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## TOWN COUNCIL.

The meeting of the Town Council on Monday evening, Nov. 2, was attended by His Worship Mayor Jones and all the councillors. It was also addressed by W. E. Jarvis, president of the board of trade. Dr. Rankin, a member of the board, Scott Act Inspector Colpitts, Superintendent Fields and Mrs. Wheary.

After the reading of the minutes of last meeting, on motion the different delegations were heard before the board. W. E. Jarvis said that he appeared as one of the delegates from the board of trade in advocacy of a purer water supply for the town. It will be remembered that last winter there was an epidemic of typhoid fever in the town, and how could it be otherwise. Some years ago the water from the St. John river was considered suitable for drinking purposes but it was not so today. To say nothing of the water coming from the town of Grand Falls, commencing at Aroostook we get the Presque Isle and Caribou sewage and at least two starch factories; thence the refuse from Indian Point, and, coming south, the filth from Presque Isle stream, the villages of Centreville, Hartland and Upper Woodstock; after the recent analysis of water, we have no reason to doubt of the source from which the fever comes. This is an important matter and should be dealt with at once. Upon resuming the business of the board of trade recently it was found that the Town Council had done nothing all summer. The water in the river did not purify itself in running seven miles. The winter is upon us, and with the freezing of the river, we are liable to have the fever with us again. There are some things in which economy cannot be practised and this was one of them. Dr. Rankin concurred in the remarks of Mr. Jarvis. If we are not interested in our fellowman, for economical reasons alone we should secure purer water. From January to and including March of this year there were 50 cases of typhoid in this town, and since then there has been at least 25 cases, making 75 cases inside a year in a town the size of Woodstock. While there were but few deaths nevertheless a lot of money was spent by these sick people, and the breadwinners among the number were not able to earn a dollar for at least three months.

In reply to Coun. Lindsay, the doctor said that nearly all of these cases originated in town and he believed that the water works water was to blame for almost every case.

Coun. Jones said that the Council had taken action on the matter. Trips were made in the neighborhood of the town in search of a suitable spring. Finally a proposition was made by P. Gorey, digger of artesian wells, and we made a deal with him and the deal was going through. Reference was made to Engineer Barbour but the speaker believed that it was not necessary to go outside for an engineer, while Mr. Hill resided in this town. Mrs. Barbour he understood advocated a filtration plant, while the committee thought that it was worth trying to get pure water instead of filtered water and that was the reason they were giving Mr. Gorey's proposition a trial.

Mayor Jones said he was disposed to recognize the board of trade, which was a desirable body for any town to have, and he was always willing to listen to any representations from that body. For many years successive Councils has known that the St. John river water was not fit for drinking purposes. No other Council has ever done anything to remedy the need. They met Mr. Gorey who has been digging artesian wells for many years, and he said that he could furnish all the water the town required at a cost very much lower than if a filtration plant were installed.

Mrs. Wheary was heard before the board, pointing out that the water in the standpipe had been running over and destroying her property.

Supt. Fields was heard on the subject, who reported that the facts were as Mrs. Wheary had stated, but that he had men dig a trench around the pipe, and he thought the trouble would cease until the frost and snow would fill the trench.

Coun. Dibblee moved that Supt. Fields be instructed to see Mrs. Wheary and arrange a satisfactory settlement with her.

Carried.

Inspector Colpitts was heard before the board in regard to cancelling the license held by the owner of the pool room.

Council requested that he make his charges before the police magistrate, and if they were sustained, the question of cancellation would come before the board.

Moved by Coun. Dibblee that an order be drawn on the treasurer in favor of the school board for \$4000.

Carried.

Moved by Coun. Gallagher that \$400 be given the library commissioners on account.

Carried.

Coun. Lindsay reported for the finance committee that the overdraft at the bank was now \$2378.44.

Coun. Jones arose to a question of privilege. He read from a local newspaper remarks made about him by a member of the board of trade, to which he vigorously replied.

The request of the Dunbar Co for a better arrangement of taxes was taken up.

Moved by Coun. Dibblee, seconded by Coun. Gallagher, that the matter be referred to finance committee.

Moved in amendment by Coun. Lindsay, seconded by Coun. Burden, that a full board of the Council decide on the question.

Amenament carried. Coun. Dibblee and Gallagher voting nay.

Moved by Coun. Gallagher, seconded by Coun. Burden, that Mr. Harry Dunbar be requested to meet the Council at any early date.

Adjourned till Friday evening.

## JACKSONVILLE

Nov. 2nd.

This place has not been idle since the war began. A concert was held under the auspices of the Superior School bringing in over \$50.00 for the Belgian Relief Fund.

A Red Cross Society has been formed as the home of Mrs. Turney, the work at first being devoted to preparing clothing to send to the Belgians. A large membership presided over by Mrs. (Rev.) Gough has two large boxes nearly filled to forward to the poor people bereft of all their belongings. Mrs. Everett Ridley is Secretary and Mrs. Wilson, teacher of the Primary Department, is Treasurer.

A Choral Club is being organized by Mrs. John Emery to make possible a concert for the Patriotic Fund, in the near future. The community has never worked so whole-heartedly in any cause for some years and all are benefitted by the social intercourse, while hearts are stirred with a common desire to help all the different enterprises made necessary by the upheaval caused by War.

This neighborhood sympathizes deeply with Mr. and Mrs. Roy Briggs, of Lindsay, who have suffered such a terrible loss, by the death of their little girl. The regrettable accident which caused her death, makes the matter more tragical. While their parents were away the little boy of six and girl of four were playing with a rifle. The muzzle of the gun was in the girls lap, when the boy pulled the trigger causing a cartridge of large magnitude to pass through the former's body at the left hip. Drs. Grant and Rankin were summoned, but were unable to do more than ease the agonising pain of the little sufferer. The funeral was held on Monday.

Rev. J. B. Gough and family are winning friends among all the people and are doing efficient work in all the departments of the church. On Thanks giving the decorations in the church were very artistic and the whole service uplifting.

Miss Helen Good has received word that she will sail for Burma on the 21st of Nov. Miss Good is now visiting her sister, Mrs. Schurman in Wolfville.

S. Zealand, Oct. 14.

I am sending a diary of the voyage which will be better than several letters I should think.

Kenneth Connell and the third F. C. C. E. are on the Arcadian just in front of the Zealand.

We have had a very smooth and pleasant trip. This boat is exceedingly steady and no vibration. Of course we have been running at half speed all the way so far. Non of the offi-

cers you know have been seasick, and only one or two officers in all were seasick and very few men. Everyone has been vaccinated mine did not take.

On board Zealand: Crew, 306; 1st and 2nd F. C. C. E., 407; 9th Batt., Edmonton Fusiliers, 1169; total 1882.

Land has just been sighted off the port bow at 10.10 a. m. on the 14th.

We are anchored this evening off Plymouth or Devenport and expect to go to Southampton or some other port tomorrow to disembark.

The following is the diary of Franklin Rankin:-

Sept. 29-Came in from Valcartier to Quebec. Went aboard about 4 p. m. Got shore leave 8 to 12 p. m. Clear, cold, smooth.

Sept. 30.-Laid at the dock all day. Saw about the men's berths. Clear, cold, smooth.

Oct. 1-Left the dock at 6 a. m.; dropped the pilot at 7 p. m. Sent letters home. Clear, cold, smooth.

Oct. 2-We rounded Gaspe about 9 a. m. Choppy sea. Cast anchor in what we believe to be Gaspe Basin about 10.30 a. m. About 25 other transports are also anchored here. Sam Hughes came by us in a launch accompanied by his friends. Muddy from a cruiser says we sail to morrow morning at 4. More fuss about signalling. Got No. 4 Section in their proper berths at last. Made a boat pool at our table worth \$37.75. Paid \$3.75 for 13th day to dock. Inten to start a gym.

Oct. 3-Weighed anchor at 4 p. m. Sailing in three columns of 10, 10 and 11 ships from left to right. We are No 3 in Z column. Each column is preceded and followed by a cruiser. I have been appointed to the staff as signalling officer for the engineers, with eight men, and Dave Parker has taken over No 4 section. Received brigade orders for 1-4 hours then interrupted. Ken Connell sends message. No messages are to be sent without authority from the captain of E. C. troops. Had a dance with Rideout in the library.

Oct. 4-7 a. m. sighted lighthouse on Magdalen Islands. Slight roll to ship. Ate 7 griddle cakes for breakfast. Mileage at 8.30 a. m., 185 miles. Running at half speed most of the time. Orders to close up in rear of line signalled through. Remainder of orders from Royal Edward. Some good music in evening by two stewards, violins, accompanied by Hodgins on the piano. Sea calm on afternoon, no motion at all.

Oct. 5-The battle cruiser Glory crossed our bows at about 5 a. m. The weather fine and calm. The hurricane bridge is reserved for the signalers; it is the best place aboard as far as roll and toss are concerned. About 10 a. m. man overboard on the Royal Edward, but was picked up by the Franconia. Received and passed war news from Cape Cod. Ship appeared on the horizon from the direction of Newfoundland about 4.30 p. m. Our cruiser in lead-off line appeared to give chase and she turned about; the cruiser has not yet returned, 8.30 p. m., so far as I know. We have two violinists and piano playing to-night, the music is beautiful. We expect to be clear of the Banks by tomorrow night. Looks like rain. Men did washing this afternoon. Engineer officers asked to parade for physical drill at 6.40 a. m. each morning in any costume.

Oct. 6-Cruiser had returned by morning. Quite a lot of wind. Lectures every afternoon and evening for engineer officers also N. C. O.'s in the afternoon. Men gave concert in the evening.

Oct. 7-A tramp steamer and freighter have been forced to accompany us. Glory still stays on the horizon off our starboard beam. Boat has more of a roll on to-day, but nothing compared to the Corinthian behind and Arcadian in front of us. Only made 187 miles to-day as against 211 yesterday. Query: If we go 24 miles less each day when will we reach England?

Oct. 8-At 12.30 p. m. the 2nd class cruiser Lancaster passed us on the starboard beam, green to green. Have entered the Gulf Stream. Made 237 miles to-day. No butter in men's mess. Oatmeal running short and no cock-tails to be had.

Oct. 9-Made 232 miles to-day. Yesterday we rolled through 20 degrees on the average; today we hardly roll at all. Weather continues mild and fair. I have reasons to believe we will land at Southampton. Yesterday the

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## KIRKLAND

The men are busy plowing and yarding pulp wood. There was quite a heavy snowstorm in this place Oct 27th. A few sleighs were seen out but the mud was soon seen again.

Rev. Mr. Haig held services in the Episcopal Church Sunday morning Nov. 1st., quite a few attended.

Blair Graham who has been visiting relatives in Maxwell has returned to Woodstock again.

Gideon Demerchant was successful in capturing a fine moose one day last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Watt Taylor of Debec, attended meeting at Maxwell Sunday evening Nov. 1st.

There was a knitting party held at the home of Mrs. George McInerlin's Maxwell Nov. 2nd the ladies were engaged in knitting socks for the Belgian men.

There was a halloween party held at Thomas McInerlin's Oct. 31st quite a number attended.

## CHILDHOOD CONSTIPATION

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