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AN INTERESTING SESSION.

Board of Health Resign.—C. P. R. Gives Special Train Freely.—Street Line will be Insisted on.—Bowling Alley and Pool Rooms Licensed.—New Board of Health Appointed.

Mayor Belyea and all the councillors were present at the interesting meeting of the council last Friday evening. Coun. Balmain, chairman of the Fire Committee, read the following communication from the municipal officers of Houlton:—

HOULTON, Maine, May 30th, 1902.
HON. MAYOR BELYEA,
WOODSTOCK, N. B.,

DEAR SIR,—In behalf of the citizens and Town of Houlton, and for ourselves, we wish to thank you and the Woodstock Fire Department, for the prompt and efficient aid rendered our town, at the fire of May 17th ult., and for the use of your steamer and fire apparatus. The fire would have extended much farther than it did without the help given us by your city and by other towns.

We understand your city lost some hose, and perhaps there was other damage to your apparatus. Will you please send us a list of things lost or damaged and we will replace same for you, or perhaps a better way would be for you to replace the loss, and then send us the bill and this town will pay for same. Also send bill for services of firemen, if any, as we desire to have all made satisfactory. Thanking you again for your kindness and assistance, we are,

Yours very truly,
THOMAS P. PUTNAM, } Municipal
FRANK W. PEARCE, } Officers of
W. A. DYKEMAN, } Houlton.

And he thereupon read the report of the fire committee, which was as follows:—

WOODSTOCK, June 6th, 1902.
TO THE MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL.—Your committee to which was referred the communication of the Municipal Officers of the Town of Houlton dated May 30th, 1902, beg to report:—

That this council desires to express its sense of deep sympathy with the citizens of the Town of Houlton in the loss sustained by them in the late disastrous fire on May 17th, ultimo.

That our Superintendent of Water Department, Donald Munro, the Chief of the Fire Department, John Tattersall, and the several firemen who lent their aid on that occasion did so freely, voluntarily, and without any thought of remuneration or reward.

That the fire appliances consisting of hose, etc., lost by our department at that fire were of comparatively trifling value and we recommend that all charges for such appliances against the Town of Houlton be entirely waived.

Respectfully submitted,
G. E. BALMAIN, } Fire Committee.
J. A. LINDSAY,
A. E. JONES,

On motion of Coun. Balmain seconded Coun. Lindsay the report was adopted.

Coun. Lindsay presented the following report of Abraham Stone who was commissioned to run the lines of Richmond and Regent streets:—

TO THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF WOODSTOCK,

GENTLEMEN.—Under an order of the Town Council of Woodstock passed June 2nd, 1902, and by direction of the chairman of the street committee I made a survey of the Grimmerston lot (so called) situate on the corner of Regent and Richmond street in said town and I found the south line to be 10 feet on Richmond street and on the north it was only to the limits of said Richmond street.

A. G. B. STONE, Town Surveyor.
Woodstock, June 4th, 1902.

The report of the streets committee on the matter was as follows:—

TO THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF WOODSTOCK,

GENTLEMEN.—The committee to whom was referred the matter of encroachment on Richmond street herewith make report.

By order of the council, Mr. A. Stone, C. E., was employed to run out the lines of Regent and Richmond streets, and his report is submitted herewith.

Your committee would recommend that the report be spread upon the minutes of the council, and that the chairman of the street committee should be ordered to have the street line cleared of obstruction from the intersection of Regent street to the lot of the late James Deboise on said Richmond street with the least possible delay.

Dated at Woodstock this sixth day of June, A. D., 1902.

J. A. LINDSAY,
H. E. BURTT,
J. T. A. DIBBLEE.

On motion Coun. Lindsay seconded Coun. Dibblee the resolution was adopted.

Coun. A. E. Jones, chairman of the poor committee, announced that tenders for the supply of groceries for the town farm had been received from John Connor, J. C. Milmore and John Graham. The tender of Mr. Graham was the lowest, and was accepted on motion.

Mayor Belyea said he had seen Superintendent Newcombe about the special train by which the Woodstock firemen and their appliances had been taken to the assistance of Houlton. Mr. Newcombe did not profess to speak officially, but he thought a receipted bill for the train would be presented to the town.

On the petition of T. V. Monahan and J.

S. Leighton, Jr. for permission to open pool and billiard rooms and bowling alleys, Coun. R. B. Jones presented a minority report against the petition, which was not accepted. Coun. Dibblee, in speaking on the question, said he would rather have a son of his in a bowling alley than loafing about the streets. He saw no harm in such a place, and he moved that the prayer of the petition be granted, and the license fee placed at \$50 a year, and bye laws be drawn up concerning the running of such places of amusement. In seconding the motion, Coun. Balmain saw no reason why the license should not issue. Many of our best citizens were fond of bowling. He liked it, and he also liked a game of billiards. He thought young men better off engaged in games like these than in some other amusements they resorted to. If such a place was not properly conducted, the license could be revoked at once. On vote the yeas were Couns. A. E. Jones, Balmain and Dibblee. Carried.

The Mayor then read the resignation of the members of the Board of Health whose appointment lay with the town council. It was as follows:—

TO HIS WORSHIP THE MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS OF THE TOWN OF WOODSTOCK,

The undersigned members of the Board of Health for the Town of Woodstock, comprising all the members appointed by your council, hereby tender their resignation. Our reasons for taking this course are, that many of the citizens of the town, a large number of whom are considered intelligent and thinking citizens, have by their actions and words opposed the action of this board in doing what they believed to be for the best interests of the town from a healthful as well as a financial standpoint. The members of this board do not feel it incumbent on them in the discharge of their duty thus to antagonize themselves personally against so many of our citizens in using measures provided by law to enforce as large a number of the citizens to protect themselves, as well as the community at large, against the ravages of disease, and against the unhealthy conditions of the town.

A. HENDERSON,
H. PAXTON BAIRD,
J. A. LINDSAY,
W. B. BELYEA.

Dated this third day of June, A. D., 1902.
Coun. Lindsay moved that the resignation be accepted.

Coun. A. E. Jones said "Here is Coun. Lindsay, a member of the Board of Health and he moves that his own resignation be accepted. I think he had better keep still and give some one else a chance." He said no one could act on the Board of Health in a manner to satisfy everyone. The town council was often severely criticised but they never thought of resigning. The Board of Health had done their work well and deserved every credit. There had been some cheap talk about the members of the board but they should not care for that. He thought the members should reconsider their resignation.

Dr. Hand, Chairman of the Board of Health, who gets his appointment from the Provincial Government, on being heard, said that he had sent his resignation to the Provincial Secretary. He was here as a citizen to explain his position. He had acted as chairman for six years and always tried to carry out the health regulations. He had received the able assistance of every member of the board. It was their duty to remove every menace to public health. Some citizens became enraged at what the board had done others at what they had not done. Their duties had been by no means easy. When the physicians of the town announced that a patient had any other disease than small pox, if they pronounced a disease to be diphtheria, or scarlet rash, or typhoid fever, no one doubted their word for a moment. When the small pox broke out in the county last year the town and county boards grappled with it successfully. It was a long, tiresome and very expensive work, but they accomplished it. Later, when the disease broke out in St. John the Local Board of Health took every means to prevent it getting a foothold here. They had all mails fumigated, put a physician on every train coming into town and used such other means as they deemed necessary. Notwithstanding all their precautions the disease again broke out in Woodstock. He did not know where it came from. He was reluctant to announce that the disease was again in town. He kept the patient quarantined a week before he finally pronounced the disease to be small pox. But he had to announce it at last or he would have been liable to a fine. At once a new set of medical advisers appeared to deny that it was small pox, and who jeered at the physicians. The members of the Board of Health and the physicians were assailed by all kinds of abuse, professional, personal and social, and this abuse came not from the ragamuffin, the hobo, the street walker, but from prominent citizens who backed people up in their kick.

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The New Big Enterprise Again.

On Tuesday of last week, there was held in Woodstock, the annual meeting of the "Woodstock Electric Railway Light and Power Co." G. A. White, J. N. W. Winslow Williamson Fisher, John Hastie and F. B. Carvell were elected directors. F. B. Carvell was made president, J. N. W. Winslow vice-president and G. A. White secretary-treasurer. The stock of the company is \$100,000. They intend to build a stone dam across the Meduxnakeag by which they can develop 500-horse power. They are working in conjunction with a company of Houlton capitalists, who propose to dam the south branch at Jackson Falls, to get power to use in Houlton. The supply of water in August, September, October and sometimes in January, is somewhat low, and in order to keep the head pretty even during the year, the Houlton capitalists intend to dam the lakes farther up the stream, to hold the water of the freshest season for the time when water is scarce.

It is said the Woodstock company has an option on the Connell electric light plant, the Small & Fisher plant and on the Davis mill property which Mr. Connell has recently purchased. It looks as if this new enterprise was a big thing. With 500 horse power they should be able to supply power to many industries in town, light the dwellings, stores, and if necessary, light the streets and furnish power to the pumping station.

The fuel problem is becoming a serious one with manufacturing concerns in Woodstock, and this company will be able to solve it. The two electric light concerns here must pay at least \$4000 a year for fuel, and if the new company takes over these concerns, this one saving of \$4000 will be no small item to their credit yearly.

An expert in hydraulics will be here during the summer, to look over the ground and give an estimate on the cost of a dam of the proper dimensions to give what power the company will need.

In the mean time H. A. Connell is solving the fuel problem for himself. He has a turbine wheel on the road and will put it in at the Davis mill property where he can develop all the power he will require to run his electric light plant. He will move one of his powerful dynamos down to the carding mill and the prospect is that when he gets all the machinery set up and in running order the fuel problem, as far as his electric lighting plant is concerned, will be a thing of the past. There is a possible deal on between himself and the new company and the outcome of it is looked forward to with interest.

Farraday-Henderson.

Miss May Porter Henderson, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Alfred Harvey Henderson, of 1635 Columbia Avenue, and Mr. Clayton Locusan Farraday were married at 8 o'clock last evening in the Thirtieth Street Methodist Church, Thirtieth Street below Vine. The bride was given in marriage by her father. She wore a gown of point d'esprit, trimmed with orange blossoms. She was attended by her sisters, Miss Henrietta E. Henderson as maid of honor, and Miss Ethel Eugenie Henderson as flower girl. The former's gown was of pink silk muslin, and she carried pink sweet peas. The latter wore a frock of white. Mr. Harry Farraday was his brother's best man. The ushers were Mr. Thomas Farraday, Mr. B. Pemberton Philippe, Mr. Charles Guthens and Mr. John Voorhees. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Dr. Edgar Adamson, pastor of the church, assisted by Rev. Ward Willis, of Beverly, N. J.

On their return from their honeymoon Mr. and Mrs. Farraday will reside at 1246 North Fifth Street.—Philadelphia Press, June 4th.

[Dr. A. H. Henderson is a native of Richmond, Carleton Co. The presents numbering 150 from Canada, Indianapolis, Pittsburg, Hamilton, Ohio, Atlantic City and Philadelphia, were magnificent and consisted of solid silver, cut glass, morris chair, sofa, bric a brac of every description exceeding \$500 in value. Fully 1000 persons witnessed the ceremony. A reception was held after the wedding at the home of the bride, attended by the relatives and close friends. The refreshments consisted of strawberries and ice cream, cake, etc.]

Death of Benjamin H. Smith.

Benjamin H. Smith, a prominent business man of Woodstock, died at his residence, on Friday morning, after an illness of some weeks, in the 70th year of his age. Some fifty years ago, Mr. Smith entered into a commercial business here, afterwards associating with himself his two sons, W. Duppa, and Allan. He was a prominent member of St. Luke's Church, of which he was for many years a warden. He was a member of the board of school trustees for several years.

He leaves a widow, who was Miss Nash, sister of Harry Nash, three sons, W. Duppa, Allan and B. Harry, and one daughter, Mrs. (Dr.) R. E. Guy Smith, all of whom were with him at the time of his death. He also leaves three brothers, Edward, Charles and George F., and four sisters, Mrs. William Upham, Mrs. Stephen Peabody, Mrs. Sarah Bull and Miss Isabel Smith. The funeral, which was held on Sunday afternoon, at the beautiful little parish church, was unusually long. Ven. Archdeacon Neales said the office for the dead, and at the grave the committal service.

At a meeting in the Parish Hall on Monday evening, the following resolution was passed by a standing vote:—

RESOLVED, That the corporation of St. Luke's Church desires to place on record its deep sense of loss sustained by the demise of the late Benjamin H. Smith, Esq., who for so many years served the church in the capacity of warden, and who was always a willing worker in the interests of the church, and for the promotion of its best welfare.

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