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Miramichi Advance. CHATHAM, N. B., FEBRUARY 22, 1900. Political Notes.

The St. John Globe has already reorganized the provincial government. It is pretty squarely in opposition because the Premier and his colleagues do not, at Hon. Geo. E. Foster's demand, consent to govern the province on the lines of Dominion party politics.

Referring to the Globe's fresh manifestation of hostility to the government and its alleged rumors, which, of course, are merely its own invention, the Gazette says that when everything is serene and quiet in the field of provincial politics the rumor-monger is sure to get to work.

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The British. Moving northward, the Boers again attempted to stem the advance, but Gen. French turned their flank and reached his goal with insignificant losses. Seven men killed and 35 wounded during the three days from Wednesday, Feb. 14, to Friday, Feb. 16.

An Ottawa dispatch received at noon yesterday by Mr. Fred Tweedie says: "Nineteen members of the Canadian contingent were killed and wounded in an engagement at Modder River on Sunday. Among the wounded were Ward and Hutton."

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retained, exclusively, by the Town. Then the ratemakers were called upon to vote whether they favored the building of the water works by the Town or not, and they decided in the affirmative by a large majority.

The company had willingly abandoned the enterprise in favor of the town under taking the work, for their object in all they did was to see Chatham adequately supplied with water. The result of the whole business, so far, however, has been very disappointing. The Town Council has proved unequal to the situation. It has exhibited ineptitude and lack of executive force which cannot but have the effect of causing hesitancy on the part of citizens general to vote in favor of placing in the same weak and unresourced hands the control of the electric light business of the Town, but the milldew that has fallen upon the water and sewerage enterprise may extend to that also.

As we have said all such franchises should be owned and operated by the Town; and we hope the ratemakers will affirm that principle notwithstanding the experience we have had in the matter of the proposed but long delayed water and sewerage system.

Ottawa. In the House of Commons on Monday S. P. Williford in reply to questions respecting the recalling of General Hutton said the General Hutton in his speech had intimated that his differences with the government were due to a desire on the part of the latter to exercise improper political influence on the militia organization of the country. I desire on this subject the government to say there is absolutely no foundation for such a statement, the cause of difference between the government and General Hutton were not over my broad questions of general policy. The causes of difference were that General Hutton was insubordinate and indiscreet and he liberally ignored the authority of the minister in the administration of the department. The government desires to state that while they will at all times be prepared to give the most careful consideration to any representations which may be made by the officer commanding the militia, it must be distinctly understood that any such officer on accepting the position in question becomes from that time an officer in the employment of and subject in all respects to the government of Canada, and that he is to be regarded as the advisor, but not as a title to control the department of militia. The government are responsible to the parliament and people of Canada for the due administration of each and every branch of the public service and they would be derelict in their duties if they were to permit any subordinate official under any circumstances to take upon himself to disregard the instructions he may receive from the constituted chief of his department.

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Halifax men wounded are Regan, Adams, O. McCullum and Robertson. The following sick were captured at Waterford:— Cobbold, London; Wood, Ottawa; W. L. Ottawa; DuRoi, Quebec; Walsh and Drake, Halifax. Died at Orange River, Moor, London.

INCREASING STOCK.—The Merchants' Bank of Halifax is applying at Ottawa to have its capital stock increased from two million dollars to three million dollars, for the purpose of extending its business outside of the city of Halifax. The new stock is to be paid for and among the shareholders of the bank, pro rata.

A Dry Subject, So Far. According to a letter received a month ago by the Mayor from Engineer Coffin, it seems that the experience of cities which have their water supply for all purposes from artesian wells within their bounds does not count for anything. We are glad, however, to observe that he has consented to a boring being made on or near the Hay farm "pretty well down to bank of the river," now that the one sunk when everybody having an intelligent idea of the Chatham water-basin knew, before it was made, that it would be a failure, has so proved.

It is interesting to note that the failure of the boring at the high elevation on the Hay property to supply water within practical reach of a suction pump has put the water supply question in a specialist out of temper, and directed the outpourings of his wrath upon those who have differed in some essential points from his peculiar ideas, the carrying out of which have unnecessarily cost the Town considerable money. Those who so severely referred to can afford to overlook the evident injudiciousness of which they are the objects, and hope that those who have the spending of the people's money will, some time, realize that they are not always to be followed in their judgment and that their fellow ratemakers in order to implicitly follow the advice of those whose business it (legitimately no doubt) is to get as much as possible of any public money that is to be expended anywhere, or by anybody.

A discouraging and disappointing feature of the situation is that Chatham seems to be no nearer to being supplied with water and sewerage system than ever. The ratemakers and the legislators have done their part, but the work hangs fire. Mention the pipe of water pipes has advanced very materially and there is no prospect of a resumption of the work prevailing when the legislature gave the Town authority to provide itself with the system.

The ADVANCE is entirely in accord with the principle affirmed by the Town Council on Monday evening—that it should own and operate our street and domestic lighting services. A suggestion of Ald. Hocken in this connection is, however, timely. He, no doubt, feared that the experience of the past year in regard to the proposed water system would be repeated. A company, it will be remembered, was organized to supply Chatham with water, and it applied to the legislature for an act to enable it to carry out the undertaking. Ald. Watt and other gentlemen of the council prevented the company from accomplishing its purpose by securing a substitute act, by which the franchise was, on certain conditions,

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Chatham Town Council.

The Town Council met in special session Thursday evening last, Mayor Winslow presiding. The Clerk read a letter from Hon. A. G. Blair, acknowledging receipt of resolution of Council asking for the old post office building for the Natural History Association and the following letter in reference to the same matter.

Depositing of Public Works of Canada. Secretary of Public Works, Ottawa, 3rd Feb., 1900. T. M. Gaynor, Town Clerk, Chatham, N. B. Sir: Having reference to your communication of the 22nd ultimo, I beg to inform you that the Hon. the Minister of Public Works has been pleased to grant the use of the old Post Office building at Chatham to the Natural History Association for the purpose of a museum and lecture room.

I am, Sir, your obedient servant, J. B. Kay, Acting Secretary.

The Mayor said he had a number of communications he wanted filed, and read the following letter from Engineer Coffin:—

Chatham, Jan. 22, 1900. Sir: Mr. James Feeley called upon me Saturday and gave me a copy of the analysis of the water from the well which he has made by Prof. G. H. H. of Boston. Mr. Feeley told me that you wish me to write you in regard to the water from the well. I have one opinion in the vicinity of this well or in the well located in the populated district. This opinion is that the water from the well is not fit for drinking purposes. I have one opinion in this matter, which I believe I have expressed to you before, and that is, under no circumstances should the water from the well be used for drinking purposes. I have one opinion in this matter, which I believe I have expressed to you before, and that is, under no circumstances should the water from the well be used for drinking purposes.

Total Salt, 14.70; Hardness, 7.90; Chloride, 20.00.

The excess of these elements indicates pollution, and the excess of chlorine is an indication of the presence of salt water. It is caused by seawater, which, of course, may be the case here, although I hardly think it is. The water from your well is flowing at a point above the highest tide which would indicate that no salt water is coming from the City Well. I have one opinion in this matter, which I believe I have expressed to you before, and that is, under no circumstances should the water from the well be used for drinking purposes.

If absolute provision is to be made for protection, some means of obtaining a supply of water of 100 or 120 gallons per minute for a short time must be arranged. As the water from the well is not fit for use, it is necessary to provide for the water by means of a small reservoir, in the well system, unless enough wells are provided to supply the demand of water when pumping for a short time, a reservoir must be provided, into which the water from the well is pumped, and from there it can be drawn off for use. This must be taken into consideration when comparing the cost of the City Well with the cost of the proposed well system.

Having reference to the proposition that you have submitted to me regarding the water from the well, I have one opinion in this matter, which I believe I have expressed to you before, and that is, under no circumstances should the water from the well be used for drinking purposes.

His Worship also read a letter from Messrs. Morrison and McCully, of the Canadian Dominion Rifles, acknowledging the receipt of \$40 sent to them by citizens of Chatham, through the Mayor.

The Mayor said he had attended a meeting of the Contingent Fund at St. John, and hoped that Northumberland's contribution to it would be increased. He suggested that the Town Council, whose own notes had decided on an amount of the contingent fund, not to insure the Northumberland fund, should make a contribution to this fund. He thought if the citizens properly understood the matter, they would contribute to this fund rather than to the Canadian Patriotic Fund. The New Brunswick Fund was for the purpose of increasing the men's pay \$50 a day, and this was placed by the treasurer to the credit of each of the men, to be paid on their order to the families of the men. Chatham's contribution was \$329.75 in total of \$291.75 as stated in St. John papers.

The Mayor also referred to a communication from the Minister of Marine and one from Hon. H. Emmerson in reference to steam communication.

Ald. Watt reported from the committee to interview the ferry contractors, that no arrangement could be made with them for a modification of the time table, and that the Miramichi steam Navigation Company was likely to buy the boat and run it in accordance with the wishes of the citizens. He reported, also, on the matter of the pig-pickings, that an agreement had been arrived at in a waived return of one of the Commissioners.

Ald. Loggie suggested that the question of the town's purchasing the ferry steamer should be settled.

Ald. Snowball said the committee did not consider it advisable for the town to buy the steamer.

The Pilotage Committee was given appointment to report.

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Ald. Snowball reported from the Public Works Committee, as follows:—

Chatham, N. B., 14th Feb'y, 1900. To His Worship the Mayor and Town Council. As the season of the year we have not much to report. The last heavy snow storm took the town 10th, and we have been unable to make roads and sidewalks govt as they were before.

We have stopped boring at the Hays property for the present, as the water from the well is not fit for use. The same has been reported on the sample of water submitted to analyst and on the report of the City Engineer. We were advised as per letter read by His Worship.

The following bills were passed in committee and we now recommend them for payment:— Chatham Electric Light Co., \$27.00; John McMorris & Co., \$55.00; Freight, \$1.00; J. B. Kay, \$1.00; Marie's Supper Club, \$3.50; Alex. Morris, \$1.00; W. S. Loggie, \$1.00; J. F. Feeley, \$1.00; Roger Flanagan, \$1.00; Geo. Watt, \$1.00; Isaac Jackson, \$1.00; John Ryan, \$1.00; Patrick Mariner, \$1.00.

Adopted. Ald. Flanagan reported from the Fire Committee, as follows:—

Chatham, Feb. 15, 1900. Your committee have nothing of any importance to report. We beg to acknowledge receipt of the bill of the Fire Department of the Fire Department of the City of Chatham, for the amount of \$100.00, which was paid at the Town Treasurer's office. The town has been very fortunate so far as having escaped any loss by fire of late.

We recommend the following bills for payment, as recommended by your committee:— For labor repairing road in fire district last year, \$25.00; For labor repairing road in fire district last year, \$25.00; For labor repairing road in fire district last year, \$25.00; For labor repairing road in fire district last year, \$25.00.

Ald. Flanagan said it was largely the fault of the Treasurer that the taxes were not collected. He thought electors should have the same right to vote in town elections as in parliamentary contests.

Ald. Loggie said he had paid taxes to the Dominion Government, and therefore had the right to vote. It would be absurd to ask for a special act to permit Chatham ratemakers to vote without having paid their taxes. It is decidedly opposed to on principle. It would be unfair to those who pay their taxes in proper time.

The Mayor thought there was something to be said in favor of the proposal.

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