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Dr. Ruddock-Paisville, and St. Martins are towns and they work under a special act and they are exempt from paying their sidewalks. In Fairville they expended \$1,500 on sidewalks last year. It is for the sake of these sidewalks that they desire to continue under their special act.

Mr. Morrison—The amount that is expended is no reason why St. John should be excepted.

Hon. Mr. Pugsley—The section is not limited to St. John, but includes every place where there is a special highway law. In St. John county there are a few which apply to the four parishes, and they spend every year from four to five thousand dollars in the parish of Lunenburg. In such a case it is not desirable to interfere with local conditions.

Mr. Hazen—I do not find any fault with the government for excepting St. John. Indeed it would be an outrage if they did not. In St. John they have a local highway act, the business of the roads being managed by board consisting of the councillors, and they assess for the maintenance of roads. I am only sorry the bill does not go further and except every county. The more it is talked about the more popular it becomes. This excepting of St. John is for the purpose of avoiding the unpopularity which the bill would excite in that constituency. St. John is not the only county that has large towns and important centres of population, and they all should be treated in the same way.

Hon. Mr. Pugsley—The hon. gentleman seems to realize the fact that this government knows how to meet the wishes of the people. It has also sounded public opinion, and throughout the province there is an almost universal feeling in favor of the highway act. It is a bill which is defective in any particular we will be ready to amend it. All we desire is to pass a highway law that will keep the highways and bridges in good condition and make it certain that the money will be properly expended.

The section was then passed and the bill agreed to. The house again went into committee on the bill relating to the city of Moncton, Mr. Grimmer in the chair.

Hon. Mr. Pugsley moved that section 4 be reconsidered. This was done, and then moved that section 4 be struck out.

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MILLTOWN, April 7.—The regular meeting of the town council was held Tuesday evening, his worship Mayor McAllister presiding and a full board present except Councillor Smith.

After the minutes of the last meeting were read, Mr. Marks Mills, L.L.D., presented the following resolutions of the town of St. George:

Whereas, the New Brunswick Southern Railway Company, a company incorporated under an act of the general assembly of the province of New Brunswick, passed in the year A. D. 1901, have acquired and now own the railway known as the Shore Line railway, and further call the rights, franchises, powers, privileges and property of the Shore Line Railway Company;

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And whereas, the commercial and general interests of the province of New Brunswick have particularly suffered on account of the manner in which said railway has been operated during the past few years;

And whereas, the people of the county of Charlotte have petitioned the Hon. Henry R. Emmerson, minister of railways in the dominion government, humbly praying that the dominion government purchase the said railway from the said New Brunswick Southern Railway Company and operate said railway as part of the government system of railways in connection with the Intercolonial railway at the said city of St. John;

Therefore resolved, that the town council of the town of Milltown hereby places itself on record as being heartily in favor of the dominion government purchasing the said railway as above set out;

And whereas, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Hon. Henry R. Emmerson at Ottawa, Mr. Mills said that the life was in a very bad state, that a drive to the Oak Bay crossing would convince anybody of that. He went around with the petition about two days and a half in St. Stephen and Milltown, and everybody who read it was in favor of it except one, who claimed that the government could not be persuaded to purchase the road. He further remarked that if the government should buy it, and connect as petitioned, a bridge would probably be built across the river and join the W. C. R. R. (now the Maine Central), the road fixed and properly equipped and a huge freight traffic handed over to the line. He concluded by saying that the resolutions would be brought before the councils of St. Stephen and would be favorable to both and this council also.

It was resolved that a copy of the resolutions be sent to Hon. J. R. Emmerson at Ottawa. The motion was passed, all being in favor.

The treasurer's report for February and March was accepted.

W. W. Graham, representing the stockholders of the old Milltown Public Library, was present, and in reference to the proposition made at a recent meeting said that if the town decided to take the books of the library that the class room, which is not now being used, of the High School would be procured to keep them in after a few alterations had been made.

The councillors thought that the town was not in a position to accept the kind offer the shareholders at present, so would have to decline it. Bills amounting to \$61.33 were ordered to be paid and charged as follows: Fire, \$7.31; salaries, \$53.21; public property, \$1.49; Scott Act, \$7.00; poor, \$78.64; B. McIntee, \$5.87, and roads, \$59.20.

A communication was received from Lawyer M. N. McKusick of Calais asking

"Prizes" with common soaps are dearly paid for at the expense of clothes and hands.

SUNLIGHT SOAP REDUCES EXPENSE

Ask for the Octagon Bar.

ing for an adjustment of damages sustained by Emmerson Annas, who was run into by the hose cart last fall. The matter was referred to the town solicitor.

Mayor McAllister was appointed a committee to confer with Tax Collector Jas. E. Osborne, who is confined to his home with illness, and ask him to appoint a deputy to receive payment of taxes, the town being in need of funds.

Other motions that were made: That N. Marks Mills, L.L.D., be given the use of the council room as an office; that the street committee investigate claim of Jas. Purcell for being assessed in 1903, when he was under age, be referred to the assessment committee.

DIED IN NEW HAMPSHIRE.

The following is taken from a Hampton, N. H., paper, last issue:

"On Thursday evening of last week, death which had lingered near for some days, came to Annie B., the beloved wife of G. Fred Hennigar. Mrs. Hennigar was the youngest daughter of the late John Kays of Barnstable, Kings Co., N. B. Mr. Hennigar was also a native of Kings Co. After their marriage they came to the United States and for a number of years have resided in Hampton, where they won the esteem and respect of everyone. They were both devoted members of the Methodist church. Mr. Hennigar has the sincere sympathy of the church and of the entire community. The funeral service on Saturday was conducted by the Rev. J. N. Bradford. The floral offerings were abundant and the interment was made in the Hampton cemetery."

PATENT REPORT.

Below will be found a list of patents recently granted by the Canadian government through the agency of Macdonald & Marion, patent attorneys, Montreal, Canada, and Washington, D. C. Information relating to the patents cited will be supplied free of charge by applying to the above named firm.

86,061—Wm. Alth. Baldwin, Smith's Falls, Ont., suitably plow.

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Supplementary examinations at the university commenced this morning and will be concluded tomorrow.

The funeral of the late Mrs. J. W. Ruel, who died at Woodstock Wednesday, took place this afternoon from the residence of her son, James W. Ruel, Gibson. Rev. J. DeWolfe Cowie conducted services at the parish church, and interment took place at Lower St. Mary's.

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