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## THE SQUARE DEAL GETS A JOINT

The meeting of the Town Council last Tuesday evening was a very important one.

There were present His Worship the Mayor, and Councillors Mr. Kay, Snook, Dunbar and Kennedy. Outside the hall and beyond the charmed circle of the civic solons was Edwin C. Cribb, recently elected by His Worship Mayor Stuart to accept the position of tax collector and more recently still, thrown down by His Worship.

S. G. Chambers, of the Chambers Electric Light & Power Co., was there and the Citizens.

Matters of an interesting nature were dealt with.

Matters which the ratepayers would like to know of.

And one was the electric light situation.

And one was the tax collector appointment.

In neither case has the Truro Town Council acquiesced itself with a report or shown a close adherence to the square deal.

Elsewhere will be found the account of Mr. Chambers' address to the council.

Elsewhere too will be found the verbatim report of the Cribb appointment and his unsavory throw-down.

The public may read and may inwardly digest and may learn therefrom several things.

In the first place it is now known as it was not known before, that Mayor Stuart urged E. C. Cribb to take the job of tax collector.

Mr. Cribb didn't want it.

Again Mayor Stuart urged E. C. Cribb to take the job, and assured him that his appointment would be unanimous and upon going to the town office together, the application was written on the typewriter at Town Clerk McDougall's dictation and Mr. Cribb signed it.

The rest is known.

By psychic suggestion Councillor McKay, the man of peace, with the dove's tail pinned to his breast, moved his appointment and Councillor Kennedy, the man who coaxes the hissing, steaming monster over the hills and down the grades, seconded the resolution.

Bang!

From the blue sky above came a bolt that stunned not only the masters of the administration, but also the mayor and second, now both awake from their psychic sleep.

The appointment was unpopular. So Tuesday night Mr. E. C. Cribb was thrown down.

And in his throwing down, there is something which hits the "square deal" person a blow in the region of "fair play."

Mr. Cribb has been made responsible on whom these responsible appointments should be laid to lay the blame and in doing so they seek to advertise to the world that Mr. Cribb is altogether a most despicable person.

We have no disposition here to stand as sponsor for Mr. Cribb.

But we say it fearlessly and boldly and without fear of successful contradiction, that the manly course would be to turn him down fair and square and not resort to antiseptic such as dark hints at documentary evidence and conscientious scruples about questions on the bond application.

Today Mr. Cribb stands in the peculiar position of being refused a bond by a bonding company without his ever having applied for the bond.

In other words, Mr. Cribb has not yet set in his application to the company for a bond.

Yet Mayor Stuart has been notified by the bonding company that Mr. Cribb can't be bonded.

Strange, isn't it?

We were not in favor of Mr. Cribb's appointment in the first place.

But we stand up for a square deal every time and the methods by which Mr. Cribb's head has been cut off reminds one of the perilous times of King Henry VIII.

A little closer attention to the pulse of the people would have prevented what we consider a pretty mean throw down.

This is the age of charity.

Charities mean a helping hand.

And Mayor Stuart has not added to his popularity by his latest exhibition of trampling on the rights and feelings of others to raise his standard and come out victorious.

## THE EASTERN BRANCH.

(Eastern Chronicle.)

It is generally admitted by the men along the line that they greatly feared the Piton branch will be transferred back to the Halifax-St. John division. It will mean a large curtailment of the work now being done by Stellarton employees. If the transfer takes place, the trains between Stellarton and Truro will be manned by Truro men and the Eastern employees have to content themselves with the offer of work between Stellarton and Mulgrave. If also means profit in moving the large quantities of

freight that originate in New Glasgow and at the different collieries. Up to now the Conservatives of the county have made no apparent move to offset the moves of the Tory party leaders of Colchester. The Mayor and Councillors Mr. Kay, Snook, Dunbar and Kennedy, have just now the upper hand but the Piton Tories should be able to put up quite a viable kick, especially when they have the right end of the argument to present before the minister. They should remember that Mr. E. McDonald, M. P., who was so instrumental in securing this branch for Piton employees did so in face of a strong Liberal opposition in Colchester, just as strong in every sense as the Tory leaders of that county who are now trying to take it away again.

## Why Hold It Back?

In our advertising columns today appears an advertisement from the Board of School Commissioners asking for tenders for land suitable for school property. The Town Clerk was ordered to have this ad. put in the Truro News and also the Citizen. It appeared in the News of Friday, March 1st, but up to the hour of the Citizen going to press no instructions had been given the Citizen. Under the circumstances we give it due publicity in this issue.

## Days of Czardom Are Over 'Tis Said Yet Czars Remain

I.R.C. Surplus Has Been Secured by Cheese Paring Methods Which Make Travel a Danger to Life and Property

The man who placed Messrs. Brady, Tiffin et al at the head of the I. R. C. got back to parliament a few days ago, because the majority of the Tories of South Renfrew stood by a "square deal."

Not because Mr. George Graham, late minister of railways, was any more than Mr. Graham, but because the Conservative candidate, Dr. Maloney, had not the undivided support of his party.

And Messrs. Brady, Tiffin et al still reign supreme, despite the fact that the people's role is bled dry to run up a surplus while the rolling stock and motive power is dwindling to a mere nothing.

And now along the wire comes another "boller" from these grand stand actors, self-advertisers and self-boasters.

Here it is:

"I. C. R. HAS HAD RECORD WINTER."

MONTREAL, Feb. 26.—"We are above the high-water mark in every thing," said Mr. E. Tiffin of the Intercolonial Board of Control, here. The winter has been a record one for both passengers and freight business.

High water mark? Why sure? But how?

By staying the road through their cheese paring methods.

By neglecting the road bed and making it unsafe for travel.

By neglecting necessary repairs to motive power which is at present in a terrible crippled condition.

By utilizing all their power on Sundays to give freight by means of light passenger cars or any other kind of locomotives available.

By raising passenger rates.

By dismissing hundreds of employees from the service, some of whom have had 10 years' service to their credit.

Dismissing widows and robbing them of their monthly wage of \$15 or thereabouts and depriving them of their only means of livelihood.

Raised the price of meals to their porters.

Fired their employees for trifling offences.

Caused the removal of telegraph agents at various points in an endeavor to save a penny by losing a pound and valuable lives besides.

How much longer will the people stand for the I.R.C. and its financial members of the railway board?

On the morning of October 31, 1911, an employee of the I. R. C., Mr. Frank Millison, was killed and cremated in a rear-end collision at Sackville.

Read what the twelve good men and true said of this:

We most strongly condemn the

practice of operating trains between Dorchester and Sackville by the present signal system, which, by reason of the numerous heavy grades and sharp curves between those two stations is extremely hazardous and wholly unnecessary. We believe the former system, recently discarded, of written clearances, aided, of written clearances, is a far safer method of operating between the said points with safety to the public and employees.

We recommend, therefore, that the telegraph office at Evans Station be reopened at once and that day and night operators be again installed at that point.

We feel that the principle of closing Evans station and other stations of minor importance for the saving of the wages of a few operators is not consistent with the public safety of life and property.

Should these officials, who play with human life, escape unpunished while poor employees bear the brunt of shame for minor offences? And the sooner the better.

If there was one contributing factor to the success of the Conservative party in the election of Sept. 21, 1911, more than any other, it was the managing hand of the I. R. C.

Yet the Honorable the Minister of Railways for this Dominion tolerates a grievance to continue to exist which is daily forcing scores of men to line up on the opposite side of the tory fence.

The I. R. C. is the people's road and the days of "Czardom" are past and gone, even if the Czars still remain.

But the place for them is not at the head of the I. R. C.

Why search the C. P. R. for capable men?

The I. R. C. is just as good a road.

The I. R. C. has produced a Pottinger.

And it has others and it still has Pottingers.

Besides, there are such men as J. T. Halliday, M. M. McLean, J. R. Fisher, J. J. Daley and many others.

These men have had a long experience on the I. R. C. and who will stand for the highest standard of efficiency and high with the public and the employees.

The minister of railways may well take this question into his serious consideration.

The presence of the Hon. Mr. Graham in the house might well remind him of these things.

"THE LURE OF THE LABRADOR."

On Tuesday night, March 24th, Rev. Neil Herman, pastor of Immanuel Baptist Church, will lecture in that church on "The Lure of the Labrador."

The reverend gentleman spent some time in these regions of snow and ice, working along with that grand man Grenfell, he knew to everyone in the Christian world.

It is safe to say that the lecture will be one that will repay everyone who goes to hear it. And right here we might state that part of the proceeds of the lecture will be devoted to the furthering of the work in this great barren north country.

The lecture will illustrate his talk with a hundred stereoscopic views of life up there.

The church should be packed to the doors—for many reasons.

A popular lecturer.

A popular subject.

A worthy object.

Mr. Herman admires the rose for its beauty, and heeds not the thorns; and we venture the assertion that he will not be a thorn in the side of the Labrador, where many others would see only the bad.

Let "The lure of the Labrador" lure you to Immanuel Tuesday night.

## Makes Hair Grow.

Moxon the Druggist has an invigorator that will grow hair or money back.

The time to take care of your hair is when you have hair to take care of.

If your hair is getting thin, gradually falling out, it cannot be long before the spot appears.

The greatest remedy to stop the hair from falling is SALVIA, the great American Hair Grower, first discovered that he used in England. SALVIA furnishes nourishment to the hair roots and acts so quickly that people are amazed. A large bottle for 50c.

BOARD OF SCHOOL COMMISSIONERS.

The Board of School Commissioners, Town of Truro, desires quotations from any person who has land for sale, suitable for School property. Said land to be in district between Willow Street and Young Street.

Kindly state size of land, location and price.

The lowest or any quotation not necessarily accepted.

(Sgd.) H. McDougall,

School Board, Truro, March 1st, 1912.

## Boyd's For New Spring Goods

NEW SPRING GOODS appear here first. Every department is making preparation for the greatest Spring business we have ever enjoyed. Our assortments in all lines will be larger and better than ever before.

New House Dresses And Shirtwaists. A fine assortment. See our \$1.60 Dress 85c Waists.

More New Corsets in all the leading makes B and I, D and A, Royal Worcester and Memo. 50c pair to \$6.00.

Corsets Covers 2 for 45c. Kid Gloves 59c pr.

Great Assortment of New Hand Bags.

Print Cottons 5 yds for 28c up to 14c yard for Crum's best prints.

Cashmere Hose 25c and 48c pair.

New Skirts and Suits. Our Ready-to-wear and Millinery Dept. 2nd Floor.

Watch This Space and Save Money.

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Finest Off Shore Ood Fish, Choice Fat July Herring, Kipperd Herring in Cans, Middle Cut Salmon the finest in the market.

Strictly Fresh Eggs, Dairy Butter, Ham and Bacon.

GEO. CHISHOLM,

Telephone 165 Outram Street Where GOODS and PRICES are both RIGHT.

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If you have been paying too much for GROCERIES AND PROVISIONS

in the past you should make a change today for the dollar saved is a dollar earned.

GET OUR PRICES AS WE CAN SAVE YOU MONEY

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6 Girls Wanted for the FINISHING ROOM

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Roger's NOVELTY STORES

For Saturday. Special clear up sale of odd lines in glassware China, Crockery & Fancy goods. Your Choice 2 for 15c

Not enough of these to send to the Branch Store so call & see these snap lines at West End Store

AT THE BRANCH STORE

Hair Ornaments, Back Combs, Side Combs 15c, 19c

Barettes, great variety at

Special Values in Boxed Stationery 15cts., 18cts Box

Hair Nets 50 each. All kinds of Smallwares. Magazines

"The World's Largest Song Folio"

Just Published and on Sale

AT THE

Truro Music Store

## Jas. D. Ross Replies to Mayor Stuart in Spirited Manner

Editor Citizen:

In the issue of the Daily News of the 27th Feb., a letter appeared signed by Mayor Stuart.

I have little inclination to enter into a controversy but must, in self-defense, refer to a few of his curious assertions.

He says that my history of the experiences of the trustees with the town, read at the meeting of trustees, was neither solicited, concurred in or approved by any member of the board.

I was not aware that a trustee had been solicited before he could express his views on any subject before the board; I read my statement of facts to simply refresh the memories of the trustees and to let the facts argue that already the trustees exercised TOO LITTLE control of the Park.

I may say that his remark is more applicable to his own report; and, further, that on the contrary, his report drew from the chairman the criticism that while it might be open to members to hold different opinions on the subject, the matter had been fully discussed at the previous meeting.

When it had been proved that what ever had been done by way of cutting roads in the park, had been done with the full knowledge and consent of the trustees and he did not think it desirable to bring the subject up again.

The mayor complains that I did not publish the said report of himself and Councillors Snook and Dunbar, read before the Park Commission.

My reason for not doing so was that the report was so full of inaccuracies that I felt it advisable, in the best interests of the park, to let them go uncontradicted; rather than antagonize the mayor further, at a time when concord was very desirable.

But now that he has published it, I fear I must challenge his statements, taking first of all his assertion that "the preservation of the forestry on these lands was the sole object of their purchase."

On the contrary, with the exception of the shape, should sufficient stone might be obtained for street purposes for the town without impairing the appearance of the place, the sole object of the purchase was to enlarge the park, and use the land for park purposes, and this is being done in the best possible way by the cutting of suitable roads through the forest.

The mayor is evidently thinking of the land above the reservoir, which he purchased for the purpose of preserving the forest on the lands draining into the reservoir, while all the lands through which roads have been cut are far below the reservoir and were purchased for park purposes.

I know this to be the purpose of the purchase as I conceived the idea myself and handed all the properties, and the town entered into an agreement under seal with the park trustees empowering them to use them for this purpose.

The next statement is equally incorrect.

He says that there are a great many acres cut over without regard to any system except to follow the ridges and ranges where the growth stood the thickest.

This might be characterized as a gratuitous libel, but I prefer to assume that it may be due to his not knowing that there are one or two short links still remaining to be cut out to make the chain of roads complete, though he should have remembered that, at the meeting of trustees at which the matter was discussed I read an extract from my report to the trustees in 1910, stating the fact.

If the mayor, or any one else who is not blinded by passion and prejudice or constitutionally incapacitated for seeing anything but what he wants to see, wishes to understand the scheme well, let me on to the ground.

I will undertake to show conclusively that the road cutting is part of a general plan as yet incomplete and that it is well and wisely contrived, and I am thoroughly satisfied that it will ultimately be found to be one of the best things I have done in the park.

As to the mayor's ridiculous estimate this value of the trees cut, it is difficult, politely, to characterize it.

Anyone can see for himself how absurd it is, by inspecting the stumps when the snow goes off, or the groves of small poles of soft wood, principally fir, still standing on either side, though they have had, many of them, a good many years extra growth since the roads were cut.

It is a pity the mayor's calculation is not correct, for if the woods, off the little roads we have cut out, would be worth thousands of dollars in 10 or 15 years, then very soon the woods on the thousand of acres in the park will pay off the city debt.

As to the statement that in places the strips of wood left standing are narrower than the areas cut over on either side, this must refer to one place where the athletic race track, which had to be located on the most level ground comes down at one corner to within 20 or 100 feet of an old road which has been

widened out as a part of the proposed extension of the "St. Lawrence de Chisholm," both of which will be found to be magnificent curves, when it is realized that this land was not bought to raise timber on, but to make a park, and when, in a few years, these driveways will be very cheaply constructed as a result of my wisdom and foresight in cutting them out.

As to his complaint that I omitted to publish one of the counts in the indictment against the town, which he says I had the tendency to read before the board, since he appears to desire it I publish it as follows:

"The exploiting of the park by the town by cutting large quantities of wood and timber for town purposes and leaving the brush on the ground to increase the danger of fire, such indiscriminate cutting being inconsistent with the agreement under seal entered into with the trustees to place all the said town lands under the administration of the park trustees, an agreement embodied in the act of incorporation which gives the trustees power to administer them."

Of course I admit, it might be possible for the town to get all the timber and wood they might want out of said land, provided it could be done, as it might, without damaging it for park purposes, but the only way to do it, consistent with the rights of the trustees to administer it as part of the park, is to do it in co-operation with them by getting a competent expert and laying the whole of the lands out into suitable roads and burning up the brush just as I have been doing down near the gorge.

They would find that to do this, though the original forests on the back lands are more valuable than the light soil and growth in front, the wood would cost as much, perhaps more than it was worth, but the town would realize a double benefit, from the magnificent development of the wood growth to the park, practically for nothing, as well as the protection it would give from fire and the facility it would afford for watching it against trespassers.

I am aware that possibly some of the trustees may consider that the back lands are so far away that they care little or nothing as to the park at present, but a little reflection should convince them that in the years to come when Truro purchases becomes a very considerable city, these back lands if preserved in their original state, will be considered some of the most beautiful and enjoyable portions of the park.

Imagine these lands eventually cleared of rubbish, stumps, and divided up with beautiful driveways artistically laid out throughout their whole extent!

What a magnificent thing it would be to be able to reach the "forest-primeval" in 15 or 20 minutes from the post office and have many miles of wooded drives to explore with the magnificent and varied outlooks both from the tops of Foundry Hill and Wallaston Heights.

The mayor is a man of considerable vision in some respects and, if he reflects on the subject I do not altogether despair that he will yet see eye to eye in this matter and that we may be able to devise a scheme by which, without attempting to interfere with the present trust (which I think it will be found we cannot legitimately do), the town may be given full control and supervision of the expenditure of the funds they furnish, and the park may retain the advantage of a permanent board of trustees to mount guard over it, while mayors and councils come and go.

Yours,

JAS. D. ROSS.

NEW MARKET FIRM.

The long and successfully conducted meat and provision business of John D. Ross on Outram Street has been sold, and the purchasers entered into possession on March 1st.

The business will be known as "MacKenzie's Meat Market," and the manager, Mr. Colin MacKenzie, is well known to the Truro public having been for many years a popular employee of J. A. MacKenzie & Sons and their successors, "The Truro Market, Ltd." We wish the new firm every success and invite attention to their address.

You will be surprised at the great variety of goods to be had at Rogers' Novelty Stores. Our stock is well displayed and we wish you to call any time and inspect same. We will not worry you to buy; just give our stores a visit.

Boys and Girls Wanted.

Stanfields Ltd. are open for some bright girls and some bright young men. See their ads elsewhere in this issue.

At our branch store you will find many useful lines in china, crockery, tin and glassware, also general smallware lines, and a general stationery of all kinds. Call and see what we have there. Rogers' Novelty Stores.