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THE SEWERAGE QUESTION.

With both the government and opposition leaders opposed to Fredericton's sewerage resolution now before the legislature, it might be supposed that there would be slight chance for the views of this city prevailing, but the premier has stated that the question is an open one and the supporters of the government are free to vote as they choose without any possibility of dictation from the members of the ministry.

We presume that Mr. Hazen who is leading the Sunbury agitation extends to his followers the same liberty and it is believed that a large proportion of his friends will support Fredericton's claims.

It seems unreasonable that Fredericton should be picked out and made an exception in this matter of sewerage disposal.

As was forcibly pointed out by Mr. Whitehead in moving his resolution, there are dozens of towns and villages emptying their sewage into the St. John river and its tributaries yet no public action has ever been taken to prevent them doing so, but the moment Fredericton seeks to follow their example, a cry is raised that the river should not be polluted.

This is most unjust and cannot appeal with force to the intelligent members of the legislature.

Mr. Hazen made a specious plea against Fredericton's contention, but as he has admitted that he is the special advocate of those whose interests he is seeking to guard, his address must lose much of the weight which otherwise might be attached to it.

The fact remains and cannot be winked out of sight, that the construction of Fredericton's sewerage system was commenced under the direct authority of the legislature unanimously given, that the members of that body, including Mr. Hazen himself raised no objection to the city's proposed dumping the crude sewage into the river; that the contracts for sewerage work were all signed and the work of construction actually commenced before the present agitation was raised.

The city entered into its contracts in good faith, believing that it had the legislature behind it in the endeavor to improve the sanitary condition of Fredericton by means of proper drainage and water filtration, and expenditure for those works was actually made before the Sunbury people discovered their alleged danger.

As has been pointed out in these columns, Fredericton undertook to improve its sanitary condition largely through complaints that had been made in the legislature. Members stood up in their places in the house and threatened that this city might cease to be the capital of the province and that the educational institutions located here might be removed unless those who were brought to Fredericton in the course of their connexion with those establishments were not better guarded from diseases arising from unsanitary conditions of this city.

After much effort the city was moved to plan for the expenditure of $150-000 for a sewerage system and filtration plant and the work as we have stated was begun under direct authority of the legislature, in a manner and form within the ability of the city to withstand, and not one objection was urged against the scheme or its details, until the contracts were signed and work was actually begun. The city acted in perfect good faith and with the certainty that it had the backing of the legislature, even to the means proposed for disposing of its sewage, yet it is now menaced by the danger of being shut off, from the enjoyment of its enormous expenditure to meet the unreasonable demand of a few of Mr. Hazen's constituents.

Surely the legislature will not adopt a course that will render useless the large sum of money Fredericton has already put into its sewerage and filtration plants.

Surely the gentleman of the house who urged us to go ahead, who criticized us for almost criminal neglect for not going ahead sooner, who knew the actual plan for sewage disposal to which objection is now taken, will not withdraw the authority they themselves granted, when the desire they expressed for an improvement in this city's sanitary conditions is about to be realized unless blocked by a vote of the house.

This sewerage question is the most important one with respect to Fredericton that has engaged the attention of the legislature since the capital question was settled in 1880, and it behoves every resident of this city to use every possible influence to ensure the city a favorable outcome of the question now before the legislature.

It is to the interest to every member of the house that the capital of the province should be freed from the reproach of unsanitary conditions: it is due to their constituents, many of whom are represented in the educational institutions of this city that the public health of the city should be protected and this can be accomplished by permitting the city to pursue to a successful conclusion the plans so well advanced for proper drainage and water filtration.

A NEW JUDGE.

Hon. Arthur Drysdale who has been promoted from the position of attorney general of Nova Scotia to the supreme court bench of that province is a native of Tatamagouche, Colchester Co. and began life as a dry goods clerk at Truro. He is essentially a self-made man and deserves great credit for the success he has achieved. He has been a prominent figure at the bar, a very able politician, and one of the cleverest public speakers in the sister province. He is under 50 years of age and for the past sixteen years has represented Hants in the house of assembly. He entered the Nova Scotia government as commissioner of works and mines in 1901 and became attorney general two years ago. He is a Liberal and a Presbyterian, and his wife was formerly Miss Mitchell, sister of Mr. Geo. Mitchell, ex-M. P. P. of Halifax.

The new judge is admirably equipped for the bench of Nova Scotia, which needed strengthening by the appointment of a gentleman of Mr. Drysdale's well recognized legal ability and energy. He takes the vacancy caused by the appointment of Hon. D. C. Fraser to the governorship of Nova Scotia.

CURRENT COMMENT

A very large number of ladies and gentlemen had pleasure yesterday in paying their compliments to His Honor the Lieutenant Governor and Mrs. Tweedie who received their guests most graciously.

Mr. Joseph L. Black, whose death was announced Tuesday at Sackville was a very estimable gentleman, who when sitting in the legislature was an active and useful member of that body. He filled a large place in his home town and his death will be very sincerely mourned there and throughout Westmorland.

The Sun is screaming wildly at Fredericton's sewerage proposition in the legislature and distorts facts to sustain its view. Its misrepresentations and bold mis-statements are hardly worth answering, and will carry little weight with the members of the legislature, who do not need to take their instructions from so ill-informed and irresponsible a source.

How many members of the city council are doing what they can to secure the passage of the sewerage resolution now before the legislature. Mayor McLeod is exerting himself to the utmost, ex-Mayor McNally and the city clerk are employing what influence they can to that end and Alds. Scott and Hooper are deeply interesting themselves but how about the others?

Friends of Senator Thompson will deeply sympathize with him in the bereavements he has been called upon to suffer within the past few months. Since he went first to Ottawa to attend to his parliamentary duties this session he has been called to New Brunswick five times by the sudden deaths of relatives or others very near to him. First his estimable wife died almost without warning and before he could reach her bedside, then his bookkeeper Mr. Miles was called away, next Hon. A. G. Blair, then successively his brothers-in-law the late Governor Snowball and the late Mr. J. L. Black.

A gentleman who was born and lived his earlier years at Sheffield, said to the Herald this morning that he and his family never thought of using river water for domestic purposes. They had a well which gave an abundant supply of pure water, and he declared that the cry that wells in Sheffield and Maugerville were not feasible, was a mere fiction. Besides he added that if the river were otherwise pure the people of Maugerville and Sheffield during the summer season would feel that with two hundred men working at the booms of Lincoln, the river water would be anything but desirable for domestic use.

It is apparently pretty well settled that the Messrs. Fraser will rebuild the Aberdeen Mill in this city, providing they receive certain concessions from the civic authorities. The request for ample fire protection is a reasonable one and will, no doubt, be promptly granted by the city council.

LOWER PRINCE WILLIAM.

March 8.—The weather for the past few days has been quite pleasant, but the roads are in a bad condition on account of the storm of a few days ago.

Miss Almeda Parent is visiting friends in this place.

Dr. McKenzie has moved to Mr. Minot Gunter's house. It will be remembered the location he now holds was the late Dr. Coy's stand.

Mr. William Fraser, who has been seriously ill, is improving slowly.

Miss Emily Lawrence is teaching our school this term. The scholars are progressing finely.

We see a popular young gentleman of Bear Island in this vicinity quite often. That is right, Leverett, take advantage of the opportunity.

We are glad to see Mr. H. Lounsbury out again. He has been quite ill with la grippe.

Mrs. Lawson of Lake George, who has been visiting friends in this place, has returned home.

Mrs. Cook Jones held a quilting a few days ago. There were quite a number of ladies in attendance.

Rev. Mr. Wetmore is holding special services. We hope that they will prove beneficial.

We see a young gentleman of Macnaquac wending his way through this place once in a while.

Mr. Luke Kelley went to the Celestial today.

Mr. Cyril Wetmore is attenning the Prince William school.

Messrs. John and Walter Lawrence of Richmond, have been visiting relatives in this place.

A few of the young people held a driving party last Monday evening, and went to Macnaquac to Mr. R. Long's. They returned in the early morning hours.

Mrs. R. T. Mawhinney of Maces Bay, has been visiting relatives in this place.

Miss Bessie Whitehead who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Minot Gunter, has returned home.

Mr. Tyler Kitchen of Kingsclear, is busily engaged sawing wood in this vicinity.

The many friends of Mr. John Crewdson will be sorry to learn that his health is not improving any.

Mr. Ludlow Hoyt is busily engaged in the lumber business.

Mr. Roy Jewett has returned home from Maine. We are glad to see him again.

SOME USES FOR SODA.

A weak solution of soda will revive the color in a dusty carpet.

Flowers are kept fresh by adding a pinch of soda in water.

A spoonful of soda added to water in which dish cloths and towels are washed will whiten and sweeten them

To cleanse hair brushes add one tablespoon soda to one quart hot water, dip the bristles—not the back—into this, shake well until perfectly clean, rinse and stand on edge to dry

Add a tea spoon of soda to water in what you wash.

Before using fruit jars the second time rinse in soda water to sweeten them.

Dampen soda and apply when bitten by any poisonous insect.

Teeth of Chambermaids.

Have you ever noticed that every chambermaid who has been taking care of the hay and feathers for a number of years is usually devoid of a few teeth of the upper "case?" Veteran chambermaids can seldom show a full set of upper teeth. The absence of the ivories is explained as follows by a downtown dentist: "The teeth of the maids which I replace with artificial ones are pillowcase teeth. They are constantly used in putting on pillowcases and are not strong enough to stand the strain. Their work is a constant wear and tear on the teeth."

Her Sponge Cake.

A young bride, after serving to her husband a Sunday dinner that was so-so, said as the mince pie was brought on, "I intended, dear, to have some sponge cake, too, but it has been a total failure." "How was that?" the husband asked in a disappointed tone, for he was fond of sponge cake. "The druggist," she explained, "sent me the wrong kind of sponges."

For Feminine Jurors.

In breach of promise cases the presence of female jurors among the male jurors would certainly benefit the men, as they would at once see through the wiles of their own sex, disconnect the picture hat and the pretty gown and disclose the hussy at heart in the pleading, innocent betrayed one.—Lady Violet Greville in London Opinion.

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Inspectors of Penitentiaries.
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