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Kin of founder was first mayor of Alexandria

A grand nephew of Bishop Alexander Macdonell, who had been the founding father of the future town back in 1819, was given an acclamation as first mayor of the new town. Alexander D. McDonell (Sandy Duncan) farmed on the western outskirts of the village and he had served on village council in recent years. A section of his farm is now our town's industrial park.

Nine candidates sought the six councillor seats in municipal voting January 5, 1903, and election results were bulletined in The News office windows as was the custom of that era.

Winning council seats were: F. T. Costello, John D. McIntosh, Archie McMillan, John McKinnon, John A. McRae and Francis Sabourin. A. L. Smith was re-appointed Clerk and treasurer at salaries of \$125 and \$50 respectively.

That evening the Citizens' Band under Professor Hyde serenaded the winners in their homes, as did Pipers Angus P. McDonald and Alex N. K. MacLeod, who had just arrived from Qu'Appelle. They added their quota of music to the general merrymaking.

The Carriage Works was incorporated that spring as a joint

stock company called the Munro & McIntosh Carriage Co. It was capitalized at \$250,000 in shares valued at \$100. These were not offered to the public.

In March, MacPherson & Schell successfully tendered for delivery of 1700 large windows for the new locomotive works at Montreal. The Export Company was to furnish 56,000 feet of flooring for that building.

A vote of \$17,000 for the new Alexandria Post Office went through estimates and later it was decided the site would be the locale of the existing structure, corner of Main and Catherine Streets. The present office would be moved back and turned to face Catherine Street. Mrs. Lefebvre's house would also be moved further down the street. That old post office building is still intact, now the property of Duncan Titley and an apartment house after long and useful service in many capacities.

The contract for the new post office was awarded in October 1903 to one Joseph Bourque of Hull, Quebec. He had been the contractor for the ill-starred reformatory, which story will be found in another column.

would speedily rebuild the newer office building.

Another fire on June 29th completely destroyed the offices of the Carriage Works, including the building that housed some \$25,000 worth of finished carriages. The home of J. D. McIntosh was threatened by the blaze. Rebuilding started at once.

Heavier steel rails were being laid on the C. A. R. that summer, between Ottawa and Coteau and new sidings were built here. In an unrelated rail event, J. T. Schell, M.P., was awarded the contract for building the Canadian Northern line from Hawkesbury to Ottawa.