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FLOUR
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## Miramichi and the North Shore, etc.

READ the Creaghan Advt.

NEW HIGHWAY ACT:—Forms under the new Highway Act are for sale at the ADVANCE OFFICE.

THE "ADVANCE" is for sale at Johnson's Bookstore, and the Circulating Library, Desmond building, next door to the Telephone Exchange.

CHEAP GROCERIES:—All the Chatham grocers have made material reductions in their prices—the Snowball store leading.—See advt.

MR. J. D. MCKAY, of Fredericton, has been awarded the contract for the manufacture and erection of a line of poles between that city and Woodstock for the New Brunswick Telephone Co.

MIRAMICHI MARBLE WORKS:—If you are looking for the right kind of cemetery work, we are quoting prices that will draw the order from your inside vest pocket.

J. B. LAWLOR & Co.

SENATOR TEMPLE was in St. John on Monday on the way to Nova Scotia, where he was to have been married yesterday. The Fredericton Herald says the young lady is understood to be Miss Cox, of Windsor, N. S., and is some fifty years the Senator's junior.

GEO. W. COOKE BURNED OUT:—Fire at Amherst Monday morning badly damaged a double house occupied by George W. Cooke, of Dunlap, Cooke & Co., and James Brown, C. E. The furniture of both was moved, although badly damaged by water and hauling.

LUMBER CAMP BURNED:—Mr. Albert Taylor's lumber camp at Harcourt, Kent county, with entire contents was destroyed by fire Friday night. His direct loss is considerable, without reckoning the inconvenience the burning of the camp will be in completing his winter's operation.

SUPREME COURT, FREDERICTON.—In the matter of Robert McKay, a petition for an order quieting and compelling the heirs of the late John Farrey to specifically perform an oral contract for the purchase of land in Ludlow, Northumberland county, A. R. Slipp moves, after hearing petitioner, in compliance with prayer of petition; granted.

THE NEW SNOW-PLOW which our Aldermen sent all the way to St. John for, is a failure. Have we no mechanics in Chatham competent to get up a snow-plow? We venture the prediction that if the Council will offer our own men the price they were willing to pay the St. John maker of the imported failure, for a plow to be approved on trial, they will secure something that will be better work than anything they can import.

THE BATHURST BATEMANS FORTUNE:—There does not appear to be any truth in the statement going the rounds of the papers that Misses Laura and Agnes Bateman of Bathurst have had a fortune of $15,000 each bequeathed to them by a Miss Latimer of "Tranton N. Y." (N. J.) Miss Laura Bateman is now in Bathurst—but in Tranton as the papers state, and she says that while she wishes the story were true, she regrets that she has not yet heard anything of the alleged fortune, save through the papers, as has the school boy "Dr. Hagan" who is reported by the papers to have visited Bathurst "make arrangements" etc.

WELCOMED HOME:—A big bonfire 28 feet high, could be seen for miles on the night of Mr. Ernest Hutchison's return home Saturday night, in honor of the return of himself and Mrs. Hutchison from their European tour, and the Douglastown Cornet Band serenaded them. There was a crowd of people present, including Messrs. A. Jardine, J. McKeigan, D. W. Anderson and R. H. Jardine, and cheers were given for Mr. and Mrs. Hutchison. A barrel of apples was rolled out for the boys, and the bonfire and others were lighted into high heat and served with refreshments. Mr. Hutchison praised the band for its great improvements, and added $10 to its treasury. [Wed.

AN ATTRACTION to buyers of family groceries, provisions, dry goods and general household supplies is offered by Mr. Roger Flanagan at his well known store on St. John Street, Chatham, in the form of silver knives and forks, silver spoons, silver cruet stands and boxes of tea. He issued tickets which are presented by customers every time they make purchases, and no matter how small the amount, it is punched off, and when the purchases aggregate either $15 or $30, as the case may be, one of the articles specified viz.—a cruet stand, or a dozen of silver knives or forks for a $30 ticket or a 5 lb. box of tea, or 1 doz. silver spoons for a $15 is given free.

SUDDEN DEATH:—Mr. Wm. Lyons, one of the members of the Municipal Council for Newcastle, died quite suddenly on Tuesday morning, at his residence in that parish, on the opposite side of the river from Chatham. He suffered considerably from exposure to the cold on Tuesday, 19th ult., when on his way from his home to the meeting of Council at Newcastle, and was obliged to leave the rig and stop for a time at Douglastown. He did not fully recover from the chill which he then contracted and was finally attacked by paralysis of the brain on Monday night. He was in his sixty-eighth year, and was a member of the Newcastle C. M. B. A. in which he was insured for $1,000. He leaves a widow and three children—two girls, the eldest of whom is three and a half years old. His younger child is a boy, only three months old. The funeral is to take place this morning at a quarter to ten, sharp.

### The Ferry.

While everybody will endorse the Town Council's proposition to improve the Ferry service, we venture to suggest that the attempt to discriminate between light and loaded vehicles will prove vexatious to both the owners thereof and the ferryman. There is no such discrimination in S. John, Halifax or any other place where they have had experience in such matters.

### Missed his Chance.

Last week's session of the County Court at Newcastle was principally occupied with the trial of one cause—that of Isabella Davidson, vs. Sarah Desmond. It was a remanet from last October term. Messrs W. C. Winslow, and A. A. Davidson were for the plaintiff and Hon. L. J. Tweedie Q. C., for defendant.

It is proper that counsel for the defendant was particularly desirous of being elsewhere than at Newcastle that week, and realizing that the hearing of the cause would be a long one, he offered plaintiff's counsel a very favorable settlement which he, himself, would make good at his own expense. Plaintiff's counsel, however, appears to have interpreted this as indicating a belief on the part of defendant's counsel that the plaintiff's case was a good one, so he refused a settlement. The trial then went on, the result being that plaintiff was proved to have no case, and instead of getting quite a snug sum, as she would have done under the proposed settlement, she got nothing and had to pay counsel fees and costs of the action. It was rather hard on her, and the laugh is on the learned counsel who thought he had everything his own way. But of such are the law's uncertainties.

## Miramichi Natural History Association.

Between twenty-five and thirty ladies and gentlemen met at the grammar school rooms Tuesday evening for the purpose of reorganizing the Miramichi Natural History Society. After short speeches by the chairman, Dr Cox, and by Rev'd Dr. N. McKay and D. Baxter on the character and scope of the work to be done, the following officers were appointed:

President, Dr J. McG Baxter.
Vice-president, J. D B. F. McKenzie.
Secretary, Dr Philip Cox, B.A., D.Sc.Ph.D.
Treasurer, Miss Alice Loggie.
Corresponding Secretary, Miss Anna G. McIntosh.

The appointment of curators and of the Council of management was deferred to the next meeting

There are to be three kinds of membership,—full, associate, and corresponding. The regular meetings will be held on the second Tuesday of each month. The annual fees are, full members, $1.00; associates, 50 cents; corresponding, honorary.

It was decided to have a course of weekly elementary lectures during the winter season, the first to be given next Tuesday evening by the president on the "Bird," to be followed by two others on the same subject.

After a vote of thanks to the School Board for allowing the use of the room for the purpose, the Society adjourned.

## Chatham Town Council.

The Town Council of Chatham met in regular monthly session at the Council Chamber on Monday evening at 7.30, His Worship the Mayor presiding.

Ald.-elect Mahar was seated at the Board, although no return of his election was made.

The minutes of last meeting were read.

ENGINE HOUSE AND PUBLIC BUILDING SITE.

Ald Watt read the following report:—

"The finance board, in connection with chairman Logie of the Public Works Committee, beg to report that agreeable with your instructions we have discussed the matter of site for Engine House and Public Building, and after satisfying ourselves of the fact that a good stone bottom is to be had at the site known as No. 2 Engine House site, we hereby recommend the No. 2 Engine House site as most suitable for the erection of a Public Building and Engine House."

GEO. WATT, Chairman Fire Committee."

Ald. Loggie reported that the Hamilton snow plow from S. John had proved to be a failure under trial and recommended that Mr. Hamilton, of St. John, be notified of the fact.

Ald. Murdoch reported from the Fire Committee that $1 000 would be required for the current year's service.

The Mayor said tenders for repairs of the Amoskeag Steam Fire Engine had been received—one from Mr. J. M. Ruddock at $250 and one from Mr. Miller, for $400 On motion, the tender of Mr. Ruddock was accepted.

Ald. Nicol moved that the assessors be paid $30 each per annum for their services.—Passed.

Ald. Nicol from the Finance Committee submitted the following account:—

Your committee begs to report that the receipts and expenditures from the date of the incorporation of the Town to the 31st Dec. 1896 have been as follows:

*Debenture Fund.*

| | | | Dr. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Nov. 14 | To proceeds of debentures issued | | $13359.90 |
| | " Interest received on above | | 17.75 |
| | | | $13367.75 |
| | *Cr.* | | |
| Nov. 14 | By retired note for street extension | $3,061.23 | |
| | " paid J. D. Ronald for Fire engine and appurtenances | 3,250 00 | |
| Dec. 31 | " paid on Pagham to for hose | 1,081 65 | |
| | " " for sidewalks | 1,725.73 | |
| | " Balance on hand | 996.16 | |
| | | | $10 037.75 |

*Ordinary Fund.*

| | | | Dr. |
|---|---|---|---|
| July 4 | To Balance received from Secy. of late street and Fire Board | | $ 106.11 |
| | Collections acct. of fire assessment | | 650.00 |
| | Collections acct. of road tax | | 783 67 |
| | Collections acct. of sheriff and Wharfage | | 35.00 |
| | Proceeds of note discounted in Bank of Nova Scotia | | 717.26 |
| | | | $2 317 84 |
| | *Cr.* | | |
| | By expended on Fire dept, street and sewers | $1,567.44 | |
| | " Expenses of Election in June | 151.71 | |
| | " Contingencies | 193.73 | |
| | " Balance on hand | 405.26 | |
| | | | $2,317.84 |

A detailed state ment will be published issue.

The Finance Committee recommend that the following amounts be assessed on the Town, and for the following purposes, viz.—

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| Schools | | $ 700. |
| Interest on Debentures | $860 | |
| Sinking Fund | 200 | |
| Fire Department | 1,000 | |
| Streets | 800 | |
| Fire Hose | 1,250 | |
| Lights | 1,100 | |
| Support of poor | 800 | |
| *Contingencies viz,* | | |
| Rent and advance | $ 65 | |
| Survey and pipe Water St. | 100 | |
| Furniture | 38 | |
| | $152 $200 | |
| Elections June 96, Oct '97 | 182 | |
| Printing | 140 | |
| Treasurer's Bond | 70 | |
| *Salaries—Treasurer* | 400 | |
| Assessors | 150 | |
| Clerk | 100 | |
| Auditor | 25 | |
| Unforeseen | 505 $1,770 | $6,900 |
| | | $12,650. |

The committee also recommends that 10% be added to these assessments to provide for shortages in collecting, except the assessment for schools which they think should be met.

The Secy. Treasurer of the County was written to enquiring about any moneys in his hands that should be paid over to the Town and his replies are herein annexed.

The balance which he has on hand to the credit of our Police acct. will also be required for Police and lighting purposes since the new assessment is collected.

Ald Nicol said the excess in School Assessment for this year, which was $1,250 was asked for in order to clear off balances owing by the several districts amalgamated, and also for improvements made in the schools. Only $500 was asked for streets—a great reduction over last year—but they could make up for it by expending the money to be derived from the debentures yet to be floated. They asked for $250 more for Police, the intention being to put on an extra man for the summer months. The $360 asked for the support of the Poor was the Town's share of the whole parish's assessment for that purpose. The Alderman gave some of his views on the subject of the Alms House and the Town's position in regard to it under the law. They had the merit of originality based on a want of knowledge of the subject. It transpired during his observations that the assessors had informed him that the Town's proportion of the whole parish's valuation was four fifths.

The finance Committee's report was adopted.

THE TREASURER'S SALARY

The Mayor read a communication from the Town Treasurer, showing that his salary was inadequate for the work required of him, much smaller than the income of his predecessors under municipal rule, so small as to cause the guarantee company to hesitate over issuing a bond of security for him etc. and saying he would have to look for employment that would adequately remunerate him, unless the Council gave him an increase. He closed by asking that his salary be made $700.

The subject was debated, the Mayor, Alderman Watt and Ald. Murdoch favoring an increase, Ald. Nicol, however, being of a contrary opinion. He was, however, at Ald. Watt's suggestion, induced to add $200 to the "unforeseen" estimate in the financial report he had read (and in which the item was originally $305) to provide for any increase that might be made to the Treasurer's salary.

ASSESSMENTS, ETC.

On motion of Ald. Mahar it was ordered that separate warrants for the amounts specified in the Finance Committee's report, with 10% added, etc., (save in the case of the school assessment which shall be not) be issued to the assessors for the total sum of $12,650 to be be assessed on the Town for the current year. Adopted.

Ald. Nicol also moved that the Secy.-Treasurer of the Municipality be requested to hand over to the Town Treasurer $836.68 now in his hands, to the credit of Chatham police fund. Adopted.

On motion of Ald. Nicol, Ald. Mahar was added to the Public Works Committee.

PLANS OF CHATHAM STREETS, ETC.

The Mayor notified the Council that he had received the plans of Chatham street prepared by Engineer Hanson, who recommended that they be preserved by binding in book form.

Ald. Loggie moved that the report of the Public Works Committee be received. Carried.

ENGINE HOUSE AND PUBLIC BUILDING

Ald. Nicol addressed the Council very earnestly on the subject of the proposed Engine House and Public building and said two committees appointed by Council had favored No 2 Engine House site and no other was proposed. He stated several reasons which satisfied him that it was the best place that could be selected and said architect Fairweather recommended it.

Ald. Coleman opposed Ald. Nicol's views on the subject and referred to alleged disputes over the title to the land on which the Robinson house, so called, stands.

Ald. Watt and others thrashed out the old story connected with the leasing of the Public Wharf, by order of the Municipal Council and the respective positions of Messrs. Crimmen and Hocken (the latter being lessee in behalf of the old Street and Fire Board) in the matter.

Ald. McIntosh favored the site and Ald. Maher opposed it, saying we had two engines and needed two engine houses for the proper protection of the Town, and in justice to both the east and west ends.

Ald. Loggie favored No 2 site and one building only, and said business was moving in that direction which was central, the ferry being there. There was no question as to foundation, the ground having been tested and good rock bottom found.

The Mayor also expressed himself in favor of one building for both engines, as outside authorities had informed him that two would make two separate fire organizations necessary.

The vote on the selection of No. 2 site, in accordance with the report read by Ald. Watt as chairman of the Fire Committee, being taken, it was affirmed as follows:—

For No. 2 site:—Aldermen Watt, Nicol, McIntosh, Loggie, Murdoch.

Against No. 2 site:—Aldermen Coleman and Mahar.

BILLS—SCHOOL TRUSTEE AND AUDITOR, ETC.

A number of bills were ordered to be paid.

J. L. Stewart being allowed to address the Council said he had written to Dr. Inch and the Attorney General in reference to his position as School Trustee and been informed that his term expired on 31st. Dec.

Ordered that Mr. Stewart be re-elected as School Trustee.

A letter from Jas. F. Mahar, declining appointment as auditor of school accounts was read by the Mayor, and Michael Haley was appointed to the position.

Ald. Loggie desired the Council to take some action on Mr. Flanagan's offer to lease the Town have his lower store property for engine house purposes.

The Mayor said the action of Council just taken in reference to No. 2 site would influence its decision in the matter.

On motion of Ald Watt, ordered that Mr. D. Crimmin be notified by the Town Clerk that he must move the Robinson house off the public wharf property required for the new engine house site before May next.

THE PUBLIC WHARF.

Ald. Watt referred to the action of the Municipal Council in appointing a committee to arrange with the Town Council in reference to the claim of the Municipality for expenses incurred on account of the Chatham public wharf. He, however, made no proposition on the subject. He also said two of the directors of the Steam Navigation Company wanted to know what the Council would charge for the privilege of making the public wharf the landing place of the company's steamers. He presented nothing on the subject that the Council could take action on.

NEW FERRY BYE-LAW.

Coun. Watt from the Bye-Law Committee presented the following report, which was adopted:—

That a Ferry shall be established across the Miramichi River from the Ferry slip in the Town of Chatham, to the slip at or near Francis Elliott's (so called) in the Middle District of the Parish of Newcastle

That it shall be the duty of the Ferryman occupying such Ferry to keep and maintain on the same a good and efficient steamboat suitable for the conveyance of passengers, animals of all kinds and vehicles of every description, across the said river during the period of open water.

The said steamboat shall run to and from the landings on either side of said river as follows:—

| LEAVING ELLIOTT'S SHORE. | *Solar Time* | LEAVING CHATHAM. |
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| 6.40 a. m. | | 7.00 a. m. |
| 7.25 " | | 7.45 " |
| 8. 0 " | | 8.20 " |
| 8.40 " | | 9.00 " |
| 9.15 " | | 9.30 " |
| 9.45 " | | 10.0 " |
| 10.15 " | | 10.30 " |
| 10.45 " | | 11.00 " |
| 11.15 " | | 11.30 " |
| 11 45 " | | 12.00 noon |
| 12 45 p. m. | | 1.00 p. m. |
| 1.15 " | | 1.30 " |
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| 7.00 " | | 7.35 " |
| 7.40 " | | 8.00 " |
| 8.25 " | | 8.40 " |
| 9.05 " | | 9.20 " |
| 9.45 " | | 10.00 " |

excepting on Sundays, when the hour for starting from Elliott's on Sundays shall be 9 o'clock a. m. and shall run two trips each hour thereafter until 10 p. m. each Sunday

Above time is for May, June, July, August and September, but from October 1st until close of navigation, steam ferry shall be allowed to make the trip leaving Chatham side at 8.40 the last trip each night.

Above time table shall be adhered to, unless prevented by tempestuous weather, drifting ice or other unavoidable casualties, under a penalty not exceeding $20 for each violation of same.

That after the hours in the evening fixed as above, a suitable row-boat shall be provided by the Ferryman, and he shall, on application, put any foot passenger across for one hour and a half thereafter, 11 30 p. m., from May 1st until October 1st, inclusive; after that date until close of navigation, say 10.10 p. m., at an extra toll, 15 cents.

That the rate of Ferry tolls to be exacted by said Ferryman shall be:—

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| For each foot passenger, | 4c. |
| " " Horse or neat cattle, | 6c. |
| " " Light or loaded vehicle, | 5c. |
| " " Calf, sheep or pig, | 3c. |
| " " Barrel, or barrel bulk, | 2c. |
| One horse, driver and vehicle, | 15c. |
| Two horses, driver and vehicle (light,) | 20c. |
| " " " " (loaded,) | 25c. |

Ald. Loggie said Ferryman Haviland considered it a hardship to be required to start at 6 40 a. m., as 7 o'clock was quite early enough. He also thought the Sunday trips would be unnecessarily frequent.

On motion of Ald. Nicol the Bye-law passed.

PEDLARS.

The pedler question was brought up by Ald. Murdoch and discussed, but no action was taken. It was shown by Ald. Murdoch however that Moncton had a scale of fees for non-residents doing business in that town which protected its business men and their ratepayers.

On motion of Ald. Nicol it was ordered that the new Engine House have a pitch roof.

Coun. Watt read a number of bye-laws which were passed and the council adjourned.

MEETING OF TUESDAY EVENING.

The Council met, in adjourned session, on Tuesday evening:—the Mayor presiding.

The minutes being read—

TOWN OFFICERS.

Ald Coleman moved the appointment of the following officers:—

*Surveyors of Lumber and Bark:* John Woods, F. E Dunville, Park Coleman Arch. Woods, John Connors, Matthew Keenan, Andrew Morrison, Timothy Harrington, John Bullock, Michl Haley, John Sinclair, Peter Power, Dennis Kirby, Jas. Keenan, John G. Stewart, Peter Muir, Jr., W. F Watters, John Cantwell Geo. E. Fisher, Robt. Loggie, Wm. Kerr, Jr., Michael Doe, Jr., Thos. Stapleton John McLaughlin, Jas. Stapleton, Wm Lake, Philip McIlvere, Henry Smyth.

*Pound Keeper:* John Held.

*Hog Reeve:* Joseph See, Thos. Green.

*Constables:* Ambrose Hay, Jas. Rainsbottom, Anthony Forrest, Wm. Smith, Ignatius Redmond.

*Inspector of Fish.* Jas F. Winslow.

*Boom Masters:* Michl. Keoughan, Dan'l Crimmen, Donald Ullock, Senj. Flood.

*Surveyors of Dams* Angus Buckley, Robt. Johnston.

*Inspectors of Butter:* Thos. Flanagan, Dan'l Cassman.

*Peace Viewers.* Geo. Traer, John Foley.

*Inspectors of Shingles:* Jas. Mowatt, Robt. Wall, Alex. Rose.

*Overseers of Fisheries:* Henry Kelly, Geo. England.

*Collector of Dog Tax:*—John Lobban.

Adopted.

RELATED RETURNS.

Ald. Murdoch moved that the Clerk make returns of the late bye-election. Carried.

Town-Clerk Benson thereupon read his return showing that Jas. F. Mahar had been duly elected by acclamation to succeed ex-Alderman Bennett, and was duly sworn in by John Fotheringham, Esq., J. P., as Alderman for Queen's Ward.

BURNT CHURCH WHARF.

Ald. Watt moved a resolution favoring a petition to the Minister of Public Works, asking for the building of a public wharf at Burnt Church. Carried.

CHATHAM PUBLIC WHARF.

Ald. Nicol referred to the fact that a committee had been appointed by the Municipal Council to confer with this Council on the subject of the public wharf, and moved that the Town Clerk be instructed to write to the chairman of said committee and ask for a conference on the subject of said wharf with this Council.

Ald. Nicol made some remarks on the subject, after which the resolution passed.

TREASURER'S OFFICE.

The Mayor directed attention to the want of an office for the Town Treasurer, and recommended a room up stairs in the Law Chambers, so-called, including vault-room and heating, which could be had for $3,00 a month.

On motion of Ald. Watt, ordered that the Town Treasurer be authorised to procure said office and accommodation on the terms stated.

TOWN WATER WORKS.

The Mayor read a letter from R. Adams Davy of Ottawa on the subject of a water system for the town, saying he (Mr. D.) understood the town was prepared to receive offers connected therewith. He asked for information and a map of sources of supply, etc.

Ald Watt said he observed that some persons were to apply to the Legislature for incorporation for the purpose of supplying water works for the town, and he suggested that it would be better for the town to secure the franchise, so that it might protect its own interests in the matter.

Ald. Coleman agreed with Ald. Watt's suggestion.

IMPROVED BUILDINGS FOR PROTECTION AGAINST FIRE.

Ald. Loggie moved a bye-law in reference to the erection of buildings in the business part of the town, providing that no wooden buildings, save in the way of repairing certain existing outbuildings of that material, shall be erected within the limits from Golden Ball Corner, via the West and North side of Water Street, to a point opposite the westerly side of Henderson Street, thence along the Southerly side of Water Street to Neals' corner, and thence to place of beginning. The bye-law included stipulations as to materials to be used, etc., and provided that all exteriors of buildings to be hereafter erected in the district outlined shall be of brick or other durable material, subject to the approval of the Town authorities. The limit of such buildings back from the side of Water Street is to be forty feet from the street line on the north side and eighty feet on the south side. Adopted.

Ald. Loggie urged the necessity of the bye-law, which passed.

WATER WORKS LEGISLATION.

On motion of Ald. Watt, it was ordered that the Council ask the Legislature for power to build water works &c., and to draw supply for same from any source within 10 miles of the Town, and that the Clerk give notice in the press of the intention of the Council to apply to the Legislature for an Act giving the powers referred to to the Town.

Ald. Nicol thought a private company would do the work more cheaply than the Town. He doubted whether the Town wanted such an Act. It might be as well to let the company go on, and to give the Town power to take the works at any time if it felt that it was in the public interest to do so.

POLICE APPLICATION

Ald. Watt read application from James McIntosh for the position of policeman.—Referred to Police Committee.

A NOVEL PROPOSITION FOR AN ENLARGED COMMITTEE.

Ald. Watt proceeded to read proposed bye-laws, some of which passed. He claimed that the Fire Committee, of which he is chairman, should have the streets in charge. He severely criticized the condition of the streets and also referred to the neglect of the Public Works Committee to have the landings at Coulson's and Letson's slips made passable this winter. He related his difficulties in making efforts to have the streets made passable for the steam fire engines and said that when the bye-laws were first prepared they provided that the "Public Works Committee" was to be known as "The Public Works and Safety Committee," the Fire Committee being the safety end of it. The latter committee should be included in the Public Works Committee.

Ald. Loggie said the Public Works Committee were attending to their duty in the matter of keeping the streets in order, as well as possible.

Ald. Nicol thought the Fire Committee should be in a position to have the streets put in order sufficiently to permit the Fire Engines to pass along them. He would however, object to any further interference by the Fire Committee with the streets. He had no objection, however, to Ald. Watt running the whole business of the Town, if the Council thought it best to entrust it to him.

Ald. Coleman said he agreed with Ald. Watt in reference to the bad condition of the streets, for which all the members of Council were blamed, although only the Street Committee was at fault.

Ald. Loggie said Geo. Morris had been engaged to keep the sidewalks, etc. in order as usual. He was paid twenty cents an hour, and was not limited as to the time he should spend. He thought the people of the town hardly expected any member of the Town Council to look after the street work, which in other towns a commissioner was paid to attend to. He explained that the failure to have the slip approaches in order was due to their having been made too short. He did not think the condition of the streets was as bad as represented, although it might be better.

Ald. McIntosh endorsed what Ald. Loggie had said, and thought they should have a commissioner paid to look after the streets. He didn't think the streets were in such bad order as represented.

Ald. Coleman said 35 or 40 men were coming up every day on the street from the Snowball mill. The snow-plow had never been put on it and the men had to go out into the middle of the street to get along

Ald. Watt referred to his having made a request of Mr. Lobban to open paths to the fire holes, which Lobban promised to do, but he only opened one of them. Ald. Watt contended that the West-end streets were in a worse condition than they had heretofore been when we had three feet of snow.

Ald. Loggie said the Fire Committee should see to the fire-hole roads etc., being in order.

The matter was further discussed (and with considerable heat) by Ald. Nicol, who very properly objected to the unwieldy committee proposed by Ald. Watt.

Ald. Loggie suggested that power be given to the Fire Committee to attend to the opening of roads to the Fire holes, &c.

Ald. Watt moved that the Fire Committee be added to the Public Works and Safety Committee.

The Mayor said there should be a Street Commissioner, as he had frequently urged, to give his time and attention to street work.

Ald. Mahar said, in examining the street from the Snowball mill to Wilson's sail loft and the back streets in certain places, he had found that no attention had been given to clearing the sidewalks. He deprecated such neglect.

Ald. Nicol opposed Ald. Watt's motion, and said it would make the Public Works Committee unwieldy. It would practically make it the whole Council, and they might as well have no committee at all but manage the services under control of that committee at the Council Board. He would not feel like serving on such a committee.

Ald. Watt said they would divide the work, giving the Street Committee charge of the sidewalks, and the Fire Committee charge of the Middle of the streets. [This proposition was received as if it were a sane one.]

Ald. Loggie agreed with Ald. Nicol's views. It would be better to appoint a commissioner and let him follow the directions of the Fire Committee in the matter of the Middle of the streets. The whole Council, as a Public Works Committee, would be unworkable. He admitted there was cause for complaint, but there was a better way of applying a remedy than that proposed by Ald. Watt's motion.

Ald. Nicol asked that the matter be allowed to lie over until next meeting.

Ald. Loggie moved, in amendment to Ald. Watt's motion, that the Fire Committee have authority to instruct the Commissioner, when appointed, in reference to keeping the centre of the streets in order.

Ald. Watt withdrew his motion, but said he would bring the matter up again.

Ald. Nicol moved that the Bye-law Committee be instructed to take into consideration what, if any, amendments are required to be made to the Towns Incorporation Act, as far as it applies to Chatham. Carried.

DANGER FROM HOT ASHES—AN INSPECTOR TO BE APPOINTED.

Ald. Watt referred to the recent fire alarms, caused by hot ashes igniting premises and suggested that a person be appointed to go over the Town and inspect people's premises with a view of lessening such carelessness on the part of householders. He thought Mr. Wm. Smyth would be a suitable person to be appointed.

STREET PLANS

Ald. McIntosh moved that the plans of the Town prepared by Deputy Hanson be sent to Fredericton to be bound. He said Mr. D. G. Smith was going to Fredericton and would no doubt attend to the matter for the Council. Carried.

A CLOSED PUBLIC SLIP.

Ald. McIntosh read an extract from Deputy Hanson's report, showing that a slip 20 ft wide, extending from Water Street to the river, was enclosed by M. J. M. Ruddock in connection with his Foundry property; who claimed that he had bought it. He said that at one time the late Hon. Mr. Muirhead had promised to give another slip in lieu of this one, but he did not think anything had come of it.

Ald. Loggie said no doubt M. Ruddock had paid for the slip in question, but the matter should be looked into, so that the interests of the Town therein might be preserved.

On motion of Ald. Watt the subject was referred to the Public Works Committee, to be reported upon at next meeting

INSPECTOR OF FIRE-DANGERS

Ald Watt moved that the Fire Committee be authorised to employ a person to inspect all buildings in the Town, and their means of safety from fire and all places of deposit for ashes etc. He said it would cost very little. Passed.

THE NICOL-WATT VENDETTA.

Ald. Nicol suggested that the Fire Committee give suitable instructions to the Inspector etc.

Ald. Watt said he could now understand why Ald. Nicol didn't want the Fire Committee on the Works Committee. Ald Nicol must think them incompetent, etc., when he thought they would in's have sense enough to give the inspector necessary instructions. He might rest assured that the committee would endeavor to do that duty, but perhaps the Alderman might desire to be appointed to the Fire Committee to give necessary instructions.

Council here adjourned, sine die.

A special meeting is to be held Tuesday night next.

### DIED

In Boston, Miss Jane M. of pneumonia, Margaret Brehant, formerly of Douglastown, Chatham N. B. aged 65 years.
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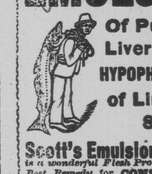
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