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CITY COUNCIL

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copies of Prof. Hagerman's weekly reports on the water supply.
Ald. Mitchell seconded the motion.

ALD. FARRELL'S CRITICISM.

Ald. Farrell said that if the Water Committee were desirous of giving the citizens the pure supply of water they should not have the Filtration Plant in the incompetent hands in which it is. Ald. Everett could not say truthfully that he had in his employ any man competent to operate the filtration plant. Last spring when it was proposed to do away with the office of city engineer the man who pointed out then that there would be no person who would know how to operate the Filtration Plant, was laughed to scorn. Mr. Lyons, who is now supposed to be in charge of the Filtration Plant, knew no more about filtration than did the chairman of the Water Committee. Ald. Farrell said he knew whereof he spoke as he had been head of the Water Department for two years.

Ald. Farrell then read extracts from a paper which he had prepared, charging that the Filtration Plant was not operated properly and also that the pumping was not done in cleanly fashion. Conditions also existed which might cause the cancellation of every fire insurance policy in the city. On Saturday night last from 11:20 until 11:40, the city had been without a drop of water, the suction having been lost while transferring from one engine to another and afterward, at 2 a.m. Sunday the pump had lost water again. A furious gale was blowing them. Had there been a fire what would have happened to the city? His attention had been called to the matter through the failure of water to come through a faucet at his home and he had telephoned the Pumping Station.

Ald. Farrell stated also that most extraordinary extravagance was occurring in the Water Department in connection with the Pumping Station. The engineers were not competent to put together a pump after they had taken it apart and the Water Department, in consequence, was forced to pay hundreds of dollars out to Willis Macpherson and the Smith Foundry Company for repair work.

The Water Committee was trying to say that because Lyons had gone away on his holidays the water had become bad and because he had come back it had improved. Citizens of Fredericton had known long before Prof. Hagerman's report came out that the water was bad. They had almost been afraid to bathe in it.

ALD. EVERETT'S REPLY.

Ald. Everett said that C. A. Hall's bill for lagging was excessive. In regard to the rebuilding of that old engine it was not to be expected that the staff of the Pumping Station could do that sort of work. He could say however, that Chief Engineer Burns had installed a crank shaft without any outside assistance. When the present Water Committee took office the old pump was good for about two or three hours' work. Now it was doing its work regularly. The repairs had been costly, he admitted, but it had been necessary to make them on account of the condition in which the preceding committee had left things.

Ald. Farrell had criticized the payment of Charles A. Hall for putting lagging on the cylinder. Personally he thought that the work was very slow but he supposed the man doing the work was doing his best.

Ald. Farrell had made remarks concerning the Filtration Plant but he would like to point out that a year ago a report just as bad as that made recently by Prof. Hagerman had been made. Wm. Lyons had been declared incompetent to handle the Filtration Plant and yet city engineers more than once had gone to him to get information from which to make their reports. Ald. Farrell had referred to the filtered water being colored. Prof. Hagerman had stated that the color of the water had no bearing upon its purity. Many people seemed to think that the Filtration Plant should produce perfectly pure water. As a matter of fact the plant never had produced the percentage of purity claimed for it by the company that installed it. The company's own representatives had worked at the plant for hours, dumping in choline of lime and other purifying materials without approaching the percentage claimed.

Perhaps Ald. Farrell might remember that two years ago at this time of the year, there had also been a report that the condition of the water was not so good as it might be.

The alderman had referred to the great necessity of having a city engineer in charge of the Filtration Plant on account of his superior knowledge and yet it was a well known fact that a certain city engineer had gone to the Filtration Plant to show visitors around and did not know how to perform such a simple operation as the washing of a filter. With regard to Ald. Farrell's statement that the city was without water on Saturday night last between 11 and 12 o'clock he could say that he had been able to get all the water needed at that time.

ALD. MITCHELL.

Ald. Mitchell said it was up to

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him to reply to Ald. Farrell. The latter had spent much time in preparing that document which was scandalous from beginning to end. It scandalized the Water Committee and also the citizens. Ald. Farrell had said that the Filtration Plant should not be out of the charge of the city engineer for one hour at while he had been a member of the Water Committee the City Engineer had not visited the Pumping Station for a week at a time.

When the present council took office the Water Committee found that there was no duplicate pump, the old Holly pump being useless. Repairs were decided upon at once. That had not been made public because the fire policies would have been cancelled. After the pump had been repaired the test had been very satisfactory to the fire chief. Ald. Farrell had referred to the evidence of his water-tap. Perhaps that was due to a corroded pipe. While Ald. Farrell was a member of the Water Committee the filtered water had been so black that Prof. Hagerman, the public analyst, had told him (Mitchell) that the water was bad and had forbidden his own family from using it. The motion of Ald. Everett was then put and carried.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

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and Teacher—and three committees—membership, devotional and social. It was really a conference and very helpful. Dr. McElfresh took about the workings of many classes he knew and answered some very knotty questions.

The secondary division led by the Field Secretary and was well attended and a keen interest manifested.

The conference on primary workers was a most helpful hour. A great many interesting ideas were presented. The space at our disposal will not permit of even a summary of what took place.

At ten o'clock those attending the several conferences gathered together in the auditorium and the regular morning session was opened in the usual way.

The minutes of the past two sessions were read and adopted and then the report of the Ex. Com. was presented by its chairman, Andrew Malcolm and adopted. Rev. W. A. Ross presented a comprehensive report of the work of the association for the year. The report showed a few less schools than last year but more of them evergreen. The many things referred to were discussed for some time and then adopted. Mr. A. H. Chipman, Treasurer, presented his report which showed about two thousand dollars received but that a deficit of six hundred dollars existed. About double of last year. On motion the discussion was deferred till this afternoon.

At this stage Dr. Jones gave an address on the Sunday School as a factor in religious education. The offering was then presented and Dr. Smith closed the morning session by his practical message on the method Jesus practised during life.

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