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THE BEST STYLES:—See the Weldon tailoring advertisement.

CARD OF THANKS:—Mr. K. R. McLennan desires to thank all who rendered assistance in trying to save his house during the fire of last Wednesday morning.

GARDEN PARTY:—St. Andrew's congregation are making elaborate preparations for a grand garden party to be held on the grounds of Hon. L. J. Tweedie on Thursday 6th September.

THE LOGGIEVILLE garden party on Monday evening was a pronounced success. Those who were so fortunate as to be present speak in high terms of its management and enjoyable features. It realized $100.

A GENEROUS GIFT to the firemen is that made by Mr. McDonald, notwithstanding his late heavy loss by fire. The correspondence is in our Town Council report.

PUBLIC MEETING: A meeting in the interests of the British and Foreign Bible society will be held in the Temperance Hall, Chatham, on Monday the 13th of August at 8 o'clock p. m. There will be an address given by Mr. Thomas M. MacKelvie, traveling agent of the society.

THE EDDY-BESSEY CASE:—The final settlement of the famous Eddy-Bessey case was made on Friday, father and daughter signing the agreement which gives Mrs. Bessey about $22,000 in cash and the McKay Wright property and the Conroy farm, Eddy to pay all costs and retain the balance of the property.

BADLY SHAKEN UP:—Deputy post office inspector Whittaker, and postmaster Harriman of Newcastle, while driving down the Northwest Miramichi road on official business last Friday, were thrown from their wagon and more or less cut and bruised. The mishap was due to a part of the harness breaking. Mr. Whittaker's left shoulder and back were hurt and Mr. Harriman's face was cut and scratched.

IN DISGRACE:—At Fredericton, the other day a young man belonging to Moncton who enlisted in No. 4 company R. R. C. I., was drummed out of the regiment for repeated misconduct. His uniform was stripped from him before the entire company on parade and he was dismissed in disgrace from the service and ordered to leave the barracks. He was supplied with $5 by the militia department to buy a suit of clothes.

PARISH REVISORS:—The following Government appointments have been made in the county of Northumberland:—

Bernard Cook, Janior, to be revisor for the parish of Glenelg, in room of W. V. Ullock.

Thomas D. Doolan to be revisor for the parish of Nelson, in room of George W. Clark.

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.

THE ST. JOHN BUSINESS COLLEGE has larger summer classes than ever before in its history of 33 years. The Messrs. Kerr attribute their increased patronage partly to better times, but more largely to the recent successes of their students, the number of their graduates in both Business and Shorthand departments who have in the last two years obtained good positions being greatly in excess of any former years.—Gazette, Aug. 1.

NORTHUMBERLAND BRIDGES:—The Royal Gazette advertises for tenders, which are asked for by Hon. C. H. Labillois, Acting Chief Commissioner of Public Works, Fredericton, up to noon on Monday next for rebuilding Gulliver bridge, Bay du Vin, and Molasses Hill bridge, Upper Blackville, in Northumberland Co. and Dunlop bridge, across Grant's Brook, Gloucester county. Plans &c. of the first two may be seen at Hon. L. J. Tweedie's office, Chatham, and of the other at the office of T. M. Burns, Bathurst, and of all at the Public works office, Fredericton.

S. PAUL'S AND S. MARY'S PICNIC. The annual picnic of S. Paul's and S. Mary's Sunday Schools and congregations on Tuesday last at Bushville was a very enjoyable affair. The children of the sunday schools were made very happy and took part in the races etc. with great zest. They returned on the "Nelson" to Chatham singing patriotic songs, cheering for the Queen and in various ways manifesting the exuberance of youth. Quite a large number of the adult members of the congregations enjoyed the pleasant reunion of the day.

ST. LUKE'S S. S. PICNIC:—The annual picnic of St. Luke's Sunday School will be held this season on Beaubair's Island. Boats leave the Snowball wharf about 9 o'clock a.m. returning at 7. A sail on the river in the afternoon to Sheldrake Island is contemplated. The committee in charge cordially invite all the congregation or any person wishing to avail themselves of a pleasant day's outing. There will be sports of different kinds during the day. A small charge of 25 cents, to all outside of the School, will be made. All provide their own meals.

This is a splendid chance for any persons wishing to spend a pleasant day.

N. B. RY. CO.:—The annual meeting of the shareholders of the New Brunswick Railway Company was held Thursday in the Company's office, Princess St., St. John. These directors were elected: Lord Strathcona and Mount Royal; Messrs. Robert Meighen, John Turnbull, George Hardisty, of Montreal; Messrs. John S. Kennedy, Samuel Thorne, J. Kennedy Todd, D. Willis James, of New York; Mr. E. R. Barpee, of Bangor, and Messrs. John McMillan and Hugh H. McLean, of St. John. Mr. Robert Meighen was elected president and Mr. J. Kennedy Todd vice-president. Mr. Alfred Seely was re-appointed secretary treasurer, Mr. H. H. McLean, solicitor, and Mr. W. T. Whitehead, of Fredericton, land agent.

A SWINDLER travelling in the northern counties, in Campbellton, Bathurst, and through the North Shore is representing himself as the agent of the late J. Hamblett Wood, selling rubber stamps, pads, etc., of 134 Prince Wm. street, this city. He is a medium sized man with dark mustache, about 5 ft. 8 in., and is a fluent talker and signs his name Hamblett Wood Beattie, and assumes also the name of James Bishop. Mrs. Wood has no knowledge of the man and cautions the public against having anything to do with such a person. The matter has been laid before the Lieutenant Governor and Messrs. Tweedie and McKeown.—Gazette.

PERSONAL:—David McLaren, Esq., of Liverpool, is in Chatham.

Mr. Hedley V. Parker, of the New York Herald who, with Mrs. Parker, is making his annual summer vacation visit to the Miramichi, participated in a trip given in his honor down river in the steam yacht, Florence, on Saturday. Amongst the party were Commodore J. C. Miller, acting Premier Tweedie, W. A. Park, Esq., R. A. Lawlor, Q. C., D. G. Smith, Jas. Johnston and Fred. Tweedie. A very enjoyable day was spent on the river.

Rev. Edward Bannon, of Richibucto, was in town on Monday. His many friends were glad to know that his health is very much improved by his late European tour.

DEATH OF ROBERT GRAHAM:—The very sudden death of Robert Graham, of Kouchibouguac, was quite a surprise to the people of that place and also of Richibucto. Deceased, who was in the best of health, and who had worked all day Saturday, 28th went to bed as usual and about an hour or two afterwards his wife, on hearing a strange noise and turning around, was shocked to find her husband dead. The cause of death is thought to be heart failure. He leaves a wife and 11 children. He leaves also two sisters, Mrs. James Fitzpatrick and Mrs. William Long, both of Richibucto. The funeral took place on Monday and was largely attended. Interment was made in the Presbyterian burying ground at Kouchibouguac.

IN CONCISENESS of statement, in the thoroughness with which the ground has been covered, The Biggle Books have won praises on every hand. The boiled-down, common-sense, cream not skim-milk method which characterizes the pages of the Farm Journal has been carried out in their preparation. For mechanical effect no expense or pains have been spared, and the highly finished paper, the beautiful illustrations, the excellent type and press work, and the handsome cloth binding, make these books models of the printer's art. The color work in the Berry, Poultry and Cow Books has never been attempted before in any book selling for a reasonable price. No farm or rural home is complete without Judge Biggle's Books, and no one interested in these subjects can afford to let another day go by without sharing in the helpful things with which their pages are filled. Pay $40 for a farm library other than this and you will not have more value. The price is 50 cents, by mail; address the publishers, Wilmer Atkinson Co., Philadelphia.

Retreat of the Clergy.

The clergy of the Diocese of Chatham are in Retreat at Bathurst. The services, which are conducted by Rev. Father Turgeon of the Jesuit order, began on Tuesday last 7th, and will continue until Tuesday next, 14th instant.

Bad Indians.

On Saturday night, 28th ult., the home of a French resident of Burnt Church, a painter named Desrochers, was visited by three Indians. It is said that two of the party did not enter the house, but a third broke the outside door open, and on going inside attempted to terrorise Desrochers and insult his wife. Finally, when the Indian's outrageous conduct became unbearable, Desrochers ordered him out and, after giving him due warning, fired a shot which took effect in or near his groin, making a very dangerous wound.

In Victoria, B. C.

The Victoria Colonist, July 26, says:—"Hon. Mr. Emmerson, premier of New Brunswick, and Hon. Mr. White, chief commissioner of Public Works of the same province, accompanied by Rev. Mr. Freeman, chaplain of the New Brunswick legislature, called upon the provincial executive yesterday, being introduced by Mr. Lugrin. Although the call was informal, the right of the provinces to the fisheries within the three-mile limit was the subject of consideration. The visitors afterwards called upon Sir Henri Joly. They leave the city by the Islander this morning, and after stopping a day at Vancouver will go through the Kootenays and thence home over the Crow's Nest Pass railway."

Robbers Abroad.

The Advocate reports attempted highway robberies in and near Newcastle during the past fortnight. One was attempted at midnight Saturday night, 28th, upon Mr. Wm. Lee who fortunately beat his assailant off after a tussle. An attempt was made by two men to enter Mr. David Sinclair's house, but they ran away on realising that the family had become alarmed. The most serious case is thus stated by the Advocate:

"Thursday evening Mr. Richard Howe of Rosebank was returning home from Newcastle. When he reached the Mill Cove, he was confronted by a tramp and at the point of a revolver he was forced to hand over his watch and chain and about eight dollars in cash. He gave a description of his assailant to the Newcastle police."

Death of Mrs. Alex. Morrison.

The death of Mrs. Alex. Morrison, which took place at her home at an early hour last Friday morning, was a sad surprise to the whole community, in which she was so well known and highly esteemed. On Wednesday last she visited Chatham and, after spending the afternoon pleasantly with friends, went to Bushville on the str. Nelson and then walked home. On reaching home she appeared to be in good health and spirits. She conversed a short time with Mr. Morrison and proceeded to her room to take off her out-door garments, when she fell, stricken with paralysis, from which she did not recover, dying as stated. The funeral, which took place at 2 p.m. on Monday, was very largely attended. The pall-bearers were Hon. Allan Ritchie, D. Ferguson, E. Sinclair, R. R. Call, W. A. Park and Geo. Watt. The services at the house and grave were conducted by Rev. D. Henderson, pastor of St. Andrew's Presbyterian church, assisted by Rev. J. M. Maclean of St. John's church. The interment was in Riverside cemetery. Mrs. Morrison was in her 71st year.

The Hotel Dieu Bazaar.

The Chatham Hotel Dieu bazaar, after a successful run of six days, closed on Monday night. It was a well-conducted affair throughout. The spacious first floor of the Sisters' new stone building, which is in course of erection, made an admirable room in which to arrange the different departments. The Sisters had the aid of a large number of ladies and gentlemen of the Cathedral congregation, including St. Michael's Band, who worked loyally to make the bazaar the success it was. All who attended were pleasantly entertained and abundantly satisfied with their visits, and although the prizes in the gift department were not as large as on some previous occasions of the kind, yet the interest manifested in them was sufficient to make them the object of considerable investment. The total receipts were $3,180. net $2,700.

The principal prizes of the drawings went to the following numbers and holders:—

Dinner Set, No. 128, Mr. P. Talon, Loggieville.

Extension Table, No. 123, Rev. H. T. Joyner, Chatham.

Hall Stand, No. 144, Mrs. M. Gaynor, Chatham.

Handsome Cushion, No. 177, Mr. L. Doiron, Chatham.

Fancy Quilt, No. 466, Mr. B. McGraw, Bay du Vin.

Crystal Tea Set, No. 728, Mr. P. Gorman, Chatham.

Sideboard, No. 97, Mr. M. Jardine, Chatham.

Chatham Board of Trade.

A special meeting of the Chatham Board of Trade was held in the Town Hall on Tuesday evening, the president, W. S. Loggie, Esq., in the chair.

It was shown that the Board's representations in reference to the Bay Du Vin, Burnt Church and Loggieville wharves had had the desired effect at Ottawa and there was a general expression of members' appreciation of the fact.

The matter of freight rates on flour from the West was discussed and the president read the following letter:

INTERCOLONIAL RAILWAY OF CANADA.
Office of the General Freight Agent
Moncton, N. B., August 1st 1900.

W. S. Loggie, Esq. Chatham. N. B.

DEAR SIR: I have had the matter of flour rates from Ontario points to Chatham up with our connections and have, so far, failed to get the Canadian Pacific Railway to agree to any reduction. I am, however, in hopes that the Grand Trunk will come in with us, but before doing so it will be necessary that a reduction be made by the Canada Eastern. At the present time they charge three cents from Chatham junction to Chatham, and the Grand Trunk claim that this should not exceed two cents. As this is the figure used by the Pulp Company from Chatham to Chatham Junction I think they should make a reduction for the flour. I had the matter up with Mr. Hoben who discussed it with Mr. Gibson at the beginning of last month, but he was not disposed to make any reduction. I think that you might be able to do something with him, and I shall be glad if you will take the matter up and let me know if you cannot induce him to meet the wishes of the Grand Trunk Railway. Yours truly,

J. J. WALLACE.

There was a general discussion of the subject and it was shown that much cheaper rates than those by rail could be had by water carriage, and that certain steamers were prepared to do the work by making the Miramichi a port of call. It came out incidentally that flour was brought by rail from the west to Point du Chene at 22 cents less per barrel than the Chatham rate.

It was however considered advisable to make an effort to induce the Canada Eastern railway to make the reduction referred to in Mr. Wallace's letter and president Loggie, Hon. J. B. Snowball and Mr. R. Flanagan were appointed a committee to communicate with the Canada Eastern authorities on the subject.

On motion of Mr. W. C. Winslow, seconded by Mr. Alex. Burr, it was ordered that the Board memorialize the Minister of Public Works, Ottawa, to expropriate the lot of land adjoining the Dominion public wharf on the east, so as to admit of the wharf now in course of repair being finished properly on that side and with the view of securing a necessary slip for the hauling out of the lightship, etc.

The secretary read a circular letter from the chairman and secretary of the Maritime Board of Trade, which is to hold its annual meeting in Kentville, N. S., on Wednesday 15th inst., giving a list of the topics to be discussed and information for Boards sending delegates.

The subject of this Board sending delegates to the meeting of the Maritime Board was discussed and decided affirmatively and the following delegates were appointed:

W. S. Loggie, D. G. Smith.

Geo. Watt, J. D, B. F. MacKenzie, alternates.

The Board, after discussion, voted to invite the Maritime Board to hold its annual meeting of 1901 at Chatham and the delegates from the Chatham Board were instructed to present the invitation.

The treasurer was instructed to recuit the fees due from this Board to the treasurer of the Maritime Board.

A number of new members were elected.

The pedlar nuisance was discussed. It was stated that over 20 unlicensed pedlars were on the Loggieville road that day (Tuesday) it being pay-day at the mill there, and it was also stated that the County Secretary Treasurer had said that it was not his business to take any steps to enforce the act of Assembly in reference to this class of offenders against the law, but that any one could prosecute them.

Adjourned.

The Coming Acadian Convention.

The Arichat C. B. "Record" gives the following interesting particulars in connection with the Acadian convention which is to begin at Arichat, next Wednesday 15th inst. "It will be continued for two or three days, and will be the best advertisement Arichat will have ever received, and all the residents should unite with our fellow Acadian citizens in making the visit of the hundreds o strangers, who will come, as pleasant as possible.

"It may be taken for granted that an immense concourse of people from all over Canada and different parts of the United States will come to attend the convention.

"The presence of Sir Wilfrid Laurier will lend an interest to the occasion, and a dignity to the convention. Those who have never heard this great orator, nor seen his 'sunny smile' or come under the influence of his 'sunny ways,' will be pleased that the convention will be graced by his distinguished presence. The convention will be non-political, and if any one assumes that because the great leader of the present government will speak of this occasion it must needs be a political gathering, such assumption would be false in every particular.

"Though the French-Canadians are of a different race from the English, Irish, or Scotch, yet they are ideal citizens of Canada, occupying prominent positions in church and state, and are proud to acknowledge themselves Canadians. They have done as much as any other race to build up Canada, and many of them have died for the Empire on the field of honor and are to-day shoulder to shoulder with Britain's soldiers in South Africa in fighting England's battles in that far distant country.

"The first convention was held at Memramcook in 1880, having for its object the selection of a national holiday for the Acadian people.

"Assumption Day was adopted as the National holiday, and it falls on Aug. 15th. The first convention was attended by over 4,000 people, including some of the leading men of Canada and such noted French leaders as Hon. P. A. Landry and Sir Hector Largevin, were present and took part.

"The second convention was held at Egmont Bay, P. E. I, and was for the purpose of assisting the funds of St. Anu's college. Over 18,000 Acadians are settled in the maritime provinces, and these conventions are for the purpose of promoting their welfare, educationally and religiously.

"The present president is Senator Pascal Poirier, and Judge Landry and the Hon. A. D. Richard are the joint secretaries. The local committee of reception and entertainment are:

President—Dr. A. A. LeBlanc.
Vice-President—B. A. LeBlanc.
Treasurer—L. B. Boudreau.
Secretary—J. B. Boudreau.

"Acting with these gentlemen are the presidents of all the other committees, clergymen, members of Parliament and the school teachers of the town."

Chatham Town Council.

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

After reading and confirmation of the minutes.—

The clerk read a telegram from Mr. Freeman C. Coffin, C. E., Boston, to Ald. McIntosh, saying he could not leave that city to confer with the Public Works Committee here until 12th inst. [This telegram was subsequently fyled.]

Read, also, a communication from the Robb Co. of Amherst in reference to their secondhand boiler and engine supplied to the town and rejected, offering to rent it at $25 a month and making other stipulations relating thereto. [Their letter was subsequently fyled.]

Also a letter from H. H. Parlee, Secretary of the Sussex Firemen's Sports Committee, in connection with their coming celebration, and inviting the Chatham firemen to participate therein. [This letter was referred to the Fire Committee.]

The mayor read a letter from the Bacon Air Lift Company, New York, addressed to ald. McIntosh, chairman of the Public Works Committee, as follows:—

Mr. Andrew McIntosh, Chairman of the Public Works Committee, Chatham, N. B., Canada.

DEAR SIR: We must apologise for our delay in replying to your valued inquiry, but it is due to the fact that our Mr. Shaw who is familiar with the conditions, has been away and we have not been able to get into communication with him.

With reference to your inquiry would say that it would be almost impossible for us to give you a figure on a complete plant until we know just where the wells were to be located and where the standpipe would be located. That, of course, you will see, could not be determined until we had been over the ground.

With reference however, to an artesian water supply we would say that we would be willing to install the requisite amount of arte ian wells and to guarantee from them a yield of 400,000 gallons per day of 24 hours, we making all necessary tests in connection with the same at our expense, for the sum of $2000.

If such a proposition would meet with the favor of your Board we should be glad to submit formal proposal.

As you will doubtless remember, we have made several personal investigations of the conditions at Chatham and advised almost a year ago that your city obtain its supply from artesian wells. Such a supply would be absolutely reliable and the quality of water due to natural filteration would be far superior to any surface supply such as was contemplated from Morrison's brook.

We have already sent photographs and testimonial letters referring to some recent plants installed by us and we can show you a number of plants installed by us where the whole city supply is taken from artes an wells installed in connection with our pumping system.

With regard to the pre sent well which you have installed, would say: that if it were possible for us to locate the new wells in close enough proximity to this present well so as to enable it to be pumped to advantage we should of course be willing to allow you for the well the cost of the same, which we understand is $600.

Trusting that we may hear from you favorably, we, are,

Yours very truly,
BACON AIR LIFT COMPANY,
John J. Boyd, Sec.

New York, July 17th, 1900.

The Mayor also read an application from W. C. Winslow, Esq., for the position of Town Solicitor.

The mayor also read a report of W. C. Winslow, Esq., on the case of the Town against J. D. Creaghan, in which he acted in behalf of the town. The report dealt with the facts already published in the ADVANCE, citing parts of Judge McLeod's decision against the decision of the Chatham Police Magistrate and concluded by stating that he, Mr. Winslow, had advised the Town Treasurer to proceed against Mr. Creaghan under the bye-law relating to alterations in existing wooden buildings.

The mayor read also a communication from R. A. Lawlor, Esq., saying that if the subject of appointing a Town Solicitor were to be taken up, at this session of the council he desired that his claims to position be considered. He referred to his work done for the town when employed by it and also to his having acted for Mr. Creaghan in the late suit brought in behalf of the town against that gentleman, when another attorney had been employed to act for the town, and explained that he was free to take that course under the circumstances.

The clerk read the following communication:—

CHATHAM, N. B., Aug. 3, 1900.

Alex. Burr, Esq., Chairman of the Fire Committee' Town of Chatham, N. B.

DEAR SIR: Please find enclosed cheque for Fifty Dollars, which we wish to donate to the Fire Company as a small token of our appreciation of the work done by said company during the fire of last Wednesday morning.

We wish the above amount to go towards purchasing suitable hats for the company, that they may be better protected from the great danger of falling debris while they are on duty.

Yours respectfully,
JOHN MCDONALD & CO.

On motion, the communications of Messrs. Winslow and Lawlor in reference to the Town solicitorship were referred to the Finance Committee.

In reference to Mr. Winslow's letter on the Creaghan matter, recommending further proceedings against Mr. Creaghan, ald. Watt said he had spoken to Mr. Lawlor on the subject and from what that gentleman had said he inferred that the whole difficulty might be amicably and satisfactorily settled without the expense of further proceedings in law.

Ald. Maher, seconded by ald. Watt, moved that a select committee composed of four members of the council be appointed to act in conjunction with the assessors in connection with applications for the reduction of assessments. This was carried, and ald. Watt, Murdoch, McIntosh and Burr were elected as the committee; the mayor to be a member, ex officio.

Petitions for reduction of assessments, from Messrs. M. S. Hocken, John Mahony and John McDonald & Co. were read, accompanied by sworn statements, and referred to the select committee on the subject.

The Mayor read a communication from Mr. Edwd. Barry complaining that the drain made between his property and that of Mr. McCulley had flooded his cellar and that the water from the Chatham Laundry had spoiled his well, and he asked that the Council do its duty in the matter and avoid action which he would otherwise be compelled to take to protect his interests. Referred to the Public Works Committe.

Ald. Watt submitted the following report from the Finance Committe:—

GENTLEMEN: The Finance Committee would beg leave to report that in accordance with instructions the Town Treasurer instituted an action against J. D Creaghan for violation of a bye-law relating to buildings within certain limits; judgement was rendered in this case compelling Mr. Creaghan to pay a fine of Forty Dollars. Mr. Creaghan appealed this case, which appeal was argued before Judge McLeod, who decided that Police Magistrate Connors had acted without jurisdiction in the case. Judge McLeod's typewritten decision is herewith attached.

Your committee have never yet been able to meet with the Committee from the Municipal Council in reference to Lockup

We would respectfully recommend payment of R. A. Lawlor's acct. as counsel prosecuting Scott Act cases June and July $25 00, Calvin Craig, month's salary $41.67, T. M. Gaynor acct of salary $30.00

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

Ald. McIntosh submitted the following report from the Public Works Committee:

Your committee have much pleasure in reporting that they have received an offer from the Bacon Air Lift Co, to supply 600,000 gallons of water per each 24 hours, for nine thousand dollars. Mr. Foley's offer for same amount of water for six thousand dollars was submitted last meeting.

We would recommend that these offers be submitted to C. E. Coffin for his opinion when he comes here next week to consult with your board.

We beg to report that we have paid Mr. Alex. Hay $35.00 on account of his claim for damages to land which damage we considered worth fifty dollars.

In accordance with arrangements with Robb Engineering Co. we used their engine and boiler to drive our stone crusher, to crush the 400 tons on wharf, we agreeing to pay a rental of $5.00 per month and freight on engine and boiler. The stone has been crushed and has been placed on the roads, costing twenty cents per ton for crushing and distributing.

The following accounts for labor and expenditures have been duly passed in committee and we would respectfully recommend payment of same.

Robt. Lobban's acc. for labor on stone		$196 23
Robt. Bowes "	"	124 13
The James Robinson Co. acc. rubber belt and freight		44 20
W. J. Connors acc. for spikes		9 00
W. J. Groat "	watering streets	24 40
John Marsh "	work on culvert	11 25
Alex. Hay "	land damages	35 00
		$444 27

The report was adopted and the accompanying accounts ordered to be paid.

Ald. Burr said that when ald. McIntosh was absent from town, some other member of the committee should be empowered to look after work going on. There were eleven men, for instance, engaged about the stone crusher and some of them were unnecessary. They were paid for work not done. Complaints were also made that the town did not get service on the streets for the money spent in wages. This ought not to be, for the town's money should not be spent in this way.

Ald. Watt said that as the stone was crushed for 20c. a ton, as stated by the committee, there could not have been the waste of labor stated by ald. Burr.

Ald. McIntosh said he was absent from town when the work of stone-crushing was begun, and he observed that the World stated that eleven men were employed in connection with it. The stone had been crushed and distributed under Mr. Robert Lobban, who, at all events, was quite as competent to superintend such a job as ald. Burr. The cost of the work showed that it was economically done.

The Mayor here reminded the Council that the discussion was out of order.

Ald. Burr from the Park and Fire committee reported as follows:—

As authorized at meeting of Council we have endeavored to see parties in reference to site for warehouse for storing oil, but have not been able to see them and get figures for land required, so would ask till next meeting of Council to get options for the same.

In reference to money donated to ex-Ald. Hocken, by Mr. J. J. Stuart, Esq., President of Maritime Sulphite Fibre Co., to be disposed of as Mr. Hocken sees fit, as chairman of the committee have interviewed Mr. Hocken, and he said he would endeavor to meet the company who were on service at that time and talk the matter over with them, so we trust at next meeting we will be in a position to report decisively in that matter.

Your committee have also much pleasure in informing the Council that John McDonald & Co, have very generously donated the sum of $50.00 towards providing suitable hel mets for firemen while at work at a fire, and we would also as a Fire Committee, wish the Council to tender John McDonald & Co. a vote of thanks for his generosity and thoughtfulness in donating such sum, and also to order a vote of sympathy to said Company in their heavy loss.

We would also ask power from the Council to purchase some new hose, we do not know how much, to replace hose that burst during the last fire.

We would also recommend the payment of the following bills.

In reference to a letter from Mr. W. C. Winslow in reference to water supply to Jackson tank, your committee recommend the payment of twenty-five dollars per annum to W. C. Winslow.

The report was adopted and the bills ordered to be paid.

Ald. McKay referring to the $25 a year recommended to be paid to Mr. Winslow for water supplied to the Jackson tank said it ought to be understood what the term of the arrangement was—whether it was yearly or not. It should be in the discretion of the Council to terminate the arrangement at any time.

Ald. Burr said it was only for one year, but there were arrears of two or more years to be paid.

The Mayor said the lease ought to have a provision by which it could be terminated by either party at any time on giving three months' notice.

Ald. Burr read the resignation of James Whitty as a member of the Hose Company.

The Mayor said special power should be given to the fire committee to purchase hose, as asked in their report and on motion of ald. Maher, seconded by ald. Burr the fire committee was so empowered.

Ald. Murdoch from the Police Committee reported a number of bills amounting to $135.53, also record of work of the policemen as Scott Act inspectors, as follows:

M. Foley: 5 summonses—4 convictions; 1 dismissed.

Thomas Hannah: 4 summonses—2 convictions; 2 dismissed; 1 search-warrant. found nothing.

Adam Dickens: 3 summonses—1 conviction; 1 dismissed; 1 to be tried 13th instant; 2 search-warrants, found nothing.

Ald. Burr said the policemen were getting pretty fat salaries—$500 a year—but it was a general complaint that they did not do their duty in keeping order in the town. They were not as attentive to their duties as they ought to be. There was drinking openly in the public park, but no attempt on the policemen's part to stop it. It was going on yesterday (Sunday) but a policeman couldn't be found. There were three of them and they should do better work. Cows were allowed by them to run in the park also and they would not assist Mr. Green, the hog reeve, to impound them.

Ald. Gallivan said he had seen the policemen taking two cows from the park Monday morning.

Ald. Murdoch, chairman of the police committee, said he had instructed the policemen that it was their duty to assist Mr. Green in impounding cows. They were repeatedly so instructed and if they failed in their duty in this respect it was not his or the committee's fault. They had also been reminded of their duty in maintaining good order generally in the town.

Ald. Watt complained that Chairman Murdoch was at fault in not looking more sharply after the neglectful policemen. He cited cases of cows going at large in the West End, unmolested by the policemen. Mr. Green had complained that he could get no assistance with cows from the policemen.

Ald. Murdoch said Green had never complained to him; if he did so at any time he would receive assistance, even from himself, for he would go with the policemen and help to impound the cows.

The Mayor said that since the Crimmin raid took place much drinking had been reported about the wharves, but the policemen had done little in the matter. He was sorry more was not done by the policemen as Scott Act inspectors, and he hoped the Chairman would see that they rendered some effective service.

Ald. Murdoch said the policemen had been hauled over the coals by the committee, but they said the difficulty was in getting evidence to convict and, failing that, they did not think it right to prosecute where only failure and expense seemed probable.

The Mayor said there should be more search-warrants taken out. The policemen were officers of the town and they should do better duty for their salaries.

The police committee's report was adopted and the bills read ordered to be paid.

In reply to ald. Burr the mayor said Mr. Coffin would probably get $25 a day and his expenses for coming to Chatham.

Ald McIntosh's action in inviting Mr Coffin to come here was formally approved by motion of council.

The Bacon Air Lift Company's letter was fyled.

W. C Winslow, Esq., Q.C., was, on motion, heard on the subject of the Creaghan case. He said he had put about all that it was necessary for him to say in his report already read to the council. He had had an interview with Mr. Creaghan since Judge McLeod's decision in that gentleman's favor was given. The decision, as they knew, had invalidated the bye-law, and it was necessary to now deal differently with Mr. Creaghan. He had made the roof on the building he was repairing higher than the bye law permitted. It was 17 ft, higher than the plate, instead of 11 feet higher, as permitted by the law. He had, therefore, instructed the Treasurer to proceed against Mr. Creaghan under that bye-law. Mr. Creaghan had however said he would remove the old building and put up a new one. In that case the town would have no power to say how high he should make it. Mr. Creaghan had also said he would put it up in such a way as to meet the council's views. It would, therefore, be advisable for the council to authorize him, Mr. Winslow, to meet Mr. Creaghan, together with the Public Works Committee, so that the committee might be instructed how to act in the matter.

R. A. Lawlor, Esq, who was present, demurred at some of Mr. Winslow's statements, and on motion, was heard. He said that, as Mr. Creaghan's legal adviser, he could not sit quietly and by his silence seem to acquiesce in the statement of Mr. Winslow that there had been any violation of law in the erection of the building in question, or have it understood that Mr. Creaghan had admitted any such violation. In view of the position in which the matter stood, Mr. Creaghan might take down the old building and put up a new one, and in order to make it mutually satisfactory he might brick-case it and put on a spark-proof roof. He, Mr. Lawlor, hoped the Council would assist in arriving at some amicable settlement of the vexed question.

After a time ald. Watt, seconded by ald. Maher, moved that the whole council be a committee to act under the advice of Mr. Winslow to confer with Mr. Creaghan in reference to erecting a building encased with brick, etc.

Mr. Lawlor said Mr. Creaghan had not undertaken or offered to put up a brick-cased building. He, Mr. Lawlor, had said he had contemplated doing so.

The motion passed and Thursday was named as the day on which the Council would meet with Mr. Creaghan.

Ald. Murdoch moved that the Mayor be requested to call a ratepayers' meeting, on or about the 10th inst. to consider the proposition to grant a bonus and exemption from taxation for a term of years to the proposed new Sulphite Fibre mill. Carried.

Ald. McKay referred to the late pilot difficulties and the arrangement that was effected in settlement of the matter and said the agreement was not being carried out.

Ald. Watt endorsed ald. McKay's statement and said there had been a difficulty about getting the commissioners to meet. There had been no regular meeting since April. The chairman had made several attempts since that time to have a meeting but a quorum could not be had. Complaints were made of the breaking of the understanding on which the settlement was based and efforts to get the commissioners together to have the trouble righted had, so far, failed.

Ald. McIntosh said that as pilot Geo. Tait was present it would be well to hear from him as to the reasons why the arrangement arrived at had not been kept.

The Mayor expressed the hope that Mr. Tait would be careful in respect of anything he might say so as not to add any further element of irritation. A motion to hear Mr. Tait was then carried.

Mr. Tait said it was impossible for him to say why the arrangements entered into between the old and new pilots and the commissioners had not been carried out. The Council's committee which was appointed to arrange the difficulties knew as well as he did what the agreement was and as much as he as to why it was not carried out. The old and new pilots were to take an equal share of the labor and to share equally in the pay. The old pilots were not anxious for the agreement to be made, but they wanted a settlement of the difficulties and agreed to the arrangement. They were not in favor of the new pilots getting a new schooner for it was not really needed. So far the new pilots had ignored the organization. They took no directions from the pilot master; their captain said he would take out the vessels he brought in and take the money he earned. The new pilots had not done anything at moving ships, which was work involving more responsibility and difficulty than the ordinary duty of piloting. The commissioners did nothing in these matters, explaining that they must wait until the new agreement had been ratified at Ottawa and as soon as that was done they would see it was adhered to and that the new pilots would be made to act upon it. The new regulations were ratified at Ottawa but the new pilots had not conformed to them. They did not go for their money to the pilot master, but Mr. Johnson acted for them. They would not go on the station like the other pilots and, in fact, they acted as they pleased. The commissioners or some other authority ought to step in and take some action towards enforcing respect for the regulations.

Ald. Watt said that the agreement effected by the committee of council and commissioners was a good one if carried out: He agreed to what pilot Tait had stated as to its terms and said the commissioners were not having it carried out; the new pilots were disregarding it. If the old pilots, however were patient, they must eventually get fair play, which they did not get now, for it would be found that they were acting in good faith and were really the only ones entitled to share in the moneys earned.

Ald. Maher intimated that the former committee of council, with some alderman in ex-alderman Hocken's place, might be empowered to take the matter up again with the view of communicating with the government and arriving at a better condition of affairs among the pilots and commissioners.

Ald. Burr said the government had done all that was possible; it had ratified the regulations, and it was the commissioners who had failed to do their duty.

The mayor said the new schooner seemed to be a necessity of the situation. He repeated what Messrs. Tait and Watt had stated as to what the agreement was and said that in all decency the new pilots should adhere to their arrangement and go to and be directed by the pilot-master as the other pilots were, and the commissioners should, if necessary, compel them to do this. It was absurd for the new pilots to so act with the third schooner as to practically leave only two schooners under the direction of the pilot-master.

Ald. Gallivan said the council should not talk, but act and protest to the government and Minister so that justice should be done to the old pilots.

In reply to ald. Murdoch the mayor said the council had no official standing in the matter, but could only use its good offices in a friendly way when they were acceptable to all parties.

On motion of ald. Maher, seconded by ald. McIntosh, it was ordered that the mayor and ald. Watt and Mr. M. S. Hocken be a committee to interview the pilotage commissioners and endeavor to get them to act in accordance with the agreement arranged between them and the committee of council in reference to the pilotage matter.

Adjourned.

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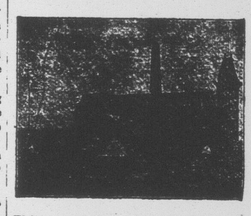

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