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WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

Our local contemporary in its last issue says: "At present there are too many Aldermen at the Board for a town the size of Newcastle. A grave mistake was made when Newcastle was incorporated, and now it is another mistake to have nine persons running the town's business, when several companies that have five times as much business affairs as the town, are managed by one man."

Does the Leader want Newcastle reincorporated and thrown back to the status of a village? And what does it mean by reminding us that a private company with five times as much business as that of the town can be managed by one man? It must be well aware that such a man is paid well for his work several thousand dollars a year. Does the Leader want Newcastle to come under commission government with highly paid commissioners? Or is it trying to deceive its readers or is it merely talking at random not knowing, itself, what it means.

SIX ALDERMEN NOT ENOUGH

As Town Election draws near and the ratepayers have found time to thoroughly weigh the arguments for and against the reduction of the number of Aldermen to six, the more absurd appears the argument for reduction. On second thoughts, a large proportion of those who favored reduction, now see that it would not be for the best interests of the public. The smaller the number of legislators the more easily a majority could be influenced to act adversely to the public good. It would not always be safe to entrust the care of an important department to one man, but in numbers there is safety as well as strength. As an instance of what pressure is sometimes brought to bear upon public representatives, a member of the Police Committee of a recent Newcastle Council claims he was offered a percentage of the liquor sales of a certain place in town; if he would wink at the proprietor's violation of the Scott Act. It is certain that not everybody in that alderman's place would have been strong enough to resist the temptation. Had this man yielded, the liquor seller would have had to buy off at least one more of the Committee of three, and he would not have been perfectly safe without making sure of the whole three. But if one man alone had then had charge of that department, and he had been inclined towards craft, the town could easily have been sold out.

Newcastle has had little or no trouble from civic graft in the past, but the town is growing, and temptations are multiplying at the usual rate in such cases. It is better to keep the eight aldermen in the Council and three on each committee.

The two-year term, on the other hand, has much to commend it, and can be obtained at any time after this year. Let us for the present, defeat the six aldermen scheme.

THE TOWN ELECTION

While publishing Ald J H Troy's card as a candidate for the Mayoralty, and having no other card or any information of anyone known to be running or intending to run as his opponent, the North Shore Leader in its last issue says that it is likely there will be no contest for the Mayoralty, that Mayor Morrissey, if he again offers, will likely be unopposed, and should he decide not to run, no doubt another of the same denomination will be found to fill the Mayor's chair for this term; and that a precedence has been established in Newcastle that guarantees the Mayoralty two years in succession first to one of the two leading religions of the town and then to the other. Where a Jew would fit in, should he have any aspirations for the chief Magistrate's chair, doth not appear.

It is to be regretted that the Leader has seen fit to introduce the sacred name of religion into a Town Election contest, and doubly so that, if it felt constrained to do so, it had not brought up the question before there was any opponent of Mayor Morrissey in the field. Ald Troy's candidature was announced in the press at least a week before last issue of the Leader was printed, and the Leader's last week's editorial must, therefore, be understood as a direct demand that Ald. Troy withdraw his candidature, and further, that he withdraw it solely on religious grounds. Such a demand is to be regretted, and we hope that no opponent of Mayor Morrissey or of any other candidate will make a similar demand upon him—that he should not run because of any thing not directly connected with his platform and record as a public servant. The platform and records of Mayor Morrissey and Ald. Troy and all others who have served in the Council or have sought or are seeking to serve there are before the public and each man should be commended or condemned solely upon such platform and record.

The Leader in its pre-election editorial last year gave most excellent advice in the following words:

"Vote for the men who you think will be the most capable to govern the town. Don't take any stock in petty canvassers, because any man who finds fault and spreads gossip on the eve of an election, is a coward."

The above is sound doctrine and much preferable to its latest declaration. Let every voter cast his or her ballot for the candidates with whose principles he or she most nearly agrees, with an eye bent only on the good of the Town and the prosperity of its people.

TELEPHONE MATTERS

The New Brunswick Telephone Company's request to the Public Utilities Commission for permission to charge day rates for all messages from 6 p. m. till midnight, has been decided by the Commission as follows:

"It is ordered, that rates charged by the said company for night messages over their said lines be and remain as heretofore, for the period of six months from the first day of March, instant, and that during the said period any person desirous of using the night hours and willing to pay the day rates therefor, shall have prior rights over all other persons using the wires at the present night rates, the latter messages being deferred or delayed until after the first mentioned messages shall have been completed; and the said New Brunswick Telephone Company are authorized and directed to make all such rules and regulations as may be necessary to carry this order into effect, and shall deliver to this Board a monthly statement or chart showing the amount and nature of the toll business transacted over their wires during such night hours, distinguishing the preferred calls at each exchange from the deferred calls and showing the revenue from each."

"And it is hereby further ordered, that this Board hereby retains jurisdiction over the subject matter of the foregoing application, and may deal with the same of its own motion both before and after the expiration of the said period of six months, upon notice to the parties concerned, or, after the expiration of such period, upon the application of either of the parties hereto."

As will be seen from this decision, neither the company nor the public has won, but the result is a compromise for the next six months, and one which we fear, will be productive of considerable friction. At times between six and twelve o'clock in the evening when several persons with urgent business want the wires the company will be in a position to make the more anxious pay the day rate, for he who refuses to do so can be made wait till the last. The latter may fall to get his message through that night, as few business houses and not all private residences can be communicated with by night after twelve. However, as the Commission reserve the right to reconsider their action before the expiration of the six months, it is up to the Company to be always on its good behavior.

The matter of better accommodation for the Newcastle Exchange is one of pressing importance, as this Exchange is one of the busiest in the province, an immense amount

of business being transacted over its wires. We understood some time ago that the Company had under consideration the construction of a building here in keeping with the size of its business and the importance of the town, but there is no sign of this intention being carried out. We trust that the Company will make the necessary changes to its premises here in the very near future.

Agricultural Relief for the Allies

In February, circulars and small envelopes were distributed throughout the province with a request that consideration be given to the farmers in Belgium, France and Serbia who had lost everything because they lived where the battles have been and are being fought. The fund is to assist these men to re-establish when the war is over up to date loss than \$10000.00 have been received by the Treasurer of the Fund, W R Reek, Fredericton Agricultural Society, if they have not already done so, would do well to consider this as organized bodies. Many perhaps did not receive envelopes but contributions will be welcome in any form. All should help complete lists of subscriptions will be published very shortly. Following is a list of subscriptions received by G G Stothart, Newcastle, secretary of Agricultural Society No 122. They are only partial, as some lists are not yet in. The lists will stand open for another week, and all in the County who wish to contribute will please hand in their amounts to Mr Stothart as soon as possible.

John McCartney	\$ 1.00
W M Johnston	2.00
Claude Brown	1.00
S D Heckerbert	1.00
N Nagle	1.00
Benj Deroche	1.00
Samuel McLennan	1.00
A friend	1.00
John R Jackson	1.00
Angus McIntosh	1.00
Judge Willinson	2.00
E B Cutler	1.00
Mrs J McLaggan	1.00
George Stables	2.00
H Williston	2.00
G G Stothart	2.00
James Young	1.00
Ernest Hopkins	1.00
Gregory Dunnett	1.00
Edward Dunnett	1.00
Geo H Blackmore	1.00
Edward Dunnett, Jr	1.00
Omar Dunnett	1.00
Elmer Allison	1.00
Robert Ford	1.00
William Ford	1.00
Thomas Hill	1.00
Charles MacKay	1.00
Harvey McKay	1.00
Clifford Parker	1.00
Albert Haro	1.00
Thomas Mullin	2.00
Leslie Mullin	2.00
D Mullin	.50
James Walsh	1.00
Hubert Walsh	1.00
William R Walsh	1.00
William H Parker	1.00
Melvin Stewart	2.00
James A Sherrard	1.00
P A Forsyth	1.00
Edward Toushie	.50
Alfred Baisley	.75
William Baisley	.50
Ross Hare	.50
Major McTavish	1.00
John Hare	.50
Alen Whitney	.25
F H Whitney	.50
Ernest M Sherrard	.50
William Taylor	1.00
H S Tozer	1.00
Warren Creamer	1.00
John Nelson	1.00
Michael Young, Sr	1.00
John D Goodfellow	1.00
Mrs John D Goodfellow	.25
Luke Goodfellow	.50
Wm Goodfellow	1.00
James Hickey	.50
John Hickey	.25
Ira Goodfellow	1.00
E W Goodfellow	1.00
Mrs E W Goodfellow	1.00
Thos A Lorraine	1.00
John A Goodfellow	1.00
Mrs Thos Lorraine	1.00
George S Lorraine	.25
Mrs John A Goodfellow	1.00
Hazel M Hasen	.25
Evered J Goodfellow	1.00
Mrs Evered J Goodfellow	.35
Mrs Thomas McGregor	.25
Adam Hill	1.00
Jeremiah Keys	.50
David J Goodfellow	.50
Mrs D J Goodfellow	.50
David M Goodfellow	.50
James Goodfellow	1.00
William Power	.50

Buy Your Out-of-Town Supplies with Dominion Express Money Orders. Five Dollars Costs Three Cents.

Sale of Jute Squares

We have decided to clear out every fringed Jute and Woolen Square in the department and if low prices and good values count for anything they will move with a rush. At the regular marked prices these beautiful rugs are away below present wholesale value. At the reduced prices they are lower than manufacturing cost.

2 1-2 x 3 yds.,	Regular \$6.95, Sale Price \$4.95
3 x 3 yds.,	" 8.25, " 5.95
3 x 3 1-2 yds.,	" 8.95, " 6.95
3 x 4 yds.,	" 9.95, " 7.95

Colors are Green, Blue, Tan, Red and Fawn

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WATCH YOUR WRAPPERS

While most of our many subscribers pay their subscriptions promptly, there are a few in arrears. If the latter would, when they see the dates to which they have paid on the wrappers of their papers, at once remit the amounts due they would greatly assist us in continuing to produce an up-to-date newsy

journal. We need all that is due as we have to meet our bills promptly.

For 'Fords' at 1-3 Cost

Complete Body and Seat Covers, \$30; Coll. \$5; New Master Vibrator, \$8; New Unit Coll. \$10; 1918 Windshield, \$10; New Carburetor, \$5; Boston Starter, \$10; Speedometer, \$10; Fenders and other parts to clear. Also INSURANCE at Lowest Rates. M R BENN, Nordin, N. B.

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For Infants and Children
In Use For Over 30 Years
Always bears the Signature of *Chas. H. Fletcher*

Farm Help Available

25,000 Older Canadian Boys Have Volunteered to Help The Farmers

Last year 7,000 Older Boys demonstrated to the farmers of Canada that they could help take the place of the regular farm help that has gone overseas.

They proved their willingness and ability to dopt themselves to farm work. This year many farmers are asking for boys. Already 25,000 boys, between 15 and 19 years of age in Ontario and Western Canada, have offered their services as SOLDIERS OF THE SOIL. The enrolment week for New Brunswick takes place April 28th to May 4th. The plan is to have the boys fill in enrolment forms which will be turned over to the Department of Agriculture.

The farmers are asked to write to the Minister of Agriculture stating what help they require and for what period. Arrangements as to wages will be agreed upon by the farmer and the boy.

J F TWEEDDALE,

Minister for Agriculture.

Fredericton, N B

PUBLIC NOTICE

I have received for publication the list of persons who were vaccinated at the town's expense, and give notice that all persons not desiring their names to appear in said list, will kindly make arrangements to pay the costs of said vaccination either to the doctor, by whom vaccinated or to the undersigned within the next ten days.

I also give notice that all refuse that has been deposited upon the streets by householders during the winter must be cleaned at once or the law in this regard will be rigidly enforced.

GEORGE STABLES
Chairman Board of Health.

16-0

WANTED

Two girls as cook and general house maid. Good wages paid. Apply at once to MRS E A McCURDY 4-0

Wanted

Engineer and Fireman also a Blacksmith and a Mill Wright. The Miramichi Quarry Co. Ltd. 13-4 Quarryville, N. B.

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MEATS, GROCERIES, ETC., AT LOWEST PRICES

Phone No 12

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In the store adjoining, Mrs. White will carry a small line of

Ladies' and Childrens' Ready-made Clothing, Hosiery, Crochet Cotton, etc.

Rubber Footwear

Men's Lumbermen's Rubbers with 7 inch leather Tops. Six inch all Rubber with the tough red soles, and the four inch all Rubber in the Cheap Grade

Boys' and Youths' in the four inch height, that will wear well and are perfectly waterproof. — Men's and Boys' ordinary Rubbers of the Best Quality.

G. M. LAKE, — — Newcastle, N. B.
THE HARNESS AND SHOE-PAK MAN