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POTATO GROWERS CONTINUE FIGHT AGAINST BRITISH EMBARGO

MEETINGS ARE HELD AT VARIOUS POINTS TO CONSIDER STEPS TO SECURE REVERSAL OF RULING OF DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

WOODSTOCK TOWN COUNCIL AND BOARD OF TRADE SUPPORT AGITATION TO HAVE BAN LIFTED BUT OPPOSE ANY BOYCOTT OF BRITISH GOODS; RESOLUTION TO BE FORWARDED

The agitation to have the British embargo on Canadian potatoes removed has not ceased with the announcement of the British Ministry of Agriculture that no change would be made. Meetings have been held at several points along the Saint John river valley and a delegation to go to Ottawa has been arranged.

Strong support of any reasonable measures for the removal of the embargo was voiced at meetings of the town council Wednesday night and of the Woodstock Board of Trade Thursday afternoon. Both bodies dissociated themselves from any boycott of British goods, expressing the opinion that such a step would be the last means likely to advance the cause.

The town council met Wednesday night with Mayor Page presiding. A motion urging the removal of the embargo was the only business transacted.

The Board of Trade meeting was largely attended. F. O. Creighton, president of the Board, was in the chair. He explained the purpose of the meeting and said that the Woodstock body has been asked to fall in line with others and if possible to send a representative to join the delegation to Ottawa. He opposed supporting any boycott on British goods.

Mayor Page read a copy of a cablegram received from Lord Beaverbrook, strongly advising against any boycott. This was followed by a general discussion in which disapproval of the boycott idea was expressed. Mr. Creighton suggested that some reciprocal measure might be extended by Canada toward Great Britain.

On motion of Mayor Page it was decided that resolution should be drafted and sent to all parties interested that the board was strongly in favor of the removal of the embargo, and if necessary of reciprocal measures being extended, but was opposed to any form of boycott on British goods.

The president named Mayor Page, J. D. Winslow and K. E. MacLachlan as a committee to draft a resolution carrying out the instructions of the Board.

A mass meeting of New Brunswick potato growers and shippers was held on Monday at Perth and a campaign to continue a battle against the embargo was begun.

A message was read and discussed for Lord Beaverbrook, urging that the fight be kept up, and a reply ordered cabled to him assuring him that action was being taken.

A boycott of British goods until such time as the embargo should be removed was also discussed.

It was determined to urge upon the Federal government the seriousness

Committee Issues Call For Action

Following is a statement issued by the Anti-Embargo Committee of the New Brunswick Potato Growers:

The wide-spread agony created in the Maritimes as a result of the British refusal to lift the potato embargo calls for most drastic and immediate action.

Since 1914 we have never been faced with as grave and serious an issue as that caused by the existing embargo, which was placed in 1925 because of alleged danger from Colorado beetle.

During the spring of that year a shipped considerable potatoes to the British Isles but there has never been any complaint that the Colorado beetle was imported at that time or have they ever been found in the British Isles, so that the placing of this embargo cannot be justified, and the fact that they have imported our potatoes in the past without any damage whatever is surely an argument against the embargo rather than for it.

Entomologists and all practical potato men know that this beetle goes under ground in the fall and seldom comes to the surface until the following June, and furthermore it has never been known to travel with the potatoes or been located outside the potato fields. It would be as hard to find a Colorado beetle at this time or for the next four months in Canada as in the streets of London.

At the conference held in London on Tuesday the 2nd inst when the merits of this embargo were discussed, we understand that both the British and the Dominion entomologists agreed that there was no danger before the 1st of June.

This beetle has been in Canada since 1882, but no commercial potato crop has ever been damaged where proper control methods were adopted.

Optimism was running high, everyone interested felt sure that the embargo would be lifted quickly — the entomologists had agreed and everything looked most promising until on Monday the 1st inst. there appeared in the Saint John Telegraph-Journal a copy of a letter addressed by our High Commissioner in London to

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Annual Dollar Days Will Be Held March 4-5

Opposition For Hartland Candidates

MAYOR POTTS RETURNED BY ACCLAMATION; CONTESTS IN TWO WARDS

Hartland, Feb. 10.—Two aldermanic contests appeared on the lists today as nominations for mayor and three aldermen to be elected at the new election were closed. This is the second town election to be held within a month, and interest is keen.

By an alleged oversight of newly elected mayor and aldermen, in the first election on Jan. 11, to take the election, as required by law, a new election had to be called.

R. J. Potts, who won over Amasa Plummer in the recent contest for mayor, will be returned by acclamation.

William D. McLeod, who ran against Bert Waters in Ward 3 will also be returned by acclamation.

G. Frank Seeley, who lost out to H. J. Aiton in Ward 2 is again running for office in that ward.

Herbert K. Dickinson, who was returned by acclamation in Ward 1, will be opposed by Frank Hagerman. The election will be on Monday.

TO PLAY TONIGHT

WOODSTOCK HIGH AND FREDERICTON WILL MEET

The Woodstock High School basketball team will make their first appearance in New Brunswick Inter-scholastic League game when they take on the Fredericton High School team at the Vogue Theatre this evening. The visiting team has played several games, while the local team is young and as yet inexperienced. The team, however, has the best material which has represented W. H. S. in some time, and their supporters are looking forward to their first league contest with interest.

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REFUSAL OF BRITISH TO LIFT EMBARGO REACTS ON POTATO MARKET HERE

The potato market here is feeling the effects of the reaction to the refusal of the British government to remove the embargo on Canadian potatoes. Even the very limited demand which existed has shown a falling off since the decision of the British authorities was announced, and prices dropped to even lower levels. During the past week there has been practically no demand in this area from any source, and the quotations dropped from 25 cents a barrel for Cream Mountains to 20 cents, with no Irish Cobblers being handled. Offerings were quite heavy with farmers willing to sell at any price but with dealers not anxious to buy.

Rotary Club Hear of Work At Windsor

Rotarian Lee Smith, of Windsor, N. S., was guest speaker at the weekly luncheon of the Woodstock Rotary Club held at McLean's restaurant Wednesday. Mr. Smith told of the activities of the Windsor Club, and the ways and means employed by them for raising funds for social service and other community work.

PRESBYTERY HEARS OF PULPIT CHANGES FOR JULY NEXT

TWO RESIGNATIONS AND ONE CALL REFERRED TO SETTLEMENT COMMITTEE

The Presbytery of Woodstock met on Tuesday afternoon and evening. The chairman, Rev. W. F. Munro, presided. The secretary, Rev. A. D. Archibald, of Grand Falls, was absent through illness, and the Presbytery passed a resolution assuring Mr. Archibald of their sympathy. Rev. Dr. McConnell, Superintendent of Home Missions, was present and addressed the Presbytery on the state of the work of the Church across Canada. Home Mission grants were recommended to the several aid-receiving churches. The resignations of Rev. W. H. Palmer from the Centreville charge, and the Rev. W. F. Munro from the Woodstock charge, as well as the call from the Woodstock charge to Rev. H. S. Bishop of Cavendish, P. E. I. all to take effect July 1st were ordered as agreed to by the Settlement committee of Conference. The Presbytery passed a resolution of congratulation to the Woodstock church in connection with its one-hundredth anniversary to be celebrated next month.

MASONS REDUCE K. OF P. CLUB'S LEAD

MAKE GAIN OF ALMOST 2000 POINTS ON LEADERS;

The Knights of Pythias Club remain in first place in the interclub bridge tournament, but their lead was diminished by the Masonic Club in Tuesday evening's play. The Masons scored 2724 points as against 337 for the leaders who now hold first place by less than 3800 points. The third place I. O. O. F. club had a bad night with a minus of 2157 and dropped within striking distance of the K. of C. Club who were second high scorers for the evening with 1144. The last place Garrison Club slid deeper into the cellar with a minus count of 2548.

HIGH TEAMS IN SUMMARY

1st. I. O. O. F. Club No. 3	Wm. Rudge, E. G. Smith	Plus 9134
2nd K. of P. Club No. 3	Wm. Mercreau, E. R. Jones	Plus 6973
3rd. K. of P. Club No. 2	Thos. Nodden, Dr. L. H. Reed	Plus 4985
4th. Masonic Club No. 1	C. J. Durling, A. Gordon Bailey	Plus 4051
TOTAL SCORE		
K. of P. Club	Plus 10913	
Masonic Club	Plus 7177	
I. O. O. F. Club	Plus 1912	
K. of C. Club	Minus 447	
Garrison Club	Minus 15523	

EVENING SCORE

Masonic Club	Plus 2724	
K. of C. Club	Plus 1144	
K. of P. Club	Plus 837	
I. O. O. F. Club	Minus 2157	
Garrison Club	Minus 1548	
Garrison Club No. 1	A. S. Hood, Col. C. E. Sunder	defeated the K. of C. Club No. 3
Masonic Club No. 3	P. S. Marsten, E. W. Smith	defeated the I. O. O. F. Club No. 1
K. of C. Club No. 1	J. L. Stone, J. E. True	1065
K. of P. Club No. 3	E. R. Jones, Wm. Mercreau	defeated the Masonic Club No. 2
Masonic Club No. 2	D. G. Scott, Geo. Dibblee	407
Masonic Club No. 1	Gordon Bailey, C. J. Durling	defeated the Garrison Club No. 4
E. W. Blair, J. N.		(Continued on page four)

Merchants Preparing For Big Sale

PLANS DISCUSSED AT R. M. A. ANNUAL; G. B. TRUE ELECTED PRESIDENT

Woodstock will have its annual dollar days on Friday and Saturday, March 4 and 5. Selection of the dates was made at the annual meeting of the Woodstock Branch of the Retail Merchants Association, which was held at the town hall on Wednesday afternoon. Plans for the two days big sale were discussed and committees appointed to look after details.

Members of the association, commenting on the sale, with prices at their present low level, and with every effort necessary to secure business in these hard times, taking the town as a whole, never before had the dollar had so high a purchasing value as it will have on March 4 and 5. Merchants are making preparations to handle an unusually large volume of trade on these two days.

As every line of retail store is represented in the association, it will be possible to secure almost any required article at a very greatly reduced price.

Officers were elected for the coming year as follows: president, George B. True; vice president, Godfrey Newnam; secretary-treasurer, A. Gordon Bailey.

COUNCIL MAKES CUTS IN SALARIES OF ALL EMPLOYEES

COMMITTEE APPOINTED TO CONFERENCE WITH SCHOOL BOARD ON ESTIMATES

A ten per cent reduction in the salaries of all civic employees and the appointment of a committee to endeavor to have the school board reduce their budget for the coming year were the high lights of last Friday evening's session of the town council. Mayor Page presided and others present were Councilors Johnston, Nodden, Webb, Everett, Turner and Reed, J. C. Hartley, K. C., town clerk, and G. M. McPhail, town manager.

The committee appointed to the Town Manager, regarding salaries and expenses reported that the town manager, in view of the prevailing financial conditions, was willing to accept a ten per cent reduction in salary. It was decided to make proportionate reductions in the salaries of all others on the town payroll.

The town manager reported on the proposal to purchase new machinery for the pumping station. The new equipment, he said, would cost about \$3000 and would save about \$50 a month in power charges. After some discussion it was decided to have the cost of obtaining shaker grates for the steam plant purchased with the view of using them until more funds were available.

Coun. Nodden said that it was reported the school board were going to ask for an increase of \$5000 this year. He asked if the town had any means of limiting the expenditures of the Board. J. C. Hartley, K. C., town clerk, said that the procedure was for the board to ask the council for the amount of their budget which was collected for them by the town.

After some discussion the mayor and town manager were appointed a committee to confer with the school board on the matter of their budget. The question of having the street lights left on all night instead of having them turned off at one o'clock as at present was introduced by Coun. Everett, but no action was taken.

A request was received from Whitfield Shaw for a rebate on taxes. Mr. Shaw explained that he had been forced to pay personal and poll taxes owed by another citizen, these taxes having been secured by a statutory lien on property which Mr. Shaw had taken over on a mortgage. No action was taken.

Owing to the lateness of the hour at which other business was completed the council did not discuss the budget. It is probable that this will not be taken up until the next regular meeting in March.

DOLLAR DAYS

The Retail Merchants Association will observe dollar days on Friday and Saturday, March 4 and 5. 2-12-31

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