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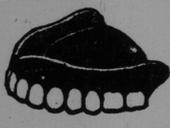
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FIRE FIGHTERS OF THE OLD DAYS IN ST. JOHN

A Story Which is Particularly Appropriate Just Now in View of Chief Kerr's Anniversary—Clarence Ward Tells of the Old Volunteer Fire Companies of Half a Century Ago.

The celebration of Chief Kerr's twenty-fifth anniversary in the fire department tonight brings back memories to the old fire fighters of the long ago, when the old volunteer companies were in their glory. A Times man was in the office of the mayor's clerk, Clarence Ward, yesterday, when the subject of the anniversary was brought up. "Oh, you boys"—Mr. Ward always says "you boys" when he is referring to people under fifty or sixty years of age—"You boys make me tired. The volunteers of the old days were the boys. When old No. 5 and No. 6 were blooming, there was something doing all the time. "Those were the days when we used to have a fire fight at nearly every fire. You know, in those days, there was a prize of a guinea for the company that got first water." The scribe scribing a story, urged Mr. Ward to go on, and tell about the fireman of half a century ago. It developed that the veteran clerk had served for about twelve years as secretary of No. 5 volunteer company and digging down into one of the drawers of his desk, where there are many treasures dear to the hearts of those interested in "ancient" history, he brought forth a bundle of papers, in which there was a list of the members of old No. 5, and a list of the survivors of No. 6, which had been compiled a few years ago by "Joe" Knowles, one of its members, also sundry documents and books or rules, etc. It was hardly necessary to refer to these papers, however, as Mr. Ward's memory was good enough from his training as a writer and authority on "Old Times in St. John" to remember almost every detail of the formation and work of the old "volunteers," and if there was any hesitation the consulting engineer, Hurd Peters, who was present, and who also served as one of the No. 5 crowd, could supply the information. "It was on March 14, 1849, that a serious fire wrought destruction at York Point, burning one hundred and fourteen houses before it was finally subdued, and as a result of there being no organized fire fighting brigade up to that time, a number of citizens decided to organize and purchase apparatus to protect their property in case of fire in the future. On July 6, 1849, No. 5 company was organized and they bought and paid for an engine, hose and hose. Shortly afterwards No. 6 company was formed, and at short intervals thereafter other companies were brought into being. Some of the companies had rather fantastic names. There were the following: Protector No. 1 and Brunswick No. 2, in the City of Portland; Wellington, No. 1, Extinguisher No. 2, Corra Lyon No. 3, Emerald No. 4, Always Ready No. 5, Faugha-Ballagh No. 6, in the city proper, and Nos. 7 and 8 in Garrison. The full strength of a company was sixty members, but there was always a large number on the waiting list and as soon as a mem-

ber dropped out there were always many ready to take the place. The only survivors now of No. 5 company are—Clarence Ward, J. S. Boies De Volder, Edward Everett, James Kirk, John C. Miles, Hurd Peters, L. J. Almon, George Everett, of Ottawa; T. A. D. Foster, of Philadelphia; Charles Head, of Hampton; John Cameron, of Fredericton; Archibald Rankin, of Denver and Richard Whiteside, of New York. Many men who have been prominent in the city in years gone by and who have now passed away were numbered on the roll, such as the late James Reynolds, A. Chip Smith, T. Gray Merritt, Archibald Rowan, Thos. R. Jones, Geo. S. deForest, Sheriff James A. Harding, Charles Kinneer, Chief Justice William Ritchie, R. W. Crookshanks, John W. Oudlip and many others. The members of No. 6 now living are: E. Whittaker, James A. Tufts, Charles McGregor, John D. Robertson, Richard Lyman, Jas. H. Venning, George E. Fairweather, Martin Armstrong, Howard D. Troop, Joseph S. Knowles, Joseph Henderson, Charles Bell and C. Fred Langton. Among the deceased are such men as the late Frank Tufts, Dr. John Berryman, A. T. Bustin and others. The first officers of No. 5 Company were: Mr. Ward, chief engineer; Charles Lawton, assistant engineer and Wm. Hutchinson, secretary. Mr. Ward joined the company in 1855 after being on the waiting list for some time and shortly afterwards was elected secretary, holding that office for twelve years. Engineer Hurd Peters was a hosieman in the company and as such wore a decoration on his sleeve as a distinguishing mark. The uniform of the fire laddies then was a blue shirt with silver facings, white trousers, black gaiters and black belt. Speaking of the practice of giving a guinea to the company first getting water on a fire Mr. Ward said it led to many bloody scraps. The first company to arrive was supposed to fix on the hydrant, a slanting coupling so as to permit of two links of hose being stretched, but often in their haste to get the prize the men would make the connection with their hose and then there was sure to be a howl when the next company arrived. Other times when the slanting had been affixed a man from one company would stand on the hose of the rival party and so shut off the water until his own crowd could get theirs turned on. When the culprit was discovered, his coat was pulled off and some heads broken. "Oh those were great old days," said Messrs. Ward and Peters. The volunteer companies were disbanded in 1860 after having performed noteworthy service for the protection of property in the city, and since that time the engines replaced the old style hand affairs. "Since that time there have been many changes in the department, both as regards the equipment and the fire fighters, and Chief Kerr may well feel proud of the noble boys and handsome and efficient apparatus of the present time."

THIS EVENING The Every Day Club meets as usual. Robinson Opera Company in "The Girl from Paris" at the Opera House. Vaudeville at Keith's Theatre. Monella and Russell at the Victoria. The Fireside Club will meet at the residence of James McMurray, Spruce street, Union Lodge, No. 2, K. of P., meets in Castle Hall. Court North End, C. O. F., will meet in Union Hall. Public meeting of all carpenters in Berryman's Hall. St. John the Baptist tea and talk. Court Grandquindry, No. 127, O. F. will hold a public installation of its officers in Orange Hall, Simonds street, this evening.

FRA DIAVOLO TONIGHT In response to very numerous requests the Robinson Opera Company will be heard in the Opera House tonight in Fra Diavolo, and there will probably be a record breaking attendance. Miss Mabel Day's fine work in the role of Zerlina, when the opera was produced on Monday night, has excited much favorable comment, while Mr. Nelson's Diavolo is conceded to be the best thing he does. Miss Barton will be seen again as Lady Althea, while the comedians will have ample opportunity for fun making. Tomorrow evening Girolo-Girolo will be sung and on Friday and Saturday evening the "Wizard of the Nile" will be given another grand scenic production. Last evening's bill was The Girl from Paris, and was enthusiastically received. Miss Kilcoyne's clever interpretation of Julie Bon-bon delighted the audience, while the entire company gave a first class performance.

BUSINESS NOTICES Special values in cotton and flannellette nightgowns; are to be had for 75c. each at the Union Clothing Co's, 20-28 Charlotte street, old Y. M. C. A. building; Union Clothing Co.

SKIRT SALE Macaulay Bros & Co. start a most attractive sale of ladies' Tweed, homespun, Venetian and broadcloth street and house skirts. The prices, as will be seen by turning to the firm's advertisement in this evening's Times, are little more than the cost, or amount paid for making a skirt. To give all an equal chance in this sale, no skirts will be sold or shown till 10.30 tomorrow morning.

GREAT SUCCESS AT M. R. A'S SALE The sale of 2,000 undervests at M. R. A's today started out with a great rush and continued until the time of writing. The vests are slightly defective, but otherwise real good value. Tomorrow the sale will be continued.

POLICE REPORTS Duncan Carmichael has been reported for working in the city without a license. A roll of bacon found outside of John Coggan's store on Haymarket square by Policeman S. D. Hamm, was left in the Meadow street lockup for safe keeping. A pocket book found on Union street, west end, by Mrs. J. McLaren and handed to the police, has been left at the central police station. Rev. P. J. Stachhouse will speak at an open meeting of Gurney Division, S. of T. in the Temperance Hall, Market building, tomorrow evening. Mr. and Mrs. Louis J. Cortright returned yesterday from the United States and Upper Canada.

STILL ANOTHER NAME HAS BEEN GIVEN to that of the unfortunate sailor whose body still lies at the hospital. This morning it was quoted as Albert Erickson, but Coroner Berryman informed the police last night that the name was Albert Ellerton; but there is no change of other statements which appear in another column of this issue of the Times.

A young Syrian woman arrived on the Pacific express last night and, it is said, that she was brought to the states to join her husband. On the way from Halifax it appears that an Australian won favor with her, and the Syrian woman decided to follow him and to forget her husband. They desired to go to Uncle Sam's territory, but were refused permission by the U. S. immigration authorities. They left the depot and later registered at a hotel as man and wife.

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Perfect Fitting, Shaped Ankle and Extra Quality.

At 25 Cents Per Pair.

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This special hose is ribbed, very warm, and wears like iron.

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A bright and early showing of Costume and Coat Cloths. Also a fine line of Skirtings. Included in the array are all the new check patterns, large, medium and small. All the new colors for spring.

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Our Import Linen and Cotton Sale Still on. Tablecloths, Sheets, Towels, Napkins, Quilts, Bedspreads, Pillow Cases, Etc., Etc., Hemmed to Your Order Absolutely Free of Charge.

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