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NEXT MONDAY EVENING

The New Town Council Will Have First Meeting.

Matters of Importance and Novelty Promised on the Bill of Fare.—St. John Presbytery Meets in Richmond and Accepts Rev. Mr. Miller's Resignation.

The first meeting of the new town council will be on Monday evening next. The mayor and his associates have had several private conferences and it is understood that harmony prevails, and a general intention to make this a banner council. There are several new moves in the minds of the councillors which when made public will cause a good deal of discussion, and perhaps some hostile criticism, but of course this is to be expected. At all events the policy of the new council will be proclaimed next Monday evening.

A VALUED CITIZEN

Passes Away in the Person of R. K. Jones.

The community was more shocked than surprised to learn on Monday morning that Mr. R. K. Jones had died at an early hour of the same morning. Mr. Jones had been confined to the house ever since the conclusion of the session of the County Council which adjourned on the 12th inst. He was present through all the deliberations of that body, and appeared to be in fair health and good spirits. For several years past, however, his health had been far from good, and it was generally thought that a severe illness would go hard with him. He contracted la grippe which developed into pneumonia. At half past three on Monday morning he passed peacefully away, in the 59th year of his age.

Mr. Jones was one of the most prominent men in the county. He was born in Middle Simonds, a son of James Jones. At an early age he studied law with Lewis P. Fisher, Mr. Stephen B. Appleby being a fellow student, at the time. He took a course at Harvard taking the degree of L. L. B. After being admitted he entered into partnership with Mr. Fisher, and continued in this relation until 1874, when he entered politics. He stood for the local legislature as an independent, and was elected. At that election there were three candidates, J. S. Leighton, who got 1713 votes, R. K. Jones 1499, and Geo. W. White 1230. Leighton and Jones were elected. Mr. Jones served till 1878, but although urged again to run, declined. In 1880, Mr. Jones succeeded Mr. L. P. Fisher as mayor of Woodstock. He filled this important office most satisfactorily for six years. Mr. H. A. Connell succeeded him, and after Mr. Connell's term, Mr. Jones again occupied the mayor's chair for two years. He was an admirable administrator of town affairs, and it was during his regime that the waterworks system was put in. Mr. Jones was well-known throughout the county as secretary-treasurer, a position he occupied for 32 years. He was of great assistance to the members of the County Council, who always found in him an efficient officer, and a sound and trusted advisor. His death will be keenly felt by that body. Of his ability in general there could be no doubt. Under a quiet and unostentatious manner was concealed a thorough mastery of the principles of the law. When there were delicate points at issue, and it was necessary for him to decide, as frequently happened in the meetings of the council, he used to say that he always gave a decision in favor of the common sense view.

Mr. Jones married a Miss Raymond of this county. She with five children, two sons, Wendell P. and Thane M. in law-partnership in Woodstock, three daughters, Mrs. Atherton, Mrs. Walter Fisher, and Beulah, survive a kind and affectionate husband and father.

At a meeting of the Barristers of Woodstock in Stephen B. Appleby's office on Monday, being present beside Mr. Appleby, Messrs. D. McLeod Vince, A. B. Connell, J. R. Murphy, J. N. W. Winslow, D. B. Gallagher, F. B. Carvell, L. E. Young, Charles Appleby and Charles Comben, Barristers-at-Law, it was decided to attend the funeral of Mr. Jones in a body and pay other marks of respect to his memory.

It may be mentioned that Mr. Jones at the time of his death was president of the Woodstock Wood-Working Factory. He was a Free Mason. The funeral will take place this afternoon at 2.30 Rev. W. B. Wiggins officiating. Services will be held at the house and grave.

Utopia vs. A. O. H.

The whist tournament between the Utopia and A. O. H. clubs was continued last Wed-

nesday night in the beautiful rooms of the former club. The Utopians won at four of the six tables and the finish showed a majority of five points for the King street club for the evening's play. Mair and Manzer won from Troy and Beaton by a score of 27 to 19; S. Hull and Frupp from M. McManus and McCaffery by 20 to 15; Ross and Jubien from J. McManus and Malaney, 23 to 22; F. Hull and Dibblee from McCartin and Sullivan, 27 to 17; Sheasgreen and M. Cogger from Smith and Carr, 20 to 9; and Ryan and W. Cogger from J. Hull and Hill, 27 to 19.

The total score now stands, Utopia club 214, A. O. H. 285.

F. Hull and Dibblee lead in points won for the Utopians with a score of 46, while Mair and Manzer and Ross and Jubien are tied for second place with a score of 39. For the A. O. H. Malaney and J. McManus lead with a score of 57; Ryan and W. Cogger are a close second with a score of 55, while Troy and Beaton, with a score of 53, are hard pushing the leaders.

For the Utopias F. Hull and Dibblee lead the per cent won, having .554 to their credit. S. Hull and Frupp are second, having a credit of .484. Malaney and J. McManus lead for the A. O. H. with .626 and Ryan and W. Cogger are a close second with a percentage of .625.

The next game will be played this evening at the A. O. H. rooms and a "hot" contest is expected.

The New Light.

A new departure for Woodstock, and, in fact, for the county, in the light system was made by T. J. Boyer, the enterprising proprietor of the Victoria Hotel, last Saturday night, by the introduction of Acetylene gas. The generator, and fixtures were put in by J. F. Guay of the firm of Savoie & Guay of Plessisville, Que. Mr. Guay is the inventor of this generator, which is different from others used with this gas, and claims, to use a slang expression, "great doings" for it. And by the way the light worked in its trial test it seems to prove all his claims.

Naturally quite a number of our citizens flocked to The Victoria to see the new light and all were agreeably surprised. It gives a pure white light, which is very easy on the eyes and shows as plainly in the far corners of the room as if one were close to the jet.

Although all the lights were not in operation on the opening night, the public can see 40 in full glow tomorrow evening, and no doubt, many citizens of our town will avail themselves of the opportunity.

Mr. Boyer expresses himself as being well pleased with his new light and says it is far ahead of the incandescent and much cheaper.

Fewer Bros., of this town, who are practical gas fitters, are agents for the new light and expect to be kept busy in the future attending to this branch of their work.

This Central Route.

The St. John Globe discussing the Intercolonial Railway extension proposed, has the following to say of the route to the sea by River du Loup and Edmundston, through Woodstock. We have stated that the Intercolonial is practically the only road over British territory between the Maritime Provinces. But the fact must not be lost sight of that this statement is not absolutely exact. The distance between Montreal and River du Loup to Halifax there are 559 miles to be run. From River du Loup to St. John the distance, by what we may call a central route is only 328 miles, or in other figures, the saving of rail travel is 231 miles. And it must be remembered there is now practically a railroad the whole distance from River du Loup to St. John. It is 81 miles from River du Loup to Edmundston by the Temiscouta road which is now in fair running condition. At Edmundston the Canadian Pacific road is within short range of the Temiscouta road, and the distance to St. John is 247 miles over the Canadian Pacific from Edmundston. Possibly this distance could be reduced. If therefore, the government enters upon the doubtful experiment which Mr. Russell favors it will be "a logical sequene" of that action to perfect the system from River du Loup to St. John, so that the government road may reach the tide water by saving 230 miles of haul, a most important thing in view of the competition to which it will be subject by the Portland route. It might be added that the distance from Montreal to St. John over the Intercolonial is 740 miles, so that the route to which this article refers is 130 miles shorter to this city.

THE BACHELORS' club, an organization started last winter, has reorganized for the winter and has its rooms back of W. L. Wise's barber shop. Whether the name is a suitable one or not we cannot say, but the DISPATCH understands the members are all married.

WHO CAN RUN AND VOTE.

No Property Qualification for Candidates For Legislature.

And Almost Everybody Can Cast His Little Vote. — Non-Residents. — \$100 Deposit. — Community Mourns the Death of Randolph K. Jones.

In view of the possibility of a provincial election, it may be well to state the necessary qualification for candidates and electors. Anyone who is a male and a British subject, over 21 years of age, may be a candidate. No property qualification is needed. Twenty electors may nominate a candidate, and the same twenty electors may nominate as many candidates as they wish to. The candidate shall be nominated by his name being placed on a separate piece of paper and the paper filed with the sheriff before 12 o'clock on the day of nomination. Each candidate must deposit \$100, which will be returned to him in case he receives one half the number of votes of the successful candidate receiving the smallest vote. Otherwise the \$100 goes to Her Majesty.

As to electors we have manhood suffrage. Every person whose name is put on the list by the revisors of the parish in which he lives, providing he has been a resident of the electoral district for the previous twelve months to the first of May last, and non-residents possessed of real or personal property to the value of \$400 may vote.

The provisions above mentioned are in an Act of Assembly passed in 1889.

REV. MR. MILLER RESIGNS.

Richmond Loses Its Popular Presbyterian Pastor.

The Presbytery of St. John met at McKenzie Corner on Monday the 23rd inst at 2 o'clock in the afternoon. The principal business before the court was the consideration of the resignation of Rev. Thomas Miller.

Sederunt J. W. Fowler, D. Fiske, James Ross, ministers, Thomas Campbell, elder. Rev. J. W. Fowler was appointed moderator, Rev. James Ross, clerk, pro tem. The elders and ministers and members of the congregation were heard, all of whom expressed their regret that on account of a protracted illness their pastor was under the necessity of resigning his charge. Rev. James Ross addressed the court on behalf of Mr. Miller who was unable to be present. Mr. Ross said that he was authorized to say that Mr. Miller could not see his way clear to withdraw his resignation as he was unable at present, to resume his duties, that, while thanking the congregation for their kindness manifested toward him in various ways during the time which he had labored in their midst and regretting that he was under the painful necessity of leaving his work, perhaps, in some respects incompletely yet under the circumstances the wisest course to pursue would be to adhere to his resignation. The Presbytery on motion agreed to accept the resignation and ordered the pulpit to be declared vacant on Sabbath the 29th inst.

The following minutes were adopted. The Presbytery records its gratification respecting the satisfactory progress made in congregational work, especially the improvement in church premises and property during Mr. Miller's pastorate and with the general unity and harmony existing throughout the bounds of the congregation and regret that owing to continued illness Mr. Miller has been compelled to press the acceptance of his resignation. The Presbytery records its deepest sympathy with Mr. Miller in his illness and commends him to the grace of the Great Head of the church with the earnest prayer that he may be speedily returned to health and strength, that it may be his privilege for many years to come to declare the unsearchable riches of Christ and that he may be the honored instrument in the hands of the Master to lead many souls into the way of peace and life. Rev. J. W. Fowler was appointed moderator of the sessions of the Richmond congregation. The court adjourned with the benediction.

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Slight Fire.

An alarm from box 23, Monday evening brought Nos. 1 and 2 hose companies to Nicholson's tailor shop where a small fire was burning between the floors. It is supposed to have caught from an overheated chimney which was burning out during the day. About the only damage was by the cutting of the floor to get at the blaze. It is fortunate that the fire was discovered at that time, as if it broke out in the night, considerable damage would have been the result.