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NEW TOWN COUNCIL.

Town Marshal Appointed Scott Act Inspector—Thomas McCarron, the Veteran Night Watch, and Robert Kennedy Town Teamster. Resign—Economy Is Watchword.

The first meeting of the new town council opened most auspiciously Monday evening, with his worship Mayor Belyea, in the chair, and all the seats at the board filled for the first time in many months. The seats that line the wall were all filled and even the reserved seats in the office of the Superintendent of Water Works were all taken. The clerk read the election returns and the mayor declared the council duly organized.

His Worship Mayor Belyea's Inaugural Address.

GENTLEMEN,—I think the Town of Woodstock is to be congratulated upon having selected six such representative business men to serve at the council board for the present term. I also want to thank them for the honor they have conferred upon me to preside at this board. I trust our meetings will be harmonious and that we will each do our duty in such a manner as shall meet with the approbation of the ratepayers and the citizens generally. Gentlemen you will find plenty of work to claim your attention, with a large debit balance at the bank to the amount of \$5,490.03 and the other liabilities of the town you will find it necessary to exercise considerable of the business ability which I know you possess to keep the finances of the town in such a shape as will meet with the views of the already burdened ratepayers. With a bonded debt of about \$127,000 the interest on which must be paid, the cost of maintaining the public schools, the necessity of keeping the fire department in an efficient state, the county tax and other matters, will call upon you to use your greatest efforts and a wise economy so as not to increase the burdens of the town. You will be called upon to consider the purchasing of a bell or other alarm for the fire department and the general purposes of the town. The hose wagon at the lower corner is in bad shape and may require a new one, some new hose was asked and assessed for last year but was not provided. This also should receive your attention as petty economy in this line would be ruinous if we have a bad fire whereby the insurance companies would increase their rates as they have lately in Montreal and

other places. The management of the Scott Act is also in the hands of the town and I expect that this board will deal with this important matter in a wise manner and in such a way as will meet with the approbation of all right minded citizens. In regard to the assessment there has always been considerable difficulty. I would suggest that the finance committee give their early attention and have the matter carefully looked into and the tax list made out as early in the year as would be possible as generally it is easier to collect in summer than winter. This council has already dealt in a fitting manner in relation to the death of our late Sovereign Queen Victoria who has laid down her crown on earth to be crowned with glory, honor and immortality beyond. This is the first council to meet under the reign of His Majesty Our King Edward VII. whom we believe will follow in the steps of his illustrious mother, and we trust under his reign the Empire will add still greater glories in the progress of civilization and all that goes to make up the consummation of the hopes of mankind. With the close of the 20th century I hope renewed prosperity will come to the people of this town and I know you will use your every effort to aid in such a result.

The following are the committees of the council:—

Finance.—R. B. Jones, G. E. Balmain, J. T. A. Dibblee.

Fire.—G. E. Balmain, J. A. Lindsay, A. E. Jones.

Light.—J. A. Lindsay, J. T. A. Dibblee, Jas. Carr.

Streets.—Jas. Carr, J. T. A. Dibblee, J. A. Lindsay.

Sewers.—R. B. Jones, A. E. Jones, J. T. A. Dibblee.

Scales.—J. A. Lindsay.

Hall and Police.—J. A. Lindsay, G. E. Balmain, Jas. Carr.

Water.—J. T. A. Dibblee, A. E. Jones, Jas. Carr.

Poor.—A. E. Jones, G. E. Balmain, R. B. Jones.

Audit and Printing.—G. E. Balmain, A. E. Jones, R. B. Jones.

On motion, Coun. Carr seconded by Coun. R. B. Jones, the deputation of ladies present were heard. Mrs. C. D. Jordan, the spokesman, presented two petitions; the first from the W. C. T. U., asking for the rigid

enforcement of the Scott Act, and the second from a large number of ladies in Woodstock asking that Mr. Colpitts be appointed Scott Act inspector for the town.

On motion Coun. Lindsay, seconded by Coun. R. B. Jones, the first petition was received and placed on file.

The Mayor thought the second petition rather usurped the functions of the council, whose duty it was to appoint the town officers.

Coun. Lindsay moved, seconded by Coun. Balmain, that the second petition be read next November.

Coun. R. B. Jones thought it was a most unmanly thing to treat a petition from the wives and mothers of Woodstock as a joke. A petition from the women of Woodstock did not deserve such contemptuous treatment. He produced and read a third petition signed by over 100 rate payers in the town, also asking for the appointment of Mr. Colpitts. He thought these petitions should not be pushed aside in such a flippant way as Coun. Lindsay's motion involved, and he thought the duty of the council was to carry out the wishes of the people.

Coun. Dibblee was heartily in accord with the first petition and wanted to see the Scott Act rigorously enforced, but as to the second petition, he was not in favor of the appointment of Mr. Colpitts.

He would not vote to read the petition next November, but desired to deal with the matter at once. He favoured the appointing of the town marshal as Scott Act inspector, with no increase in salary. He did not think that a great deal of attention should be paid to petitions, as you could get a petition for almost anything signed. The ratepayers did not want to pay any more salaries. Personally he had nothing against Mr. Colpitts, but he thought the Marshall could do the work well and not out the town to any extra expense. If the Marshall did not do his duty in the matter, he could be discharged.

Coun. Carr thought the petitions should be carefully weighed, though he knew a petition for anything could get names on it. He saw nothing in the petitions to change his mind. He would vote as he considered right in the matter.

Coun. Lindsay said he meant no discourtesy by his motion. He was not in favor of Mr. Colpitts. Two years ago when the question of taking the Scott Act over from the county was raised, Mr. Colpitts was asked to be town inspector. He at first accepted, then, the next day he refused on the ground that he was County inspector and could not consistently hold the two positions. Mr. Colpitts is in exactly the same position today and the councillor did not see how he could accept the town inspectorship today and more easily than he could have two years ago. Mr. Colpitts had circulated this petition himself. One man told that he had signed it to get rid of Mr. Colpitts, another, that he did not like to refuse, and a third that he had not read it. It might have been a petition to raise food for the Fiji Islanders for all that man knew. He did not see his way clear to vote for Mr. Colpitts, who, if he could have got candidates to run out what he called the rum council, would have done so. The so called friends of temperance had called Councillors Dibblee, Carr and himself the rum committee, well his vote had once kept Mr. Colpitts in office at the county Council but it wouldn't do it again.

Coun. A. E. Jones thought Mr. Colpitts appointment would be a good thing. He asked for no salary. The marshal could not do the work for nothing. He had enough work to do already. Mr. Colpitts was now getting paid by the county as inspector and he might do the work for nothing.

Coun. Balmain said he had seconded the motion and he saw no reason to retire from his position. He had every respect for the ladies and their petitions, but he had not so great a respect for Mr. Colpitts as some people. It might almost seem that there was no man could enforce the Scott Act but Mr. Colpitts. That gentleman had been inspector for a long time but he had not stopped the sale of liquor in Woodstock. Liquor was sold now in town, it always had been sold and from what he could see always would be sold. As this is the case, why should the town not derive a revenue from its sale? With the marshal as inspector we could get as good enforcement as we have had under Mr. Colpitts, and at the same time derive a revenue from the Act. He thought a majority of the citizens were opposed to Mr. Colpitts.

Coun. R. B. Jones admitted that Mr. Colpitts might not be the most popular man in the world, but he was a good man and had been a good inspector. Like all other men he had made a few mistakes, but he would not make those again, as a new man was likely to do. He thought the marshal had enough to do already.

On motion of Coun. Carr, seconded by A. E. Jones it was decided to take up the petitions for the appointment of Mr. Colpitts when the council appointed an inspector.

The mayor read a communication from the Deputy Minister of Militia and Defence, stating that it was the intention of the department to build an armory in Woodstock, and asking that the town, as was customary, contribute a suitable site for the building.

Couns. Carr, Lindsay and Dibblee were appointed a committee to look into the matter and report.

Coun. Lindsay presented the resignation of Robert Kennedy, town teamster, to take effect on April first, which was accepted. Coun. Dibblee said that Robert Hughes, one of the Carleton County boys who had served in South Africa was an applicant for the position.

The following town officials were appointed. J. C. Hartley, Clerk; J. T. Garden, Treasurer; James Harvey, Chief of Police, town marshal and poor commissioner; Charles Comben, Chief Assessor; John McCormac and E. L. Hagerman, Assessors.

On motion of Coun. Lindsay, seconded by Coun. Dibblee James Harvey was appointed Scott Act Inspector. No salary was named. On a division Coun. Carr, Balmain, Dibblee and Lindsay voted yea.

The appointment of superintendent of water works was deferred.

Thomas McCarron was appointed night watch, but he was heard by the council and said that he could not do the work at the old salary of \$1.25 a night. As the council refused to give him an increase he tendered his resignation which was accepted. It was agreed by all the Councillors that Mr. McCarron had been an excellent officer, but no salaries would be increased.

Coun. Carr thought the office of poor commissioner could be abolished with a saving of \$75.00 a year to the town.

Coun. A. E. Jones chairman of the poor committee thought very differently. The town could get along without a street commissioner very well, but not without a poor commissioner. The poor who were entitled to outdoor relief had to be looked after every day. There were at least six poor families in town in which the breadwinner was sick in bed and the wants of these families had to be attended to every day.

Coun. Carr thought that pauperism was increased by nursing families along with assistance, when if they were told that they must become self supporting or go to the town farm, they would become self supporting.

Coun. A. E. Jones replied that no doubt some families would starve rather than go to the town farm, but that would not do, when they needed only a little help, perhaps only a little wood in the winter to carry them over the hard season. As an instance of the necessity of a poor commissioner he cited the case of a woman who came to town and put up at a hotel where she became sick. The poor commissioner was called in, secured a physician, found the woman a boarding place, got a coach to take her to it, carried her down stairs to the coach and saw her installed in her boarding place. The chairman of the poor committee had no time to do these things and a poor commissioner was absolutely necessary.

Coun. R. B. Jones, who has also had experience as chairman of the poor committee defended the institution of the commissioner.

Coun. Dibblee called attention to the assessment which he said was very bad. Old assessments had been copied from year to year. The assessors should go over the assessment with the Finance Committee. Some names were on the assessment several times. The matter had been dealt with at the Board of Trade and he invited members of the board to meet the assessors at the meeting of the Finance Committee to offer suggestions. It was no doubt difficult to make a good assessment, but there was no excuse for leaving the names of dead men on the list and there was property there, too, that could not be found. The town had a property book that should be kept posted. We should have an assessment made that we could stand by, and then we should stand by it. We should give every ratepayer a chance to make an affidavit and if he does not do it let him abide by his assessment.

He was glad that one of the assessors was present to hear what he had to say.

Mr. Hagerman, the assessor who was present, being heard, said, that though there were supposed to be three assessors, that was only a supposition, there was one assessor and two scape-goats. "And I am one of the scape-goats," said Mr. Hagerman. The chief assessor got most of the money, he had all the power and he did about the work.

Coun. Dibblee—"If that is so it is time it stopped right here. I am willing to devote

my time to seeing that a good assessment is made."

Coun. Balmain said that the assessment was usually made too late.

Coun. Lindsay said that was largely the fault of the chairmen of the committees. Let every chairman have his estimate ready for the Friday night meeting and let the council vote supplies at once.

On motion of Coun. Lindsay, seconded by Coun. Dibblee, no change will be made in the assessment unless the ratepayer applying for such change complies with the extreme requirements of the law.

Coun. Lindsay said that some serious insinuations had been made regarding changes in the assessment. During the past year only a few changes had been made and only two of those had been made without affidavits of the ratepayers making the application and those two had been freely discussed in open council.

D'Alva vs. Foster.

In connection with the action of Prof. D'Alva against Deputy Sheriff A. R. Foster, Mr. Foster demanded from Prof. D'Alva, security for costs, on the ground that the Prof. is a non-resident of the province. The Prof. made affidavit that he was and is a resident of St. John. Sheriff Foster has secured affidavits from the Mayor, Chief Assessor and Capt. Jenkins of the St. John police force that he is not assessed in St. John, that he never had a license to do business there, and the sheriff also found that on the day on which the Prof. made his affidavit he was registered at a St. John hotel as of Elmira, N. Y. So far it looks as if the deputy sheriff held trump cards.

With the Puck Chasers.

Thursday night last witnessed the hockey game between the Argonauts and Utopias in the Century ice rink. The game resulted in a victory for the Argonauts, the score being 5 to 2. The play at times was fast, but altogether not as good an exhibition of the game as these teams can put up. The Argonauts seemed to do better team work than their opponents, the latter seemingly depending more on individual work. For the Utopias, Carr made some good stops at goals, the shooting to him being quite fast at times. Holyoke and Dibblee made some good lifts, they seeming to have had no experience in that line than the other players. Allingham and Hull did not wake up till the second half, when their ideas brightened considerably and they played a good game. Loane is a tower of strength to the Utopias, his shooting being remarkable. Drysdale probably played the star game for his team, although he depended too much on his body checking. In the second half he started to rush things and was doing finely when attacked by a bad case of "rattles," which played havoc for his side. Williams, who played goal for the Argonauts, put up a fine game and were it not for his fine stops the Utopias would have scored more goals than they are credited with. Don Connell for a youngster, did remarkably well. Baker did some good work. Nicholson and Saunders make a good pair; Walker makes an elegant rover, and Gordon Connell captured the prize for his good work.

The game opened at 9:20 and in two minutes Drysdale put the puck by Williams, scoring the first goal. After this the puck was kept dangerously close to the Argonauts goal, until nine minutes later it took a rush down the ice and Walker shot it past Carr. One minute later Saunders did the trick, making the score 2 to 1 at the end of the first half. In this half, Carr made an exceptionally good stop of a hot shot from Gordon Connell's stick. Walker also made some good shots, Carr's sharp defence work saved them from scoring. The second half opened by Drysdale rushing matters. After a few minutes play Loane got the puck and shot it straight for the goal, but Don Connell was in its way. The puck then went to the other end of the rink and Walker put a hot one for score but Carr neatly blocked it. Walker kept it at nine minutes after the half opened got one through. After it was faced again Williams was kept busy, Loane seeming determined to put it through. Eleven minutes later Drysdale rushed it to the coveted spot. One minute later on G. Connell scored and four minutes later Saunders again did the trick.

The game was a good one throughout and the manager deserves credit for the exhibition. He also has closed down on the many personalities which some of the "rooters" exhibited, and in future those who "root" in an offensive way will be ejected from the rink.

Claude Aughterton was referee; Geo. E. Balmain and Fred Fisher, time keepers; and S. E. Pickels and Wm. Hill goal judges.

The players lined up as follows:—

ARGONAUTS.

Williams, D. Connell, Baker, Walker, G. Connell, Nicholson and Saunders.

UTOPIAS.

Allingham, Loane, Drysdale, Hull, Carr, Dibblee, Holyoke.

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