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Scotch Concert.

The Scotch concert given by members of St. Paul's Presbyterian church, assisted by local talent, on Friday evening last, in the opera house was a very successful affair. Perhaps the programme was a little long, but the numbers were all interesting.

The concert was opened by a short address by His Worship Mayor Munro, followed by a chorus, "March of the Cameron Men."

Mrs. Geo. W. Gibson sang very sweetly "Let me Sleep in the Auld Church Yard," and for an encore responded with "Robin Adair."

Mrs. George Hare sang "Bonnie Doone," accompanied on the violin by Frank Dickie, and received much applause. She sang as an encore "Flow Gently Sweet Afton."

Mrs. R. E. Holyoke was in splendid voice and sang "Blue Bells of Scotland." For an encore she sang a very pretty selection called "Homeward."

Mrs. W. D. Rankin sang with much expression "My Liddle Far Away," her encore being "Mighty Like a Rose."

Mr. Williamson made his first appearance before a Woodstock audience, and sang "Bonnie Sweet Bessie," and was called back, when he sang "Annie Lurie." Further along in the programme he danced the Highland Fling and afterwards an Irish Jig much to the delight of the audience.

Miss Bessie McKibbin and Harry Dunbar sang their duets with much sweetness and expression. The first being "The Crooked Bawbee," and for encore "When ye Gang Awa Jamie."

Miss Oliver gave two comic readings which were much enjoyed the first being "Mausta Wauctis, First and Last Play," and for an encore "The Fashionable School." She received much applause.

The Gun Drill by Millard Noble and Don Cameron two boys of the Scotch Brigade of St. John, was a pleasing feature of the evening's entertainment.

There were two more choruses, "The Bonnets of Blue," and "A Hundred Pipers."

Miss Maud Henderson gave a Scotch selection on the piano which was loudly applauded.

The tableaux were beautifully put on and great credit is due Mrs. Charles McLean and her assistants Mrs. Fred McLean and Mrs. Horace Dalling in preparing them.

An efficient orchestra composed of Mrs. George Mitchell, pianist; Mr. Frank Dickie, violinist; Mr. Wollard, clarinet; Mr. Ketch, cornet; Mr. Risteen, trombone, rendered several selections during the evening.

The committee for the musical part of the programme were Mrs. Mitchell, Miss Walker, Miss Newcomb, ably assisted by Mrs. D. Newcomb.

The net proceeds amounted to \$90.00, which will go toward procuring electroliers and the library for St. Paul's church.

Death of Andrew Tweedie.

Andrew Tweedie died on Monday afternoon, January 28th, 1907, at his home in Wicklow, after a few days illness of pneumonia. He was born in Dumfries, York County, June 30th, 1831, and moved to Wicklow, Carleton County, when twelve years of age, where he resided until his death. On April 13th, 1861, he married Jane, daughter of the late Andrew McCain, of Florenceville, and sister of H. H. McCain, ex-M. P. P. Both united with the Baptist church in Florenceville when it was organized. He is survived by two brothers, James and George, of Marinette, Wisconsin, and seven sons and two daughters, James, of Butte, Mont., Frank, William and Hugh, of Wicklow, Joseph and Walter, River de Chute, and Bary, of Lincoln, Maine. The daughters are Mrs. Otis Shaw, of Florenceville, and Miss Jennie O., of Boston, who is a professional nurse. The funeral services were conducted by the Rev. L. A. Fenwick who spoke very appropriately, assisted by Rev. Chas. Sterling and Rev. J. H. A. Anderson. The six sons of deceased acted as pall bearers. The remains were interred in the family lot in the Wicklow cemetery beside those of his wife who died nearly nine years ago.

Mrs. Mary Archibald.

Died, at the residence of her daughter Mrs. Mary Archibald, Truro, N. S. on January 25th. Mrs. Hugh Cowpertherait in the ninetieth year of her age. She is survived by one son The Hon. Humphrey P. Cowpertherait of the Methodist Newfoundland Conference, and one daughter Mrs. Mary Archibald of Truro, N. S. and two brothers George Hunter, East Flounerville and William Hunter, Douglas Harbour, Queens County. Mrs. Cowpertherait spent the last part of her married life in Jacksonville where her husband died twenty two years ago, when she moved to Truro with her daughter, where she died.

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THE SCOTT ACT INSPECTOR RESIGNS

At the First Meeting of the Town Council—The Billiard and Pool Rooms not Popular With the Churches—Lager Beer Vendors May Have to Pay a License—Mayor Delivers a Good Address.

The town council met in the council chamber on Monday evening. His Worship Mayor Munro was in the chair and all the councillors were present. An audience of citizens filled the chamber. The clerk read the election returns and the Mayor read the following address:—

GENTLEMEN, COUNCILLORS OF THE TOWN OF WOODSTOCK,—

Before proceeding with the important business of this meeting I will ask your indulgence for a few moments, with a view of taking a look over the work of the past year, in the hope that it may be beneficial in the administration of town affairs for the present year. I extend to you my congratulations upon being chosen by your fellow citizens to the honorable and responsible position to members of the Council Board of this town, and I sincerely trust that all our meetings as well as our work, will be carried on in harmony and with due regard for the best interests of the town. The position of councillor of this town is both honorable and onerous, and those who honestly endeavor to discharge the duties faithfully will soon learn that the responsibilities are indeed really more than a casual onlooker may imagine. The citizens generally do not look upon a large assessment with favor, and if the assessment has had to be increased over the amount of the previous years, the month in which the tax notices are distributed is the month when they make any decided remarks relative to town affairs, yet as a rule it is entirely due to the demands of the citizens that the taxes have to be increased from year to year, in order to meet the wishes of the citizens and provide improvements in the different departments of the town service.

Glancing back over the past year, I would point out that nearly every department, except the water and street departments were able to keep within the estimated expenditure, but both these departments exceeded the estimates. In regard to the water department so much depends upon the maintenance and efficiency of this department that we have to meet all necessary expenditure, irrespective of estimates in order to maintain it in the best condition. In regard to the street department I would say that the same excuse does not, in my opinion, hold good. No good reason can be shown for the large expenditure in excess of the estimate, as was done during the last year, and we sincerely trust that it will not occur again.

I would strongly urge you to carefully consider in making up the estimates for the current year, the maximum amount that we can afford to expend to maintain any of the departments, and then endeavour to keep the expenditure down to the minimum consistent with efficiency.

Notwithstanding the overexpenditures in these departments the past year was a memorable one, being the first year for many years, that the town treasurer's books did not show the usual deficit. The past year is also a memorable one in another respect, in that we have as compared with other towns in a manner declared against municipal ownership of public utilities. For upwards of twenty years the town has owned and maintained its own street electric lighting plant. During the past year a contract was entered into with an electric lighting company to light the streets of the town, and to furnish power to pump the water supply of the town, for a period of five years. The contract calls for the operation of 40 1200 c. p. enclosed arc lamps on the streets, from one hour after sunset until one o'clock, moon-light schedule, and for electric power to pump 125 million gallons of water each year. We have to pay for this service \$3,275.00 per year. The electric lights were turned on for the first night's run on the 2nd instant. We expect to have the power pump and motor in operation by April 10th next. Until that date the cost of the lights will be at the rate of \$43.00 per year, per lamp.

The step taken by the council of last year was an important one, the citizens were divided on the subject, the majority of the council were desirous of making such a change, and while the course pursued is contrary to the advice of the expert engineer employed by the town to examine into the matter of improving our system of water supply, we are in hopes that under the terms of the contract, the arrangement will prove to be of benefit to the town. Under the terms of this contract, at the end of the five years if the service is satisfactory provi-

sion by arbitration regarding the charge to be made for a renewal of the contract, in case the company and the town cannot agree, guards the interest of the town, and if the service proves unsatisfactory it is at the option of the town to make other arrangements for the service.

I might say that for myself I anticipate results that will be of advantage to the citizens, and look forward confidently to the company with whom we have made the arrangement, to leave no stone unturned to carry out their part of the agreement in such a manner that it will be entirely satisfactory to the town.

We were in hopes during the last year to have called in the Consolidated Debt Debentures amounting to \$80,000 bearing four and a half per cent. interest, and re-issue the debentures at four per cent., and the Finance Committee called for bids, but owing to the condition of the money market, the offers were not considered to be of advantage to accept, so the matter was allowed to continue. I would direct your attention to this matter again this year, and advise that an effort be made during the coming year to secure the refunding of this debt at a lower rate of interest. We often hear criticism by citizens of the management of town affairs, and that the cost of running the affairs of the town is too great. There is no doubt but that the cost has increased largely during the last ten years or more, but I would say from my observation of town affairs that such increase is due to the demands of the citizens. They want more each year and insist upon having it, and the council being now a body elected by the whole town, instead of as formerly by the ward system, the citizens have, irrespective of the merits of the demand, a much greater influence with the council, than they would under the ward system of representation, and in directing your attention to this matter I would suggest that you take into consideration the advisability of changing the law respecting the election of councillors, and adopting the old method of councillors from wards. In connection with the increased cost of running town affairs I will submit for your information and the rate-payers generally, the following figures as showing the fixed charges upon the revenues of the town. We have to provide for

Interest on Debentures, . . .	\$5,894 00
Public Schools,	8,000 00
County Purposes,	2,714 00
Salaries Town Officials, . . .	5,045 00
Electric Light and Power for Pumping,	3,275 00
Car. Co. Hospital Grant, . . .	500 00

Making a total of fixed charges, \$25,428 00
To operate, maintain in at least an efficient state the different services of the town, at least, \$10,000 00

Leaving less than \$5,000 out of a \$40,000.00 estimated cost of running the town for a year, to provide for any debentures falling due, new improvements in departments, and expenditures upon which the council may exercise prudence and economy during a whole year.

The above figures are submitted in the hope that some of the gentlemen who are so pronounced and positive in their opinions regarding the administration of town affairs may at an early date, be induced to take a hand in the open, and make good their statement that the affairs should be run for an assessment of \$24,000 00 or \$25,000.00.

I will submit to the Council that in the event of granting licenses for running Bowling Alleys, Billiard and Pool Tables, that some change be made in the regulations, and would suggest among other things that the age limit be increased to at least 18 instead of 14 as now, that the hour of closing be ten o'clock instead of eleven as now, that all shades and screens be removed from the windows, and no bets, wagers or other form of gambling be allowed, and that no intoxicating liquor or beer be allowed to be used or drunk on the premises.

I would also submit for your consideration whether we cannot do something to restrict the sale of so much lager beer and other drinks of a similar nature, either by the passing of a Bye-Law requiring the vendors to take out a license, both wholesale and retail, and to apply to all kinds of beer now sold as a beverage.

I would also submit for your consideration the advisability of passing a Bye-Law prohibiting dealers in old junk and all other goods from buying or trading for the same with minors.

I will also submit for your consideration the advisability of employing a competent surveyor to make a survey of streets of the town, with a description on the bounds of each street, and with stone or iron markers to show where the line of the streets is, so as

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