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ANNUAL TOWN MEETING.

The annual town meeting, held in the Town Hall, on Monday evening was largely attended by ratepayers to listen to the reports of the Mayor and Councillors. Warden W. S. Saunders was elected chairman, and John P. Malaney secretary.

Mayor Belyea said he was glad to meet so many ratepayers, which, no doubt, would be larger but for the inclemency of the weather. It was their duty to criticize the acts of public servants, but he trusted it would be a fair criticism. The town had met with trying situations since last meeting. The chief of these was the smallpox epidemic, which was coped with in a proper manner, physicians were appointed and the disease had been stamped out, with considerable cost, but no loss of life. The mayor presented an itemized report of receipts and expenditures as follows:

Report of Receipts and Expenditure of Town of Woodstock for the year 1902:

EXPENDITURE.	
Interest on Debt and Bank acct.	\$3556.35
Water Works Dept.	3693.26
Electric Light	812.97
Schools	4800.00
Streets	1192.71
Poor	1305.41
Fire	1952.62
Municipality of Carleton	3019.29
Police	831.11
Town Team	550.03
Salaries	300.00
Printing	21.50
Town Hall	21.32
Public Health	3107.79
Assessors	150.00
Miscellaneous	545.10
Insurance	57.40
Pest House	1.00
Licenses	56.00
Scales	1.75
Sewers	371.40
New House	37.10
Scott Act	110.00
	\$28087.81

RECAPITULATION.

Total Expenditure for 1902.....\$28087.81

Receipts.....28010.40

Amount expended above receipts.....\$ 1277.41

Bal at Bank Nova Scotia this 12th day of Jan, 1903.....\$254.96

Bal this date 1901.....\$3790.76

RECEIPTS.

Water works Dept.	\$3393.45
Streets	47.00
Poor	174.94
Fire	43.00
Town Hall	81.00
Public Health	28.83
Licenses	228.35
Scales	77.50
Sewers	351.68
Scott Act	48.10
Taxes Assessed 1902	10038.17
" " 1901	2880.42
" " 1900	537.90
" " 1899	286.27
" " 1898	25.59
" " 1897	29.52
" " 1896	7.13
" " 1895	5.46
	\$28010.40

Received from D Munro this 5 p. m. Water.....\$254.96

Sewers.....100.00

Fuel.....38.88

The past two years we have assessed you \$7,000.00 less than the previous year when it was \$24,000.

Return of Estimated Expenditure with the actual expenditure for each department of the Town for 1902:

ESTIMATED EXPENDITURE.	ACTUAL EXPENDITURE.
\$3850.00 Interest	\$3556.35
3500.00 Water Works	3693.26
1200.00 Electric Light	812.97
4600.00 Schools	4800.00
1000.00 Streets	1192.71
1300.00 Poor	1305.41
2500.00 Fire	1952.62
3000.00 County	3019.29
875.00 Police	831.11
600.00 Team	550.03
400.00 Salaries	300.00
125.00 Printing	21.50
100.00 Town Hall	21.32
325.00 Public Health	3107.79
20.00 Assessors	150.00
414.00 Miscellaneous	545.10
500.00 Discount on Taxes	650.00

In addition to the above the following expenditures were made but were not provided for in the estimates:

Insurance	\$ 57.40
Pest House	1.00
Licenses (retail)	56.00
Scales (repairs)	1.75
Sewers	371.40
New house	37.10
Scott Act	110.00
	\$683.25

Hospital cheque issued, \$300.00.

G. A. White—I understand the expenditure is only what has been paid; it does not include all orders drawn on the treasury.

Mayor—Just what has been actually paid. It has always been so, for last council had to pay old bills.

G. A. White—Do you know the amount of bills presented at last meeting, or the amount of debentures falling due, or the amount of interest due on coupons. Somebody should know the exact amount of bills outstanding.

Mayor—I cannot answer those questions, and former mayors never did. We paid \$800, a year ago, on interest due on coupons which had been held back.

F. B. Carvell—You are mistaken for ex-Mayor Murphy, and ex-Mayor Saunders, answered similar questions in their reports. I know the former

did for he came to me, when I was town treasurer, and secured the information. You should know the amount of bills you signed to day.

The mayor, in closing, announced he was a candidate for re-election.

Coun. Dibblee, chairman of water committee, said the mayor and councillors had nothing to cover up, and if people holding checks against the town needed money as bad as he did, they would have presented them at the bank, and the proper expenditures could be gotten at easier, as for the coupons, they were liable to be presented at any time. The water committee had an efficient manager in Supt Munro, and the town had no better officer. No department had the accounts collected like the water committee had—a few hundred dollars was all that was uncollected. It was hard for the Councillors to collect taxes due by several ratepayers, but the "screws" could not be put on the delinquent ratepayers, as it could be on delinquent water takers. He thought it would be a good idea for the town to hold a ratepayers' meeting, at the beginning of each year, and vote on the estimates as they come from the finance committee of the council. The Councillors tried to keep within the estimates, but when a ratepayer asks for a sewer connection or a street repaired it is hard to refuse him. The following is the report of the water department, as prepared by Supt Munro:

Coun. R. B. Jones, chairman of the finance committee, was glad to see such a representative gathering—the largest gathering he ever beheld at a town meeting. His duty was to provide the funds for the business of the town, and the position was not a bed of roses. The bonded indebtedness was \$127,175, made up of consolidated debentures about \$80,000; sewer debentures, \$20,000; stand pipe ordinary \$9,000; ordinary bond, stand pipe, \$1700; water bond, \$2,000; electric lights bond, \$4,000; schools, \$7075; ordinary, pumping station, \$1400; ordinary, new house, \$2000. He was also chairman of the sewers. There were several localities in town that needed sewers, and ratepayers had asked for them and should have them, but the finances did not allow it last year. There were nine connections last year; total connections 224; interest on sewer bonds, \$890; total collected, \$557.68; short of self sustaining, \$143.32. He believed the old board did the best it could under all circumstances, although some departments have overdrawn their appropriations. He pointed out where the new Council could make changes in the interests of the town. He was a British subject and a Canadian; he was proud he was born in Woodstock, and was still a citizen. He had seen the growth of the town. Not many years ago the citizens had to buy water at 25c. a cask, now the town had a magnificent water service, the best fire system, and the best firemen who ever held a nozzle; he thought they should have in the future pleasant quarters in the town hall, which was at present bringing but little revenue. In response to the wishes of many citizens he was a candidate for mayor, and if he was honored with a majority of votes he would serve the town faithfully and to the best of his ability.

Coun. Lindsay, as chairman of street committee, said he had been given \$1000, but was compelled to overrun his estimates by \$192; several unpaid bills of a former Council had to be met, and the new watering cart, which was absolutely necessary, was bought for \$260, both items using up a good part of the appropriation; every bill was paid in his department. He was a candidate for mayor and was assured of a good support; as a councillor, he might say, that he only missed two meetings in last year and always looked after the welfare of the ratepayers, using his best judgment on all matters before the board. He was also chairman of the Scott Act committee, which was a difficult one to handle. Last year there were 49 informations laid, 16 convictions, and 33 cases discharged. The receipts were \$600, expenditures \$412, credit balance \$188. The object of the Scott Act was not for revenue, but to suppress the sale of liquor. As chairman of the Hall committee, he would say that it needed to be renovated, and it should be used for the purposes of the town—have the council chamber up stairs, and the lower flat to be used for fire purposes.

Coun. A. E. Jones said he had been chairman of the poor committee for several years. There were now less poor at the poor farm than for several years, and it cost less to support them. He had been given \$1700. The sum of \$501 is a fixed amount to be expended; the receipts from the sale of produce of farm were \$174.94. The number of local poor, not on farm, was decreasing, but if a sharp watch

was not made, the number would be increased by outsiders coming to town. The receipts from poor farm were not as good as the previous year; there was now seven inmates at the poor house. There were no bills outstanding, and he was satisfied the expenditures next year could be reduced a few hundred dollars. If his conduct was satisfactory to the ratepayers, he asked for their support at the coming election.

Coun. Kearney, Simonds—Would you advocate a poor farm for the County?

Coun. Jones—Yes, I would; it is the best way to deal with the poor. Then if the county had a poor farm, 25 per cent of those getting help from the county would go to work sooner than become an inmate of the poor house. Of course, the caretaker would not have much time to look after the farming, on account of the care necessary to be given the inmates.

Coun. Balmain, chairman of the fire department, said his general appropriation was \$2530, and a special appropriation of \$425; the latter was for new hose and a fire indicator which records in plain figures the box from which the alarm comes in. He had a little surplus to report and no bills outstanding. He eulogized the fire department, telling of its services in town and in Hamilton, and closed by announcing his candidature and appealing for support from the ratepayers.

Coun. Burt, chairman of the electric light, said at the beginning of the year he procured a half dozen new lamps, but he found that a number of repairs was also needed; he wrote to the manufacturers of repairs and was told that the system used in town was out of date, and the board thought he should not expend much money on electric lights last year, and probably the new council would enter into a contract with one of two power companies, and have the town lighted by incandescent electric lights. His appropriation was \$1200, and he expended \$550; they had not much light during the past year, but the expense was small. He announced his candidature.

In response to calls from the audience, remarks were made by ex-Mayor J. R. Murphy, James S. McManus and Isaiah Fisher, all announcing their intention to be candidates, and soliciting support, at next Monday's election.

OBITUARY.

MRS. M. P. SHAW.

Smyrna, Me., Jan 6th, 1903.

After an illness of a few weeks, which she bore with great patience, Mrs. M. P. Shaw passed away on Dec 10th, 1902, aged 67 years, 5 months and 19 days.

Deceased was born in King's Co in 1837, and at the age of twenty-one came to Woodstock, N. B., where she lived for thirty-four years. She then with her husband and family, moved to Smyrna, Me., where she lived until three weeks before her death.

Mrs. Shaw intended spending the winter with her daughter, Mrs. J. W. Porter of St. Croix, Me. She came to her daughter's on Wednesday and Thursday morning was taken to her bed, with Bright's disease and after three weeks of continued suffering passed away.

Mrs. Shaw has been a faithful Christian for over forty years. She was a member of the Primitive Baptist church of Lower Woodstock, N. B. She leaves a sorrowing husband, two sons, and four daughters to mourn the loss of a loving wife and kind mother. What is our loss, is her gain. Funeral at Smyrna Mills. Interment at Smyrna Mills cemetery. St. John papers please copy.

What is the Germ Theory?

This question brings us face to face with the microscope once more. We all know that it is the germ in the seed of a vegetable, for instance, or of a tree, from which the future plant springs. This germ, mind is not the seed itself. In a pea, for example, the greatest portion is the starch which is to form the food of the germ when it springs into active life and begins gradually to turn a bud. This starch in a pea placed in the ground to grow is soon exhausted, and then tiny roots are thrust out below to seek for other food in the earth, which the bud itself presses upwards and forms leaves to supply the young plant with light and heat and air. The life-germ of even an oak tree contained in the acorn is infinitesimally small. But all life springs from these germs. Now, certainly poisonous germs received into the blood through the air, or skin, or food cause disease. They are called bacilli, and each disease has one of a different shape, which can only be seen by powerful microscopes. Well, the white corpuscles of the blood speedily destroy any germ introduced so long as they are strong enough; but when the body is weakly and below par the foreigners come to stay, and the disease becomes so seated and rooted in the system that it bids defiance to everything, and leads ultimately to death. W. Gordon Stubbs, M. D.

Municipality of Carleton.

JANUARY SESSION OF COUNCIL.

January 13, 1903.

The County Council met at 10 a.m. The following are the Councillors for the different Parishes, who were all present—with the exception of Coun. A. G. Phillips.

Aberdeen—William Lamont, Fred Skinner.

Brighton—C. E. Hayward, James Faulkner.

Kent—C. E. Gallagher, M. Bohan.

Northampton—J. Rankin Brown, A. C. Phillips.

Peel—D. Phillips, W. Tompkins.

Richmond—Joseph Merrithew, J. R. Hay.

Simonds—J. V. Kearney, Wm. Raymond.

Wakefield—Frank Shaw, Albert Bell.

Wicklow—C. A. Giberson, C. A. Simonds.

Wilmot—Harry Carvell, John Williams.

Woodstock—J. H. Forrest, F. Byron Bull.

Woodstock (Town)—W. S. Saunders, William McDonald, Arthur Bailey.

Warden Saunders resigned, and the resignation was accepted.

The election of a Warden in his place was then taken up.

Coun. Hayward, seconded by Coun. Bull, nominated Coun. Carvell.

Coun. Bohan, seconded by Coun. Kearney, nominated Coun. Gallagher.

Moved by Coun. Gallagher, seconded by Coun. Faulkner, that the nomination close. Carried.

Coun. Merrithew wanted to know what had been the custom about awarding the Wardenship. Did each Parish receive a turn?

Coun. Saunders—It was customary in former times that in turn the office should pass to the various Parishes.

Coun. Gallagher pointed out that an arrangement was made last fall that after serving one year Coun. Saunders would drop out and Coun. Gallagher should be elected the next year.

Coun. Merrithew wanted to know if that was the understanding of the councillors.

Coun. McDonald said there was no understanding with him.

Coun. Saunders said there was no deal, although one member had told him that it would be well for him to have it one year and Coun. Gallagher the next year, but he did not agree to any general arrangement being binding.

The result of the ballot was as follows: Carvell, 13; Gallagher, 6.

Coun. Carvell was declared elected warden.

Warden Carvell then took the chair and thanked the Council for the honor conferred on him. He had made no canvas for the office. He would do the best he could while in the chair.

The secretary read the minutes of the last meeting, which were duly approved.

Coun. Saunders moved that the warden appoint a committee of three to meet with the Sec-Treas and report this afternoon as to the amount of money required to be assessed for the coming year.

Coun. Merrithew thought it would be well to have first a report from the auditor, and Coun. Gallagher agreed with this and moved that the auditor's report be first read. Both motion and amendment were duly seconded.

Coun. Bailey thought Coun. Saunders' motion was met by the appointing of a committee. The auditor's report would come in before the committee read their report.

The amendment was lost and motion carried.

Couns. Gallagher, Williams and Saunders were named the committee.

On motion, the auditor's report was received.

The auditor's report showed that the bonded indebtedness of the county is \$19,000 and the indebtedness on current account \$2,600. If the taxes for 1902 had been collected, or was collected, this county would be square on current indebtedness.

The government also had not refunded the Jury fees for the year. Was paid at \$630, half of the small pox indebtedness of the county.

Quite a discussion arose over the remissness of the collectors in making returns, and it was generally agreed that the collectors should be hurried up.

Coun. Saunders said the claim of the collectors that they did not know their duties, was based on poor foundation. They should find out their duties before they took the office.

Coun. Williams moved, seconded by Coun. Saunders, that J. C. Hartley be appointed secretary-treasurer. Carried.

Coun. Merrithew moved, seconded by Coun. McDonald, that Col. Vince be re-elected auditor. Carried.

Coun. Williams, seconded by Coun. Simonds, moved that the Warden appoint a committee of three to consider county accounts and report tomorrow morning.

Coun. Saunders, seconded by Coun. Bohan, moved that the accounts be read from the Warden's chair, at the meeting of the council at 2 o'clock. Carried.

Auditor Vince said, roughly speaking, there was a deficit of \$2000. There was enough due on the 1902 list to square the indebtedness, outside of the bonded indebtedness of \$19,000. The councillors have no direct way of finding out from the collectors how the different parishes stand; each councillor should have a book, go to the collectors from time to time, and find out, and keep a record, of the amount collected and uncollected for past years.

Aberdeen was ahead of the game by \$17; Brighton owed \$1229; Kent, \$1189; Northampton was ahead by \$3.55; Peel owes \$455; Richmond, \$706; Wakefield, \$522; Wicklow, \$316; Wilmot, \$29; Woodstock, \$463; Town of Woodstock, \$380; Simonds, under \$390. He saw no necessity for the county paying interest to the bank, when the different parishes owed so much; if Aberdeen and Northampton were ahead, other parishes should see that their collectors were just as much alive, as those mentioned, and the parish would not be behind as they are. Kent reported that \$200 had been collected since the report of auditor was made up, which would cut down the deficit considerably.

The amendment was carried by a vote of 13 to 11.

Coun. Saunders asked if the water could be so regulated that the water system put in in connection with the court house could be utilized.

Coun. McDonald said that he had seen Fewer Bros, and that it would be practically impossible to make connections without a great expense.

The secretary-treasurer explained about a question of Coun. Saunders, as to consolidating the Acts and by-laws regarding the county. He had been informed that a new road law would be passed this session, and he thought it well to wait till after the session before making the consolidation.

Coun. Merrithew spoke of the difficulty of collecting taxes, and wished the Warden, or some other authority, to give information how that difficulty could be removed.

Coun. Merrithew, seconded Coun. Gallagher, moved that the S. A. Inspector be requested to report after the committee on accounts are finished. Carried.

Coun. Carvell gave an invitation to councillors and officials to dine with him to-morrow at Treacartin House. Adjourned till 2 o'clock.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON.

On motion of Coun. Williams, G. W. White was heard before the board. He said his grievance was against the assessors in Peel and Wilmot, for over-taxation. In the former parish he had been assessed \$1.50 on a \$50 property, which was a very high rate. In Wilmot he and his sons have had their taxes raised to a large amount. He tried all available resources to have a fair valuation. A short time ago, \$4000 was added to their valuation. They have been over-assessed for seven years, but they had borne the burden, but this last addition was the straw that broke the camel's back. Formerly they paid 1-12 of the total school tax, then their assessment was raised until they paid 1-11 of tax, and now they pay 1-10, a total school tax of over \$45. The assessment is never raised to the value of a property, but he was assessed on a valuation of \$10,000, which was more than his property was worth; the proper valuation should be on \$8,500.

Coun. Saunders asked Mr. White if he had tendered a sworn statement of the value of his property to the assessors.

Mr. White—No, I never did.

Coun. Saunders—Then you have not complied with the law, and this council cannot grant you any redress.

Coun. Kearney said the council had heard Allan Bradley last year and gave him redress, but he had not given a sworn statement to the assessors, he (Kearney) believed in using Mr. White as fairly as Mr. Bradley was used.

Coun. Gallagher said Mr. White should make a sworn statement to the assessors and then if he was not relieved of his over-assessment, he should appeal to the valuers, whose decision would be final.

Coun. Tompkins said Mr. White had not as yet paid his taxes in Peel. When he did this, then the council-

lors from that parish would take the matter in hand and see if it would be right to refund him some money.

Coun. Williams believed that Mr. White was taxed the full amount, but he (Williams) did not feel like granting him a rebate, owing to his not having made a sworn statement. The taxes in Wilmot were pretty high last year, and no doubt Mr. White's would be lessened this year.

Coun. Faulkner did not think Mr. White was used fairly by this board, compared with the way Mr. Bradley was treated last year. If Mr. White was not granted redress, he (Faulkner) felt like moving that the motion passed in Mr. Bradley's case be rescinded.

The warden said that Mr. White was not using the councillors for the parish fairly; they had no information that he intended bringing the matter before this board. Mr. White knows that the assessors all are friends of his, and he passed these men every day, without giving them an affidavit of his property; now he brings the matter here without complying with the requirements to enable him to get redress.

Coun. Bailey said there was a difference between the two cases under consideration. A committee was appointed in Mr. Bradley's case and that gentleman appeared before the committee, and although it was true he had not made the necessary affidavit, he proved conclusively to the committee that he was over-assessed, and the committee in consequence reported the matter favorably to the board.

On motion Coun. Saunders, seconded Coun. Bailey, Mr. White was requested to make a sworn statement to the assessors, and if grievance is not redressed then refer the case to the valuers.

The following bills were read by Coun. Bailey:—

Carleton SENTINEL, \$25.00 ord. pl.

R. Colpitts, 12.61

W. S. Saunders, 25.00

Gallagher Bros, 4.00

Hartland Advertiser, 1.50

W. V. Hay, 8.00

Arthur Taylor, 4.19

James W. Woolverton, 35.95

James Stott, 4.50

Henry Barker, 4.00

Wm. Dibblee, 65.00

Dr. M. R. Commins, 9.40

Mat. Bohan, 5.30

Daisy Smith, 5.23

Sarah Lloyd, 4.23

Samuel Lloyd, 4.23

John Farley, 3.40

Winslow Dyer, 4.00

S. B. Appleby, 41.10

S. B. Appleby, 165.00

Sheriff Hayward, 100.00

A. Henderson, 21.75

J. C. Hartley, 27.04

T. G. Simms, 2.50

J. & A. McMillan, 29.00

John Farley, 14.30

E. A. Welch, 2.30

Dr. Ross, 10.40

Union Telephone Co., 5.00

Chas. Comben, 5.00

Clapper Tompkins, 2.20

Harold Tompkins, 2.20

Fred Wicary, 2.21

J. C. Hartley, 15.00

J. C. Hartley, 44.50

B. B. Taylor, 6.80

Sheriff Hayward, 41.10

Mrs. J. Loane & Co., 2.25