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FAULTS OF OUR FIRE SYSTEM. Old Fireman Gives His Frank Opinion. Too Little Money, Inadequate Apparatus and Men Selected With Too Little Care.

A former fireman talked to the Star this morning on the St. John Fire Department. His long connection with the department and his intimate acquaintance with the manner in which it is run, justify the publication of the following somewhat "criticizing" remarks: "The St. John fire department," he said, "is an attempt to run a fifty thousand dollar organization on a thirty thousand dollar basis. The result is a notorious failure.

"The department is deficient both in men and apparatus. This has been time and again demonstrated at large fires. There should be seven hose companies on this side of the harbor and there should be no fewer than a hundred hosesmen.

"It is all both to think that the engagement of the available fire-fighting means in the city by two chemical engines will complete the efficiency of the department. The use of chemical engines is altogether exaggerated. They undoubtedly have their use, but there is no present need for them in St. John. What is wanted is another steam engine. With six capable fire engines, other things being equal, the St. John fire department would be able to cope with almost anything.

"The personnel of the department is made up of good, bad and indifferent. Under the existing conditions it must remain as it is, unless a branch pipe department would be a credit to any similar organization anywhere in the world, and there are also men who might find it difficult, if not impossible to become members of any other department. No qualifications in members is required; they are taken on mere recommendation. There are hosesmen in the department hardly strong enough to hold a branch pipe or nimble enough to climb a ladder; teamsters who have yet to learn how to cure for and master horses; engine drivers who had little or no previous acquaintance with the working of engines before entering the department.

"The Salvage Corps is a most unsatisfactory arrangement. It is an independent body and the chief of the department has no authority over it. The disadvantage of this has been shown many times at fires by clashes between corps and the head of the department. They will take no orders from the chief."

SYDNEY STRIKERS DOING WELL. Preventing New Laborers from Reaching Works—Company is Preparing For a Long Seige.

HALIFAX, June 3.—While the Dominion Steel Company at Sydney are now endeavoring to get men to operate their plant, the strikers are making efforts to prevent them doing so. Outside laborers that come into the town are met by representatives of P. W. A. and urged to become members of the union. About eight-five members have been made, and the strikers have sentinels posted at Truro, Halifax, St. John and other points to watch the railroad stations and report upon placing workers bound for Sydney.

HAZEN WILL CASE AGAIN. May Be Re-opened in the Interest of Other Claimants.

JAPS AMBUSH THE COSSACKS. Severe Defeat for Russia's Crack Troops. Port Arthur's Outer Defences Reported Captured After a Feeble Resistance.

SEOUL, Korea, June 4, noon.—A killing took place between 20 Cossacks and an unknown force of Japanese scouts at a point twelve miles from the Japanese position on the morning of the third instant. The Cossacks were evidently ambushed by the Japanese, who were concealed in the brush on a hillside. The Russians eventually retired towards Ham-Hung, leaving six dead upon the field. The Japanese casualties are not known or stated.

MUKDEN, June 4.—The situation in the war zone is not altered and no news has been received here from Port Arthur. The Russian successes in Northeastern Korea are said to be causing great disquietude among the Japanese.

LONDON, June 3.—The Rome correspondent of the Central News telegraph: "A Tokyo dispatch to the Giornale d'Italia says that the Japanese have occupied the first line of the outer fortifications of Port Arthur after a feeble resistance.

CHIEFOO, June 3, 8:30 p.m.—Steamers which arrived here from Newchwang report that firing in the vicinity of Port Arthur was heard last night. They saw only two vessels. Two junks which have reached this port from the Cha river, west of Takushan, report that the Japanese have captured two Russian officers and forty soldiers disguised as Japanese.

ST. PETERSBURG, June 3.—Lieut. General Salinsky, chief of staff to Gen. St. Petersburg, has transmitted the report of war under date of June 2 a report of General Stoessel, dated Port Arthur, May 28, as follows: "The day before yesterday, during the last two days I ordered our positions at Kin Chou to be evacuated in the evening, for we were opposed to at least three divisions with 120 guns.

TOYO, June 3, 6:30 p.m.—The total Japanese casualties at the attack on Nanshan Hill on May 28 is 4,304. They are divided as follows: 31 officers, including one major and five sergeant-majors and 713 non-commissioned officers and men killed; 100 officers, including one colonel, one major and 12 sergeant-majors and 3,460 non-commissioned officers and men wounded.

CHURCH UNION DISCUSSION. Will Come Before the Assembly on Monday. Good Report Received from Montreal Presbyterian College—Lively Discussion.

(For yesterday's proceedings see page 2.) The eighth session of the Presbyterian General Assembly opened this morning with singing, after which prayer was offered by Rev. Dr. Herdman. The minutes of the last session, having been read and approved, Rev. Dr. Warden announced, on behalf of the business committee, that it was thought advisable not to hold any session this afternoon or evening, but to adjourn at noon until 10 o'clock Monday morning. The order of business for this morning was proposed as follows:

1. Report of the Presbyterian College at Montreal. 2. Resumes consideration of the report of Queens University, left over from yesterday's business. 3. Report of Montreal College. 4. Report of Morrin College, Quebec. 5. Report of special committee in reference to Morrin College. 6. Report of Sabbath school publication committee. 7. Report of Sabbath school secretary.

It was decided that on Monday, at 11:30 the assembly would meet a deputation of the Church of England Denominational of St. John, while after dinner the first item of business will be to meet a deputation of the Presbyterian church of Northern United States, which showed that the number of students enrolled in Halifax Presbyterian College, Montreal, submitted the very favorable report of that institution, which showed that the number of students enrolled last session was forty-six, of whom 5 completed their course this spring. The amount received for the ordinary fund was \$18,225.58, of which \$1,200.00 was derived from interest on a fund of \$10,000.00, and other contributions. The generous friend who, for several years past, has supported the chair of Homiletics and Biblical Theology, renewed his contribution for the past year. A good deal of remaining time was spent in the discussion of the report of the college buildings during the year, thus making the expenses heavy. A joint committee of the board of management of the college and the board of trustees, which had been appointed, had made their report, and the following recommendations were made, which have later been adopted:

1. That the Rev. Prof. Scrimger, D. D., be appointed principal at a salary of \$3,000 per annum, with residence. 2. That Professor Scrimger be transferred to the chair of systematic theology from that of the Old and New Testament Exegesis. 3. That the chair of Exegesis be divided into two—one of Old Testament Literature and Exegesis, and the other for the New Testament Literature and Exegesis, and that, as soon as the finances of the college will allow, a professor be appointed for each.

Dr. D. Fraser, of St. Stephen's church, was appointed to the chair of New Testament History and Exegesis. Dr. Scrimger was appointed principal. As a result of these appointments the oldest professor in college, Prof. John Campbell, has resigned.

TOOK AN "ELIXIR." WHIPPED 7 POLICEMEN. A Woman in New York Experiments With a Wonderful Stimulant—She May Die.

VICTORY AGAIN IN THIBET. The British Forces' Capture Native Artillery. Lhasa General Reported Killed—Thibetans Refuse to Have Dealings with Col. Younghusband.

SIMLA, British India, June 4.—The British expedition in North Thibet has captured two four-pounders from the enemy and a Lhasa general is reported to have been killed. The Thibetans have refused to forward to Lhasa the letter from Col. Younghusband, the political agent with the expedition, fixing the latest date on which the British are prepared to meet and negotiate with the Alban and Thibetan delegates.

NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY. The regular meeting of the Natural History Society of New Brunswick will take place next Tuesday, June 7th. In the afternoon there will be an excursion to Rockwood Park from 2:30 to 5:30 p. m. In the evening the results of the excursion will be given by the leaders of the various sections. On returning from the Park the party will be entertained at "Mowen" by Mrs. A. A. Stockton.

BURGLARY ON BRUSSELS STREET. Mrs. McNeill, who keeps a small grocery store on Brussels street, complained to Sergeant Campbell yesterday that a small boy had stolen the key from her shop door. The officer interviewed the boy in question and was satisfied that he had nothing to do with the affair. The police consider the matter a joke.

FATAL COLLISION. KANSAS CITY, June 4.—By the head on collision of two Missouri Pacific passenger trains near Masten, 22 miles south of Kansas City, one person has been killed, and 19 have been injured, most of the latter being passengers. The trains were the Colorado Flyer, west bound, and an accommodation eastbound.

TWO GOVERNORS. Lieut. Gov. Snowball met Lieut. Gov. Clark, of Ontario, at the Royal Hotel this morning. The meeting was a very informal one, in fact was an accident. Governor Clark had sent his card to Gov. Snowball's room, and while the messenger was on the way Governor Snowball happened along. At noon today Governor Snowball entertained Governor Clark at luncheon at the Union Club. There were only ten guests.

HOME FOR THE HOMELESS. Bertha Davidson, the fourteen year old girl who was found by the police on Brussels street last night, homeless, and was later taken to a hotel, has been provided for. A lady who read of her distress has given her a home.

THE WEATHER. Forecast—Winds variable, north to northeast, fine and warm; Sunday, winds variable. The contract has been awarded through Messrs. Green, of this city, to a Toronto firm for 1,000 soviet medals. The medals will be of bronze and white metal with the city coat of arms on one side and the profile of Champlain and De Mont on the other.

Children's Headwear. We have some new patterns in Boy's Norfolk, Golf and Yachting Caps. Children's Tams, in blue, brown and fawn. Prices from 25c. to \$1.00. Children's Straw Hats from 15c. to \$1.25. NEW GOODS. LOWEST PRICES.

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