

CITIZENS MEET

And Discuss the Proposal for Increased Fire Protection.

PRESENT HYDRANTS ARE ALL RIGHT, SAYS SUP'T BURCHILL.

Meeting Strongly in Favor of Enactment of Fire Law.

A meeting of citizens called by Mayor Palmer to discuss the proposals of the New Brunswick Board of Fire underwriters was held in the city council chamber yesterday. The Mayor occupied the chair and the other gentlemen present were: Alds. Ross, Barbour, Everett, Farrell, Superintendent Burchill, Chief Lipeett, John J. Weddall, G. T. Whelpley, J. S. Neil, F. B. Edgecombe, Henry Chestnut, Sheriff Sterling, A. B. Kitchen, J. Hugh Calder, Joseph Walker, W. G. Clark, George Y. Dibblee, City Clerk McCready and W. H. Vanwart. Included in the list were all the members of the committee appointed by the city council at the last meeting to confer with the Board of Fire Underwriters.

The mayor explained the proposal submitted to the council by Mr. Clinch on behalf of the fire underwriters, asking for the purchase of a chemical engine, the establishment of a fire district and the installation of improved hydrants. He thought the city should take such action as would likely be to prevent an increase in insurance rates.

Superintendent Burchill, having been invited to submit a report on the condition of hydrants, addressed the meeting as follows:

"Having been invited to attend this meeting I supposed that I would have something to say about fire hydrants, especially those found to have been frozen last winter.

We have all experienced the unusual severity of last winter and to show how deep the frost penetrated the ground in some places, it is only on Thursday and Friday of last week that in excavating for repairs of services at the residence of Joseph Richards, and at the tenement of John Macpherson at the west end of Queen street, the workmen found that the frost had reached the depth of eight feet. This will give an idea of the difficulty we had to contend with in keeping the mains from freezing, and which we successfully accomplished.

When hydrants refuse to vent water in winter it is safe to say that something is frozen. This expression does not do justice to the hydrants, as in nine cases out of ten it is not the hydrant that is frozen but the branch leading from the main, or perhaps the main itself, so that when people speak of the hydrant being frozen it may mean the hydrant branch or main.

The majority of the hydrants in use in this city are the Coffin hydrant, manufactured by the Coffin Manufacturing Company of Boston. They serve their purposes admirably and from the abuse they stand and have stood, must be wonderfully good hydrants. The hydrants we have been putting in use for the last seven years are the Matthews hydrants, manufactured by R. D. Wood & Co., of Philadelphia, than which there are no better made in the United States; there are also a few Holly hydrants. However, there are frost hydrants made that will resist frost if they are allowed to be filled or partially with water and let freeze.

When the hydrant valve is closed tight the water contained in the hydrant runs out through a vent immediately above the valve. There is then no water in the hydrant to freeze, if the hydrant cap is put on before the water is out of the standpipe it may be retained there and freeze.

The usefulness of the hydrant, depends altogether upon the lightness of the valve

and the state of the packing, and these can only be ascertained by frequent inspection during the winter. These remarks will apply to any make of plug hydrant and it is only by constant care and attention that you are perfectly sure that they are in good order.

Immediately after every fire in the winter season the hydrant or hydrants that have been in use are, are examined, the stuffing box and valve stem dried off, oiled, newly packed, and all again made ready for use. Hydrants cannot do this automatically, but as I said before must have constant attention.

The trouble we had to contend with last winter was the partial freezing of the main's and the freezing of the hydrant branches. The major portion of the freezing hydrant branches was on King street, some of which had to be thawed out as many as four times.

There are seventy-six hydrants in use, and only twenty of them give any trouble, and they are located mainly on King street. The remedy to my mind does not consist in procuring new hydrants which would be no remedy at all, and only a useless expense, but in dropping the mains, branches and hydrants two or more feet deeper than they are at present, which would be a permanent job, and would do away forever with the expense and annoyance caused by freezing.

There were no complaints last winter from frozen services or hydrants on the mains which we ourselves have laid from time to time, which proves that which I have suggested to be the proper remedy.

A short discussion followed Mr. Burchill's address, those taking part being Messrs. Chestnut, Weddall, Lipeett, Sterling, Barbour, Neill and Edgecombe. All were in favor of the establishment of a fire district, but Sheriff Sterling and several other speakers, while admitting the utility of a chemical engine, did not think one was a necessity in this city. Neither did they deem it advisable at the present time to change the hydrants.

The following resolution, moved by Mr. Neill and seconded by Mr. Weddall, was unanimously adopted:

"Resolved that the city council be recommended to take the necessary steps to procure the enactment of a building and fire law at the earliest opportunity covering that portion of the city from St. John to Northumberland streets and extending back to Brunswick street, and that a committee be appointed to interview the Board of Underwriters in respect to their other proposals.

Sheriff Sterling and Mr. Henry Chestnut were made members of the committee appointed to confer with representatives of the Board of Underwriters.

THE TENNIS CLUB.

Officers Elected at the Regular Annual Meeting.

The annual meeting of the Tennis Club was held in the office of T. C. Allen last evening and was well attended. The first business was the election of officers for the ensuing year, which resulted as follows:—

Patron—E. B. Winslow, K. C.
President—T. C. Allen, K. C.
Vice President—Dr. J. W. Bridges.
Secretary Treasurer—F. E. Winslow.
Managing Committee—C. M. Manning, H. B. Babbett, C. H. Allen, H. G. Chestnut, C. F. Randolph and F. E. Winslow.

It was decided to begin the erection of a club house on the grounds of the organization without delay, and the managing committee were instructed to call for tenders for the work.

The club has a large and increasing membership and the prospects for the ensuing year are very bright.

May Play St. Stephen.

A meeting of the golf club is to be held this evening to deal with a proposal to send a team to St. Stephen on Victoria Day to play a match with representatives of that town. The golfers have been getting in some good work at practice lately and should be able to put up a strong team.

Mr. Crerar's Death.

Mr. John Crerar, a prominent barrister of Hamilton, Ont., and father-in-law of Mr. C. E. Neill, inspector of the Royal Bank, is dead, aged 68 years.

Weather Forecast.

Stowery, Wednesday, moderate winds partly fair with a few showers.

FISKE STOCK COMPANY.

Delighted a Large Audience at the Opera House.

The Fiske Stock Company began a week's engagement at the Opera House last evening before a good sized audience and made a splendid impression. "A Soldier of the Empire" was the bill, the scene being laid in France during the Napoleonic war. Good acting, gorgeous costumes and appropriate scenery were combined in the production and the efforts of the company met with the highest appreciation of the audience. The McConnell sisters made a great hit with their singing and dancing specialties and were encored again and again. The illustrated songs by Master James Walker the boy tenor, and motion pictures were of the highest order. On the whole it was a good, clean show, and the audience was more than satisfied.

This evening the great melodrama, the "Knobbs of Tennessee" will be put on the boards. There will also be an attractive list of specialties.

Common soaps destroy the clothes and render the hands liable to eczema.

SUNLIGHT SOAP REDUCES EXPENSE

Ask for the Octagon Bar

SAFE FOR SALE.

A Tilton & McFarlane Safe in good order. Apply to J. W. McCREADY, Barrister.
May 7—d31

WANTED IMMEDIATELY.

At Lindsay's Cafe, York street, a cook and table girl. Highest wages paid. Apply to W. A. LINDSAY.
May 5—d31

NOTICE TO WATER CONSUMERS.

The consumers of City Water are hereby notified that the Water Rents for the ensuing six months are due and payable at the office of the Superintendent of Water Works on Monday next, the first day of May. Delinquents will have their supply shut off. By order of the Water Committee, ALEX. BURCHILL, Superintendent.
April, 25th, 1904—101

W. H. IRVINE, M.D.,

Physician and Surgeon.

Special attention given to Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat.

155 KING STREET

(Adjacent Methodist Parsonage).

Telephone 350

Dr. A. T. McMurray
Doctor of Medical Dentistry.

Graduate of Harvard Dental School and Oral and Dental Hospital. Late Assistant of Oral Surgery at Boston City Hospital. Licensed Dental Surgeon by State of Massachusetts.

Dentistry in all its modern branches. Special attention given to care of Children's Teeth and the insertion of Artificial Teeth. Local and General Anæsthetic applied for painless extraction.

OFFICE: CAMERON BUILDING,

Queen Street.

Hours: 9 a.m., 5 p.m. Telephone 93. Special facilities for evening appointments. Lady in attendance.

Hard Coal

To arrive immediately on opening of navigation, per Schooners Parcella, Geneverne and James L. Malloy: 800 tons

Lehigh
Hard Coal

In all sizes. Place your orders at once and secure the discount.

P. FARRELL

April 10, 1904

EDGECOMBE'S

Curtain
Department

Is particularly attractive this season in up-to-date

Curtains and Window Drapery

Housekeepers will find this department a happy hunting ground, a veritable paradise, a money saving resort. You are invited to it every day.

FRED B. EDGECOMBE

Agent Butterick Patterns and Delineator.

EWING'S
SEEDS

Never Fail.

They are fresh, clean SEEDS and always true to their kind. We buy them in bulk and put up our own packages, so you are sure to get full weight. Plant EWING'S and you have good returns.

SOLD BY

Hunt & MacDonald

DRUGGISTS, QUEEN ST.

Geo. W. Adams,
FUNERAL DIRECTOR,

UP TOWN, OFF. PEOPLE'S BANK

Orders promptly and carefully attended to day or night. Telephone connection at undertaking rooms or at residence, Carleton street extension.

The Following Will Explain:

MONTREAL, MAY, 2ND, 1904

Messrs. P. Farrell & Co.

GENTLEMEN,—

We have something special to offer you in

LADIES' IMITATION
CASHMERE RIBBED HOSE.

Sizes 8½, 9 and 9½ at ——— per dozen, in 50 doz. lots. Such value we have never been able to offer before. We have sent you a sample pair, and if alright wire and we will express to you at once the 50 dozen, as this is the smallest quantity we will sell at the figure quoted.

Yours respectfully,

The above goods are now in stock, and on SATURDAY we will offer them for 15 cents, 2 pairs for 25c., regular 25c. Goods. As we cannot repeat, don't miss them.

PETER FARRELL & CO.

SNOW WHITE FLOUR!

Not how cheap but how good.