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ANNUAL TOWN MEETING.

At the annual town meeting on Monday night, there was present the largest audience at any town meeting in the memory of Woodstockers.

W. S. Saunders, who was elected chairman, introduced Mayor Belyea who made his annual statement of the town receipts and expenditures, as follows:—

REPORT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES OF TOWN OF WOODSTOCK FOR THE YEAR 1902.

Expenditure.	
Interest on Debt and Bank Acct.	\$ 5556 35
Water Works Dept.	3686 26
Electric Light	812 97
Schools	4800 00
Streets	1192 71
Poor	1305 41
Fire	1952 62
Municipality of Carleton	2619 39
Police	831 11
Town Team	550 03
Salaries	300 00
Printing	21 50
Town Hall	21 32
Public Health	3107 79
Assessors	150 00
Miscellaneous	545 10
Insurance	57 40
Pest House	1 60
Licences	56 00
Scales	1 75
Sewers	371 40
New House	38 10
Scott Act	110 00
	\$28,087 81

Recapitulation.	
Total Expenditure for 1902	\$28,087 81
Total Receipts	26,810 40

Amt. expended above receipts. \$ 1,277 41
Bal. at Bank of Nova Scotia this
12th day of Jan. 1903. \$ 5,254 96
Bal. this date 1901. 5,799 76

Receipts.	
Water Works Dept.	\$ 5303 45
Streets	47 00
Poor	174 94
Fire	43 00
Town Hall	86 00
Public Health	28 83
Licences	298 35
Scales	77 50
Sewers	351 68
Scott Act	403 10
Taxes Ass., 1902	16038 17
Taxes Ass., 1901	2989 42
Taxes Ass., 1900	557 99
Taxes Ass., 1899	206 27
Taxes Ass., 1898	25 59
Taxes Ass., 1897	20 52
Taxes Ass., 1896	7 13
Taxes Ass., 1895	5 46
	\$26810 40

Rec'd from D. Munro this 5 p. m.	
Water	\$ 238 45
Sewers	106 00
Fuel	38 88
	\$ 403 23

The past two years we have assessed you 7000 00 less than the previous year when it was \$24,000.00.

RETURN OF ESTIMATED EXPENDITURE WITH THE ACTUAL FOR EACH DEPT. OF THE TOWN FOR 1902.

Estimated Expenditure	Actual Expenditure
\$5850 00	Interest \$5556 35
3500 00	Water Works 3686 26
1200 00	Electric Light 812 97
4600 00	Schools 4800 00
1000 00	Streets 1192 71
1300 00	Poor 1305 41
2530 00	Fire 1952 62
3039 00	County 2619 39
875 00	Police 831 11
600 00	Team 550 03
400 00	Salaries 300 00
125 00	Printing 21 50
100 00	Town Hall 21 32
325 00	Pub. Health 3107 79
140 00	Assessors 150 00
414 00	Miscellaneous 545 10
500 00	Disc't on Taxes 650 00

In addition to the above the following expenditures were made but were not provided for in the estimates:

Insurance	\$ 57 40
Pest House	1 60
Licences, (Rebate)	56 00
Scales, (Repair)	1 75
Sewers	371 40
New House	37 10
Scott Act	110 00
	\$635 25
Hospital cheque issued	\$300 00

His worship apologized for the large expenditures in some lines, and deplored the expenditure in connection with the small pox epidemic. However, the government would probably reimburse the town to the extent of \$1400, and this would leave the finances in good shape. He congratulated the town on the fact that a long standing disagreement with the county had been settled in a satisfactory manner under an agreement by which the town would pay the County \$400 a year for nine years in settlement of the County's claim.

George A. White asked if the bank debit balance as given by the mayor included all the floating debt of the town or if there were any checks out as yet not presented.

The mayor said there were some checks out, he did not know the amount.

Mr. White asked if the books could not be kept so that the public could know how the town stood. At present no one knew the town's indebtedness.

The mayor said he had followed the usual course. There were always a number of bills presented at the last meeting of the council

and the checks for a number of these were not presented till after the town meeting.

Mr. White wanted to know how much was due on interest.

The mayor thought about \$300. He said the council never kept track of the amount of coupons out. Either last year or year before eight hundred dollars worth of coupons came in for payment quite unexpectedly.

Mr. White asked what was the total indebtedness of the town?

The Mayor said he did not know to a cent. The question had not been asked before at a public meeting. If he had expected it he would have been prepared to meet it. The citizens had every right to ask questions and he trusted Mr. White was not seeking information in a spirit of carping criticism. He had followed a system that had been in vogue for years and he had given the best statement of the finances he could, and such a statement as had always been deemed satisfactory.

Mr. Henderson said he knew that citizens had a right to ask questions and he did not need to be assured of this by the Mayor. He wanted to know why the coupons when they fell due were not at once charged up and then one could tell how the interest account stood.

F. B. Carvell said that the last year Mr. Murphy was mayor he had all this information that was now asked for. He (Mr. Carvell) was town treasurer that year and Mr. Murphy had come to him and got the information.

Mr. Henderson wanted it understood that this information was not asked for in a spirit of carping criticism, and it was due to the people that it was forthcoming.

Mr. White said he attended the meeting not expecting to say a word. Some years ago he had attended a meeting of this kind, had asked some questions and had been badly treated by the Mayor, and now it was insinuated that he was there to make trouble.

Mr. Carvell said that when Mr. Saunders was mayor this information had been given by him and the present mayor should be able to give it.

Mayor Belyea reiterated that he had furnished as good and full a report as had been customary and though he had not these figures at his finger ends, had he known the information was wanted, he could have prepared it. He had been requested to run for Mayor again and had consented. He asked the citizens to give him their support.

Coun. R. B. Jones, chairman of the finance committee, was then called on. He gave a statement for the bonded indebtedness of the town as follows:—

BONDED INDEBTEDNESS TOWN OF WOODSTOCK.	
Consolidated Bonds, 4 1/2 per cent.	\$80,000.00
Sewers, 4 per cent.	20,000.00
Stand Pipe ordinary, 4 1/2 per cent.	9,000.00
do do 4 1/2 do	1,700.00
Ordinary Water, 5 per cent.	2,000.00
Electric Lights, 4 1/2 do	4,000.00
Schools, 4 and 6 per cent.	7,075.00
Ordinary, for closing up wharf at pumping station	1,400.00
Ordinary, new house	2,000.00
	\$127,175.00

He had been chairman of the sewer committee as well as of the finance committee. An appropriation of \$1000 had been made for sewers last year and then rescinded. There should be an appropriation for this department this year. The estimates last year had been cut down very low and almost every department had been over-run. This thing had happened year after year and it looked as if it would be done to the end of time. He thought the council should make an accurate estimate of the amount of money needed for the town business, vote that amount and live within it. The system of over-running the estimate should be stopped. A chairman could not be expected to run a \$1000 department on \$800. Let enough be assessed at the beginning of the year and there would be no need to over-run. He spoke in high praise of the firemen and thought they should have better quarters and he would like to see the new council provide for them.

He announced that he was a candidate for the mayoralty and asked for a generous support. He had served the town for a long time as a councillor and his knowledge of town affairs would enable him to serve the town in a higher capacity.

Coun. Dibblee, chairman of the water works, said he had nothing to conceal in his department. He spoke in highest praise of Mr. Munro, Superintendent of Water Works, who was an invaluable man to the town and relieved the chairman of the committee of much work.

The committee had a most effective way of collecting the water rates. If a man didn't pay the water was turned off. He wished some such effective means could be devised for the collection of the taxes. He gave a detailed statement of the expenditures in his department. He said he would be a can-

didate for re-election and if the people thought he was a good councillor, he would be pleased to have them vote for him.

Coun. Lindsay, the next speaker, was the chairman of the streets committee. His appropriation of \$1000 had been over run \$192. This was due to certain unforeseen expenditures. A new water cart had cost \$260, a wash out on the Houlton Road had necessitated unforeseen expenditures, and a bad piece of road down town had caused another unlooked for outlay. As chairman of the Scott Act committee he announced that there had been 49 informations for violation of the act, 16 convictions and 33 cases dismissed.

As chairman of the town hall committee he thought the present council chamber should be given to the firemen and the meetings of the council should be held up stairs. He thought the town should use the entire building for its own purposes. He had served in the council for a number of years and should like an opportunity of using his experience in the Mayor's chair. He asked the people to vote for him.

A. E. Jones, chairman of the poor committee, George E. Balmain of the fire committee, and H. E. Burt of the electric light committee each gave a satisfactory statement of the condition of his department and announced that he would again be a candidate.

J. R. Murphy, James McManus and Mr. Fisher, on being called upon, each announced his candidature for the council and solicited the support of the electors.

I. E. Sheasgreen was also called upon but he had been called away on business.

Town Council.

At the Friday night meeting of the town council the Scott Act Inspectors' report was submitted and after some discussion was received.

In connection with the pier above the Meduxnakeog bridge which protects the water supply of the residents of Wellington Ward, and is not in a safe condition. Superintendent Munro was heard. He said it was the intention to put in a stone abutment last spring, but Mr. McVey was unable to do the work, and the only thing to be done now was to build a wooden break-water in front just above the pier, with a sloping front, wider than the present stone pier, which is not strong enough to stand the ice. His idea was to build a wooden cribwork and fill it with stone. It would not be an expensive job and should be attended to at once.

Coun. A. E. Jones said he did not feel like supporting this matter. A new council was coming in and they should deal with it. An abutment should be put up that would last a lifetime. The present one has not been there a very long time, and we should not put anything there that will not be permanent.

Coun. Dibblee thought that something should be done with this matter too. If anything should happen in the meantime great damage would ensue. He thought Mr. Munro was a competent man to look after it. It would be impossible to build a granite pier there at this time of year.

His Worship thought something should be done with this matter now.

The motion to go on with the work right away was carried.

John Donnelly was appointed returning officer at the Brunswick House, and Frank McClement at the Karus House, with Owen Kelly and H. W. Bourne as substitutes. Frank Foster, returning officer at council room, and J. C. Hartley at town hall, with John S. Leighton, jr., and John McKenzie substitutes.

Coun. Lindsay wanted to hear the opinion of the town clerk in the matter of appointing a school trustee, which was laid over from last meeting.

Mr. J. C. Hartley gave his opinion that the present council would have the right to appoint the new trustee, for the reason that three weeks would elapse between the retiring of the old and the appointing of the new trustee. The new appointment would not take effect until the expiration of the old trustee's term.

In reference to the Home Comfort Range Co., Coun. R. B. Jones said he told Marshal Gibson to proceed against the company for license, but the marshal thought it would be better to get legal advice before proceeding farther. He (Coun. Jones) had secured the advice of F. B. Carvell, who thought that the town could not collect a license unless the company had made a sale in the town limits.

His Worship informed the council that he had received a cheque from the Dominion Government for \$100.00 for land purchased.

Coun. R. B. Jones said that the government was still indebted to the town to the extent of \$4.00 for sewer rates which the clerk was authorized to collect.

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