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### The Factory Commission.

The factory commission were here in session last Thursday. In the morning they met in the council chamber and heard evidence from representatives of various factories and foundries in town. The personnel of the commission is Mayor John Palmer of Fredericton, Kilgour Shives of Campbellton, Mrs. Emma W. Fiske and M. J. Kelley of St. John, and James G. Stevens of St. Stephen.

The witnesses in the morning were D. A. Grant of the Woodstock Carriage Company; Alex. Dunbar, sr., of the firm of A. Dunbar & Son, iron founders; Hubert Seeley of the Woodstock Woodworking Co.; Frank Hillman, foreman of the A. Henderson Furniture Manufacturing Co.; W. A. Sherwood, representing the Imperial Packing Co.

Mr. Grant said his factory employed some twenty hands, but none were employed who are under 14 years of age. He did not remember having studied the terms of the proposed factory act, and was not in a position to give an opinion as to its merits. His factory was supplied with water closets and conveniences for a rapid exit in case of fire.

Mr. Seeley said his employees were all over 14 years of age. The factory was furnished with sanitary appliances. He doubted, if a special room were provided for those employees who did not go to their homes at midday, if they would use it.

Frank Hillman said that if the proposed act would be for the benefit of the men he would favor it. He thought that the proprietor of the establishment, Mr. Henderson, would be willing to pay the necessary fees for respecting the act if the act was a good one, as he was a progressive man.

Alex. Dunbar asked if the steam arising from liquid moulding was not injurious to the men, replied that injury was likely to arise only in the case of moulding brass. He had no boys employed under 14. The men took their meals with them, ate in the shop, and in warm weather out of doors. He did not think the men would use a separate room for eating.

Mr. Sherwood said that he thought the men in his establishment would be glad to avail themselves of a separate room for eating. They employed no boys under 14 years of age, and only girls when they did the carving, which was but a short period in the year. He had heard of the act, but was not in a position to speak as to its feasibility.

During the afternoon the members of the commission visited the wrapper factory, woolen mills, steam laundry and other institutions of the kind.

### A POINTED ANSWER.

Pupil at Consolidated School was up to Snuff.

It is understood that the provincial department of education has been carrying out the law of the land by advising teachers to impress strongly upon pupils the injurious effects of tobacco, as well as of intoxicating liquor. Among other schools to which the exhortation came was the McDonald Consolidated School at Kingston. It is related that the lecture on tobacco fell to Miss Mersereau, and that this lady performed her duties by dwelling upon the bad qualities of tobacco and exhorting her young hearers to abstain from its use. When the discourse ended one lad led up his hand to show that he had something on his mind.

"Well," said the teacher, "what is it?" "I was thinking," observed the pupil, with some hesitation and doubt, "that if it hadn't been for tobacco we would not have had this here school!"

Sir William McDonald ought to hear that story.—St. John Sun.

### Pusillanimous.

"Gentlemen," said the taciturn man, "the stories you have told of the truly remarkable dogs you have possessed have fired me with enthusiasm. Would you mind if I related a true anecdote of a humble cat who saved the lives of a regiment?"

"Certainly not!" said the Head Truthteller kindly. "Confide in us. It may do you good."

"Thank you. Very well. I happened to be locked up in Ladysmith during the late war, and, as you know, at one time it seemed that we should have to surrender for want of food. But one day I was lucky enough to capture the cat which is the subject of this story. We treated the cat tenderly, for some of us had wives of our own; but one sad day it was served up in a pie. That pie saved the lives of my company, gentlemen."

"Yes; but you said a regiment," said the Head Truthteller, who is a stickler for detail. "Quite so. But that animal came back eight distinct times; each time it was made into a pie, and thus the regiment was saved. Oh, sirs, never before had we realized how fine a thing it is for humanity that cats have nine lives! Yes; this is my station. Good morning!"

### Town Meeting

The annual town meeting took place on Monday evening in the town hall. There was a good attendance, although not so large as last year.

Mr. J. T. Garden was appointed chairman. All the councillors were present with the exception of Coun. Gallagher, who had to leave town and was unavoidably detained.

The chairman of the different departments gave accounts of their stewardship during the year showing that the finances had been handled economically. While some of the departments had overrun their appropriations, the money was well spent.

Coun. Stevens said he thought it would be a good thing for the incoming council to amalgamate the different departments and appoint one man to spend the money of the town. In regard to the collection of back taxes, he said legislation should be obtained to enable the council to levy an interest charge of six per cent. on taxes unpaid after a certain period. Coun. Stevens announced his intention to run as a candidate for the council of 1905.

Coun. Dibblee was the next speaker. After reading his report as chairman of the Water Works department, he spoke briefly on Scott Act matters and said there should be a change. When Town Marshall Kelley was inspector the town got a revenue of \$800.00, and here we have a statement from Inspector Colpitts showing that \$1000.00 has been collected from fines, but that it cost \$400.00 to collect it. Coun. Dibblee said there was just as much drunkenness now as in the past, and the town is entitled to the benefit of the revenue. He also spoke of the retirement of Mr. Donald Munro from the water works department. Mr. Munro had always been a faithful servant and it would be hard to get a man to fill his place.

Coun. Jones chairman of the streets department gave his report, which was brief. Quite a lot of asphalt had been carried over from last year, which he said would go a long way to finish the sidewalks on Main street in the business part of the town. Coun. Jones announced his intention to run for Mayor this term, and said if he was elected and did not bring the council out with a clean sheet he would never ask for their votes again.

Coun. Burt for the poor department read his report, which showed that he had conducted his department in an economical manner and had left it in good shape for his successor. Coun. Burt touched briefly on Scott Act matters. He said he was not a temperance crank, but he thought if a man went a little out of his way and sold liquor he should not be unjustly persecuted, as has been the case. He said the Inspector should have been present tonight to give a statement of the case. Coun. Burt also spoke in the highest terms of Mr. Donald Munro, who was to retire from the water works department. He thought an effort should be made by the incoming council to retain Mr. Munro's services until some young man could be initiated under his tuition.

The last report was from Coun. Fisher, chairman of the light and sewer department. There had been very little doing in the work of sewers during the year, but the lighting system needed looking after. Most of the lamps were old and in bad shape, and he thought the new council should get at least twelve new lamps. He had gone over the system thoroughly and he was satisfied that everything was in good condition except the lamps.

Coun. Fisher will be a candidate at the coming election.

Harry Baird the caretaker of the electric lights gave his opinion that it would be economy for the town to purchase new lamps. The old lamps used up a larger number of carbons and did not give any light. The new lamps will run 100 hours and you can always depend on them.

His Worship Mayor Lindsay was then called on. Mayor Lindsay said he did not have very much to say. He was merely the presiding officer at the board and did not have a vote only on the occasion of a tie vote of the council. He had tried to do the duties of his office faithfully during the past year and he thought he had in a measure succeeded. He said it was customary for the mayor to have a second term unopposed, but this year Coun. Jones had seen fit to come into the field as a candidate. He thought the electors would understand the situation and see that he was returned for another year.

Coun. Jones again took the floor, and said he did not see why the mayor should have a second term unopposed any more than a councillor, in fact not as much. And as to Mayor Lindsay's statement that the mayor was merely a presiding officer, he thought the mayor was head over all the departments and had a big responsibility resting upon his

shoulders. He had always found where the mayor took a stand on any question he was backed up by the council.

John S. Leighton, jr., and W. B. Nicholson were called on and made short speeches announcing their candidature for the new council.

After a vote of thanks had been passed to the chairman the meeting adjourned.

### Cammack Executed Tomorrow.

Thomas Cammack will be executed at the jail tomorrow Thursday January 12th for the murder of Willie Doherty, whom he killed in the parish of Kent on the 17th day of July last.

The scaffold is now in course of construction. It is being made of the identical lumber which formed the scaffold on which George Gee was hanged. All parts of it including the trap and lever and even the steps leading to it have been carefully preserved in the jail cellar in anticipation of this event. The only new piece of timber required will be the gallows beam, to which the rope is attached and which bears the immense strain when the body drops.

The beam used when George Gee was executed was a defective piece of hemlock 6x6 inches and at the last moment it had to be reinforced by a heavy piece of sound spruce. In replacing the structure a piece of perfect timber will be substituted for this imperfect one.

### Evangeline Banished from Schools of British Columbia.

"Evangeline" has been banished from British Columbia schools. Superintendent Robinson of the Board of Education informed the Coast Teachers' Institute last week that Longfellow's poem is to be replaced in the school readers by Scott's "Lay of the Last Minstrel." Lamb's "Tales from Shakespeare" are also to be cut out of the readers. Two reasons were urged by the teachers against the unhappy "Evangeline." One was that it was tainted with an anti-British spirit and the other expressed by J. A. Gilchrist, who said that "Evangeline," although a beautiful and highly moral production, is becoming stale to the teachers from long use. As for Lamb's "Tales" Mr. Gilchrist remarked that they had been found literally of no use to children as an encouragement to read Shakespeare.

The anti-British spirit of "Evangeline" was chiefly condemned by Mr. King, who also declared that in his opinion the poem "was faulty in construction from an artistic point of view."

It was then that Superintendent Robinson announced that sentence of banishment had already been decreed by the Educational Department.

### A Silencing Rebuke.

A braggadocio of a visitor from another province or country is always uncalled for and is properly resented by the natives, who in nine cases out of ten, not knowing the visitor's own country are unable to reply effectively. Sometimes, however the critic gets taken down. An American crank, all countries have cranks, was riding over a short new line in Ontario and while openly proclaiming his nationality was superciliously denouncing the line he rode over and Canadian transportation in general. To a quiet old man behind him he finally turned with the question, "Is this a sample of Ontario's railroads?"

"No," was the quiet reply, while the man's eye twinkled as though he had anticipated the question, "We have several first class roads in Canada out this is the only one controlled by American capital."

There is more Catarrh in this section of the country than all other diseases put together, and until the last few years was supposed to be incurable. For a great many years doctors pronounced it a local disease and prescribed local remedies, and by constantly failing to cure with local treatment, pronounced it incurable. Science has proven Catarrh to be a constitutional disease and therefore requires constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, Ohio, is the only constitutional cure on the market. It is taken internally in doses from 10 drops to a teaspoonful. It acts directly on the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. They offer one hundred dollars for any case it fails to cure. Send for circulars and testimonials. Address: F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, Ohio.

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