

MAYOR OF NEWCASTLE HAS WORDS OF PRAISE FOR HON. A. C. TAYLOR

Says Minister of Agriculture is One of the Best
in Canada

Pedlars Fees Discussed

Council Wants Readjustment of Justice Accounts
With the City

The York Municipal Council on Friday afternoon transacted a lot of business, with a view to winding up the session. Pedlars' licenses were discussed and the question of reducing the fee was considered. Administration of justice committee reported on an adjustment of accounts with the city authorities, and the report was adopted. The city now pays one third of the cost and the County two-thirds. Coun. Robertson thinks that the big end should be carried by the city and had a committee named to try and secure a readjustment with the city.

Dr. J. M. Cameron, district medical officer addressed the Council and submitted some interesting statistics on contagious diseases. Another visitor was His Worship Mayor T. H. Whalen of Newcastle, who treated the Council to a characteristic address, which was attentively listened to. He warmly praised Hon. A. C. Taylor, the Minister of Agriculture and urged the Council to get behind him in his efforts to improve agricultural conditions. He was glad to know that the agricultural department had taken on life and suggested that the Council recommend the government to make a larger grant in aid of agriculture.

Friday Afternoon

The Council met at three o'clock pursuant to adjournment with the Warden in the chair and all the members present.

Coun. Morrison reported the receipt of a letter from the family of the late M. B. McNally, a former Warden expressing thanks for a letter of sympathy sent by order of the Council.

Lists of Parish Officers and assessment lists for the Parishes of Bright, Queensbury, Kingsclear, McAdam, New Maryland and Douglas were received and adopted.

Pedlars' Fees

Coun. Malone said that there had been some discussion at the July session over pedlars' fees. He noticed by the Auditor's report that the receipts amounted to only \$1. Evidently the \$50 license fee which was to be imposed had failed to materialize. He moved that the license fee be fixed at \$5 instead of \$50 and at \$10 instead of \$100 and moved an amendment to the by-law.

The Acting Solicitor briefly explained the provisions of the by-law, and defined the powers of the Council in reference to the matter.

Coun. Maloe's motion was then put to the meeting.

Coun. Cameron said he could not very well vote for the motion.

Coun. Nason said that pedlars were numerous in his district, but it was difficult to get them to pay more than the dollar fee, and some did not pay that.

Coun. Wright claimed that the by-law had been revised last year and the fee fixed at \$25.

The Acting County Solicitor said that amount was recommended but the fees were fixed at \$50 and \$100.

Coun. Robertson wanted to know if a citizen of Fredericton could be described as a resident of York County.

It was explained that a resident of the county was supposed to be a resident taxpayer.

A Marysville Complaint

Coun. Manzer said that as a storekeeper he was hard hit by competition from Fredericton grocery stores. They paid no taxes in the town and delivered groceries in his neighborhood. He thought that if they wanted to carry on they should pay a tax for the privilege.

After some further discussion a motion by Coun. Gaynor that the matter be referred to the by-law committee was carried.

Coun. Morrison presented the report of the committee on Administration of Justice. It showed an expenditure of \$7,095.56 for the year, of which the County's share was \$4,349.10 and the City's share \$2,746.46. The largest item was \$2,288.02 for the county jail, with the courthouse second at \$1,350.02. The cost of the sheriff's office was \$1,078.05.

Wants Readjustment

Coun. Robertson thought that the County had the wrong end of the adjustment, and that the City should pay two thirds and the County one-third. His recollection that some years ago a committee had been appointed to deal with the matter but had made no report. He moved that a committee be appointed to confer with the city authorities on the subject and report at the July session.

The report of the Administration of Justice committee was adopted.

Coun. Robertson's motion was also adopted. The Warden appointed Couns. Robertson, Chairman of the committee.

Health Conditions

Dr. J. M. Cameron, district medical officer, was invited to address the Council. In reviewing health conditions he reported only five cases of diphtheria during the year, and the outbreak had stimulated interest in toxoid clinics, a number of which were held. In all toxoid treatment was administered to 1,348 children. There were 21 cases of scarlet fever but no deaths. There were nine typhoid cases and two deaths. The use of impure water was believed to have been the cause. He would suggest that wherever possible, the water supply of a town be utilized. There were forty-two tubercular cases and fifteen deaths, an increase over last year. The cause of the increase was crowded living conditions due to the depression. In closing, he referred to the death of Dr. Bailey, one of the staff of medical inspectors of the province.

Dr. Robertson referred to some scarlet fever cases in which he alleged there was unfair treatment. Many people when a scarlet fever case appeared, objected to calling in a physician for fear of being quarantined. He thought that the ban should be lifted in slight cases. Scarlet fever was only dangerous when complications appeared.

Dr. Cameron said that there was fear of contagion even in light cases of scarlet fever. The period of quarantine for scarlet fever used to be six weeks but had been reduced to five. There were instances where the patient had been known to carry the germ for five weeks.

A Miramichi Voice

His Worship Mayor Whalen of Newcastle being present as a spectator, was invited to address the Council. He thought that the Councilors had displayed wisdom in the selection of a Warden as a firm hand was needed at the helm at a time like this. He had enjoyed the speeches at the banquet last evening, particularly the fine address of Hon. A. C. Taylor, the Minister of Agriculture. The department of agriculture had been dead for many years and in some parts of his county people forgot there ever was such a department. The best element of the people was not found in the vicinity of abandoned lumber mills but was to be found in agricultural districts. He hoped the Council would pass a resolution calling upon the government to increase its appropriation for agriculture. In the hinterlands of this province there were people who knew nothing whatever about farming. As all knew crops did not grow themselves but had to be carefully cultivated. A better distribution of farm products and uniformity in prices should be brought about in this province. They had as Minister of Agriculture a gentleman who understood farming and was one of the best in the Dominion. They also had a capable Deputy Minister of Agriculture. His advice to the Council was to get behind the Minister of Agriculture and assist in the elevation of farm life in the province.

Coun. Manzer submitted the report of the committee on public accounts which was adopted.

On motion of Coun. Manuel the Council adjourned and resolved itself into a meeting of the Municipal Home Committee.

STEEPLEJACKS UNLISTED UNDER NEW DEAL JOBS

Relief Employment Not for Those Climbers, Who
Prefer Independence; Capital's Sam Killian
Was One of These Clever Workers

WASHINGTON, Jan. 8.—Uncle Sam has a long list of jobs which he has given to a long list of workers. Under the New Deal people were given strange employment as archeological research. Men on work relief were given employment digging in mounds and barrows to unearth relics of the past. But not even such work can compare in interest with the holders of jobs in one of the narrowest trades in the world, the trade of steeplejack.

Relish Independence

There is no particular position of the sort at the national capital. There is no civil service position which keeps a man on salary year in and year out. It is doubtful whether Uncle Sam could get a steeplejack to take such a berth. Steeplejacks are folk who relish their independence, their independence of regular employment as well as their independence (apparently) of the laws of gravity.

When the federal government wants a steeplejack job done it awards a contract. It is seldom there is much, if any, bidding. The competition in the trade is practically nil. Ordinarily there is only about one around. He puts in his bid in a pro forma manner and is awarded the contract because no one else can perform it.

Sometimes, however, he bids against persons other than steeplejacks. There is, for example, the remarkable story of Sam Killian, and this is pretty much the story of Sam Killian all the way through.

One summer's afternoon there came roaring down the valley of the Potomac one of those fierce thunderstorms peculiar to the region. The lightning played and the thunder rolled and, in the midst of the uproar, a bolt struck the campanile of the old Post-office Department. This is a lofty tower, perhaps 200 feet in height, which soars above the main mass of the edifice. It is, architecturally, somewhat reminiscent of campanile of St. John's in Venice. The structure is built of granite in huge blocks, each of which weighs hundreds of pounds.

The bolt of lightning had struck in such a way as to dislodge one of these close to the very summit of the great tower. It was pushed out of place just far enough to overhang and threaten to fall. Had it fallen it would have crashed ponderously down to the roof of the main court of the building, the floor of which is thronged with working postoffice clerks. That there would have been destruction is beyond doubt.

Trick of the Trade

So it was necessary for the Post office Department to take instant steps to repair the damage. But, under the law, it is necessary to ask for bids. The contract goes to the lowest responsible bidder.

In this case there were but three bids. It was a mean job that nobody wanted very much—nobody but our man. One bid came from a contracting company and stood at \$3,100. A second one called for \$2,900. Then came a third. It asked only \$250. That man was the lowest responsible bidder. He got the job.

The trick is that the other two bidders realized they would have to erect scaffolding from the street to the top of the campanile. That would be their chief cost. The replacing of the granite block itself would not be so expensive a job, but the scaffolding would take a lot of timber. Our low bidder was Sam Killian, the steeplejack. He erected no scaffolding from the street. He got to the highest accessible place and then, like a cowboy, swung a line around the epi of the campanile, as one would lasso a steer. With this hold, he rigged a boatswain's chair, hauled himself up to the seat of the trouble and with tools which he knew well how to use pried the granite block back into place. He did the job in two hours and collected his \$250 for it.

But the government has jobs which are not so easy for the steeplejacks it employs. The tallest smokestack in Washington is that which rises from the old Bureau of Engraving and Printing Building. It is a high steel cylinder which furnishes the draft and discharges the smoke from the furnaces where the worn out paper currency of the United States is destroyed. About every two years it must be painted, outside and inside to protect it from rust.

Well, Sam had painted the outside successfully and then began the painting of the inside. To do that a steeplejack lets himself down to the bottom in a boatswain's chair and begins painting by torchlight. The light of day is so far above that it looks like only a small circle of luminance. Only a fair beam glimmers below. He had begun the job, hauling himself up foot by foot when somebody blundered. The stack was supposed to be cold for the work, but a mistake occurred. A fire was built in the furnace which the shaft served.

Close Calls

One remembers Edgar Allan Poe's tale of the Cask of Amontillado and other weird tales, but it would be hard to duplicate this experience. Here was Sam, 150 feet or so down this smokestack, when the hot smoke and fumes began to pour upon him. There was no way of signaling. These steeplejacks work alone. There was but one thing to do, to begin hauling on his lines as hard as he could. Surrounded by smoke getting ever hotter and hotter, choked well nigh to suffocation, up he went. Half-conscious from the experience, he found himself at the top. But where was he then! On a perch from which he looked down an unconscionable distance to the ground. Next he must manage to lower himself somehow on the outside of the stack, growing hot and hotter until, at length he reached the ground. The miracle is that he did reach it.

Things like that are just but accidents in Uncle Sam's steeplejack service. On another occasion he was painting upward on the outside of a stack when he got near the top. There he discovered that the whole thing was rotten with rust and the whole structure began to topple. With amazing dexterity, he kicked and swung his chair and, going through the air like the Man on the Flying Trapeze, just managed to reach, some 30 feet below, a neighboring roof, while the stack to which he had been clinging crashed rattling to the ground.

These men usually start as sailors before the mast. There, if the art comes to them, they learn the intricate science of rigging and also, of course, the trick of being unafraid of great heights. Sam, for instance, was painting the stack of a nitrate plant in Chile one time when his rigging—which he had permitted an assistant to arrange—failed and down he came, 100 feet to the ground. He fell on a grass plot. Astonished and dismayed workmen gathered around and looked with awe at the prone figure, obviously dead. But one must beware of obviousness. In a few minutes our man turned over, gazed at the spectators, and asked why someone did not get him a drink. Then, if you please, he went up the stack again and finished the job.

He is dead now, that able man, but he did not die as did another one who had worked for Uncle Sam. That other who, perhaps, had done as notable exploits, was killed by falling six feet while painting a garage in his own backyard!

IDLE INCREASE

DETROIT, Jan. 8.—Unemployed in automotive plants of the strike-harassed General Motors Corporation neared the 100,000 mark tonight as negotiations progressed toward a meeting of company officials and representatives of the United Automobile Workers of America.

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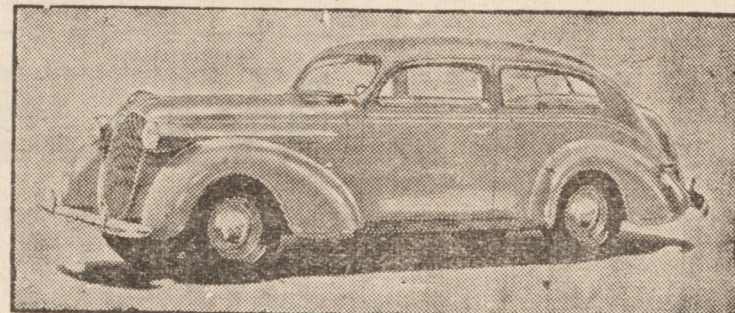
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