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The Legislature.

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MISDIRECTED ATTENTION.

He thought it would have been more appropriate if, instead of grieving over the woes of St. John, the honorable member (Hazen) representing as he did a rural constituency, (and by the skin of his teeth) had dropped a kindly little word for the county of Sunbury. Perhaps it was because the majority was so small that the honorable member's solicitude for Sunbury was small. The fears felt by Mr. Hazen that Mr. Robertson's interest in the winter port might suffer, might receive an answer later. The estimates were liable to talk louder than even his honor's speech, and Mr. Robertson was a business man.

FOOLISH FIGURING.

Mr. Hazen took great pleasure in whittling down the government's majorities and claimed that a turn over of 1200 voters would have upset the government. Possibly, but it was sure that a turnover of five votes would have left Mr. Hazen out in Sunbury; 120 votes defeated Mr. Hazen's colleagues in Westmorland; and a change of 12 votes would have deprived the house of the Robinson Crusoe of the opposition (Mr. Shaw). A complete analysis of the election returns for the province showed that the change of 147 votes would have simply left a goose egg on the other side of the house. (Laughter.) It was awful to contemplate such possibilities. But Mr. Hazen overlooked the 5,800 electors in Gloucester who were unanimous for the government. The independent vote in Madawaska could not be counted opposition. Leaving out, then, the independent vote in Madawaska it appeared that 37,146 votes had been cast in favor of the government and 24,943 for the opposition, leaving a popular majority of 12,203 in favor of the government.

MR. HAZEN'S "TENDER" SPOT.

Proceeding Mr. Emmerson referred to Mr. Hazen's solicitude for the tender system, and pointed to that gentleman's record connected with the St. John customs house. He promised the honorable member that before the house adjourned an opportunity would be afforded him to have the matter of the steel bridges fully discussed. While he (Emmerson) was sorry that his friends who had run as candidates in Sunbury were defeated, yet he was glad that the honorable member (Hazen) was here in order that they might discuss this question face to face, for the facts and nothing but the facts would be presented to the consideration of the house and the country. He did not wish to discuss this matter now at length, but he would lay down the principle that in the construction of public works it was unwise, and against the public interest that any cast iron rule should be adopted. The opposition platform laid down contained nothing new. The leader of the opposition would find, after being in the house for a time, that the policy of the government in every respect was consistent with economy, having regard for the great services of the country. (Applause.)

The address then passed without division.

On motion of Mr. Tweedie, supply was made the order of the day for Wednesday 29th.

In reply to Mr. Hazen Hon. Mr. Tweedie said the auditor-general's report would be submitted before going into supply.

Mr. Wells was chosen chairman of supply and on motion of Mr. Tweedie the public accounts of last year and the auditor-general's report thereon were referred to the public accounts committee.

SATURDAY.

Mr. Venoit submitted the first report of the contingent committee; also the first report of the standing rules committee.

Mr. Melanson gave notice of motion, seconded by Mr. Humphrey, for a detailed statement showing the banking operations of the government.

Hon. Mr. Tweedie submitted a return of the indebtedness of Northumberland; also, a report of the hospital of St. Basil for the last year.

Mr. Humphrey, Mr. Glazier and Mr. Hazen gave notices of enquiry and motions relating to agricultural matters, bridges, public works, etc.

Mr. Venoit rose to a question of priviiege. There had appeared in the St. John Sun the statement that "Mr. Venoit, of Gloucester, has been using his influence to make Mr. Johnson remain in the house hoping thereby to get a position in the executive as an Acadian representative."

He wished to give this statement a flat contradiction. He had in no way sought to interfere with Mr. Johnson in the discharge of his duty and would add that during the election campaign he (Venoit) had gone into the county of Westmorland and did all he could to elect Mr. Richard and no member of the house regretted that gentleman's defeat more strongly than he did.

MONDAY.

Hon. Mr. Tweedie led the house, in the absence, through illness, of Premier Emmerson.

Mr. Venoit submitted a report from the standing rules committee.

In reply to Mr. Hazen Hon. Mr. Tweedie said Hon. Mr. Richard was still a member of the government; also that the government was still trying the experiment of doing away with the office of Solicitor-General.

Hon. Mr. Tweedie said he wished in fairness to the leader of the opposition to call attention to the fact that a bill introduced by that honorable gentleman was improperly on the files of the house. He referred to the bill in amendment of and in addition to an act respecting elections to the general assembly. A reference to rules 117 and 120 of this house would show that no bill involving the expenditure of public money could be properly introduced without having received the assent of his honor the lieutenant governor.

Mr. Hazen—I suppose the expenditure of money would be with respect to the printing of ballots.

Hon. Mr. Tweedie—Yes, and with respect to providing for additional polling places.

Mr. Hazen—I may say that the objection raised by the honorable gentleman who is now leading the house (Tweedie) has occurred to my own mind, and I think the point is well taken. Perhaps the honorable provincial secretary would obtain the assent of his honor so that the bill might come properly before the house.

Hon. Mr. Tweedie—When it becomes necessary for the government to ask his honor's assent to legislation promoted by the honorable leader of the opposition, no doubt his honor would feel that he should send for Mr. Hazen to form a government. (Laughter)

Mr. Hazen—Perhaps you will consider the matter. (Laughter.)

Hon. Mr. Tweedie—No (laughter) the bill should be removed from the files of the house.

Mr. Speaker agreed with Mr. Tweedie's view and instructed that the bill should be withdrawn.

Hon. Mr. Labillois submitted the report of agriculture for the last year.

Mr. Hazen said that in the unavoidable absence of Hon. Mr. Emmerson and by arrangement with the honorable gentlemen leading the house (Mr. Tweedie) he would let his motion to refer matters relating to bridges to a committee to stand over until Tuesday.

Progress was reported on Hon. Mr. Dunn's bill to encourage the discovery and development of natural gas and oil in the province.

TUESDAY.

Mr. Veniot submitted a further report from the standing rules committee.

Hon. Mr. Tweedie introduced a bill to amend 54th Victoria Chapter 11 in so far as it relates to the Gulf Shore Railway.

Mr. Robinson introduced a bill to authorise Moncton city council to issue debentures not to exceed $26,000.

Speaking to a question of privilege, Hon. Mr. Tweedie said that in Monday's Gleaner he saw an article which he, as a member of the government, and the government itself could not afford to let pass without notice. He read a portion of the article as follows:

"Withholding the Facts."

"The report of the Auditor General on the public accounts of the Province for the last fiscal year has been ready for distribution for at least three weeks; and although the House has been in session since Thursday last and Supply is booked for the day after to-morrow the Government, declined up to Saturday, to allow the report to be brought down. Enquiries were made for the report, and although there were more than a thousand copies in the departmental buildings ready for distribution a member of Government answered that he hoped to have the report ready in a few days."

Mr. Tweedie said: I wish to say that the statement of the Gleaner is absolutely and entirely without foundation. Not only are there not a thousand copies of the report ready for distribution, but there is not a single copy ready; the work is entirely under the control of the Auditor-General and is being done at the office of the Daily Telegraph in St. John and is in the printer's hands. As soon as the reports are ready they will be laid before the house. Hon. Mr. Tweedie further said that he made this statement lest some of the members might think there was the slightest truth in the Gleaner's statement and that the Government was withholding the reports. He wished to repeat, most emphatically, that the Gleaner's article was entirely without foundation.

Mr. Shaw: I would like to ask the hon. provincial secretary if he would not hunt up five copies of the report? The opposition have not much to do these evenings and would profitably employ their spare time in looking over the Auditor-General's report. (Laughter.)

Hon. Mr. Tweedie: I hope to give my friend not only five but forty-five in a short time. (Laughter.) While on his feet he, Mr. Tweedie, said he wished to call the attention of the House to the fact that the Farmers' and Dairymen's Association were meeting in Fredericton to-day and would be in session until Thursday. There had been a request from the officers of the Association that all the members of the legislature should attend the farmers' parliament and in order that the request of the Association might be complied with it was his intention to move the adjournment of the house early in the afternoon. He would also take this opportunity to state that it was the government's intention to extend an invitation to the members of the Assembly to visit the lunatic asylum at an early date—probably some day next week. Much had been published by a portion of the press with respect to the asylum and its management, and the government thought that, in view of the criticisms thereon, the members of the house should be given an opportunity of visiting the institution and judging of its management for themselves.

Mr. Shaw: Will you give us travelling expenses? (laughter)

Hon. Mr. Tweedie: Yes, if you are let come back. (laughter)

Hon. Mr. Dunn re-committed the bill to encourage the discovery and developement of oil and natural gas within the province. Agreed to with amendments.

Miramichi and the North Shore, etc.

MILLINERY is waiting to bloom as the rose.

WINTER has been lingering in the lap of Spring.

METALLETTE suitable for mantle and dress lining 22c. per yard at Creaghan's.

FINE HORSES:—Mr. Arch. Snowball returned home from Toronto yesterday bringing with him a carload of carriage and heavy horses, which are for sale. They are a fine lot.

BE SURE and read our great offer of the ADVANCE for a year and the Farm Journal five years, all for the price of our paper alone. Just walk up to the captain's office and draw the greatest prize you ever drew.

FRILLED Curtain Muslin 25c. per yard at Creaghan's.

CAMPBELLTON BONDS:—Campbellton's Water and Electric Light four percent bonds have been sold, some at par and others at one per cent above. Chatham's bonds command over four percent more than that price.

A PLUMBER FOR CHATHAM:—Mr. L. E. Dryden, plumber and tinsmith, of Sussex, is now in the employ of Mr. G. U. Marquis, and will attend to plumbing work in any part of the county. He comes highly recommended. Mr. Marquis is the only man in the county who has a plumber in his employ. 3.30.99.

NEW SATEENS in elegant designs for cushions 20c. per yard at Creaghan's.

UNRIVALLED TOURIST SLEEPING cars for the accommodation of passengers holding second class tickets, are run by the Canadian Pacific Railway on Trans-continental Express train, leaving Windsor Station, Montreal, at 11 a.m. every Thursday and running through to Seattle. Passengers for Canadian Northwest and Pacific Coast points will be accommodated in these cars, on payment of a small additional berth charge. Each berth will accommodate two passengers.

SPECIAL MEETINGS will be given in the S. A. Barracks on Good Friday at 3 and 8 p.m. led by Ensign Graham and Lieut. Winchester. An enrollment will take place.

Sunday night a service of song, entitled, "Home sweet Home" will be given.

MIRAMICHI MARBLE WORKS:—Now is the time to place your orders for cemetery work and avoid the spring rush. We have now on hand and coming one of the largest stocks of marble and granite monuments, headstones and tablets ever shown on the north shore, all from the latest designs and worked from the best material the market can produce. Call and get our prices. They are right.

JOHN H. LAWLOR & CO.

THE GREATEST SENSATION in the tea trade is caused by the fact that Union Blend is now being put on the market in four different grades to be sold at 25, 30, 35 and 40c. per pound, and under a patent right. A key is placed in every pound package by which the purchaser has the chance of opening a box containing a large sum of money and receiving the entire contents free. Full particulars of the scheme are in a printed form contained in every pound package.

SEND IN YOUR NAME:—We are requested by the dry goods firm of Daniel & Robertson, "London House" St. John, to say to any of our readers that if they wish to have the "Shoppers' Economist" sent to them or to their freinds, free, to send in the names and addresses to Daniel & Robertson at once. This spring catalogue, which will be issued about April 10th, is to be a special number worth having. It contains information on spring fashions and the newest things shown in dry goods for the coming season.

FOR THE EASTER HOLIDAYS:—Excursion tickets will be sold *to the Public* from March 30th to April 3rd inclusive, good for return until April 4th; and to *Teachers and Scholars* in Schools and Colleges on surrender of Standard certificate from Principal March 17th to April 1st inclusive, good for return until April 10th, 1899. The rate will be *one single first class fare* for the round trip, and tickets will be sold to all points in Canada east of Fort William, Ont.

THE TRACADIE TELEPHONE CO. is applying at Fredericton for letters patent under the Joint Stock Companies' Act. The incorporators are Jas. J. McGaffigan, St. John, Wm. Ferguson, John Young, Philip Arseneau, James Davidson, Joseph C. Coughlan and Wm. McMahon of Tracadie and Jas. P. Sherry, of Memramcook. The capital stock is $2,000 in four hundred shares of five dollars each. The operations of the company are to be exclusively in Gloucester County, with the usual right of making arrangements for connecting their lines with those of any other company.

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SERVICES:—The usual Holy Week services are being held in S. Mary's chapel, consisting of Daily, Morning and Evening Prayer with lections on Our Lord's sufferings after evening prayer. The Holy Eucharist was celebrated this (Thursday) morning at 7.30 o'clock. To-morrow, Good Friday, there will be services in S. Mary's at 11 and 7.30 o'clock, and at S. Paul's at 3 p.m. The offerings will be for Bishop Blyth's missions among the Jews in Jerusalem and the East. On Easter Sunday there will be the usual services in S. Mary's at 11 and 6 30 o'clock and at S. Paul's at 3 p.m. There will also be a celebration of the Holy Eucharist at S. Paul's at 8 a.m. The usual Easter Day offerings will be for the sick and needy, and the special offerings will be for Repairs to Parochial Fund.

PROFESSOR ANDREWS of Mount Allison college, Sackville, delivered, in the council chamber of the town hall, a very instructive and interesting lecture last Friday evening on the subject, "The Wonders of a Speck of Life." Dr. Baxter presided and introduced the lecturer. The learned lecturer imparted to his audience much information respecting the genesis of life, which is the protoplast, demonstrating the sameness of its form and chemical composition in all animal as well as vegetable life, illustrating the subject by blackboard drawings and interspersing biological instruction with witty references which made the hour pass quickly and profitably. The lecture, which was under the auspices of the Miramichi Natural History Society, was a great treat. After remarks by Drs. Baxter and Cox, a vote of thanks, moved by collector Ferguson and seconded by Mr. Jas. Nicol was unanimously given to Professor Andrews.

NEARING THE CENTURY MARK:—Mr. Mersereau the well known photographic artist, has presented the ADVANCE with photographs of a hale-looking gentleman in his 99th year—Mr. Joseph Sewell—an Englishman, who has lived many years at Pokemouche Gloucester County. He was born on 8th April 1800, so that he will be 100 years old in April of next year. Mr. Mersereau went to Mr. Sewell's residence recently under instructions from Mrs. W. H. H. Murray (Adirondack), Mr. Sewell's granddaughter, to get photographs of him and found him reading a work of fiction without the aid of glasses. He is a wonderfully well preserved man. We questoned Mr. Mersereau respecting Mr. Sewell's habits of life—whether he had any particular rules as to his diet, etc., —but he said he lived as most other Englishmen do, was temperate in the matter of food and drink never taking more than one meal at a time, never smoking more than one pipe of tobacco at a time, or drinking more than one glass of whiskey at a time. Long may he live to enjoy an honored old age, and do credit to the race!

A Good Offer.

The Farm Journal advertised (together with the Biggle Books) in another column, is offered free for five years to all new subscribers to the ADVANCE who send their subscriptions within one month. The Biggle Books may also be obtained through this office at the advertised price.

Active Man Wanted

To read this advertisement and then give Putnam's Painless Corn Extractor a trial. It never fails to cure. Acts in twenty-four hours and causes neither pain nor discomfort. Putnam's Corn Extractor extracts corns. It is the best.

A Beautiful Gown.

The Ottawa correspondent of the Montreal Herald writes:—

The Hon. G. E. and Mrs. Foster gave a dinner on Friday evening. The table was beautifully decorated with yellow flowers. The guests were: Mr. Cargill, M. P., Mrs. Cargill, Mr. Wilson, M. P., Mrs. Wilson, Mr. Ganong, M. P., Mrs. Ganong, Mr. Hill, M. P., Hon. Senator Sanford, Mr. Robinson M. P., Mrs. Robinson, Miss Robinson, Mr. A. Chisholm. Some very handsome gowns were worn at this dinner. Perhaps the most beautiful was Mrs. Robinson's. The bodice and court train, worn over a petticoat of pale green silk, were of the richest silk in which every color of the rainbow and a sunset sky were blended, producing a beautiful effect without being loud. Much trimming would have spoiled the effect, so becoming to its wearer, and there was just a fall of old yellow tinted lace over the puffed sleeves and an outline of pearl passementeries at the neck of the bodice.

After Game Law Violators.

At the police court to-day Mr. G. G. Ruel, on behalf of Game Commissioner Knight, applied for a warrant for some persons in Queens county for killing moose out of season. Mr. Ruel explained that the difficulty in getting local justices to deal with these cases had obliged them to take this step, and showed that under the law His Honor had jurisdiction. The warrant was granted and Detective Ring will leave for Queens at once to execute it. Gazette.

Enquiries are also being made in reference to violations of the game law in the Sabbies River, Blackville and Boiestown regions as well as on the Restigouche and elsewhere, and it is to be hoped that several persons concerned in killing moose in those places recently will be rigorously dealt with.

Mission Concert.

A fine concert under the direction of the Y. P. S. C. E. was given at Napan in the middle school house district No. 1½ on Friday evening last, March 24th. The meeting was in charge of our esteemed member, Mr. A. G. Dickson, who, in his usual pleasant manner conducted the exercises. The entertainment was opened with an address on Foreign Missions by Mr. Gray after which a fine programme was rendered, consisting of recitations, readings, dialogues, vocal and instrumental music, etc. All the parts were well performed and showed that considerable talent existed among the Society's active and associate members, both joining heartily together in order to make the entertainment a success. The proceeds amounted to $15, which will be handed over for the aid of Foreign Missions.

JOHN SHIELDS, Sec'y.

The Perennial Candidate.

The World appears very anxious to turn the present board of aldermen out of office, although they have not only served the town well, but been most lenient and considerate towards the World's editor, notwithstanding the persistent abuse he has given them in his paper for a long time. It is said that he has a way of explaining to the one or two of them who take any notice of his attacks that he doesn't mean them, but the other members. There is a well-grounded belief that the World's assaults are made for the harmless purpose of creating a belief abroad that there is some public sentiment behind them, and the design is to lay a foundation for one of those telegrams to the St. John, Fredericton and Moncton press which generally emanate from the World office at election times and in which a certain gentleman connected with that paper is made to appear as a popular candidate. The World publishes column upon column of abusive editorials and correspondence for months before elections of any kind, aimed at people in office, for the sole purpose of giving color to some such absurd candidacy as that to which we refer. It is not a dangerous, although a harmful monomania, for, no doubt, some single-minded and honest people are impressed with the undeserved and ungrateful abuse of the aldermen in which the perennial candidate indulges, and get an impression that something is wrong. It is all in the would-be candidate's "big head," however.

Making Ready for the Bicycling Campaign.

A successful meeting of the Miramichi Bicycle Club was held in the store of Mr. W. R. Gould on Thursday evening last. For several years the Miramichi has had a bicycle club, but for some reason little has been accomplished by it. This year the members of the club anticipate a successful season. Enthusiastic wheelmen have been selected as officers and all seem determined to do what they can to aid the club in its efforts. At present there is not a hustling club on the North Shore for the boys, and something of the nature will be of great value in awakening the dormant wheeling propensities of the young men. All should take advantage of the facilities offered by the organization by joining at once. The fee is only $1.00, with the understanding that each member is liable to an additional assessment of 50 cents should the club require further aid. We understand that the boys expect to take charge of the town on May 24th. A meeting will probably be held and outside aid will be encouraged as a stimulus. Club rooms are to be secured in the near future.

The officers elected on Thursday evening were:

W. R. Gould, President.
Jos Arseneau, Vice President.
W. Henry Irwine, Sec.-Treas.
Jas. McIntosh, Statistical Secretary.
S. B. Heckbert, Captain.
J. Pallen and L. Barker, 1st and 2nd Lieutenants.
Harry Strang, Consul.
Jack Nicol, Bugler.

The racing board is to consist of the officers, with Norman Edgar, C. P. Hickey, E. R. Gould, Wilmot Strang, Fred Eddy and Alex. Ray.

The club will affiliate with the Canadian Wheelmen's Association. All are invited to the next meeting, to-morrow night, March 31st at 9.30 p. m.

Circuit Court.

The Circuit Court, His Honor, Judge McLeod presiding, met at Newcastle on Tuesday. There was no criminal business, and only one civil case.

The latter was an action brought by Henry Brobecker of Chatham against ald. Flanagan of the same place for false imprisonment and damages were laid at $500. Mr. Robert Murray appeared for plaintiff and Mr. R. A. Lawlor for defendant. The case arose out of alderman Flanagan giving Brobecker in charge of the policemen on 25th October last for creating a disturbance on the public street, flourishing a revolver, etc. and, as several witnesses stated, threatening to put "cold lead" into some of them.

From the testimony it appeared that the altercation began near the church, between Brobecker's boys and some other youngsters, and Brobecker took it up for his boys. They went down the street and the crowd followed them to near where Brobecker lived, and he sent his boy into the house for his revolver, which he flourished twice within twenty minutes at some of the persons assembled, and threatened to use it. The crowd was variously estimated at from 75 to 200 persons. Brobecker was very much excited and the crowd jeered at him. Alderman Flanagan, who is also chairman of the police committee, told the policemen that they had better arrest Brobecker in order to avert trouble. This was done, and he was confined in a cell at the lockup for about three-quarters of an hour.

The charge made by the policemen was for shouting and creating a disturbance on the street. This charge was dismissed by the Chatham police magistrate, and one for flourishing a revolver was allowed to stand. Thereupon Brobecker was induced to enter the action against ald. Flanagan.

The case was tried before a petit jury consisting of Joseph Washburn, foreman, Matthew Carroll, James Lynch, David Savoy, Thos. Copp, Patrick Woods and Louis Dick, and occupied Tuesday and a part of yesterday.

In charging the jury, Judge McLeod said that ald. Flanagan had done only what any good citizen ought to do, even outside of the authority he had as a magistrate pro tem and chairman of the police committee. He had the same power as a city marshall, and it was his duty to give Brobecker or any other person in charge for displaying a revolver on the street. As long as he, the judge, came here in his judicial capacity, he would consider it to be his duty to do all in his power to suppress such acts of violence as had been proved, of which there were too many in the county. Judge McLeod said much more of the same purport and impressed the jury with the fact that the plaintiff had no case.

The jury, after a few minutes' absence, rendered a verdict for the defendant with costs.

AN ADDRESS FROM MAYOR WINSLOW.

To the Electors of the Town of Chatham.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:—A partial review of the work undertaken and completed since the present Town Council was elected in October, 1897, may be of interest.

BONDS.

Obligations entered into by the late Town Council necessitated a further issue of bonds, and a meeting of the ratepayers, held on the 11th of November following, approved of an issue of $20,000, to meet these obligations and for other purposes.

COMPLETING UNFINISHED WORK.

The balance of $5,000, due the contractor on the completion of the Town building, was paid, heating apparatus and plumbing contracted for, a new fire alarm bell placed in the tower, the hose tower equipped, necessary hose purchased, patent harness provided to be used with the engines, the Treasurer's office, Police Court, Council Chamber and Committee Room furnished, wiring for electric light and fittings installed, and other work done in connection with the building not included in the building contract.

TOWN PROPERTY IMPROVED.

Mr. Daniel Crimmen's leasehold and interest in the Town property was purchased, his three dwelling houses removed from off the property, and a freehold lot of land purchased from him in rear of what is known as the Hawbolt lot, to afford room for the easterly extension of the wharf, and latterly a contract was entered into with Mr. James Desmond for the repair and extension of that property. A survey and plan of it have been made, the lines defined and substantial fences erected. The repair and extension of the wharf and the improvement in the surroundings of the Town building will, when completed, make the property one we shall have reason to be proud of, and as the newly organised Citizens' Band, to whom we have given permission to use the upper chamber of the building, has promised to give us music at frequent intervals, we may look forward to the time when this wharf will be a popular resort in the summer season.

IMPROVEMENT OF STREETS, ETC.

A large amount of work has been done on the roads and sidewalks.

It is not necessary to enumerate the many roads on which repairs were made, or the sidewalks built, as you have a full detailed report of what work was done and also details of the expenditures therefor in the accounts published in pamphlet form and circulated for your information—expenditures made for work demanded by you to remedy the wretched condition of the roads and sidewalks, many of which had been neglected for years.

Roads laid out prior to incorporation were opened up for traffic and graded and new roads opened.

I am bold to say that no money was ever more economically expended and that good value was received in the work done, most of which was under the personal supervision of the present Road Commissioner, for whom you had many words of praise while the work was in progress.

Victoria street, connecting Henderson street with St. John Street, thanks to the generosity of Bishop Rogers and Senator Snowball in donating the land, cost the Town nothing for land damages.

The names of all the streets have been posted at street corners, and now that the town fire alarm bell strikes the midday hour, we know exactly where we are and what time of day it is.

A uniform time has been adopted by Chatham and Newcastle and we now enjoy the distinction of having what is known as Miramichi time. This will be appreciated by those who travel by the passenger steamers plying between the two towns.

ELM TREE PARK.

Elm Tree Park, as it has been named, has been greatly improved by the removal of the fence, grading the walks, the erection of the flag pole, largely paid for by private subscription; mounting the cannons, painting the band stand and seats and generally caring for this comfortably shaded and cozy nook.

THE FERRY.

The ferry service came in for its share of attention, and our efforts to improve that important service have met with success. Mainly, owing to our representations to the Provincial Secretary showing the need of additional government aid, an additional subsidy was promised conditional on such a substantial reduction of ferry tolls as might be satisfactory to the Council. The condition was fulfilled and the additional subsidy of $200 per annum was granted. This will prove a great saving to those using the ferry and tend to improve business in the Town. It is expected that more frequent trips will be made next season.

FIRE SERVICE IMPROVEMENT NEEDED.

One of the most important services is that of fire protection. It is to be regretted that this is not such a service as the size and importance of Chatham demand, and I foresee that it cannot be much improved until a system of water works is introduced, and hydrants provided with sufficient water pressure to dispense with fire engines. I am assured by the New Brunswick Board of Fire Underwriters that when such a system is adopted a substantial reduction of insurance rates will follow.

DANGER OF NOT HAVING A WATER AND SEWERAGE SYSTEM.

The danger of a conflagration, such as Windsor and Digby recently experienced, and our own experience in October, 1895, should awaken us to the importance of adopting such a system of water works. When at the ratepayers' meeting in November, 1897, you authorized the additional issue of bonds, you were apparently eager to have a survey and report preparatory to adopting some system to be operated by the Town rather than allow such a valuable franchise to be acquired by a company. The Council has had plans and a survey and report made, and has expended on that account about $1,400. Sanitary reasons should alone influence us to adopt the system proposed. It is a very significant fact that 100 typhoid fever patients were treated at the Hospital of the Hotel Dieu last year and many outside the hospital in the Town. These cases are, in the main, attributed to impure water and bad sewerage. Let us then earnestly exert ourselves to remedy these dangerous conditions. Before proceeding with the erection of these works a vote of the ratepayers must be taken, approving of same, and you will be called upon, on the 11th of April next, to express your opinion by voting for or against the proposed works.

PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Public spirited citizens have donated sums of money and books to aid in establishing a free public library, and the Town Council has granted the use of a room in the Town Hall for its accommodation. We look forward to the time when a substantial sum of money will be raised by subscription to place the library on a satisfactory, permanent basis. To do so will require more enthusiastic cooperation on the part of those interested in its success.

COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS.

We have had 30 general and special meetings since our election, and when you calculate the many committee meetings it is necessary to attend to examine and discuss the various subjects which require consideration, of which I have only mentioned a few, you will realize that attending the many meetings occupies no small share of the time and attention of the Mayor and aldermen. It has been my practice to attend all committee meetings and I believe by continuing to do so I shall be able to more intelligently assist at the Council board.

AGAIN A CANDIDATE FOR MAYOR.

I shall be a candidate for re-election as mayor and if honored by your support I shall endeavor to merit it by continued attention to your interests.

I have the honor to remain,
Your obedient servant,
WARREN C. WINSLOW.

Chatham, N. B., March 24th, 1899.

Electricity as a Thawing Agent.

If the statistics were gathered of the number of houses that are burned down every winter, as the result of attempts to thaw out frozen pipes by the perilous methods ordinarily practiced by the householder, the results would be decidedly sensational. To Prof. R. W. Wood, of the University of Wisconsin, great credit is due for showing that a frozen water pipe may be thawed out by the expedient of running through it an electric current of the proper strength.

In the present case a stretch of 300 feet of pipe between a house and the street main was solidly frozen. One wire was attached to the pipe in the cellar, and the other to a faucet across the street. The flow of the current was down the service pipe, along the main, and by way of the frozen pipe to the connection in the cellar. It was only necessary to heat the pipe to sixty degrees, and it is stated that within twenty minutes there was a full head of water in the cellar. The apparatus employed was planned by Prof. Jackson, and is being used with great success, two houses at a time being relieved thereby from their water famine.

It is evident that while electric thawing avoids the obvious risks of thawing out by hot coals or similar applications of heat, it has dangers of its own, and should only be applied by an expert workman. The theory of electric thawing is that the current in flowing through the metal meets with a resistance which raises the temperature of the pipe. The temperature will depend, other things being equal, upon the sectional area of the pipe, and care should be taken that there is no considerable reduction of the size of pipe at any point between the electric terminals, since there would be an immediate overheating due to the reduced area which would be a source of danger. The current used would not have to be as large as might be supposed, the co-efficient of electrical resistance being, for instance, twelve times as great for lead as for copper. With proper precautions the process is not dangerous, and the saving in the way of excavation and plumbing will be very considerable.

Rhapsody on the Miramichi River.

Let me dream of the dear old River
As it flows on its course to the sea,
By our Town where in youth I loved it to greet
And list to its murmuring and rippling so sweet
As it sang its old song to me.

Oh! the charm of the dear old River
As it silently glides along
Past the wharf where I sat with my legs hanging o'er
And musingly gazed on yon mile distant shore
And list to its wavelets' song.

On the quite of Sabbath morning
As I stroll to its banks so far
Comes the toll of the bell from the distant spire
Calling to Kirk the good folks of the shire
To their duties of praise and prayer.

And the rolling tolls of the bell
As its cadences reach yon ear
Seem to blend with the flow of the ebbing tide
In an anthem of praise from the river's side
To the Father who seems so near.

The peaceful flow of the River
On this hallowed Sabbath Day
So sweetly accords with our souls' pure delight
As we gaze o'er its waters so limped and bright
And drink in its tremulous lay.

A change on thy surface appears
In the years as they wax and wane,
The angry winds toss thy waves to and fro,
Thy pulses grow sluggish, tho' still thy tides flow,
But thy protest to nature is vain.

Now the summer has shaken its garb
From the trees—there to mould on the ground—
And the icy blast of the north wind's breath
Hath bound thee fast with the fetters of death
And we hear not thy murmuring sound.

But the kiss of the frost to thee
Hath given the youth a chance
To glide o'er thy bosom on shoes of steel,
And the merry ones come and with laughter's peal,
Make the echoing ozone dance.

And the canny scott we his broom
And his stanes sa lang negleck
Gangs soop'en her up as the stanes glide along
Impelled by the curlers of nerve true and strong
So straight to the broom of the skip.

And the memory of shinny days,
As we gathered in scores after school
And chose out our sides for the battle grim,
Adjusted our skates or poiged our crooks slim
To deliver the stroke to the ball.

Its away! at a bound to the goal
And after it speeds the few,
They jostle around it, one trips and is down,
Sprawling away and now grasping his crown
He has seen more stars than he knew.

Tom's shinny arrests its course,
From the fluid he leads it away,
We all join in the chase and yell as we go
To win in the race, over rough ice or snow,
And strengthen our champion's play.

Now the tinkle of jingling bells,
With boisterous laughter we hear,
And the ice-boat fleet, with the speed of the wind
Comes shooting athwart and we're left far behind
With the cutter and trotters so near.

The lads and their lasses enjoy
The drive as they laugh and sing
O'er the bush-stuck road that will mark the spot
They must keep when the spring days are soft and hot
And winter is yielding to spring.

You may talk of your Rhone and your Rhine,
Your Hudson, St. Lawrence or Dee,
But the river of rivers; whose tide ebbs and flows
To its mouth from its source, which nobody knows,
With its storm-tossed billows or lulled to repose,
Is the dear old Miramichi,

G. E. H.
New York Jany 9th 1899.

New Advertisements.

Tenders for Boom Blocks.

Tenders are invited by the 8th April next for the erection of six Boom Blocks on North side of Miramichi opposite Dominion Pulp Company's property. Plans can be seen at the Mill. The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

DOMINION PULP COMPANY, LIMITED.

Assessors' Notice.

Parish of Chatham.

The preliminary lists are now on view at the store of G. Stothart.

Statements in writing will be received up to April 10th.

The assessors will meet at the office of G. Stothart on Thursday afternoons, March 30th, April 6th and 13th to hear objections to said valuation.

Chatham, March 29th, 1899.

GEORGE STOTHART,
SAMUEL WADDLETON, } Assessors.
WM. DAMERY,

Grand Opening of
Paris
London and
New York
MILLINERY
—AT—
Josie Noonan's,
THE BOUQUET.

On **Easter Tuesday, April 4th,** the ladies are cordially invited to my show room and see the greatest display of artistic Hats and Bonnets ever shown in this town. Only a look at my display would give you the faintest idea of the splendor therein. Come early that you may see all, select one, or go away charmed with the elegance of the combination, style, workmanship and price.

JOSIE NOONAN.

THE ARRIVAL OF SPRING.

Creaghan's Store

Is abloom with bright-hued merchandise of Spring—a transformation at one bound from the sober tints of winter.

Men's and Boys' Hats and Caps

We are doing more and more business every day in this hat section of ours. Why? Because the very latest and the most stylish shapes and best qualities are here at a substantial saving. Prices run like this:—Caps 15., 25c., 35c., 45c., 50c; Boys' Hats—40c., 50c., 75c., 95c; Men's black and brown Fedoras—75c., 95c., $1.25, $1.75, $2.25 to $2.75.

Men's and Boys' Clothing Department.

We look for some stirring times in this section, devoted to Men's, Youths' and Boys' Clothing. The worthiness of all the clothing we sell is known to hundreds of practical mothers hereabouts. It is the kind to withstand the wear and tear, no matter how low the price—a point which makes this offering especially noteworthy.

Our prices for Boys' Suits—$1.95, $2.25, $2.50, $2.75 to $5.50.
Men's Suits—$3.95, $5.00, $5 50, $6.75, $7.50, $10 to $15.50.

Carpets. Carpets.

Our Carpets are now on show on second floor. These carpets are the products of the best factories of England and the United States. They include all the new designs and colors. Housekeepers and those furnishing new homes will do well to examine our lines.

15 patterns of Hemp Carpet at 15., 18c., 20c., 25c, to 38c. per yard.

29 patterns Tapestry Carpets at 35c., 45c., 60c., 75c., to 85c. per yard.

47 patterns of Moquette and Brussels at 95c., $1.25, $1.35, $1.45, $1.50 per yard.

Straw Matting.

35 Rolls of choice, cool Mattings direct from China and Japan. The rich colorings, the nice weaves and dependable qualities will make you want to buy. Just a few prices:

Straw color, blue stripe, 15c. per yard.
Red, white, blue and brown, 20c. per yard.
Brown, blue, yellow and white, 25c. per yard.
Linen Warp in fancy colors, 35c.

Rugs and Mats. Rugs and Mats.

The assortment far exceeds in variety any previous showing. Included are the Tapestry Rugs, Moquette Rugs, Smyrna Rugs, Velvet Rugs, Klondyke Rugs, Bulawayo Rugs, Saxonine Rugs, etc. Now for the prices: 45c., 95c., $1.25, $1.50, $1.95, $2.50, $3.25, $4 25 to $7.50. We have endeavored to surpass all our previous efforts, for the coming season, and would invite an inspection before you look elsewhere.

J. D. CREAGHAN, DIRECT IMPORTER, CHATHAM.

We must be going to have an early Spring!

BECAUSE

W. T. HARRIS

Is selling off all Winter Goods At Cost.

SEE HIS WINDOW WITH MARKED DOWN PRICES.

THEN go inside and see for yourself that this is no cheap talk, but that everything in

OVERSHOES,
FELT LINED BOOTS,
FELT SLIPPERS,
FELT BOOTS,
FUR-TOPPED SLIPPERS

are actually going at what they cost me.

We must make room for spring goods; they are coming in now, I say I will sell all WINTER GOODS at what they COST ME.

I MEAN IT! TRY ME!

We have a big stock to work off and for you to select from.

THIS IS A DULL SEASON OF THE YEAR FOR BUSINESS.

BUT we want to do some just the same, and the only way now is to SELL CHEAPER than anyone else, and we are CUTTING PRICES on everything in the

PROVISION and GROCERY LINE.

It is impossible to mention everything, but to give you an idea we are selling

4 Cans of Blueberries,	25c.
12 lbs. Onions,	25c.
9 Cakes Signal Soap,	25c.
6 " Eclipse "	25c.

We are selling for cash and won't let it go. Any reasonable offer will be accepted for Hay, Oats, Flour, Meal, Herring, Codfish, Lard, Pork, Beef, Molasses, Oil, Sugar, Tea, Beans, Barley, Rice, Tobacco, Canned Goods, Confectionery, &c., &c.

Call and you will find this a genuine CHEAP SALE.

WOOD AND COAL
delivered to all parts of the Town.

W. T. HARRIS.

SPLENDID DISPLAY
—OF—
Spring and Summer Goods.

We have just opened a large importation of

English Goods

Each Department is replete.

DRY GOODS

Comprising all the latest styles and novelties.

DRESS GOODS

Cashmeres, Fancy Serges, Cheviots,