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AS every Institution calculated to relieve the distressed, and avert the calamities attendant on accidental as well as other misfortunes, has been in every age and country, seconded by the cordial approbation of mankind in general, so the design of establishing a Union Fire Club in this place, being that of saving from entire destruction, the property of our fellow-men, when threatened by fire, the good will and encouragement of the Inhabitants of Fredericton, is anticipated in aid of this object ; and though this Town has hitherto providentially escaped the ravages of fire, yet we often hear of its awful effects in other parts of the World, and must be sensible that here, also, we are constantly in danger from it. That as fires always break out unexpectedly, and are not easily extinguished, but rage with great violence and increasing rapidity amongst wooden buildings, an immensity of property may in a few hours, be reduced to ashes. The houses, furniture and goods of the merchant and others, thus destroyed, may suddenly be the cause of many years embarrassment and distress to individuals of every class. The attention therefore of the Club, individually, as well as collectively, is hereby earnestly called to a consideration of their