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OBIT:—Rev. Father Martin, vicar at Bathurst, received word a few days ago of the death of his father, Mr. Onesime Martin, St. Basil, Madawaska county.

WORK HAS BEEN RESUMED by Mr. James Troy on the new St. John's Presbyterian Church, corner of Wellington and Cunard streets.

NAPAN CREAMERY'S operations for the season were begun on Wednesday of last week and its gilt edged butter is now on the local market.

AT A RIPE OLD AGE:—Mr. James Murray, of Newcastle, one of Newcastle's oldest and best known residents, died at an early hour last Saturday morning.

MR. JOSEPH DICKENS, mate of the str Miramichi, had the ill luck to fall and break his collar bone while working on the stage at that vessel on Wednesday of last week.

JAMES HAINES returned from Richibucto Tuesday with 14 wild geese.—Telephone.

Are there no game Wardens in the regions of Richibucto or Campbellton?

BALLADS:—We understand that Mr. H.C. Wilson purposes giving one of his musical talks on the subject of Ballads—probably in the Town Hall—in the near future.

REV. W. F. PURCELL—formerly of Bathurst, and late in Chatham,—has been appointed parish priest at Shippegan, in place of Rev. F. X Ozanne, who has been transferred to Balmoral

HOME AGAIN:—Mr. and Mrs. V. A. Danville returned home on Friday night last from their honeymoon trip and are now settled in their new home on Wellington street.

NEW STEAMER:—Mr. J. M Ruddock has been awarded the contract for building the new down-river steamer for the Miramichi Steam Navigation Company. She will carry 300 passengers and cost about $14 000.

CHURCH MUSIC:— At St. Mary's Sunday School Room next Monday at 8 p m an Illustrated Talk on church music will be given by Mr. Wilson, the newly appointed organist and choirmaster.

IT IS NONESENSE to say that because you have a bad cough you are going to have consumption, but it is safer and better to cure it with Adamson's Botanic Cough Balsam than to let it run. 25c. all druggist.

REV. D. HENDERSON, the popular pastor of St. Andrew's Church, Chatham, is to be congratulated over the fact that he has fallen heir to a valuable property in Scotland. The announcement is made in The British Weekly:

NEW JUSTICES:—Amongst recent magisterial appointments by government are Messrs. John A. Flett, Thomas Gill, William O'Brien, Joseph Sobey, Peter A. Forsythe, John A. Brooks, Daniel Hogan and Ephriam Hayes, all of the County of Northumberland.

THE FIRST:—The str. Florence in charge of her owner, Commodore Miller, ran down from Millerton to Newcastle last Saturday and thence to Chatham, Col. Call joining the Commodore in the trip from the latter place. The run between Newcastle and Chatham was made in 28 minutes.

AN ABUNDANT FLOW of water has been struck in the six inch boring at Morrison's brook at a depth of 77 feet. The well gushes about 200 gallons per minute. There seems to be sufficient pressure to suggest a head above the ground of fifteen or twenty feet.

SERIOUSLY ILL:—Mr. Alex. Robinson, one of Chatham's best known citizens, is confined to his room since Friday last. His illness is pronounced to be paralysis.

We share the general wish for his speedy recovery. He is one of the trustees of St. Andrew's church.

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MUSICAL:—Those interested in music and desirous of receiving instructions from a competent master, will do well to read Mr. H. C. Wilson's advertisement in this issue. His children's class for Voice Cultivation, Sight Singing and Physical Culture should be largely patronized.

DIED AT AN OLD AGE:—James Hayes, of Eel River Crossing, Restigouche, died at his home on 15th inst. He was in his eighty-sixth year and lived alone. Although considered wealthy, he left no will. The deceased was a brother of Thos. Hayes, sr., of New Mills, and an uncle of Warden Hayes.

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Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. 25c. E. W. Grove's signature is on each box.

BACK AGAIN:—Mr. J. D. B. F. Mackenzie has returned home from his trip to Montreal, and Messrs. R. A. Lawlor, R. H. Anderson and W. C. Winslow from theirs to St. John where—with Hon. Mr. Tweedie—they were in attendance at the adjourned sitting of the Northumberland Circuit Court.

STEAM SERVICE:—John Stuart, Esq, and Mr. C. A. C. Bruce have arrived from Ottawa where they were promoting the proposition for the proposed steamship service between Miramichi and Charlottetown and British ports. There are, we understand, good prospects for the establishment of the line.

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.

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PERSONAL:—Mr. A. R. Fraser, Secretary-Treasurer of the Valleyfield, P. Q., paper mills, is visiting Chatham and is the guest of Dan'l Ferguson, Esq.

Mr. Fred Dyke's many friends in Chatham are extending "the glad hand" to him on his arrival here for the summer's campaign in deals.

Mr. H D Neale, of Liverpool is being warmly welcomed to Chatham again.

Mr. John Rundle is out again after recovering from his recent attack of measles.

RIVERSIDE CEMETERY CO.—The adjourned annual meeting of the Riverside Cemetery Company was held on Monday afternoon: Officers were elected as follows: Hon J B Snowball, president; D Ferguson, M S Hocken, L H Abbott, George Fisher, Robert Murray, William Wyse; Robert Murray, treasurer; G B Fraser, secretary; George Stothart, D G Smith auditors. A committee was appointed to improve the grounds and complete the drainage work.

RURAL DEANERY MEETING:— The Clergy of the Rural Deanery of Chatham will meet in Chatham on Tuesday and Wednesday next the 30th inst. and May 1st. There will also be a meeting of the Sunday School Teachers' Association of the Deanery in S. Mary's School Room at 2 30 p. m. on Tuesday and a service with addresses on Sunday School work in S. Mary's Chapel at 7.30 p. m. The Deanery Service will be in S. Mary's Chapel at 7 30 o'clock on Wednesday evening, and there will be a celebration of the Holy Communion on Tuesday morning in S. Mary's at 7 30 o'clock. The other Daily Services will be as usual.

THE BARKER HOUSE:—It was announced some time ago that F. B. Coleman intended retiring from the proprietorship of the Barker house, Fredericton. Negotiations to that end have fallen through, and Mr. Coleman will still carry on the hotel.

Killarney, Mr. Coleman's beautiful and favorite summer residence, will be thrown open for the accommodation of tourists and for persons desirous of having parties and similar functions there; and it will be made an ideal summer resort in every way, with boating on Lake Killarney.

The numerous patrons of the Barker House and Mr. Coleman's many friends will learn with much pleasure that his beaming countenance, genial personality and delightful hospitality will still greet the weary traveller who registers at the Barker.

THERE have been poultry books printed costing fifteen dollars and more, but there never has been one at any price with more beautiful colored reproductions of poultry, than those found in Biggle Poultry Book, an announcement of which appears in another column. The paintings were made direct from best birds of the different breeds, and the coloring and characteristic shape of each breed are perfect As for the text, there never was a book printed containing more practical, level-headed information. Its chapters include, "Eggs for Hatching," "Hatching the Eggs," "Care of Chicks with Hens and Brooders." "The Successful Care of Incubators," "The Farmer's Flock," "The Village Henery;" chapters on "Breeds," on "Fattening and Marketing," and "Diseases and Remedies," with the old and new school methods of treatment. One man wrote the publishers that, "The mottoes alone at each chapter heading were worth the cost of the book." Twenty thousand copies of this admirable work have been printed. The price is 50 cents, by mail; address the publishers, Wilmer Atkinson Co, Philadelphia.

G. O. L.

A Campbellton despatch of Tuesday says: The Grand Orange Lodge of New Brunswick met in annual session in Freemasons' hall here at two o'clock this afternoon, Grand Master Douglas McArthur presiding. There is a large representation of members of the Grand Lodge already in town and many more are expected to arrive to-night. An intense interest is being taken by the members in the election of grand master for the ensuing year. The names most prominently mentioned being those of McArthur, of St. John, Thomas, of York and Magee, of St. John.

Obituary.

A St. Andrew's despatch conveys news of the death of Mrs. Whitlock widow of the late Henry Whitlock, at the age of 85 years. Mrs. Whitlock, who was one of the most highly esteemed ladies of St. Andrews leaves three sons and two daughters. Her sons are William, of the customs of St. Andrew's, Harry and Arthur, one resident of Freeport, Ill., and the other of Oakland Cal. Her daughters are Mrs. E. Lee Street, and Miss Florence Whitlock. The funeral took place on Tuesday afternoon and was a very large one.

Mr. B. Gunter of Boiestown died on Sunday, aged seventy-one years.

Valuable Advice to Rheumatics

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

Serenades.

Mayor Snowball was serenaded by St. Michael's Band under the leadership of Mr. Arch. McEachran, on Friday evening last, and by the Citizens' Band under Mr. Wilson Loudoun, on Tuesday evening of this week. In both cases he invited the bandsmen with in and they spent a pleasant time in the dining room, where refreshments were served and His Honor's health proposed, to which he made appropriate replies. Musical programmes were performed in the parlor after the suppers on both evenings and at their departure they gave cheers for the Mayor and Mrs. Snowball. President Noonan of the Citizens' Band directed the outing of that organization on Tuesday evening.

Several members of the new council were also serenaded by St. Michael's one evening last week.

Supreme Court.

Fredericton, April 19—Re the estate of Michael Adams, ex-parte Creaghan; Geo. W. Allen, K. C., moves for leave to appeal. Granted.

The King v. John Sievewright, ex-parte Geo. Robertson; Geo. W. Allen, K. C., on behalf of the crown, the municipality of Gloucester and certain owners of land affected by the writ of extent, moved that the lands of the crown be removed from certain lands held under the writ of extent, that the bonds given to the crown by John Sievewright be delivered up, that the discharge may be endorsed thereon, and that the cost of this application be paid out of the funds in the hands of the receiver general. Rule nisi.

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The Contingent Funds.

At the contingent funds meeting on Thursday afternoon Mr. H. D. McLeod submitted a detailed report of the receipts and payments, showing a net balance on hand of $646.25. Mr. McLeod suggested that $146.25 be apportioned to print a report showing the list of subscribers, beneficiaries, etc., and that the remaining $500 be divided pro rata between B. McCallum, Douglastown; W. H. Coates, Buctouche; Fred. W. Kirkpatrick, St. John; C. F. Peterson, Fredericton; George Glew, Woodstock; Fred. R Gorham and W. McLellan, Newcastle, who did not enlist in New Brunswick, but being natives of the province are entitled to some consideration, as they served through the war. His plan would give $79 each to those who were of the first contingent and $61 to those of the second contingent.

Hon L J. Tweedie thought this a fair proposal and moved it be carried out, and in the course of his remarks he took occasion to commend the St. John citizens for the wise and business-like way they had handled this matter. He referred to the case of Harry Wetmore, of Westmorland, who died in Africa, and it was agreed to make a claim on the patriotic fund on behalf of his father.—Globe.

Special From Kingston, Ontario.

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Price Webber's Loss.

Ald. Seaton received a despatch this morning from H. Price Webber, stating that the town hall at Magog, Quebec, where he has been playing, was destroyed by fire, and he had lost everything. Mr. Webber's host of friends in St. John will learn of his loss with sincere regret. This disaster follows upon other recent troubles. Last year the small-pox scare put his company out of business in Chatham. Later a valued member of his company died in Marysville. Mrs. Webber was called away for a time owing to the death of a near relative. In fact, Mr. Webber has met with many troubles during the last couple of years, which would discourage one of less sanguine temperament and less energy than he possesses. He will have the sympathy of friends all over the provinces in this last blow, for Mr. Webber has always endeavored to carry out his obligations and has made warm friends everywhere.—St. John Star 19th.

Mr. Webber estimates his loss in scenery and costumes in the Magog town hall fire at $6 500. He had no insurance.

The Mills, Lumber, Etc

As stated in last week's ADVANCE, the Lynch mill, at Chatham Head, started on Tuesday, 16th.

The Gibson Company's mill at Blackville has been sawing since Thursday last and has a plentiful supply of logs within easy reach.

The Richards Mill, Chatham, started on Monday and is doing good work.

The Snowball Company's mill began sawing on Tuesday and is going at a good clip with three gangs.

Both the Snowball and Richards mills have a good supply of logs at hand. The former has in the booms at the mill and across the river and at Barnaby 4,000,000. The Richards Company started with 400,000 in the mill boom and 1,100,000 in the Morrison boom. It has also 1,800,000 in Flett's and Foley's Coves, on which Mr. T. W. Flett of Nelson will begin to saw on Monday next.

Messrs. Richards' Boiestown mill is going with a good supply of logs.

Messrs. Burchill & Sons' mill at Nelson started sawing on Tuesday with logs enough at hand for two month's sawing.

There is good water for driving in all the rivers and the logs are coming along satisfactorily. The prospects for such streams as Rocky Brook and Dungarvon are A 1.

About two feet of snow yet remains in the woods in the upper Southwest region, which is a guarantee of driving water for some time.

On the whole, the driving outlook is better than it was last year when there was too much water for getting the logs along economically.

St Andrew's Entertainment

The Young People's Society of St. Andrew's Church gave an excellent entertainment last Thursday evening before an audience that completely filled the Masonic Hall. It proved a great success artistically and financially. The hall was finely decorated by the young people, and refreshments, ice-cream, home-made candy, fruit, etc., were served by the young ladies of the church at tables conveniently arranged throughout the hall.

An interesting and well-arranged programme had been announced for 8 o'clock, and it was found that at that hour even standing room was almost at a premium. Sharp on time, however, the first number was announced by Mr. A. A. Anderson, who acted as chairman, and is a prominent member of St. Andrew's Church. It was a piano selection brilliantly rendered by Prof. G. A. Prince. This was followed by Mr. Gibbs' reading, who gave a good account of himself as an elocutionist. Mrs. Waters and Miss Loggie sang a duet very sweetly, while Mr. F. K. Clarke scored a great triumph with his solo and had to respond to an enthusiastic encore. Misses Lawson's vocal and Miss M. Robinson and Prof. Prince's piano duets were very richly enjoyed, as was also Miss McEachern's piano solo. Mr. Gibbs' solo was well received. An inspiring number was Mrs. Cameron's solo, accompanied by Miss Bertie McDonald on the violin, which was most enthusiastically and deservedly encored. Mr. J. L Stewart gave a recitation in his usual entertaining manner. Miss Edgar played the accompaniments on the piano. Commendatory remarks on the programme provided were common in the course of the evening. The pastor, Rev. D. Henderson, and the Young People's Society of St. Andrew's Church made it pleasant for the many lovers of music and glee that attended the entertainment.

Northumberland Circuit Court.

The case of Wm. J. Kelly vs. J. D. Creaghan was heard before His Honor Judge McLeod at an adjourned sitting of the Northumberland Circuit, held in St. John last week. There is also a case of the same plaintiff against the School Trustees of the Town of Chatham which stands on the same footing as to its merits.

It appears that in July 1890 Wm J. Kelly lent $4,000 to William Muirhead, of Chatham, on a mortgage on his homestead and field property to secure the money lent. Afterwards, in February 1891, Mr. Muirhead's interest in those properties was sold out by the Sheriff under execution, and bought in by Hon. L. J. Tweedie for $1 for each.

Afterwards, by Mr. Tweedie's instructions, the Sheriff gave his deed of the properties to the Merchants Bank of Halifax, at Newcastle, for further security of his endorsement of a $5,000 note of Muirhead & Co.

It was claimed by the Bank that the property was sold under the Dick and Stewart executions, which had priority over the Kelly mortgage. Memorials of these judgments had been recorded before the registry of the mortgage, and executions placed in the Sheriff's hands prior to the date thereof.

It was also contended by counsel for the Bank that the Sheriff's deed, having recited these executions, the plaintiff was not in a position to contradict it and that, therefore, the action at law must fail as against the defendants, and that whatever remedy the mortgagee would have would be in the Court of equity and not at law.

Plaintiff, on the other hand, contended that recitals in a Sheriff's deed were only prima facie evidence of facts stated, and it was open to him to contradict such statements by parole evidence, and that under the Supreme Court Act the Judge had a right to allow equitable pleadings and to deal with the matter, to all intents and purposes as fully as a court of equity could do.

The Judge, taking that view, allowed the evidence.

Mr. Kelly proved the amount of money loaned; Mr. John Lyons testified as to attending at the Sheriff's sale and that notice was given to the Sheriff of the Kelly mortgage and that the property was sold subject to that mortgage.

Mr. W. C. Winslow also testified to the facts, as also did Messrs. R. H. Anderson and R. A. Lawlor.

Mr. Tweedie was also examined and stated positively that he had given notice to the Sheriff of the Kelly mortgage, and that the sale was made subject to it. He also proved that he had arranged the Stewart judgment with the Sheriff and that, outside of the real estate, there was ample personal property to satisfy the executions that had come into his hands prior to the mortgage. It was also shown that Mr. Dick had agreed to take the Foundry property for his judgment.

It was further contended on the part of the plaintiff that the execution on the Dick judgment was placed in the sheriff's hands not for the purpose of levy, and that, therefore, at the time the mortgage was given the execution did not bind Muirhead's personal property, and Dick having received the deed of the Foundry property, it could not be successfully contended that either the Stewart or Dick judgment took priority over the Kelly mortgage.

Mr. John McKane, the manager, at the time, of the Merchants Bank, endeavored to dispute the fact of the property having been sold subject to the Kelly mortgage, but was not very clear on the point.

The evidence bearing on this point strongly preponderated in favor of the plaintiff's contention, and the main questions in the case are: Did the Dick and Stewart executions take priority over the Kelly mortgage, and was the Stewart execution virtually out of the way at the time of giving the mortgage, and was the Dick execution satisfied by Dick's agreement to take the Foundry, and were the said lands sold by the sheriff subject to the mortgage?

All the evidence being in, the matter comes up for argument on 30th May at St. John.

The Bank sold the homestead for $1,700 and the fields for $1,500 Evidence was offered to show that the property had been sacrificed; that the house property was worth from $3,000 to $4,000 and the fields from $2,000 to $3 000, at least. The values of the properties, however, are not material for the purposes of the case.

Messrs W C Winslow, L A Currey and Attorney General Pugsley appeared for the plaintiff and Messrs H A Powell, of Dorchester, and E Harris, K C, of Nova Scotia, for the defendants.

Town Council of Chatham.

The newly elected Town Council of Chatham met in its first session at the Council Chamber, on Monday evening last, His Worship, Mayor W. B. Snowball presiding.

The new aldermen were all present soon after the time of opening, viz.:—

Ald. Wm. Wyse,
" M. S Hocken,
" Jas Nicol,
" Robert Murray,
} at Large.
" Andrew McIntosh, Duke's.
" James Maher, Queen's.
" Michael Morris, Wellington.
" Robert Murdoch, King's.

The last four were members of last year's board, Messrs. Nicol and Hocken served in earlier Councils, while Messrs. Wyse and Murray sit for the first time.

The town clerk read the returns of the civic election, detailing particulars of same, and the election of Mayor and aldermen as already published,

Ald. Nicol moved a vote of thanks to the town clerk for the able and impartial manner in which he had discharged his duty as returning officer.

The Mayor, in the course of a few complimentary remarks, said the motion voiced the feeling of all the board.

The motion was unanimously passed and the vote tendered by Mayor Snowball to Mr. Gaynor, who made no further acknowledgement than a bow.

Mayor Snowball said it was usual for newly elected Mayors to make inaugural addresses and while he had not thought it necessary to prepare one, yet he would conform to usage so far as to refer briefly to a few matters connected with the duties before the new Town Council.—He felt that Chatham was to be congratulated on the character and ability of the gentlemen it had chosen to serve as aldermen. Important matters were to be dealt with by them in the year now before them, as the town was entering upon the responsibility of municipal ownership of important public franchises. It already had been determined by the Council to take over the electric lighting service, and contracts were made for the construction of a water and sewerage system It was important that the members of the Council should give to these large public interests and undertakings their best thought and attention and their impartial judgment in selecting men to fill important positions in connection with them, so that the people should be served to the best advantage.

He was aware that the members of the board, being busy men, could not afford to give all the time and attention that would be necessary for the thorough oversight of the work that was to be carried on, and it was, therefore, all the more necessary that those whom they might select for that duty should be competent men. He felt after the discussions he had had, since his election, with the aldermen, that he could be assured of their faithful attention to all the matters under their control.

A good deal of money was to be paid out to contractors, and as the work progressed and reports of it came in it would be necessary for the closest attention to be given to them, and it would be important for the committees of Council to have regular meetings to deal with the matters under their control so that everything would be done carefully in the town's interests.

He felt that the people, having made choice of good men, could be assured that they would perform the work they had undertaken to do, and that the aldermen would so discharge their duties as to give the assurance that no mistake had been made in electing them. [Applause.]

Ald. Maher congratulated Mayor Snowball on his election and referred to the *personnel* of the Council as a guarantee that all would work together for the best interests of the town.

Ald. Nicol thanked the Mayor for his kindly references to the members of the board and congratulated the ratepayers on the selection of so good a man to fill the office of mayor, and said he could also have congratulated them had they chosen His Worship's opponent, who would have been equally entitled to confidence. The Council was starting under favorable auspices, as they had just received the news that a big flow of water had been found where the boring had been made at the Morrison Brook. This gave the assurance that all needful supply of water was obtainable there and the discovery would render the expense of an intake dam unnecessary. He hoped the close of the Council's term would be equally favorable with its beginning.

Ald. Hocken returned his thanks for the Mayor's complimentary remarks and expressed the hope that the board would work in harmony in promoting the Town's interests. He referred to the disagreements which characterized the deliberations of the late Council and hoped that the present members would preserve the pleasant relationships so far prevailing and not "get into each other's wool. They had important work to do and had been sent here by the people to attend to it. He hoped they would do it so well that at the end of their term they would be sent back for another year.

Ald. McIntosh acknowledged the kind references of Mayor Snowball to the members of the board and hoped they would all get along amicably. There was no reason why they should do otherwise. Having been sent here to do the town's business they should attend to it, and if there was any little friction outside it should not be brought into the Council. This was an important year, because of the taking over of the electric light plant by the town and the construction of the proposed Water Works. Mistakes had been made in the past and they would, no doubt, be made in the future, but he felt that they had been and would be unintentional. He felt that they were all alive to the duty of working in harmony for the interests of the town.

Ald. Murray expressed his pleasure in being associated in the Council with Mayor Snowball and his fellow aldermen, and was determined to do everything in his power to further the business of the town. He came out as a candidate with reluctance, at the solicitation of friends who felt that this was to be an important year for Chatham and, now that he was elected, he felt confident that—working together with those who had been returned with him, and although they might make some mistakes—they would carry on the important affairs of the town and the works they were entering upon in a satisfactory and businesslike way. Everything had so far gone on smoothly in the new council's intercourse. No one man in such a body could expect to have his own way and they must be prepared to give way to each other, which he had no doubt they would do for the general good.

Ald. Wyse, who had come in a little late, said this was his first appearance as an alderman. He was a wo king character as everybody knew and he wanted to help all he could. He hoped the board, all round, would work hard to improve town affairs and that there would be no sneaking especially on the Board of Works. He would be glad to assist in every way he could in all matters connected with the Works to be carried on and he hoped all others would do the same.

Ald. Morris said he had listened with pleasure to what His Worship had said in reference to the aldermen, and was sure the aldermen would support him in every way and treat him with all courtesy. The board would devote itself to the important duties it had to perform, so as to retain the confidence of the ratepayers.

Ald. Murdoch thanked the Mayor for the compliments he had paid the aldermen, and felt that all would do their best to forward the town's interests. Last year they had their differences and troubles at the board but he hoped they would never recur. Hard work was before them, but they could do it. He took occasion to request the press to return his thanks to the ratepayers for his unopposed return, as he had not since the election had an opportunity of doing it.

At the conclusion of the round of speeches, the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed.

The clerk read an application by Mr. Alfred Crosby for a renewal of the lease of the old No. 1 Engine House, occupied by him as a dwelling.

Referred to the Fire Committee.

Read also a letter from the Montreal Pipe Foundry Company, expressing their readiness to enter into bonds in connection with their contract for pipes, so as to secure return of their check.

Referred to Public Works Committee.

The Mayor said he had a communication from Mr. J. M. Ruddock in reference to cast iron gate boxes and ladder steps. After same was read it was referred to the Public Works Committee.

Ald. Murdoch said, in reply to ald. Murray, that the special committee was not ready to report on the Electric Light matter, as they wished to consult in reference to it with a party who was not now in town, and they would like to have until next meeting to report.

Leave to defer report, as requested, was on motion granted.

The following standing committees were chosen:

Finance: Nicol, Hocken, Murdoch.

Works: McIntosh, Morris, Murray, Wyse, Maher, Hocken.

Police, Light and Appointment to Office: Murdoch, Morris, Murray.

Bye-law and License: Murray, Nicol, Maher.

Park and Fire: Murray, Hocken, Wyse, Morris, Maher.

On motion of ald. Maher Council adjourned ten minutes for committee work.

On reassembling—the Mayor announced that the following had been chosen chairmen of standing committees:—

Finance: Ald. Nicol.
Works: Ald. McIntosh.
Bye-laws and License: Ald. Murray.
Park and Fire: Ald. Hocken.
Police, &c.: Ald. Murdoch.

Ald. Murdoch, from the Appointment to Office committee reported as follows:—

Your committee beg to recommend, in view of the fact that there will be additional clerical duties to perform for the Town after the taking over of the Electric Light plant and the inauguration of the water works system, that a town clerk be appointed who shall devote the whole of his time to the town's service, his duties to consist in the serving of tax bills, the reading of the electric light metres and to collect from consumers of light and water, and such other duties as may be required of him and the council or committees thereof.

And we also recommend as assessors, Messrs. Geo. Stothart, John J. Noonan and John McDonald, (builder.)

On motion of ald. Nicol, the 1st section of the report relating to the Town Clerk was considered.

Ald. Maher did not approve of the recommendation to increase the clerk's work. He said the additional service would not be required for two years, perhaps; it was taking Mr. Gaynor too short.

Ald. Nicol said the duty of reading the meters of the Electric Lights would have to be done at once, almost.

Ald. Maher said a boy could be got to do the meter-reading.

The motion was carried.

The election of Assessors was taken up to be voted on by ballot.

Ald. Maher nominated Mr. T. M. Gaynor, in addition to those nominated by the Appointment to Office Committee.

The ballot resulted as follows:—

For Geo. Stothart, 7.
" John Noonan, 7.
" John McDonald, 6.
" T. M. Gaynor, 4.

The Mayor said that hereafter all meetings of the Assessors should be held in the Town Hall. Heretofore they had been held in the office of one of the Assessors, where people ought not to be required to go to present matters in reference to their assessments, as they had not the privacy there that was desirable.

Ald. Murdoch moved, seconded by ald. Hocken, that applications be advertised for the office of town clerk and general office assistant, as per recommendation of the Appointment to Office committee, to be received up to Saturday 4th May.

Ald. Nicol asked if the salary should not be stated in the advertisement? He did not think the Council was at present in a position to state just what the duties would be. They should be particularly defined.

Ald. Hocken said the duties were defined in the report of the Appointment to office committee.

He moved that the salary offered be $400. This was added to ald. Murdoch's motion.

Ald. Wyse thought action on this matter should be deferred until next meeting. A good man couldn't be got for $400.

Ald. Murray said the matter should be dealt with at once. Mr. Gaynor's year had expired and if he were retained long beyond its expiry there might be a question as to whether he could not hold for another year.

Clerk Gaynor said he held office until his successor was appointed.

Ald. Nicol, seconded by ald. Maher, moved, in amendment, that the matter be referred to the Appointment to Office Committee, to be reported upon at next meeting.

Ald. Murray asked what the Committee could do other than it had done? It had made its recommendation. It was for the Council to act on it.

Ald. Nicol said the Town did not yet own an Electric Light plant, and it was time enough to look after property when one owned it.

Ald. Murray said the Electric Light plant would be taken over, probably by 1st May, and the applications would not be in before that, and if the plant was not taken over the applications need not be acted on.

The amendment was carried.

Ald. McIntosh said there was an impression in some quarters that Mr. W. C. Winslow was keeping back some contracts that had been placed in his hands so the members of Council could not see them, and he moved that Mr. Winslow be heard on the subject. Carried.

Mr. W. C. Winslow addressed the Council, saying he had not requested to be allowed to speak here, but it had been stated in one of the papers [The World] that the contracts could not be had, owing to his (Mr. Winslow's) absence from town and that, therefore, action could not be taken on them. All the contracts that were completed were handed over by him to the Town clerk, and also all the papers relating to contracts. The papers connected with the Electric Light matter had also been handed over to the Mayor, at his request.

Adjourned.

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