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THE WATER SUPPLY

In discussing the test of the water supply for fire purposes made in Market Square last evening it may be well to recall what St. John set out to secure when the Common Council extended to proceed with the Loch Lomond extension.

Where fire streams are taken directly from the hydrant, the pressure during the period of maximum draft should not fall below seventy pounds. Where engines are used, the hydrant pressure should not drop below ten pounds.

The test last evening proved conclusively that the engineer had produced the results which he outlined in his report as desirable to give the city adequate protection from fire.

Contrary to a statement published yesterday by a contemporary, No. 2 main has been repeatedly subjected to an artificial pressure greater than any that would arise under normal conditions; that is to say, the older main has successfully withstood a pressure greater by twenty pounds than any which will arise again, greater than could be due to gravity alone.

ANOTHER

At the last general election the Liberals carried the Pudsey district in Yorkshire by a majority of 3,602. Mr. Whitely, who was elected on that occasion, resigned recently and on Saturday last a bye-election was held to fill the vacancy.

making preferential arrangements with British dominions overseas.

These Unionist victories come with significant regularity. The shrinkage of the vote cast for administration candidates measures the strong swing of public opinion toward the policy of Mr. Chamberlain. The government newspapers characterized the first bye-election results as sporadic instances of faith in the preferential policy; but that which they said was sporadic seems to have become epidemic.

The Premier inherited grave party difficulties and the flight of time is increasing them. Meantime his opponents gain in numbers and in unity of purpose. They have the ear of the country today.

ROOSEVELT MORALIZES

Mr. Roosevelt cannot refrain from moralizing, even from preaching a little. It is much that he moralizes to some purpose. If he "re-discovered the Ten Commandments," as Tom Reed said, existing conditions certainly had proved that there was need of the re-discovery.

THE HARBOR'S REPUTATION

An editorial from the Toronto Globe on the harbor of St. John is reprinted in another column of the Telegraph. The Globe writer intends to speak well of the harbor and to give due credit to the harbor.

GROVER CLEVELAND

When Grover Cleveland launched his Venezuelan message he made a mistake and a sensation. The effect was to produce intense excitement for a few days. Thereafter, the sober second thought of the country decided that the President was wrong, even if he were only bluffing.

THE TAX BILLS

Report has it that the assessors this year will get out of the old groove and make a determined effort to lessen the inequalities which have marked the tax levy during recent years. The effort to give St. John a modern assessment system unfortunately failed, and the assessors are handicapped by poor law and a formidable array of bad precedents.

THE AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION

Hon. Mr. Landry placed the matter squarely before the farmers of New Brunswick when he said, in addressing the opening hearing of the Agricultural Commission in Woodstock Tuesday, that the inquiry was intended to discover with the assistance of those most interested, the needs of agriculture in this province, and to evolve a progressive policy to meet the situation.

THE AMERICAN RADICALS

There are interesting echoes of the nomination. The Boston Herald makes the significant comment that while Taft was nominated at Chicago, the enthusiasm of the convention, the prolonged cheering,

was not over Taft, but was elicited by mention of Roosevelt and La Follette and the radical policies with which they are identified. This is noteworthy as indicating the strength of radicalism among Republicans, and it is thought by some to justify the assumption that since radical policies are desired, and since Taft does not represent them, Bryan may develop an unexpectedly large support among the masses of Americans. The Herald says, in part:

"The press throughout the country finds in the great demonstrations of last Wednesday and Thursday at the Chicago convention proof of the growing radicalism among Republicans of the far and middle West; finds, indeed, instruction for delegates, candidates and for the people who look beyond the speeches and the votes and the resolutions of the convention for the real significance of the gathering.

Four, four, four years more, Four years more for Roosevelt!

On Thursday the name of Senator La Follette was cheered more than twenty minutes, and the applause stopped only after a Roosevelt demonstration was sprung against it and Chairman Lodge had made vigorous use of his gavel. The delegates in the convention were not stampeded on either occasion. Only sixty-three delegates in the convention voted for the nomination of Senator La Follette.

Only three votes were for President Roosevelt. But the significance of the votes was as nothing compared with the sound and profitable undertaking can be imagined that the supply of gas, of transportation, of electric light and power. On the basis of a strictly legitimate capitalization and with an expert management entrusted with sufficient responsibility failure is inconceivable. For proof of this it is only necessary to look at Toronto itself where it is evident, even to the most cursory observation, that on the basis of actual cost of construction and without the complication of the large dividends paid on the original paid-up capital, the cost of both gas and street transportation would be much less than it is. For the true principle on which a public service should be conducted is that of charging the lowest rates and fares compatible with efficient service, proper conditions of employment and the necessary payments to the sinking and other funds.

MUNICIPAL GAS SUPPLY

St. John, which has a lighting monopoly on its lands and a Common Council which is not anxious to look horns with the monopolists, may find instruction, if not comfort, in the facts about a Liverpool suburb which has less than 30,000 people, which owns its own gas plant, and which has just reduced the price of gas from thirty cents to twenty-eight cents per thousand cubic feet.

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result was the immediate vindication of the law. Mr. Cleveland believed it wise and just to put down violence first and settle the other questions later on. A weaker man would have held his hand and a serious convulsion would have followed, accompanied in all probability by much bloodshed and prolonged turbulence.

Mr. Cleveland had few qualities that appealed to the imagination. His pulse was slow, but his common sense in most instances was great. The Democratic party today has no man of his stature, and he will loom the larger because of the party leaders who surround him. They are not impressive.

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GRAMMAR SCHOOL CLOSING AT RICHIBUCTO

Richibucto, June 23.—The closing exercises of the Grammar school were held this afternoon, to permit the principal of the school, L. R. Hetherington, to leave tomorrow morning for Fredericton to attend the institute.

The school room was well filled with interested friends. Commencing at 2 o'clock, the following programme was well carried out:

Chorus, by the pupils of the Grammar school; Reading, "Canadian Born," by Helen McMill; Solo, "Don't Be In A Hurry To Go," by Lizzie Irving; Debate, "Has the Sword or Pen Contributed Most to Our Present Civilization," Solo, by Robert Irving; Reading of the Class Prophecy, by Thomas Flanagan; Presentation of Prizes; Solo, by Mrs. Atkinson; Better Late Than Never; Chorus by the school; Where the Sugar Maple Grows; God Save the King.

The debate was quite a feature. Those speaking on the side of the pen, were Thomas Flanagan, Harvey Kinsay and Robert Irving, those on the side of the sword were Robert Fraser, Fred Mundle and Rusk Woods. The debate resulted in a decision for the pen. The summing up and closing speech by Thomas Flanagan were especially good, showing much depth of thought on one so young in years. The prizes as contributed and won were as follows:

Four valuable book prizes for VIII and IX Grade French, donated by Hon. O. J. LeBlanc, were presented by Rev. J. J. McLaughlin. 1st prize, Elyonne Legere; 2nd, Agnes Flanagan; 3rd, Margaret Halleran; 4th, Marguerite Murray. \$5 for X and XI Grade French, donated by Senator Pascal Poirier, and presented by Rev. F. W. M. Bacon, won by Miss Flora Atkinson.

A book prize for best general standing in school, presented by R. W. Beers, secretary of trustees, was won by Miss Marguerite Murray. A medal for best work in history, donated by E. O. Halstead, Ontario, was won by Miss Grace Wathen, and presented by the principal, L. R. Hetherington.

A set of Macaulay's History of England, for best work in geography, donated by H. A. Allison, of Calgary, in memory of his mother, the late Mrs. Elizabeth Powell Allison, was won by Thomas Flanagan.

Whittier's Poems, for highest standing in Grade IX, donated by H. R. Benn, was won by Miss Margaret Halleran and presented by F. S. Sayre. Book Prize for Grade IX, Algebra, donated by Mrs. O. Halstead, was won by Robert Stewart.

Book prize, donated by Mrs. E. O. Halstead, for highest standing in arithmetic, was won by Miss Agnes Flanagan and Miss Eva Mundle. Presentations were made by R. H. Davis, Bower, attorney-general of British Columbia, for the best student will be awarded later when the papers are looked over.

At a school meeting on Saturday, the sum of \$1250 for next year's school expense was voted. R. W. Beers, retiring trustee, was re-elected. The resignation of J. A. Edmund, teacher of the advanced department was accepted and J. A. Starak, of Bass River, was appointed. He has graduated only this year and is highly recommended by the chief superintendent.

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HAMPTON SCHOOL CLOSING EXERCISES AND PRIZE WINNERS

Hampton, N. B., June 23 (Special).—The closing exercises of the Hampton Consolidated school took place this afternoon in the presence of a very large number of parents and friends of the school. The exercises were held in the gymnasium where Dr. Inch, chief superintendent of education; Chancellor Jones, of the University of New Brunswick; Inspector Steeves, Judge McLeod, The Rev. Dean Schofield, of Fredericton, Rev. E. J. Grant and others.

A very interesting programme was carried out including essays by the older boys and girls; vocal and piano music by the schools; the presentation of money prizes and medals and the distribution of graduating certificates to successful pupils. There was also a series of interesting addresses by Dr. Inch, Chancellor Jones, Inspector Steeves and others in the course of which gratifying references were made to the work of the trustees in providing such an excellent building and school equipment, to the staff of teachers for the successful results of their labors, to the scholars for their good attendance and devotion to their studies, and to the community for the support and interest given to the new educational undertaking.

Lieut. Governor Tweedie's prize of \$30 for essays on the History and Resources of Hampton was divided as follows:—to Miss Vera Gass, \$15; Arnold McCreary, \$10; Miss Margaret Adams, \$5. These prizes were presented by Judge McLeod, after portions of the essays had been read by the writers.

Ex-Premier Robinson's prize of \$15 in gold for best science was won by Miss Florence Robertson. A similar prize remains open for next year. E. Allan Schofield's medals for excellence in manual training and domestic science were won by John G. Trimble and Miss Mary Raymond, respectively; the presentation being made by Dean Schofield.

Other prizes were won by Aescop's Pables, donated by Miss Travis; by Lillian Fowler, for highest standing, grade 1; King's Jangle book, donated by Mrs. J. A. Young, who repeats her gift for next year; by Annie Gallagher, highest grade 2; Child Characters, from Dickens, Edward Harrington, highest in intermediate department; Mary Raymond, who won Mr. O'Byrne's prize, a set of Shakespeare's works, for highest standing in high school department.

High school entrance certificates were presented by Inspector Steeves and grading certificates to the high school pupils. The Humphrey Memorial Bronze medal for mathematics was won by Miss Beth Adams and presented by Chancellor Jones. Mrs. E. M. Humphrey has only lost this medal for ten years.

Acknowledgment was made of the receipt of a beautiful gold medal from George W. Fowler, M.P., for best work in Canadian history too late to award this term. It will be awarded at the mid-year examination next. Christchurch was an excellent oration in honor of the founders, by Miss Florence Robertson, which was highly appreciated and won much favorable comment.

The valedictory was pronounced by Miss Annie Demill, which brought the proceedings to a close. Samuel H. Frewelling, chairman of trustees, presented. The staff of teachers will attend the session of the educational institute at Fredericton.

DORCHESTER MAN LEFT ESTATE TO NEPHEWS AND NOTHING TO SON

Toronto, June 23 (Special).—An estate of \$20,000 is left by the late Alexander Black, of Dorchester, N. B., for his infant son receives nothing. All he has is \$800, being his share of the estate of the late William Blair Black. This is in Ontario, and today Best of the Court of West Toronto, was appointed guardian. The estate is divided in equal shares among deceased's eleven nephews and nieces, most of whom live in the west.

Body of Drowned Newcastle Boy Recovered

Newcastle, June 23.—Parker Mason, the little boy that was drowned on May 4, was found in the water yesterday by a man working at Ritchie's boom. The funeral took place last night, Rev. S. J. MacArthur conducting the services. A large number followed the body to the grave.

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