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TOWN COUNCIL.

The first meeting of the newly elected Town Council was held in the Council Chamber last evening. His Worship Mayor Ketchum presiding.

In the inaugural address of the mayor he made reference to the recent election. He thanked the ratepayers for electing him in a town that has been incorporated for over half a century, certainly one of the leading towns in the Maritime Provinces and one which on the whole has been governed well. Municipally, the financial standing of which is high in the business world. He had spent the greater part of his life here where he was best known, and for which reason he was grateful for the confidence reposed in him. The contest between himself and Mr Fisher for the mayoralty was most friendly, the latter being an old and respected councillor at the board and whose non-success in the contest was perhaps due to the fact that he had eight years to answer for as a councillor, while he (Ketchum) had only two years since. He hoped that the council in any extraordinary expenditure it may contemplate, would be very sure of its ground as he thought that the board's indebtedness should not be increased except in some work of a very necessary and permanent nature.

He referred to the questions that may come before the board this year, chief of which was permanent streets; the question of the contract for supplying power to the town; the necessity of a careful assessment and the prompt collection of taxes, pointing out the necessity of the cost of running the town must increase, owing to the growing cost of living and the requirements of the people are increasing more and more every year; it will be found difficult to carry on the department at the present rate of taxes, but at the same time, if the taxes were promptly paid within the year, the council could get along fairly well.

He believed that the board should be very careful in the examination of all bills to see that the town got good value. He suggested that at the earliest possible moment the estimates be got out, and that each committee, in making its estimates to be ratified by the council, should make its estimates on such a basis as to enable it to work within the amount given, so that no deficits would appear at the end of the year.

The following committees were appointed: Finance, Audit and Printing—Jones, Mair, Bailey.

Water and Light—Mair, Dibblee, Gallagher.

Streets—Gallagher, Bailey, Dibblee.

Poor—Bailey, Gibson, Gallagher.

Sewers—Dibblee, Bailey, Gibson.

Fire—Gibson, Gallagher, Dibblee.

Police, Licenses, Town Hall, Scales—Dibblee, Mair, Jones.

Some routine business was transacted and the council adjourned till Friday evening.

MRS DAVID SEMPLE.

On Thursday morning January 19 inst the death of Mrs Johanna Semple wife of the late David Semple occurred at her home in East Florenceville. The death fell like a bomb shell upon the entire family. Going to her room they found that the angel of death had already summoned her to brighter worlds above and that she had apparently obeyed the summons without a struggle. Dr Somerville was immediately called but she was beyond earthly help.

Besides Misses Ada and Gladys at home she leaves to mourn the loss of a loving mother two more daughters, Mrs D B Baird of River de Chute, Mrs C S Osgood, of Houlton, Maine, and five sons Percy and Roland, of the firm of Semple Bros, East Florenceville, Haggerman, also of East Florenceville, James, of Boston, Mass, and Charles of Sydney, Cape Breton, all of whom were present at the funeral. The service was held in the 22nd and conducted by the Rev C E Turner. The remains were laid to rest beside those of her husband in the Methodist burying ground.

Rest for them are gone forever,
Rest in Christ, oh happy sleep!
Rest and we'll prepare to meet thee;
Rest, for Rest in Christ is sweet.

CARLETON COUNTY FRUIT GROWERS ASSOCIATION.

A number of gentlemen representing the fruit growers and allied industries of Carleton County met on Friday, 3rd inst in the rooms of the Woodstock School of Music and organized the Carleton County Fruit Grower's Association. They elected as officers:

President—S A Thomas of Lindsay.

Vice-president—Sheriff John R Tompkins, and Harry Ouchrane of Victoria Corner.

Treasurer—Jarvis J Bull, managing director, Maritime Coöperage Co, Woodstock.

Secretary—Edward Tappan Adney, of Upper Woodstock.

Additional members of Executive Board—Judson Briggs of Lindsay and Colea W Dugan of Woodstock.

Other gentlemen present were Geo M Ross, president Maritime Coöperage Co; Alfred Page, president Imperial Packing Co; Edgar W Mair, director of the Cold Storage, Ltd; Charles L Smith, ex-president, Carleton Co, Agricultural Society; Charles L Perkins, Bull's Creek, Sterling Peabody, Lower Woodstock, on whose farm grew the original "Peabody Greening" apple; A D Holyoke, Woodstock.

Owing to the shortness of the notice the following were unable to attend the organization but sent written and telephone messages of endorsement—Hazen Scott, County Councillor; John F Williams, County Councillor; Harrison W Rogers, ER Teed and Lee Raymond and many others.

A largely increased membership of fruit growers is expected at the adjourned meeting on Feb 10th at 7 pm, at same place where constitution and by-laws will be passed upon and adopted.

The objects of the Association, are as follows:

1 The collection of information regarding the importance of the fruit industry and its dissemination in quarters where it will not only encourage the home grower, but cause the intending settler or investor to perceive the advantages of Carleton County as the premier commercial apple section of New Brunswick.

2 The promotion of exhibitions of fruit at such times and where it will serve to illustrate the present production and resources of Carleton county.

3 The promotion of fruit growing in the county by encouraging the formation of co-operative fruit growing packing and marketing associations.

4 The circulation of information among members and others concerning the proper varieties of fruit to plant, methods of cultivation, etc, most suitable to climate and local conditions.

5 Promotion of the interests of existing allied industries in the county that depend in whole or in part upon the fruit growing industry.

A vigorous protest was unanimously made at the attempts of outside foreign influences, supported by the Provincial Horticulturist, to change the name of our native apple, the "New Brunswick," to that of a foreign and much inferior variety the Duchess of Oldenburg.

The full text of the opening address of the organizer, Mr Adney, will be given in our next issue. In the meantime it is desired to be made known that the objects are in no ways political the general horticultural policy of the government is supported but the facts laid before the meeting seemed to show that owing to some peculiar conditions existing in the lower part of the province, our country as a fruit producing section is being discriminated against and our due share can best be secured through an organization strong enough to demand recognition as the only as yet commercial apple producing section of New Brunswick. We raised the first barrel of apples for outside market and our shipments since 1876 have amounted to 350,000 barrels. All persons interested in our important industry are invited to attend the meeting next Friday.

JOHN HARRIS.

The death occurred at his home at Lower Bloomfield, Car Co N B on Jan 23rd of heart trouble of John Harris aged 46 years and 14 days. He leaves, a wife and seven children three sons and four daughters; also two brothers Emerson of Marshall and Ward of Monticello, beside a large circle of friends to mourn their sad loss.

Deceased who had been in as good health as usual returned home about dark from threshing at his lower farm, helped the boys do the chores and was just ready to go to bed. He started to walk across the kitchen and fell dead on the floor without speaking a word. Much sympathy is extended to the sorrowing family.

SALVATION ARMY IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT WILL HAVE A BUSY SEASON

The Canadian Officers sent over to the old Country to select settlers for Canada report business very brisk in this direction.

Already parties have been arranged to sail on the following boats during the month of March.

March 1	Lake Char plain from Liverpool	
" 3	Virginian	" "
" 4	Numidian	" Glasgow
" 4	Canada	" Liverpool
" 8	Royal Edward	" Bristol
" 9	Tunisian	" Liverpool
" 9	Dominion	" "
" 10	Empress of Britain	" "
" 15	Lake Manitoba	" "
" 17	Victorian	" "
" 18	Megantic	" "
" 18	Grampian	" "
" 22	Royal George	" Bristol
" 23	Corsican	" Liverpool
" 24	Emp of Ireland	" "
" 30	Lake Champlain	" "
" 31	Virginian	" "

This will give people in Canada who wish to bring out their friends under the care of the S A an excellent opportunity of doing so. Special attention is given to selecting suitable people for the Maritime Provinces by an Officer appointed especially for what work Farmers who will need help should write to the Staff Captain Jennings, Box 277 Halifax, N S

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CANADIAN SEED GROWERS' ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of the Canadian Seed Growers' Association is announced for Thursday and Friday, February 16th & 17th. An especially attractive programme has been prepared and all who are interested in crop improvement, whether members of the association or not, should make an effort to attend at least some of the sessions.

Thursday afternoon reports will be received from the Board of Directors, the Secretary Treasurer and the district representatives of the Seed Branch. Thursday evening, addresses will be delivered by Dr. Jas. W. Robertson, President of the Association, and Prof. C. C. James, Deputy Minister of Agriculture, Toronto.

The sessions on Friday will be mostly devoted to a discussion of plant breeding and seed distribution as carried on in Scandinavia. Mr. L. H. Newman, Secretary of the Association, has been at Svalof, Sweden, since last May and has had an exceptional opportunity to collect information on this subject. Mr. Newman will present papers on "Plant Breeding in Scandinavia" and "Systems of Multiplying Improved Seed Stock in Europe." A paper on "Improvement of Fodder Plants by Selection" will be presented by M. O. Malta, Ph. D., Seed Branch, Ottawa. Dr. Malta was formerly on the scientific staff at Svalof and has made a speciality in the study of grasses and fodder plants.

Provision has been made for a free discussion on these papers and they should be the means of bringing out much valuable information on the application of European methods of plant improvement to conditions in Canada.

SAD ACCIDENT.

A sad accident happened last Thursday p m at East Littleton when the house of Alfred Lyons was totally destroyed by fire and his children badly frozen by exposure.

Mr Lyons was away from home working in the woods and Mrs Lyons was obliged to go to a neighbors house for some supplies leaving her children alone in the house. In some way the house caught on fire and the oldest child, aged 7 years succeeded in getting out of the house the younger children twins aged 2 years and twins aged 4 years. The little ones sat in the snow cuddled up trying to keep warm until help arrived. The older twins crawled through the snow to a neighbors house but not finding any one home got into the shed and crawled up into a pung and tried to cover up.

When the neighbors arrived on the scene the children were badly frozen and the physician has grave hopes as to their condition.

It feared it will be necessary to amputate parts of the fingers of each child. At the present time they are at the home of Chauncey Lee and friends and neighbors are doing all that is possible to relieve the suffering of the little ones—Apostle took Times