

JOHN D. McNAIR WAS NAMED COUNTY SOLICITOR BY MEMBERS OF YORK MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

Was Selected by Ballot Vote from a List of Three Applicants—An Amendment To Delay the Appointment Was at First Voted Down—Election of Warden Morrison Unanimous.

The York Municipal Council, in annual session on Tuesday, unanimously elected Councillor Harry Morrison, of Queensbury, to the office of Warden. The position of County Solicitor, vacated by the resignation of the present Mr. Justice Richards, was filled by the appointment of John B. McNair, of this city. The Council first voted 14 to 13 against filling the vacancy, as it was argued that the salary should first be settled. After some discussion in which several of the new councillors delivered their maiden speeches, it was decided to make the appointment by ballot. The Warden read a list of three applicants, J. B. McNair, Arthur Mc. F. Limerick and Leo J. Cain. Mr. McNair secured 18 votes and was declared elected. It was decided to fix his salary at the close of the session.

The Council met at 2.30 p.m., with the retiring Warden, W. E. Nason, of New Maryland, in the chair.

Rev. M. H. Mason, the chaplain, invoked God's blessing upon the gathering and expressed the hope that under His guiding hand the county would prosper during the coming year.

John S. Scott, the secretary-treasurer, presented a list of the councillors returned at the election in September last.

Coun. Gaynor, acting county solicitor, called the roll of councillors and all answered to their names except Coun. Sanford Pond, detained home by sickness, and Coun. Howard Cameron.

Thanked Councillors

The retiring Warden, in announcing his retirement, thanked the members of the Council for the support given him during his term of office. He then called for nominations for a new warden.

Coun. Ebbett, in a brief speech in which he referred to the financial condition of the county, and the great responsibility that rested upon the Council, nominated Coun. Harry Morrison, of Queensbury, for the position of warden.

Coun. Saunders of Prince William, seconded the motion and there being no other nominations it was put and carried unanimously.

The New Warden

Warden-elect Morrison, in taking the chair, heartily thanked the members of the Council for their expression of confidence. He asked for the hearty co-operation of all the members. He realized that his responsibility was great and the best efforts of the Councillors would be needed.

Chaplain's Address

Rev. M. H. Mason, the chaplain, then briefly addressed the Council and was attentively listened to. He heartily congratulated the new Warden and trusted that he would have the co-operation of his brother councillors in the discharge of his important duties, and that the municipality would benefit from their labors. In mentioning some of the events of the past year, he referred feelingly to the death of Isaiah Morrison of Queensbury, a former member of the Council, and extended sympathy to his son, the present presiding officer. He also extended sympathy to Coun. Sanford Pond and expressed the hope that he would soon recover from his severe illness. The chaplain went on to speak of the economic depression of the last four years, and of the many difficulties the members of the Council had been called upon to cope with and congratulated them on the way they had conducted the public's business. Some good men had fallen in the recent election, but he hoped their successors would carry on with as much efficiency. There was a feeling, he said, that the worst of the depression was over, and this was borne out by a reduction in unemployment. Conditions were constantly improving in Canada, and unemployment had been reduced by one-third. In New Brunswick there had been an increase in lumbering operations but a heavy fall of snow was making it rather difficult to carry on work in the woods. He thought that the range camp, established in Sunbury county, would

make easier the relief problem. In closing the chaplain wished the members of the Council a very happy New Year.

Harry G. Hoben, county auditor, submitted his report on the finances of the County. The report was accepted and ordered to be submitted to the committee on the secretary-treasurer's accounts.

The Warden appointed the following Councillors:

Sec.-Treas. Accounts—Couns. Barry, Wright, Dunphy, Stennick, Manuel, Graham, Estey, Briggs, McKnight, Wetmore, Whitehead, Doherty, Griffin, Dobbie, Fisher, Coburn.

Public Accounts—Couns. Gaynor, Saunders, Young, Nason, Waugh.

County Solicitor

Coun. Nason asked that the applications for the position of county solicitor be read.

The Warden said that there were applications from Arthur Mc. F. Limerick, John B. McNair, Leo F. Cain, all of Fredericton.

Coun. Saunders, moved, seconded by Coun. Ebbett, that the application of Mr. McNair be accepted.

Coun. Robertson said that the salary of the solicitor should be fixed before an appointment was made. He held that it should be done at the end of the session. He pointed out that the work had been satisfactorily performed last year. He moved as an amendment that the appointment be deferred. Coun. Manuel seconded the amendment.

Coun. Gaynor said that while he had taken the minutes of the July meeting, he did not feel that he was competent to continue to act.

On the vote being taken the amendment was carried by a vote of 14 to 13.

Coun. Gaynor said that he agreed with Coun. Robertson that a salary should first be fixed.

Coun. Barry thought that the three applications should be disposed of and a vote taken by ballot.

Coun. Manuel said that he would like to have the duties of the county solicitor defined. It should be known whether or not he was to assist parish officers, or handle court business, should it be necessary. It might be necessary soon to revise the by-law, and the Council should know if the county solicitor was to do it without extra pay. He thought the Council should try to get along without a solicitor until the close of the session. He thought Coun. Gaynor should be prevailed upon to take the minutes of the present session.

Couns. Nason and Robertson thought the Council should fix the salary first.

Coun. Coburn thought the solicitor should be appointed at once and the salary fixed. If it was not satisfactory to the appointee, then another could be named.

Coun. Estey thought that a solicitor should be appointed as his services would be needed during the session.

Coun. Wright thought that there should be an appointment made.

Coun. Doherty thought that three applicants should appear before the Council and tell what services they are willing to perform.

Coun. Estey wanted to know if all three applicants were qualified under the law.

The Warden said that he was without information.

The motion that a choice be made by ballot was adopted and the Warden appointed Councillors Robertson, Saunders and Waugh as scrutineers.

The result of the balloting was announced as follows: McNair, 18; Cain, 10; Limerick, 1.

Coun. Gaynor moved that an appointment be made by ballot.

Coun. Estey read the by-law, which declared that the county solicitor must be a ratepayer of the county. He understood that only one of the applicants was qualified for the position.

On motion of Coun. Nason, the Council adjourned until tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock.

When words fail, it may be because one is not using the right ones.

WINS SCOOP AT THE NORTH POLE

New York, Jan. 3.—Exciting is the story of how John Dored, a lone cameraman battling for his story on the jagged ice floes north of Spitzbergen became jammed with the cameramen as days went by and the Noble party remained lost. Most of these men had official connections, which made it difficult for Dored, who had no official backing. Confusion reigned in the snowbound silence.

Making heroic use of his expense account, Dored bought a dog team and managed to get overland to where the Italian icebreaker Braganza was coaling up. The Italian newsreel men objected, but the commander could not leave Dored on the ice. He grudgingly was taken aboard.

Dashes Across Ice

The Braganza became locked in the pack ice. A radio message brought the news that Signor Nobile had been rescued by the Swedish aviator Lundborg.

Wrote his boss "I was pretty desperate," Dored wrote his boss. "I had no idea that all other cameramen were in my own fix, and all I realized was that I had to cut off the party carrying Nobils to civilization."

"We were only about 25 miles from a Swedish alraser. A guide on the Braganza led me there. It was my only chance, and it clicked. A plane gave me a lift and I arrived at Kings Bay before Nobile left."

Dored got a talkie interview with the exhausted airman, bribed his way by air to La Havre, where his film was dispatched to New York.

Death and Comedy Iso

Sometimes there are tragic Mornings of the newsreel. For instance years ago revolution broke out in Santiago with no preliminary cracklings.

A cable was sent to an amateur photographer there. No reply. Another was sent. There still was no reply. Cursing amateurs that could not seize fortune by the forelock, the editors cabled the Paramount exchange to ask what had become of the amateur cameraman.

Then the answer came. The amateur had been overjoyed at his first real assignment. He had rushed out after the government troops.

When the troops had entrenched themselves he "st up" on a little knoll overlooking the battle area. The reds advanced; the government troops scampered away in panic. But not the amateur.

He stood his ground, grinding away as the reds advanced.

Killed Sticking to Job

The next day they found his body. He still clutched his battered camera.

Chilean newspapers listed him as the victim of an accident, but in newsreel records his name is high on the roster of cameramen killed in the performance of duty.

Of course there are times when things are soft for the newsreel men, sometimes too soft. Things were soft to the point of gooeyness when Ludwig Geisop, Paramount news hooter, received a wedding cake full on the chin when he attempted to photograph the nuptials of Bud Stillman, son of the New York millionaire, James Stillman.

The bride had said that she did not desire her picture in the newsreel and she meant it. Ludwig, who had sneaked in with his picture box, tried to take the picture, but wound up by taking the cake as well as the count.

Give time, every precedent will be broken. Don't worship them.

Smile: As low as the thermometer during December.

A new electric furnace at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology not only produces heat exceeding anything known on the surface of the sun but it is immeasurably more handy for practical use.

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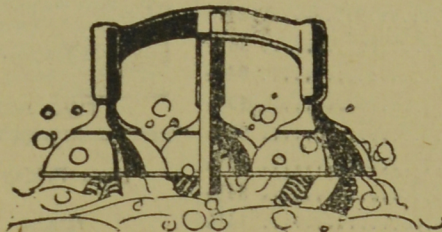
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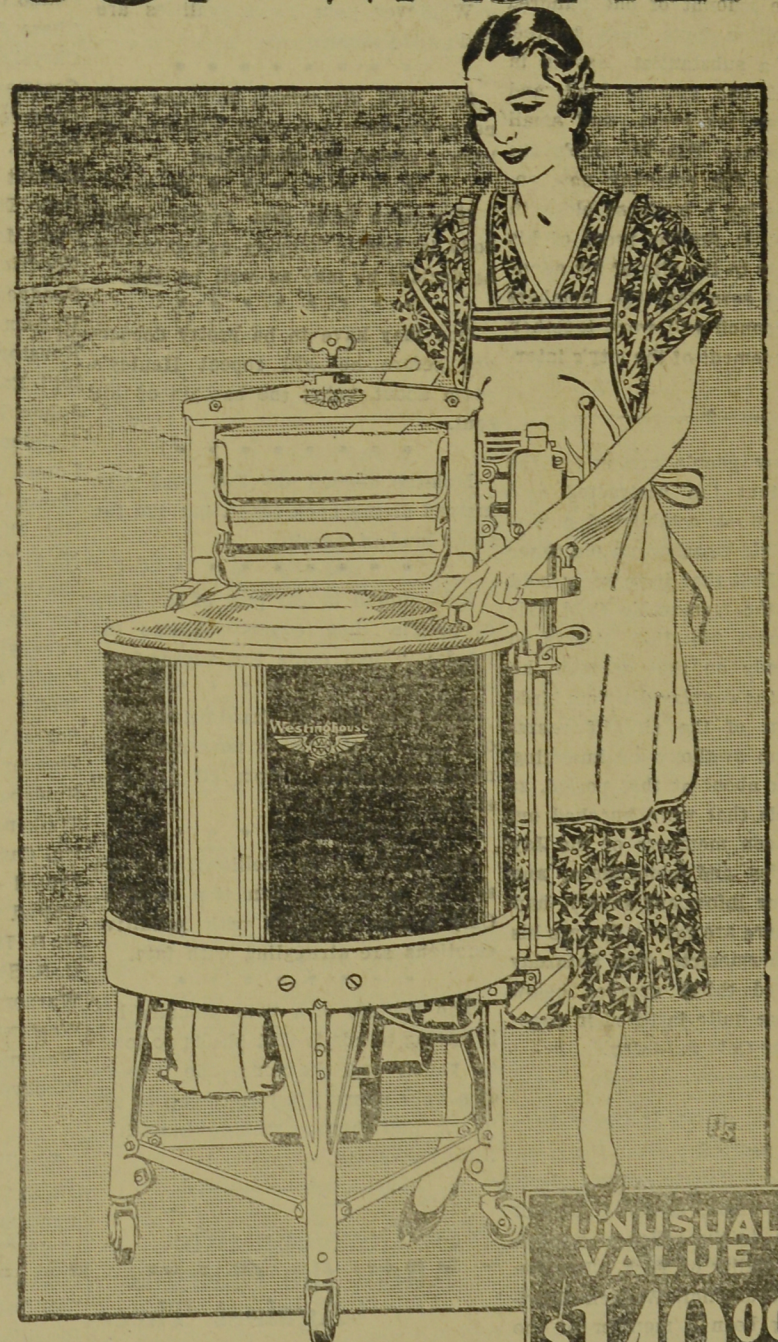
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