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## ANNUAL TOWN MEETING.

THE MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS GIVE A STATEMENT OF THE FINANCES.

**\$8,000 in Taxes to Be Collected—A Debit Balance at the Bank of About \$4,400—Speeches by W. B. Belyea and H. E. Gallagher, Mayoralty Candidates.**

While the annual town meeting on Monday night was not large, a good deal of interest was manifested, and the best of good feeling prevailed throughout. Wm. S. Saunders was elected chairman.

Mayor Murphy made the following report of receipts and expenditures:

EXPENDITURES.		
	Estimated.	Actual.
Waterworks.....	3,000	2843.63
Fire Department.....	2,500	1541.65
Streets.....	1,500	1037.77
Electric Light.....	1,300	1314.73
Sewers.....		110.10
Poor.....	1,700	1411.13
Miscellaneous.....	300	509.72
Salaries.....	300	300.00
Assessors.....	200	165.00
Schools.....	5,000	4100.00
New Shed.....		6.25
Printing.....	150	119.85
Licenses.....		12.59
Team.....	540	540.00
Health.....	150	139.69
Police.....	875	900.75
Town Hall.....	75	123.37
Insurance.....		140.20
Interest.....	5,172.50	6325.00
Int to Bank on bal due to Oct 1st.....	250	305.32
Municipality of Carleton 99.....		315.76
" " " 1900.....		1700.15
		\$23953.16

RECEIPTS.		
	Estimated.	Actual.
Waterworks.....	6,200	5301.56
Fire Department.....		34.50
Streets.....		17.20
Sewers.....	400	374.17
Poor.....	200	55.85
Salaries.....	75	105.00
Licenses.....	300	273.63
Police Fines.....		40.25
Town Hall.....	50	44.00
		\$6265.56
Taxes collected for 1900.....		\$16915.18
" " " ".....		1404.24
		\$18319.42
Bank debit balance.....		\$3883.66
Uncollected taxes 1900.....		6400.00
Uncollected from other years about.....		2000.00
Bank balance January, 1900.....		4639.49

Town treasurer, J. T. Garden, in answer to a question of H. P. Baird, said that checks to the amount of about \$600 were signed but not yet presented at the bank, and these would raise the debit balance to \$4483.66.

His Worship in making his statement said that the town now owed the Municipality of Carleton nothing.

Coun. Dibblee made his report as chairman of the waterworks committee.

He said the Water Works was an easy dept. to run especially with so able an assistant as the superintendent, D. Munro, who knew how to collect the rates. He had lived within his income. He regretted that there were over \$6,000 of the assessment of 1900 yet uncollected as well as about \$2000 of the assessments of other years yet in Mr. Winslow's hands for collection. He said the assessment of 1900 was too large and on a smaller assessment we would have got along all right if the taxes had been collected. He regretted that the sewer rates had not been collected. These rates had not come in in large enough amounts to pay the interest on the sewer bonds. Many people who should have made connections with the sewers had not done so and he thought they should be compelled to.

The marshal had a hard time to collect taxes, it was hard to get the money out of the Citizens. He would not advocate the oppression of the poor, but it was not the poor who were behind mostly, but the richer people who owned property. He advocated a resort to the sale of the real estate if taxes were not paid.

Coun. Carr reported on the work of the fire committee. He said that at the cost of about \$400.00 the town had placed in working order an electric fire alarm system such as many cities had paid thousands of dollars for. His committee had kept well within its estimate. The present council had attempted to pay off a large floating debt and if it had not been for the extra large assessment of 1900 he should have blushed at the showing that would have been made at this meeting.

In the absence of Coun. Graham Coun. Carr also reported for the streets committee. With an appropriation of \$1500.00 that committee had spent only \$1020.50 and the streets were in better condition than they had ever been since his residence in Woodstock.

Coun. Gallagher, for the Electric Light committee said he had lived within his estimate if the truth were known. He had been charged \$400.00 for wood when heretofore it had cost him only \$300.00. However, he said, it was all one thing, if his department was charged an extra \$100.00 for wood

another department was \$100.00 better off. His department was rather an unsatisfactory one to handle. There was a good deal of fault finding. If a light failed to shine one night often some one in the vicinity would complain that it had been out of commission for a month. He had done the best he could. He had bought three new lamps at a cost of \$60.00, he did not think the bill had been paid, but anyhow, we had the lamps. An unforeseen expense of \$43.00 had been incurred by the burning out of a dynamo that had to be repaired. He did not think the town received the benefit from their electric light system that they might reasonably expect from the amount of money invested in it. The one improvement that he would suggest at present was a change in the attachment of the lamps that hung out over the streets, suspended by the wires that carried the current. He explained how these could be fixed and suggested that they be attended to. At present if one of them gave way the circuit of the whole system was spoiled. He did not think the showing for the year was so magnificent as other councillors seemed to think. It was quite bad enough. At the beginning of the year some councillors said that if we assessed four or five thousand dollars more than usual we would be able to pay the deficit of the previous year and now we are in no better position than before. It may be we have more money on our books, but that doesn't pay the bills. It appears that no matter how much we assess we have always the same deficit so we had better cut the assessment down. He thought the assessors had not done their work well. Some men who were on the list had been out of town for six years and other men were out on twice.

Coun. Jones, for the poor committee said the sum spent on our poor was about the same from year to year. The poor were all well cared for. He had kept well within his appropriation and if the street committee would pay him that \$50.00 it owed his committee he would still be further within it. They had a good man at the poor farm now, Simon Adams, to whom they paid \$300.00 a year. They did not often have much to sell from the poor farm. At present they had some oats and one beef cow they would part with. They had now 35 hens and 3 milch cows up there and these all meant comforts for the inmates. They had got out some wood this winter which they gave to the poor who were receiving outdoor relief. This was a profitable thing to do as it saved paying for the wood and they got wood that would otherwise go to waste. The items of expenditure in his department were clothing, physicians' bills, medicines and groceries. Funerals were also a fairly large item. They were at present supporting two persons in the lunatic asylum. He thought that though the appropriation in 1900 was \$1700.00 he would only ask for \$1300.00 if he was at the board another year as he could get along with that amount. The bank balance was three or four thousand every year. He would like to be a councillor just one year when the board came out with a clean sheet. He thought it would be a good thing to get the tax bills out earlier in the summer when men had money, instead of waiting till cold weather came along and the men had spent their money for other things and needed their current wages for cold weather living.

The mayor congratulated the town on having selected so good a council, over whose deliberations he was proud to preside. It had been insinuated that the council had not made so good a showing as had been made last year, but he insisted that the financial condition of the town was better than a year ago.

Last year at this date the uncollected taxes were not sufficient to wipe out the bank balance, this year they were. However, the condition of our finances should not be judged by the debit balance at the bank. The council had made a full and perfect exposition of the town's affairs. In the statement of expenditures given, only \$100 of all the debts contracted during the year, had been omitted, \$60 for electric lights and \$40 for a car of wood. We knew where we were now, while last year we had to face the sum of \$2000 worth of coupons that unexpectedly turned up from the Sears estate in St. John. He entirely agreed with Coun. Carr that this was the best showing made by a council in his experience. He paid a high tribute to the members of the board and especially to Coun. Graham, to whose ability and energy the present good condition of our streets was due. He spoke highly of the officers of the town and congratulated the police force on the fact that while a few years ago a lady could hardly pass down main street on Sunday without great inconvenience from loafers today a lady could go anywhere in town at

at anytime without having her eyes or ears offended by unpleasant sights or offensive language.

W. S. Saunders said that no doubt the council had done the best it could under the circumstances, but he thought that the showing was not so good as had been said. In other years other councils had had less taxes on the books but had also had smaller debit balance at the bank. A smaller assessment would be better and the taxes should be collected more closely.

Ex-Coun. Thomas Smith thought the showing was not so awfully fine. It was the duty of the council to collect as well as to spend, and if they did not collect the taxes they were remiss in their duty. He objected to being taxed to make up for the unpaid taxes of other men quite as well or better able to pay than himself. He wanted the taxes collected.

In replying to Mr. Smith, Coun. Dibblee suggested that one assessor only go out of office each year so as to afford some continuity of work in the assessors' office. Then there would always be at least one assessor who had the work well in hand. He thought that so much uncollected taxes signified poor work in making the assessment. He further spoke of the hardship that would ensue in many cases if taxes were collected at the point of the legal bayonet. He thought the showing of the council was better than last year.

H. Paxton Baird appreciated the work of the mayor and councillors who served the town without receiving any pecuniary remuneration. He thought the assessment of 1900 was too large by \$4,500, and that if the taxes had been collected the business of the town could have been conducted with an assessment this much less than was really asked for.

J. T. Garden thought that the assessment should be in the hands of the treasurer earlier in the year and that the date of the 5 per cent. discount should be placed at the 15th of June instead of the 20th of August as it was last year. If executions were issued on July 1st money could be got more easily than late in fall. The order to issue executions did not come to him until November 1st, which was very late.

W. B. Belyea said he could not but be convinced that each councillor had done his best. Mr. Garden had forestalled him in his suggestion that the tax bills should be sent out earlier. Town elections were now held three months earlier than when he sat at the board, and the council of today had a much better chance than of old to collect the taxes promptly and he thought it was the fault of the council if the taxes were not collected promptly. He announced himself as a candidate for the mayoralty and solicited the votes of the citizens. He was a large ratepayer, his taxes last year being some \$29.00 more than the year before. He was deeply interested in town affairs to which he would give his diligent attention if elected. When he first entered the field he had been asked by a certain man, whose name it was not necessary to mention, to give him certain pledges regarding the settlement of the case with the county, which he did not feel at liberty to give. The subsequent settlement of that case had justified the stand he took on the question. Had the suit been settled as that gentleman wished, the matter would have arisen again and would have been harder of settlement than ever. It would have been like the unfortunate affair at Majuba Hill. At the time of that disaster the employment of a few troops and the expenditure of a small amount of money would have accomplished an object that has since cost Great Britain the lives of many valiant men, and the expenditure of millions of pounds sterling. He referred to the card of his opponent, Coun. Gallagher, who announced that he was always opposed to the law suit. The record of the council did not show that Coun. Gallagher had voted against the suit or had spoken against it. He said that if elected he would give his best attention to the business of the town.

Coun. Gallagher announced himself as a candidate for the mayoralty also. He thought that the councillors bore a much greater responsibility than the mayor, and after bearing a councillor's burdens for eight years he would like to preside over the scene of his labours one year before retiring to private life. He had tried to be fair and just in his conduct at the board and if he had it all to go through again he knew of only one vote of his that he would reverse. He had never shirked a vote. He was glad the suit was settled and did not think Mr. Belyea had made a strong case against him on that score. The records of the council never showed the debates on questions that came up and unless a division was called for the yeas and nays were not given but the resolution was merely marked carried or lost. Consequently his attitude toward that suit, when the matter was up, did not appear in the report of the proceedings. He thought his course had been justified. He did not want to see a law suit with the county if we could gain our end any other way and now it appeared that we could gain our end an easier way, as had been done. Two men had used against him the canvas that he was a Mickie. He was a Catholic, he said, but that was merely a matter of circumstance. His co-religionists were a small minority in town, but they paid their taxes and came pretty near doing as other men did, and he was the first Catholic who had asked the people to elect him to the mayoralty. He thought there were enough liberal minded people who would vote for him to give him the chair. He had always, heretofore, found the electors free from such religious prejudices. He asked that, after working so long in the ranks he be given the honour of filling the chair.

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