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Miramichi and the North Shore, etc.

THE SMALL POX embargo on public assemblages is to be removed by Sunday next, if no cases appear—as they have not done, so far — in Chatham, Newcastle, Nelson, Douglastown or Millerton.

THE RASCAL IS ALIVE:—Ex-mayor Snow of Moncton, who disappeared so mysteriously about eight years ago, has been located at Key West, Florida.

BAND ENTERTAINED:—On Wednesday evening, 2nd inst., the Citizens' Band were entertained at the Lindry restaurant by Senator Snowball.

THE ROYAL BANK OF CANADA:—An extra of the Canada Gazette announces the change of name of the Merchants' Bank of Halifax to the Royal Bank of Canada.

SERIOUS MISHAP:—Mr. Charles McDonald, while working in the Maritime Sulphite Fibre Company's mill on Monday, had one of his feet crushed by a digester cover, weighing several hundred pounds, falling on it.

ILL LUCK:—Much sympathy is felt for Mr. David Anderson—who, it will be remembered, had his leg broken at the McDonald Factory fire—in a saw-accident by which he lost part of one of his thumbs on Tuesday while working in the new factory.

ELECTION OF INDIAN CHIEF:—Indian commissioner, W. D. Carter, held an election for chief at Big Cove, Kent county, the other day. The candidates were Louis Nicholas and Thomas Joseph. The former was elected chief by a majority of 24. The poll stood 47 to 23

THAT TIGHT FEELING in the upper portion of your lungs is incipient bronchitis. You will proceed next to having inflamed lungs and pneumonia may follow. Adamson's Botanical Cough Balsam will give immediate relief. It has never failed and will not in your case. All druggists 25c.

A FARMER away out in Oregon, writing to the publishers of Horse Book, advertised in this issue, says: "I have read a number of books on the horse; some of them were large and of high price, but Biggle Horse Book did me more real good than any of them." The price is 50 cents, by mail; address the publishers, Wilmer Atkinson Co., Philapelphia.

TO SPEAK AT FREDERICTON:—Hon. Sydney Fisher, dominion minister of agriculture; Prof. James W. Robertson, commissioner of agriculture and dairying, and F. W. Hodson, dominion live stock commissioner, will be among the speakers at the meeting of the Farmers' and Dairymen's Association at Fredericton on the 23rd, 24th and 25th inst.

A CHANCE FOR CANADIAN TALENT:—With a view to encouraging the development of a literary spirit in Canada, The Ladies' Magazine, Toronto, is offering cash prizes for the best short stories by Canadian writers. The competition is well planned, and further particulars are given in the January number of the magazine. A photographic competition is also announced, and cash prizes offered.

THEY'VE CUT THE LAST TREE:—The last year of the nineteenth century witnessed the last kick of the foreign export trade from Moncton proper, and this class of trade is now confined entirely to the outports. Not so very many years ago fifty and a hundred vessels loaded here yearly, with railway ties, etc., but with the clearing out of the near-by forests this trade has all gone.—Moncton Times.

MARRIED ON CHRISTMAS DAY:—At Little Metis, Que., on Christmas Day the marriage took place of Mr. H. A. Wheelhouse, of Campbellton, N. B., and Miss Mary Blue, of Boston, Mass., formerly of Little Metis. The ceremony was performed by Rev. G. A. McIntosh, of the Methodist church, after which a largely attended reception was held at the residence of Mr. F. Astle, uncle of the bride. Mr. and Mrs. Wheelhouse will reside in Campbellton.

MARRIED IN ST. JOHN:—At St. John, yesterday, Mr. Percy Robinson, Manager of the Bank of Nova Scotia, Newcastle, and Miss Holden, daughter of Dr. Holden, of St. John—and a grand-daughter of the late Judge Rainsford Wetmore— were married. The event has been anticipated for some time by a large social circle of the young people's friends in St. John who, with those of the groom on the Miramichi, wish them every happiness.

AN ART TREASURE:—Senator Porier of Shediac, at the suggestion of a Montreal correspondent, makes an appeal in the Moniteur Acadian for funds wherewith to secure a historical painting representing the dispersion of the Acadians. The painting won for the artist Beau, of Montreal, a medal at the Paris exposition. Senator Porier invites subscriptions for the purchase of the picture with the purpose of hanging it in the Lefebvre Memorial hall, Memramcook.

A FIRE ALARM on Friday forenoon was caused by a spark from the chimney igniting the roof of the tenement house, on the S. E. corner of Duke and King streets. It was put out by streams from "the chemicals" belonging to the hook and ladder truck. One was operated first from a ladder taken from John Bassit's. There was considerable delay in getting the town ladders to the place; but the work was finally accomplished in sufficiently good time. It is hoped the boys will give more evidence of readiness next time.

THE MOFFAT BUSINESS:—A Dalhousie despatch of last Thursday to the Telegraph says:—It is reported on reliable authority that the extensive lumber business and property owned by George Moffat & Co., of which George Moffat is the sole owner, is about to change hands, a company of Boston lumbermen being the purchasers. The property to be transferred includes Mr. Moffat's lumber limits, saw mill, boom privileges, scows and steam tug. The price is in the vicinity of $200,000. The transfer is to be made before the 1st. of February.

C. M. B. A. OFFICERS INSTALLED.—At the regular meeting of Chatham Branch, January 2nd, the officers for the present year were installed, as follows:

C. P. Hickey, President.
P. J. Ryan, 1st Vice President.
Edward McMahon, 2nd Vice President.
Jas. F. Maher, Recording Sec.
Fred S. Maher, Asst. Recording Sec.
T. Myrt Gaynor, Financial Secretary.
B. M. Moran, Treasurer.
William Hackett, Marshall.
William Thompson, Guard.
Chas. Cassidy, sr. and Rev. H. T. Joyner, Trustees.

No. 45, I. O. O. F.—At the last regular meeting of Chatham Lodge, the following officers were installed by the District Deputy Grand Master:

T. Calvin Craig, N. G.
John C. Stewart, V. G.
J. B. Bell, (P. G.), Sec.
A. H. Marquis (P. G.), Treas.
William Cassie, War.
J. L. Stewart (P. G M.), Con.
Wm. Sinclair, (P. G.), R. S N G.
John Brown (P. G.), L. S N. G.
Stanley Mowatt, R. S. N. G.
Henry W. Fleiger (P. G.), L. S. N. G.
Jas. McCulloch, R. S. S.
Sidney Harding, L. S. S.
A. W. Watters (P. G.), I. G.
Howard W. Fleiger (P. G.), O. G.
George Thompson, J. P. G.

1ST OF THE CENTURY:—The first papers of the century—that is bearing the date 1901—printed in Northumberland county were issued about ten days ago from the ADVANCE Job office. There were many reams of them for at least a dozen of our patrons who were sufficiently wide awake to have their letter heads, bill heads, fish receipts, railway bills, etc., ready for the rush of the New Year. We are turning out some excellent and taking styles of new century printing, so our friends will do well to send along their orders, so as to have them filled in time for actual requirements.

FINED $200:—Messrs. Vanwart Bros. of St. John, have been fined $200 by the Customs authorities for shipping deer meat to the United States as rabbits.

There was a manifestation of ingenuity in the method of Messrs. Vanwart, which ought to commend them to a certain class of Natural History people. The conversion of moose meat into rabbit's flesh is an effort in the direction of metamorphosis which might be made the basis of an appeal against the fine, on scientific grounds. Can't something be done for Messrs. Vanwart by our local Natural History Society?

PERSONAL:—Miss Mary Russell of Newcastle, N. B., who has been studying music for the past year in San Francisco and Victoria, is spending the Christmas holidays with her brother F. F. Russell.—Vancouver World.

Amongst Chatham's visitors of the past week from Newcastle, were Messrs. Robert Ritchie, W. A. Park, John Ferguson and Major Maltby.

Mr. Geo. Moffat of Dalhousie and Mr. F. O. Petterson of Sydney were in town last week.

Mrs. D. T. Johnstone of Bathurst, is amongst Chatham's holiday visitors.

Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Neale left Chatham last night for Pensacola, Fla. They went by way of Montreal and expect to be absent two months.

Mr. Edwd. Ruddock has returned home from a pleasant trip to Boston.

Don't Forget About Your Corns

If they give you pleasure and you have them as an adornment don't apply Putnam's Painless Corn and Wart Extractor, for in twenty-four hours they would be entirely removed and their beauty destroyed. Now this is known to nearly every body, including your druggist; ask him if it is not so. Sold by C. P. Hickey, Chatham.

Curling.

The Chatham Curling Club is putting the play in its regular matches through in good shape.

The match for the Tweedie medal is down to a play-off between the R. A. Lawlor and Hocken rinks—the latter being skipped by Rev. J. M. MacLean.

Play for the Robinson cup has, so far, resulted as follows between the rinks engaged:

W H MacLachlan's	15 vs	Geo Hildebrand's	6
Robt Murray's	17 "	R A Lawlor's	14
Arthur Johnston's	12 "	H McKendy's	7
Rev J M MacLean's	15 "	Geo E Fisher's	13
A S Ullock's	15 "	S B Heckbert's	14
E Johnson's	17 "	W J Connors'	15
Geo Watt's	15 "	Alex Brown's	14

Through the Ice at Dalhousie.

DALHOUSIE, N. B., Jan. 3.—While George Moffat was unloading some horses yesterday morning which he bought in Montreal, three of them escaped and ran out on the ice. Thomas Cumming, Wm. Montgomery, jr., and James Wallace started after them. About three miles from shore the horses went through the ice. The three men while trying to take the horses out went into the water with them. George Moffat, his son and Chas. Powell started with horse and sleigh to give assistance. When about half way out Moffat and son with horse and sleigh went through the ice. Powell, after great difficulty, got them out. All were saved except one horse. It is almost miraculous how the men escaped from drowning.

Miramichi Moose and Caribou.

The Sun's Boston correspondent says:—Horace S. Pike of Worcester is the latest American to be captivated with New Brunswick as a sportmen's paradise. Near Blackville, on the Miramichi, he shot a big moose, which he has had shipped to Worcester. According to Mr. Pike, New Brunswick is the greatest field on the continent for moose hunting. "The authorities in the province," Mr. Pike informed the Worcester newspapers, "are courteous and affable, and strangers are welcomed cordially. Moose in the Miramichi district are more plentiful than in any part of the Maine hunting regions. The same is true of caribou." The success of Americans in New Brunswick during the past season has resulted in the province getting considerable advertising, and at the present time, it looks as if the Yankee sportsman would not be a stranger there during the next few years.

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Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. 25c. E. W. Grove's signature is on each box.

A Hoax.

An extraordinary statement appeared in a despatch to the St. John Telegraph on Saturday last. It was as follows:

"Mr. Robt. Loggie, of A & R. Loggie, Loggieville, had a vein in his leg severed by being struck by the runner of his sleigh while turning it. He had the wound dressed by a doctor but the flow of blood didn't stop entirely. Blood poisoning set in and Mr. Loggie left for Boston yesterday morning intending to have his foot amputated."

Mr. Loggie's many friends everywhere will learn with pleasure than he is at Loggieville, and, therefore, has not gone to Boston and that he has no intention of parting with his foot. He met with an accident under circumstances similar to those described by the Telegraph's correspondent, but there has been no justification in any of his experiences for the St. John paper's exaggerated statement.

Election of Officers.

At the regular meeting of Branch No. 130 C. M. B. A. of Bathurst, held on Tuesday, December 4th, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

Spiritual Advisor—Rt. Rev. Th. F. Barry.
Chancellor—P J. Burns.
President— L. O'Brien.
1st Vice President—W. J. Laplante.
2nd Vice President—Frs. J. Malanson.
Recording Secretary—P. J. Veniot.
Assistant Rec. Secretary—Chas. E. Mc Manus.
Financial Secretary—Jos. Meahan.
Treasurer—Sam. J. Melanson.
Marshall—Thos. Salter.
Guard—Thos. Kennah.
Trustees—John Melanson, Donald J. Hachey, E. L. O'Brien, Edward Hall and R. A. Sutton.
Representative to Grand Council—P. J. Burns.
Alternate—J. S. Hachey.

Fire in the Fredericton Cathedral.

A Fredericton despatch of 4th inst. says:—"A fire which might have been attended with disasterous results broke out in Christ church cathedral here this morning. Smoke was discovered issuing from the building at noon, and the alarm was at once rung in. The firemen upon arriving found it impossible to penetrate into the building, owing to the vast volumes of smoke which filled the edifice from top to bottom. Several of the handsome windows had to be broken to allow the smoke to escape, and when the interior of the church had been cleared sufficiently to allow an entrance, it was found that the fire had originated from the furnace near the chancel. A large part of the latter had to be torn up in order to get at the flames, and it was some time before the fire was extinguished."

Nerviline a King of Pain.

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Christmas and New Year's at Bay du Vin.

Bright, hearty services were held at the Church of St. John the Evangelist, Bay du Vin, on Christmas Day. The church, as usual, was decorated in a becoming manner with evergreen and appropriate texts. There were large congregations, good singing, interesting and appropriate sermons, and two celebrations of the Blessed Sacrament. On the Feast of the Circumcision, a tea and Christmas tree was held in the S. House. There were about 50 children present with their parents and friends and everything passed off well. Mess. Wilkinson superintended the dressing of the tree, and Mr. W. Wood Williston represented Santa Claus. At the close, the Rector, on behalf of the children, thanked those who had been instrumental in providing them with the entertainment and wished them all a happy New Year.

In Memoriam.

Alderman Moore has returned from Doaktown where he has set up a specially fine monument and grave enclosure erected in memory of the late Mr. John L. Murray and two daughters, the monument having been manufactured at Moore's marble works in this city. The monument is a handsome grey granite of cottage design, Gothic finish. The base, which sits upon a concrete foundation, is a block of granite 2 ft. 2 in. square by 1 ft. 6 in. thick and has bush hammered faces. It is chamfered to meet the plinth, 1 ft. 6 in. square by 1 foot thick and which is polished on its four faces, one of which bears the surname MURRAY in bas relief. The plinth has bush hammered washes to receive the die, which is 3 ft. 9 in. high and the faces of which are finely polished. In sections at the head the initial M is traced, and beneath this is fine tracing of ivy leaves.

One face of the die bears the inscription: In memory of John L. Murray, born at Dornoch, Scotland, Oct 12, 1828; died Aug. 16, 1900. Upon the opposite face the names of two deceased daughters, Annie and Jennet, are chiseled. The burial lot is enclosed with granite posts connected by galvanized iron bars. The result is one of the most striking and handsome monuments and burial lots in the Doaktown cemetery.—Gleaner.

Letter Concerning the Loss of the Schooner "Advance."

The Sun's Rexaibugto correspondent writes under date of January 4th:

Captain Geo. Long has received the following letter from S. Q. Wells, the keeper of the life-saving station at Wallis Sands, New Hampshire, concerning the wrecked schooner Advance, in which his son Moody was mate:

"Dear Sir—In reply to yours of 17th December, would say that what islands there are around this vicinity are inhabited, someone going over them all the time and the caves and beachs around here have been searched, but nothing of any nature has been found of the missing crew of the schr. Advance. When first sighted, only the top of the house was out of water, with the sea breaking all over her. There was a tremendous heavy sea at the time. The masts were out, pulled out of their stops, not broken off at deck. Nothing of the house was left but the corner posts on top. Everything was washed away. When before coming ashore the rigging was all around her, the sails had been reefed, but all torn to shreds. No trunks or boxes came on shore. The davits were bent down; there was no boat, no lumber. Nothing but the wrecked hull and fish in hold came on shore. The boat and some lumber was picked up on Plum Island, Mass., twelve to fifteen miles westward of station. It looked to me as if the schooner had been capsized at sea, somewhere on the eastern coast, rolled over, rigging parted, masts came out, then schooner righted and the heavy sea washed everything away. That is my opinion. Upon being capsized, crew was washed into the sea, powerless to help themselves."

Hay Fever, Catarrh, Bronchitis.

Any one of them enough, some unfortunates bear the burden of two, Bronchitic Asthma is all too prevalent. The misery these maladies inflict is terrible and the practise of recommending snuffs, washes and ointments ought to be stopped. They prove useless, often increase the maladies and are disgusting to use. Catarrhozone the new treatment is carried by the air you breathe to the throat nasal passages, and the uttermost ramificatton of the bronchial tubes. It kills germs that excite and maintain disease, heals all sore spots, soothes the mucous surfaces, the irritating cough, Bronchitis, Asthma, Catarrh disappears as if by magic. Two thousand citizens of Canada have voluntarily testified that there is no other remedy in the world for these diseases like Catarrhozone. Druggists sell it everywhere or we will send it to you post paid on receipt of $1.00, or to build up faith, if you lack it, we will send you a 25 cent outfit on receipt of 10 cents in stamps. N. C. Polson, Kingston, Ont., Hartford, Conn. Sold by C. P. Hickey, Chatham.

Our Returning Heroes.

Somebody hoaxed the town on Chatham on Monday by starting the bogus news that the Rosslyn Castle, with another lot of returning soldiers on board—including troopers Stan Morrison and John McCulley of Chatham, and Herbert Sinclair, Sidney Morrison, Saml. Craig, John J Galliah, Dickson Dalton, George Russell, Bernard King, Wm McClellen and Timothy Carroll of Newcastle—had arrived at Halifax. The usual display of bunting was at once made, teams were engaged to meet the train at Newcastle and a few of our enthusiastic young men went up to that town to meet the train. It was, however, all "Love's Labor Lost.

An authentic despatch on the subject was received from our correspondent at Halifax as follows:

HALIFAX, Jan 9, 1901.

Roslyn Castle docked at ten o'clock this morning.

Lieut Sutton died on Sunday of fever; his wife had been here a week to meet him.

Train with Miramichi men leaves 7 this evening Halifax time.

It is not likely that the train will reach Newcastle before at least 5 o'clock this morning.

Lt Sutton is, we believe, a Toronto man.

Col. McCulley had information yesterday that his son was ill with enteric fever and would probably remain in Halifax for a time and it was thought Stanley Morrison might also remain with him,

The boys will get a fine reception in Chatham whenever they come.

Regatta Next Summer.

A special meeting of Miramichi Yacht Club was held on Saturday last at the office of R. A. Lawlor, Esq., Chatham, Commodore J. C. Miller in the chair. The business affairs of the club were dealt with, and the organization was shown to be in a healthy condition.

The programme for the season of 1901 was discussed at considerable length and it was suggested that the club ought to be the means of interesting the people of the whole river in aquatic sports to a greater extent than in the past. It was also urged that attention had been given of late years to contest between one class of yachts, while other classes had been comparatively ignored.

It was finally determined that the best means of enlarging the scope of the club's work, and of popularising it and, at the same time, encouraging those who might wish to build yachts of a smaller class than those which now absorbed about all the Club's attention—and funds—would be to hold a general regatta next Dominion Day—Monday, July 1st—under the auspices of the Club, the programme to be somewhat on the lines governing the regattas of some twenty years ago at Bushville.

The duty of preparing a programme was entrusted to the Club's Regatta Committee, which consists of Messrs. E. Hutchison, Hon. L. J Tweedie, R. A. Lawlor, E. A. McCurdy and D. G. Smith. It was understood that if a class of yachts—say about 15 footers—would be forthcoming, substantial prizes would be offered for a contest between them. The committee is to prepare a programme and report at the annual meeting, which will take place on the second Saturday in May.

Subscriptions for prizes in cash or kind are to be asked of the public and it is expected that there will be sufficient encouragement of this kind and public interest felt in the event to make next Dominion Day on the Miramichi a very attractive one to all classes of people, who will be afforded an opportunity to enjoy a genuine, old-fashioned holiday, with a programme of healthy sports, and an outing that cannot but be beneficial to body and mind.

Address and Presentation.

The address and presentation to Mr. James Waddleton, late foreman of the ADVANCE office, to which we referred last week, were a leading feature of the C. M. B. A. meeting last Wednesday evening. After the regular work of the Association had been disposed of, the new president, Mr. C. P. Hickey, on behalf of the members read the following address:—

To Mr. James P. Waddleton, of the Chatham Branch, C. M. B. A., Chatham, N. B.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: We regret that at the opening of the twentieth century we are called upon to say farewell. While we regret the loss of so worthy a member there is consolation in the knowledge that, although you will not be doing active service in our midst, you will be working in a new field with the same untiring zeal which characterized you as a member of Chatham Branch.

Since human nature is such that man is constantly seeking to better his condition financially, we must be satisfied to mingle hope with regret, and express the wish that the change may be very beneficial to you, and take the opportunity of showing our appreciation of your services as a member and officer of this branch.

Permit us therefore to offer you this travelling toilet case as a slight token of the esteem in which we hold you. We are cognizant of the fact that the value of the gift is not a fitting reward for the services rendered, but the amount of our accompanying good wishes will we hope more than compensate for the difference.

Hoping, dear brother, that a long and happy life and a prosperous New Year may be yours,

We remain, on behalf of Chatham Branch No. 202,

Yours fraternally,

JOHN P. BULLICK,
C. P. HICKEY,
T. M GAYNOR,
JAS F. CONNORS,
CHAS. A. CASSIDY, JR.
} Presentation Committee.

Mr. Waddleton made an appropriate acknowledgement. He goes to New York, where he has secured a good position as most of the graduates of the ADVANCE office have done.

Chatham Town Council.

The Town Council met in regular monthly session at the Council Chamber, Chatham, on Monday evening last.

His Worship, Mayor Loggie, presided.

Ald. McIntosh, McKay and Burr were absent.

On motion of ald. Gallivan, Mr. J. L. Stewart, who had brought the clerk's books and papers to council, was chosen clerk, pro tem, in that officer's absence through illness.

The minutes of last regular meeting were read and confirmed; also minutes of special meeting of which no regular notice was given.

Mr. Stewart said the clerk had not given him any communications for the council.

Ald. Maher, in the absence of ald. McIntosh, read a report from the Public Works Committee to the effect that Mr. Fish had completed the survey of water works lands, etc, and that Mr. Freeman C. Coffin was engaged in preparing plans for the works. The report also recommended payment of a number of bills.

The report was adopted and bills ordered to be paid.

Ald. Watt, from the Finance Committee, submitted the following:—

Your committee beg leave to submit the treasurer's statements of receipts and expenditures for the year ending Dec. 31st 1900, which statements have been audited, as also the treasurer's books. The balances of the several accounts are as follows:—

To cr. of Police Fund,		$ 53 32
" " Light "		245 56
" " Interest "		340.15
" " School "		1,144.15
" " Contingent acc.		352.51
" " Board of Health,		118 55
		2,254.24
To debit of Streets acc.	1,114 50	
" " Fire, do.	510.48	
" " Sinking fund,	34 54	1,659.52
Bal. to credit		594.72
Scott Act Fund,		947.30
On hand,		$1,542.02

$400 for sinking fund of bonds has been deposited in the Bank of Montreal during the year and $1,600 interest on bonds has been paid.

A number of accounts were also submitted with the Finance Committee's report.

The report also stated "The default list of uncollected taxes, amounting to $3,883.80 is herewith attached; many persons on said list have left the town, being transient laborers from outside points who should not have been placed on the list, but should have paid licenses. We would recommend that the treasurer be instructed to notify all parties on default list that immediate payment must be made, failing payment that he proceed to collect according to law."

The report was received and adopted and bills accompanying it were ordered to be paid.

Ald. Maher, from the Park and Fire Committee, reported engagement of Wm. Synott to keep fire holes at the west end open for the winter. He also submitted a number of bills. The report was received and adopted, and the bills ordered to be paid.

Ald. Murdoch, from the Police and Light Committee, reported a number of bills.

The mayor asked Ald. Murdoch what the Police and Light Committee had done in reference to the light matter which had been referred to it.

Ald. Murdoch said he had forgotten about it. He would however attend to it.

The bills submitted were passed.

The committee was given until next meeting to report on the electric light matter.

There was some informal talk about there being no reports from the Scott Act inspectors. The mayor said it was their duty to make reports.

Ald. Maher moved that Mrs. O'Regan be paid $10 for land damages in connection with Johnston street opening. Carried.

The mayor asked if any deduction had been made from the Electric Light Company's bill for street lights out. Almost everybody at the board carried on a conversation on the subject. Ald. Watt said the deductions to be made should be got from the police book. Ald. Murdoch moved reconsideration of the Light Company's bill. Carried.

The bill was then passed for payment, less amount for lights out last quarter.

Ald. Maher, seconded by Ald. Watt, moved that Warren C. Winslow be instructed to take steps, in behalf of the town, to secure the lands on Morrison Brook from Mr. Fisher and others; and also on John street, from Bishop Rogers for stand pipe, and prepare contract for the engineering of the water works by Mr. Freeman C. Coffin, etc.

The mayor said that whatever was done should come back to the council for ratification.

Ald. Watt said the land on John street was to be taken at the same valuation as other lands were placed at in that vicinity—about $100 per acre. The resolution passed.

The mayor: Do I understand that the committee would have power to agree upon a price for land with Bishop Rogers without coming back to council?

Ald. Watt: The Bishop will have to go to the legislature for power to sell.

The mayor: I suppose so, but that's not what I asked.

Ald. Maher, seconded by Ald. Morris, moved that Mr. Winslow be authorised to prepare bills for the legislature for extension of the town limits, etc.

After some discussion the motion was withdrawn until the matter was better understood.

Ald. Maher said the charge of $12 for telephone for the fire captain was pursuant to an order of the council to place a fire alarm in Capt. Burke's house.

The mayor endorsed this statement.

The mayor said Police Magistrate Connors' quarterly return showed that $148.30 had been collected in fines and paid over to the Town Treasurer. He also reported that $1,286.70 had been collected as Scott Act fines. The mayor advised that these returns be referred to the Finance Committee, and it was ordered accordingly.

The mayor said notice should be given for repeal of the present Bye Laws and ordaining of the new ones.

Ald. Watt said the committee was very slow.

Ald. Murdoch gave notice accordingly for next regular meeting.

The mayor said money would be wanted to pay damages for land taken for the water works and the Finance Committee should be ready to report as to the terms on which it could be obtained when required, in view of issuing bonds already authorised.

On motion of ald. Watt, seconded by ald. Morris, ordered that the Finance Committee report at next meeting the terms on which money for purchasing lands required for water works, can be obtained.

The mayor suggested that arrangements be made for publishing the accounts of the year.

Moved by ald. Watt, seconded by ald. Maher, that the chairman of the Bye Laws Committee be instructed to at once have the Bye Laws completed at a meeting of the Bye Laws Committee so that their work shall be presented at the council in a businesslike manner. Carried.

Moved that the accounts for the year be published in the Chatham newspapers. The matter was deferred until next month.

The mayor reported that, in accordance with the council's order, he had arranged for five solid gold watches to be suitably engraved to be presented to our soldier heroes from South Africa. Two of them were returning by the Rosslyn Castle and would be here in a few days, and it would be right to receive them as the others had been received—by an address, etc. He would like that either he or a committee be instructed accordingly.

On motion of ald. Morris the mayor was instructed to arrange for a suitable reception to the returning troopers on their arrival from Halifax.

Adjourned.

The Chatham Board of Trade.

The annual meeting of the Chatham Board of trade was held in the Town Hall on Tuesday evening, the president, W. S. Loggie, Esq., in the chair. There was a good attendance of members.

After reading of the minutes Mr. W. C. Winslow said that the Board's effort to have the piece of land east of the Dominion public wharf acquired by the government had been successful and the purchase had been made.

The president referred, at length to efforts made by him at the instance of the Board to have the rates on flour from the west equalised with those from Fredericton and other points competing with Chatham, and said satisfactory progress had been made. The difference had been reduced to one cent a barrel. Mr. Gibson had shown a disposition to arrange the matter satisfactorily and its final adjustment lay with the Canada Eastern, Grand Trunk and Intercolonial:

President Loggie read his annual address, as follows:

The year just closed has been one of much commercial prosperity in Chatham. A year ago I pointed out that there was a revival of activity in the timber trade, and that contracts had been made at very much enhanced values. Prices have been well maintained, but high ocean rates of freight have made results less remunerative than was hoped.

The lobster fishing industry has hardly been up to the average. The quantity packed was less than in past years, but ruling prices were higher. The catch of smelts and tomcods this season has been large and the great quantity of from 600 to 700 tons has already been exported from the Miramichi. The business, however, is very much handicapped by a duty of three quarters of a cent per pound imposed by our neighbors across the line. Present prices in United States markets are ruling low.

The Town Council, which last year was not decided as to what was the best plan and location for the proposed water works, has since accepted the plan of Freeman C. Coffin as submitted by him, and the work is now being proceeded with as far as possible. In the spring the work will be pushed vigorously.

The council decided also to build an oil warehouse, and deemed it advisable to ask the Board of Trade to suggest a suitable and available site. I submit this matter for your consideration.

The town was unable to uphold the validity of the bye-law prohibiting the erection of wooden buildings in the populous business centre. I am persuaded that this is unfortunate for the stability and safeguarding of interests already vested. I know of no town that so much requires substantial and more fireproof business houses than ours. If every person erecting a new store within certain limits were compelled to build of brick or stone, the protection against a general conflagration of the business portion would thereby be very much increased. The owners would also have a much more profitable investment, for the occupants who carry large stocks would have a much lower rate of insurance and could well afford to pay more rent. Insurance, you know, on most of the dry goods stocks in our town ranges from 2½ to 3%, and no business in a town of 6000 inhabitants should have such a handicap. We have, it is true, been exceptionally fortunate as to great losses by fire on Water Street, but the firms who have to pay the above high rate of insurance on their stocks are not in a businesslike position. I would strongly urge this Board to again approve of the desirability of the construction of only brick or stone buildings in the business centre of the town, and that I urge the Town Council to get proper legislation for making the bye-law effective.

I am pleased to inform you that the old flour freight rate grievance is nearing a satisfactory settlement. I submit correspondence showing that the difference, all but one cent per barrel, has been practically conceded by the railways. The conceding of the remaining one cent per barrel rests between C. F. R. R., I. C. R R. and G. T. R. R., and I am hopeful this will be arranged also in the near future, and Chatham be thus placed on the same basis as Fredericton. I, as representative of your committee, waited on A. Gibson, Esq., manager of the railway running into Chatham, at his office in Maryville, and was well received. He is most anxious to meet the wishes of the Chatham merchants, but thinks the I. C. R. and G. T. R. should come down on their rate the remaining cent. The settlement of this matter will be most beneficial to this important distributing centre.

The outlook for 1901 I consider most hopeful. I anticipate that the first year of the new century, which will mark the inauguration of water works in our town, will be a very prosperous one.

I have to inform you that the Maritime Board of Trade, which met last fall at Kentville, N. S., unanimously accepted your kind invitation, tendered by your delegates, to meet here in annual session in August next. As business men we have many friends who will be present at this meeting, and I know you will give them one and all a hearty welcome to our town. While they come here to discuss matters of commercial interest to our Maritime Provinces, I trust you will make their visit pleasant, so that they may have agreeable recollections of Chatham, the leading town of the North Shore of this province.

As retiring President, I again thank you for the honor you did me in appointing me to the responsible position, and wishing you all a happy and prosperous New Year, I submit this report for your consideration.

W. S. LOGGIE, President.

Chatham, 8th Jan., 1901.

Mr. D. G. Smith reported, as one of the delegates of the Board to the Maritime Board, at its session in Kentville last August, with particular reference to the acceptance by the latter of Chatham's invitation to hold its next annual meeting here, and the duty of the Chatham board to make the coming Maritime meeting a success.

The President's address was considered section by section.

On the section in reference to the proposed oil warehouse, it was resolved to appoint a committee of this Board—as requested by the Town Council—to select a site and otherwise cooperate in the matter with the Town Council's committee.

Subsequently Messrs. R. Flanagan, John McDonald, W. B. Snowball and D. P. McLachlan were appointed as such committee.

On the section relating to fireproof buildings it was, on motion of Mr. W. C. Winslow, seconded by Mr. James Nicol, ordered that the matter be referred to the Town Council, with the request that it take steps to secure necessary legislation to prevent the erection of inflammable buildings in the business portion of the town.

Mr. Nicol urged that the matter be made one of direct legislation forbidding such erections within specified limits and not of conferring the power upon the Town Council to prohibit by bye-law.

Mr. Robert Murray said some of his companies had withdrawn from Chatham business on account of the character of the buildings in the district named.

In reply to Mr. Murray, Mr. Winslow said the point on which Judge McLeod based his decision that the town by-law on this subject was ultra vires was that the Towns Incorporation Act did not authorise town councils to restrict the erection of buildings as to the materials to be used, but only as to height, etc.

After full discussion, all the sections of the president's address, as well as the whole address, was adopted.

The treasurer's report was read and it was ordered that he be requested to furnish a supplementary report showing what members are in arrears for dues.

New members were elected as follows:—

S. D. Heckbert, Michl. Morris,
J. F. Benson, J. P. Burchill,
D. P. MacLachlan, Geo. E. Fisher,
R. A. Lawlor.

Election of officers was the next order of business and Mr. Loggie requested that he be not considered as a candidate for reelection, but the members were unanimous against him in the matter and insisted on his retaining the presidency, especially in view of the Maritime Board meeting here in August next. The election of officers therefore resulted as follows:—

W. S. Loggie, President.
W. B. Snowball, Vice do.
J. D. B. F. MacKenzie, Secretary.
George Stothart, Treasurer.
Robert Murray, Auditor.

Council: W S Loggie, W B Snowball, Geo Stothart, J B Snowball, C A C Bruce, J L Stewart, S U McCulley, D G Smith, M S Hocken, Jas Nicol, R A Murdoch, W C Winslow, Geo Watt.

Board of Arbitrators: Alex Burr, John McDonald, D G Smith, R Murray, M S Hocken, J P Burchill, D P MacLachlan, R Flanagan, M Morris, W S Loggie, C A C Bruce, J L Stewart, R Murdoch.

The committee on railway rates was reappointed as follows: W S Loggie, R Flanagan, W B Snowball.

The matter of wharf accommodation at down river points was brought up by Mr W C Winslow, who said that President Burchill of the Miramichi Steam Navigation Company and he had been appointed to act with a committee which this Board was to be asked to appoint with the view of influencing the Dominion Government to have changes made in the Bay du Vin wharf plans, so that the structure might be extended to water sufficiently deep to float the steamers of the company; also to urge that the construction of the Loggieville wharf might be proceeded with, etc.

Mr Robt Murray made explanations which showed that the work that was being done at Bay du Vin was only a part of what the government intended, as a new block, to extend somewhat further out than the old one—to deep water—was to be built by contract. He also explained delays in the Loggieville wharf matter and said the contract for that structure was now made with Messrs Simmons & Burpee and it would be proceeded with. He said that the appointment of the committee asked for would, however, not be amiss.

President Loggie and D G Smith were appointed as the Board's committee.

It was brought to the notice of the Board by Mr R Flanagan that unlicensed peddlers could violate the law with practical impunity because the law did not authorise their arrest without information being first laid and a warrant obtained. Owing to the difficulty of learning their names it was impossible in many cases to lay information and the law breakers thus escaped, to the injury of regular, resident traders.

Messrs Burr, Flanagan, Stewart, Nicol, Smith, the president and others discussed the matter.

On motion of Mr Nicol it was ordered that the County Council be requested by the secretary to take steps to have the legislature make the law more operative.

Mr D G Smith addressed the Council on the desirability of having the Dominion government acquire the Canada Eastern railway—pointing out the advantages to the Intercolonial of having one of its termini in the heart of the province, etc—and moved the following resolution:

Whereas, after full public discussion in the press, representative men from all important points along and near the line of the Canada Eastern Railway—including Chatham, Newcastle, Blackville, Doaktown, Boiestown, Stanley, Marysville, etc.—at a duly called public meeting in the city of Fredericton, acting with the people of that city, by a practically unanimous vote, affirmed the desirability of the said railway becoming a part of the Intercolonial, or government system; and

Whereas this Board is convinced that it would be in the interest of the public using the Canada Eastern, as well as a profitable addition to the I. C. R. system, for said railway to be acquired by the Government; and

Whereas it is understood that the Alexander Gibson Railway and Milling Company—who own said Canada Eastern Railway—are prepared to dispose of same; therefore

Resolved that the Board of Trade of the Town of Chatham, at this its annual meeting, begs to urge upon the Minister of Railways and the Dominion Government the desirability of acquiring said Canada Eastern Railway and incorporating it with the Intercolonial system; thus securing for said system so important a centre in New Brunswick as Fredericton as one of its termini—connecting there with the C. P. R. system and steamboat lines on the St. John River, as well as giving it the business of the important farming and manufacturing points above named along the Miramichi and Nashwaak rivers, as well as direct entrance to Chatham, Nelson and Loggieville, which together with Newcastle and Douglastown, are centres of great and rapidly developing industries, as well as the largest shipping and distributing points for merchandise and supplies of all kinds on the North Shore of New Brunswick.

Ald Burr heartily endorsed and