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TIME FOR A CHANGE.

The Opposition Convention to be held in St. John on Monday and Tuesday of next week should not be overlooked by those who want to see an improvement brought about in the administration of our provincial affairs. All opponents of the Provincial Government, regardless of their affiliations in Federal politics, will be welcome at the convention, and there should be a good sized delegation from the County of York. In the old days, when New Brunswick had an annual expenditure of \$900,000 and a net debt of \$3,000,000, the people were told by certain men now in high places that the province was "on the verge of bankruptcy." If what they said was true, then how much worse is the situation today, when the annual expenditure is \$1,600,000 and the public debt close to \$9,000,000? The men who are in control of affairs today are not only extravagant, but have, over and over again, shown themselves to be grossly incompetent. The time has arrived for a change in the administration of our provincial affairs. Men who have a real interest in New Brunswick and want to see its affairs placed on a sound basis should feel it their duty to attend the convention, which opens in St. John on Monday evening.

SUNBURY IN LINE.

The Municipal Council of Sunbury has done well for the Patriotic Fund. Prof. DesBares, of Sackville, and a delegation from this city waited upon the Council at the Burton Court House on Wednesday, and ably presented the claim of the fund.

The councillors took the matter up at their meeting on Thursday and unanimously voted the sum of \$2,275, which was the amount apportioned to that municipality at the joint meeting held here a few weeks ago. The Council has the necessary legal authority to order an assessment for public purposes, and it is to be presumed that it will be done during the ensuing year.

At the joint meeting already referred to, it was recommended that the City of Fredericton and the municipalities of York and Sunbury assess themselves for the sum of \$25,000 this year for the benefit of the Patriotic Fund. The suggestion met with popular favor and the different municipal bodies have responded with a promptness and unanimity which is most commendable. The Town of Marysville was apparently overlooked by those who mapped out the scheme, but no doubt the Mayor and Council of that town will arrange to pay a just proportion of the amount to be assessed upon the county.

Sir Robert Borden recently made the announcement that Canada's army for overseas service is to be increased from 250,000 to 500,000 men. If this goal is to be reached, it will be necessary for the Government to carry out some more efficient method of recruiting than that which prevails at present.

The Federal Government is said to be willing to continue the operation of the Valley Railway provided it is permitted to take all of the receipts. If this proposal is acceded to by the Provincial Government, it will let the province in for the interest charges of between six and seven million dollars, or a total of about \$275,000 a year. It is about time for our municipal bodies and boards of trade to bestir themselves.

MORE DISCUSSION OVER SCOTT ACT MATTERS

The Municipal Council this morning received the report of Secretary J. W. Smith of the County Board of Health. Secretary Smith's financial statement and accounts were so confused and mixed that it took the Public Accounts Committee two days to straighten them out. Secretary Smith presented a bill for \$7.40 for services during the two days in which he committee was working on his accounts, his services consisting in his being present. The bill was not passed by the Public Accounts Committee, which asked the council to deal with it. The council sent it back for further consideration.

Secretary-Treasurer Bliss gave a decision that the Scott Act inspector old office at the pleasure of the council. It was decided to ask the provincial government to amend the law relating to the appointment of the inspector so as to make the appointment annual, the inspector to be removable at any time on a majority vote and also to have the right to search for liquor on suspicion. Right was given the Parish of Canterbury to appoint its own Scott Act inspector.

The Municipal Council resumed business at 10.30 Friday morning.

SECRETARY SMITH'S BILL.

Coun. Hugh W. Smith, chairman of the Public Accounts Committee, placed before the council a bill for \$7.40 from Mr. J. W. Smith, secretary of the Board of Health, for services within the past two days.

In response to Coun. Alex. Brewer, Coun. H. W. Smith explained that Secretary Smith had brought in his accounts and his report. The accounts had been found to be in such a state of confusion as to be unintelligible. The Public Accounts Committee could not make their balance until after much labor and reference to the bank.

Mr. Smith, however, had insisted on putting in a bill for \$7.40 for which he already had been paid.

Coun. Thomas W. Brewer said that there was nothing due Secretary Smith. He had been before the committee since yesterday at noon attempting to straighten out the accounts. It had been found that Secretary Smith had never drawn the board of Health appropriation for the year although the amount had been credited to the board. The accounts finally had been balanced except for the bill for \$7.40. This he speaker did not think was due.

On the motion of Coun. Alex. Brewer, the bill was referred back to the Public Accounts Committee.

Coun. Harry A. Smith, seconded by Coun. Alex. Brewer, moved a resolution to permit the county to make certain financial arrangements through the Royal Bank of Canada.

INSPECTOR'S TERM.

Secretary-Treasurer Bliss asked leave to reply to the query made on Thursday by Coun. Sloat re the appointment of Scott Act Inspector Timmins. Leave was granted.

The secretary-treasurer quoted from the Consolidated Statutes and ruled that the inspector was appointed at the pleasure of the council, no term of office being mentioned by the act.

Coun. Harry A. Smith said that, according to the act, it required a two-thirds vote of the council to dismiss the inspector.

Coun. Pat Graham claimed that the Scott Act inspector's term was supposed to expire at the end of the year just as the term of any other official. If the law was such that the council could not control the appointment of its own officials the legislature had better be asked to change the law.

Coun. Sloat said that Secretary-Treasurer Bliss, at the time of the appointment of Inspector Timmins, had ruled that the inspector was appointed by the year.

Secretary-Treasurer—"If I said that I was wrong."

To Coun. Hugh W. Smith, Secretary-Treasurer Bliss replied that an inspector could be appointed on a majority vote under the provisions of the act.

Coun. Pat Graham claimed that the law permitted the council to appoint a Scott Act inspector for any term during which he could be dismissed on a two-thirds vote. What he wanted was the present inspector removed. He would advocate that the council take the matter in its own hands and remove him. It was a disgrace. Here was a Scott Act county being run by "run-mies." It is plain that it was not the temperance element that was in control. The inspector had disregarded the instructions of the council with regard to enforcing the Scott Act by first, second and third offenses.

COUN. DOUGLASS' SUGGESTION.

Coun. Douglass asked if it were possible to ask the provincial legislature to amend the law so the Scott Act inspector could be appointed annually.

Secretary-Treasurer Bliss replied in the affirmative.

Coun. Alex. Brewer suggested that

the idea be incorporated in a motion.

Coun. Harry A. Smith suggested that at the same time the provincial legislature be asked to provide that the Scott Act inspector could be removed at any time by a majority.

BOARD OF HEALTH REPORT.

Secretary J. W. Smith of the Board of Health, presented his report. The latter mentioned the outbreak of diphtheria in St. Mary's and Gibson in the past few months which has not yet been stamped out. Typhoid, la grippe and pneumonia were said to be prevalent. The expenditure for the period had increased.

Secretary Smith, discussing his financial statement, said that he had been puzzled over it for a long time, the supposition that he had money in (Laughter). He had been working on the bank when it was not there. Coun. Thomas W. Brewer had been a great help in straightening out his accounts.

He had done his best. With regard to his bill for \$7.40 for two days' services performed while his accounts were being straightened out, if he could not get it he was not so poor that he could not get on without it. From June 30th to December 31st the expenditure had been \$570.28, having a balance of \$107.86. The expenditure was much heavier than in the preceding period.

RESOLUTION PASSED.

Coun. Douglass, seconded, moved the following resolution:

That a committee of three be appointed to draw up a resolution asking the provincial government to amend the act referring to the appointment and dismissing of the Scott Act inspector.

Also that he may have power to search places where he has suspicion of liquor being sold.

The resolution was carried and Ward Stairs appointed the following committee:—Coun. Alex. Brewer, Coun. Douglass and Coun. Pickard.

PARISH INSPECTOR.

Coun. Hugh W. Smith moved that the Parish of Canterbury be permitted to appoint its own Scott Act inspector without salary.

Coun. Lawson objected that McAdam had his own inspector and also paid its share of the county inspector's salary. He did not see why Canterbury should be relieved of paying its share.

Coun. Hugh W. Smith replied that he had not yet asked that Canterbury be relieved.

His motion was carried. On motion, the election of county officers was made the first item on the order of business.

Coun. Sloat moved that the Buildings Committee instruct the janitor to lock the doors of the committee-room when closing the Court House at night. Coun. Goodine seconded the motion, which was carried.

Coun. Sloat explained that his motion was to prevent the committee room from being used as a rendezvous at night.

GRANT FOR RECRUITING.

Coun. Harry A. Smith moved that a grant of \$200 be given for the recruiting campaign.

Coun. Douglass seconded the motion, which was carried.

On the motion of Coun. Hunter, a resolution expressing sympathy with Coun. Clarence A. Grant of Canterbury, on account of the painful accident he recently suffered was passed.

Coun. Grant was also voted the sessional indemnity which he would have had had he been in attendance.

CHARLIE ALLEN WON BOUT FROM "YOUNG HACKENSCHMIDT"

Not more than a hundred wrestling fans turned out last night to see the Charlie Allen-Young Hackenschmidt bout. The wrestling was interesting and went to the local man, Allen, much to the delight of the crowd. "Hack" gave Allen thirty pounds in weight but had it all over the Fredericton man in condition. Lieut. R. B. McFarlane of the 104th Battalion, was referee.

Allen took the first fall in twelve minutes on a double Nelson. The second went to Young Hackenschmidt in six minutes on a hammer-lock and scissors. The third fall went to Allen in six minutes on a flying arm-hold. It looked for a time as if "Hack" was going to take the fall. He worked hard for it and almost had Allen when the latter turned the tables and pinned the visitor's shoulders to the mat on a flying arm-hold.

After the match Referee McFarlane called for order and announced that he loser wished to make a speech. "Hack" told the crowd that he had

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given his opponent thirty pounds' advantage.

"Then, Mr. Allen is a pretty good wrestler," he said, amid laughter. "Hack" said that if the too-hold was barred he would take Allen on again at any time.

Charlie Allen also spoke, saying that he intended to get into condition and would then be ready to take on anyone with no hold barred.

The preliminary boxing bout between Parker, Hackenschmidt's manager, and William Ogden, a young colored fellow from St. Mary's, was good. The two went four rounds.

Mr. C. H. Shaw of the Canadian Linotype Company, is at the Barker House.

NOTICE OF SALE.

To the Creditors of William Pond, of the Parish of Saint Mary's, in the County of York and to all others whom it may concern:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that under and by virtue of an Indenture of Assignment made between the said William Pond of the first part, William T. Howe, Sheriff of the said County of York, of the second part, and the Creditors of the said William Pond of the third part, and registered in York County Records in Book E-7 at page 440, the seventh day of December, A.D., 1915, and under and by virtue of Chapter 141 of the Consolidated Statutes of New Brunswick, 908, being an Act respecting Assignments and Preferences by Insolvent persons, there will be sold at Public auction in front of the Court House in the City of Fredericton, in the said county of York, on SATURDAY, the TWENTY-NINTH day of January, instant, at the hour of twelve o'clock

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2. Lot No. 13 in Durham Settlement in the said Parish of Saint Mary's, containing 92 acres more or less.

3. Lots Nos. 16 and 17 in Durham Settlement in the said Parish of St. Mary's, containing 187 acres more or less.

All of above lots of land and premises being subject to a First Mortgage in favor of Walter W. Boyce of the said City of Fredericton, registered in York County Records in Book 151 at page 469, and also subject to a second Mortgage in favor of The Dominion Fertilizer Company, Limited, registered in York County Records in Book 151 at page 542.

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