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SEE WINDOW.

J. M. DEVINE,
The Right House.

At the City Hall.

The Chairman, Mr. W. G. Gosling, presided at last night's meeting of the Civic Commission, and present were Messrs. Harris, Ayre, McNamara, Bradshaw, Jackman, Mullaly, McGrath, Morris and Withers.

Correspondence from the Superintendent of Postal Telegraphs and the Government Engineer re the interference of power wires erected on poles by the R. N. Co., in Hamilton Avenue, was read. The correspondence set forth that the poles in question were too near the telegraph wires, and that the R. N. Co. were willing to remove them to the opposite side of the street, the Government to pay costs if the city would grant a right of way. The matter was referred to the City Engineer.

The Standard Mfg. Co. asked for statistics as to water supply, etc., as they are contemplating the erection of a fire extinguisher. The information has been supplied.

H. A. Burrows wrote saying that he was prepared to close the contract for broken stone at \$1.20 a ton. Mr. Mullaly protested against this contract on the grounds that the city was losing money by it, and that the Commission was infringing on the rights of citizens. The contract will be closed.

The R. N. Co. asked that the snow be removed from Military Road. The work is now being attended to.

The Engineer, Mr. W. G. Gosling, submitted drawings of the proposed water supply for their new premises. The matter was referred to the Engineer.

J. F. Lynch asked permission to make alterations to building on the corner of Duckworth and Cochrane Streets. Permission was granted, subject to the approval of the Engineer.

W. Cook offered a piece of land for site for the new stables. Referred to the special committee appointed to deal with the same.

Acting on the report of Inspector Rooney, sewerage will be installed in several houses on Balsam Street, Albin Square and Cochrane Street. A quantity of pipe will be ordered forthwith to complete the water service in certain streets. A special quotation for water pipes on which the Board may save \$6,000 was received yesterday. A committee consisting of the Chairman, Messrs. Harris and Ayre was appointed to finalize matters.

The Chairman announced that he had drafted a set of resolutions dealing with the matter of tenement houses in the city. The resolutions he said, were not perfect, but with any alterations that the Solicitor may consider necessary, the principle embodied in them would remain the same. He said that only too well it is known that there are many—disgracefully many—houses in which the poorer classes are living that are in reality unfit for human habitation. There are many sides to this question of housing the poor, said the Chairman. There is first the economic

side—that the poor live in miserable houses because they cannot afford better. If they could earn more they would have better houses. Then again there is the question of supply and demand. It is argued that this is merely a question of business, that because capital, invested in the poorer class of houses, gives such poor returns, the supply of cheap houses is always less than the demand. Though these arguments are quite true and the majority of people are anxious to improve their surroundings, they are unfortunately content to live in any sort of house, that they are permitted to occupy, and thus become a menace to the community. So that while the first aspects of the case have to be considered, it is also necessary to protect the apathetic and ignorant from themselves. Unfortunately the city is not empowered to take any steps in providing new houses, but there is on the Municipal Act a clause introduced by ex-Mayor Gibbs, which does allow the Commission to improve the existing conditions.

The clause and resolutions submitted by the Chairman, are as follows: WHEREAS, the 1910 Amendment to the Municipal Act, Sections 11, 12, 13, provides as follows:

(1) All tenements of a lesser rental value than \$50.00 shall be maintained by the owner or lessee in all respects reasonably fit for habitation.

(2) The Council to have power to order any house not fit for habitation to be removed as a nuisance.

(3) The Council to have power to make rules and regulations for putting and keeping dwelling houses in wholesome and sanitary condition.

BE IT RESOLVED:

(1) A house reasonably fit for habitation shall have its roof and outer walls sound and water tight.

(2) Upon complaint being made to the Council by the occupier of any tenement of a yearly rental value not exceeding Fifty Dollars, that the tenement occupied by him is not in a habitable condition, for reasons specified, and if upon investigation by the Council's Inspector such proves to be the case, notice shall be given to the owner of the tenement to have repairs effected within a time to be stipulated, or the Council may direct the Inspector to inspect such dilapidated dwellings with a view to having the same repaired. If repairs are not effected within the time specified, a penalty of \$5.00 per day shall be paid for every day during which the specified repairs are not effected.

The Chairman, after reading the foregoing explained the reasons for which they had been drafted. At first it had been suggested that the Board should take the initiative and order the houses to be repaired. This might have the effect of causing the tenants to be turned into the street if they happened to owe for their rent, but after careful consideration it has been found necessary to protect those persons living in dilapidated houses, which are not at all fit for human habitation. The resolutions, continued the Chairman, will act as a warning to the owners of such houses that they must comply with the Act and make their houses fit for habitation, or the Board will order them to be pulled down.

Upon motion of Mr. McGrath, seconded by Mr. Morris, the resolutions were unanimously carried.

Mr. Morris gave notice of motion of the following resolutions, which will be discussed at the next regular meeting:

WHEREAS—The present Commission was appointed for the purpose of preparing a new charter for the city, and in the meantime governing the city.

AND WHEREAS—The regular business of the Municipality has occupied our time so fully, as to demand

our sitting in council two and three times a week, in addition to committee meetings.

AND WHEREAS—The Commission therefore, has not had ample time to properly prepare said charter for the present meeting of the Legislature—and there is not now time to do justice to its completion.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED—That we report "progress" and ask leave to further sit and complete our work.

After the passing of pay rolls and granting of requirements, the meeting adjourned at 10.30 p.m.

Volunteers' Gifts.

Lieuts. Robertson and Windeler were presented with handsome sets of pipes and tobacco pouches by those under their command yesterday afternoon. Both are popular officers and appreciated the gifts very much.

Instructor O'Grady and Private J. Alyward were also the recipients of useful gifts last evening.

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CHAS. E. SHARP,
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PORTIA PASSED.—The s.s. Portia passed Cape Race at 8.30 a.m. today, going west.

"ABCOT" will remove stains from all fabrics.—Feb17,tu,th,s,tf

WILL ATTEMPT TO FLOAT THE DESOLA.—It is rumored that a local engineer, representing the Nova Scotia Steel and Coal Company, of Bell Island, will make an effort to raise the submerged steamer Desola.

"Mapleton's Peanut Butter" is manufactured in England. Use it and be patriotic.—Feb25,ed,tf

GEORGE ST. BIBLE CLASS.—The George St. Adult Bible Class meet tomorrow afternoon at 2.30. The lesson study will be taken by Rev. N. M. Coy. All members are asked to attend. Visitors will be welcomed.

SAFETY RAZORS.—The wonderful Giant Junior with 7 blades, 50 cts. New shipment just received.—CHESLEY WOODS, 140 Water St.—mar1,t

C. M. R. C.—The Cathedral Men's Bible Class will meet tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clock, in the Synod Building. The speaker will be J. W. Withers, Esq.

We import our New Ferro Kerosene Engines direct and our prices are much lower than last year. Write for Catalogue. A. H. MURRAY, St. John's.—mar5,51,ed

MEIGLE AT PLACENTIA.—The s.s. Meigle arrived at Placentia at 8 p.m. yesterday with the following passengers in saloon: C. Courtney, J. H. Dee, Mrs. B. Williams; 3 second class. The ship sails west again this evening.

Stafford's Liniment, "made in Newfoundland," a cure for Rheumatism, Lumbago, Neuralgia and all aches and pains. Sold everywhere.—Feb11,tf

KYLE'S PASSENGERS.—The Kyle arrived at Port aux Basques from Louisbourg at 6 p.m. yesterday, with the following passengers: W. C. Harvey, W. D. Morton, P. Laracy, F. E. Conn, T. F. Kennell, J. Reed, A. and Mrs. Young.

Don't be induced to pay a high price for a cheap engine. FERRO Kerosene Engines give satisfaction and the price is low. We are here to stand behind what we sell. A. H. MURRAY, St. John's.—mar5,51,ed

SUPREME COURT.—Court met at 11 a.m. 10-day pursuant to adjournment; present Mr. Justice Emerson. The case of Morey & Co. vs. Templeman and Murphy was continued. Several witnesses were examined, and at 1 p.m. adjournment was taken till 2.30 p.m.

House-cleaning season is near. See our Hardware Window for Vacuum Cleaners, Hand Power and Electric. ROYAL STORES, Ltd.—mar15,51

DESTRUCTIVE FIRE.—Regarding the fire at Sandy Point, as referred to in another column, Deputy Minister of Justice Hutchings was in receipt of the following to-day: "The Church of England building at Sandy Point, Bay St. George, was destroyed by fire yesterday." We understand there was no insurance carried.

BARGAINS! BARGAINS!
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Not yet are fathomed those deep springs

That somehow he shall sound to-morrow
Not when he wills are granted wings
Whereby he soars above disaster;
Not yet are strung the thousand strings
Of woe he must attune and master.

When time has fashioned peace again
When bloody fields no more are gory,
When Death his list of murdered men
Foots up announcing shame and glory,
Some bard shall come—some minstrel
Shall take his harp and tell the story;

But now his hand is chill, as when
With deadly frost the world is hoary.

Patience! This trampled earth shall flower!
Again to men shall come their laughter,
For never was a darker hour
But greater light prevailed thereafter;

These thunderous fields of clashing power
Again the host of love shall capture,
And on some higher plane, with dower
More vast, the soul awake to rapture.

Then then unto the funeral pyre
All greed, all hate, all fear surrender;
Like Galahad, with pure desire,
Await the dawn of mystic splendor;
Till then await the minstrel's lyre.

For then, as by the Muse appointed
His hand shall sweep the strings with fire,
His voice ring forth the song appointed.

—John Rhuddlan.

THE PLANET NEPTUNE.

By GEORGE FITCH,
Author of "At Good Old Shwash."

The planet Neptune is the most distant member of the solar system, its beads by itself 2,827,000,000 miles from the sun, and revolves about once in 165 years.

This, in itself, is a profoundly sad fact. Think of the millions of fond fathers and mothers on Neptune who bury their precious little ones anywhere from 50 to 165 years before they have celebrated their first birthday.

Neptune is a very large planet, 36,000 miles in diameter. The earth is a mere pumpkin beside it. Yet, Neptune is not visible to the naked eye, and even through a telescope as big as a howitzer, it only appears as a pale disc about the size of the republican vote in Mississippi. It has one satellite, but no other forms of amusement so far as known. Remote from all companionship and excitement, it pursues its lonely course half a billion miles from its nearest neighbour—as isolated as a socialist in the House of Representatives at Washington.

Neptune revolved patiently for countless ages without attracting the slightest attention until the early forties of the last century. All that time, astronomers concluded that something was exercising an influence on the planet Uranus, a large plebeian star on the next track outside Saturn. Uranus was continually checking in at control points a minute or two behind, which is a terrible thing in astronomy, which has no relaxation whatever to the science of rail-roading. For years, mathematicians worried over Uranus and covered acres of paper with figures in an effort to discover what was delaying it. It was finally determined that an invisible government of some sort was producing a marked error in its heliocentric longitude as well as its radius vector. Almost everyone hastily concluded that this would be all right, whatever it was, but John Couch Adams, a young English mathematician, sat down to work and after figuring three years, announced that Uranus was in polio—that some unknown planet beyond had a pull with it, and that if the telescope skippers would look in a certain spot about 3.35 to 3.45 a.m. on September 24th, 1846, the would probably detect the stranger. This was done, and Neptune was caught in the act.

Neptune is not important except as it has demonstrated the almost unbelievable ability of astronomers to find things. And yet, we persist in relying on detectives for the suppression of crime!

REIDS' BOATS.—The Bruce, Glencoe and Home are still at Trepassay; the Ethie left Placentia at 5 a.m. today on the Red Island route, and was forced to return to port at 7 a.m. owing to ice conditions; the Meigle leaves Placentia this evening; the Kyle left Port aux Basques at 8 p.m. yesterday; the Sagona leaves Louisbourg for Port aux Basques this afternoon.

BASEBALL ANNUAL.—The Baseball League will hold its annual meeting one night next week to wind up last season's business, including the presentation of prizes, the receiving of reports and the election of officers for the coming year.

STAFFORD'S PRESCRIPTION "A" cures Indigestion, Dyspepsia, Gastritis, Catarrh of the Stomach and Nervous Dyspepsia. Price 25 and 50c. Postage, 5 and 10c. extra.—Feb11,tf

STEPHANO OFF.—The Red Cross Liner, Stephano left at 7 o'clock this morning for Halifax and New York. The ship had no difficulty getting out the Narrows, owing to the ice moving off.

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Ferro Engines since 1909 the World's standard Two-Cycle Engines, have now been adopted as the Nfd. Standard of all that is best in Motor Engines.

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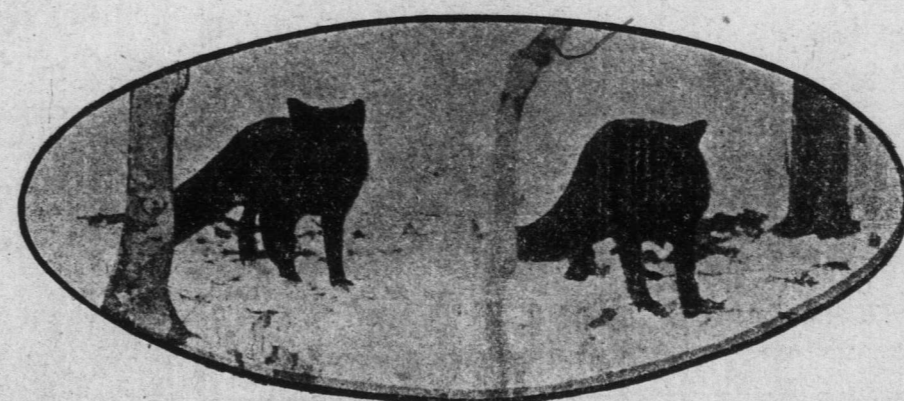
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