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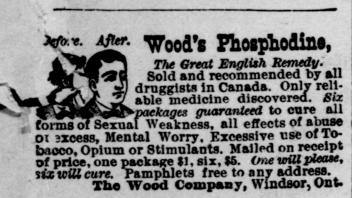
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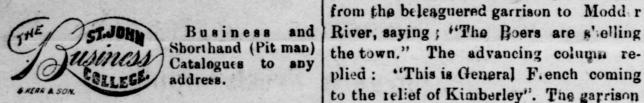
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## Miramichi Advance.

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. This is about the only thing in which the Globe agrees with Mr. Foster and it is said the reason is not so much because it loves that gentleman as that

sure to get to work. Everybody re-

members how the Globe hounded the

late Premier Mitchell and published

paragraphs fortelling when the disease

with which he was stricken would

cause his descease, Mr. Mitchell out

lived the furthest date assigned to him,

and this so enraged the Globe that

speculations were indulged in as to who

would succeed to the office of Premier.

It was represented that Messrs. Em-

merson and Tweedie were at sword's

matter had never been reverted to, as

Mr. Mitchell was still living. When

Mr. Mitchell died, the Globe was one

of the papers that tried to convince the

public that the government was on the

eve of breaking up. But even this did

not happen. The elections were called

on and the government was sustained

by a much greater majority than before.

Now, the public is being treated to a

be made to the bench of this or any

sent time and the future is too un

much foundation as the one just dis

posed of. The local government is not

condition of things, but on the con

trary feel that they enjoy the con

fidence of both the House and the

people. The changes that have already

taken place are the only changes that

are likely to take place for some

months. The present is the second

session of this house and that other

changes may take place before the next

general election few will doubt, but

speculation as to what they will be at

THE WAR!

Stirring and encouraging events have

taken place in South Africa during the

Under General Loberts' plan of

campaign General French has driven

General Cronje from his positions be

and entered that long beleagured city

with his relief column. Cronje is in

in concert with other commanders was

pursuing him at last accounts, making

General Buller has also gained

A Montrea' Star special says that the

column, It left Gras Pan on Tuesday

marching 30 miles to Wegard D ift and

then hauled the naval guns across the

difficult drift. On Friday they marched

to Jacobsdal and then to Klipfontein.

The latter place they left and by forced

marches sought to catch up with the

Highland Brigade and the sixth division

which are trying to intercept the Boer

army. The attack of the Boers on the

convoy was after the Canadians had left.

MODDER RIVER, Monday, Feb. 19 .-

Although the rapid march of General

French's division was marked by a num-

ber of conflicts his actual entry into Kim-

berley was unopposed. When the British

were still eight miles off the signalling

corps intercepted a heliograph message

from the beleaguered garrison to Modd r

the town," The advancing column re-

plied: "This is General F. ench coming

to the relief of Kimberley". The garrison

was a Boer tuse and flished the query

"What regiment are you?" The rep!y

satisfied the defenders of Kimberley.

Anxiously awaited succer was at hand and

a few hours later Gen. French at the

head of a column made a triumphant

entry into the place, the people surround

ing the troops and intermingling with

them, cheering wildly, grasping the

soldiers' hand, waving flags, lats and

handkerchiefs and exhibiting in a hun-

dred ways the intensity of their joy. The

inhabitants had been on short rations for

some time, eating horseflesh and living in

burrows under heaps of mine refuse.

Diminishing rations had been served out

advantageous positions across

Tugela and the relief of Ladysmith

small captures by the way,

s.id to be impending,

this time is slightly premature.

points as to the succession-when the

An Ottawa despatch received at noon yesterday by Mr. Fred Tweedie says : "Nineteen members of the Canadian it hates Hon Mr. Tweedie. contingent were killed and wounded in an engagement at Modder River on Sun-Referring to the Globe's fresh maniday. Among the wounded were Ward festation of hostility to the government and Hutton.' and its alleged rumors, which, of course, There are five Wards in the contingent. are merely its own inventions, the One of these is R. Ward of the 73rd. Gazette says that when everything is Chatham, and another, G. Ward, of the serene and quiet in the field of pro-R. C. A., both in Company G. : a third vincial politics the rumor-monger is is E. War!, of the 66th Bast., the fourth

> Company H. Halifax, the fifth S. M. Ward, Company R. Toronto. There is a J. Hatton, formerly of the 14 h Batt., now of Company D. Ottawa and Kingstor, but no man named Hutton in the contingent; It is rumored about the st ests that the name Hu'ton probably means Letson.

### Latest.

[Special to the Advance ] St. John, N. B., Feb. 21,t. The Canadian Contingent participated in Sunday's battle, being all day under

The casualities were as follows :-KILLED.

R. D Taylor, P. E. I. P. S. McClary, Hampton, N. B.

Beit G fford, Newcastle, Hunter, Scott, Johnston, Hayden,

WOUNDED.

St. John, and McLaughlin, Waye, and The Ottawa men killed are Lewis

fresh batch of rumors. Mr. Emmerson Jackson, Burns. is going on the bench. No better appointment than Mr. Emmerson could | Clark, Laird, McAuty, Bradshaw, Cole-

man, Gibson, R tchie, (son of Chief

other province, provided he wanted the Justice) Montreal killed are Goodfellow, Lester, positon. But the principal difficulty Barrie, and McQueen. is that there is no vacancy at the pre-

Thomas, McEven, Shaw, Turner, Roberts, certain to cause anyone to speculate on

Toronto men killed are Findlay and The remaining rumors have about as

Toronto men wounded are Stewart, derwater, McLaughlin and Weston. in any way disturbed over the existing

> Manitoba men killed are Scott, Mandeville, Jackson, Summers and Todd. Manitobamen wennded are Arnold, Andrews, Rixon, Smiles, C. Thompson,

London men killed are Donegan, R. Smith and W. White.

London wounded a Mason, Threeves, Scippi, Power, J. S ...h, Toarenten'e, Paddon, Brough, G. een, McLaren, Corley, Kay, Whesteraff, Kingwall.

London missing are Adams and Burns. Halifax men wounded are Regan. Adams, C. McCullum and Robertson. Waterval D. ift :-

Ottawa; Doissonens, Quebec; Walsh and the following Speech :-Drake, Halifax.

Died at O ange R ver, Moore, London. INCREASING STOCK :- The Merchants Bank of Halifax is applying at Ottawa to have its capital stock incressed from two million dollars to three million dollars, for tween Modder River and Kimberley the purpose of extending its business outside of the city of Halifax. The new stock is to be all thed to and among the full retreat, and General French acting shareholders of the bank, pro rata.

# A Dry Subject, So Far.

According to a letter received a mouth ago by the Mayor from Engineer Coffin, t 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. are glad, however, to observe that he has consented to a boring being made on or near the Hay farm "pretty well down bank of the river," now that the one sunk where 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 falure of the boring at the high clevation on the Hay property to supply water within practical reach of a suction pump has put the Wold's hyd ost ic specialist out temper, and directed the outporings of his wrath upon those who have differed some essential points from his peculiar ideas, the carrying out of which have unnecessarily cost the Town considerable money. Those who are so severely referred to can afford to overlook the evident yindickiveness of which they are the objects, and hope that those who have the spending of the people's money will, some time, realise that they must not always abandon their own judgment and that of their fellow ratepayers in order to implicit'y follow the advice of those whose was incredulous and thought the message business it ('egitimately no doubt) is to get as n.u.h as possible of any public money that is to be expended anywhere,

A discouraging and disapprinting feaare of the situation is that Chatham scans to be no nearer to being suppled with a water and sewerage system than ever. The ratepayers and the l-gi-liture have done their par', but the work hangs fie. Meantine the price of wete pipes has advanced very materially and there is no prospect of a resumption of the rates prevailing when the legislature gave the Town authority to provide itself with

daily at 11 o'clock in the Market Square The ADVANCE is entirely in accord with under the shell fire of the enemy, whose the principle affirmed by the Town Cour guns opened on the square whenever the cil on Monday evening-that it should inhabitants assembled. Throughout the own and operate our street and domestic siege Cecil Rhodes provided the natives lighting services. A suggestion of Ald. with work and food and thus kept them | Hocken in this connection is, however, quiet. The miles of convoy bearing pro- timely. He, no doubt, feared that the visions for the relief column of the town, experience of the past year in regard to slowly winding its way across the plain the proposed water system would be in the direct on of Kimberley, was the peated. A company, it will be rememgladdest sight which had greeted the eyes | bered, was organised to supply Chatham of the besieged for four months. Gen. with water, and it applied to the legisla-French's march was so rapid and the heat ture for an act to enable it to carry out so intense that many of the horses died of the undertaking. A'd. Watt and other exhaustion. At the crossing of the Mod- gentlemen of the council prevented the der River the Boers bolted, leaving their company from accomplishing its purpose der River the Boers bolted, leaving their company from accomplishing its purpose Kings and Carleton counties. Strong evilaria race between the honorable surveyor tents, gurs, oxen, wagons and a large by securing a substitute act, by which characterized all these gatherings, while the general and the new member of the exe-

the British. Moving no. thward, the retained, exclusively, by the Town. Then Boers again attempted to stem the ad- the ratepayers were called upon to vote vance, but Gen. French turned their whether they favored the building of the flank and reached his goal with insignifi- water works by the Town or not, and cant losses. Seven men killed and 35 they decided in the affirmative by a large wounded during the three days from Wed- majority.

After a night's rest at Kimberley Gen. the enterprise in favor of the town under. French's column pursued the Boers to taking the work, for their object in all Drontveld, surrounded the kopjes on they did was to see Chatham adequately which they were posted and shelled them supplied with water. The result of the till nightfall, when the Boers fled, leaving whole business, so far, however, has been many dead. General Cronje left a gun. very disappointing. The Town Council his tents, food and clothes at Magers- has proved unequal to the situation. has exhibited ineptitude and lack of executive force which cannot but have the effect of causing hesitancy on the part of citizens generally to vote in favor of placing in the same weak and unresourceful hands the control of the electric light business of the Town, lest 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 ratepayers will affirm that picciple notwithstanding the experience we have had in the matter of the proposed but long delived water G. Ward, of the 68th, who belong to and sawerage system.

#### Ottawa.

In the House of Commons on Monday

Sr Wilfii Lunier in reply to questions respecting the recalling of General Hutton said tha! General Hutton in his speech had insinuated that his differences with the government were due to adesire on the part of the latter to exercise improper po itical influence on the militia organization of the country. I desire on the part of the government to say there is absolutely no foundation for such a statement, the causes of difference between the government and General Hutton were not over any broad questions of general policy. The causes of difference were that General Hut on wis insubordinate and indiscreet and de iberately ignored the authority of the minister in the administration of the department. The government desires to state that while they will at a'l times be prepared to give the most careful consideration to any representations which may be made by The Ottawa wounded are Thompson, the officer commanding the militia, must be distinctly understool that any such officer on accepting the position question becomes from that time ar officer in the employment of and subject in all respects to the government of Mont: eal wounded are Moore, Gorman, Canada, and that he is to be regarded as the advisor, but not as entitled to control the department of militia. The government are responsible to the parliament and people of Canada for the due adminis ration of each and every branch of Usher, McGiverin, Kennedy, Ward, Van- the public service and they would be derelict to their duties if they were to permit any subordinate official under any circumstances to take upon himself to disregard the instructions he may receive Beach, Neibergall, Leomann, Duncafe, from the constitut o al chief of his de-

### The Legislature.

The legislative session opened Fredericton on Thursday last. Nearly all the members were present and a very large number of visitors thronged the galleries and had privileged seats on the floors of the House, conspicuous amongst whom were ladies in brilliant toilettes and The following sick were captured at uniformed military men. The Governor was received by a Guard of Honor and on Cobbold, London; Wood, Ostawa; Well, taking the usual place in the House read

> Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the Legislative Assemb'y: In we coming you to the discharge of your legislative duties I am pleased to be able to congratulate you upon the year of progress and advancement which we have enjoyed since you last met. The satisfactory results which have attended the labors of our people engaged in all branches of industry and the expansion of trade, unprecedented in the history of oar count y, afford ground for profound thankfulness and give evidence that the causes which have contributed to this period of prosperity are solidly based.

> The unhappy circumstances of the conflict in which our Enpire is engaged in South Africa, while deeply deploted by all, has demonstrated in a manner most marked and significant the essential unity of the E npire and the fervent loyalty of the entire citizen ship of Canada. In the eage ness displayed service and of the disappointment of those compelled to remain at home can be read appreciation of the duties of enlarged patriotism and of their unselfish devotion therete, While the Brovincial Legislatures are excluded from any jurisdiction or authority over the marshalling and managm nt of our soldiery, yet the presence among us of those who are bearing the burden of anxiety incident to the presence of loved relatives in the face of the enemy makes it incumbent upon us to see that such hurden is not aggravated by the financial loss occasioned them by the absence of our provincial volunteers, and to that end you will be asked to concur n a grant in aid of the provincial fund. which the literality and loyalty of our citizens have already raised, and your assent will also be asked to a measure legalizing the grants made by municipal bodies towards that laudable and pa riotic object.

The subject of technical education, involving instruction in agriculture, mining and the mechanical arts, has during the recess engaged the attention of the government. The desirability of a s. hool with this object had led to a conference with representatives the governments of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island as to the fersability of joint action by the Maritime Provinces The importance of affording facilities to the you h of our country to secure the practical raining which such an institution is designed to supply cannot be too strongly em-With the keen sompett ion existing in all branghes of industry under our modern civi'iz tion it is essential that our roung people shou'd possess the high st postble qua ifications if we would gon nue to make the progress we hope for in the developem pt of the extensive resources of our province. I have every on filence that your pest intel ite ce will be exercised in the consideration of the measure that will be submi ted to make possible the establishment

of such an institution. The great interest aroused by the progress already made toward the mineral developement of the province as a result of the stimnius of recent legislation is a matter of sincere congratulation, and enquirages the hope that the vast extent and value of our mineral resources will bring to the peop'e of this province the wealth designed by nature for the enjoyment of our people in placing these valuable mineral depos ts within our bord-

The advancement in agricultural methods and conditions the oughout the province during the past year has b en unparal eled in our history as a people, and my government is stimulated by the succees just won to even greater eff rt than has heretofore in this direction. The agricultural meetings so frequent'y held throughout the country districts during the seasons that have gone will, as far as possible, be increased in nomber and efficiency. In this movement not the least important agency has been the series of successful agricultural exhibitions in prominent centres of the province, and I am pleased to be able to congratulate you on the success of the Provincial Exhibition held in the City of St. John, and of the large ex- a change of heart. (Laughter.) hibitions held in Gloucester, Westmoreland, Kings and Carleton counties. Strong evi-A. C. P. R. St. John, N. B. quart'ty of ammunition in the hands of the franchise was, on certain conditions, large attendance evinced a widespread in cutive council, Hon. Mr. McKeown, as to other month to report.

terest on the part of all sections of our popu- which of the two will first leave the ranks

Supplementary to the efforts persistently put forth by my government to develop the various natural resources and industries of the province, steps have been taken to familiarize the people of Great Britian and of other countries with the desirability of New nesday, Feb. 14, to Friday, Feb. 16. The company, had willingly abandoned Brunswick as a home for intending settlers. In order more practically to effect this purpose it has been deemed advisable to seek, through the agency of illustrated lectures. to set forth the natural advantages of this province as a field for immigrants, and to furnish the people of the old country distinctive information as to the natural resources, the industrial and social environments, the fertility of the soil and the limate conditions obtaining in this particular province of the Confederation, as well as to the facilities with which homesteads can be here acquired, and I have confidence that

> the methods adopted will be productive of substantial good. The claims of the province against the Dominion government arising out of the Eastern Extension Railway matter have by agreement between the two governments been referred to three competent and disinterested parties mutually chosen for final settlement and adjustment : their award to be made and handed in on or before the first day of June next. The unsatisfactory state of the law govern-

ing the solemnization of marriage in the province renders it necessary that some adequate remedy should be applied by the Legislature. A measure to that end will be submitted to your consideration. The necessity of the revision and consoliation of the statutes of the province has for

some t me been manifest, and will doubtless

induce your favorable consideration to such

measures as will be submitted, having in view the accomplishment of so desirable a We must all deeply regret the outbreak of an epidemic of smallpox in some of the northern and eastern counties of our province. Active measures were promptly taken under the direction of my government having in view the stamping out of the dis-

ease where established and the prevention of

its further spread. The results thus far

achieved warrant the hope that the measures

taken will prove efficient. I have directed the accounts of the in come and expenditure for the past fiscal year, as well as the statement of the receipts and expenditure for the current fiscal year up to the opening of the present session, to be laid before you.

Estimates of the probable income and expenditure for the current year will be submitted to you and I think you will find the estimates of expenditures have been prepared with a due regard to economy and the requiremects incident to the growth of our province and the expansion of its onblic ser

Bills will be introduced to provide for the establishment and maintenance of public parks, to smend the law relating to municipalities, to consolidate and amend the law relating to the office of coroner, and to consol date the Common S:hools Act, and to amend the laws relating to other important subjects, and I trust that your deliberations wil, under Divine guidance, be conducted with a wi-e regard for the public weal.

The address in reply was moved by Mr. Todd of Charlotte and seconded by Mr. Fish of Northumbe land. Both made excellent speeches.

Mr. Fish said : In acknowledging the wel-

come extended to the members of the legis-

lative assembly of our province it is my

pleasant duty to second the address in rep'y to the speech from the throne. The matters referred to have met so many of us in our every day occupations, that we feel it but natural and in order that they should be brought before us by the authority we have placed over ourselves and in whom we have such deserved confidence and who thus remind us of that care, watchfulness and consideration of our welfare and happiness that redounds to the honor and glory of a country possessing a government which rules so wisely and well within the civilization in which we live. Unhappily the mother country, whose great mission ever has been the protection of her subjects, and the granting of the freest liberty in advancing that civilization which seems inherent in her people, and which gathers and spreads in every land where her principles and authority are recognized, is engaged in a terrible war within the borders of her colony in South Africa. It is a most fitting evid nce of our loyalty and gratitude to see, throughout the length and breadth our land, noble hearts ready and willing awaiting an opportunity to go forth, in addition to those already gone, to support the cause of the empire and to uphold the liberties so dearly bought in the struggles of the past centuries. (Applause.) May we hope that victory will soon be ours. Applause ) But while the battle is being congratu'ation to fied that the government is not unmindful of the welfare of those

fought by our volunteers it is a matter of among us who may be called upon to suffer increased burdens, and a suitable contribution to the provincial fund will by our young men volun eering for active be a ked from the house. I feel it would be a waste of words on my part to as sure the government that their measure the strongest and comple'e proofs of the grant growing and deepening attachment of Canada to the Motherland, and the awakenSides of the house. (Applause.) Though must be arranged. At Motrison's Brook I provided must be arranged. At Motrison's Brook I provided we may be divided by party politics and far divided in creed and I feel that I am expressing the true sentiments of our people when I say that we are a unit in our devotion and loyalty to Queen and country. (Great applause.) The consideration of the measure for united action of the maritime provinces in placing within the reach of our young peop'e the privilege of practical instruction in the science of those arts which are so closely identified with our own surroundings cannot fall to strike every observing mind as well worthy of the unanimous support of this house in performing a duty to a people

> that they may see the hand that beck ons them on the way to help themselves, Already those of our people engaged in agricultural pursuits have profited much by the information and assistance which department of agriculture has placed before them and when we flud this effort so suc cessful and so highly endorsed and appreci ated, we cannot but commend the government for this further evidence of their interest in the welfare of the people.

We are pleased to note that the eastern

extension claims are now having attention

who only tarry in their industrial pursuits

and we trust our province will receive the award which our just claim entitles us to. The coming amengst us of a mild but high ly infectious tpye of smallpox is unfortunate. but the immediate action of the government and the hearty assistance of most of our people have, I trust, checked its further spread. I notice, Mr. Speaker, a paragraph in his honor's speech setting forth that the unsatisfactory state of the law governing the solemnization of marriage in the province renders it necessary that some alequate remedy should be applied by the legi lature, and a measure on that subject is promised I may say I bet ay no confidence when I the that I have not been informed of the special object of this paragraph. It may indeed, be that a bill will be introduced looking toward the compulsory marriage of some members of the executive council characterized their administration of affairs (Laughter) those members who up to the present time have refused to take upor themselves the full duties of citizenship. (Laughter.) Last year we had the assura ance of the prime minister that the aurvevor general was about to do this du'v in this direction, but up to the present time that honorable gentlemen, I regret to say, has not given practical evidence of possible, however, that there may yet be

of single wretchedness. (Laughter.) It might not be a bad idea, Mr. Speaker if the proposed measure contained a provision that no unmarried man could be a member of the executive council. (Laughter.) And although I have no desire, your honor, to be personal, I would also favor a section in the proposed measure that no bachelor be qualified for the position which you, Mr. Speaker, in all other respects fill so worthily. (Great laughter and applause,)

On Friday Mr. Hazen asked leave to introduce a bill abolishing the office of solicitor

Mr. Tweedie took the ground that this hill could not be introduced by a private member. Such a bill could only be introduced by one having the authority of His Hon, the Lieutenant Governor. If a private member had the right to introduce such a bill as proposed by the leader of the oppos!tion, such a member would have quite as much right to bring in a bill to abolish all the offices of the government.

Mr. Hazen said there was nothing in the rules of the house to interfere with his bringing in the proposed bil. He read rules 117 and 120, which might, he thought, be on this point, in support of his view. His bill did not involve the expenditure of the public money, but the saving of it. The journals of 1868 showed that Hop. Mr. Wetmore that year had brought in a bill to abolish the office of solicitor general. There are five references in the journals of that year to the matter, and there was not a single evidence that Mr. Wetmore had obtained the authority of his honor before introducing the bill.

Mr. Tweedie-What position did Mr.

Wetmore occupy in 1868? Mr. Hazen-He was attorney general. Mr. Tweedie-Just so; he was a member of the government, and introduced the bill as a government measure, and with the fu'l consent of the lieutenant governor.

Mr. Hazen sa'd there was nothing in the onrnals to bear out that contention. Mr. Tweedie-If you get the original bill you'il see Mr. Wetmore introduced it in his

capacity of attorney general. After considerable discussion it was de cided that the bill might be introducedsubject to objection and the speaker's ruling before it was further advanced.

The re nainder of this report is crowded

#### Chatham Town Council.

The Town Council met in special session Thursday evening last, Mayor Winslow presiding. The Clerk read a letter from Hop. 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 and Women

Department of Public Works of Canada, Secretary's office, Ottawa, 3rd Feb., 1900. M. Gaynor, Town Clerk, Chatham, N. B. SIR: Having reference to your communication of the 20th ultime, I beg to inform you that the Hon. orable the Minister has been pleased to grant the use of the old Post Office building at Chatham to the Miramichi Natural History Association for the purposes of a museum and lecture room.

I am. Sir, your of edient servant,

Jos. R. Roy, Acting Score tary. The Mayor said he had a number of communications he wanted filed, and read the following letter from Engineer Coffin: Warren C. Winslow, Mayor of Chacham,

DEAR STR; Mr. James Feeley called upon me Saturday and and gave me a copy of the analysis of the water from the well which he has driven there made by Prof. Ca-michael of Boston. Mr. Feeley told me that you wish me to write you in regard to the comparative desirability of locating a well somewhere in the vicinity of this test well or in the city itself, at or near the City Hall. I have only one opinion in this matter, which I believe I have expressed to you before, and that is, under no circumstances should the supply he taken from wells located in the populated district. This opinion of mine was based upon general considerations, but the two analysis that I have, one of the water from your well and one of that from the test wen driven by Mr. Feeley, give me a scientific basis for this opinion; for instance, if you will compare these shalysis, you will find that the total souds, hardness, and, more important that anything else, the chlorine in the analysis of water from your well are

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The above in parts per 103,000, The excess of each of these elements indicates rol. ution, and the excess of chiorine is an absolute icdication of prevous pollution unless it is caused by nearness to sait water, which, of course, may be the case here, although I hardly think it is, as this water from our well was firwing at a point above the highest tide which would indicate that no sait water would get into it In any event, I would not

drive wells in the town,
I understand from Mr. Feeley that the test well
is driven at a point on the side of the hill about 50 or 60 feet above the river. Be ore driving any more wells at this location, I should advise dr ving one est well at about the same distance ou: of pretty well down to the bank of the latter. It a reach the surface at a point 50 feet, more or less. ower th.n the test well already driven, it is probable that a supply can be obtained by the ree of a suction pump. Whereas an air-life will be necessary at he higher e evation, with its attendance extra ex-

system, unless enough wells are provided to supply at amount of water whom pumping for a short ime, a reservoir must be provided, into which the the same purpose. This must be taken into consideration when comparing this wan win the Mor rison Brook plan, It may be, bowever, that you will consider that you are providing sufficiently for fire protection when you paye a standpipe of the size recommended suppiemented by the cidi. ary capacity of the Wells, which I should say, orght not to be less than about 500 gallons per minute. Wnatever you do, do not develope a supply in lown, for, although the water may give an analysis at the present time, as your well does when flowing, continuous pumping might, and very likely would, produce entirely aitherent

FREEMAN C. COFFIN.

His Worship also read a letter f.om Messre. Morrison and McCulley, of the Canadian Mounted Rifles, acknowledging the receipt of \$40 sent to them by cft zens 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 County Council, whose com nittee had decided, on account of the excessive cost, not to insure the Northumberland men. should m ke a contribution to this fund. He thought if the cit a ne 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 50c. a day, and this was placed by the tressarer to the credit of each of the men. to be paid on their order to the families of the men. Chatham's contribution was \$339.75 in-tead of \$291.75 as stated in St.

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

Ald. Watt reported from the committee to interview the f cry contractors, that no arrangement could be made with them for nodification of the time table, and that the Miramishi Steam Navigation Company was likely to buy the boat and run it in accord. ance with the wishes of the cit zens. He reported, also, on the matter of the pilotiga difficulties, that an agreement had been rived at an I awaited the return of one of gan, moved that King's, Queen's, Welling-

af the town's purchasing the ferry steamer and that the non-resident voters be placed Ald. Snowball said the committee did not consider it advisable for the town to buy the

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seconded, that the accounts be printed in

pamphlet form, the Town Clerk to ask for:

Ald. Maher moved that the Town Council

affirm the principle that all persons who are

assessed should vote, though they have not

paid their taxes, and use its influence to

Ald. Watt thought that only those who

A'd. Snowba'l thought that persons who

refrain from paying taxes should not be al-

lowed to vote for Mayor and Aldermen.

The persons who pay taxes, not those whose

names are on thelist as liable to de so,

A'd. Hocken thought representatives of

the people should be elected by those who

Ald. Maher said most of the taxes were

Ald, McIntosh, who seconded the motion,

vote. There was a law to compel persons to

a person to day, and issue an execution for

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

pay their taxes. It was unfair to disqualify

thought all persons should be allowed to

should have the votes.

paid soon after the election.

as in parliamentary contests.

his taxes to-morrow.

pay taxes.

pay taxes should have a voice in the govern-

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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 At this season of the year we have not much t port. The last heavy snow storm cost the town 120, and we have been unable to make roads. sidewalks as good as they were before. We have stopped boring at the Hays property for the present. We had a most satisfactory report on the sample of water submitted to analyst and on referring matter to Mr. C)ffin we were a lvised as per letter read by H1s Worship. The following bills were passed in committee and

we now recommend them for payment. Chatham E ectric Light Co, \$27.09; John McDonald & Co, \$55 96; freight, \$3 60; J B Bell, 30c; Marit me Sulphite Fibre Co, \$3 50; Alex Morris, \$11 30; wages, \$13, \$13 50, \$31 60 and \$51 45; J H Flieger \$18 62; W J Groat, \$3 5); Jas Groat, \$11, 18 50; W S Loggie Co, \$1 70; J E Feeley, \$694 Roger Flanagau. \$5 32; Geo Watt, \$17 50 : Isaac Jackson, \$3: John Ryan, 52e, Patrick Mariner,

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

To the Mayor and Town Council. Your committee have nothing of any importance to report. We beg to acknowledge receipt of the sum of fifty five dollars paid by Mr Vaughan for services rendered by the Fire Department at the fire that endangered his mill property last Septe nber at lick Brook. The same has been paid to the Town Treasurer. The town has been very fortunate so far as not having exparianced any loss by fire o

s recommended by your committee.

For labor repairing road in fire district last sto m \$23 10, putting runners on hook and ladder ruck, \$20, repairing Armstrong tank, \$2 25, new pipe and coupling on Armstrong truk, \$2 59, ers put under hook and ladder truck, 8:0 9). W Groat, hauling hose cart to Black Brook, \$5, A Morris, hauling engine to Black Brook, \$10, Services of Capt Burr at Black Brook, \$5, Malers Foundry accoun, :4 32

R FLANAGAN, Chairman, Adopted.

Ald. Saowball, seconded by Ald. Flanaton and Duke's Wards be juned for electoral Ald. Loggie suggested that the question purpo es, the voting to be in the Town Hall. on the King's Ward list. Carried,

Ald. Loggie said the Council should de cide whether to print the town accounts in pamphlet form, this year, or in

. Ald Snowball moved and Ald, Groat

Acres .

Ald. Loggie said we all 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 ratepayers to vote without having paid their taxes. He decidedly opposed it 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. [Continued on 3rd page.]