

THE FIRE LADDIES

Hospitably Entertained by
M. Fickler & Co., at
the Barker House.

ABOUT 70 PERSONS SAT
AROUND THE FESTIVE
BOARD.

Increased Pay For the Fire-
men Advocated.

MANY ELOQUENT SPEECHES MADE
DURING THE EVENING.

M. Fickler, the enterprising proprietor of the Klondike Departmental store entertained the members of the fire department and a number of friends to an oyster supper at the Barker House last evening. The firemen in whose honor the affair was given, were present in force and there were also a number of guests not connected with the fire department. Host Fickler presided over the happy gathering, having Chief Engineer Lipsett on his right and Assistant Chief Rutter on his left. The vice chairs were occupied by Judge Barry and Collector Street, the former being supported by ex-Mayor Beckwith and Ald Rossborough and the latter by Judge Marsh and Ald Moore. The others present in addition to the firemen were Ald Everett, J W Smith, D McDonald, Alex Burchill, City Clerk Beckwith, Harry D White, Thomas Howe, James P Farrell, James L Neville, J G Settle, J D Shea, Norman McDonald, Harry Lipsett, John Boyd, J Stewart Campbell, R P Allen, Frank L Cooper, J McGinnis, J Donahoe and R W McLellan. The officers and men of the fire department were all in uniform.

After an hour had been spent in discussing the succulent bivalve and gastronomic delights set before the guests by Host Coleman, there was a round of toasts, speeches and songs, which made the time pass most pleasantly.

The Chairman proposed the health of His Majesty the King, which was drunk with musical honors.

In proposing the health of the fire department, Chairman Fickler spoke in appreciative terms of the services rendered at the fire which damaged his store on the morning of Feb. 9th. Whatever was saved from destruction on that occasion was due to the plucky efforts put forth by the firemen. In his business career of fourteen years it was his first experience with fire, and he hoped it was his last.

The toast was honored with great enthusiasm, and brought forth happy speeches from Chief Lipsett, Assistant Chief Rutter and Capts. Clark, Smith and Haviland.

Chief Lipsett returned his thanks to Mr. Fickler for the bountiful repast and felt sure that his kindness was appreciated by all. He thought the fire department would compare favorably as regards efficiency with that of any city in the Dominion. He had the honor of being the oldest active fireman in Fredericton, having been connected with the department in different capacities since boyhood. He thought the water system of Fredericton was second to none on the continent of America, and in this connection much was due to Superintendent

Burchill. Thanks to the efforts of the present City Treasurer, Fredericton possessed an excellent fire alarm system and Electrician White kept it in good working order. In closing he paid a tribute to Mr. Fickler, whom he stated had always been a warm friend of the fire department.

Assistant Chief Rutter, in the course of an eloquent speech, strongly advocated increased pay for the firemen. The present allowance he said was \$13.50 per man per annum, which he declared was not sufficient to pay for the clothes which the men destroyed in the discharge of their duty.

Mr. Fickler expressed the hope that the council would increase the pay of the firemen, but would do it without increasing the taxes.

Capt Smith also advocated increased pay for the firemen, and Capt. Clarke dealt at some length with alleged criticism of the work of the department on the part of citizens.

In proposing the health of the mayor and corporation Chairman Fickler, said he would not object to the taxes being increased providing the council would provide half a dozen horses to draw the hose carts.

Ald Moore in responding to the toast, said he would go in for increasing the firemen's pay, providing it could be done without increasing the taxes. At the present time, he said the firemen were not paid at all.

Ald Rossborough said that he had been under the weather for some weeks, and could not have been present had not a team been sent after him. He was rather opposed to the idea of adding horses to the fire equipment, but would go in for it if the citizens said they wanted them. He thought the firemen were under paid and so was the Superintendent of the water works. He announced in conclusion that it was his intention to retire from civic politics.

Ald Everett apologized for the absence of Mayor Crocket, explaining that a previous engagement had prevented his being present. He was strongly in favor of equipping the fire department with horses, and advanced strong arguments in support of his position. He did not believe that it was right to compel the firemen to drag their carts through the streets, as that was work for horses and not for men. He was willing that the firemen should have more pay, and promised to do what he could for them in that direction. The sewerage question just now was before the people, and if it was carried at the approaching election, the council would have quite a problem on its hands. But he believed it would be equal to the occasion and would instal a first class system, without adding to the taxation of the masses. In conclusion he added that he would be a candidate for re-election at the approaching civic contest. Alex. Burchill also replied briefly to this toast.

The health of the workingman was proposed by the chairman and duly honored.

Collector Street, in a witty speech, proposed the health of Police Magistrate Marsh, which brought forth an eloquent reply from that gentleman. He was in a reminiscent mood and his remarks were listened to with great interest and heartily applauded.

City Clerk Beckwith in proposing the health of Host Fickler paid a well deserved tribute to that gentleman's work as a public spirited citizen and a successful business man, and also spoke in eulogistic terms of the firemen.

Mr. Fickler returned thanks in a happy speech, in which he praised the firemen

and spoke of his business career in Fredericton.

Ex-Mayor Beckwith, in a few remarks, spoke of the great enterprise shown by Mr. Fickler during his residence in Fredericton. In addition to carrying on a large and profitable business, he found time to devote to other enterprises for the good of the community. He was interested in the Hartt Boot & Shoe Company, whose products he had introduced in the old country last season, and he was also a stockholder in the recently organized Fredericton and Woodstock Steamboat Company.

The ladies proposed by Judge Barry, brought responses from R W McLellan, F C Doherty and J G Settle.

Collector Street proposed the press which was replied to by representatives of the city newspapers.

During the evening vocal solos were rendered by F L Cooper and J W Edney.

The happy gathering came to a close at midnight with the singing of the National Anthem.

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Fredericton, N. B., Jan. 16th, 1902.

Albert J. Machum, Manager, Agency Union Mutual Life Ins. Co., St. John, N. B.

Dear Sir—I desire to thank you and the company you represent for the very prompt and satisfactory settlement of claims under policy No. 41079, on the life of my deceased husband, James D. Macpherson.

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Yours truly,
(Signed) MARY A. MACPHERSON.

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Dear Machum:—Re policy 41079, J. D. Macpherson, I beg to acknowledge receipt of your two favors, of the 16th and assure you that Mrs. Macpherson and I very much appreciate the course of your Company, as well as your own prompt action in the matter of this claim.

Yours truly
(Signed) A. R. SLIPP,
Solicitor.

Fur Caps and Collars.

Lucy & Co. are in receipt of a case of men's fur caps and collars. They came direct from one of the best manufacturers in Canada. They simply wish to remind those in need of a good fur cap or collar that it will be worth their while to examine these goods before completing their purchases. They also wish to say to those that purchased suits of clothes, overcoats, &c., that another case of watches have arrived and are now ready for those who are entitled to them.—d.

A Good Opportunity to Secure a Good Agency.

Mr. A. J. Machum, Maritime Manager Union Mutual Life Insurance Co., will be at the Barker House, Wednesday and Thursday of this week, where he will be pleased to see any persons desirous of securing an agency. Liberal contracts to the right parties.—Feb. 11, d.f.

New Store.

John O'Neill wishes to announce that he has opened a new provision store. He will carry a full line of meats and fish, canned goods, butter, eggs, and vegetables of all kinds. Remember the place, O'Neill's brick block, opposite Waverley Hotel, Regent street. John O'Neill, Prop.—Feb. 11, d.f.

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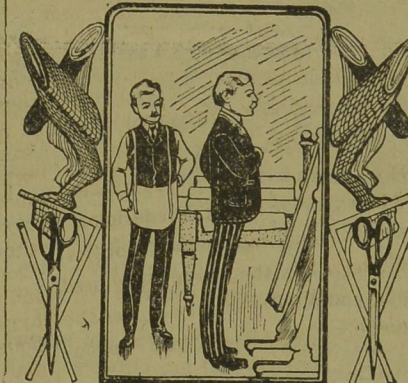
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