

First Session New Town Council.

A LENGTHY AND IMPORTANT SESSION.

Committees and Officials Appointed.

The first session of the new Council was held on Monday night, Mayor Belyea in the chair and all the councillors present.

Clerk Hartley read the returns of the late election and declared W. B. Belyea, J. T. A. Dibblee, James S. McManus, A. E. Jones, H. E. Burt, J. T. Garden and I. E. Sheasgreen, the duly elected mayor and councillors for the ensuing year.

Mayor Belyea congratulated the councillors on their election. He advised that more business be transacted by committees and less by the Council. He thought the streets were in fairly good condition, and advised the improvement of the sidewalks. Changes might be made looking for improved quarters for the fire department, that were so badly needed for the improvement of the fire service and for the health of the members of the department. The assessment for the last year was not satisfactory, and an improved system of valuation should be adopted. He had heard with regret of the proposed removal of the Wrapper Factory to Amherst, and something should be done to retain that important industry.

Coun. Dibblee was glad to have Mayor Belyea as the presiding officer for the coming year, and agreed with the sentiments in his inaugural address. He regretted the defeat of former Coun. Balmain; he (Dibblee) had watched the course of Mr. Balmain during his term of councillor, and assured the board that of all the old councillors he (Balmain) could be the least spared from the board. He (Dibblee) was thankful for the vote he had received, which was an unsolicited one, and he would try to have his duties performed to the satisfaction of the ratepayers.

Coun. Garden, after congratulating the mayor on his election, said the vote received by himself was highly satisfactory, as he did not announce himself as a candidate at the public meeting and was the last man in the field. The remarks of His Worship suited him well. The proposed improvement in the electric light service would cost some money but the service needed improvement. He believed he was to be chairman of the finance department, and he intended to make some changes in that department. The assessment was now too low, as the valuation of the town was only placed at \$1,000,000, which made the rate of taxes \$1.39 for \$100. The valuation should be increased 50 or 100 per cent.; this increase would not mean an increased taxation, but the financial system of the town would appear better in the outside market by an increased valuation.

Coun. Jones congratulated the mayor on his election, and thanked the electors, particularly those of the "solid south" or Wellington ward who always gave him strong support—for the handsome vote received. As regards the electric light, the service had been so poor that the councillors did not know hardly what to do about it, but the chairman of that department was not to blame; he hoped for a better service this year. The sidewalks should be attended to, for the ratepayers expected more work would be done on them this year. He did not know if he was slated for the poor farm this year, or not, but there should be built a better road across the gulch, entering the farm property, and it would not cost a great deal of money; now the entrance was being made over a neighbor's land, and he was, as he had a right to do, complaining of the town doing so.

Coun. Burt, when he left the board last year, did not think he would again be a candidate, but fate decreed it otherwise, and he was elected; he wished to thank the electors for the handsome vote he had received, which had been given without much solicitation on his part. He was glad that reference was made to the electric light matter, so early in the year, and he trusted a better service would be secured.

Coun. McManus congratulated the mayor on his election and was sure the councillors were pleased to have him presiding at the board again. He thanked the electors who voted for him; he was pleased at the vote he received and possibly he was not

worthy of it, but he would look after the interests of the town to the best of his ability. Referring to the Wrapper Factory, he said inducements were being offered to have the institution removed to Amherst. He would be sorry to lose the factory, and the board should do all in its power to keep the factory here, and have other manufacturing come here; it was part of the duty of councillors to get capitalists to come to the town, and some financial offer should be made to the factory at once. The streets needed some repairs, but the present capable chairman of that department could be relied on to look after them.

Coun. Sheasgreen also offered congratulations to the mayor and thanked the ratepayers for electing him at this his first trial. He was a young man but would try and fulfil his duty as well as the older councillors. It was rumored that he was to be the chairman of the fire department. He would not expect to fill the office as well as the late chairman, Coun. Balmain, neither could he display the agility in jumping on the hose cart going down the hill, as that gentleman always did. In looking the matter over, in the interests of the service and the health of the men, it was absolutely necessary to have better accommodation for the firemen.

Mayor Belyea said he would be dead to the feelings of humanity if he did not appreciate the kind words from the councillors, coming at this particular time when remarks of an unworthy character have been made by several parties about him. Under the circumstances he did not, in his address, make any reference to the strong support he received at the recent election; he was thankful, however, for that support, and notwithstanding his shortcomings, he had tried, and would try, by perseverance and industry to fulfil the trust reposed in him.

The mayor submitted the following slate of committees—the first named to be the chairman—for the ensuing year:—

Water Works—Couns. Dibblee, Jones, Burt.
Electric Light—Couns. McManus, Burt, Sheasgreen.
Streets—Couns. Burt, Dibblee, McManus.
Fire—Couns. Sheasgreen, Dibblee, Burt.
Poor—Couns. Jones, Garden, Sheasgreen.
Finance—Couns. Garden, Dibblee, McManus.
Sewers—Couns. Garden, Jones, Dibblee.
Scales—Coun. Sheasgreen.
Town Hall and Police—Couns. Jones, Garden, Burt.
Audit—Couns. McManus, Sheasgreen, Garden.

On motion Coun. Dibblee, seconded Coun. Garden, the committees were confirmed by the board. The reports of the superintendent of Water Works and Sewers were read, and on motion Coun. Jones, seconded Coun. Dibblee, they were approved and ordered to be printed.

Coun. Jones asked if the sewers were self-sustaining?

Coun. Garden—The interest on the sewer bonds is \$890.
Mayor Belyea—Last year there was collected from the sewers \$857.68, \$100 of which was from the Dominion government for a perpetual entrance of the sewers to the Dominion building; the amount uncollected was \$206.50.

Coun. Dibblee said the sewers would be self-sustaining if the rates had been collected. Unfortunately the sewers could not be turned off, like the water works can be, if the rates are not paid. There are a number of ratepayers who should be forced to make sewer connections.

Coun. Jones thought the sewers should be paying by this time; they should at least pay the interest on the investment this year; while there are a good many who should be forced to make connections, there were many who for financial reasons should be excused.

Coun. Garden took exception to the remarks of the former councillors. His idea was that there should be no tax asked, but every ratepayer should be compelled to make con-

nections. The sewers were a necessity, not a luxury.

A letter from Supt. Munro explaining the damage done to the contents of the cellar in Mrs. Colpitts' house, by the bursting of a water pipe, and a bill for damages of \$72.10—were referred to the water committee, Mayor Belyea and Supt. Munro to examine into the case.

The mayor stated that he had recently signed a school draft for \$500, and that the debit bank balance was \$6500.

The following town officials were appointed, without opposition, with the same salaries as last year:—

Clerk—J. C. Hartley.
Treasurer—H. W. Bourne.
Marshal and Poor Commissioner—John C. Gibson.

Night Watch—Owen Kelly.

Assessors—Charles Comben, principal assessor; E. L. Hagerman, John Donnelly, assistants.

Supt. of Water Works and Sewers and caretaker of the steam fire engine—Donald Munro.

Marshal Gibson reported that for the month of January he had collected in taxes \$103.99, in licenses \$5.50. An order was drawn for usual commission on licenses.

Coun. Dibblee said there was dissension among the foundries, as the claim was made that the town work was not equally divided.

On motion Coun. Dibblee, seconded Coun. Jones, the town work will be equally divided among the three foundries this year.

On motion Coun. Dibblee, seconded Coun. Garden, the rate for water supplied to local foundries, factories and the C. P. R. will be 15c. for 1000 gallons, for present year.

The following committee was appointed to wait upon the Wrapper Factory directors and enquire what assistance would be necessary to enable the company to operate the plant in the town: Couns. Garden, McManus and Dibblee.

Mayor Belyea read a bill from Scott Act Inspector Colpitts for \$200, a year's salary, and unless the same was paid immediately Mr. Colpitts threatened to bring an action in law to recover the same.

Mayor Belyea said it was an astonishing thing that an officer of the town, appointed at a fixed salary of \$100 a year, and the same published in the local papers, should present a bill for \$200. No public body would tolerate such a thing. Whether Mr. Colpitts had a legal claim or not, under the circumstances the bill was an insult to the board.

Coun. Dibblee agreed that it was an extremely insulting communication. Mr. Colpitts was fully aware that the salary was \$100. If a similar communication had come from any other town officer that man would be instantly dismissed, and he hoped that would be the fate of Mr. Colpitts.

Moved by Coun. Dibblee, seconded by Coun. Garden, that Mr. Colpitts be dismissed as S. A. Inspector.

Mayor Belyea doubted whether Mr. Colpitts was now Inspector, for his year had expired. As county inspector he might serve papers in town, but he had ceased to be the town inspector.

Coun. Dibblee—I would like to hear the clerk give legal advice on the matter.

Clerk—The view I have is that Mr. Colpitts is still Inspector, that he cannot be dismissed unless by a two-thirds vote of the council, and that the pay he is to receive must be commensurate with the work he has performed.

Mayor Belyea—On the advice of the clerk I will receive the motion.

Coun. McManus—It is not a question of retaining or dismissing Inspector Colpitts, but the consideration of a bill from that gentleman in which he wants \$200 for a year's salary instead of \$100. The matter of retaining him or dismissing him might be brought up afterwards.

Coun. Burt—The question is does the town owe him \$200 or \$100. Mr. Colpitts claims that legally the former amount is the correct one.

Coun. Sheasgreen—I would like to ask the former S. A. committee, if at the commencement of last year they were informed whether Mr. Colpitts accepted the \$100 salary, or if he objected to the amount.

Coun. Garden—The communication looks as if Mr. Colpitts intended taking us by the back of the neck, throwing us on the ground and jumping on our heads. He (Colpitts) might be a good officer but there were others just as good. The communication was an insult to the board. Every officer appointed by the town knows what his salary is—so did Mr. Colpitts.

Coun. Jones was at the board when the motion was carried last year, and the salary was \$100. The chairman of the S. A. committee should have informed Mr. Colpitts, at that

time, that his salary was reduced; if he had not been notified he would have a pretty good case in court and might collect the \$200. When he (Colpitts) was getting the increased salary the surplus was large, while last year the receipts were small. If the case works out that way it were better to pay him a large salary, and the town would have large receipts.

The motion for dismissal was now given to the board, with the following result: Yeas, Garden, Dibblee, Sheasgreen; nays, Jones, McManus, Burt. Motion lost.

The communication was then referred to the following committee, to procure legal advice on the subject, and report at Friday's meeting: Couns. Jones, Burt and Dibblee.

After a discussion on the work to be performed by the principal assessor, under the advice of the finance committee, in which all the councillors gave their views, the board adjourned.

Carleton Co. Agr. Society.

At the monthly meeting of above Society, on Saturday afternoon last, President Perkins occupied the chair and the following members were present: The secretary C. L. Smith, Charles F. Rogers, Nathan Phillips, George Sharpe, G. W. Shaw, J. S. Leighton, Sr., J. S. Leighton, Jr., R. E. Holyoke and Judson Briggs.

Bill of C. R. Watson, use of piano, \$4, ordered paid from Institute fund; C. F. Rogers' bill, expenses to Sussex to convention, ordered paid at \$3.

Mr. Leighton was on motion voted \$6 for his services as auditor for 1900-1901-1902.

Mr. Frank Tilley being present, addressed the meeting on the advisability of asking the government to unite with the society in assisting to keep our Creamery running all winter.

Mr. Rogers spoke on Trial Plots and Grass Testing. Mr. Rogers was appointed a committee to look into the matter and report to the society at next meeting.

The secretary called attention to and argued in favor of a seed show in the month of March next. On motion, Judson Briggs, R. E. Holyoke and the secretary were appointed a committee to consider the question and report to the society at its next meeting.

The president thanked Mr. Tilley for the suggestions made by him regarding running the Creamery during the winter months.

Moved by R. E. Holyoke, seconded by C. F. Rogers, and resolved that this society pledges Mr. Tilley to give him all the assistance possible in his attempt to cause the Creamery to keep in operation during the winter season, and that the secretary be instructed to impress on the members of the local government the necessity of improving the dairy interest of Carleton county.

Adjourned to meet Saturday next, 7th inst.

N. B. APPLES.

Among the various reports of the meeting of the Farmers' and Dairymen's Association, held here last week, the reporters have overlooked the fact that there was on exhibition a splendid display of apples, grown in the Province. It was a handsome display and shows what is being successfully done in the culture of fruit. From the Experimental Farm, Nappan, was seen 8 samples. Then from this County, Mrs. J. Gill exhibited 5 samples: C. F. Rogers, 1; C. P. Bull, 3; Judson Briggs, 2; A. A. Briggs, 3; F. A. Hubbard, Sunbury, 2; J. O. Gibson, Fredericton, 8; and H. Wilmont, Sunbury, a very fine sample of Bishop Pippins. The fruit embraced many kinds and were very handsome specimens, proving conclusively the fitness of our soil and climate for the successful culture of apples.

Election of Officers.

Carleton Lodge No. 41, Independent Order of Odd Fellows elected the following officers:—

N. G., J. T. LePage.
V. G., Thomas W. Baker.
J. P. G., James H. Wilbur.
Secretary, Charles Comben.
Financial Secretary, H. D. Stevens.
Treasurer, W. B. Belyea.
Marshal, I. W. Fisher.
Conductor, Jacob Vanwart.
R. S. N. G., J. W. Ellsworth.
L. S. N. G., N. Lister.
R. S. V. G., R. L. E. Allingham.
L. S. V. G., Samuel Strong.
Inside Guardian, L. E. Young.
Outside Guardian, J. J. Hale.
L. S. S., D. McLeod Vince.
R. S. S., Joseph Tramley.
Chaplain, Rev. W. H. Spargo.

Subscribe for the SENTINEL.

Freight Tariff on the C. P. R.

Answering the statement made at the late meeting of the Farmers' and Dairymen's Association here, that the freight tariff now in force on the C. P. R. from New Brunswick points, is much higher than under the old New Brunswick Railway Classification, and practically prohibitive on small consignments of farm products, J. N. Sutherland wired as follows:—

"Our new Local tariff of Jan. 12th, 1902 shows a general reduction of not less than 20 per cent.; for instance first class rate under old tariff was forty two cents to St. John, under new it is thirty six and graded down in proportion. Canadian joint freight Classification now replacing old New Brunswick classification is also in every way more favorable to farm implements, vehicles and movements of cattle, than under the old New Brunswick Classification. Special commodity rates are also obtainable on application when sufficient good reason is shown why same should be granted."

MATRIMONIAL.

MORRELL—CLARKE.

The wedding of Miss Lina L. Clarke, only daughter of the late Rev. J. Wesley Clarke, to S. L. Tilley Morrell, of the Sussex Mercantile Company, took place Wednesday afternoon at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. Emma A. Clarke, 43 Horsefield street, St. John, by the Rev. C. T. Phillips, in the presence of only the immediate relatives and friends of the parties. The bride was attended by little Myrtle Vanwart as maid of honor, and given away by her uncle, D. N. Vanwart, and Miss Lou Vanwart played the wedding march from Lohengrin.

News From The Country.

Upper Woodstock.

We read the Upper Woodstock news for the past two weeks and knowing well their source could not wonder much, but decided it was time someone else took a hand.

The singing school under the guidance of Mr. Shephard promises to be an unqualified success. The need of a singing school has long been felt in this locality, not so much by the singers themselves as by those unhappy mortals whom fate has decreed should play the part of patient listeners. A few more members would not come amiss.

As far as we can find out, the I. A. B. has for its object the establishment of an asylum or refuge for old maids. We need hardly say that its membership is drawn entirely from the gentle sex.

A delegation from our village attended a Jacksonville party, last Friday evening. From this trip we deduce the following important theories: when you can't get one member of a family try another, when you can't get anyone else adopt a daughter for the occasion, always put pleasure before duty, parties before singing school.

The buildings of the Upper Woodstock Turning Co are near completion. A shoe factory also looms in the near future, and we have hopes of soon rivaling Woodstock as an industrial town.

The railroad bridge and vicinity still presents a scene of hustle and activity. Under the operations of two able crews the work progresses finely and will be finished in due time.

The invalids of the place remain in much the same condition. The weekly prayer meetings still continue, chiefly under the leadership of the new converts. A few have come forward and we trust that many more will be brought to see the error of their ways.

Our esteemed friend Dick put forward an ingenious scheme for running the items in the future, but as he did not include us in his plan we will take the liberty of writing whenever we please.

Dick asked a silly question or two last week which displeased us. We would advise Dick to ask no more questions, lest we take him in hand and bring a few mysteries to light. (From Another Correspondent.)

Feb. 4th, 1903.

I am glad to see by your paper that we have a judge here, and by request of same, I shall endeavour to write a few items.

Mrs. W. McCloskey is a little better this week.

I think that "Pat & Mike" must have had (what they would term a hitch-up) with "Bridget & Betsy," as we have not heard from either party for sometime.

Mrs. Brown is seriously ill with congestion.

On Friday evening a mixed crowd of both young and old attended a party at Mr. Burt's of Jacksontown. Miss P. Watson was confined to the house a few days this week by a severe cold.

M. Caulwell has moved to Bristol. The weather has been stormy of late.

Where is "The friend of the Afflicted," or is there no afflicted now? Miss E. Mitchell of Woodstock was at Mrs. Brown's on Saturday last.

"The Upper Woodstock Turning Co.," has made arrangement with the lumbermen for wood.

RIGHT HONORABLE SIR DICK.

Newburg.

Feb. 4th.

Lumbering and wood hauling are still the order of the day, the roads being thus kept in good condition, this winter, some large loads of cordwood have been hauled to town by well known wood dealers; the largest load of hard wood, scaling 2½ cords, was taken in, one day last week by William Gallagher; if this isn't the largest ever hauled by one pair of horses on ordinary country roads, we would like to hear of a larger.

McElroy's camp was visited on Sunday, 1st, by a number of young people from the settlement.

John (Mick) Gallagher, Jimmie Gallagher, and Harry Cunningham returned home from the "bush" last week.

Mrs. Jas. Keegan and family have returned to their old home at the corner.

George Lawrence had a number of teams on Monday 2nd, hauling pressed hay to Newburg Jct.

Mrs. Peter Gallagher, Newburg Jct., spent last week with friends in this section. Alfred Giddis passed through here one day quite recently.

Chas. McRae, Woodstock, took a retreat to himself for a few days in the country.

ANNIE LAURIE.

Kirkland.

Feb. 2nd, 1903.

A number of men came out of the woods on Saturday to spend Sabbath at their homes.

Mrs. Edgar is being visited by her sister from Knowlesville, and by her brother, Mr. Phillips and his wife and family from British Columbia.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. David Dykeman has been cheered by the arrival of a baby boy.

Miss Tillie Graham of Maxwell is staying at the home of her aunt, Mrs. J. W. Nicholson, and attending the Kirkland school.

Miss Ella Graham of Maxwell, intends leaving to-day for Houlton.

Mrs. Fowler and Mrs. Chas. McDougall were visiting last Thursday at the home of Mrs. Wallace Hemphill.

Mrs. W. Nicholson returned home last week from Lawrence, Mass., where she had been visiting her daughter.

Miss B. Speer of Speerville, and Miss A. Bull from Hartin Settlement were visiting at the manse last Friday. They were accompanied by Mr. Garret Speer.

Good's Corner.

Jan. 29th.

The farmers are busy hauling their hay to market.

Wilmet Merrithew, who has been very sick with the measles, is again able to make his annual trips to the river.

Ed McCully, is also able to be on duty again after a severe attack of erysipelas in his face.

Mr. John Gray, met with a serious accident last week while tying up his cows, got hooked, tearing his neck and ear, Dr. Peppers was called. He is improving.

John Toms also met with a bad accident the other day by getting his foot jammed and breaking is big toe.

The community was shocked last Saturday afternoon to see the smoke rolling up which proved to be Geo. G. London's dwelling house; his loss is quite heavy.

Mrs. James Gray has returned home after the absence of three months.

SNOW BIRD.

Tilley, Little River (Vic Co.)

Mr. W. W. M. Brayall spent a day with his friend, Chesley Grant.

W. W. Brayall and wife were the guests of Geo. Baker and wife last Sunday.

Mrs. Brayall and Misses M. McLaughlin and J. Brayall made a pleasant call on Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Grant one evening this week.

Mr. Wm. Brayall, and Edward Clark are doing a rushing business at wood sawing.

Mrs. R. Sweetey's youngest daughter is sick. Doctor Willey is attending her.

Miss E. Dumas has gone to Lower Perth.

A herd of thirteen large beef cattle from New Denmark passed through this place, this week enroute for Perth Centre, where they will be shipped to St. John.

Herb Sweetey has returned home from the woods.