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## Annual Meetings of Anglican Churches

### Burying Ground of St. Andrew's Only to be Used by Special Permission--Officers Elected for Coming Year

Newcastle  
The annual meeting of St. Andrew's congregation, Newcastle, was held on Monday evening, Rev. W. J. Bate in the chair.

The report of the Women's Auxiliary for year was read, showing good progress. They were tendered a vote of thanks.

Mr. D. Ritchie stated that the firm of D. & J. Ritchie wished to donate shingles and lumber used in the repair of the church. This donation was received with a vote of thanks.

The following officers were then elected for ensuing year:  
Wardens—A. J. Ritchie, T. M. Malt by Vestrymen—John G. Kethro, Jas. W. Davidson, Edward E. Benson, David Ritchie, F. Uncles, John H. Lindon, H. W. Brightman, Samuel Craig, Thomas Davies, Horace Kethro, John B. Kethro, Stephen Moore.

Vestry Clerk—J. E. T. Lindon  
Delegate to Synod—J. B. Kethro, A. J. Ritchie, Substitutes—F. Uncles, E. E. Benson  
Auditors—E. E. Benson, D. Ritchie  
Mr. D. J. Buckley was given permission to remove the trees in the Sunday School grounds at his own expense to the satisfaction of the Church Wardens.

The question of discontinuing burial in the church yard was considered, and the following resolution was passed:  
Whereas there is now in the town of Newcastle a public cemetery to be used by all denominations, and

Whereas the burying ground of St. Andrew's church is nearly filled, and is only a small plot in the heart of the town, surrounded by dwellings.

Therefore resolved, that the Rector of the said church in future refuse to allow any further burials there, but use his discretion in allowing any old resident being a member of the church, and having relatives buried there, to be interred beside them.

A vote of thanks was tendered Rev. W. J. Bate, Mrs. Bate and family for their active interest in church and Sabbath School work.

Millerton  
The annual Easter elections of St. Peter's church, Millerton, held Easter Monday night, the rector, Rev. H. T. Montgomery presiding, resulted as follows:  
Wardens—Frank Saunders, George C. He.

Vestrymen—Thomas Cliff, William Allison, John Betts, Francis Yeo, Jas. Pleaswell, David A. Manderville, Ephraim Betts, James Manderville, A. A. M. Saunders, William G. Thurber, Albert Hart.  
Secretary-Treasurer—Wm. G. Thurber.

Vestry Clerk—John Betts.  
Delegate to Synod—W. G. Thurber, Substitute—John Betts.

The finances were reported in a very satisfactory condition.  
Rev. Mr. Montgomery asked for leave of absence for one year, in order to take up the work of his father, Canon Montgomery (for many years rector of Kingsclear, N. B.) at Calgary, Canon Montgomery and six of his sons are serving the Empire in Europe. Rev. Mr. Montgomery's request was very reluctantly granted, all present deeply regretting the necessity of his temporary departure.

He has greatly endeared himself to the people of Millerton and Blackville, both of his own and the other churches, and he will be greatly missed in the circles of Temperance and Social Reform, as well as in his church. He replied very feelingly to the universal expressions of sorrow at his leaving, saying there was no place he loved better than his present charge, but duty called him westward for a time. He will leave Millerton at the end of the present month.

Rev. Mr. Montgomery is the only member of his family not at the front, and he has unsuccessfully tried to go.

Nelson  
The Easter Elections at St. Mark's Nelson, were, on account of bad weather, postponed till next Monday evening.

Chatham  
At the Easter meeting of St. Paul's and St. Mary's congregations held on Monday morning the following were elected: Hon. J. P. Burchill and F. E. Neale, church wardens; V. A. Danville, W. H. Baldwin, H. Moss, W. P. Eaton, D. T. Johnston, James McLaughlan, H. E. Hayville, H. P. Seaton, G. P. Burchill, S. A. Frost, W. J. Baldwin and G. Stead, vestrymen; W. A. Danville, treasurer; Geoffrey Seaton, secretary; J. H. Lewis

and J. H. Pallen, auditors; delegates to the synod, J. P. Burchill, F. E. Neale and Geoffrey Stead; substitutes, W. H. Baldwin, V. A. Danville and D. T. Johnston.

The treasurer's report showed that the finances of the church were in a most satisfactory condition owing chiefly to the more extended use of the envelope system which, it was hoped, would be still more generally adopted. The trust funds of the church have increased by about \$1,200 during the year being, and by the very generous donation of \$1,000 received from his honor, Mr. Justice Wilkinson.

Allusion was made to the long and faithful services of the rector and by a unanimous vote his stipend was increased. The rector in his short address thanked the vestry for this mark of appreciation.

King George sent the following message today to Field Marshal Sir Douglas Haig, commander of the British armies on the western front: "The whole empire will rejoice at the news of yesterday's successful operations. Canada will be proud that the taking of the coveted Vimy Ridge has fallen to the lot of her troops. I heartily congratulate you and all who have taken part in this splendid achievement."

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112 Lives Lost in Munition Explosion

One hundred and twelve persons, most of them women and girls, are known to have lost their lives, and 121 were injured, by a series of terrific explosions Tuesday in the shrapnel building of the Eddystone Ammunition Corporation at Eddystone.

Many of the injured were mortally hurt, and it is feared the final death toll will reach 150, while others probably will be maimed for life.

How any of the 300 or more employees in the building, in which was stored approximately 32,000 shells, escaped, is almost unbelievable, as there was scarcely a fragment of the structure left intact. Fire added to the horror, and most of the bodies were so badly charred that identification was impossible.

In the absence of any official statement many theories as to the cause of the disaster, one of the worst ever experienced in this section, were advanced. Rumors of plots and arrests of persons both inside and outside of the plant were numerous, but all lacked confirmation.

The explosion, which was felt in Philadelphia, a distance of fifteen miles, occurred about 10 o'clock in what is known as the "big" building, a two-story structure 75 by 200 feet. In this building three fuses were prepared, more than 80 per cent of the workers being women and girls. Probably 50 men and boys were employed in the building at the time of the blast, and the majority of the escaped.

Great excitement followed the explosion. A heavy pall of smoke darkened the entire town, which has a population of about 5,000. This was soon lightened by the flames from the burning building.

Fifteen minutes after the explosion the bodies of the dead and injured were being carried out. Several bodies were fished out of the marshes 200 yards from the ill-fated building, and it is feared that others may have been blown into the river, still further away. All were badly mutilated, and many were burned beyond recognition.

The Eddystone Ammunition Corporation, which was organized originally by interests identified with the Baldwin Locomotive Works and operated by those interests, was taken over last September by a commission representing the British and Russian governments. Since that time the commission has been carrying on the manufacture of munitions for the Entente Allies.

The financial loss as a result of the explosion is estimated at less than \$25,000, not including the ammunition destroyed.

More than 10,000 persons were employed at the works.

Miss Doris Buckley, a student of St. Mary's Academy, and Miss Joan Walker, of Harbord Academy, Newcastle, spent the vacation at their homes in Harbord.

## Newcastle and Nelson Women's Institutes

### Much Interest Taken at Meetings Patriotic Tea at Nelson well Attended

The Newcastle Women's Institute met Mrs. Charles J. Morisy's, Tuesday night. In spite of the bad weather there was a very good attendance. Roll call was answered by Household Hints.

Word was received from St. John that the shipment that had been sent through the Field Comforts Commission had gone on the steamship Gram plan, but that no more might be sent on transports. They must go by mail henceforth.

It was decided to spend balance of money on hand for purchase of fine quality yarn for socks for the soldiers of Newcastle and vicinity. "Good papers were read on "Removing Stairs," by Miss Harley and on "Windows and Their Hangings," by Mrs. R. Waldo Crocker.

The monthly meeting of the Women's Institute was held at the home of Mrs. H. W. Patterson on Monday evening. Although the weather was very unfavorable nearly all the members were present. Roll call was answered with "Discoveries," which proved very helpful as well as interesting. It was decided to have a debate next night of meeting subject to be "Country life vs. City Life."

Nine dollars was collected from Institute members and two dollars donated by friends, making a total of eleven dollars, which will be expended for yarn.

The meeting was immediately followed by a patriotic tea to which everybody was invited. The house which was very prettily decorated with bunting, flags and Japanese lanterns, was filled to overflowing. The evening was spent in games, and a short programme was carried out consisting of:

Recitation—Mrs. Gandina  
Song—Harriet Johnston  
Recitation—Violet McKenzie  
Song—Ethel Brown  
Recitation—Barbara McLeod  
Recitation—Mont Yve.

A guessing contest, 1st to guess the contents of a box was won by Herbert Yve. Prize a chicken. 2nd—How many pieces of candy in the box, won by Kathleen Brown, prize, box of candy. Over four dollars was made on these two articles.

This was followed by a sale of candy, at which nearly five dollars was made.

Dainty refreshments were served and a collection was taken from the non-members, which amounted to \$4, making a total of \$9.12, proceeds from patriotic tea, this added to membership collection made a grand total of \$23, which will all go for comforts for the soldiers.

A very pleasant evening was spent by all, and everybody declared Mrs. Patterson a charming hostess.

Next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Richard MacKenzie. The committee decided to change the night of meeting temporarily from second Tuesday to second Wednesday. Roll Call—"Suggestions to make our meetings of greater interest."

## Maine Lumber Cut Not up to Average

At the end of a hard logging season, the lumbermen of Maine find that, although the hauling season was longer than usual, and every effort was made, with the encouragement of assured high prices, to make the cut at least up to the average, results are from 10 to 25 per cent less than hoped for, according to location and circumstances.

The former times Maine's log cut was roughly estimated at 800,000,000 feet, but with the advent of the pulp industry, Maine recently has entered the "thousand million class," countless small operations for pulp wood swelling the total to that quantity, which includes, also, numerous small lots of hard woods for spool and novelty mills, fast blocks, handles, bobbins, etc.

Of the total cut this season, perhaps 700,000,000 feet is spruce, and of that quantity the pulp mills will take considerably more than half, maybe 450,000,000 besides some pulp.

The largest log cut of the year is credited to the Kennebec, where a total of 237,905,000 is reported. The Penobscot cut is about 182,500,000 of which approximately 100,000,000 was cut on the west branch, and 47,500,000 on the east branch, including 15,000 cords, or 750,000 feet, of four-foot pulp wood. The remainder of Maine's cut is furnished by the St. John, St. Croix, Machias, Narraugus, Union and Androscoggin Rivers, and the vast number of small operations far from driving waters for the supply of local mills.

Log driving is gradually going out of fashion in this State, as the railroads spread out. Of the nearly 250,000,000 feet cut on the Kennebec waters, only 100,235,000 will come down in the corporation drive, most of the remainder being for manufacture up river or intended for rail transport, which, if less spectacular and more expensive generally than "driving," is dependable and much quicker.

## T. I. L. Will Not Nominate Ticket

### But Candidates will be Asked to Pledge Themselves to Enforce all Laws re Scott Act and Other Questions

Newcastle Town Improvement League met on the 10th instant, president James M. Troy in the chair. Others present: John R. Allison, J. Robinson Allison, Joseph Ander, John H. Ashford, Thomas A. Clarke, Walter Donovan, Mayor Chas. E. Fish, Rev. S. Gray, D. A. Jackson, George M. Lake, Fred E. Locke, Rev. S. J. MacArthur, Andrew McCabe, E. A. McCurdy, Arthur E. Petrie, Ald. Jas. Stables, D. W. Stothart and Ald. H. H. Stuart.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Following signed the Constitution: Geo. M. Lake, A. E. Petrie, Thos. A. Clarke, J. H. Ashford, John R. Allison and Walter Donovan. This increases the membership to 31.

Mr. McCurdy, for the committee appointed to view the situation re candidates for the Town Election, reported that three of the present council besides Mayor Fish—Ald. C. C. Hayward, T. A. Scribner and H. H. Stuart—were running again. The Committee very much regretted the withdrawal of Ald. Mackay and Ald. Stables from the field. Ald. Mackay, after five years of continuous service, feels he ought to retire, for a time at least, and let some one else take up the heavy burden and great responsibility of the department (the Water and Light) he has been administering. Ald. Mackay was a strong supporter of the principles of the Town Improvement League. Ald. Stables also states he cannot see his way clear to run again. He had rendered great service in helping to improve civic conditions, and his withdrawal was a severe loss to both T. I. L. and Town. Not enough of the present council running, the committee had interviewed others with a view to inducing them to offer, and they thought they had a sufficient number in view. It was thought better not to recommend any candidate until after Nomination. They suggested a public meeting for Friday night, 13th instant, after close of the nomination, to which all candidates should be invited to express their stand on the public questions involved in the civic contest, the principal of which was the enforcement of Temperance laws. Other improvements, all included in the T. I. L. programme, were also needed and would be taken up in due time, but a sober citizenship was a necessary preliminary to the adoption of other reforms. Nothing else would be of great benefit unless Temperance laws were first enforced to produce a sober citizenship. At that public meeting, the T. I. L. would hear such of the candidates as might choose to be present, and at an after meeting could decide which of them were worthy of support. The committee did not think any useful purpose would be served by recommending any particular number of candidates at this stage, until it is seen who are in the field.

The President commended the committee's action.

Mr. McCurdy, continuing, said he understood that Ald. McGrath, M. L. A., having gone up higher, would not offer for alderman, and he understood that Ald. Miller and Kingston were also retiring. But no one could tell for certain. Many not now sure might enter the field at the last moment.

Mr. Troy said it was unfortunate that so few of the old Board were reoffering.

On motion of Ald. Stuart and Mayor Fish, the report of the committee was received and adopted and the committee were continued in office.

Mr. Troy spoke very appreciatively of the action of the new provincial government in appointing as Chief Inspector under the Prohibition Act Rev. W. D. Wilson, the secretary of the N. B. branch of the Dominion Alliance and the one recommended by that body. His appointment was a guarantee of the government's good faith. Effort should now be hastened to secure the repeal of the Scott Act in this county. The Prohibition Act was much better than the Scott Act.

Mr. Ander reported progress re getting signatures to the petition for repeal of the Scott Act in this county. About 1000 names were already sent in. Rev. Father Savoy of Hardwick wrote him this week that two men were canvassing for signatures in that parish, and Rev. Father Sorrows would soon have the Rogersville lists finished. Rev. Mr. Taithe was superintending the work in the Tabular district and good progress was reported from South East, Millerton, Dakikow, etc. Newcastle, he understood, had about 300 names and Chatham some 250. About 2300 names were needed, and better have 2500.

Mr. McCurdy said that why this work was not pushed faster before

this was due to the fact that so many men were in the woods and some districts were hard to reach in the winter. The executive of the county alliance did not anticipate any difficulty in getting the required number of signatures. He had lately had an interview with the President of the N. B. branch of the Dominion Alliance, who was very optimistic concerning the Temperance situation. The appointment of Rev. W. D. Wilson as Chief Inspector was a guarantee of the proper enforcement of the Prohibition laws. This should encourage all counties to repeal the Scott Act. The Temperance people had every reason to feel encouraged.

Mr. Ander asked that those in charge of the Newcastle Repeal lists make haste to finish their work.

On motion of Mr. McCurdy, seconded by Ald. Stuart, it was resolved that the Mayor be asked to call a public meeting for Friday evening, April 13th, to hear the views of all candidates in the field.

Mr. McCurdy and Mr. Ander giving notice that they were called out of town for the next few days, Ald. Stables and Mr. Locke were added to the Election Committee of the League.

On motion the T. I. L. adjourned, to meet again next Friday evening, 13th instant, immediately after the close of the public meeting to be called by the Mayor.

## Four 132nd Boys in Casualty List

### Pte. J. Whalen Killed and Ptes Ring, McLean and Kingston Wounded

The boys of the 132nd North Shore Battalion have proved their worth during the past week, no less than four Northumberland boys falling victims to German shells.

Mr. and Mrs. William Whalen, of Newlinville, were notified last week that their son, Pte. James Whalen had given up his life in France. Pte. Whalen was but 18 years of age, and enlisted last winter with the 132nd Battalion, but on reaching England was transferred to a Montreal Battalion, with which he was fighting when he met his death. Besides his parents, Pte. Whalen leaves four brothers, Wilfred, I. C. R. operator, Emmett, Harold, and Stanley at home, also three sisters, Misses Irene, Alice and Annie all at home.

Cornelius F. Kingston, of the 132nd Battalion, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul F. Kingston of Wayerton, is reported wounded in yesterday's casualty list. No particulars were given. Pte. Kingston is a cousin of Ald. J. F. Kingston of Newcastle, and is a young man of about 22, well and favorably known throughout the county.

The name of Pte. Elmer McLean, of Strathadam, also appeared this week in the casualty list as being wounded. Pte. McLean was also a member of C. Company, 132nd Battalion, and is well known here. After going to England Pte. McLean was drafted to France with a Montreal regiment.

Miss Bernetta Ring, of Redbank, has received the following telegram relative to her brother, who has been serving with the Canadian forces in France.

Ottawa  
Seriously regret to inform you Pte. Geo. H. Ring 749272, officially reported admitted to St. John Ambulance Brigade, Etaples, France, March 31st, 1917. Gun shot wound left leg—severe. Will send further particulars when received.

Officer in Charge of Record.  
Pte. Ring, who is a son of the late John Ring, former chief of I. C. R. police, is well known in Moncton. He enlisted with a Montreal battalion and has been at the front some time.

U. S. A. STILL GROWING  
The Danish West Indies, two or three islands, just east of Porto Rico with a total area of 128 square miles and one of the finest harbors (St. Thomas) in the world, came into possession of the U. S. A. last week.

The U. S. A. now has a total area of 3,743,000 square miles, over four times its original size, with a population of over 110,000,000.

At the conference in Leeds, England, of the Independent labor party a resolution was unanimously adopted calling on the government to prohibit absolutely the use of foodstuffs in the manufacture of alcoholic liquors during the war.