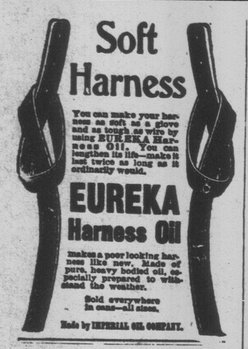

MISSION BAND entertainment in St. Luke's tonight.

MR. JOHN CLARK has been appointed acting civil court magistrate in Newcastle.

NOT YET :—Bill to change the name of Newcastle to Miramichi was rejected by the legislature.

MR. GEO. B. WILLIAMS gave a very meritorious dramatic recital in Masonic Hall on Tuesday evening.

WE DON'T BELIEVE IT ! Believe what ? Why, that Mr. Winslow is going to haul voters to the poll on the stone-crusher.

MIRAMICHI FOUNDRY:—The business of the above-named establishment is being carried on, as usual, by the three sons of the late proprietor, who are making arrangements to continue it permanently.

DEANERY MEETING:—The quarterly meeting of the Deanery Chapter of Chatham will be held at Harcourt on Tuesday and Wednesday next. There will be a meeting of the Sunday School Teachers' Association at the same place on Tuesday afternoon, 15th inst.

ADAMSON'S BOTANIC BALSAM is compounded of the best concentrated extracts of barks, roots and gums in the world. It is a safe and reliable medicine, pleasant to the taste, and cures coughs, colds, asthma and croup. You can find it at all drug stores. 25c. all Druggists.

MR. WINSLOW'S SYMPTOMS indicate that he realises it's a case of "wrong time" with him. When a man gets angry over the truth, expresses himself excitedly, denies facts that are in black and white and calls his neighbor names, it's a sure sign that he is fighting blindly and knows he's "a goner."

SAD ACCIDENT :—Miss Jane Whelan, while attempting to get a bucket of water from her well, in the lower part of the town last Thursday morning, lost her balance by slipping on the frost-covered platform, and falling in was stunned and died before she was missed. She lived alone and all the surroundings of the matter indicated that she had risen early and gone for the water only to meet her death as indicated.

MIRAMICHI MARBLE WORKS :—Now is the time to place your orders for cemetery work and avoid the spring rush. We have now on hand and coming one of the largest stocks of marble and granite monuments, headstones and tablets ever shown on the north shore, all from the latest designs and worked from the best material the market can produce. Call and get our prices. They are right.

JOHN H. LAWLOR & CO.

RIGHT !—Mayor Snowball and Ald. Murray, Hocken, Wyse and Nicol announce through the ADVANCE that they are again offering for the Council, and Ald. McIntosh, Murdoch, Morris and Maher, we believe, intend also to remain at their posts, although they have not authorised us to say so. The return of the whole board as at present constituted would be the best thing that could be done in the town's interests, in view of the water and sewerage work yet to be completed.

DEAFNESS IS CURABLE! Sufferers from impaired hearing will be glad to know that their affliction is probably not due to any organic defect in the ear, but results probably from a thickening of the lining of the middle ear caused by catarrhal inflammation. Hundreds of perfect recoveries as a result of the inhalation of Catarrhozone are reported, and on the highest authority we recommend this treatment to our readers. Catarrhozone quickly restores lost hearing, and its efficiency is placed beyond dispute by the case of M. Foxall of St Thomas, who recovered perfect hearing by using Catarrhozone, after years of deafness. Price $1. At druggists or by mail from Polson & Co., Kingston, Ont. Sold by C. P. Hickey.

Personals.

Mayor and Mrs Snowball are to be congratulated on yesterday morning's arrival at Sunnyside. It's a girl.

Hon. Premier Tweedie, Hon. J. P. Burchill and John O'Brien, Esq., M.P.P., were home on Sunday, having come from Fredericton on Saturday night to attend the funeral of the late Mr. Ruddock on Sunday. They returned by Monday's Canada Eastern express.

Congratulations to Mr. Cliff M. Mowatt and bride and Boston.

Mr. C. A. C. Bruce's many friends on the Miramichi regret that he is to leave them and go to St. John's, Newfoundland. He has been appointed manager of the large business of the Canada Life Assurance Company there, and while he is to be congratulated on his personal good fortune, the community generally feels that his removal from Chatham will be a distinct loss to the town, whose citizens have learned to esteem him very highly during his residence of some 15 years.

How is Your Liver Working ?

Are you satisfied you are enjoying as good health as you should ? If you are "out of sorts," the trouble may be with the Liver. If so, use Wheeler's Botanic Bitters.

Death of R. C. John Dunn.

R. C. John Dunn, who was the best known architect in New Brunswick, died on Sunday about midnight in the General Public Hospital, St. John, after a tedious illness. No citizen of New Brunswick possessed a more genial and kindly disposition, or had, in a greater degree, the faculty of making friends. He was very thorough in his professional work, and hundreds of the finest buildings in New Brunswick stand as monuments to his skill. Chatham's new public school building and the new court house at Bathurst are amongst his more recent works, and the departmental building at Fredericton was also of his designing. He was an unmarried man, and leaves three brothers, one of whom is the Surveyor General of the province, Hon. A. T. Dunn, and the other two : Messrs. Thomas A. W. and Fred. S. of St. John; also two sisters; Mrs. M. J. Parkin, of St. John, with whom he made his home, and Mrs. C. C. Clinch, of Musquash. An honorable reputation in all his dealings with his fellow-men and a disposition to do generous actions in a quiet and unostentatious way, are amongst the things for which Mr. Dunn will be long remembered by those who knew him best.

W. S. Loggie Company Limited

Beg to thank their many patrons in Town and Country for their liberal patronage in the past and announce that they have removed their Dry Goods Department to the Hocken Building, in the Store recently occupied by Messrs. Burr & Co., where they hope to receive the patronage of all old friends and many new ones.

OPENING DAY !

THIS, THURSDAY, AFTERNOON AT 2 P. M.

We invite all to call on us and inspect our new premises and stock which will be found complete in all departments.

South Africa.

Canadians have again distinguished themselves for valor in South Africa. Lord Kitchener in an official report from Pretoria on 3rd instant says : General Kitchener (Lord Kitchener's brother) sent Colonels Keir and Cookson from Vrekuil, Western Transvaal, March 31, to go towards Harts River. They soon struck the track of guns and carried on a running fight for eight miles, following the track through the bush. Emerging on a plain, large Boer reinforcements advanced against their flanks, forcing the British troops to take up a defensive position, which they hastily entrenched. Fighting ensued at close quarters until the Boers were repulsed on all sides.

"Delarey, Kemp, and other leaders vainly attempted to persuade their men to renew the attack.

Fifteen hundred Boers participated in the engagement, but they had suffered too heavily and cleared away to the Northwest and South.

The British losses were also severe. The Canadian rifles especially distinguished themselves, one party, commanded by Lieut. Bruce Carruthers, holding its post till every man was killed or wounded.

Others of the forces showed great steadiness, allowing the Boers to advance within two hundred yards of them and repelling them with a steady rifle fire."

A later despatch shows that four officers and fifty-six non commissioned officers and men were wounded. Lieut. Ralph Markham was amongst these. No maritime men appear to have been killed.

Toronto, April 7.—The Telegram's special cable from London says : Most recent advices from the front say at Hart's River engagement the British troops were arranged in form of a semi-circle, the Canadian Rifles holding a point somewhat in advance and across the front of the semi-circle. The Boers were following up the bold attack on the Twenty-Eighth mounted infantry when they were met with a heavy fire from the Canadians who poured volleys into them at a distance of 200 yards. Private Evans, although mortally wounded, kept in the thick of the fight and having fired all the ammunition in his bandolier, broke his rifle.

Pains in the Back,

from straining the muscles or from pain in the kidneys, soon yields to the soothing influence of Kendrick's White Liniment. There is no pain that will not yield to this truly wonderful remedy.

Millerton Notes.

The death of Mr. John Connors occurred at his home in Lower Derby on Thursday morning last. He was one of the oldest residents in the parish, being 81 years of age, and up to a few weeks prior to his death was active and energetic, being employed as a carpenter. He was formerly a resident of Blackville where many of his relatives now live, but he removed to Derby where he settled down. His wife died six years ago, but five children survive him. His remains were interred on Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock in the Church of England burying ground, the Rev. C. O. Bayles conducting the funeral services.

Mr. Jas. Robinson's steamboat "Irene" was launched on Thursday last, and as yet is the only Millerton boat afloat.

Mr. Geo. Clark, jr., formerly of Chelmsford, but who for some time has been a resident of Woodstock, N. B., died quite suddenly at his home there on Tuesday last. Deceased was employed as usual on the day of his death, and had gone home. Shortly after reaching the house, he was taken violently ill and notwithstanding the medical aid which was procured, he died early that night. Deceased was favorably known in this locality before his removal to Woodstock. His remains, accompanied by his two brothers, arrived here for burial on Friday evening's train, and were met by a large number of deceased friends, who followed them to the Methodist burial ground. In the absence of the Rev. Mr. Estey, pastor of the Methodist congregation here, the Rev. F. H. W. Pickles, of Newcastle, conducted the funeral services. Deceased leaves a mother, two brothers and many other relatives and friends to mourn his early death.

On Sunday, the Rev. T. G. Johnstone, formerly pastor of the Presbyterian congregations of Derby and Chelmsford, occupied the pulpits of this circuit, in the absence of the Rev. A. M. MacLeod, who is spending a vacation at his home in Pictou, N. S. The rev. gentleman's many friends are pleased to welcome him during his stay among them, it being the first for a year.

Mr. E. J. Parker has taken large numbers of stream drivers up the main Dungarvon to drive his winter's cut of logs.

On account of repairs being made to the Northwest Miramichi Highway bridge. Those who otherwise would drive to Newcastle now are patrons of the Indiantown Branch R. R., and the passenger traffic has been greater during the last few weeks than ever before in the history of the branch.

Valuable Advice to Rheumatics.

Eat meat sparingly, and take very little sugar. Avoid damp feet, drink water abundantly, and always rely on Polson's Nerviline as an absolute reliever of rheumatic pains. Being five times stronger than other remedies, its power over pain is simply beyond belief. Buy a large 25 cent bottle to-day, test it, and see if this is not so. Polson's Nerviline always cures rheumatism. Sold by C. P. Hickey.

Death of J. M. Ruddock.

On 20th ult. we referred to a sudden attack of hemorrhage which came upon Mr. J. M. Ruddock, of Chatham, while he was on a business trip to St. John. He had been failing in health for some time, his trouble being congestion of the liver, but neither he nor any member of his family thought any immediate danger threatened him. He had been about the city transacting business during the day time on 11th inst., and went to the home of his cousin and namesake, Mr. Joseph Ruddock, on Douglas Avenue, North End, where, after tea, he went to his room. He had been in it but a short time, when a hemorrhage of the stomach, caused by the induration of the liver came on. It was so severe as to prostrate him entirely. His condition was critical even then, so much so that Mrs Ruddock hastened to St. John to be with him. Afterwards he had recurrences of the hemorrhage and his weakness from loss of blood increased, but it was hoped that he might be removed to Chatham, as he was very desirous of coming home, although he was surrounded by relatives who were solicitous in every way for his welfare, and his wife was constantly in attendance upon him. Arrangements were in progress for a car in which to bring Mr. Ruddock home, and he was discussing that and other matters with Rev. R. P. McKim, of St. Luke's church on Thursday last—Mrs. Ruddock being in an adjoining room—when another hemorrhage came on, and although his attending physician, Dr McInerney, was summoned and everything possible done for his relief, all was unavailing, as he was in too weakened a condition physically to overcome the attack, and he passed away, having just expressed his wish that it should be so.

Mr. Ruddock was well known and deservedly esteemed on the Miramichi. As a citizen and enterprising business man, he stood in he first rank. He had no superiors in the country as a practical engineer and was an expert in many special branches of his profession. He was always reliable, his personal and business integrity were unquestioned, and he was noted for manly independence and self-reliance

In the "Biographical Review" of prominent New Brunswickers, edited by I Allen Jack, D. C. L, we find the following in reference to deceased :

Joseph M. Ruddock, builder of steamboats and bridges and operator of a foundry, one of the leading business men of Chatham, N. B., was born in St. John in 1842, a son of Andrew and Phillis (Mills) Ruddock. His father was a native of Kinsale, Ireland, born about the first of the present century.

Mr. Ruddock grew up in his native city and attended school there. He was then set to an apprenticeship with Harrison Allen to learn mechanical engineering, being the first of his family for four generations who had not been engaged in ship-building. After serving six years as an apprentice, he went to Boston, where he remained eight months. At the end of that time he returned to St. John, and at the opening of the European and North American Railroad entered the employ of that company as mechanic in their machine shop at Shediac, N. B. After working there for two years he went to Nova Scotia and erected the crushing mills for the New Brunswick and Nova Scotia Gold Mining Company. He stayed there more than a year, and then, in 1862, sailed from Halifax as engineer of a Confederate steamer. At the close of that summer his vessel was put out of commission, and Mr. Ruddock returned to Halifax. Shortly after he left for New York, where he entered the employ of the United States government in the building department of the navy. He worked at the South Brooklyn Machine Works, and assisted in building the "Nyack," the "Shawmut," the "Metacomet," and the "Mendota," men-of-war. When his services were no longer required there, Mr. Ruddock came to Chatham and engaged in the manufacture of lumber. This he continued for five years, and at the end of that time he started a machine business. Subsequently, in 1881, he purchased the Miramichi Foundry, which was established by Fraser & Mason, and later operated by the Cunards, now known as the Cunard Steamship Company. He has since done an extensive foundry business, employing a regular force of eighteen men and in busy times forty-five.

In May, 1865, Mr. Ruddock was united in marriage with Miss Margaret Jane Davidson, daughter of Horatio Nelson Davidson, of River Philip, Cumberland County, N. S. Three sons have blessed this union, all of whom are at present engaged in business with their father. Charles Davidson, the elder, who was born in Brooklyn, is manager of the foundry. Arthur Edward, who was born in Chatham, N. B., attends to the pattern department; and Edwin Nelson is book-keeper for the concern.

Mr. Ruddock is a Past Master of Miramichi Lodge, F. A. M.; Past Principal of the Royal Arch Chapter of Masons; and a charter member of the Royal Arcanum. Politically, he is an independent.

The foregoing is mainly correct, but a diary found amongst Mr. Ruddock's effects at home shows that after leaving the Brooklyn Navy Works, he made a visit to Nova Scotia, and went again to Shediac in 1866, where he was employed in the Railway shop. Leaving Shediac, he came to Chatham 13th March, 1867, and was engaged by Mr. Alexander Morrison as chief engineer of his mill. After five years with Mr. Morrison, he went into business on his own account, as stated.

As soon as news of Mr. Ruddock's death reached Chatham, his eldest son, Charles, proceeded to St. John to accompany the remains home. A funeral service was held at the Ruddock residence in that city, which was conducted by Rev. Mr. McKim, assisted by Rev. Geo. Steel, at whose former church here—St. Luke's—deceased was a frequent attendant.

The funeral party was joined at Moncton by Mrs. Ruddock's sister, Mrs. F. W. Patton, of River Philip, N. S., and at Chatham Junction, by the youngest son, Mr Edwin Ruddock, and Mr. John McDonald, who had charge of the arrangements for burial here.

The funeral took place on Sunday afternoon. Rev. Mr. Pinkerton, of St. Luke's Methodist church, assisted by Rev. D. Henderson, pastor of St Andrew's Presbyterian church, conducted the church services at both house and grave. The hymns, "Nearer my God to Thee" and "Abide With Me" were sung at the house by a special choir from St. Luke's led by Mr. J. Y. Mersereau. The pall bearers were Hon. Premier Tweedie and Hon. John P. Burchill (who had come from Fredericton for the purpose), Ernest Hutchison, Wm. Wilson, John Johnston and P. H. C. Benson.

The funeral procession was led by the Citizen's Band, and Miramichi and Northumberland Masonic Lodges, and was one of the largest ever seen in Chatham.

After the clergymen had conducted their usual service at the grave, the Masonic burial service was read by Worshipful Master James McIntosh, of Miramichi Lodge, assisted by the brethren present.

Chatham has lost few citizens who were more missed in its active life than Mr. Ruddock will be. His family have the sympathy of all classes of people.

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for a variety of purposes and does the work well and satisfactorily, is a genuine Family Liniment, and should be always at hand when needed. This is Kendrick's White Liniment. All dealers sell it.

The Canada Eastern Railway.

The subject of maintaining the Canada Eastern Railway in a position of competition with the Canadian Pacific is one which has recently attracted renewed and increased attention, as we showed in last week's ADVANCE by publication of the action taken before the City Council of Fredericton, by Mr. Geo. W. Allen, Esq., Q. C., M. P. P. In order that our readers—so many of whom are interested—may understand the situation, we reproduce a report of the speech made by Mr. Allen on the occasion referred to :—

He said that the matter which he was to deal with was one of great importance to the citizens of Fredericton, and its success or failure might depend on what action the council might take. It had not been mooted a great deal in public, but had been discussed and approved of by many members of the legislature. He had a proposition to lay before the council and he hoped that they would adopt it unanimously.

You all know, said he, the history of the Canada Eastern Railway, and you all know the interest the citizens of Fredericton have in that road, and they would not like to see it fall into the hands of a company that might put their own interests before the interests of the people whom it serves. Two years ago, the legislature, by a unanimous vote, adopted a resolution favoring the transfer of this road to the Dominion government, to be operated as part of the Intercolonial system. Unfortunately for us the Minister of Railways, though entirely sincere in the matter, had not been able to overcome certain obstacles in the way of the government acquiring it and it remained in the hands of the Gibson company.

The time has now arrived when the road is to pass out of the hands of the present owners, and into whose hands is it to go ? He thought it was in the interests of the citizens of Fredericton to have it pass into the hands of a company, whose passenger and freight rates would be under the control of the Dominion or Local government. If it should pass into the hands of another company at present having railway interests in the province, what guarantee would the people have that that company would not exact excessive rates ? He had felt it his duty as a representative to do what he could to have the road pass into the hands of a company which would be compelled by the state to give only just and reasonable freight rates.

If the road is not taken over in a few days by such a company, he had reason to believe that before a great while it would pass into the hands of a company over which the government would have no control.

He was not appearing in the interests of any company, but simply as a representative of the county of York and city of Fredericton. He had already given considerable attention to this matter and tomorrow or next day he was to be one of a delegation to wait upon the government and ask them to guarantee the bonds of a company willing to take over the road. It would strengthen his hands to know that the city council and Board of Trade were at his back. He understood that it would require $1,250,000 to purchase the road and put it in good condition, and he was going to ask the government to guarantee the bonds to the extent of one million dollars.

In return for this concession, the company would be willing to give the government a first lien or mortgage on the road and power to regulate the freight and passenger rates. All he wanted the council to do was to pass a resolution endorsing the proposition. He was convinced that the government looked upon the movement with a favorable eye. The members of the Legislature for the counties of York, Queens, Sunbury and North Shore counties feel that it would not be in the interest of these counties that the road should fall into the hands of a company liable to levy excessive rates, and are lending their assistance to this movement. It was not proposed to put the government into any financial hole over the matter. It would require about $60,000 to pay the interest on the bonds, and the road today was earning nearly enough over running expenses for that purpose. With new ideas, and improvements to the roadbed and rolling stock, it would be an easy matter for the road to earn from $60,000 to $80,000 over and above running expenses. All the government would be asked to do was to lend the company their credit, so that the money could be obtained at a low rate of interest. Some years ago the Dominion government had advanced $25,000,000 to the C. P. R. on precisely the same condition. It was in the public interest that the company should have assistance and the money was paid back before the time had expired.

In conclusion, Mr. Allen stated that he had devoted much time to this matter, as he was anxious that the interest of the people of Fredericton should be safe-guarded were the road to change hands. The Canada Eastern was second only in importance to the Intercolonial in this province, and he claimed that two-thirds of the people had a direct interest in its welfare.

While a company was in process of formation with the object of taking it over, he could not say at this early stage who would compose the company, but he had an idea that it would be made up largely of lumbermen and merchants who now do business with the road. The act on of the Legislature two years ago showed that it was the desire of the whole province that the Dominion government should acquire possession of this line. Mr. Blair was firmly convinced that the road would prove a valuable asset, but he had not been able to overcome the prejudice of the people of the upper provinces. If a new company were to take over the railway and put it in first class condition, it would then be an easier matter for the Minister of Railways to induce the Dominion Government to acquire it. He believed that the plan now on foot was the shortest way of bringing about what they all wished—government ownership of the Canada Eastern.

After Mr. Allen had retired from the council, its members expressed approval of what he had proposed and, on motion, the mayor appointed a committee to draft a resolution on the subject, after which the council adjourned, to meet next day to receive the committee's report.

The council having met next day, it unanimously adopted the following resolution :

"Whereas it has been made to appear that there is a probability of the ownership of the Canada Railway passing into other hands, and

Whereas, it is of the greatest importance to the mercantile and other interests of the city and surrounding country that there should be competing lines of railway entering the city.

Therefore Resolved, that the council urge upon the government the desirability of taking such action by the guaranteeing of bonds or otherwise as will ensure the improvement of the road, its efficient management and a continuance of the benefits now derived from it by the city of Fredericton as a competing line of railway.

The action taken by Mr. Allen is one that has much to commend it, and we are quite sure that people of both sides of politics on this side of the province would only look upon the carrying out of the views of Fredericton City Council and Board of Trade as a small measure of justice to Northumberland and other North Shore counties. Railways in other sections of the province have practically absorbed nearly all the Crown lands, save those located on the North Shore, as well as enormous sums of money from the provincial exchequer. No doubt, the local government will hesitate before undertaking to comply with the views of their Fredericton friends, for the selfishness which has usually characterised the southern parts of the province in these matters will be arrayed against equitable consideration being given to Mr. Allen's proposition.

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Chatham Town Council.

The Town Council met in regular monthly session in the town hall on Monday evening.

After reading and approval of the minutes of last meeting—

The Mayor said he was glad to be back again, after his necessary absence from Chatham, and referred to the fact that this was the last regular meeting of the present Council. He had observed that, while he was away, there had been a little friction, but everything would now doubtless go on amicably.

Ald. Nicol explained his position in the friction matter and said they were all pleased to see His Worship back.

The Mayor read a communication from Mr. P. J. Ryan, secretary of the firemen, in reference to the $100 donated by Mr. John Stuart, president of the Maritime Sulphite Fibre Co., to the firemen, on the occasion of the burning of the Company's barking mill.

Ald. Maher moved, seconded by ald. Murray, that the matter be referred to the Park and Fire Committee, to be disposed of in accordance with the former resolution of Council on the subject.

Ald. Hocken, chairman of the committee, said there seemed to be an impression in some quarters that he had been disposed to unduly retain the money in his hands. It came to his custody before he was a member of Council and when he was chief of the fire department, and his disposition had always been to dispose of it to the best advantage of the Chatham firemen. The money had been at interest in the Bank of Nova Scotia ever since it came into his hands; it had never gone into his personal account, and he would be glad to transfer it so that it might be available for the purposes intended and be of the greatest possible benefit as the donor had wished.

The motion passed.

The Mayor read a communication from Mrs. Laurence Hachie, complaining that she had fallen on a defective side walk; broken an arm and had been, in consequence, laid up, and she asked that her doctor's bill, at least, be paid.

Referred to Public Works Committee.

The Mayor read a communication from Miss Logie, Secretary of the Free Public Library, notifying the Council that Dr. Cox and Mr. F. E. Winslow had resigned. The Mayor suggested that Jas. F. Connors, Esq., and Mr. James McIntosh be appointed. On motion, the suggestion of Mayor Snowball was accepted and Messrs. Connors and McIntosh appointed.

The Mayor also read a communication from Mr. R. S. Lee, stating that Messrs. Brancom had complained that they could not get details of work under certain claims for extras from the town, in connection with their sewerage contract.

Referred to the Public Works Committee.

The Mayor read a communication from St. John's Church trustees, and a bill for pumping water from the church cellar, which had flooded it because their private drain had been destroyed by the town water and sewerage workers.

Referred to the Public Works Committee

The Mayor read a communication from Mr. James Miller of Miller's Foundry and Machine Works, in reference to the testing and taking over of the pumping machinery and payment for same.

Ald. Nicol said the Finance Committee had had a meeting with Mr. Miller and made an agreement with him in reference to the time of testing the pumps, and they thought the matter was settled, but after consulting with the parties supplying the machinery, they seemed not to have been satisfied with Mr. Miller's arrangement. It was a question, now, as to whether the Council was to agree to let Mr. Miller change his arrangement with the committee.

Mr. Miller's communication was referred to the Finance Committee.

The Mayor read a communication from Mr. Jas. Mowatt in reference to some work done by him in the vicinity of the pumping station, including extras. Part of the account—$97.18—was referred to Mr. Lee, C. E., and the other part to the Public Works Committee. A bill for work at the pumping station was submitted, and Mr. Mowatt was ordered to be paid $500 on account of his pumping station contract.

Ordered, on motion of ald. Murray, seconded by ald. Maher, that $600 be paid to J. M. Ruddock on further account the stand pipe contract.

Ald. Murray read petition of Mrs. Isabella Letson, now in England, praying for reduction of taxation on account of having, last year, sold the Johnson property on St. John street and also a lot of land in Chatham, notwithstanding which her assessment had been increased.

Referred to Finance Committee.

Ald. McIntosh, chairman, read a report of the Public Works Committee, recommending payment of a number of bills.

Report was received and bills ordered to be paid.

Ald. Murdoch, chairman from the Police and Light Committee, reported a number of bills, which were ordered to be paid.

Ald. Hocken, chairman, from the Park and Fire Committee, submitted a report stating the number of fire alarms and results since last report and also recommending payment of a number of bills.

Ordered that report be received and bills paid.

Ald. Murray, pursuant to notice, moved the repeal of the brick by-law, so called. He said he had had in his mind, as he stated when giving notice at last monthly meeting, the preparing of another by-law to be passed so as to get over some technical objections to that formerly passed by Council. It happened, however, that at the same meeting of Council a largely signed petition was presented in favor of Mr. Elkin being permitted to erect a large wooden building within the said district. He had not paid much attention at the time to the names on the petition, but on examining it subsequently he found that they included a large proportion of the merchants in the district who were more interested than he in the retention of the by-law. As a matter of fact, it appeared that about four-fifths of them had signed the petition and he realised that as the members of Council were here to represent the views of the people it was not for him to oppose his personal views to theirs. He, personally, believed, as before, that wooden buildings should not be longer erected in that district. Such buildings increased fire insurance risks and the extra rates were paid by consumers who bought the goods in the stores in that district, and anything which maintained the existing high insurance rates therefore injuriously affected all citizens. However, for the reasons stated, he did not propose to move another by-law. The petition was in favor of Mr. W. J. Elkin being allowed to erect a wooden building contrary to the by-law. He did not believe in special favors to one citizen over another. Consistency required that all persons should be placed on the same footing. He therefore moved the repeal of the by-law.

Ald. Hocken said when ald. Maher brought in the petition in favor of Mr. Elkin's proposed building he said Mr. Elkin was going to put brick ends in it. He had not done so. By rescinding the by-law the town, and particularly its business portion, was going to lose its chance to secure reduction of insurance which was one of the great objects of going to the expense of procuring its water system. To repeal this by-law was not doing right by the people. It was trifling with their interests and keeping up their insurance rates.

Ald. Maher said he had not said Mr. Elkin would put brick ends in his building.

Ald. Murdoch said he had always been in favor of avoiding these wooden buildings in the business centre of the town, as a means of giving protection to the business community. In other places, where people would not erect brick buildings on certain streets, business men had gone to other parts of such towns and built up safer business blocks and business was transferred to them and taken away from the centres where fire risks were high. However, there was another view here. The business men on Water street, in the district which it was sought to protect, didn't want this law and sent a petition here against it. So we must yield. He, however, was of the same opinion as ever. Let the protective law be repealed, but when the people most interested, who had petitioned against the by-law, wanted another brick by-law, they must petition for it before he would entertain any proposition for their benefit, should he continue in the Council.

Ald. Nicol recounted the attempts indirectly made, when he was chairman at the last meeting of Council, to grant the Elkin petition, and said it was a singular thing that the names of men who assented, in the Board of Trade to the by-law, and that of the man who made the first motion for it in a former Town Council, were on Mr. Elkin's petition. He had thought a plebiscite might be taken on the subject of this by-law, so that members of Council might be governed by the will of the people thus generally expressed. People who signed petitions were not always in favor of them.

The Mayor said he was sorry to see the course taken in the matter. Personally, he had not changed his mind, but as those largely interested had petitioned against the provision of the by-law being carried out, he took it that these signers of the petition were in earnest, although the granting of their prayer would result in their paying large sums in extra insurance unnecessarily. He felt it was a mistake on their part, but they were not to be dictated to in the matter and knew what they were doing and doubtless had good and honest reasons therefor. If it came to a vote of four and four again, he would vote to rescind the by-law, simply because of the prayer of the petition so numerously signed. He did not think the time for a plebiscite on the question was opportune, for those who signed the petition would not feel like going to the polls and voting against their signatures. By-and-bye, when the effect of the petition was realised in the non-reduction of insurance rates in the district affected, they would probably come to the Council and ask for the by-law to be re-enacted.

The repeal of the by-law, moved by ald. Murray, was put and passed.

Ald. Nicol, chairman, from the Finance Committee submitted a number of bills which were ordered to be paid.

Ald. Nicol also submitted quarterly accounts of various town services and balance sheets.

RECEIPTS.

Received from defaulters,.....	$1,489.55
" " licenses,.....	31.00
" " dog tax, 1901,	14.40
" " rent E. house,	8.00
" " P. Magistrate,	72.15
" " S. Act fund,	1,200.00
	$2,765.10

EXPENDITURE.

Paid Sec'y schools on acc. default, 1901,.....	$1,280.00
" Contingent acc,.....	718.10
" Interest on debentures,....	600.00
" Police,.....	156.14
" Streets,.....	213.20
" Fire,.....	141.65
" Light,.....	424.00
" Board of Health,.....	80.54
	$5,613.59
Dr. balance,.....	$864.49

The accounts submitted passed and the report of the Police Magistrate was referred to the Finance Committee.

Ald. Nicol said the bill in reference to the issue of town bonds would no doubt be passed by the legislature in a very few days. He moved that the Mayor and Town Clerk be authorised to advertise said debentures for sale and that the Finance Committee be authorised to have bonds printed by the lowest tenderer.

Wm. Scott's tender for remodelling the room over the engine house in town hall for $100, was, on motion of ald. Hocken, accepted.

Adjourned.

MARRIED.

At the residence of the officiating Clergyman, Newcastle, April 2nd, by Rev. T. G. Johnstone, Mr. James W. Hetherington, of Derby, to Miss Mary Nesbitt, of Blackville.

DIED.

At St. John, April 3rd, at No 234 Douglas Avenue, Joseph M. Ruddock, of Chatham, N. B., aged 60 years.
[Nova Scotia papers please copy.]

CARD.

TO THE ELECTORS OF THE TOWN OF CHATHAM.

Ladies and Gentlemen : I beg to offer you my services on the aldermanic board for the coming civic year. If elected I will support those measures which will be most conducive to the welfare of the town.

Your obedient servant
JAMES NICOL.

Chatham, April 8th 1902.

ROBINSON'S CASH GROCERY.

We have started a Cash Grocery in the store on Duke Street, recently occupied by Mr. B. M. Moran, and would respectfully solicit a share of the public patronage. We offer the following stock for sale, which is all new and fresh. The goods are of the best quality and will be sold at a living profit.

Beans, Peaches, Pears, Blueberries, Strawberries, Pineapple, Condensed Milk, Condensed Coffee, Pop Corn, Citron Peel, Lemon Peel, Orange Peel, Lampwicks, Fancy Porto Rico Molasses, Mince Meat, Rolled Oats, Corn Meal, Macaroni, Peanuts, Walnuts, Filberts, Almonds, Castor Oil, Pickles, Pipes, Jelly Powder, Corned Beef, Sodas, Family Pilot, Milk Lunch, Ginger Snaps, Corn, Peas, Tomatoes, Baked Beans, Penny Goods, Mints, Pot Barley, Mixed Candy, Baking Powder, Pails, Tubs, Clothes Pins, Washboards, Matches, Coffee, Tobacco, Toilet Soap, Sauce, Gum, Bluing, Extracts—Vanilla, Lemon, Apples, Cream of Wheat, Salts, Paraffine Oil, Alum, Borax, Senna, Sulphur, Cheese, Clothes Lines, Lard, Sapolio, Table Salt, Cream of Tartar, Lamp Burners, Clay Pipes, Axel Grease, Butter, Cocoa, Chocolate, Sardines, Lobster, Salmon, Pork and Beans, Sauce, Poultry Dressing, Cow Brand Soda, Stick Candy, Candles, Currants, Prunes, Apricots, Evaporated Apples, Raisins, Herring, Codfish, Gelatine, Hams, Hops, Ink, Jam, Pulverized Sugar, Shoe Polish, Gold Dust, Pearline, Surprise Soap, Pyramid Soap, Brooms, Whisks, Gilt Edge Shoe Polish, U.N.O Shoe Polish, Rice, Gillett's Lye, Catsup, Washing Soda, Split Peas, Ginger, Pepper, Mixed Spices, Syrups, Mustard, Starch, Corn Starch, Tapioca, Shoe Brushes, Stove Brushes, Scrub Brushes, Tea,

and a number of other articles too numerous to mention.

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The J. B. Snowball Co. Ltd.

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For The Easter Trade :

5 Barrels Smoked Hams, 8, 10 & 12 lbs.
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This is the season of the year for all kinds of house-cleaning supplies and we recommend our Stock of

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ALL KINDS OF BRUSHES.

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WINDSOR SALT. We offer an excellent article in this line in TINS, BOXES, BARRELS, AND SACKS.

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We have a car load of PRIME BEANS LANDING. (In barrels.)

Marmalades and Jams.

April is a good month for MARMALADE.

CROSSE & BLACKWELL'S is the best. We always keep it in stock.

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A FULL LINE NOW IN STOCK. MORE TO ARRIVE.

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OUR STICK TAPIOCA AT 10c. PER LARGE PACKAGE IS JUST THE THING.

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Here are a few new lines that ought to interest our best grocery trade;
CANNED CORN BEEF, VEAL LOAF, HAM LOAF, CHICKEN LOAF,
OX TONGUE, LAMB TONGUE, POTTED HAM, POTTED TONGUE,
STAR SLICED BACON AND ARMOUR'S MINCE MEAT IN PACKAGES.

Jelly Powders.

We have in stock a full line of
PURE GOLD JELLY POWDERS,
a popular table delicacy at all seasons of the year.

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The Mayoralty.

CHATHAM, N. B. 1ST APRIL, 1902.

To the Electors of the Town of Chatham.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:—At the request of a number of ratepayers I decided before leaving for England to again offer for the position of Mayor, and announced the fact at the last meeting of Council.

My acquaintance with the water and sewerage systems, which have not yet been fully completed, and the knowledge I have of the unsettled accounts in connection with the above work, should be beneficial in closing up this most important business.

If the course I have taken in the past in dealing with town matters has met with your approval, I would ask a continuance of your support, and if returned, I will keep the interests of the town protected to the best of my ability.

I have the honor to be.
Yours very truly,
W. B. SNOWBALL.

CARD.

TO THE RATEPAYERS OF THE TOWN OF CHATHAM:

Ladies and Gentlemen: many of your number who consider that the present Council Board, with the knowledge and experience acquired during the past year with reference to the Water Works and Sewerage systems, should remain in office for another term in order to complete the same and settle and adjust the unfinished contracts in connection therewith; having requested us to allow our names to be again placed in nomination as candidates for aldermen at large, we have decided to consent to do so and will accordingly be candidates at the civic election to be held on the 15th instant.

If elected we shall, as during the past year, endeavor to