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FARMERS' MEETING.

LARGE AND REPRESENTATIVE MEETING AT COVERDALE.

MONROE, Jan 24.—A large and representative gathering in the Methodist church, Coverdale, presided over by Hon. C. H. LaBillette and his wife...

NOT POLITICS.

V. W. Hubbard, secretary of the Farmers and Dairyman's Association, was the first speaker and briefly introduced the speakers who were to follow.

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ROCKWOOD PARK.

THE GREENHOUSE MADE QUATE-IMPROVING THE GARDEN WILL CONTINUE IN THE SPRING.

What THE TELEGRAPH said in October last in regard to the inadequacy of the Horticultural Association's greenhouse at Rockwood Park, and the necessity of a larger house, is clearly proven at the present time.

Every nook and corner of the building is crowded with plants, and such being the case, additional care is necessary in order that the plants may be kept in condition.

In a few more days the seeding of annuals will commence and then the place will be taxed to its entire capacity.

When the present greenhouse in 1894 it was then ample enough, but as the years rolled on the association's ambition for the betterment of nature increased.

More flower beds were added; more delicate places made attractive and cheerful, and as a result more money was expended.

Progress and Prosperity. Every year of the association's existence has been marked with progress and prosperity.

The good work that they have done will always receive the appreciation of the people of this city. To carry on the work of beautifying the public squares and the garden at the park a large sum of money is required.

The association is by no means wealthy, but its members give willingly and often in order that others may be made happy and dignified places made brighter by the presence of flowers.

Those who can not very well pay the membership of \$3 a year, or are otherwise unable to contribute a smaller amount can do the next best thing—give their consent and urge the common council to increase the grant to the association.

About \$1,000 is spent annually in beautifying the squares alone. Last year the common council granted \$200 of this amount.

Larger Greenhouse. In order that the association may continue to progress in well doing it is necessary that a larger greenhouse be built or an addition made to the present house.

The association are willing that this should be done and are ready to proceed with the work of building a large and comfortable greenhouse.

It is suggested that the association should be organized into a committee to look after the matter of building a large and comfortable greenhouse.

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CHIEF KERR'S REPORT

OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT FOR THE PAST YEAR.

The following report was submitted to the city council Thursday, by John Kerr, chief engineer of the fire department:

To His Worship the Mayor, Edward Sears, Esquire, and the members of the City Council:

Gentlemen:—I herewith present for your consideration my report of the fire department for the year ending 31st December, 1898.

The total number of fire alarms issued during the year was 96 and there were in addition to this number 13 of which it may be termed still alarms, making a total of 109 calls.

The brigades, or portions thereof, in the North and South Ends responded to 73 bell alarms and 12 other fire calls while the firemen on the western side of the harbor were called out on 19 occasions.

As near as I have been able to ascertain the amount of insurance on buildings and contents damaged by fire during the year was as follows: Insurance on buildings was \$1,937,576 and the insurance loss paid thereon \$30,177,555.

In addition to this the steamer Olivebank, which, I am informed, was insured for \$12,000, was burned and a total loss incurred. The insurance on stocks, machinery, furniture, etc., was \$55,870,10; loss paid, \$28,383,13; uninsured losses, \$26,000.

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The most serious fire during the year occurred on 29th October, 1898, and broke out in Messrs J. & A. McMillan's store, on east side of Prince William street. The alarm was given at 2:10 a.m. Messrs McMillan's loss on stock, machinery, plant, etc., outside of insurance, was estimated at \$15,000.

The insurance on their building was \$8,000, and the loss was appraised at \$4,300. The total insurance on building, machinery, stock and plant only amounted to about \$16,000.

The apparatus of the department is in good order, with the exception of the hose cart which requires immediate repairs and painting.

A new hose cart has been provided by your honorable board for hose company No. 4, and was lately placed in service. A ladder rack was ordered for hook and ladder No. 3, in the North End, at the same time, but, for reasons unknown to me, has not as yet been furnished.

The recommendations in my last report with reference to the procuring of lighter stations for the engines, have been carried out, and the department are thus enabled to connect the engines to the hydrants much more rapidly than with the larger stations.

Up to the present time the West End fire alarm has not been connected with the station on the east side, and I would, therefore, recommend that during the year at the service be connected, so that the citizens of Caverton and the firemen will not have to depend on telephone or messenger for assistance from the eastern side.

For the reasons assigned in my former report I have again to call your attention to the necessity of placing the fire alarm in several circuits. I have, for years reported on this subject, but as yet nothing has been done towards improving the system. Great praise is due Mr. Wilson, the superintendent, for the able manner in which he has performed his tasks of keeping the system in a working order.

I would also recommend that the telephones be placed in No. 1 and 2 hose carts, and in the hook and ladder house, North End, and a team of horses procured for the North End ladder truck.

The stations are as a rule in good order, but stable should be built and attached to hook and ladder No. 2. The apparatus is placed at a great disadvantage in responding quickly to alarms. He has to run out of the building to a stable in the rear and bring the horse into the station and then by which his team. This is not so it should be, and I earnestly urge upon you not to allow this condition of things to continue.

My recommendation remained in my report for 1898, as to the engine house, has not yet received our consideration, but I desire again to bring it to your favorable notice, so that the men connected with this company may have a decent place in which to hold their meetings and the department a hall when an occasion may require, all of the men can be called together. In that report I recommended that another story be added to the building, and a flat gravel roof substituted for the present pitched and shingled roof.

I desire to bear testimony to the friendly relations existing between the fire department and the members of the officers and men of that section of the department, for their able assistance during the year.

My personal thanks are due also to Chief of Police Clark and his men for their able and cheerful assistance at all times and to the district engineers. Officers and members of the brigade it is my privilege to commend my best thanks for the able manner in which they have co-operated and all performed their various duties.

Herewith annexed is the record of fires and alarms and losses during the year. Respectfully submitted,

JOHN KERR, Chief Engineer of the Fire Department.

A young man of Arcola, Ill., is a volunteer soldier, his father is an army chaplain, and his mother an army nurse.

FRENCH DEPUTIES

Discuss Newfoundland and Claim Their Rights are Incontestable.

PARIS, Jan 24.—The chamber of deputies resumed its debate on foreign affairs, referring to Newfoundland, the minister of foreign affairs, M. Delcasse said the French rights were incontestable, that no one questioned them and that there was no reason to suppose that they would not be respected.

The debate was then opened by M. Vaillant, Socialist, representing the second division of the Seine, instructing the government to propose the formation of an international arbitration court to take steps to transform the army from an offensive to a defensive force, to reduce the military expenditure and to open negotiations looking to international labor legislation.

ARMY RE-ORGANIZATION. Three Important Propositions Before the House.

WASHINGTON, Jan 24.—The debate on the army re-organization re-opened in the house today under an agreement by which the general debate is to run 15 hours, exclusive of three night sessions; the final vote to be taken later than 3 o'clock next Tuesday.

Practically, three propositions are before the house, the house bill, providing for a standing army of 100,000 men, the minority substitute increasing the standing army to 30,000 men, and leaving with the president discretionary power to call out 50,000 volunteers for emergency service and a proposition to continue temporarily the regular army at its present strength—62,000 men.

MAMIE SAUNDERS ASHORE She Has Been Bordered by Life-Saving Crews.

Cape May, N. J., Jan 25.—The three-masted schooner of Mamie Saunders, of Richmond, loaded with railroad ties, came ashore on the south end of Cold Spring bar during the heavy lightning and thunder storm of last night. She lies in any easy position. The life-saving crews of Cold Spring and Two Mile Beach are about her.

Run Into by a Tug. New York, Jan 23.—The schooner W. J. Potter, Captain Rankin, was run into by a tug of the New York and New Haven railroad today, in Hell Gate, and was seriously damaged that the sank after being towed into Astoria Cove.

Moderation is beyond price and, consequently, beyond our means.

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE.

New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island Conference and St. James' Methodist Church, Montreal.

The conference special committee met on Tuesday evening, the 24th inst., in the Queen Square church, and by adjournment on the 25th in the Centenary church to consider what action ought to be taken to relieve the St. James' church, the Rev. Dr. Brecken, president of conference, in the chair. There were also present Rev. E. W. Weddall, B. A.; J. Read, G. W. Fisher, city; Rev. J. J. Teasdale, Fredericton; Rev. T. Marshall, St. Stephen; Rev. W. Harrison, Bathurst; Rev. C. H. Paisley, M. A., Sackville; Rev. Dr. Chapman, Pointe-a-la-Peine; Rev. Geo. Steel, city secretary; Rev. Dr. T. G. Williams, senior pastor of St. James' church, was also present at both sessions.

He made a lengthy statement and gave all possible explanations of the difficulties of the position and showed the need of immediate and liberal outside help. Letters were received from Rev. Dr. Evans, Dr. Sprague, E. Blackford and G. Campbell, explaining their inability to be present.

Eventually the following resolutions were unanimously passed: 1. This committee having listened to the Rev. Dr. Williams' statement of the embarrassed condition of St. James' Methodist church, Montreal, and being of the opinion that the feasibility of the plan of relief proposed would hereby express its sympathy with the church, and the Rev. Dr. Williams in the heroic effort they are making to secure relief and thereby save this time honored centre of usefulness and blessing, not only to the city of Montreal, but to the entire Methodist.

2. Therefore resolved, That the conference as special committee recommends all the circuits and missions throughout the conference to take up special offerings by envelope or otherwise for the purpose of helping to reach such a desirable issue.

3. Further believing that a simultaneous effort to grow over the great Taxpayers' ventures to state that there is not a person who would be pleased to see the gates of Rockwood park closed.

Contributions Liberator. A beautiful city attracts the attention of the tourist, a class of people there who are ready to give for the present and to be pleased to see the gates of Rockwood park closed.

Money is Necessary. Improvements are to be continued in the garden in the spring, which means an expenditure of one or two thousand dollars before the work is completed.

The association intend to make the most attractive spot in the park, and in order to enjoy the beauty of the flowers