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THE NEW BRIDGE

Residents in Newcastle and the surrounding districts have learnt with pleasure of the calling by the Provincial Government for tenders for the construction of a bridge over the river between the town and the Nelson shore. Such a bridge will fill a long felt want, and will prove an enormous source of convenience to a very large number of residents in the County. The situation chosen is so central that it will meet the requirements of residents to an extent that it never could were it to be built higher up or lower down the river.

Our esteemed contemporary, the Chatham Commercial sees in the construction of the bridge at the point proposed, a serious menace to the future welfare of that town. This, of course, is unfortunate, because Chatham is declining rapidly enough from its own inertia without any assistance from outside sources; at the same time, the welfare and convenience of the community generally must be considered before that of any particular locality, however much the latter may suffer. But we think our contemporary is taking an unnecessarily gloomy view of affairs. Not only is the amount of business between the two towns considerable, and the people of Chatham are fond of running up here to see their friends, so they will save in ferry fees in the course of a twelve month after the bridge is open more than enough to compensate for any loss in trade they may incur.

It is not often that we find ourselves in a position to say anything very complimentary to the Chief Commissioner, but in this case we certainly think Mr. Morrissey is entitled to the thanks of the people of Newcastle and vicinity for the manner in which he has backed up the efforts of the Board of Trade to get the bridge built on the site chosen. Judging by the plans which have been prepared, the bridge will be a handsome structure which will do credit to all concerned in its erection.

THE ESTIMATES

The estimates for the ensuing financial year have now been brought down in the House of Commons by the Hon. Mr. White. That they are on a generous scale admits of no denial, it being the intention of the Government to spend no less a sum than \$179,000,000 in the interests of the country during the next twelve months. We notice that \$4,000 is put down for improvements to the Government building, which will permit of the installation of the clock which is so badly needed. \$128,000 is allocated for the diversion of the I. C. R. between Nelson and Blackville Junction, and it is very much to be desired that this work will soon be put in hand.

We do not wish to be understood as advocating the abandonment of the Chatham Junction-Blackville section of the road, but if the giving of a fair deal to Newcastle in the matter of railway transportation necessitates that such abandonment should take place, then advocate it we must. At the present time any one wishing to reach any place on the Canada Eastern road must leave here at 5 o'clock in the morning and cool his heels at Chatham Junction till a quarter to seven. Similarly in returning, he must wait there for an hour and a quarter under any conditions and it may be three or four or more hours, if the Maritime Express is late. Now travellers from Newcastle are entitled to just as much consideration as those from Loggieville and Chatham and there is no earthly reason why the former should have to stand about in the cold, waiting the convenience of the latter. It will take a train very little, if any, longer to run from Blackville through Newcastle and then over the diverted line to Chatham, than it takes to run there through the Junction at present. If it is necessary to the interests of the people who live along the line between the Junction and Blackville that a train service should be operated, let the freight train take that road. It follows soon after the express in the morning and could drop the mail bags and the train the other way comes along at a convenient time also. Anyway, there is no substantial reason why Newcastle people should submit to the inconveniences they have so long had to put up with, any longer.

THE SESSIONAL INDEMNITY

Reports have appeared in some of the Provincial papers that an attempt is to be made to increase the sessional indemnity of the members of the Legislature from \$500 to \$700. If there is any truth in the report, it is earnestly to be hoped that Premier Fleming will put his foot flat down on any such proposal. Any such increase is both unnecessary and unwarranted and

would be little less than a deliberate steal. To a considerable number of the members of the House, the \$500 they earn (save the mark) during session represents as much as they ordinarily earn in six average months; and no one can truthfully say that their services are worth it. The Legislative building during session time is a very comfortable rendezvous, where members and their friends can foregather and have a very pleasant time, enjoy their cigars and, if they know their way about—well, they need not have a dry smoke. No one of them seriously contends that attending session is "work," and even if it were, it is work that could be got through a great deal more expeditiously than it is. With those Marathon Orators, Messrs. Copp and Tweeddale not now in the House, there need be no long speeches, and if the members are inclined, the real work of the session could be got through in about three weeks. If there is any member whose services for that period are worth \$700, we would like to know his name.

PLEBISCITE ON NAVAL QUESTION

That staunch Liberal journal, the Montreal Witness is taking a vote among its readers on the Naval question, and asks first

"Are you in favor of the contribution of great battleships to the Navy of the Empire?"

The second "Are you in favor of a Canadian Navy?"

Up to January 31st the answers received in reply to Question Number One showed 302 for a contribution and 1,022 against. The answer to the second question showed 1,090 for and 590 against a Canadian Navy. The figures for the different provinces are: Prince Edward Island, 65 for and 12 against a Canadian Navy; Nova Scotia, 187 for and 30 against; New Brunswick, 67 for and 17 against; Quebec, 73 for and 55 against; Ontario, 430 for and 270 against; Manitoba, 64 for and 78 against; Saskatchewan, 97 for and 6 against; Alberta, 61 for and 43 against; British Columbia 54 for and 21 against. It will be noticed all the provinces but Manitoba are in favor of a native Navy, but Manitoba gives an emphatic majority against such a Navy. The people of Manitoba being some 2,000 miles from the sea coast, probably feel that they are safe from invasion any way and to them the matter of a navy is evidently superfluous. The Witness' plebiscite is no doubt very illuminating to those who share its opinions; but inasmuch as it is a staunch Liberal journal and a perennial supporter of Sir Wilfrid Laurier and his policies, it is not to be wondered at that its subscribers endorse his views. If they did not approve of his policies, they would not subscribe to a journal which advocates them. It is, however, worthy of note, that out of 1,680 votes cast, no less than 590 of the Witness' readers put Imperial considerations before purely party politics, even if they have Liberal leanings.

WHEAT DUTIES AND PRICES

Undertaking to answer The Toronto World's remarks the other day that a rearrangement of the existing duties on British food imports would have distribution not increased, the burden on the consumer. The Globe free trade in theory, though not in practice, answered in effect that a duty on flour would have increased the price of bread. A duty on imported flour would certainly not increase the price of bread in the United Kingdom any more than the shilling a quarter duty imposed by Sir Michael Hicks-Beach, Chancellor of the Exchequer, in 1902 did. During the two years it remained the average price of wheat was 28s 10 1/2d a quarter, while in the five years preceding, it averaged 30s 6d, and in the five years after its removal, 32s per quarter.

The duty was levied on Britain's whole supply of imported wheat, imperial as well as foreign. A duty on foreign wheat imports with free admission of imperial wheat could not affect either the price of wheat, of flour or bread in the United Kingdom. In order to get into the market, the foreigner would have to pay the duty and lower the profit to that extent. The actual result of the shilling duty showed that competition in the British market was not affected and that the price of bread was not increased. In 1894, British wheat was 32s 10d a quarter, and the four pound loaf 5 1/2d. In 1909, British wheat was 36s 11d and bread 6d. What difference would two shillings a quarter have made?

Toronto World: Of late Sir Max Aitken, a young Canadian, who has made good at an unusually early age and is now a member of the Imperial parliament on the Unionist side, has been the target of persistent attacks at the hands, or the pens of several Canadian newspapers. His public acts are of course, open to criticism, whether just or unjust, and he would be the last to deny that in respect the same freedom that he claims. But the kind of comment that is current in certain quarters suggests that it is due rather to jealousy and envy than to honest difference of opinion. It lends itself to the use of his political opponents in Great Britain, but it certainly does not reflect the judgment of his fellow citizens in the Dominion.

The members of the Town Council treated Ald. Stuart's proposals in connection with Tax Reform for a very short shrift the other night. Whilst we are not prepared to go to the lengths Ald. Stuart desired, we cannot but feel that some of the Aldermen approached the question with little more than a superficial knowledge of the subject—which is a very big one.

THE COUNTRY DISTRICTS

BLACKVILLE

The carnival held at Blackville last Wednesday was highly successful, a record crowd was in attendance. The following were in costumes:

Katie E. Harrigan—Twilight.
Geraldine Keough—Valentine.
Florence Walls—Shamrock.
Violet Schofield—Summer Girl.
Mabel Walls—Last Rose of Summer.
Clara Murphy—Starlight.
Irene McKee—Rose Bud.
Mrs. J. E. Underhill and Miss Edna Underhill—in the old Colonial Days.

J. G. Foster—Garret and Gold.
Birdie Barry—Goddess of Liberty.
Silla C. Power, G. Mildred Schofield—Bohemian Princesses.
Clara Walls—Milk Maid.
Ruby Walls—Snowflake.
Mrs. J. B. Curtis—Chamber Maid.
Hazel Curtis—Fairy Godmother.
Edna Vye—Rosalie.
Maurie Johnston—Clothes Pin Girl.
Katie McKenzie—Sweet Sixteen.
Mrs. Steve Jardine—Japanese Lady.
Jennie Dean—Summer.
Hilda Dean—Winter.
Ina Arbeau—Nurse.
Mrs. Matt Coughlan—Nurse.
Leonard C. Harrigan—Hiawatha.
Aloysius Layton—Cow Boy.
Clive Underhill—Topsy Turvey.
Ian Underhill—Scotch Laddie.
Edward Wetmore—All Round Man.
Lester McKee—Newsboy.
Lawrence W. Underhill—Kickapoo Indian.
Gordon Schofield—Pied Piper of Hamelin.
John B. Curtis—Engineer.
Otto Curtis—Circus Doll.
Stephen Jardine—Cushman.
Cecil Dale—Young Savage.

The prize winners were:
Muriel Johnston—Clothes Pin Girl.
Mrs. Steve Jardine—Japanese Lady.
Aloysius Layton—Cowboy.
Cecil Dale—Young Savage.
The judges were Miss Johnston, Miss Curtis, Mr. Crouse, Mr. Hubert. A hotel is very much needed to accommodate the travelling public, which would pay well.

The Edward Partington Pulp and Paper Co. are putting in new gates to the Mill Pond Dam.

Our town is now getting in its best appearance, judging by the numerous travellers, coming and going.

We are sorry to hear of the death of Mr. Elijah Mountain, which occurred at his home on Thursday, Jan. 30th.

The Blackville rink is well patronized during band nights by local as well as outside people.

The Millerton hockey team accompanied by a big crowd of fans, were here to play a game with the Blackville team, but owing to some misunderstanding the game was called off.

After some discussion the victors had the rink to themselves, as well as the freedom of the town. They had a friendly scrimmage with the Blackville team, and the players were inquiring where their captain was, after the Fredericton express left for Chatham.

WHITNEY

The weather is still very changeable and the roads are in a very dangerous condition after the rain of Friday night.

We are sorry to hear of the illness of Mr. James Walsh of Allison Settlement, and also of Mr. Hector Morrison. We hope to hear of their speedy recovery.

A number of the members of Whiteville District, No. 452, attended the social in Millerton on Monday night. A good time was reported.

Mr. William McKay, Jr. of Stratford is still on the sick list.

Mr. Peter Forsyth and daughter Millie drove to Denzil's on Saturday. Mrs. Howard Whitney visited Mrs. Allen Whitney one day last week.

We are glad to hear that the quarantine has been lifted in Whitneyville and Allison.

We are glad to hear that Mrs. John Scott is improving slowly.

Rev. Mr. Piper visited Wilbur Sozner's camp recently.

William Parker is home from the woods.

Mrs. Wm. Scott of Strathadam has been called to Bathurst on account of her mother's illness.

Miss Mary Stuart has returned to her home, after a pleasant visit to her friend, Miss Millie Forsyth.

Miss Josie Appleby spent Saturday and Sunday at her home in Nelson.

The sudden death of Mrs. Peter Russell which occurred on January 27th was a great shock to the community and her many friends scattered far and wide.

She was 74 years of age and besides her husband, leaves to mourn her loss, one brother, William Johnson, of Hallowell N. B., also the following sisters: Mrs. Geo. Matchett, Redbank; Mrs. Robt. Holmes, Lytton and Mrs. John Holmes, McEggs.

She had lived a very active life and her hospitable home cheered many a visitor. She was a highly respected

member of the Presbyterian church. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. J. F. McCurdy assisted by Rev. W. E. Piper.

Deep sympathy is felt by all for Mr. Russell bereft of beloved wife who shared in the prosperity and happiness of his life for twenty four years.

IN MEMORY OF MRS. P. RUSSELL

One but not forgotten
A gentle voice is stilled,
A seat is vacant in that home
That never can be filled.
The old arm chair is empty now
That stands beside the hearth,
The gentle voice is hushed in death
For she is no more on earth.

The Great King in all his beauty
Her wondering eyes now behold
Today her feet are treading
Those beautiful pavements of gold.
When we shall rest on that peaceful shore
When the weight of sin shall be felt
no more.

We shall find the loved ones
Who have gone before.
Her great grand daughter Daisy M. Whitney.

SUNNY CORNER

Mrs. Ralph Clouston of Dorby and Mrs. Annie Howe of Newcastle, are visiting the former's mother and the latter's sister Mrs. John Matchett.

Mr. Louis of the Telephone Exchange, passed through here enroute to Little South West on Friday.

Miss Margaret Hines was the guest of Mrs. Sophia Nolan on Friday. Miss Mary Nolan is spending a few weeks with Mrs. Walter Matchett.

Mrs. Robt. Nolan visited friends in Redbank last week.

Mrs. Fred Smart called on Mrs. John Matchett Wednesday afternoon. Mrs. James Leach was the guest of Mrs. James McDonald one evening last week.

Mrs. Fred Mullin is visiting Mrs. Hiram Matchett.

Mrs. Jane Dunnet has returned to her home in Whitney after spending a lengthy visit with her daughter, Mrs. P. Toner.

Misses Bernetta Myland and Lizzie McTavish visited the former's home one night last week.

Miss Della Myland is spending a few weeks with Miss Rita McKenzie.

Mr. Floyd Matchett has returned from the woods.

Miss May Toner was the guest of Mrs. James Leach the latter part of last week.

Miss Roberta Johnston and Miss Georgina Toner spent an afternoon with Miss Rosa Toner this week.

LOCAL SCHOOL REPORTS

CHATHAM HEAD

Grade VI—George Mann
Grade V—Ernest Brown
Grade IV—Lottie Ullock
Grade III—Henry LeRoque
Grade II—May Robins
Grade I—Constance Trevors
PERFECT ATTENDANCE—Henry Ullock, Ernest Brown
PERFECT CONDUCT—Jasie Jackson, Flossie Ullock, Emma LeRoque, Gravelle Ullock, Gordon Ullock, Maggie Thompson.

NELSON

PERFECT ATTENDANCE—George McLeod, Violet McKenzie, Gladys Drillea, Burns Whyte, James Whyte, Willie Doucet, Violet Doucet, Henry Drillea, Marion McKenzie.
HIGHEST STANDING—Grade V—Jasie McKenzie, George McLeod
Grade IV—Violet McKenzie, Theresa McLeod, James Whyte.
Grade III—(a)—Annie Astles, Willie Doucet, George Bateman.
(b)—Evelyn Coughlan, Violet Doucet, Henry Drillea.
Grade II—(a)—Mary Sherrard
(b)—Marion McKenzie, Lola Sherrard.

DERBY

No. of days—20.
Percentage 87.82.
Those who missed no days—William Langie, Mervin Campbell, Audrey Parker, Audrey Simpson, Sophia Price, Annie Archibald, Violet Kitchen, Euphemia McLean, Margaret Crocker, Helen Allison, Charlie McLean, Zella Parker, Willard Kitchen, Mattie Price, Willis Murphy, Bertha Baxter.
Those who missed not more than two days—Marion Parker, Curtis Price, Maude Archibald, Ella Parker, Anna Belle Price, Borden Parker, Jean Campbell, Irvine Betts, Karl Doran, Ruby Kitchen, Charlie Doran, Nora McLean, Jacob Price.
The following led their classes:—Grade V—Marion Parker 76; Annie Archibald 76; Audrey Simpson 73. Grade IV—Ella Parker 79; Zella Parker 68.
Grade III—Willard Kitchen 86; Mattie Price 54.
Grade II—Margaret Crocker 78; Jean Campbell 69.
Grade I—Euphemia McLean 96; Violet Kitchen 95.

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Notice of Legislation

Notice is hereby given that application will be made by the Town of Newcastle to the Legislature of New Brunswick at the ensuing session thereof, for the passage of an Act to enable the Town to fix the assessment for mill tax at the sum of Five Dollars (\$5.00) regardless of the total amount of the assessment.

E. T. LINDON,

Feb. 5th, 1913

Town Clerk

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