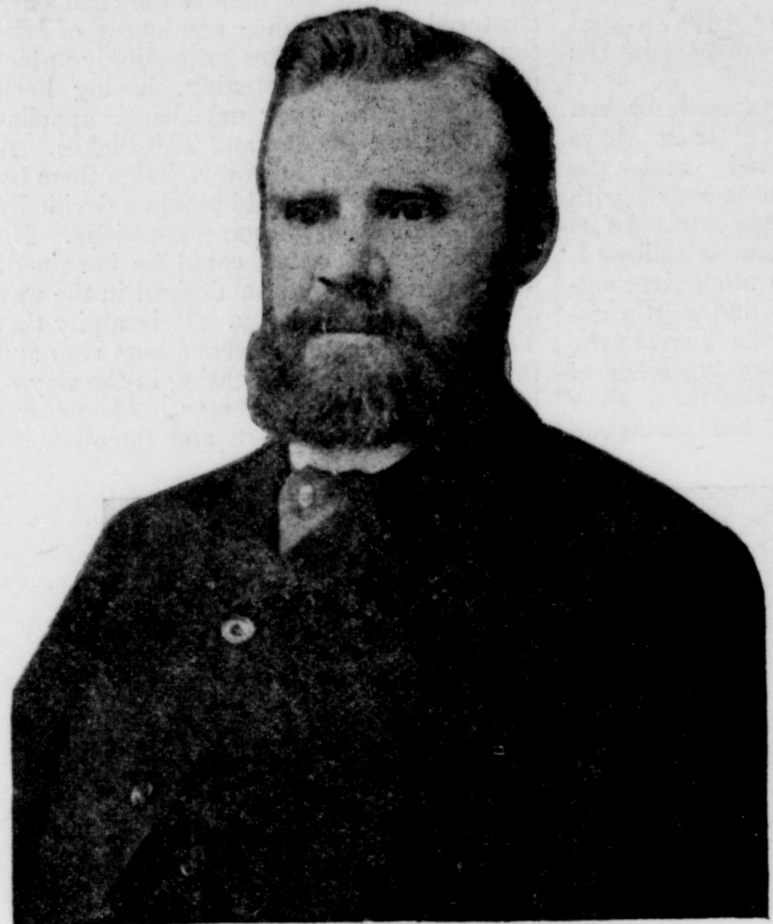


## THE RULERS OF THE CITY.

### The Men Who Compose the City Council and Something About Them.

**COUNCILLOR J. H. CANN.**  
Capt. Joseph H. Cann was born in Yarmouth in 1827. After leaving school he was employed in his father's general store. In 1850 he went to California in the schooner Eagle, passing through the straits of Magellan and touching at Juan Fernandez. He spent four years in that country in gold mining, and in freighting of San Francisco Bay. In 1855 he returned to Yarmouth, and became interested in shipping. He followed the sea constantly until 1879, when he retired and became connected with the Commercial Insurance Company. Since then he has frequently travelled



COUNCILLOR J. H. CANN.

in the interests of that and other companies. He was elected to the town council in 1891, and has represented the citizens since then in a very acceptable manner. His residence is a pretty tree-shaded house at Milton. Councillor Cann is a careful financier, looking strictly after the town's finances and as such is pleasing to the citizens. His term of office is about expired, and it is quite safe to say that should he consent to nomination to the office, his election will be an easy one.

#### THOS. EDGAR CORNING—CITY RECORDER.

Mr. Thos. Edgar Corning was born at Chegoggin, April 11th, 1842. He was a son of the late Nelson Corning, and his ancestors were among the first settlers of Yarmouth. He was educated at Acadia College from which he graduated B. A. in 1865. In 1869 he was admitted to the bar, and he is now senior member of the firm of Corning & Chipman. He is a liberal conservative in politics and from 1882 to



THOS. E. CORNING, RECORDER.

1886 he represented Yarmouth County in the local legislature, when he was actively engaged in the debates of the day. In 1874 he was appointed treasurer of the municipality, which position he has retained ever since under the regime of the county and of the city. His law practice is very extensive, and far and wide he is known as the "Honest Lawyer."

#### COUNCILLOR GEORGE S. SANDERSON.

Councillor George S. Sanderson was born in Yarmouth in 1840, and was educated at Acadia College, when he graduated B. A. in 1858. He is engaged in shipping and in the insurance business, in the latter having had an experience of about twenty years. He sat in the municipal council six years, during two of which he was ward warden. He has been a member of the town council since incorporation. He is, like the whole board, a man of broad views who has the



COUNCILLOR GEO. S. SANDERSON.

interest of the whole town in mind and not of any section or ring. With such men at the head of affairs, the town government of Yarmouth must run smoothly.

#### COUNCILLOR A. F. STONEMAN.

Councillor A. F. Stoneman has sat on the town board since its inception in 1890. He was born on April 2nd, 1832, at Yarmouth, and has lived there ever since. He commenced business in 1860, and is now head of the firm of A. F. Stoneman & Co., general merchants and dealers in West India produce, fishery output, fish oils, etc. His store and warehouse are at the lower end of town. There he has a large, general fishery outfitting store on Main street, and, in rear of that on his wharf, large warehouses. He is extensively engaged in the fisheries,

## THE CITY GOVERNMENT.

### SOME INTERESTING FACTS ABOUT YARMOUTH'S CIVIC AFFAIRS.

**A Model System of Representation that is Broader than the New Scheme Adopted by St. John—Everyone works for the Interest and Good of the Town.**

When a city possesses all the facilities of a centre in addition to its natural advantages, when it combines the comforts and conveniences of the town with the invigorating outdoor life of the country, then it cannot be surpassed as a place of residence or for tourist stay.

Yarmouth possesses all those institutions which follow the growth of a town, in the way of city government, schools, amusements, and all those modern conveniences of electricity, street cars, water supply, telephonic and telegraphic communications &c.

In September, 1890, Yarmouth was incorporated with what was then a system of city government entirely new to the maritime provinces, but which has now just been adopted by St. John and will likely obtain a wider acceptance later. It is not, however, exactly like the scheme as adopted by the plebiscite at St. John. There are points of difference which will be noticed.

According to the charter of incorporation of the town the governing board consists of a mayor and six councillors. The mayor holds office one year, the councillors two years, the election of the chief magistrate and one-half the board occurring early in each year. There is no ward division, the members of the council being nominated from the town at large and elected by the whole body. There is no such thing in Yarmouth as ward politics with its rings and cliques and cabals and boudling. Each councillor represents the town at large and works in the interests of the whole population and not for any particular section. The discussions and business of the board are not debased by that sectional strife and wire pulling that disquiet the deliberation of so many city boards. The interests of the whole town are carefully looked after and each man of the council vies with his fellows in doing the most for the whole body of the citizens.

The members of the board are individually a representative body of active business men and the city's interests could certainly not be entrusted to better care. It is rather remarkable that the three natural divisions of the town—the centre, south end and Milton—has each two representatives and thus the sole benefit of ward division, general representation, is gained in the case of this council without its disadvantages and with all the advantages of their own system.

The governing board and the city officers and committees are as follows:

Mayor—James Burrill.  
Councillors—J. R. Wyman, A. F. Stoneman, N. B. Lewis, G. G. Sanderson, B. B. Law, J. H. Cann.  
City clerk—Hiram Goudey.  
Recorder—Thos. E. Corning.  
Stipendiary Magistrate—Hilton.  
Standing committee on Public Accounts and Finances—The mayor and full council.

Tenders and Public Property—Couns. Sanderson, Stoneman and Cann.  
Licenses—Couns. Wyman, Law and Lewis.

Streets and Lighting—The mayor and full council.

Police—The mayor and full council.

Fire and Fire apparatus—Couns. Wyman, Stoneman and Cann.

Poor—The mayor and full council.

Water—The mayor and full council.

School board—The mayor and Couns. Stoneman and Sanderson, (with Messrs. F. C. Gardner and S. H. Pelton, appointed by the local government.)

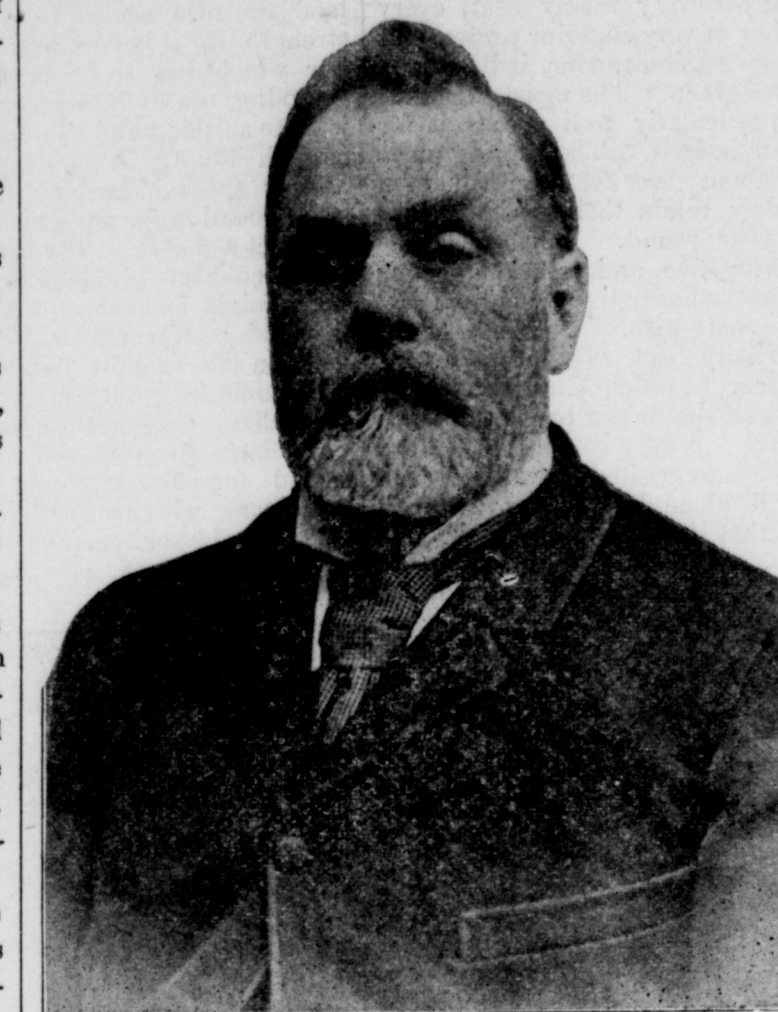
The streets of Yarmouth are well looked after. They are naturally clean and pleasant, the soil is not sandy and there is little dust. Main street presents a fine appearance, the bed of the street is as level as though it had been paved, and a considerable portion of the street has just been asphalted. The city owns a stone crusher which they have used to good purpose, and Main street is as hard and smooth almost as cement. The city did its first asphalt paving this summer, Main street having been provided with a fine sidewalk of that material, extending along both sides of the street for several blocks. Next summer this will be continued.

The city water supply used to be looked after by the Lake George Water Company, which included in its stock books some of the most influential men in Yarmouth. Lately the city has been negotiating a transfer of the control of the water into its own hands. They have just bought the system from the company for \$235,000. They will make a further expenditure upon the system, and it will cost altogether about \$325,000. They have bought land for a reservoir just on the border of the north line of the town. They will also erect a pumping station there, and will thus take the water 157 ft. above the town. The force is not now what would be desired but when these works have been completed, there will be an excellent water power. Engineer Tidd, of Boston, is superintending the construction. The city is also building a small brick office for the use of the department at the centre of Water street.

Lake George is the second largest lake in the province, and is located about ten miles from the town, in a north-easterly direction. It affords an inexhaustible supply, and for drinking purposes its water is unsurpassed, being cool and very palatable.

keeping several fishing vessel at work, and also in the West India trade. He has a frontage on Water street of 300 feet, and his wharf frontage is about 400 feet. He employs thirteen to twenty men at his warehouse, where he handles the fish from the coast as far east as Lockport, and as far north as Digby.

Councillor Stoneman is one of the large business men of the city, and his thorough acquaintance with business methods, and his long experience in matters of trade, makes his presence at the council table valuable. He believes in



COUNCILLOR A. F. STONEMAN.

Yarmouth and its future prosperity, and does all he can to help it along.

#### JAMES BURRILL—MAYOR OF YARMOUTH.

His Worship, the Mayor, Mr. James Burrill, was born at Yarmouth in February, 1844. In 1880 he was elected to the municipal council, and he remained upon that board until the time of the town's incorporation, in 1890. For two years he was a member of the town council, and was then appointed to the chief magistracy of the place.

He is junior partner of the firm of Wm. Burrill & Co., established by his father, William Burrill, in 1835. In 1869 his sons succeeded to the business. They have a large general store at Milton, and are also interested considerably



JAMES BURRILL, MAYOR.

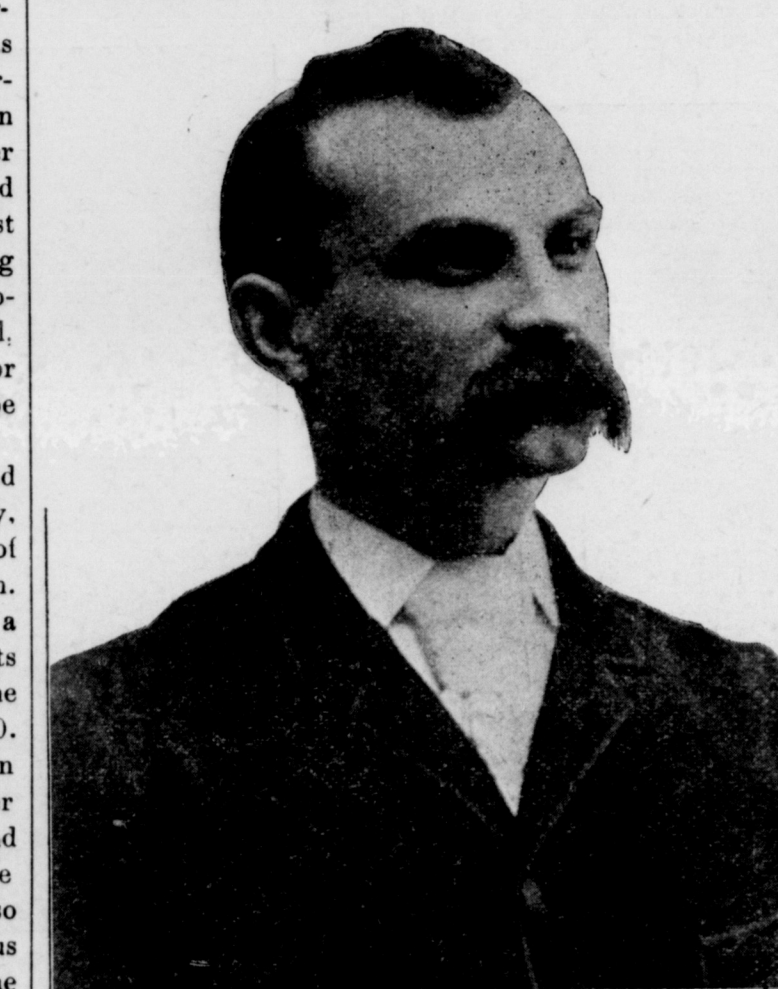
in shipping. The firm is well established, and will add many years more to its already long record.

Mayor Burrill is a very popular officer, and his courtesy of manner and careful attention to the affairs of the city, have added much to its delight as a place of residence.

#### COUNCILLOR BOWMAN B. LAW.

Councillor Bowman B. Law has had a seat at the council table since the incorporation of the city. Though a young man, Mr. Law has by perseverance, industry and integrity, built up a large business.

He is a member of the firm of Wm. Law & Co., the business of which he looks after himself; his father, Wm. Law, M. P. P., giving his attention to other matters. The firm does a very large wholesale business, dealing in staple articles of every description, such as flour, feed, tea, apples, &c. During the course of a year, they handle, for instance, 30,000 barrels of flour. One of the large features of their



COUNCILLOR B. B. LAW.

business is their weekly auction, held every Saturday. In no other place in the maritime provinces, is an auction similar to this attempted.

The firm also does a large coal business, and they have large warehouses on Water street. They have one of the largest wholesale business houses west of Halifax, and one of the best wharf privileges in Yarmouth. The firm is twenty years old, and occupies the Boston Marine building, on the corner of Cliff and Main streets.

Mr. Law went into business at sixteen years of age, and his career has been one of success throughout. He is now a director of the Exchange Bank, secretary-treasurer of the Yarmouth Street Railway Co., president of the Corporate

About twelve years ago the city commenced to put down a system of sewage. They have been doing something every year and now have a pretty complete network of pipes laid. This year Albert, Elm, Williams and Brunswick and some cross streets were laid. The system is an excellent one and Yarmouth may be considered to be well equipped in this particular.

Yarmouth has not suffered from any big fires. Occasionally there is a small one but it never spreads. The town is not crowded together in one spot, and there is a good proportion of brick and stone on Main street. There is only one thing necessary to give Yarmouth a thorough equipment in the matter of fire protection and that is a fire alarm system. The city has two hose, one steam fire engine and two hand engines. The total force is about 150 men, including a hook and ladder company and a salvage corps.

Yarmouth is protected by a staff of four policemen, in charge of Chief Cummings, who is also the Scott Act prosecutor. The place, however, is temperate, and, consequently moral in other respects, and the officers of the law are not kept particularly busy.

The city is well furnished with electric power and gas light. These are supervised by two companies, the Yarmouth Gaslight Company, and the Electric Street Railway Company. The former company supplies the city with gas and electricity, operating 35 arc lights of 2000 candle power. The latter company run the street railway, and are also about putting in a plant to light the city with incandescent lamps. The street railway has been running about a year, and was the first electric line started in the maritime provinces. It owes its foundation to Wm. Law, M. P. P., who spent years in agitating it. It has prospered well, and has returned good profits to its stockholders. Some shares in the company sold recently at 25 per cent. premium. The track is well laid, and the cars are large and run easily. The time taken is a 20 minute service, and the line is considered a great boon to the town. It is two miles long, traversing Main street from Milton to the South End. Mr. Robt. Caie is president of the Yarmouth Street Railway Company, and Mr. B. B. Law is secretary-treasurer.

Financially the city is in excellent circumstances. Its credit was found to be the very best when bonds were issued for the purchase of the water system and it was able to command good terms. The city is managed economically and the rate of taxation is 1.25, which is quite moderate. The property valuation is \$4,257,530.

#### A TOURIST'S PARADISE

**The Attractions of Yarmouth for the Summer Visitor and His Friends.**

The prospective traveller, if he were once brought into contact with the facilities of Yarmouth as a tourist's retreat, would not wish to spend his summer anywhere else. Here are some of its advantages in brief:

It possesses excellent steamer and railway connections, arranged especially for tourist travel and it is within sixteen hours sail of Boston, the trip being made during the night, thus saving much time. The splendid steamers, the Boston and the Yarmouth, of the Yarmouth S. S. Co., are elegantly fitted and travellers have every attention and comfort. These steamers make four trips a week during the summer. The Yarmouth & Annapolis railway connects the town with the lovely Evangeline land and a splendid tourist service is supplied by this line. Elegant parlor and buffet cars are drawn by swift engines and the trip to Halifax by the Y. & A. and the W. & A. is a delightful one. Steamers also run to the ports of the beautiful south shore and to St. John and Halifax.

Yarmouth will have splendid hotel accommodation next summer, such as will be unsurpassed in the Maritime Provinces.

Its scenery is unequalled in Nova Scotia for its drives and invigorating air. A short drive amid the shifting panorama of gardens and hedges at Milton and a view of the city, harbor, bay and ocean from the hill back of the town form quite an attraction. Other short drives are to Bunker's Island and Chebogue Point and to Chegoggin and Cape Forchu, from which commanding positions delightful prospects are laid bare. One of the most popular Sunday excursions is through lovely Acadia to Tusket, ten miles away, where lakes and waterfalls are seen. A very pleasant ten mile drive is around the Yarmouth lakes. Maitland, ten miles away, with its beaches is another favorite Sunday drive.

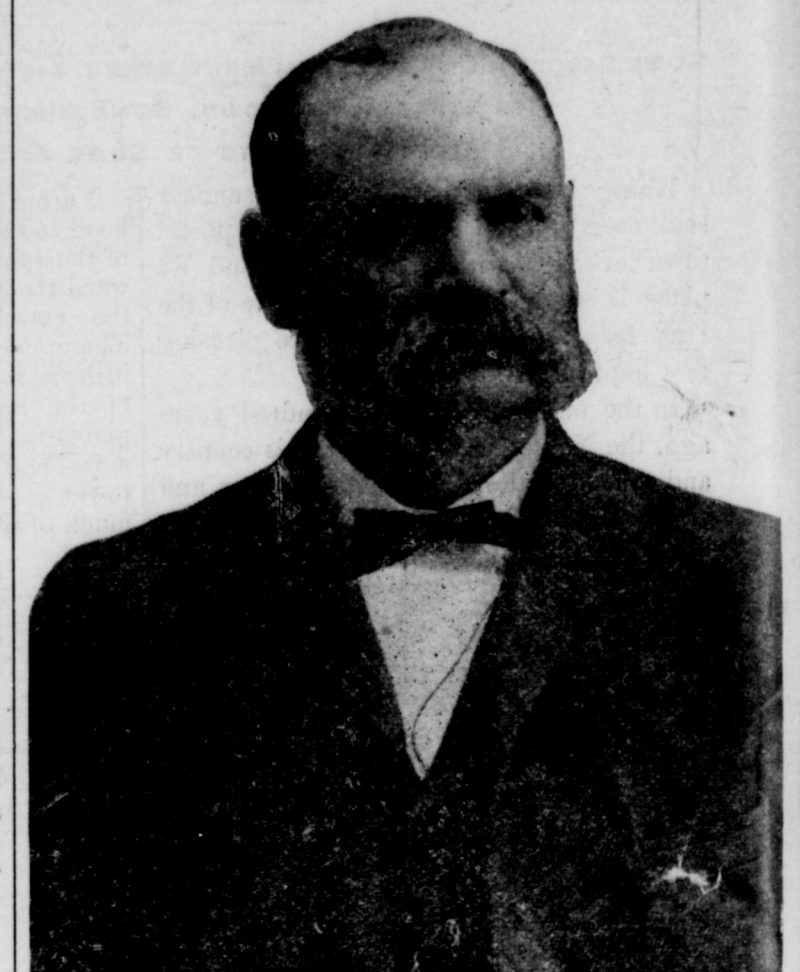
There are excellent opportunities for sport of every description, bathing, boating, canoeing, yachting, fishing and shooting. The Sound affords free scope for the sail and Yarmouth lakes are unequalled for boating and canoeing and to some extent for yachting. Cape Forchu has some excellent sea-bathing spots and Maitland has fine beaches, while First lake provides fresh water bathing. Among the 250 lakes and innumerable streams of Yarmouth county, trout and salmon sport, but particularly in the Tusket waters. Wild fowl are plentiful at the Tusket Islands, moose are shot at Kempt and bears and other big game are hunted at various places throughout the county. There is, in fact, the very best hunting and fishing, and guides can always be had. At Overton are good picnic grounds and the flats furnish scope for clam digging parties.

The climate of Yarmouth is excellent. The ozone is invigorating, the lungs of the invalid expand and his lack-lustre eye brightens. The business man who has been dried out by New England heat, recuperates, for the mercury never rises above eighty, the days are breezy and the nights cool and comfortable. Then above all things life is not rendered wretched by mosquitoes.

City privileges are good. The hotels are provided with all the modern improvements of hot and cold water baths, gas and electric light, etc. There is an excellent electric car service running through the business portion of the town and going to Milton and the boating grounds of First lake. There is a good music hall where frequent entertainments are provided by imported and local talent, musical and theatrical, there are weekly band concerts, public libraries, fine churches, various clubs, orders and societies, where visitors are received with courtesy; squares for lounging, a racing track, excellent means of communication with the outside world by means of late newspapers, telegraphs and telephone, etc. In fact every comfort of the city is provided by Yarmouth along with its rustic joys.

Deposit and Loan Society, director and secretary-treasurer of the Yarmouth and Shelburne S. S. Co., &c.

Councillor Law is one of those large-hearted citizens that are sometimes found. He is ever open to a cry of distress, and is always liberal, even to a fault, when the cause is worthy. At the council board he is known as one who is always determined to push his native town to the front even should it be at great cost to himself, financially or otherwise. His residence, familiarly known as "Appleton Hill" is situated at Milton, and is surrounded by the trees from which its name is derived. The grounds are beautiful, and



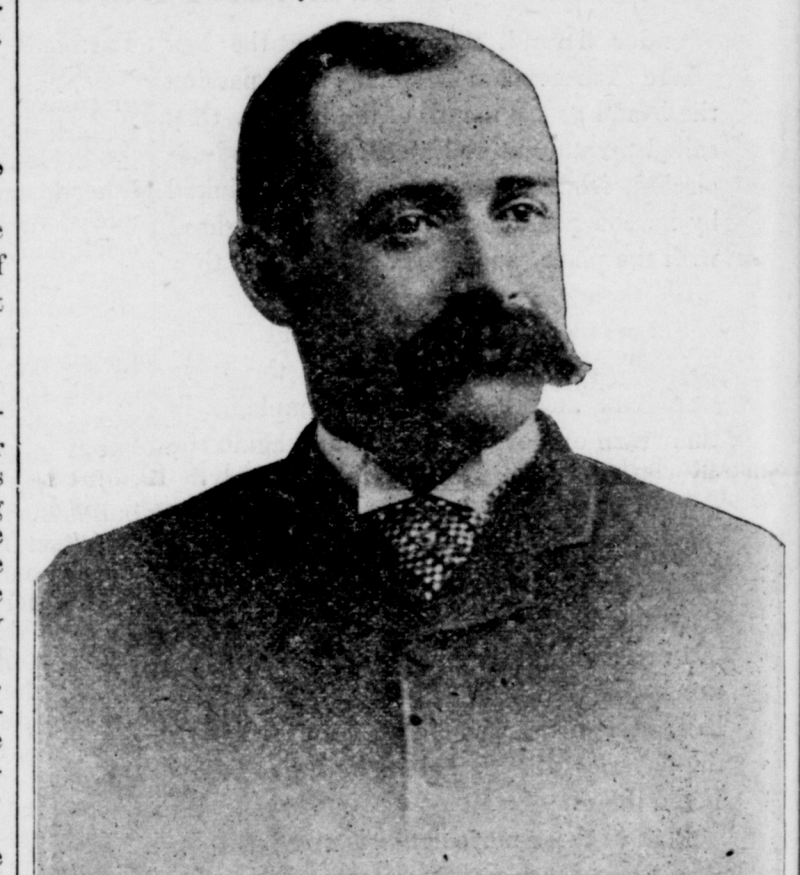
COUNCILLOR NATHAN B. LEWIS.

very extensive, containing in all some 50 acres, which are thoroughly cultivated and improved, under the careful guidance and control of Mr. Law, who, with all his business and important positions, always finds time to devote to this, his own home.

#### COUNCILLOR N. B. LEWIS.

Councillor Nathan B. Lewis, like Councillor Stoneman, is engaged in Yarmouth's staple industry, the fishery, and his business is very much like the others. Their wharves adjoin and their stores are separated only by a cross street. He is a member of the firm of H. & N. B. Lewis, ship owners, merchants, and fishery outfitters. They have a very large wharf area and frontage and extension warehouse accommodation.

Mr. Lewis has had a seat in the boards of the municipality and town continuously since 1881. He has the interests of

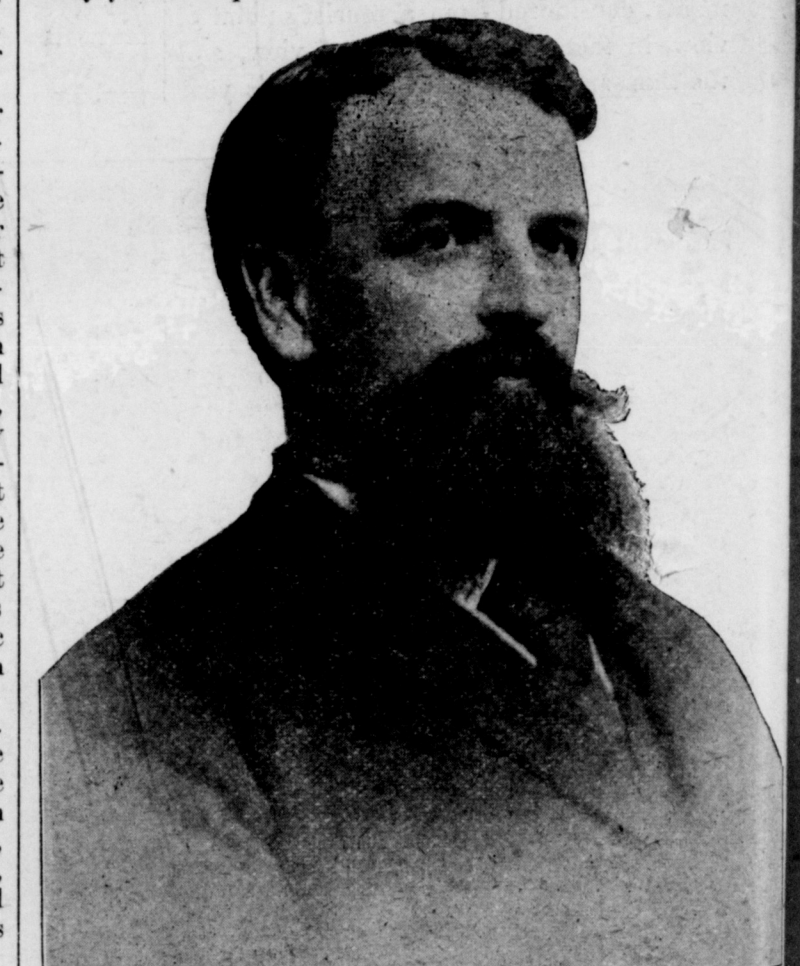


HIRAM GOUDEY, CITY CLERK.

Yarmouth very much at heart and his extended experience in the business life of the town and with its government makes his opinions of considerable moment in the discussions of the board. Among the positions of trust which he holds it might be mentioned that he is a trustee of the Providence Methodist church, and a director of the Exchange Bank. Last July he completed his sixtieth year.

#### HIRAM GOUDEY—CITY CLERK

Mr. Hiram Goudey was born at Yarmouth in 1859, son of the late Zebina Goudey, ship owner. He was educated in his native town and in 1887 was appointed clerk of the municipal council. When the town was incorporated in 1890 he became clerk, and he is also clerk of the school board and of the municipal court. As a city official he has proved a capable officer, and it is likely that he will fill for many years the post which he so ably represents.



COUNCILLOR J. R. WYMAN.

Deputy Mayor, Joseph R. Wyman, is a native of Yarmouth, where he was born forty-five years ago. He served in the council first in 1882 and has remained there ever since both in that of the county and town.

Mr. Wyman has a large furniture store and warehouse on Main street and conducts a business that was founded by Calvin Wyman in 1838. In 1872 it passed into the hands of Wyman Bros., and in 1883 the present owner obtained full control of the business. The building contains four stories and a basement and is filled with a large and excellent stock of furniture, mirrors, mattresses, spring beds, children's carriages, etc. He does a large business retail and wholesale in the town and surrounding country. The present Mayor has declined re-nomination to the office and it is expected that Councillor Wyman will be elected to the office by acclamation at the coming election for that officer.