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ANNUAL	TOWN	MEETING.	and th
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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.

Dependence		
Interest on Dept. and Bank Acct\$	5556	
Water Works Dept	3686	
Electric Light	812	1
Schools	4800	(
Streets	1192	1
Poor	1305	4
Fire,	1952	(
Municipality of Carleton	2619	
Police	831	1
Town Team	550	(
Salaries	300	(
Printing	21	
Town Hall	21	
Public Health	3107	1
Assessors	150	(
Miscellaneous	545	1
Insurance	57	4
Pest House	1	1
Licences	56	1
Scales	1	1
Sewers	371	4
New House	38	
	00	
Scott Act	110	1

\$28,087	81
Recapitulation.	
Total Expenditure for 1902 \$28,087	81
Total Receipts 26,810	
Amt. expended above receipts\$ 1,277 Bal. at Bank of Nova Scotia this	41
12th day of Jan. 1903\$ 5,254 Bal. this date 1901	
Receipts.	
Water Works Dept.,	45
	00
Poor, 174	
Fire, 43	00
Town Hall,	00

resented till after the town meeting. White wanted to know how much was

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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 like an opportunity of using his experience 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

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 infor-

Mr. Henderson wanted it understood that his 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 28 83 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 | Ward, and is not in a safe condition. by him and the present mayor should be able to give it. nished 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 wn as follows :--

he checks for a number of these were 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 unforseen expenditures. A new water cart had cost \$260, a wash out on the Houlton Road had neces. sitated unforseen 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 build. ing for its own purposes. He had served in the council for a number of years and should 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. Burtt 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 Superintendent Munro was heard. He said it was the intention to put in a stone abut-Mayor Belyea reiterated that he had fur- ment 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 been 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 now. 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.

BONDED INDEBTEDNESS TOWN OF WOODSTOCK.

Consolidated Bonds, 41 per cent.....\$80,000.00 
 Sewers, 4 per cent.
 20,000.00

 Stand Pipe ordinary, 41 per cent.
 9,000.00

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 1,700.00
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1,700.00 Ordinary Water, 5 per cent..... 2,000.00 Electric Lights, 41 4,000.00 Schools, 4 and 6 per cent..... 7,075.00 

\$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. \$635 25 A chairman could not be expected to run a

> 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 councilior 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 Mr Munro, Superintendent of Water Works, who was an invaluable man to the town and

The committee had a most effective way of collecting the water rates. If a man didn't town stood. At present no one knew the pay the water was turned off. He wished

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

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

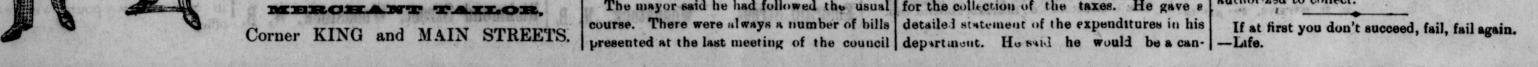
John Donnelly was appointed returning officer at the Brunswick House, and Frank McClement at the Karns House, with Owen Kelly and H. W. Bourne as substitutes. Frank Foster, returning officer at council room, and J. C. Hartley at town hall, with John S. Leighton, jr., and John McKenzie ubstitutes.

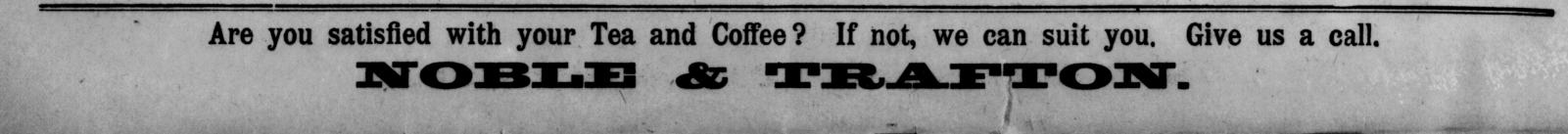
Coun. Lindsay wanted to hear the opinion of the town clerk in the matter of appointing a school trustee, which was laid over from ast meeting.

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 week 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 G boon 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 Dominium Government for \$100.00 for land purchased. Coun R. B. Jones said that the government was still indebted to the town to the extent some such effective means could be devised of \$4.00 for sewer rates which the clerk was authorized to collect.





town's indebtedness.