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FIRST MEETING.

New Council Met Saturday Evening

TO ORGANIZE.

Speeches by Aldermen. Committees Appointed for Year.

The first meeting of the new town council was held in the Treasurer's office Saturday. There were present Mayor Morrison, and Ald. Hickson, Ritchie, Hennessy, Thimney, Stables, Pedlin, Armstrong and Lawlor.

The minutes of the last meeting being read and approved Mayor Morrison addressed the meeting briefly thanking the ratepayers for the confidence reposed in him in returning him for the fourth time as Mayor of the Town.

Alderman Hennessy also made a few remarks. He was very glad to see so many of the old Aldermen back in their seats again, after the determined efforts the opposition made on last Tuesday to defeat them. True we lost one man in the battle and in him the Town of Newcastle lost a faithful public servant. During the three years he held office no Alderman was more assiduous to his duties or brought more valued information to the Council Board than the same Ex-Alderman Williston.

But his defeat should not discourage him, his chances are still good. He is quite a young man and in ordinary course of affairs some of the older Aldermen will be dropping out year by year thus giving opportunities for the younger men to come in.

While it is only natural that we regret the loss of a useful member of our Board who worked with us for the past three years preparing and perfecting the needed improvements the people of Newcastle now enjoy. But that is no reason why we should not give the two new Aldermen a cordial greeting extending to them the hand of friendship. They are the choice of the people and no doubt they come here with the intention of working in harmony with the older members of the Council in their endeavors to promote the material welfare of this old town we live in.

Ald. Hickson, Armstrong and Hennessy were appointed a committee to nominate Standing Committees.

Ald. Lawlor asked if the Public Works Committee had to attend to all public works, the water works and electric light plant.

Ald. Hickson explained that this matter had been considered and it had been decided to appoint a committee to look after these matters.

The committee to appoint standing committees reported as follows:

STANDING COMMITTEES.
FINANCE—Ald. Hickson, chairman, Ald. Hennessy, Ritchie, Lawlor.

PUBLIC WORKS—Ald. Thimney, chairman, Ald. Ritchie, Pedlin, Armstrong.

POLICE AND APPOINTMENT TO OFFICE—Ald. Hennessy, chairman, Ald. Hickson and Stables.

BYE LAWS AND LICENSES—Ald. Lawlor, chairman, Ald. Stables, Armstrong and Hennessy.

PARK AND FIRE—Ald. Stables, chairman, Ald. Pedlin, Lawlor and Ritchie.

FERRY—Ald. Lawlor, chairman, Ald. Hennessy, Pedlin and Hickson.

PETITIONS—Ald. Armstrong, chairman, Ald. Thimney, Ritchie and Hickson.

LIGHT AND WATER—Ald. Hickson, chairman, Ald. Armstrong, Pedlin and Lawlor.

THOS. C. Hill was reappointed night policeman for the year, and Wm. Gallah was recommended as day policeman, to go on duty when required by Police Committee.

ASSESSORS.
Messrs. T. W. Butler, John Clark and James Falconer were appointed assessors.

Ald. Armstrong said that in view of the fact that a good deal of discussion had been aroused of late in reference to the ward system, he would like to bring the matter before the council, so that they could give an expression of opinion on the matter, he would therefore move the following resolution:

Resolved—That a bill be prepared and submitted to the Local Legislature, to provide for the division of town of Newcastle into three wards. The Board of Aldermen to consist of six members, one alderman from each ward and three at large, to be elected annually by the ratepayers.

Ald. Lawlor in seconding the motion said that he thought it would be advisable to divide the town into three wards, have one alderman in each ward and three at large, thus cutting the Board down to six members. By this scheme the best men in each ward would be elected and he thought six men could do the work just as well as eight. This would be to the advantage of the town as each year it would not be so difficult to get good men to run for Aldermen.

Ald. Hickson said that when the town was incorporated it was divided into four wards, but the first council had this amend-

LOCAL LEGISLATURE.

Flourishing, April 28—Mr. Thimney resumed the budget debate and criticized the Provincial Secretary's report on the condition of the country as being anxious to assist the city of St. John, and in this connection he referred to a statement between St. John and south shore of Nova Scotia. Last year the government took great credit for assisting the winter port by a few hundred dollars, but they only made public that they received annually from St. John in harbor licenses about \$17,000. The Premier, declared Mr. Thimney, said the opposition were always referring to the public debt of the province. They are justified in doing so, and it is not necessary to go back more than ten years to show the unenviable position the present government occupies in comparison with its predecessors. In 1893 the net debt was \$2,183,563, increase \$15,334; in 1894, \$2,202,829, increase 79,266; in 1895, \$2,321,412, increase 68,582; in 1896, \$2,374,809, increase 53,397; in 1897, \$2,488,577, increase 113,767; in 1898, \$2,621,867, increase 133,290; in 1899, \$2,734,298, increase 112,431; in 1900, \$2,851,008, increase 116,710; in 1901, \$2,776,264, decrease 74,744; in 1902, \$3,076,140, increase 299,876. The decrease in 1901 is accounted for by the payment over of the Eastern Extension claim amounting to \$267,000, which was placed in current revenue, and had it not been for that there would have been a larger increase. The average increase for the five years from 1892 to 1897 was \$66,000, compared with \$117,642 from 1897 to 1902. The receipts last year were exactly 70 per cent. of the expenditures. The deficit as given by the government was \$10,570, but it really was \$24,736. Mr. Thimney censured the government for its large expenditures in the various departments, and declared that next year instead of the surplus estimated there will be a large deficit.

Mr. Copp heartily endorsed the management of affairs by the government. Mr. Thimney, he said, seemed to be opposed to everything. He (Copp) believed there need be no anxiety about the public debt. The agricultural policy of the government was good, and had won the support of the people. Mr. Copp defended the government from the charges of extravagance in departmental work.

Mr. Morrison said that the fact that such excellent men as Hon. Mr. Burchill, Mr. Fish and Mr. O'Brien had been defeated was sufficient evidence that the policy of the government was not what it should be. In dealing with the proposed increase of the stampage, Mr. Morrison said that with the information at present at his command he was not prepared to say that an increase was desirable. There was no doubt that the stampage in the northern and southern sections of the province should not be the same, because the lumber in the north is harder to get at. It was an open secret that \$1 a thousand was not collected in all cases at present and if the payment of the stampage when the public debt was necessary to increase it at all.

Mr. Morrison here referred to the surveyor general's explanation in reference to Mr. Snowball's circular for 1902, and contended that there was still a discrepancy of forty-eight or fifty millions of lumber to be accounted for.

Mr. Tweedie—Don't you think you ought to be able to show a discrepancy before making a charge?

Mr. Morrison—It is not my duty to make a charge. I am only calling the attention of the surveyor general to these facts, and it is his place to order an investigation.

It was no defence to say that he did not believe that the lumbermen or scalpers or anybody else would not do what was right. He was not so careful, however, as to the insinuations he made against those applying for land under the free grant act, for he did not hesitate to say that application for such land was made for the purpose of stealing the lumber off it.

Mr. Tweedie—The surveyor general said no such thing. What he did say was that in many cases applications were not made bona fide.

ed so that the whole town comprised one ward. As it is now he thought each section of the town was fairly represented as each section had a member on the board.

Ald. Armstrong said that his only object in bringing up the question was to have an expression of opinion from the board.

Ald. Pedlin thought that matters were all right as they were. And if we sent a petition over to Fredericton to have town divided into wards, after having previously asked the legislature to amend the act changing it to one ward we would be the laughing stock of the province.

Ald. Hennessy said that the matter was not a pressing one. As now represented the town is pretty fairly treated and he doubted if wards existed, if it would be better so. It looked rather strange to see Ald. Lawlor in favor of this division as when he was a member of the first board he had sanctioned the change to one ward, or at least he (Hennessy) understood that was the case.

He thought the town was all right as it was, but the right time to bring up this matter would be next year, previous to the election.

Ald. Ritchie said he did not think it advisable to change at the present time. We were not getting very heavy salaries and it did not much matter whether there were six or eight Aldermen, and there seemed to be plenty men to fill the positions.

Mayor Morrison said he thought the suggestion to reduce the members of the board a good one, and he hoped that it would be reconsidered more fully at some future time.

Ald. Armstrong did not think his resolution would have met with such strong opposition as he thought that many of the Aldermen would welcome the change.

The motion was put and lost.

Ald. Lawlor moved that two auditors be appointed to go over the School Trustees accounts.

E. P. Williston and Ald. Hickson were appointed auditors.

Council then adjourned.

BOARD OF TRADE.

Meeting Slimly Attended by Members.

LACK OF INTEREST

In the Board, will soon make its Meetings Useless.

A very slimly attended meeting of the Newcastle Board of Trade was held in the Town Hall Monday evening. President Hennessy presiding.

Matters of general interest were discussed particularly in reference to the proposed furniture factory. Mr. Hennessy from the committee to solicit subscriptions of stock reported that only moderate success in this direction had been achieved and requested that a new committee be given the work of soliciting further stock.

The Missing Link question was also discussed and suggestions made in reference to petitions etc.

The next regular meeting will be held on May 11th when it is hoped there will be a large attendance.

Mr. Dunn—I said that when applications were received from four or five at one time we usually sent a competent man to investigate, and if the case was found suitable for forming it was granted, but if it was found to be good for nothing and the applicants did not get it.

Mr. Morrison—That's the point I want to get at. In the case of a man applying for land under the free grants act you are quite willing to cause an investigation to be had, but as regards stampage you make no move whatever. The Premier had stated that he was going to shift for himself because that parish had opposed him in the last election. If I got that the parish had slandered that parish by manufacturing that the ballot box had been stuffed.

Not a vote went into the ballot box that was not legitimate, and the heavy majority against the government was due to the extravagant administration of the government.

The arguments set forth by the member for Carleton Place, although fact and it would take a long time to obliterate them. The present minister of railways when leader of the opposition in this house attacked the extravagance of the government when the public debt was only \$500,000. What would he say today when it is over \$3,500,000? Taking up the expenses of the attorney general, Mr. Morrison said that while he was willing to admit that the attorney general was a little overpaid, there was no reason that he should receive \$4,500 when his salary was placed at \$2,100. In four years 1890, 1892, 1894 and 1896, the average amount paid to the attorney general, including salary, travelling expenses and contingency, was \$3,267, compared with \$5,000 during the past four years.

Mr. Tweedie—If you look at the account for 1892 you will find that the attorney general got \$4,000 more than you state for arguing the Maritime Bank case.

Mr. Morrison next referred to the government adopting the tender system in awarding bridge contracts, which he contended they were forced into as a result of the investigation two years ago, and the consequence of which was that we now get almost two bridges for one under the government's agricultural policy. Mr. Morrison said the opposition were anxious to see the farmers assisted in every possible way, but they could not understand why the government had reduced the grants for the encouraging of dairying and for bonuses to roller mills at once.

Mr. Tweedie—You are entirely in error. The bill introduced the other day extends the time five years for giving bonuses to roller mills, and the same assistance is given now as always to creameries making application.

Continuing, Mr. Morrison said that the grant last year was two or three thousand dollars less than in 1900, but the salaries had increased. After referring to coach hire charges, Mr. Morrison said that as regards the fisheries the government should take some action to protect the spawning grounds, so that salmon may not be slaughtered. Catches of 54 salmon in one pool in one season and of 300 salmon in another pool in one season are reported to have been made, and 670 salmon in the spawning ground in one season, twenty-five in the sea. The sum of \$8000 had been paid the inspector of fisheries. One month in the year would cover all the work he does during the season. He suggested that the office of fishery inspector and game warden should be amalgamated at the salary now paid for one of these offices.

In reference to the matter of Ball, a lunatic from Carleton county, who died in the asylum and whose property was sold by the commissioner, the particulars of which were discussed in the election campaign, he was glad to learn that the government was going to pay the additional sum of \$320 to

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SCOTT ACT.

Mrs. Catherine Fitzpatrick of Nelson was up before Judge Niven on Thursday for violation of the C. T. Act and convicted and fined \$50 and costs.

Thos. Foley was before Judge Niven on Friday, April 24th, for violation of C. T. Act, and was convicted and fined \$50 and costs.

On Saturday April 25th Warren Holt, of Boiestown was convicted of violation of the C. T. Act and fined \$50 and costs.

The case against Alex. Fitzgerald for violation of C. T. Act was adjourned from last Friday to the following Friday.

JOHN MENZIES,

Reporter.