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The Town Meeting.

The annual town meeting was held in the council room on Monday evening.

A large number of citizens were present and gave close attention to the remarks of the members of the outgoing council as they rendered an account of their stewardship.

Mr. A. G. Bailey acted as chairman of the meeting.

His Worship Mayor Jones was warm in the praise of his colleagues and of the town officials generally. He expressed his regret that ill health necessitated his retirement for a time at least from public service. He pointed with pride to the fact that when the Bank of Nova Scotia closed at noon on the 30th of December last the town had a credit balance of \$213.19 at that institution. He asserted that according to his method of calculation there was no deficit at the end of the year. His Worship claimed that the majority of the citizens were satisfied with the increased assessment, and he praised the tax collectors for the manner in which they had done their work. He expressed his opinion that hereafter the council should appoint a purchasing committee to buy the necessary town supplies. Owing to sickness in his family His Worship was compelled to leave the meeting after completing his short address.

Councillor Stevens, Chairman of the Finance Committee next took the floor and presented his statement of the receipts and expenditures for the last twelve months as follows:—

EXPENDITURES.

To Paid Water Department.....	\$3831 47
Street Department.....	1890 86
Town Hall.....	72 70
Town Team.....	520 00
Scott Act.....	323 00
Sewers.....	344 69
Schools.....	5600 00
Salaries.....	375 00
Printing.....	190 75
Police.....	1268 40
Poor.....	1507 84
Miscellaneous.....	1185 93
Insurance.....	73 35
Interest.....	5722 10
Public Health.....	161 90
Fuel.....	1734 94
Fire Department.....	1815 04
Electric Light.....	1160 63
Floating Debt Debenture.....	1000 00
Assessors.....	675 00
Municipality of Carleton.....	2643 00
Carleton County Hospital.....	306 00
Water Extension.....	500 00
Sinking Fund.....	200 00
.....	\$33095 60

RECEIPTS.

By Cash Net proceeds of Water Extension Debenture.....	\$ 1003 00
Water Department.....	7615 90
Street Department.....	33 10
Scott Act.....	310 00
Sewers.....	873 00
Scales.....	56 25
Police.....	24 00
Poor Department.....	385 28
Licenses.....	471 35
Fire Department.....	19 50
Rent (Owen Kelly).....	28 20
Taxes, 1905.....	24244 42
1904.....	1895 92
1903.....	239 20
1902.....	60 60
1901.....	46 50
1900.....	4 50
W. S. Smith in settlement.....	30 00
Massey Harris Co. settlement.....	95 00
Mrs. Hamilton.....	10 00
Estate H. H. Davis.....	100 00
.....	\$37545 72

SUPPLEMENTARY STATEMENT.

January 5, 1906.	
Paid Coupons.....	\$305 75
By Cash Water Rates.....	\$216 50
Sewers.....	28 00
Taxes, 1905.....	58 50
Taxes, 1903.....	20 10
.....	\$323 10

The Finance Minister could not agree with His Worship's views respecting the question of deficit or no deficit. He considered that that was clearly a debit balance of \$1691.75 to date with all cheques honoured as against and overdraft at the end of 1904 not including the December bills of that year that were paid in the following January. He had favoured the increased assessment and thought that it had furthered the interest of the town. He praised the work of the tax collectors through whose efforts there had been collected \$4100 more the past year than in the previous one. Concerning his candidature for the position of Mayor the councillor had no apologies to make. He considered his ambition a laudable one. Mr. Munro, his rival, had never given an hour to town affairs in the capacity of town councillor. Mr. Munro was at the head of a concern doing a large business and employing a considerable number of men; but the speaker would not say that though he is at present only an employe, he might not be at the head of a business concern himself in the near future. He was not a native of the town and had been informed that this fact was being used against him, but the records would show that nine of Woodstock's Mayors had not been born in this town. He spoke highly of Mr. Munro's character and ability and hoped that the cordial relations that had

existed between them in the past would always be maintained.

Councillor Leighton spoke in an aggrieved tone throughout. He referred to himself as the "off horse" of the board. He had repeatedly brought matters before the board, but could not get the council to vote upon the measures. The rest of the council would not consult with him in any way, shape or form. It had been his wish to have the town meeting in the opera house but this had been voted down. He stated that the debit balance to date was \$1691.75 and that debts amounting to \$892 25 were outstanding, so that it must be said that the town at the moment of speaking actually owed \$2584 00. In other words the outgoing council had practically paid off one half the deficit. The assessment had been high and they had had a good ordinary year. There had been no great unforeseen expenditures. He would give a cue to the incoming council, whoever might compose it. Next year the lien law should be vigorously enforced and the water rates should be raised. The junior councillor went on to say that Mayor Jones had paid the School Trustees in direct contravention of a motion unanimously passed by the council. Referring to the difficulty over the payment of the assessors he said that he had had nothing to do with the appointment of these gentlemen to office, but when the council had made an agreement with them as men dealing with men he for one was bound to see that they were paid. He asserted that the Water Works Department should and could be made a paying one. He had to report an overdraft of \$62 00 in his own department.

Councillor Henderson had also to report an overdraft in his department. He had given of his time and energy to the department and thought he had made a good showing. It had been a hard year on the woodpile owing to the low water in the river. He acknowledged that all men had their faults and that he probably had his, but he would say that he had done the best that he could.

Councillor Nicholson reported an overdraft in his department. Like his brother councillor he had done a lot of work in the department over which he presided. He could not afford to give that time next year and would not be a candidate for re-election. He made light of the difficulty with the School Trustees.

Councillor Fisher reported an overdraft in the combined Electric Light and Sewer Departments though in the former the expenditure had been kept within the appropriation. He claimed that the appropriation for Electric Light purposes was entirely too small and he urged the purchase of new lamps.

Councillor McManus reported an overdraft in the Poor Department. He had managed that department to the best of his ability and had been careful as to the expenditures. He intended to be a candidate again this year and asked the endorsement of the ratepayers.

When the Councillors had finished their speeches Messrs Munro, Dunbar and Fields addressed the meeting. Mr. Donald Munro, candidate for the office of Mayor, reviewed the course of the council during the past year and subjected the expenditures of the public moneys to some searching criticism. He claimed that no effort had been spared to lay hands upon all available taxes and certainly a great deal of money had been collected; but he considered that in view of this fact the council should have made a better financial showing. He referred to his experience in town affairs in the various capacities in which he had been employed by the town for many years. He expressed his desire to serve the town in the capacity of Mayor and stated that he looked to the citizens for an endorsement of his candidature. Mr. Munro's remarks received careful attention and he closed a straight forward businesslike speech amid applause.

Mr. Dunbar and Mr. Fields in short addresses asked the suffrages of the electors.

The Town Council of Woodstock for the year 1905 quite early in its career received the appellation of "The Scruppy Council." With the avowed object of "bringing the town out without a deficit" it assumed the reins of office in January last and in a series of breezy and oftentimes windy sessions struggled with the application to the public accounts of the rules of addition and subtraction. The chief events that may be recorded during that struggle are as follows:—

1. The authorization to the Scott Act Inspector to enforce the act regardless the cost.
2. The deadlock with the School Trustees.
3. The increase of \$3440 in the assessment. The Mayor had promised when he announced himself as a candidate that he would "bring the town out at the end of the year without a deficit" and the entire board was pledged to economy.

The expenditures for the enforcement of the Scott Act and the revenues from the same approximately balance. In other words we got no revenue from it. Whether the Act has been enforced impartially and to the uttermost is a matter of opinion and it is for the citizens themselves to decide.

Whether the difficulty with the trustees over the payment of the teachers' salaries was an insignificant matter is something that the people can decide also. They know the courses that the various members of the council adopted and are at liberty to approve or disapprove of them as they see fit.

An increase of \$3440.00 in the assessment means an increase of more than a dollar for each man, woman and child in the town. The question to decide is whether or not the financial showing warrants that increase.

On the 30th day of December there was a credit balance of \$211.19 at the Bank. However following that cheques were issued to pay bills incurred in the year 1905. The amount of these figures up to \$1691.75. Add to this \$892 25, the amount of outstanding account and we must conclude that the town owes exactly \$2584.00. If we take this from \$5317.52 we get \$2733.52, the decrease in the deficit. From this, however, we should take the decrease in the assets that the council for 1904 handed over to their successors. For instance one of the horses at the poor farm was sold for \$125. This amount goes to reduce the deficit. Had that horse been worth \$2584.00 we would have no deficit whatever. Some members of the council for 1905 claim that that council paid over \$1100 to settle bills incurred by the council of 1904. Some of the members of the former were also members of the latter and for the actions of the same are hence at least partially responsible.

Three of the members of the old council are candidates for the new; one is candidate for Mayor. In the event of a contest these men will have to stand or fall by the record of the old council. We have given the facts. Matters are now in the hands of the citizens.

War on The Boundary.

The past few days have been busy days at the border for the provincial officials. On the border between Cary and Richmond, N. B., about ten miles south of here, a man by the name of Thompson, and his wife, have been selling liquor for the past year. Four miles farther south on the line between Amity and what is known as the Monument Settlement, one Charles Friel, and his wife, have been engaged in the same business. These people live on this side of the line, their dwelling houses being close to the border and sell the liquor from boxes and holes in the ground on the N. B. side. The officials from Woodstock have been calling on these people during the holidays. Their first call was at Thompson's. They found Mrs. Thompson doing business on the Provincial side and promptly arrested her. They then entered into negotiations with Thompson, who was on the American side, and offered to let Mrs. Thompson go free if he would cross the line and give himself into custody, but he flatly refused to do this. His bravery was of the kind portrayed by Mark Twain, who was ready to sacrifice all his wife's relations on the altar of his country, but Thompson goes even farther and allowed his wife to be taken to Woodstock jail. One of the officers then went to Friel's. He found the Friel's on the American side, but the booze was on the Provincial side, and Friel crossed the line to serve a customer, and the officer attempted to take him. He had succeeded in putting one hand in the handcuffs, but his outcries brought the whole family to the rescue. The woman wielded a shillalah and set the dog on the officer and so distracted his attention that Friel was enabled to again cross to American soil, and the officer forced to retreat. We understand that our officers are now after the couple, armed with a warrant for their arrest for assault.—Houlton Times.

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