See That You Get
"GOLDEN RULE" or
"WHITE EAGLE"
FLOUR
FROM YOUR GROCER
AND TAKE NO OTHER.

Miramichi and the North Shore, etc.

PERSONAL.—Geo. E. Boak, Esq., of Halifax is in Town.

DON'T FORGET J. D. Creaghan's great slaughter sale is now going on.

THE "ADVANCE" is for sale at Johnson's Bookstore, and the Circulating Library, Desmond building, next door to the Telephone Exchange.

S. A.—Staff Capt. Gage of the Salvation Army, is now in Chatham and will conduct a very special meeting in the Army hall this evening. All are invited to attend.

MUCH IMPROVED:—The St. Croix Courier comes to us now in quarto form, in a new dress and much improved in other respects as a live newspaper. It was always in the front rank and seems to be more than holding its own.

CHURCH ENLARGED:—The Presbyterian church at Campbellton has been enlarged and on Sunday Oct. 25th., was reopened. Rev. Mr. Maxwell of St. John, preached at morning and evening service. Rev. A. F. Carr is pastor.

PARKS' COTTON WARPS, only 65c. per bundle at J. D. Creaghan's great sale—also heavy gray cotton sheeting worth 5c., only 5½c.

AN AGED HORSE belonging to Mr. Wm. Ross, of Lower St. Mary's Kent Co., died about two weeks ago, 35 years and six months old. The horse had been out to pasture, and a day or two before its death returned to the barn, made a comfortable bed of straw and lay down to die. In its day it was a good one.—Gleaner.

MIRAMICHI MARBLE WORKS:—No experiment in buying from us. We always send out the best stock and work that can be obtained. No order too small, none too large. We are watching the mails for your correspondence on the subject of cemetery work.

J. H. LAWLOR & Co.

FIRE IN WELDFORD PARISH, KENT CO.:—Joseph Thibodeau, of St. Norbert, parish of Weldford, had his barn and contents destroyed by fire on Tuesday night of last week. His barn contained seven head of horned cattle, one horse, 10 tons of hay, besides a lot of sleighs, sleds, farming utensils and other stuff, all of which were burned.

HALLOWEEN was celebrated by Chatham youths with a little less of vandalism than formerly, but there was still much in the conduct of many of them that was objectionable, particularly the pelting of unoffensive people with eggs and rotten apples. In the last named pastime, however, a bad example was set for them by some who were old enough to conduct themselves with more propriety.

LARGE HEAVY WOOL BLANKETS, only $1.95 to $2.25 per pair at J. D. Creaghan's great sale of fall dry goods.

A RECITAL AND CONCERT is to be held this evening at St. Andrew's Church, St. John, to raise funds to purchase a motor to blow the organ. The St. John Globe says that the chief attraction will be Mr. Fred Blair, of Chatham, a former organist, who has just returned from England, where he has been studying under able masters, and that many St. John friends will be glad of the chance to hear him.

LOST PART DECKLOAD:—Barque Africa from Chatham, N. B., which arrived at Bristol on the 27th, reports having encountered severe weather on the passage. When off Lundy Island she shipped a great quantity of water, which washed off two-thirds of her deckload and did sundry damage about her decks.

ABANDONED:—S. S. Architect, Captain Whitborn, from Galveston Oct. 2, arrived at Liverpool on Thursday last and landed the crew of the Italian barque Lorenzine, Captain Gambino, from Chatham, N. B., Sept. 21 for Liverpool, which was abandoned in a water-logged condition. Her crew, in the ship's boats, buffeted the waves for several days without food and endured great hardships from exposure until rescued by the Architect.

WIDE WIDTH striped and printed flannelettes, only 5½c. per yard at J.D. Creaghan's great sale; don't pay 7½c. to 12c. for same goods elsewhere.

AN ATTRACTION to buyers of family groceries, provisions, dry goods and general household supplies is offered by Mr. Roger Flanagan at his well known store on St. John Street, Chatham, in the form of silver knives and forks, silver spoons, silver cruet stands and boxes of tea. He issues tickets which are presented by customers every time they make purchases, and no matter how small the amount, it is punched off, and when the purchases aggregate either $15 or $30, as the case may be, one of the articles specified viz.—a cruet stand, or a dozen of silver knives or forks for a $30 ticket or a 5 lb. box of tea, or 1 doz. silver spoons or a $15 ticket is given free.

For the cure of colds, coughs, and lung difficulties, Ayer's Cherry Pectoral is unequaled.

MEN'S FINE HEAVY PANTS, worth $2.50, at $1.75, and heavy all wool shirts and drawers worth $1.50 for only $1 00 per suit at J. D. Creaghan's great sale.

A WONDERFUL CAPTURE is reported in the Liberal Herald, in which it is stated that one of its writers has succeeded in possessing himself of copy of a part of a letter written to the Montreal Witness by the editor of the ADVANCE as "An Old Liberal." The fugitive sheets referred to were, doubtless, in the usual place where our waste paper is deposited, and as certain of the Herald people were once employed in the ADVANCE office, they appear to have had neither difficulty nor any scruples in not only rooting like rag-pickers amongst our office sweepings, but publishing the results of their peculiar quest. They are quite welcome, however, to all they can find in that way, so far as we are concerned, but a good many people do not approve of that method of obtaining information and, by and bye, the Herald people also will perhaps learn that it is an improper one. The person who has done so much of the Herald's writing, and who would not, himself, like to be caught rooting in the ADVANCE'S waste paper receptacle, ought not to take advantage of his poor dupes who are indebted to him for gratuitous work, and force them to go out on such predatory excursions, for they may be caught at it some time and forced to tell all about it, and who sent them, in order to save themselves from punishment.

A Serious Shooting Affair.

John Amos Haddlin a colored farmer of Sheffield, Sunbury county, was shot with a charge of buckshot in the thigh by his son on Tuesday night last. Haddlin has had considerable trouble with two of his sons. One of them ambushed him after a family quarrel and when he fired the old man fell badly wounded. The shooting son was accompanied by the other and both ran away on committing the deed. They took an up river steamer on Thursday and on arriving in Fredericton were recognised by police sergeant Phillips who seized them and marched them off towards the police station, on arriving in front of which one of the prisoners broke away and, running through Phœnix Square towards the river, escaped in the darkness. Sergeant Phillips called Constable Collins, who was near by, and left the other prisoner in his charge while he made after the runaway. Phillips failed to find him and when he returned he found Collins waiting to inform him that the other had made his escape also.

Masonic Hall next Tuesday.

The Wilson Bros. Company are to perform at the Masonic Hall on next Tuesday evening under the auspices of the Chatham Cornet Band, and seats are for sale at Mackenzie's. They play musical comedy and are spoken of as presenting excellent and very amusing entertainments without the horse play and noise which are too often a leading characteristic with travelling organizations.

The Steamer Nelson.

On and after Monday Oct. 12th., the steamer Nelson will run as follows:—

Leave Chatham at	9.00 a. m.
"	11.00 "
"	2.00 p. m.
"	4.30 "
Leave Newcastle	10.15 a. m.
"	12.15 "
"	3.30 p. m.
"	5.45 "

Calling at Nelson every trip.

Gold Found in Sounding.

The Campbellton Enterprise says:—

Capt. I. Dahl, master of the Norwegian barque Handy, has just reported a curious find to the custom house officers at Irvine, Ayrshire. He had with him a small nugget of gold which he found adhering to his sounding lead after taking soundings off the coast of Newfoundland a few weeks ago. Capt. Dahl was at the time on his way to Dalhousie. The lead had the usual thick coating of tallow on the end which comes in contact with the bottom, and when hauled in found the tiny bit of gold the size of a bean sticking to the tallow. At Dalhousie, New Brunswick, Capt. Dahl showed it to the merchant with whom he was transacting business and who on having it tested found it to be pure gold. Capt. Dahl states that before leaving he had an offer of $3,000 on condition that he would furnish exclusive information as to his precise bearings at the time he cast the lead, but refused. He was in British waters at the time and will ascertain what the British government authorities have to say to him on the subject.

Were Greased Gloves Seven Years

John Siron, mason, Aultsville, Ont., had Salt Rheum so severe that for seven years he wore greased gloves. He writes: I used a quarter of a box of Chase's Ointment. It cured me. No trace of Salt Rheum now. Chase's Ointment cures every irritant disease of the skin, allays itching instantly, and is a sterling remedy for piles. Avoid imitations. 60c. per box.

"Bills and Thanks."

"Several bills were presented and ordered to be paid. Among them was one of $8 from D. G. Smith for printing the Act to Incorporate the Town of Chatham, 8 pages. This was printed by Mr. Smith on his own motion, and sold to the public at 25 cents a copy. The proceeds of the sale were not credited on account. The bill was one that the town had no right to pay. Anticipating this objection, and desiring to show that he was unduly generous instead of dishonestly asking the town to pay for printing a pamphlet he had published as a matter of business, Mr. Smith added to the bill—'Printing and publishing the original bill, besides four trips to Fredericton, $70; no charge.'"

The foregoing is from the World and its writer knows quite well that the item for which $8 was charged was the printing of the Act to incorporate the town, for the second time, in order to have it presented to the legislature after the government had determined to not pass the longer Chatham Act, but incorporate its provisions in the Towns' Incorporation Act. When the smaller eight page act or bill was presented, it was immediately taken to Fredericton; not a copy of it was offered for sale or sold to anybody. The World's statement is, therefore, purely slanderous.

A Good Deal in a Few Words.

"I paid a Toronto specialist on catarrh a large sum of money but I got no benefit. I tried them all, but finally, almost in despair, and assuredly without any faith, I tried Chase's Catarrh Cure. It is all that it is recommended, which is saying a good deal in a few words." Joel Rogers, clerk, Division Court, Beeton. Improved blower in each 25c. box.

Agricultural.

A circular letter has been issued to officers and members of agricultural societies and dairymen's associations, by the executive of the Provincial Farmers' and Dairymen's Association calling attention to the following resolution, and asking for action along the lines of the suggestion therein made.

Inasmuch as the membership of this association is composed of the members of our agricultural societies and dairy associations, it is very desirable that this association should keep in touch and sympathy with the members of the above societies, during the recess between our annual meetings. The most practical way to accomplish this is to have the members of our agricultural societies and dairymen's associations to become subscribers to and readers of the organ of this association—the Co-operative Farmer.

Therefore Resolved—That the secretaries of this association be authorized to prepare a circular, setting forth the claims of the Co-operative Farmer upon the members of our agricultural societies, with a view to getting them to take action on the matter at the annual meeting of the societies.

This resolution was carried unanimously at the late executive meeting held at St. John, and it was generally felt that the Co-operative Farmer should have the support of all local associations and the farmers generally.

Attention is called to the fact that the Co-operative Farmer is the official organ of the Farmers' and Dairymen's Association, and is the only journal exclusively devoted to agriculture published in the three provinces. Its editor and contributors are all men practically acquainted with farm work in these provinces, and its aim to discuss matters that are important here and is not full of reading that refers only to foreign countries.

Very liberal club rates are given to agricultural societies and dairy associations

The Secretary, Mr. Henry Wilmot, also says:—

"I have also to ask that you will duly appoint delegates to attend the annual meeting of our association at Fredericton to be held during the early part of the next session of the Local Legislature. The following subjects are to be discussed:

1. Good roads—how can they best be made general.
2. Fruit growing—necessary practice to make it successful in New Brunswick.
3. Mistakes in dairying—how to be avoided.
4. Retention of fertility (the practice necessary.)
5. Registration of stock.
6. Stable management of cattle.

"We hope your delegates will come prepared to discuss any and all of these questions, and I am instructed to say that everyone will be afforded an opportunity to speak for a reasonable length of time. We hope that every society in the province will be represented, as in addition to the above programme there is some important business to be brought before the meeting."

Town Council.

The Town Council of Chatham met in regular monthly session on Monday evening, His Worship, the Mayor presiding.

NEW TABLES.

Since the last meeting a large oaken table, covered with imitation pebbled leather and fitted with drawers, for the use of the Mayor and Aldermen, and a similar one of smaller dimensions for the reporters had been put in the room, much improving its appearance as a council chamber.

ALD. NICOL DENIES.

The minutes of the last meeting being read by the clerk—

Ald Nicol said he desired to direct attention to what he believed to be an error. It was stated in the minutes that he had proposed to make the price of the strip of land in front of Capt. Allen's property on Water Street $150, whereas he firmly believed he had asked the Council to make it no such sum. He then proceeded to give what he recollected as the discussion on the subject and said that his statement that Capt. Allen asked $150 for the land must have been confused with the sum of $125 which he had intended to and, he believed, did propose that the Council should offer for it.

Ald. Watt said Ald. Nicol had stated the matter exactly as it was. He also wanted a verbal alteration, the word "of" changed to "if" in a resolution relating to the proposed new steam fire engine. This latter was agreed to, but in regard to Ald. Nicol's claim of error Clerk Connors said he had no disposition whatever to prejudice Alderman Nicol and owed him his thanks for nominating him to the position of Town Clerk, but he did not think he should be required to change the minutes as Ald. Nicol suggested, save by direction of the Council and he would like to hear the views of other Aldermen as to what they had understood Ald. Nicol to propose.

The Mayor said his recollection was that someone had proposed a certain sum and Ald. Bennett proposed $100, and then Ald. Nicol proposed $125 as a compromise.

Ald. Nicol said if he were now before his Maker he would declare that he had intended from the first to propose $125.

Ald. Watt here stated that the Mayor had ordered the minutes to be altered but this statement was shown by Ald. Bennett to be incorrect.

Ald. Loggie said that what Ald. Nicol stated he had said in reference to Capt. Allen wanting $150 for the land might have been confounded with his proposing $125 for it.

Ald. Murdoch said the Allens had made no such offer. He (Ald. M.) had said they might accept $150.

In reply to Ald. Nicol Ald. Coleman said he had objected to $150 when it was proposed as the price.

After the matter was further discussed—

Ald. Bennett said he had a perfectly distinct recollection that $150 was the sum named by Ald. Nicol while $125 was proposed as a compromise, and he certainly gathered from what Ald. Nicol said that but for the opposition offered the blank would have been filled with $150. He had no distinct recollection of the exact words but remembered Ald. Nicol proposing $150

Ald. Watt again backed up Ald. Nicol's statement and said it was a strange thing that the clerk should refuse to correct the minutes on the Mayor's order.

Ald. Bennett expressed his surprise over Ald. Watt's ignorance of proceedure and pointed out that the Mayor had given no such order, because he knew he had no right to do so, the Council alone having power to order corrections to be made.

The Mayor said he had not directed the clerk to alter the minutes. He supposed that Ald. Nicol had been misunderstood.

Ald. Bennett said he remembered that Ald. Nicol had said during the discussion on filling the blank, that he (Bennett) had said it would cost $50 to expropriate the land in question.

Ald. Nicol admitted this, but said the question was what had he asked the Council to give for the land?

Ald. Bennett: I certainly inferred that if there had been no opposition you would have had the blank filled with $150.

After the matter had been further discussed—the debate lasting an hour—it was ordered that the reference in the minutes to what Ald. Nicol had said in reference to the $150 be struck out.

THE ALLEN PROPERTY.

The Mayor read report of the Public Works Committee as follows:—

"The Public Works Committee report that Mrs. Allen was unwilling to accept $100 for the piece of land in front of the Allen residence; it is recommended that the value be left to arbitrators, as from what Mrs. Allen stated, it is unlikely the owners will agree to the price authorized by the Council.

THE MURRAY LAND.

"Also, that Thomas Murray asks $1.50 per foot for his land, while the amount authorized by the Council was on the basis of $1.00 per foot—this difference, however, will amount to about $20.00. We recommend this matter be left with this committee to report on later.

W. S. LOGGIE,
Chairman Committee.

Ald. Bennett from the Public Works and Safety Committee submitted a report which was slightly amended and is as follows:—

LIVE ROLLERS ACROSS WATER STREET.

Your committee have had under consideration an application of Hon. J. B. Snowball for permission to erect a system of live rollers across Water Street. We recommend that leave be granted to him to erect such work 24 ft. in length, 5 ft. inside of the street line on either side and at least 14 ft. in height from the street; that such work be built under the supervision and subject to the approval of Ald. McIntosh, a member of this committee, the Council reserving the right, at any time to rescind the permission herein given, on twenty days' notice to the said J. B. Snowball or his successors in title, if at any time in its opinion the structure should no longer be allowed to exist.

KINGS WARD BROOK.

Your committee have also considered the question of drains in connection with the brook or stream running past the Electric Light Works and recommend that the matter be referred to the local Board of Health with His Worship to ascertain what, if any, remedy is necessary in the premises.

NEW STREET LIGHTS.

You committee recommend that five electric lights be placed as follows:—one at or near the new Cemetery; one at or near Greenville; one at or near James F. Maher's, one at or near England's Hollow, one at or near MacLachlan street—the location to be made by your committee.

W. S. LOGGIE,
Chairman.

A discussion took place on the foregoing report.

Ald. Watt said Mr. Snowball ought to be required to pay a rental for the privilege asked.

Ald. Bennett said rent was not exacted for similar privileges in other places.

Ald. Watt said fourteen feet was too low for the structure.

Ald. Coleman argued that that height was sufficient.

Ald. Watt said it would be a source of danger unless covered in.

Ald. McIntosh said if it were covered in there would be difficulty in getting at it should anything go wrong in connection with its running-gear.

Ald. Watt thought the cover could be hinged.

The Council, however, voted to grant the privilege as recommended.

TENDERS FOR THE TOWN BONDS.

Ald. Nicol, from the Finance Committee, read tenders received for the Town Bonds, the offers being as follows:—

Diocesan Church Society of New Brunswick $10,000 at par with accrued interest from 15th July.

H. M. Bishop, St. John, $10,000 at 97½.

Confederation Life Association, Toronto, $20,000, par, "provided the money be accepted and the bonds exchanged at Halifax and payment of interest made at said place."

Canada Life Assurance Company, Hamilton, Ont, 91¾ for $20,000 and accrued interest.

Hanson Bros., Montreal, $19,900 for $20,000 in Bonds and accrued interest to date of delivery.

J. C. Macintosh, Halifax, $99.05 per $100 for $10,000 and accrued interest; or the $20,000 - $10,000 now and $10,000 in July, 1897,—at 98½ and accrued interest.

Mr. Macintosh wrote that he might make a better bid if the matter were left open until after the elections in the United States.

E P. Williston, Newcastle, $100.50 for each $100 of the whole issue of $20,000, interest to Nov. 1st to go to the Town; after that date to go to tenderer.

P. E. Winslow, of Bank of Montreal, Chatham, wrote as follows:—

"Instead of making a specific offer for Town bonds I will advance to the town as may be required at rate of 5%, holding bonds as collateral and crediting proceeds of sales as may be authorised. No charge for commissions."

Ald. Nicol presented some arguments in favor of Mr. Winslow's proposition, and said that if the bonds would eventually bring 102 it would be equal to Mr. Williston's offer. He proceeded to figure with a pencil on a sheet of paper in front of him to make the calculation which would demonstrate his assertion, but finally stopped, saying one could not well work his head when he was on his feet, but he explained that he had figured it out before and it was as he had stated. On the whole, however, the committee thought Mr. Williston's offer should be accepted. He then moved, seconded by Ald. Bennett "That $10,000 worth of Debentures be offered to E. P. Williston at the rate he names in his tender and that the finance committee be authorised to conclude the necessary arrangements—the Mayor and Town Treasurer being hereby authorised and empowered to sign bonds to extent of $10,000, with coupons attached." Adopted.

TREASURER'S BONDS.

Ald. Nicol read offers of guarantee companies on the subject of furnishing bonds for the Town Treasurer. They ranged from 70c. per $100 up to one per cent. After the matter was briefly discussed, the offer of the London Guarantee and Accident Company, represented in Chatham by Miss Frances Gillespie, was favored and, on motion of Ald. Loggie seconded by Ald. Nicol it was

Resolved, that the finance committee be authorised to obtain a guarantee bond from the London Guarantee and Accident Company in favor of the Town Treasurer for the sum of $10,000 for the term of one year at the rate of $7 per thousand.

FIRE, WATER AND SEWERAGE.

Ald. Watt submitted the following:—

At a meeting of the Fire Committee of the town it was on motion resolved that it is the opinion of this committee that before the Council make any further expenditure for fire purposes it would be advisable to secure the opinion of an expert in reference to the feasibility and probable cost of a system of water works for our town.

Ald. Bennett said he would like to have a competent engineer consulted in reference to the most suitable sites for engine houses.

The Mayor read the following letter:—

ST. STEPHEN, Oct. 24th, 1896.

DEAR DR.—Your favor duly received. Your Town Council would surely have the power under their charter to make any little expenditure of a few dollars for preliminary survey, looking towards water works under the clause which enables the Town to protect itself against fire.

That question was raised here when we made our contract, but the contract was made and the necessary legislation was got afterward. The people were a unit. If our company should take hold of the matter they would agree to pay back any necessary expenses for surveys made by the Town or individuals. At least they did it here and I know they would do so there. The information as to cost ought to be got this fall so as to have the winter to prepare the necessary work that always has to be done in an undertaking of that kind.

Yours truly,
D. F. MAXWELL.

Ald. Nicol enquired whether it was intended by the report submitted by Ald. Watt that we were to put up with the one ricketty steam fire engine we now have and get nothing more in the way of fire facilities until the experts were consulted and their advice obtained?

There was a general disclaimer of any such intention.

Ald. Bennett said he had caught the eye of his colleague (Ald. Watt) and interpreted the proposal he had just read as one intended to prevent the purchase of a second steam fire engine.

Ald. Watt said he didn't think his eye expressed that. They could however make such resolution as they pleased.

Ald. Coleman said he had objected to the resolution at the meeting of the Fire Committee, until, at least, the new engine had been bought.

Ald. Murdoch said they wanted information on the subject of fire facilities. No councillor had had sufficient experience in such matters and it would be money well spent to buy a little from those who possessed it. He thought a new engine should be bought and that we were bound to take the Ronald engine.

Ald. Watt said they were not under any obligation to take the Ronald engine.

Ald. Bennett suggested that the resolution read by Ald. Watt be amended so as to except the purchase of a new engine from its operation, which was done and it was

Moved by Ald. Murdoch, seconded by Ald. Watt, that before this Council make any further expenditure for fire purposes, except for purchase of fire engine, if deemed necessary, the services or opinion of a hydraulic engineer be procured with reference to the feasibility and probable cost of a system of water works and sewerage for the town; also as to the best location for engine house or engine houses. Carried.

EXHIBITION FEES.

The following resolution, moved by Ald. Bennett, seconded by Ald. Watt was passed:—

That the bye-law relating to public exhibitions be amended as follows:—

That instead of $5.00 for the first performance or exhibition $3.00 be substituted; that instead of $2.00 for each subsequent performance or exhibition, the fee be $2.

SNOW PLOW.

Ald Bennett said he thought some steps should be taken to procure something better and more modern than the town now had in the way of a snow plow. One of the model of that used in Fredericton, which was adjustable to different widths, would be a great improvement, and tenders for one might be asked for.

ENGINE ACCOMMODATION.

Ald Nicol referred to the fact that the town would probably soon have two steam fire engines, while it had a house for only one. Although the one now in use would have to go into the repair shop, it could not be long kept there. What was to be done?

ALD. WATT AND THE *old* POST OFFICE.

Ald. Watt said he had a letter from the Public Works Department. It said that the Department had been advised by Mr. Mitchell to communicate with him on the subject of the old custom house and post office building and it went on to say:—

"We would be obliged to you if you would kindly ascertain from the town authorities whether the building might not be useful to them as a lockup, which we understand they propose erecting, if so they might make us an offer."

Ald. Bennett: We would accept it as a gift, I suppose.

In reply to demands for the whole letter to be read, Ald. Watt said it was a letter to him personally and he wouldn't read it all.

Then, someone wanted to know whose signature was attached to it, and Ald. Watt said that of the Assistant Secretary of the Public Work's Department.

TO BUILD A NEW STEAMER.

The Mayor read an application from Hon. J. B. Snowball for permission to make use of a portion of the Chatham Public Wharf, on the same terms as last winter when building the steamer "Isidore," for the purpose of building a new hull to take the place of that of one of his steamers.

In reply to a question Ald. Bennett said $5 was paid by Mr. Snowball for this privilege last year.

STEAM FERRY.

The Mayor also read a resolution of the Council of the Chatham Board of Trade which had been communicated to him by the secretary of that body, as follows:—

"*Resolved*—That the Council of the Board of Trade memorialize the Town Council requesting that body to take steps to have the Chatham Ferry run under new regulations, embracing a more regular time table, and a substantial reduction of rates for both teams and foot passengers."

AN APPLICATION.

The Mayor read, also, an application of Mr. Sheppard Frost for the position of Steam Fire engine caretaker and janitor of new engine house.

THE W. C. T. U. AND C. T. A. ENFORCEMENT.

The Mayor read the following:—

CHATHAM, N. B., Nov. 2, 1896.

To the Mayor and Council of the Town of Chatham.

GENTLEMEN:—By a resolution passed at a meeting of the Women's Christian Temperance Union, I am instructed to respectfully call your attention to the apparent increase of drunkenness in Chatham, to the disgraceful conduct of men who are frequently to be seen in groups in the more retired parts of the Town drinking from bottles, presenting to the youth of our town the example of the utter disregard of law and order, and to solicit you to make an effort toward the better enforcement of the Canada Temperance Act.

While not presuming to dictate to your honorable body, we would respectfully suggest the advisability of your issuing instructions to the police, calling their attention to their duties in regard to the enforcement of said Act and of the law regarding the public conduct of citizens. I am respectfully yours

MRS. B. RAE, Secy. W.C.T.U.

WIDENING DUKE STREET.

The Mayor read petition of A. J. Loggie, Edward Barry, A. H. Marquis, Jas. Wilson, W. C. Winslow, J. R. Goggin, W. R. Gould, John Shank, G. Stothart, Wm. Wyse, Robt. Muray Jr., M. Hickey, H. H. Pallen, C. Warmunde, W. T. Harris, J. Macdonald, Jas. A. Stewart, J. I. Noonan, M. M. Goggin, J. H. Lawlor, Mitchell Martin (Hill,) Jas. F. Mahar, Jas. Clowrey, Wm. Johnston, Jas. Johnston, Z. Tingley, Wm. Conway, W. T. Connors, B. Stapleton, Thos. Fountain, John Kenny, Jas. Ullock, Jas. Leggeatt, Angus Ullock, Jas. Hickey, N. Cunningham, M. J. Doyle, Thos. Connors, E. Johnston, D. P. MacLachlan, R. H. Anderson, S. U. McCulley, B. M. Moran, Roger Flanagan, W. W. Jardine, Thos. Flanagan, Jas. Mowat, Jas. Desmond and Frank Cassidy, praying for "the widening of Duke Street, between Cunard and George Streets, the present road there being two narrow for general purposes, also the removal of the dilapidated buildings now there, should it be only for sanitary reasons, as well as on account of the danger from fire; their removal would be a lasting benefit to the residents as well as an improvement to the streets."

THE PUBLIC WHARF APPLICATION.

There was quite a discussion over granting the privilege asked for by Mr. Snowball on the public wharf, Ald. Bennett favoring a charge of $10 therefor, and Ald. Watt objecting that he would occupy the whole wharf and prevent the Town from having the benefit of it for a part of next summer at least. He said it was worth more than $10. The town wanted it to land ballast and deals for the streets on, and Mr. Snowball would want it until July, probably, as he did last year.

Ald. Nicol also said the wharf would be wanted early.

Ald. Loggie suggested that as the application was for the purpose of building a new hull only, the wharf would not be wanted by Mr. Snowball as long as he had it last year. A special charge could be made for extra time occupied.

Ald. Coleman said that the new hull would, no doubt, be built by the time navigation opened. He did not think it would prevent the use of the wharf by the town, nor would it interfere with the piling of deals on the wharf.

Ald. Watt said he had only objected to Mr. Snowball having the whole wharf as before. It would prevent the town getting wharfage from the property.

Ald. Bennett asked the Treasurer how much wharfage had been collected by the Town last summer.

The Treasurer said he thought about $5.

Ald. Watt said he wanted Mr. Snowball confined to the easterly half of the wharf.

The following, moved by Ald. Bennett and seconded by Ald. Loggie, was then passed:—

That Hon. J. B. Snowball have permission to construct the hull of a new steamer on the easterly portion of the Public Wharf property as requested in his communication of 24th October on payment of a rental of $10, the Town to have the right to use the entire wharf for any purpose on opening of navigation and the said J. B. Snowball to remove all encumbrances and clean up the said wharf after the launching of the said steamer.

THE COUNCIL THANKS MR D. G. SMITH.

A number of bills were read and orderd to be paid. Amongst these was one from Mr. D. G. Smith for $8 for printing the Chatham Incorporation bill of 8 pages. A memorandum on this bill read by Ald. Loggie was as follows:—

Printing original bill for legislature 70 pages—$70	No charge
Making 4 trips to Fredericton in connection with passage of Act through Legislature, and printing Act in full in the ADVANCE.	

Ald. Bennett said that whether alterations might take place between newspaper men and certain members of Council, or whatever might be their feelings towards Mr. Smith, he thought that gentleman deserved great credit for the work he had done and the public spirit he had manifested in connection with the incorporation of the Town. He therefore moved, seconded by Ald. Murdoch—

That the thanks of this Council be tendered to D. G. Smith for the services rendered by him in connection with the incorporation of the Town, and the printing of the Act of Incorporation.

The resolution passed unanimously.

THE W. C. T. U. MEMORIAL.

Ald. Bennett said that before the Council closed he had a few words to say in reference to the communication which had been read by His Worship from the Women's Christian Temperance Union. The facts stated in the first part thereof were, he had reason to believe, correct, but the laxity that prevailed in the enforcement of the Canada Temperance Act was chargeable with the condition of things represented. His remarks on this subject were made wholly free from personal interest or bias, and he desired to say that when the law placed in the hands of an officer the power to stop the liquor traffic he should exercise it. He had always contended that the Scott Act, having been framed with the object of suppressing the liquor traffic, it should not be administered for purposes of revenue to those charged with enforcing it. If we want to make revenue out of the traffic, let us have the license law in force, but let us not, while pretending to enforce the Canada Temperance Act, which is a prohibitory measure, ignore its prohibitory provisions and run it for revenue, as has been done in this town and county. The Canada Temperance Act imposes fines for first and second offences, but provides that the violator shall, for a third offence, be sent to prison. Why is it that there are no complaints or convictions for third offences? Whose fault is it that violaters of the Act for more than second offences are not tried for third offences? Is it the fault of the policemen? How long would the traffic stand in Chatham if the Act were properly carried out—if the power for suppressing it provided in the Act were exercised by the officer appointed for the purpose? Let the Women's Christian Temperance Union not come to us in the way they have done, but rather let them ask the officer, for whose maintenance in his position they have petitioned time and again, why he makes first and second offences of violations which the law says shall be third offences? Let them reflect that if that officer carried out the law as he is honestly bound to do, for the suppression of the traffic and not to make money out of it, there would not be the increasing drunkenness in the Town of which they justly complain. He believed, with Lord Chief Justice Coleridge that most of the criminals were made and the jails filled by the traffic; he had never been other than an upholder of temperance; he had never allowed intoxicating liquor to pass his lips, but he was not, for that reason to refrain from speaking plainly at such a time as this. He, therefore, did not hesitate to say that the blame of the non-enforcement of the Canada Temperance Act and the consequent drunkenness complained of, lay at the door of the officer charged with its enforcement. He, himself, knew how true it was that drinking was on the increase in the town. He had seen mere boys intoxicated. He knew one case in which a boy had gone home to his mother in an intoxicated condition and the poor mother was heart-broken over it. If, instead of being after the dollars and cents involved in the prosecutions, those entrusted with the enforcement of the law would carry it out in its integrity, much of the drunkenness and other evils of the traffic would be stamped out. He believed the Inspector was quite capable of stamping it out, if he would only do it, If law be law, carry it out, instead of trifling with it; as it is now the evil is not reached and grappled with as the law says it shall be. The cause of the evils set forth in the petition is found in the course of those for whose maintenance in office the petitioners have been clamorous and the traffic as it exists in the town will not be suppressed until the law is administered for suppression instead of revenue.

Ald. Watt said he did not intend to make a speech, but he would simply move that it is the wish of this Council that the police should assist the Inspector in enforcing the Canada Temperance Act.

Ald. Nicol said he was entirely in sympathy with the memorial. It was already the duty of the police to assist the Inspector; no doubt if they did their duty they could do much to do away with corner drinking. He spoke merely to show which side he was on.

Ald. Murdoch doubted whether the motion of Ald. Watt would have much effect on the policemen; he thought they frequented places where liquor was sold. Policemen should, themselves, be in condition, at all times, to enforce respect for the laws and to assist the Inspector in doing so.

Ald. Loggie could not see that there was much in the reference of the petition to men drinking out of bottles. If they were drunk or disorderly the police could deal with them, but he doubted whether they could be dealt with for merely drinking from a bottle. It was in order, he thought for the Council to say that the policemen should assist the Inspector in enforcing the Act. Could not the attention of the County Council be directed to the petition? He was entirely in sympathy with the petitioners and would like for the Council to do all in its power to meet their views and assist in having the law carried out. He was sorry to hear of the prevalent drunkenness, but was not before aware of it.

Ald. Bennett said Ald. Watt's motion did not aim at the principal in the neglect that was manifest in the administration of the law, but at the agent. Let us, said he, hit at the man we mean and not at the policemen. Everybody knew that the police were, in this matter, practically the servants of the Inspector. When he places papers in their hands they are to execute them. Was there any man present who would say they had ever been neglectful in serving papers? Was there any complaint of that kind? Could anyone say they failed in this respect? No one could do so. Then why ask the council to say that the police should assist the Inspector in enforcing the Act? The police are the servants of the council to prevent disorder, to arrest for drunkenness, etc. What is complained of? It is the increase of drunkenness, and it is plain that that is chargeable to the Inspector because he does not enforce the Act as a repressive and prohibitory measure, but for revenue.

The supreme court had decided in the St. Stephen case that the Town had the right to Scott Act fines collected within it and we might, ourselves, undertake the enforcement of that law, but let us not strike at the poor policemen and be afraid of the real offender in the matter. It was unmanly to strike at them when they were not responsible—to perpetrate an outrage in the name of justice. Let us vindicate justice, but let us not attempt to do it by committing an injustice. He would move that the inspector for the county be directed to make the first subsequent offence within the Town under the C. T. Act a second offence and the second a third offence.

Ald. Watt contended that his resolution was no censure on the policemen but merely a request for them to assist in the enforcement of the Act.

Ald. Nicol said he couldn't see why Ald. Watt's colorless resolution had given rise to so animated a discussion on Ald. Bennett's part.

Ald. Loggie said that until there was some evidence that the policemen failed in their duty of assisting the Inspector, it was not fair to pass Ald. Watt's resolution. If they were remiss in their duty it would be right to remind them of it.

The subject was further discussed and it was agreed on all hands that the implied charges against the policemen ought to be referred to the police committee, who at present have control of the force and, as contended by Alds. Bennett and Coleman, the policemen should have the right to meet their accusers and answer them. Ald. Bennett said let us not, as has been done even in some courts, condemn men before they are heard. [Here Police Magistrate McCulley, who was present as a spectator, said:—What did you do in a certain case not long ago?] Ald. Bennett said outside parties must understand that their unseemly interruptions would not be tolerated for a moment. After further discussion, Ald. Watt consented to withdraw his resolution and it was—

Moved by Ald. Bennett seconded by Ald. Watt that the petition of the W. C. T. U. be referred to the police committee; that in the opinion of this Council the Inspector appointed by the Municipal Council for the carrying out of the provisions of the Canada Temperance Act should make the first subsequent offence charged against offenders under the said Act within the said Town after a first conviction a second offence and that following a third offence—and that it is the wish of this Council that the police force of the Town assist in the suppression of the liquor traffic.

Carried.

THE FERRY.

Ald. Coleman referred to the early date at which the steam ferry boat was withdrawn from the route last season and said something should be done this season to prevent a recurrence of that action on the part of the ferryman. He moved, seconded by Ald. Nicol as follows:—

Resolved that the Public Works Committee be empowered to interview the owner of the ferry and arrange for a proper service during the balance of the season.

Carried.

Ald. Bennett said Ald. Loggie had informed him that he was understood to reflect on some court in remarks that he had made this evening. He didn't wish to be so understood.

Adjourned

A GENERAL'S STORY.

He Relates the Narrow Escape of His Daughter.

WEAKENED AND RUN DOWN BY THE OPPRESSIVE CLIMATE OF INDIA SHE RETURNED TO ENGLAND—WHEN HER FATHER FOLLOWED HE FOUND HER IN A SERIOUS CONDITION.

From the Hampshire Independent.

There is nothing more interesting than the talk of our brave defenders, who have served their Queen and country in far distant lands. To talk with an Indian officer, hearing his reminiscences and adventures, is what those who have enjoyed it always appreciate. Consequently (write a special reporter of the Hampshire Independent) I was delighted to receive instructions to interview Lieutenant-General Shaw, who has won his spurs in India, and is now living, with his family, in honorable retirement at St. Paul's Vicarage, Shanklin, Isle of Wight. I had grasped the bell-pull and given it one tug when the door opened, and the general stood before me. You know he was a soldier at once. His manly upright bearing, his smile, his pleasant voice—all told you that you stood in the

Lieutenant-General Shaw.

presence of one of Nature's gentleman; but, alas! he held a time-table, and I felt that the interview must needs be short. However, he ushered me in and at once put me at my ease by his affable conversation.

"I am afraid," he said, "that you have come a long distance; but let me know the precise object of your visit."

I explained to the General that I was most anxious, with his consent, to obtain some personal explanation as to the narrow escape I had heard one of his daughters had recently experienced.

At that he brightened visibly. "You must know," he said, "I'm just a bit of an enthusiast on this point; but the tale is very short. My daughter came home from India, and when I joined her in London I found her ill in bed. She had rheumatic and neuralgic pains; she was perfectly bloodless, listless, and in a generally weak and prostrate condition. A doctor was seen, but she remained absolutely colorless, was in great wretchedness and suffering from anæmia or bloodlessness. She had a kind of f