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COUNTRY PRODUCE.

The undersigned is now in Woodstock, and prepared to buy country produce for which the highest price will be paid. Ware room in the old place, Drysdale building at end of bridge, if not there, in Burt's Hardware store. B. A. EVERETT. May 13—tf.

NEW COUNCIL AT WORK.

Mayor's Address.—Committees Appointed.—Coun. Jones Strenuously Objects.—No Scott Act Inspector Appointed.

The new town Council met on Monday evening.

There was a large number of citizens present to witness the deliberations.

Mayor Lindsay in addressing the council said:—

GENTLEMEN:—I take this opportunity to again thank the ratepayers for my election to the honorable position of Mayor of my native town, and trust by the faithful discharge of my duty to merit your approval at the close of my official term.

I am satisfied that the aim and desire of the gentlemen elected to the responsible position of Councillors will be to conduct the affairs of the town in the most economical manner, consistent with good service. There is one thing to which I would call particular attention of the ratepayers, namely, that we cannot have all the improvements we wish without paying for them, and that heavy expenditures with low assessment do not go together. The ratepayers must remember that there are certain fixed charges which no council can change. I hope the present council will do its utmost to keep within its estimate for 1904.

I would suggest that this Council appoint a committee to examine the present state of the town finances for its own sake, and find just where we stand.

I have always been, and am now opposed to bank credit. I submit that when the Act was passed it was not intended for anything but a temporary loan until the taxes should be collected. This law should be repealed and then greater efforts will be made to get the arrears of taxes. We do not need any more power to collect taxes, but we do need the back bone to enforce those we have. There should be a collector of taxes, whose duty it may be to make a personal call on each ratepayer.

While it may be difficult to get a perfect Assessment Roll, a little more attention by the assessors would give us a better one than we have at present.

The Town has a team for fire purposes, and owns a farm, still the feed for the town team has to be bought from outside parties. This should not be. The Fire Department should be charged with the feed and the Poor Department credited with the amount.

The By-Law regarding the sale of wood should be strictly enforced, as the manner of selling wood in town this winter is nothing short of robbery.

Some arrangements should be made whereby the money needed for the schools should be drawn from the Town Treasurer and thereby avoid needless friction.

The people of the town expect that this Council will enforce the Scott Act, which I am sure will be done.

I would recommend that the estimates for this year be submitted at the earliest possible moment in order that the assessment may be out not later than April 1st, which would be at a time when the ratepayers are on the increase of earning power.

I must not close without bringing to your notice the Band of our town, under the able leadership of Bandmaster Dixon. I am satisfied that the ratepayers will not object to a small grant for them this year.

The members of the council all made short addresses, congratulating the Mayor on his election and expressing thanks for their own.

Coun. Dibblee thought the first thing to be grappled with was the Bank debt balance of over \$9000. He thought it wise to secure legislation and float debentures for \$5,000 and then assess this year for some of the unforeseen expenditures of last year, and wipe out the debit balance. Then if the council couldn't keep it down they had better resign.

There was owing to the town
In arrears of taxes, \$4000.00
Water Rates, 1284.00
Sewer Rates, 400.00
\$5684.00

Enough of this ought to be collected to keep the town going till the new taxes came in, and thus no further increase need be made in the debit balance. The rate payers would probably be glad if the Mayor would refuse to sign checks until the balance was reduced to the legal limit.

He thought a new valuation should be made before the assessment was made out.

The income tax should be more equitably adjusted.

Coun. Jones said they must cut down expenses, as they were living faster than the town could afford. This was a small town and must not expect to live like a large one. He could not agree to a debenture issue of \$5,000, but thought with an issue of \$2,000 they should pull through. They had many large expenditures last year that they would not require this year.

In accordance with custom the Mayor was allowed and requested to name the standing committees which he did as follows:

Finance and Audit, Couns. Stevens, Jones and Burt.
Water, Couns. Dibblee, Burt and Fisher.
Sewers, Couns. Fisher, Gallagher, Burt.
Lights, Couns. Fisher, Burt, Gallagher.
Streets, Couns. Jones, Gallagher, Dibblee.

Fire, Couns. Gallagher, Jones, Fisher.
Poor, Couns. Burt, Stevens, Fisher.
Police, Printing and Scales, Couns. Burt, Fisher and Jones.

Legislation, The Mayor, Coun. Dibblee and Town Clerk J. C. Hartley.

Coun. Jones made a vigorous protest against being removed from the chairmanship of the poor committee where he had served for three years, and being placed as chairman of the Streets committee. He said he knew more about the poor business than any man at the board and he knew nothing of the streets. He called the Mayor's attention to the fact that at the town meeting he, (Jones) had told the ratepayers that he intended to keep separate accounts for those receiving indoor and those receiving outdoor relief, with a view to ascertaining whether or not the poor farm was an economical way of keeping the poor. He understood that the ratepayers returned him to the council, for one reason, for the purpose of making such an investigation. He thought it unjust and unfair to change him from the Poor Committee. "Why not make changes all round? The truth of the matter is Jones is making a success of the poor and must be moved. Anyway, I won't take the street department, and no one can make me take it."

On motion the Mayor's schedule of committees was accepted by the council, Couns. Jones and Gallagher objecting.

Among the reports read was the following from the chief of the Fire Department:—

TO HIS WORSHIP THE MAYOR AND ALDERMEN OF THE TOWN OF WOODSTOCK:—

GENTLEMEN:—I have the honor of submitting for your information the annual report of the Fire Department for the year ending December 31st, 1903.

I find that you have 2,700 feet of cotton hose in good serviceable condition, 1,000 feet of cotton hose in very bad condition, and 900 feet of rubber hose not fit for fire purposes.

In order to safeguard the interests of the town in case of fire I would recommend that 500 feet of cotton hose be purchased as soon as possible.

You have also for fire protection one steam fire engine, two hose waggons carrying 850 feet of hose each, four hose reels carrying 400 feet of hose on each, two hose sleds, one hook and ladder wagon, one Bangor extension ladder, one Brewer extension ladder, three scaling ladders, four common ladders, two peevies, 8 axes, one siamese, twelve hydrant wrenches, twelve common hose wrenches, twelve grips, ten lanterns, eight shut off nozzles, eight common nozzles. Making in all about sixteen branch pipes. Of these twelve are in good condition.

You have also a fire alarm system consisting of eleven street boxes. Two of these belong to private parties, viz., No. 25 at Dickinson's tannery and No. 21 belonging to the Fred Moore estate. There are also twenty-two (22) call boxes situated in the homes of the various firemen.

A matter that I would suggest to the board for their consideration is the placing of a fire alarm box at the Small & Fisher Foundry and another at the Wood-Working Factory.

In order that the fire alarm system have requisite care and attention I would recommend that it come under the head of duties of the town electrician and would earnestly request that your honorable body relieve me of the duty of superintendent of fire alarm.

In order to further facilitate the work of this department I would suggest that the board place in position a sliding pole from the driver's room to the hose room. This would make it possible for the men to move to a fire even in shorter time than is now done.

I find that the condition of hose cart No. 2 is such that unless it is varnished and slightly repaired it will not be in safe condition another year. I might add that hose cart No. 1 is in need of a thorough renovation.

Another matter of much importance I wish to bring to the notice of the board is in regard to the store room or hose room of the engine house. I have found that the heating apparatus is defective and that the engine has frozen several times since the beginning of the year. I would suggest to the honorable body that they inspect the said apparatus with a view to improving the same. I would further recommend that the hose room be painted.

In conclusion let me say that Hose Company No. 1 has been called out to fires and alarms sixty-one (61) times. We have assembled to transact the business of the department at No. 1 station forty-two (42) times, and at No. 2 station fourteen (14) times. Making a total of 117 times that the firemen have assembled. During the year Hose Company No. 1 have laid 24,800 feet of hose. Hose Company No. 2 have laid 8,000 feet. Total number of feet laid being 32,800 feet.

Respectfully submitted,
JOHN TATTERSALL, CHIEF.

Woodstock, December 31, 1903.

Coun. Dibblee moved that Mr. Kelly be appointed marshal and chief of police and superintendent of poor.

Coun. Jones—I am willing that he should be appointed marshal and chief of police, but not Scott Act Inspector.

Coun. Jones seconded by Coun. Burt, moved that Mr. Kelly be not appointed Scott Act Inspector.

Coun. Burt wanted to know if Mr. Kelly was still Scott Act Inspector.

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RECENT DEATHS.

John McAfee.

The community was deeply shocked on Thursday morning to learn that John McAfee, a respected resident, had died suddenly of heart trouble. He was only 59 years of age, apparently in the prime of life, and had remained at his store till six o'clock on the night before, conducting his affairs with his customary vigor. After supper he suffered from a slight distress which he attributed to indigestion. Early on Thursday morning, suffering somewhat and restless, he arose and dressed. His wife became uneasy and sent for a physician, but before he arrived Mr. McAfee laid down on the bed and passed away painlessly.

Mr. McAfee was born in Woodstock about 52 years ago and for some years has successfully conducted a tin-manufacturing and stove business here. He was a silent, earnest gentleman respected by the community for his honourable character, and adding strength to any association with which he allied himself. He was a liberal in politics and a Presbyterian in religion.

He leaves a wife who was a Miss Lucy, four daughters, Miss Minnie McAfee, a trained nurse of Boston, Mrs. Aitken, wife of Mr. J. Mauns Aitken, Accountant of the Royal Bank of Canada at Antigonish, N. S., and two young daughters at home and two sons, Ira and Jack living at home. Mrs. John McLauchlan of Woodstock is a half sister.

The funeral, which took place from the residence, Green Street, on Sunday afternoon, was one of the largest seen in Woodstock. A great concourse of people attended to pay their last tribute of respect to a worthy citizen.

The service was conducted by the Rev. G. D. Ireland. The pall bearers were Donald Munro, W. Fisher, Dr. Hand, W. W. Hay, W. S. Skillen and William Loane.

Kiern Brophy.

Kiern Brophy, a well known mason and builder died at his home in Woodstock on Wednesday morning of la grippe and pneumonia, in his 73rd year. Mr. Brophy came to Woodstock 40 years ago from the county of St. John and has resided here ever since.

He leaves a widow who is a sister of John Cogger sr. of this town, two daughters living at home, a step-son Frank McCorrell of Bath and a brother in St. John County. The funeral took place on Friday morning from his late residence on Connell St. to St. Gertrude's Church where Requiem Mass was celebrated by the Rev. Father McMurray. The pall bearers were, John McCormac, James Milmore, Daniel Sullivan, and Daniel McCartio.

James Baker.

James Baker, for years a resident of Woodstock, died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Walter Matthews, Pittsfield, Me, on Monday January 24th, in his 77th year. The remains were brought to Woodstock on Wednesday night and were taken charge of by Woodstock Masonic Lodge, of which body Mr. Baker had long been a member. The funeral took place on Thursday afternoon from the Masonic Lodge. After a service in the Advent Church, conducted by the Rev. A. H. Kearney, the remains were interred in the Methodist Cemetery, the masonic funeral service being performed at the grave.

William G. Harper.

William G. Harper of Jacksonville died on Sunday night in the 70th year of his age. He had been in poor health for some years. He leaves a widow and two sons John F. and Herbert W. The funeral will be held this afternoon at 2 o'clock from the residence of his son Herbert W. The service will be conducted by the Rev. J. C. Berrie. Mr. Harper was a devoted member of the Methodist church and a prominent conservative.

He was one of the most highly respected citizens of Jacksonville.

Died at Sussex.

Mrs. Chestnut, wife of Charles Chestnut of Sussex died at the very old age of 83 years on Saturday. She came out to this country from Scotland when she was quite young and was married to her present husband about 62 years ago. She leaves a husband. Two sons and two daughters survive her. John of Woodstock and James of Sussex, with whom she has been living, Mrs. John and Mrs. James Burlock of Havelock; also one sister, Ellen, and one brother, Robert Brown, in Ayrshire, Scotland. She was a member of the Baptist church, joining the church when it was first organized there.

Mr. John Chestnut left on Monday to attend his mothers funeral.

Marvin Hamilton.

The funeral of the late Marvin Hamilton who died at Berlin, N. H. took place from the Queen St. Station on Thursday afternoon. The service was performed by the Rev. A. W. Teed. Mr. Hamilton leaves three sisters, Mrs. I. Kinney of Jacksonville, Mrs. Albert McBride and Miss Rebecca Hamilton of Woodstock and one brother Stanley of Woodstock, to mourn his loss.

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