

General Business. Scott's Emulsion. 50 YEARS! SHARP'S BALSAM OF HOREHOUND. ARMSTRONG & CO., PROPRIETORS. WANTED. NOTICE TO HOLDERS OF TIMBER LICENSES. WANTED. NOTICE OF SALE. HAZEN'S QUININE WINE AND IRON. BLOOD MAKER. DR. J. HAYES.

Miramichi Advance. CHATHAM, N. B., OCTOBER 24, 1895. Fire Protection Matters. There is no little activity just now in the matter of improving Chatham's fire-extinguishing facilities. We should not care to take the responsibility of suggesting a brake upon any impetuous rush that may be made in that direction, even before the heat of the late fire has been dissipated, but hope that whatever is done, it will be done in a methodical and business-like manner. The idea which many of our more experienced and thoughtful citizens hoped to have acted upon last year—that of providing fire protection for both ends of the town—seems to have moved the Board of Street and Fire Commissioners with redoubled force during the past week. We hear that they have purchased a new Ronald steam fire engine, a thousand feet of hose, two hose reels and a water heater to be attached to the engine. We cannot help thinking that if the new engine-house tendered for last year had been built, with its reservoir holding enough water to last three or four hours at a fire, and the present engine had been in it on the 10th of this month, enough property might have been saved to buy half a dozen new engines and build more than an equal number of engine-houses. Some of our wise men were able to prevent that work from being accomplished, and many whose property was destroyed in consequence, wished while the fire was spreading, that those who blocked it were only as efficient in stopping the conflagration. Now, in the excitement of the scare following the fire, to which last year's action of a majority of the Board was an important contributory factor, is there not a little too much haste and a disposition to work from the wrong end? We have no hesitation in saying that the fire engines we have are not properly housed, or properly looked after. There is always more or less unreadiness manifest in connection with them when a fire occurs. From twenty-five to thirty-five minutes ought not to elapse between the sounding of an alarm and the throwing of first water on a fire. Yet, that is the experience in Chatham. When we wanted to use our hand engine at the late fire it was found that even the winter runners had not been taken from under it. Now, if we are to have a new engine, new hose reels and a thousand feet of new hose, what provisions are we making to properly house them, so that they may be ready for prompt and efficient work when fires occur? There is no doubt that had the steam fire engine been standing over a good reservoir with water near the boiling point in the boiler on the 10th inst., as would have been the case had the building of the proposed new engine house of last year not been so singularly prevented, many who are now homeless would not be so. Ought we not first to provide an engine house for at least the engine we have, before we obtain another and have no place to put it? No building available in Chatham is fit for a steam fire engine house, and while we may have the best machines in the world, it is folly to put them in places unfit for the purpose, and expect them to give us the protection they would afford under proper conditions. We want more legislation on the subject before we can deal efficiently with the problem, and let us not go injudiciously fast, or we may have the petition crank out again with his little paper, and the progress we should be making along legitimate lines again retarded with, perhaps, a repetition of the disastrous results which came to us on the 10th inst., as a protest against the shilly-shallying of 1894.

handsome vote they had given him. The campaign had been conducted fairly and honorably, and he thanked his friends and his opponents for the courteous treatment that had been accorded to him. He would express the hope that as his colleagues and he had always faithfully discharged their duties in the County's interests, it would continue to be so hereafter, so that the people would know and believe that their confidence had not been misplaced. [Applause.]

MR. SURVEYOR GENERAL TWEEDIE said he ought to be proud of the honor, and he was so. He was proud of the ticket and proud of the majority with which it had been returned; by which the Government was sustained throughout the Province, and Premier Blair must also be a proud man because the victory the Government had achieved was unprecedented in the history of the province. [Applause.] Many of the newspapers of the Province had been charging the Government with crime and misdeeds, and the hope of prejudicing the public mind, but the triumphant manner in which the Government had been sustained showed that the people could not be misled, and their verdict, just given, was a full and complete answer to those charges. Regarding the campaign in Northumberland, they had said "stead by the ticket." In every place where its members were working they had faithfully stood by each other. He could point with pride to the vote in his native town, Chatham, where he stood at the poll and where Robinson and O'Brien received almost as many votes as Birchill and Tweedie. He was proud of that—pride of it all. Charges had been made against him all over the province, but a member of the Government, but his good record had stood by him. In the canvass his associates and he had dealt only politically with their opponents and all others, and although they had perhaps reason to complain of different treatment in some quarters, yet in view of their great victory, they could afford to let it pass. He thought the ticket had done well in the past and they would, no doubt, run together again, for they would continue to stand together in the interests of Northumberland, and, while guarding those interests, not fail to do so further in every possible way, those of the whole Province. He was proud of his colleagues, who had stood by him so well. They might not agree in everything amongst themselves, but they never carried their disagreements to Fredericton. If they had them, they kept them to themselves and in the Legislature stood by the County and by each other. [Applause.] They had their faults, no doubt, and had made mistakes, for human nature was fallible, but they had always tried to promote the welfare of Northumberland in every right way and as they would continue to do so, he hoped they would receive and receive even a larger vote next time. [Applause.]

MR. O'BRIEN said he sincerely thanked the electors for the handsome vote they had given him, and also to the ticket. He appreciated the vote he had received, for he was the one on the ticket who was to be defeated, and he was therefore as proud as if he was elected at the head of the poll. It made no difference which member of the ticket came out ahead, so long as they stood together as they had done. They had been united in the interests of the County for six years and they would continue to be so. He was not going to say one word against his opponents, they had fought them with all their might, and he and his colleagues had fought against them with all their might. The victory was a great one and he thanked the electors sincerely. [Applause.]

MR. MORRIS said that unlike the four members who had already spoken, it was not his privilege to return thanks for being elected, for he had been beaten, but, although beaten, he thanked those who had stood by his colleague and himself. They had stood together and they had stood together because they felt it to be their duty. He did not intend to indulge in any recrimination. He and his colleagues had been fairly treated, and he hoped the result of the contest would redound to the interest of Northumberland. Defeat, in this case, did not mean death. [Applause.]

MR. MORRIS said he was in a different position from that of the other five candidates, for it was his first contest for the Assembly. The time had been so short for the campaign and the interests against his colleagues and himself so large that, although defeated, he was not ashamed of the vote they had received. The canvass was fair and there was no personal feeling, and he hoped the gentlemen elected would do their best to carry out their promises—that they would build the iron bridge at Newcastle and, in other ways, promote the County's interests. And, when there was another election, he hoped also that they would find that Mr. Morris and he were not afraid to again meet them.

MR. SHIRREFF said he was glad to see Mr. Shirreff for the fairness and efficiency with which he had fought the election. Mr. Tweedie, "And he is still Sheriff." [Laughter.] Mr. Shirreff made a suitable acknowledgment of the vote. There were now calls for Dr. Pugsley, who was present, but

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