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THE WATER SUPPLY.

The city council has a rather difficult problem on their hands with respect to improving the quality and increasing the quantity of the water supply, and have for the present shifted their responsibility by deciding to engage an engineer to report on the whole question. This has been done before regarding the improvement of the quality of the water, without results, but a new proposition respecting the lack of quantity is brought forward by Supt. Burchill, who finds the present pumping machinery inadequate to the demands upon it, and deteriorating from constant and long use.

The questions submitted by Engineer Brown for the consideration of the investigating engineer cover a wide range, even the suggestion of an entire change in the system of water supply. Is it in the minds of the aldermen that we may possibly have to abandon the present pumping of the water supply from the St. John River, and if so, where is our supply to come from by the gravitation system?

A change such as that would involve a very large cost, and does not seem feasible in view of the lack of a suitable source of supply.

At any rate, it appears certain that the growth of the city demands a more adequate water supply, whether it is procured, as now, from the river or by gravitation, and sooner or later the city will have to face the cost of a new system or new machinery at the present pumping station for the present engines are overworked and deteriorating.

With respect to the quality of the water there are so many conflicting opinions that it is no wonder that the aldermen are in the dark and are groping for any light that may be thrown on the question by a competent authority. Is there any likelihood, however, that Mr. Barbour's survey and examination will result in anything more practical than Mr. Jack's or are the aldermen merely passing the matter along as former councils have done? If a scheme of filtration is recommended at a considerable cost is the council prepared to adopt it, and what certainty is there, anyhow, that the impurity of the water, if it exists, will not be removed by the precaution taken with respect to hospital sewage, and the development of a sewerage system for the whole city? What about the removal of the intake pipe further up river which was a live question with the aldermen some months ago, and is that scheme still embodied in the suggestion of a filtration plant?

Perhaps Engineer Barbour will be able to enlighten us on all these questions, but it must be confessed that in view of the barrenness of results from former investigations by engineers, doctors and analysis the citizens have not that unbounded faith in aldermanic wisdom that would justify a calm demeanor in the presence of further threatened outlay.

However, it is evident that something must be done very soon to insure to the city adequate water supply, whatever the quality may be, for we cannot afford to take chances of being short of water in the face of a conflagration that might threaten the very existence of the city.

ACTED PROMPTLY.

The citizens of Fredericton will unanimously commend the action of the city council in promptly deciding to make advances to Donald Fraser & Sons with a view to inducing them to rebuild the Aberdeen Mill.

The council, besides unanimously passing a resolution to extend the fire protection to the firm's property on government lane, appointed a committee to meet the Messrs. Fraser, and talk over the situation, and it is hoped that they will decide to continue their important enterprise in this city.

We want just such men as the Messrs. Fraser to assist in the development and progress of Fredericton. What they were able to do in the short space of years was in evidence before the disastrous conflagration of Friday night, but their Fredericton establishment was only a small part of their enterprise. At Cabano, Quebec, they have one of the finest mills in the Maritime Provinces, and around it has grown up a prosperous village of nearly 1,000 inhabitants. The firm are by far the best custom-

ers of the Temiscouata Railway, and employ a large number of men the year round. At Plaster Rock on the Tobique, also, the Messrs. Fraser own and operate an extensive mill, stores, etc., and their enterprise is of great benefit to that part of the province.

Members of the firm have expressed their great liking for Fredericton, and the feeling is mutual. They are good citizens, pushing, enterprising, men, who are taking their full share in building up this province, and are entitled to the best consideration of their fellow citizens.

The Herald, having strongly urged the concession of adequate fire protection to the Messrs. Fraser in this city, is greatly pleased to know that the council has adopted the views put forward in these columns, and we trust that an amicable understanding will be reached between the city and the firm, which will result in the rebuilding of the Aberdeen Mill, even in more extensive shape that existed before the recent fire.

The three Woodstock civic delegates to the Ottawa conference on the Transcontinental railway route put in a bill of \$180 expenses for the trip but the council laid it over for further consideration. The amount is some \$11 more than the cost of the Fredericton civic delegation which was considered reasonable.

According to the aldermen and some of their officials Fredericton lacks in not only quality but quantity of water.

A SERIOUS ASSAULT.

Norwegian Sailor Perhaps Fatally Injured in a Free Fight at Point du Chene.

Moncton, Aug. 15.—(Special)—Reports from Point du Chene this morning state that the Norwegian sailor, who was assaulted there by a young man Saturday night, is still in a critical condition.

The captain of the Norwegian ship is looking for law, but the young man, who threw the stone which inflicted a wound on the back of the Norwegian's head, is said to have skipped out.

Moncton, N. B., Aug. 15.—As a result of a fight at Point du Chene Saturday night a Norwegian sailor belonging to one of the Norwegian vessels in port at Point du Chene lies in a precarious condition and it is feared he may not recover.

It appears that bad blood has existed for some time between Point du Chene young men and Norwegian sailors visiting that port in summer and frequent faction fights have occurred. It is said the trouble is due to the resentment of Point du Chene men to Norwegian sailors deserting their ships when they reach here and taking work ordinarily done by natives, at a lower rate of wages.

Saturday evening, it is reported, a party of Norwegian sailors attacked a young man named Pettipas in one of the hotels and the latter had a hard time to fight his way out. When he did get clear he gathered the Point du Chene boys together and tackled the Norwegians on their way back to their ships. A couple of Norwegians were knocked down in the assault.

Later on the Norwegians outnumbered some of the Point men on the wharf and went at them with slung shots and knives. Still later another party of Point men met a Norwegian and French sailor and attacked them. In the fight the Norwegian was struck in the back of the head with a rock and had to be assisted to his ship. Yesterday the foreigner was suffering from the cut and was reported to be in a dangerous condition.

The latest reports from the Point say the injured sailor's condition is serious.

After this serious assault upon one of their kinsmen the crews of three Norwegian ships in the harbor sailed forth about nine o'clock Saturday night in search of the Point du Chene men but were unable to find their prey. It is feared at the Point that unless something is done to put a stop to these fights murder may be committed.

A THREATENING FIRE.

St. Stephen Had a Narrow Escape—G. F. Pinder's Residence Guttered—Other Buildings Injured.

St. Stephen, N. B., Aug. 15.—This town narrowly escaped a heavy fire yesterday afternoon. A barrel of shavings was found ablaze in the shed attached to the house of Mrs. A. Bradley, Hawthorne street. The Calais department, which was first on the scene, easily extinguished the fire, when another blaze was discovered on Union street, where a barn on the James Murchie estate was soon destroyed, together with three hundred and fifty tons of hay. From this fire the barn and oil of Geo. F. Pinder quickly caught and also burned. The main house of Mr. Pinder was gutted with water. Mr. and Mrs. Pinder being away, an entrance was forced and most of the furniture saved.

In the meantime the high wind carried cinders and set fire to the dwellings of Judge Stevens, Mrs. Fannie Moore and Mr. Hartford, also the barns and sheds of Frank Todd, F. P. McNichol and Silas Stewart, but buckets of water quickly put out these.

SALMON FISHING.

New York Sportsman Landed a Five Pound Gilse With Trout Rod and Line.

Since Messrs. J. S. Neill and Jos. Walker made the discovery some two weeks ago that salmon would rise to a fly in the Hartt's Island pool in the St. John river just above Springhill, that place has been the favorite resort of local sportsmen, and several came from outside places to try their luck.

In all over fifty salmon and grilse have been taken from the pool, and expectations for success in future seasons is unbounded. As it was understood that yesterday was the last legal day for fishing this season, the pool was surrounded with sportsmen most of the day, and when the shades of evening fell some twenty gentlemen were industriously whipping for fish. Among those notices were Messrs. T. A. Peters, J. H. Hawthorn, Col. Loggie, Dr. Bridges, Dr. C. R. Fletcher, of New York, Mr. Sadler, of St. John, Joseph Walker, J. Hugh Calder, Walter Reid, P. Holden, St. John, Dougald Mc Catherine, C. H. Allen, Thos. Phillips, Harry B. Atherton, Sgt. Fowle, Mr. Poindexter, William Walker, Fred H. Peters, and others.

Mr. Hawthorn and Mr. Holden each landed a grilse in the morning, but up to seven o'clock in the evening no more fish were caught and even rises were scarce. Many of the sportsmen were abandoning the pool at that hour when Dr. Fletcher, who had been industriously fishing for a couple of hours without feeling the magic touch of a bite, or even experiencing a rise, hooked a lively grilse, and after fifteen minutes sharp play landed a five pounder on the beach. The Doctor used an ordinary trout rod, a double strength trout line and a "silver doctor" fly and bagged his game without landing net or gaff, something of a unique experience in salmon fishing. It was his first effort in that line, and he returns to New York with very pleasant recollections of the popular New Brunswick sport.

No other fish were taken last evening and the doctor was heartily congratulated on his good luck in landing his game under rather difficult conditions.

ANOTHER LUCKY ONE.

Mr. William Clements, of New York arrived yesterday to spend his vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Clements, of Springhill. This morning he paid a visit to the Hartt's Island salmon pool and landed a nice grilse after half an hour's fishing.

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