speech Mr. Tanner said: "Until we of the older provinces of this Dominion make a vigorous move to get out of the rut", by cutting loose from our ideas and unscrupulous prejudices against ownership by the people, until then I say we will remain in that rut. We will never get out of that rut by following the lead of honorable gentlemen on the opposition side of the house in the stand

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