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SUMMERSIDE NEWS.

The public meeting called by the Town Clerk for Monday evening at 7.30, was by some reason delayed until after eight o'clock. Mr. Hunt, chairman of the Council, was late in arriving and the people became thoroughly uneasy. Such delays are unnecessary.

At 8.15 p. m., Mr. Hunt nominated Hon. D. Rogers as chairman, and Messrs. Bent and Molison as secretaries. The chairman in his opening remarks stated that the meeting was open for a discussion on the matter of lighting the town with electricity, and to discuss civic matters in general. He hoped there would be no wrangling and that the speeches would be delivered in a gentlemanly manner.

MR. HUNT. This meeting was called for submitting estimates and giving you particulars regarding the subject of electric light for the town. It is for you as taxpayers and not the Council to say whether we shall have the light or not. Mr. Hunt here explained the matter similar to what was said at the last special council meeting on the evening of the 12th inst.

MR. JOHN CAMPBELL. Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen.—I think if the town could afford to have the electric light it would be a good thing for the citizens. It would show that we are progressing. I am an advocate of advancement, but we should understand what we are doing before entering on a speculation of this kind. I am not posted regarding the matter. The audience has heard Mr. Hunt and they can judge for themselves. The expenses seem far lower for us than any of the Western towns enumerated for comparison.

MR. D. MONTGOMERY. I think the council has done right in asking the opinion of the people. I would enjoy the light as well as any man. The rates seem low if the incandescent system is suitable for the street. I would like to hear the estimate for house lighting.

MR. R. MACLEOD. Do the Council Board intend to give the contractors a guarantee for any length of time to light the streets? Can we afford this luxury? Would it not be better to apply that amount of money with some view towards improving the streets?

MR. R. HUNT. The present applicants for the contract want to make an agreement for five years or more. This is a matter for consideration. I presume no company would take hold of it with only one year guarantee. For lighting houses and stores a maximum rate would have to be submitted from the companies and the private arrangements would be made between the manager and the parties requiring the light. I think a resolution should be submitted so that a vote of the meeting could be taken.

MR. D. STEWART. I don't think it would be fair to take a vote to-night. I believe this meeting should not take a definite stand at present, but give the people a chance to talk the subject over. Why not the town take hold of this speculation itself. In other places it has been done successfully. Moncton, for instance, has turned a large revenue from this source into the city treasury. If any company can make it pay, why can't this town? In some places a 40 per cent. profit has been made and that is a good reason why the town should take hold of it as an investment. Surely the town can take it in hand, as we have a good financial standing and could realize the money in a short time.

MR. W. STEWART. I desire to make the following motion: "Resolved that the incoming council get all possible information on the subject of electric light before entering into a contract." Seconded by Mr. R. Campbell.

Any town that don't go with the current is lagging behind. The electric light would be a good thing to have, especially in the rear end of the town, as the present lamps are very seldom lighted on dark or stormy nights. I can't understand why the expense here would be so much lower than other towns of the same size which were mentioned. It is worth while to consider the best way before doing anything definite, altho' I expect after the election, one party will be pulling against the other and we will get no light.

MR. MCKAY. Our streets are badly lighted on stormy nights. The present lamps, as a rule, are not lighted. It has been decided by law that it is imperative for all towns to keep the streets lighted, but Summerside falls far short of it. In case of accidents the town would be liable for damages. I would hardly care to give a definite opinion regarding the electric light. The different figures given as to the cost, no doubt, were caused by the different electric systems. The arc light would be the most expensive. I am satisfied the investment will be a profitable one to the town, as strangers visiting here in the summer time remark about the darkness of our town and a bright light would induce tourists to visit this place more freely.

CAPT. JOSEPH REAR. As there is no prospect for a vote I would like to know who is going to run for Councillors. That would have considerable to do with the expense of lighting the town, as some men are more capable of running the finances than others. For my part I have no fault to find with the old council. Coal can be had here cheaper than any other part of Canada and that would make electric light cheaper than many of those other places mentioned.

CHAIRMAN. This meeting was not called to definitely settle the question, but to find out public opinion and see if the people are prepared for this new light.

MR. JOHN A. SHARP. I came to listen and not to express an opinion. It lies with the people altogether whether they shall have the electric light or not. Before anything in this matter can be done it will have to be submitted for their approval.

MR. GEORGE MUTTART. Capt. Walsh spoke about the lights in the rear of the town being useless. That objection is done away with according to the plan prepared for lighting the town with electricity. The main lines will run in the shape of a V or triangle, that is, from Hall's factory on an eastern point to Mr. Strong's on the hill, and from Hinton's tannery in the west to Mr. Strong's on the hill. This plan will take the whole town in from these points.

MR. T. B. GRADY. I have nothing to say in the matter further than what my letter expressed. The proposal I submitted was only an off-hand estimate and it would not be fair to Mr. Muttart or any person else who may tender to give any inside figures of the actual cost. I might say that coal, one of the main expenses in running a plant, cost in Western Canada \$4 per ton, here only \$1.50. Then again our streets will only have 32 candle power instead of 2,000 candle power arc lights that are used in many of the places named. These are some of the reasons why our town can be lighted so cheaply.

MR. STEWART'S resolution was now read by the chairman and carried unanimously.

MR. R. HUNT. At the last public meeting we had I said I intended to leave the civic chair at the same time I was not an apologist for the way the Scott Act was carried out. The cry was the council gave instructions to have no third offences pushed. I was not aware any such instructions had been given and when the matter was sifted down it turned out only one at the board made a passing remark to that effect. The legal machinery was there for the prosecutor to put in motion and he was paid for the purpose of carrying out the Scott Act. Previous to last year the alliance or temperance league controlled McCall and differences had occurred between the council and the league. Last year we said McCall would have to work for one party and not carry tales from one side to the other. This was done and we had far more money to our credit at the end of the year than when both the league and the council controlled him. Our idea is to stop the profits of the traffic and you stop the business and by securing numerous fines against parties selling they will find it so unprofitable that they will have to go out of the trade. The object of the league was to get violators imprisoned, but that never stopped the selling nor it never will, as the sale goes right along when the convicted are in jail. At the last town meeting there was considerable talk of a missing school debenture and an effort was made to leave an impression that the council had given no proper account of it. I wrote to Mr. Strong, chairman of the School Board, who informed me it had been deposited in the S'ide bank when Mr. Staver was chairman of the School Board. Previous to this (Mr. S.) occupying the position. This debenture should never have been issued as it was not required for school purposes. And it was Mr. Staver's duty to hand over all the assets to his successor in office. Mr. Staver did not do that, but came here to make the people believe I took the money. This is a very unfair way of canvassing. As far as the coming election is concerned I am under no promise not to run. I told Mr. Sharp I did not think I would run, but said nothing definite. I think it was not good for the new ticket to ignore the Catholic interest and make up their card without representation from that body. Nothing would make me run again quicker than this spirit of intolerance.

MR. D. MONTGOMERY. I have spent three years in the chair and six years as a councillor, and thought I had done my work well. It was done at least to the best of my ability. I can assure Mr. Hunt, as one of the new ticket, that there was no desire on the mind of any one to ignore the Catholics, or show any spirit of intolerance. We called on our Catholic friends, and were told by many of them, if you cannot get a Catholic to come out on your ticket, we will support the temperance party with or without a Catholic.

MR. JOHN M'NALLY. Mr. Chairman—I have a requisition placed in my hands containing some 280 names, asking our popular and chief magistrate to represent us again at the next civic election. As the time was short we had not the opportunity of reaching a large number of Mr. Hunt's supporters. However, this should be a

guarantee to him that the citizens want him to control the management of the town affairs for the next year.

The chairman read the clauses of the requisition to Mr. Hunt, who responded.

MR. R. HUNT. I was sorry to hear on Friday that this paper was being circulated, but as I see so many names of men my own age, who have stood shoulder to shoulder with me in other contests, and I may say, nearly all the young men in the town, that it really makes me feel young again, and I have to accept this nomination and trust my friends to work the canvass. As I am in the field at the last minute, and do not feel well at present, all I can do is to thank them and put myself in their hands for the rest.

MR. J. M. CLARK. I am not a member of the Alliance, but can say the ladies have taken no part in this campaign as Mr. Hunt intimated to them, although we hope they will assist and lend their aid. I hold a requisition to Mr. John A. Sharp, containing 200 names, all placed on the list within six hours, promising him support in the coming election for Chairman of the town.

MR. J. A. SHARP. I have much pleasure in receiving this requisition. I intend to run and think I will be elected,—any way, with your help I will get there. I am not here to find fault with the old Council, but must say the Scott Act has been neglected. A prosecutor was appointed, but not allowed to do his work. If I am elected that will not be said of the new Council.

DR. A. A. MACINTYRE. I was surprised to hear Mr. Hunt express himself in regard to the new ticket, and as a Catholic I can exonerate the six men who are on the card from any such desire as ignoring a Catholic representative. They called upon me; I refused and advised them to take a Protestant and we would support him.

COUNCILLOR F. T. FANNING. Dr. MacIntyre made a speech he should be ashamed of. He said he did not want to run. He knew the consequence of a former trial. The Catholics of this town should have two men on the ticket. It is an insult to the Catholics. It looks as though the new ticket wanted to blackmail them. The only fault some people have with the old Council Board is the Scott Act. There are other things that affect the interest of the town they fail to see, as well as the liquor traffic. Some people must continually find fault and we expect that from them.

MR. JOHN T. M'NALLY. I hold that Dr. McIntyre or any other Catholic does not control that vote in this town. We have sufficient intelligence to use our own opinions, and stand equal in liberty with our Protestant friends. I say it is humiliating to admit we are unable to control the liquor question without appealing to the law. The people must be educated up to the necessity of adhering to temperance without the aid of law or force. Until that time arrives, there will be trouble with the question.

COUNCILLOR ALEX. CAMPBELL. I am proud to see such a large audience. A few years ago no such meetings could be got together. Why was this? Because the present council is a progressive one, and has infused a greater interest in the citizens concerning their own affairs. The finances are now in a good position and it is no wonder to see so many others trying to become councillors. Before this Board took hold there was a different state of affairs. Just let the people look back and see what we have done in the past few years. I don't believe McCall is the right man for prosecutor for the Scott Act and we intend to make a change if we get returned. We are going to move forward with the times and make necessary improvements as rapidly as possible.

MR. R. MOC. STAVERT. I protest against Mr. Hunt making the statement that I alluded to him as taking the debenture. He is simply striving to gain sympathy. Mr. Ramsay, the secretary, under me as Chairman of the school board, left the debenture in the Summerside bank for safe keeping. I had no intention of casting odium on Mr. Hunt when I asked about the debenture. I only wanted to see what the auditors would say as I knew they had not seen it.

MR. R. C. MCKEOD. The new ticket is satisfied with the financial management of the town by the old board but not with the way the Scott Act has been carried out. I think Mr. Hunt would have done better if he had a better lot of councillors to his back, some who were in favor of the temperance movement. The councillors are more to blame than the chairman. I can assure the people the new board will have every rum shop closed before three months and I shall help them all I can.

MR. J. M. CLARK attempted to speak again, but as the hour was now very late the audience dispersed to their respective homes.

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NEWS BY TELEGRAPH

British Government

Narrowly Escapes Defeat on Sexton's Motion.

FEUDS IN SAN FRANCISCO.

[SPECIAL TO THE GUARDIAN.]

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 16.—Highlanders have again renewed their feud. A Chinaman was stabbed last night.

Narrow Escape from Defeat.

LONDON, Feb. 16.—The Government had a narrow escape from defeat last night, and the air is full of rumors of dissolution. It is said the Conservatives have advised the Government to dissolve the House as soon as possible. The division was on Sexton's motion.

Favorably Reported On.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 16.—The Ways and Means committee this morning decided by a strictly party vote that Springer's free wool bill, Bryan's free binding twine bill and Turner's bill for free cotton, bagging and machinery for manufacturing the same be favorably reported on.

Eminent Divine Dead.

TORONTO, Feb. 16.—Dr. Pirotte, chairman of the Methodist Conference, is dead.

It is said Blake will re-enter politics if the Liberals will change their policy to commercial union.

Prominent Death.

St. JOHN, Feb. 16.—Robert Turner, head of the dry goods firm of Turner & Finlay, died to-day.

The Same Old Story.

PROVIDENCE, Feb. 16.—While fooling with a revolver last night, Mrs. Parker accidentally wounded her four year old son.

Chicago Markets

(Special Telegram to Guardian.)
CHICAGO, Feb. 16.—Feb. corn 40½; oats —May corn 41; wheat 91½; pork closing \$11.82; oats closing 31½.

The Weather

PROBABILITIES FOR THE NEXT 24 HOURS.
WASHINGTON, Feb. 16.—1 p. m. continued fair weather; colder, with westerly winds.

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