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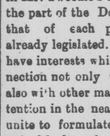

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AFTER FEBRUARY 1st all accounts over one year due I will turn over to The Newspaper Collection Agency of Chicago. This is not done through fear that the accounts are not collectable otherwise, but from the simple fact that I have not the time to devote to the work, and therefore have paid the Agency to take charge of it, and in the matter they represent me. They will act for me the same as though I had hired a bookkeeper to look after this branch of my business. It is not a "bad debt" agency but a legitimate company organized to assist newspaper men in attending to a branch of their affairs that is so often sadly neglected because the publisher has not the time to personally solicited the payment of accounts. Hoping my slow-paying patrons will receive this notice and the letters of my representatives in the kindly spirit in which they will be sent, I warn them that they will find it to their advantage to pay up.

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Postal Rates.

We hear of people mailing letters to European and other countries at the two cent rate recently adopted in Canada for Great Britain and most of her dependencies and the United States. This is a mistake and leads to the detention of such letters.

From Ottawa.

Hon. Provincial Secretary Tweedie returned home on Thursday last from Ottawa, whither he accompanied Premier Emmerson and Attorney-General White of this Province; Premier Murray and Attorney-General Longley, of Nova Scotia, and Premier Farquharson, of Prince Edward Island on business connected with the Fisheries, with particular reference to changes in administration which will be necessary under the decision of their Lordships of the Privy Council of England given in June last. A part of the business of the New Brunswick Ministers related also to pending claims of the province against the Dominion such as that in connection with the Eastern Extension Railway, so called, and also for compensation for the revenue lost to New Brunswick by the Dominion authorities interfering with the lessees of the province in the enjoyment of fishery rights leased to them on the Restigouche river and its branches, as well as certain other rivers of the North Shore.

Mr. Tweedie was seen by a representative of the ADVANCE and talked quite freely of the interviews which took place between the Provincial and Dominion ministers. He said they had a most cordial and pleasant reception and he expressed himself as very much pleased over the evident desire of Sir Louis Davies and his colleagues to have the best possible understanding on the question at issue and to do justice to the claims of the Province of New Brunswick.

In discussing the question of the fisheries, Sir Louis Davies was rather guarded as to his opinion of the full purport of the Privy Council's decision. He admitted, however, that we had control of the oyster grounds, and noted the fact that he had sent to the three provinces all the oyster licenses.

The lobster business was discussed, and appeared to be a little more complicated. Sir Louis admits that the duty devolves upon the Dominion to protect the fisheries, as they have done in the past, and he also admits the Dominion's legislative right to set the close season and control the fishing, which they intend to do. Whether or not they will in the future impose any tax or license he was not prepared to say. The decision says that the Provinces are the proprietors of the foreshores, the Dominion having a legislative right. To meet the altered circumstances arising from the decision legislation will, in Mr. Tweedie's opinion, be necessary on the part of the Dominion as well as on that of each province. Ontario has already legislated. The lower provinces have interests which are identical in connection not only with the fisheries but also with other matters, and it is the intention in the near future that they shall unite to formulate their demands as a united body rather than as separate provinces. The fishery award caused $5,500,000 to be paid to Canada by the United States, $1,000,000 of which was paid over to Newfoundland, she not being in the Dominion. The other $4,500,000 were paid into the Dominion treasury. It now transpires by the decision of the Privy Council that the foreshores are all the property of the various provinces. The sum of $4,500,000 was paid by the United States for fish that were caught largely in these waters, and as they belong to the provinces, therefore the money belongs to the provinces, and it is simply a matter of division among the provinces, as to how much each should have.

New Brunswick's unsettled claims, together with others of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick are to be dealt with at once. The Eastern Extension claim, having been really adjudicated, may be practically settled within a very short time. The others will probably be referred to a board of arbitration, on which the province will be fairly represented when our claims are considered, the other two provinces being similarly dealt with.

It seems certain that the Eastern Extension claim, so long pending, will soon be realised upon by the province, while the fair and friendly attitude of the Dominion government towards the representatives of the government of this province, is a guarantee that the system of procrastination in such matters as these, which has been such a marked feature of Ottawa policy towards us, has been changed for something that is more businesslike, equitable, and satisfactory.

Want of Caution.

The shocking dynamite accident at the Mispec pulp mill, St. John, by which a valuable life was lost last Friday, as related in another column, shows that there should be stringent laws or government regulations respecting the handling and use of that dangerous explosive. The fatality was caused, of course, primarily by carelessness on the part of the unfortunate deceased. No regulation that might be made would be so well observed as to always prevent such recklessness and suicidal familiarity with a most dangerous element, but a question which occurs, doubtless, to almost all minds is: why it was possible for those fifty dynamite cartridges to be placed, for the purpose of thawing, in a bag of such inflammable character as that which enclosed them evidently was? It is to be hoped that the accident will have the wholesome effect of directing the attention of the legislatures to the subject of protecting people who handle dynamite against their own carelessness.

Political Notes.

The Moncton Transcript says:—

"Against the promotion of the Hon. A. H. Gilmor, as advocated by many journals, The Transcript has not a word to say. If Mr. Gilmor is appointed it will heartily and sincerely congratulate him as one who, by yeoman's service, has merited the distinction; but there is, as the Chatham ADVANCE points out, another view of the matter. The Liberals in this section of the province would hail with delight the recognition by the government of Mr. Gilmor's claims, but ought those claims to be recognised at the expense of Liberals in this end of the province. Recently the group of counties from Restigouche to Albert was deprived of one senatorship to admit of Mr. King's appointment, and now it is suggested that another shall be taken in doing justice to Mr. Gilmor. It is also a question whether it would not be wise, in view of the decreased Catholic representation in one of the maritime provinces, not to further decrease that representation from a second province."

[St. John Globe of 6th.]

Mr. George W. Fowler, M. P. P. for Kings, was in the city Thursday. He told the Globe that he will not be a candidate in the next election. Mr. Fowler falls in line with his party determination to run provincial politics on party lines, but does not see his way clear to oppose where he has supported and will therefore retire.

Hon. W. Pugsley told the Globe to-day that he would likely be a candidate in Kings in the government interest, taking Mr. Fowler's place on the ticket.

Mr. George Robertson, who is spoken of as one of the government candidates in St. John, intimated that he would be in the field.

Report says that Mr. John McLeod will retire from the contest and that his place on the county government ticket will be taken by Mr. W. E. Skillen, of St. Martins.

Dr. McDonald, of Wickham, one of the Conservative candidates in Queens, has retired from the contest. Mr. A. W. Baird is spoken of as his successor on the ticket with Mr. Harry Wood.

Rumor has it that Messrs. John B. Goguen, E. B. Buckerfield and Bazile J. Johnson will be the opposition ticket in Kent.

The Fredericton Gleaner is one of the reckless papers of the province whose forte it is to make the government's arrangements, but on Friday last it published the following from St. John:—"The Provincial Government will meet at Fredericton on Monday next, and it is said here that the executive have fully decided to advise His Honor to dissolve the Legislature, and also that the date of the election is fixed early in February." The Government did not meet on Monday. In fact, there was no intention of holding any meeting, so far as the members of the government were concerned. It is said that quite a number of people who had business with the government or some of its members went to Fredericton on Monday, being misled by the Gleaner's announcement. Most people are, however, accustomed to receive the Gleaner's political news at its true value, and do not place much confidence in its reliability.

THE PLEBISCITE:—The last Canada Gazette contains the plebiscite returns. The total number of affirmative answers was 278,487 and the total number of negative answers 264,571, giving a majority for of 13,916. In Nova Scotia 34,616 votes for and 5,402 against; in New Brunswick, 26,711 for and 9,576 against; in P. E. Island, 9,461 for and 1,146 against.

Deferred Reports.

The length of our report of the proceedings of Chatham Town Council has so absorbed space in this week's paper that we are obliged to defer the publication of other local matter, including reports of an important meeting of the Chatham Board of Trade, the Miramichi Steam Navigation Company and several other subjects and items of interest until next week, as the space available this week will not admit of doing them justice.

"Cheap John" Tactics.

One of our aldermen, at least, appears to entertain peculiar ideas in reference to some of his fellow citizens, and people are beginning to realise that he would make quite an anarchistic leader, if he had people like himself to work upon. Most of us who know him and the gentleman whose alleged dishonest designs upon the town he proclaimed on Monday evening will regret that he thought it necessary—speaking as an alderman of the Town—to say what he did as an argument in favor of his course in regard to the fence which he says is improperly placed. He might, just as well, attribute dishonest motives to the dozen of others whose fences or buildings are alleged to encroach on the streets. There is no need of men talking such nonsense as several aldermen wasted the Council's time with on Monday evening, and the dignity and reputation of the Town Council will not be long maintained if it is to be made an arena in which the integrity of our best citizens is to be assailed over such matters as that which was the subject of discussion when one alderman made his bad break.

By all means, let the Council protect the public interests. If Senator Snowball has fenced in a part of a public street, let him be convinced in a proper way of the fact, and if he fails to remove the obstruction let the Town authorities do it at his expense; or, if they think it better to have the fence removed at once, let them do it summarily, but it can be done without any alderman endeavoring to set people by the ears and intimating that reputable and public spirited citizens of untarnished record have dishonest or criminal designs upon the integrity of the members of the Town Council. Besides, there are, doubtless, members of the Council who will not admit that all the integrity of that body is centred in those who are the most blatant in proclaiming that they are "stiff-backed," immaculate and independent above other men.

Town Council.

Chatham Town Council met in special general session at the Town Hall on Monday evening, Mayor Winslow presiding. The minutes being disposed of the clerk read the following communications:—

From a town in W. H. Brouse, Toronto and J. C. McIntosh, Halifax, congratulating the Town on its well-established credit, as proved by the recent bond sale.

The following was read, the Mayor remarking that he did not know at the time of receiving it whether the writer was serious or not:

CHATHAM, 24th Dec., 1897.

Warren C. Winslow, Esq., Mayor.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR WORSHIP: You will probably recollect that a short time ago you asked me why I did not write you a letter as I had to Alderman Neale. Well, I had no reason to do so then but my sad experience has given me what I think sufficient reason to lay my complaint before you—and as no offence is meant I trust you will take it in the spirit in which it is written.

About three weeks ago I was wending my solitary way homewards, the night was dark as *Erebus*, the solitary firefly at the foot of the street had folded his wings for his evening nap according to his usual custom at that hour. I was groping carefully along through darkness that might be cut with a jacknife, saying to myself in the words of the Psalmist '*Tempora mutantur et nos cumillis mutamur*' which being interpreted may mean we will have light in the sweet bye and bye, when suddenly in the twinkling of an eye, quicker than a'cat, I changed from the perpendicular to the horizontal position, and imagined, as Father Vereker was wont to express it, that I had found the bottom of the bottomless pit. My back appeard to be broken in twenty-nine different places, ribs ditto, my head worse cracked than ever. I saw more stars, shooting stars and comets than I ever imagined were in the firmament and how I reached the old tabernacle where I sojourn is a mystery I have not yet been able to solve.

You will probably say 'If it had been your neck it wouldn't be much odds, I couldn't help it.' But it would have been a serious matter to me, as it is the only one I have on hand at present.

Last fall when the night was dark and the firefly asleep, I fell into that sink of iniquity, the drain at the side of the street (others have done the same), the water did not smell like oranges and when I emerged therefrom the perfume of my clothes was not as if the 'spicy breezes which blow soft o'er Ceylon's isle' had wafted over them more than half a cents worth. Your Worship, these things ought not so to be.

That worthy alderman, brother Bennett, of pious and immortal memory, was promised over a year ago that we should have at least three lamps (not fireflies) on the street. This promise has not been fulfilled, and the whole matter remains in *statu quo*.

As your Worship bears the honored name of Winslow, I trust you will not go slow in this matter, and that you will 'let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works' and that your loving constituency in the West End (now suffering under a plague of fireflies, mantraps, and other abominations) may 'see a great light and rejoice therein.'.

And the benighted ratepayers as well as myself as in duty bound will ever prey—on you and for you.

Yours with the most profound respect,
MILLET SALTER.

P. S. Don't you think a $500. cheque out of the corporation funds would be a good plaster for a broken back.

Read also the following:—

MONTREAL, December 13th, 1898

Warren C Winslow Esq, Mayor, Chatham

MY DEAR MR MAYOR: Your telegram of December the 7th came to hand in due time, I will take the matter up as soon as I am in Ottawa and will let you know the result of my consultations with my officers.

J. ISRAEL TARTE.

OTTAWA, Ont, December 23, 1898.

Mayor Winslow, Chatham

Please wire me whether Sam Johnson is willing to exchange his property for the old post office.

J I TARTE.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS,
Ottawa, December 27th, 1898

Warren C Winslow, Esq, Chatham, N B

DEAR SIR: The Honorable the Minister has received your telegram of the 24th December in reference to the proposed exchange between the Department of Public Works and Mr Samuel Johnson, of the old post office building for the property owned by Mr Johnston and adjacent to the new post offie.

In order that the necessary authority be obtained from Council, a description of Mr Johnson's property is required. The Hon the Minister has directed me to request that you will be kind enough to send that description to us, if possible, so that we may be able to make the necessary report to Council.

Believe me, dear sir, yours very truly,
A. DOBEIL,
Deputy Minister

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, CANADA,
Resident Engineer's Office,
St John, N B, 19th Dec, 1898

DEAR MR WINSLOW: I am much obliged to you for your blue print of Chatham, which I now return after having made a copy.

Wishing you the compliments of the season,
I am, yours truly,
E T P SHEWEN.

His Worship the Mayor explained that with a desire to improve the appearance of the locality in the vicinity of the Dominion building he had endeavored to have an exchange effected between the department of public works, Ottawa and Mr. Sam. Johnson, whereby the latter would acquire the old Dominion building in lieu of the property he owned next to the new one—the post office, etc.—Mr. Johnson had consented to make the exchange and when he had induced the minister to acquiesce, some person or persons, who thought more of Mr. Johnson's affairs than of the public interests caused Mr. Johnson to go back on what he had agreed to. He, the Mayor, had acted solely with the view of having the locality improved, but as the matter now stood he had let it drop, and it was at an end, so far as he was concerned.

Ald. Robinson moved reference of Mr. Salter's letter to the police and light committee and he and ald. Maher urged the placing of a light on Ellis St. near B. Flood's.

After considerable discussion, as usual, on this subject the matter was, on motion of ald. Snowball and Loggie referred to the police committee for report on the advisability of placing lights on that, and also on Princess Street, report to be made to next meeting.

Ald. Loggie, chairman of the finance committee, read the report of that committee which is soon to be published as required by law.

The Finance Committee report as follows:

The matter of the petition of E A Strang was considered. Resolved that the committee can make no recommendation as to the subject matter.

Resolved to recommend that the constables and police officers appointed by the Council give bonds in the sum of two hundred dollars conditioned for the faithful performance of their duties

Recommend that the balance of Bond money be placed on interest in Bank of Montreal.

W S LOGGIE, Chairman.

He said the last issue of bonds ($10,000, being the last half of the $20,000 authorized at the last session of the legislature) was ready for delivery and Hon. Mr. Tweedie, the purchaser, was also ready to pay over the money. There was an overdraft at the Bank of Montreal on account of this issue, amounting to $2,353.08, to which would be added whatever bills chargeable to that fund were passed at this meeting. The balance remaining would be placed at interest in the bank.

The finance committe's report was adopted.

The matter of constables' bonds was referred to the bye law committee.

Ald. Robinson read the reports of the fire and public park committee and that of the cdief of the fire department, as follows:

CHATHAM, N. B., Jan. 9, 1899.

To His Worship the Mayor and Town Council:

GENTLEMEN: The Park and Fire committee submit the following annual report.

Your committee congratulate the council and ratepayers of the Town on the very small loss by fire during the past year. There being only eight alarms.

Your committee have made many improvements (we believe), in the Fire Department during the past year. We have had a bell placed in the tower of the Town Hall and a steam whistle on the Electric Light Station for fire alarm purposes. We have also, two sets of modern harness, one for the fire engine and one for the hose cart.

We have had to reorganize a new hose company, the old company refusing to act after their term expired on June 1st, 1898, unless their pay was largely increased. We, therefore, organized a new company with Mr. M. S. Hocken as chief, without any increased expense to the town.

We are also pleased to state that we have been able to keep the expenditure below the estimate allowed for the Park and Fire dept. The estimate for this year being $1,200:

We have expended this year	$670 50
There was over expenditure last year,	242 83
	$913 33

Making

leaving balance on hand to the credit of the Park and Fire dept. of $286.67.

Your committee would call the attention of the council to the fact of there being little or no water supply for fire purposes for the rear part of the town, namely Greenville and that part of Wellington St. in the vicinity of the public schools, alderman Loggie's, A. Burr's and Warren avenue, and Howard St., also at the head of St. John St, chapel buildings and others.

In these localities the people are paying fire tax, and getting no protection, we feel that the council will have to make provision for a water supply next year for the above named parts

Your committee would again call the attention of the council to the need of a hook and ladder truck with ladders, etc. We have as directed sold the old hand engines No. 1 and 2. No. 1 to Mr. Thomas Fiett and No. 2 to the Dominion Pulp Co. for the sum of $30 each.

In referring to the town park, which has been named Elm Park, we have had it greatly improved this season by having the fence taken down, the walks widened and graded, the gun carriages painted and other things done that we deemed necessary; we would ask that the citizens would take an interest in this park and make it as it ought to be, one of the prettiest in the province.

In reference to the storage of oil, we would recommend that the bye-law committee should prepare a bye-law to govern the storing of oils within the town limits and the fire committee will see that it is enforced.

We also submit with this report a list of stock and apparatus belonging to the Fire department, and Chief Hocken's report. Respectfully submitted

A. ROBINSON,
Chairman Park and Fire Committee.

LIST OF STOCK OF FIRE DEPARTMENT.

2 steam fire engines,
5 hose carts,
3 hose sleds,
6 nozzles,
6 nozzle tips,
2 Simese,
3 fire axes,
2 sets double harness,
2 sets single harness,
8 pieces of roller track,
3 water barrels,
5 lanterns,
3 shovels,
20 hose spanners,
9 firemen's belts,
9 firemen's coats—1 with ex-Capt. Ross,
1 union cupling,
2600 ft hose.

A. ROBINSON,
Chairman Park and Fire com.

CHATHAM, N. B., Janry. 9, 1899.

To the Fire and Park Com. Town of Chatham, N. B.

GENTLEMEN: I beg to submit my report for the year ending 31st Dec. 1898.

The town, I am pleased to say has been very fortunate this year, and the loss by fire has been very small.

There were eight alarms, only four of which were of any serious consequence. A list of the same you will find attached to this report.

The two steam fire engines, under the care of engineer Calvin Craig, are kept in good order.

There are 2,600 feet of hose (1,800 feet rubber and 800 feet cotton) about 600 of which are old and could not be depended on under a heavy pressure.

There are 550 feet of hose place in the pump house of the Maritime Sulphite Fibre Company, Limited, for use in case of fire in that vicinity.

The tanks are in good order, with the exception of the one at the foot of Johnston St, which has been abandoned as past repair.

The department is very much in need of a hook and ladder truck. The present ladders are too heavy, and your committee has made no provision to get them to a fire should one occur.

A team of horses is also badly needed by the department, as under the present system much valuable time is lost in getting the engine out, and I am strongly of the opinion that a good team of horses would be the means of saving money to the town both in the fire and road departments.

I would recommend as an urgent necessity that the town make and enforce stringent regulations relating to the storage of oil of an inflammatory kind, outside the fire district, and I would also recommend that the town council would seek legislation to enable it in cases where buildings within the fire district are old and dilapidated and liable to catch fire, to have such buildings repaired or torn down.

Respectfully submitted,
M. S. HOCKEN, Chief.

LIST OF FIRES AND ALARMS FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER 1898.

1898
January 23 Fire broke out about 12.30 a.m. in a tenement house known as the "Blair Barracks," on Queen St, owned by John McDonald. Total loss.
March 14 Fire started in the ell of the "Adams House owned by Thomas Flanagan, on Wellington St, about 9.30 a. m. Fire was confined to ell.
March 11 Alarm 9 a m, Flett Hotel. No damage.
April 15 Alarm 7.50 p m, house occupied by Thomas Murpuy. No damage.
May 26 Alarm 2 30 p m, Benson Block, up stairs, rooms occupied by M. Schlatcter. Slight damage.
July 8 Alarm 6.30 p m, M Keaughan's barn on Wellington St. Struck by lightning.
July 13 Fire broke out 6 p m, in barking mill, on Wellington St, owned by the Maritime Sulphite Fibre Co Limited. Total loss.
November 5 Fire broke out 3 p m, in barn owned by W C Winslow, in Henderson St. Barn destroyed.

M S HOCKEN, Chief.

The Mayor approved of the recommendation in reference to unused and dangerous buildings and said power to deal with such nuisances in the municipalities, outside of incorporated towns, was in the hands of the sheriffs by authority of an act passed a few years ago.

The report of the fire committee was adopted.

The subject of having a place to store oil with safety to the town was discussed and it was shown that Dominion legislation in reference thereto was quite ample, although it was ignored by our merchants.

Ald. Flanagan reported from the police committee as follows:

The police committee beg leave to submit its annual report for the year ending 31st December, 1898. Two men have been employed on the police force for the year at the rate of $33 33 per month and in addition a police uniform has been provided for each at a cost of $20 per suit

The police magistrate reports the following convictions: Drunks, 89; assault cases, 14; abusive language, 5; fast driving, 1; theft, 2; not supporting wife, 2; violations of Canada Temperance Act, 21.

It has been part of the duty of the police officers to enforce the Canada Temperance Act.

Mr R A Lawlor has been engaged as prosecuting attorney, at the following fees: For cases confessed, $2 50; for undefended cases, $5, for all contested cases, including all adjournments, $10.

Your committee recommend that in view of the fact that the fees earned by the police officers have been paid into the town funds and for their services in connection with the enforcement of the Act, they be paid the sum of $25 each, to the end of the current year, to be charged against the Scott Act fund, which now amounts to $963 10.

ROGER FLANAGAN, Chairman.

The report was adopted.

Ald. Snowball said the report, considering the fact that the town only took hold of the enforcement of the Canada Temperance Act in July, was a most creditable one.

On motion of ald. Snowball, seconded by ald. Maher, it was ordered that $57.65 earned by the police court and officers in prosecuting Scott Act cases be transferred to the police fund.

Ald. Flanagan, from the police committee, submitted the returns of the police magistrate, showing fees of $89.20 earned during the last three months.

Ald. Snowball presented the report of the public works committee, as follows:—

CHATHAM, N. B., January 9th, 1899.

To His Worship the Mayor and Town Council:

In presenting our annual report, the figures that we have to bring before you as expended through our Department for the year will be considerably more than expended previous years, but the appearance of our town has been greatly improved and favorably commented on by strangers.

Attached, I have a statement of the amounts of money expended in the different branches of the work that has come under our supervision. When we outlined the work to be done by the public works committee at our council meeting in the end of May, we estimated $3,888.15 as the amount of work required for the year. This, however, included $979 for sewers and $300 for work on the town wharf. After deducting this amount of $1,279, (as owing to the prospect of putting in a general sewerage system, we did not deem it advisable to build any sewers the past season,) from the amount already given, viz: $3,888.15, leaves the amount estimated to be expended as $2,609.15. However, from the report of the road commissioner, which I have appended, you will notice considerable more work was done on the roads than at first contemplated.

We have also expended so far in connection with the proposed water works survey $473.92, and I have now before me a bill to be presented for your approved from Mr. Freeman C. Coffin, the engineer who looked over the available sources for us and gave us the exhaustive report on the water works and sewerage system, which amounts to $827.67. By this you will notice that the amount incurred by the town up to date in connection with the water works is $1301.59.

We would recommend to the bye-law committee the necessity of placing a bye-law on record, providing that permits be required by any parties putting up buildings of any description within the town limits.

W. B. SNOWBALL, Chairman.

STATEMENT.

Expended on street and sidewalks from assessment,		$1,954.56
Expended on street and sidewalks from bonds account,		3,526.92
Total expended on streets and sidewalks,		5,481.48
Snow shoveling, winter 1898,	$246 21	
Snow plow horse hire,	79.00	
		325.21
Paid moving Welsh factory,	45.25	
" Crimmin's building,	358.50	
" " land, etc,	137.50	
Moving Lobban barn,	25.00	
Land damages, Letson estate,	40.00	
		606.25
Fence around Public Wharf, wages $71.85, lumber, etc, $56 23		127.11
Sundry expenses,		33 32
		$6 633.30
Water Works:—		
W. E. Fish, surveyor,	271 50	
Fred Tweedie, assistant,	30.00	
J. B. Snowball, lumber, etc.,	59.50	
John McDonald,	3.63	
Labor at Gordon's	33.05	
Labor with Mr. Fish, Loban and Synott, at Morrison Brook,	66.25	
		473.92
		$7,107.22

CHATHAM, N. B., Jany. 9th, 1899.

W. B. Snowball, Esq, Chairman Public Works Town of Chatham

I beg to hand you my report for work superintended on roads, &c., for town of Chatham for the past season. We will commence in Queen's ward. From the westerly town line, or Rectory Road, to Golden Ball corner, the Government plough was used turnpiking that district, after which all the rough stones were carted off, making an even and smooth surface.

From Coulson's slip to Golden Ball corner some five hundred loads of free stone gravel was used in grading; the gravel was removed from the side dyke at Gordon Road, John Street, to allow the water in spring to run freely. Some 1,200 feet of sidewalk and heavy bridging was built opposite Coulson's slip, as well as a new culvert opposite McLaughlin St.

McLaughlin street was rounded up and new drains dug on both sides. A sidewalk was built on the westerly side from Mr. Synott's gate to Water St.

From Coulson's slip on the north side a new sidewalk was built to the Foundry, eastward, and to the Snowball deal wharf, so-called, westerly.

On Ellis street, a new sidewalk some 2000 feet long was built and 300 feet of culvert drains opened on both sides, and on the cross street from Ellis' house to John street a drain was opened to connect with the drains on John street.

John street: The Government plough was used on this street. The hill leading to the Cemetery was cut down. Sidewalk was built on this street and a new culvert built at the junction of John street and the cross street.

Lobban Avenue: Two new culverts were built on this street and considerable gravel carted from the upper end so as to make up this road. A new sidewalk was built from Wellington street to Mr. Irvine's house, some 500 ft, in all.

From Golden Ball corner to Mr. Richards' mill was partially scrapped and debris removed. Gravel got from ballast ships was used to good advantage, making this a presentable street. Some 3000 loads of free-stone was graded along this street from the public hall to Mr. Richards' mill. A sidewalk was built from the corner of George street to Duke St.

The Public slip opposite George street was cleaned out and George street was graded.

St. John's street, from Canada House corner, had some 2500 loads of gravel used on it as far as the Cathedral. This gravel was given by His Lordship the Bishop.

Victoria street, 50 feet wide, was opened from St. John street to Henderson street, His Lordship Bishop Rogers donating portion through his land, and Senator Snowball giving the right-of-way through his property. This road was made up by the Government plough and the fence on the southerly portion of that given by Bishop Rogers was built by the town.

John street from the Cathedral to the town line was also made up by the Government plough.

Considerable work was also done on Cunard street. A new sidewalk was built from opposite Mr. Strang's grocery to Duke street and also in front of the Lounsbury warehouse; Also on the easterly side of Cunard street a sidewalk was built from Duke street to Wellington street and on the westerly side from Wellington street to the end of the street. The heavy hill at the end of Cunard street was also cut down and a short piece of sidewalk, about 100 feet, built on the easterly side from Church street.

On Henderson street the Government plough was used from Water Street to the railway station, much improving this piece of road.

The street from the railway station to King St was also graded by the Government plough. From Water St to Duke St on Henderson St hard stone was laid in for a foundation and earth put on top. This piece of road, however, needs considerable more work as it is very soft. Some 2000 loads of sandstone was used from Duke street to Wellington St., and some 500 loads was used from Wellington St. to Church St. From Howard St. a new sidewalk was built, and the brook bridge. From the brook to near the railway station the sidewalk was temporarily repaired. A piece of new sidewalk, however, was laid about 175 feet long on the station end.

A new sidewalk was also laid, about 2000 ft. long, from Henderson St. to King St. on the road leading to Mr. Vaustone's.

On King St. the Government plough was used from Water St. to Wellington St., and the hill approaching Wellington St. was much reduced. A new sidewalk was built on the east side from Duke St. to Wellington St. The grave, taken from this hill was used on Duke St From near Mr. Gunn's house to Howard St. a new sidewalk 500 ft. long and 4 feet wide was built; also on the easterly side of the same street from Howard St. to near Mr. McDonald's. The drains were also deepened on this street.

Queen St.: 500 feet of curbing was built from the corner of Water St. to Duke St. on the west side. The heavy hill on this street was also cut down. A sidewalk was built from the tank to the corner of Wellington St., and from Howard St. on the east side about half way down. The Government plough was also used on this street.

Howard St.: From Henderson St. to King St new sidewalks were built on each side. The road was graded from Henderson St. to Princess St. with the Government plough.

Princess St. was graded with the Government plough from Howard St. to Wellington St.

From Wellington St. to pleasant St. much work was also done on this street. The heavy hill was cut down and the gravel used on other streets. The lower end of this street was extremely soft and was covered with the old planks from sidewalks and about 18 inches ground was placed on top.

Wellington St.: From the railway crossing to Lobban Avenue was thoroughly gone over with the new plough and the stones were picked off this street, which was greatly improved by the work done.

A carbed sidewalk was built from the railway crossing to Warren Avenue, with bridges etc. The hill at the crossing of Hill St. was cut down and a new culvert made across Wellington.

Hill St. was finished with the Government plough to Greenville. On the south side of Wellington St. from Hill St. to Princess St. a new curbed sidewalk was built and graded and bridges put in The old culvert at the corner of Queen St. was removed and a new one put in. A new sidewalk was built from Warren Avenue on the south side to Queen St. also from the corner of King St to St. Luke's Church.

Wellington St. opposite St. Andrew's was made up with gravel and a stone dyke was built opposite this property. The sidewalk from Henderson St. to Cunard St. on the north side was curbed and graded and a new culvert was put over the brook at the Electric Light Station. From Cunard St. to Lobban Avenue on the south side about 1050 feet of sidewalk about 4 feet wide was built. The roadway was widened and graveled. A new side walk was also built on the north side of Wellington St. from Cunard St. to John St. The continuation of Wellington St. to John St., from Johnston St., an entirely new piece of road, was opened up and a new culvert built at Lobban Avenue. This was a heavy piece of work and entailed a large expenditure.

Church street, from Johnston St. to John St. was also opened up, making a roadway 40 feet wide. This, however, was not such a heavy piece of work. On Church street a new ditch was dug from Cunard street to the brook. A new and much larger watering tank was placed at the fire tank on this street, and about 100 feet of sidewalk was built on the north side eastward from the tank and some repairs done to the sidewalk on the north side of the street. A new culvert was also built at the connection of this street with Shirreff street.

Shirreff street was graded and much improved.

Duke street: From St. John street to Princess street the Government plough was used on this street, and some 3000 loads of gravel was graded along the street. A new curbed sidewalk on the north side was built from Cunard street to Henderson street, the brook being bridged over with heavy timbers. From Henderson St. to Queen the old drain was opened and cleaned out and on the south side a stone dyke was built which widened this street. From Queen St. to Hill St. the drains were all opened out and deepened.

On Pleasant St., a new sidewalk was built from St. Andrew's to Hill St.

The Government plough did good work on Centre St.

From the corner of Pleasant St. to the corner of Wellington on east side, a new sidewalk was built, and from the corner of Duke St. to Wellington St., a new sidewalk was built. At the corner of St Andrew's and Wellington Sts. a new approach was built to Mr. Loggie's freezer. The drains were cleaned out below the railway crossings, a culvert put in and the roadway graded. From Hill St. to McIntosh St. on Water St. a much needed sidewalk was built. A culvert was put in opposite the Canada Dock at McIntosh St and a new sidewalk was laid to the railway crossing.

McIntosh St., from Wellington St. to Water St. was graded with the Government plough and some 500 loads were used to fill in the hollow.

[WM. WYSE, Street Commissioner.

The report was adopted.

Ald. Loggie said the report he had read showed that $133.60 had been collected as dog tax. The collection for the whole year was $167.85.

Several aldermen said there should be more collected.

A communication was read from dog tax collector Lobban informing the council that he would not again accept the office, and asking that some other person be appointed in his place.

A number of bills connected with different town services were read and passed.

Ald. Snowball was, on motion of ald. Maher, appointed to represent the town in the municipal council.

Ald. Robinson expressed a desire to see the difference between the town and the municipality in reference to Scott Act matters settled in an amicable way.

The Mayor intimated that the Town had not been very aggressive in its attitude towards the municipality.

There was here a little discussion in reference to the desirability of a meeting between a committee of the Town Council formerly appointed and one representing the Municipality, with the object of arriving at some understanding on the subject of Scott Act prosecutions, but nothing came of it.

Ald. Maher brought up the subject of the council chamber and committee room being used for meetings of other bodies and for entertainments and after some discussion the council went into private session as a committee of the whole and reported that the rates to be charged hereafter would be:

For a day meeting in committee room	$1
" an evening do. do. do.	2
" a day meeting in council room	5
" an evening, or day and evening in do.	7.50

The committee could not recommend that the council chamber be let for dancing.

The report was adoptrd.

It was now ten o'clock and the usual time for adjournment, but the subject of a fence erected by Hon. J. B. Snowball on the lower end of Water street near England's Hollow, in alleged encroachment on the street was brought up by ald. Flanagan, who moved, seconded by ald. McIntosh that the Street Commissioner give Mr. Snowball notice to remove said fence within ten days, otherwise the removal to be made by the Commissioner.

Ald. Snowball made quite a long speech, the main features of which were the idea that this was done to place him in an embarassing position at the board, the senator being his father; that it was done to antagonise Mr. Snowball, the largest taxpayer of the town and one who had ever been foremost in contributing to and promoting the town's interests; that it was to satisfy personal feelings rather than serve public ends;