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Charles Thornton

After a lingering illness of some years Charles Thornton, a well known citizen, died Friday night aged 54 years. He is survived by his widow and two daughters Mrs. James Montgomery of McAdam and Mrs. Andrew Mersereau of Brownville, two sons Harry and Earl at home, his father Elisha, one brother Ezra, and two sisters Mrs. Walter Knox and Mrs. Andrew Mowatt. The funeral took place on Sunday afternoon and was largely attended. Services were held at the house by Rev. A. C. Berrie. The pall bearers were G. W. Slipp, Fred Sanborn, Robert Kennedy and Cook Hall.

Mrs. Marvin Smith of McAdam Jet. was the guest of her mother Mrs. Margaret McClement a few days of last week.

Mrs. John T. F. Ritchie, who spent the winter with her daughter, Mrs. W. T. Masters, in Boston Mass., returned home on Wednesday, accompanied by Mrs. Masters.

TOWN COUNCIL

The monthly meeting of the Town Council was held on Monday evening May 5th. The Mayor and all the councillors present.

Treasurer Bourne reported that the receipts for April were \$700.71, expenditures \$2125.02; overdraft \$12 295.-85.

Coun. Balmain submitted the report of the auditor, H. D. Stevens, for the first quarter of the year.

Coun. Balmain, as a delegate to the Public Utilities Commission at St. John reported. The telephone question was under discussion. It appears that Woodstock is in Class B, and has over 600 phones installed.

Voted that the report be received and a vote of thanks given to Coun. Balmain for his painstaking work.

Voted that Scott Act Inspector Colpitts be heard before the board.

Inspector Colpitts read from a local paper a report of the speeches made at a recent meeting of the Council, on the lack of enforcement of the Scott Act, by Couns. Dibblee, Gallagher and Burden, in which the hotels and drug stores were held irresponsible for most of the drinking around town and the blame laid on pocket pedlars. Mr. Colpitts said he did not come here to criticize the councillors, merely he was protecting himself from unfair charges. He believed that the hotels and drug stores were more responsible than the pocket pedlars. He told of liquor being hauled in the dead of night from Stickney, or some other point north of here, and he traced it to the hotels and some drug stores. Now all the hotels and druggists, with one exception, came here since the Scott Act came in force and should have no complaint if they are fined repeatedly. The most of the liquor sold comes from them either directly or indirectly through the pocket pedler. Recently there had been six Supreme Court cases decided in favor of the Scott Act, five against McIntyre and one against the C. P. R., and the latter had given strict orders not to carry any liquor into Carleton county by express. There had been some seized liquor given up, but in future he would not consent to give up anything that is seized until it is proved that the law has no claim upon it. It is said that every man has his price, but no man has ever been able to say that he had been bought he had been asked on several occasions to set his price and one man offered him \$500, but he told that man that he was sworn to enforce the law and had no price. It was not fair to say that when he was short of money he held up the hotels, because the Council had so far furnished him with all the money he wanted for the enforcement of the Act. He believed that there was not a hotel in this country, outside of Woodstock, that sold a drop of liquor.

Coun. Gallagher—I said the enforcement was a farce and I still think so. The newspaper report so far as I am concerned is correct. Why not put on three offences? Why so many first offences?

Inspector Colpitts—Good results often follow first offences, if followed up.

Coun. Gallagher reported on town dump and asked for further time for committee.

Coun. Balmain read a communication from E. R. Teed in re. Imperial Packing Company plant in which he intimated that a company would purchase and operate the concern on an enlarged scale. He asked if town had any claim against plant, on account of bonus given Mr. Hay. Coun. Balmain understood that a lien was given secured by insurance policies. Town had one.

Coun. Balmain—It would be better to get something out of it in shape of taxes.

Coun. Gallagher—The records don't show where Mr. Hay agreed to do any thing.

Coun. Dibblee that the correspondence be referred to the town solicitor.

Mr. Weeks was heard in reference to land he recently bought from the town.

A discussion on uncollected taxes in which all the Councilors participated, took place.

Coun. Lindsay moved that the Finance Committee, under the direction of the Solicitor, take steps to collect back taxes. Carried.

Bill of \$2.50 for posting 17 assessors notices referred to Everett Bros. for information.

FRIDAY.

Council met at 8 p. m. Councillors all present.

In the absence of the Mayor, Coun. Dibblee occupied the chair.

It was decided that a committee would meet Messrs. Teed, Smith and Page and talk over the question of waiving the town lien on the Imperial Packing Co., and placing it on the assessment list, or leaving matters as at present. Those defaulting rate-payers who owe after June 1st. will have their names heralded from the Atlantic to the Pacific through the local newspapers. For lack of funds there will be no more sewers laid on Connell and Union streets this year.

Coun. Lindsay read the report of Magistrate Holyoke, showing receipts of \$43.99, deducting costs, \$33 was due the town, a check for which accompanied the report.

Voted that the report be referred to police committee and the check handed to the treasurer.

Coun. Dibblee referred to the matter of the Imperial Packing Company. He regretted that an article appeared in the Telegraph, from the Woodstock correspondent, that reflected on the Council of the year 1903. The town has the same lien on the property today as it had in 1903.

Coun. Gallagher said he was a member of the Council in 1904 and at that time he made a search and could not see that Mr. Hay promised to do anything outside of the fact that he promised to employ a certain number of men, which he did until he sold out the business to the present company.

Coun. Burden advocated waiving the claim that the town had against the company and putting the property on the assessment list.

Coun. Balmain said it was a mistaken notion that any number of men were to take over the Imperial Packing Co. The fact was that it would be under the same management, but the plant would be enlarged.

Mr. Hartley, the clerk, said that there was no question but what the town had a \$5000 lien on the property for the next ten years. The town can foreclose on the whole plant to-morrow if it wishes. Two years ago Mr. Page came to him and stated that he was willing to put up his share of the insurance and make it payable to the town. If the matter had been followed up at that time Mr. Smith would have done likewise, but Mr. Smith was taxed and did not feel like putting up the insurance as well.

Coun. Lindsay said that at the time Mr. Hay agreed to run his factory for 20 years. Half the time was now up and no doubt a court would allow the

BASE BALL.

The first base ball game of the season was played on Monday evening beginning at 6.30 on Island Park, between the Athletics and Cubs, resulting in a victory for the Athletics, 7 to 4.

Miss E. Henderson, is visiting in Medford the guest of Mrs. H. C. Grosvenor.

A bill of \$9 2.14 from the Provincial Hospital was presented with a request, from Premier Fleming for prompt payment. Referred to the Mayor and town solicitor to investigate and report.

It was agreed that the town hall be painted outside and other repairs made, the work to be done by tender.

The Chief of Police was asked to enforce the bye-law relating to riding bicycles on the side walks.

Supt. Fields was instructed to report next meeting on sewers needed on portions of Connell Street and Wellington Ward.

Coun. Gallagher—Why is \$17 only the amount of license reported as paid by Bijou? It was made \$20, some time ago. Why was it not collected?

Coun. Lindsay—I am satisfied \$20. is excessive.

Coun. Gallagher—The resolution making it \$20, was moved by Coun. Lindsay. If he wanted it recinded why was it not done.

Coun. Lindsay—I forgot it.

The Marshall was given 10 per cent on dog taxes and instructed to collect on all canines.

The Supt. of Streets was instructed to read the bye-law to persons putting waggons on the part of Main street between Savages stable and the station.

Coun. Jones moved that the Electric Light committee be given power to place 3 or 4 incandescent lights on the south side of the bridge and see what arrangement and on what terms the system can be charged to incandescent lights.

Coun. Gallagher—moved that street employees be paid every two weeks. Carried.

Coun. Gallagher moved that Supt. Fields be paid \$25.00 a month, in addition to present salary, while permanent street work is going on. Carried.

Adjourned to meet Friday at 8 o'clock.

company one half of the bonus, provided the town would foreclose.

Moved by Couns. Lindsay and Jones and passed that the matter be referred to the mayor and the finance committee who will meet with Messrs. Teed, Smith and Page and report at next meeting.

Moved by Couns. Lindsay and Balmain and passed that the list of uncollected taxes be published in the newspapers after June 1st. Couns. Gallagher and Burden voted nay.

Moved by Couns. Lindsay and Burden and passed that the question of sewers on Union and Connell streets be laid over.

Moved by Couns. Lindsay and Gallagher and passed that the poor committee consider tenders for the poor and award the contract to the lowest tenderer.

Voted that the painting of the engine house be left to the water committee.

Voted that the light committee be instructed to put in incandescent lights where needed.

Voted that a committee be appointed by the chair to see that the poles on the streets be painted.

The chair appointed the electric light committee to look into the matter.

The mayor and finance committee will wait upon the County Council in June and see if it is willing to pay its share of the gatekeeper's salary at the railway crossing, King street from Grafton to Woodstock.

The bills and salaries were ordered paid and the Council adjourned.

Mrs Samuel McCain

On Wednesday April 30th Mrs. Samuel McCain of Florenceville passed away, aged 50 years. Deceased had been in ill health for over a year with a disease of the throat, and, although she suffered greatly at times yet recent signs of improvement gave hopes of recovery, and when death came it was very unexpected.

She is survived by a sorrowing husband and one son Claude who resides at home, one brother John McKay in the West, also three half-brothers, Andrew and James McKay, of Florenceville, and David, in the West, and one half-sister Mrs. Hugh McCain, of Florenceville.

Mrs. McCain had a loving and cheerful disposition which won for her a large circle of friends. She was a faithful follower of The Lord Jesus Christ, and bore her illness with a firm trust in the Master and resignation to His will. She was a devoted member of the Baptist Church, and also took an active part in the work of the Presbyterian Church of which her husband is a member. Her loss will be deeply felt, not only in the home, but by the whole community, but we trust that what we consider loss here below is gain in the world above.

The funeral, which was very largely attended, took place on Friday afternoon. The services were conducted by Rev. J. A. Cahill, of Bridgewater, Me., assisted by Rev. M. H. Manuel of Florenceville.

Mrs. Margaret Palmer

There passed peacefully away at First Bel River Lake, York Co., May 5th, Mrs. Margaret Palmer aged about 83 years, of pneumonia. She was born in the north of Ireland, a Presbyterian in religion. She leaves two sons: Edward and John McIntosh by her first marriage, two sons Robert and James Palmer by her second marriage, a large number of grand children, and great grand children, two brothers James and John Davidson besides other relatives to mourn their loss. She was a kind neighbour of a cheerful disposition and very highly respected by all who knew her.

Thomas Strong, Michael McGrath, Charles Scott and Thomas Bell, Lindsay, attended the agricultural picnic in St. Stephen, on Friday May 2nd.

Geo. E. Drake, Bellville, was in town on Saturday on business. He called at "The Dispatch" office.

Miss E. Henderson has returned from a week's visit with Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Millar, Hartland.

Mr. Ogilvy and Miss Florence Ogilvy who spent the winter in town have returned home.

Miss Uarda Burt of Winnipeg, formerly of Jackson Hill, was the guest of her brother E. Murray Burt in Houlton last week.

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