

THE CITY POLICE FORCE.

Council Will Seek Legislation to Place it in Control of a Commission.

The city council met in committee last evening and unanimously approved a bill for submission to the legislature to vest the control of the police force in the hands of a commission. The bill was first carefully gone over in committee and some important amendments were made, one of which is to the effect that the commission shall consist of three gentlemen selected by the Governor-in-Council.

The mayor presided and all of the members of the council were in attendance except Ald. Everett, who is ill. The notice was read by the city clerk and stated that the meeting had been called to consider a bill to place the control of the police force in the hands of a commission.

The draft of the bill, which had been dealt with in committee, was taken up by section and adopted with out a dissenting voice.

The bill provides among other things that the members of the board shall serve without remuneration, and shall elect one of their number chairman. They shall appoint a sufficient number of police officers to preserve law and order in the city, and make regulations governing the same, which they will have the power to amend from time to time. The board

is empowered to suspend and dismiss police officers and the latter will be permitted to resign on giving one month's notice.

The sections of the bill defined the duties of policemen, and imposing penalties for interfering with them in the discharge of their duties are borrowed from the present police act. The commission will have power to examine witnesses under oath in respect to any matter appertaining to the duties of the board, and in the investigation of any complaint against the police officers.

The board shall determine the number of policemen required and shall fix their salaries subject to the approval of the city council.

A section added to the original bill in committee provides that the city council may by bye-law dissolve and put an end to the commission, and may also by a like vote repeal the bye-law and restore the commission.

The act if passed by the Legislature will come into force on July 2nd, 1908.

On motion of Ald. Winslow, seconded by Ald. Mitchell, the bill was adopted as a whole and ordered to be sent to the Legislature along with the usual petition praying that it may pass and become law.

FORGOT THE BOY.

Telegraph: Coming from Fredericton to take back with him his little child, George Pidgeon, apparently in a spell of absent mindedness left the child standing in the depot with its mother and went back alone to the capital last evening. Pidgeon's wife was staying in Carleton with friends and had the little boy with her. The father wrote from Fredericton that he would be down to take his son home and arrived yesterday morning. The mother prepared the child for the journey and took him to the station with the father.

Mr. Pidgeon stood talking to his wife and child until the train commenced moving and then jumped aboard saying, "Good-bye," leaving a very surprised woman and boy behind.

OFFICERS ELECTED.

At the regular meeting of Albion Lodge, No. 44, I.O.G.T., the following officers were elected for the ensuing quarter:

C.T.—Bro. Geo. Donovan.
P.C.T.—Bro. Robt. Baxter.
V.T.—Sis. Mrs. Robt. Baxter.
Rec. Sec.—Bro. Barry Allen.
Treas.—Bro. Arthur Jewett.
F. S.—Bro. Percival Cass.
Chap.—Sis. A. Howland.
M.—Bro. Jos. Moore.
D.M.—Sis. A. Yarwood.
G.—Bro. W. Collins.
S.—Bro. A. Quarterman.
It was also decided to hold a picnic next Thursday evening, 21st inst.

THE SHOE FACTORY BILL.

City Council Adopts an Important Amendment.

The bill to amend the act relating to the Hartt Boot and Shoe company was amended by the city council at the special meeting last evening, with the object of providing a greater safeguard to the city's interests.

Ald. Farrell brought the matter up and pointed out that there was nothing in the act to show the council that the conditions under which the bonus was given was being lived up to by the company. He said that the conditions were very light and it was important that the city should have some guarantee that they would be lived up to. He proposed an amendment to the effect that the company should submit its pay-roll to the council once a year, accompanied by a sworn declaration of the manager of the company that it was correct.

Ald. Crowe seconded the motion. Ald. Winslow moved an amendment to the effect that the company shall on or before the 31st of December of each year file a statement, sworn to by the president, secretary and manager, showing the value of the output, the number of employees and the amount of wages paid during the year.

Ald. Farrell said that the amendment covered the ground and he would withdraw his resolution. He thought that the amount paid in wages should not include the salaries of travellers, who did not reside in the city. He did not think also that employees residing in St. Mary's should be included.

The city clerk thought that the new assessment law covered the objection fairly well.

The amendment by Ald. Winslow was then adopted unanimously.

The Mayor and Alds. Farrell and Clark were appointed delegates to the Union of Municipalities' convention to be held here next week.

UNIVERSITY ENCOENIA

Programme for the Event and Names of Graduating Class.

The closing exercises of the University of New Brunswick, May 28, are as follows:

10.00 a.m.—Meeting of the Senate.
11.00 a.m.—Inspection of the equipment of departments in the new engineering and physics building.
2.00 p.m.—Academical procession formed in Dr. Cox's lecture room.
2.30 p.m.—Chair taken by his honor the Lieutenant Governor. Address in praise of the founders by Prof. George B. A.
3.00 p.m.—Distribution of medals, prizes and honor certificates, and conferring of degrees.
4.00 p.m.—Alumni oration by William Peterson, M.A., LL.D., C.M.G., Principal McGill University.
The graduates are—G. Fred. Baird, Henry B. Boyer, E. Stanley Bridges, Harry P. Bonnett, J. Roy Burpee, Miriam Caldwell, A. M. Cronkite, G. Harold Edgecombe, Iris A. Fish, A. L. Gerow, J. M. Gilchrist, Anna A. Hanbury, Clara C. Hay, Percy R. Hayward, D. Upton Hill, Hazel C. Hnlight, H. R. Loggie, Cora H. MacFarland, Holland R. McGill, J. Hugh McLean, W. K. MacNaughton, Grover C. Martin, W. McN. Matthews, William H. Morrow, T. Dwight Ruggles, Michael J. Rutledge, D. R. Sharpe, H. G. Smith, L. N. Wadlin, F. W. C. Wetmore.

DEATH AT BURTON.

Miss Amelia M. Burpee, daughter of Mr. M. E. A. Burpee, died at her home at Burton, Sunbury county, this morning, after a lingering illness. Besides her parents, she is survived by two sisters, Mrs. A. K. Forsythe of Greenwich, N. S., and Mrs. C. H. Hunter of Douglas Harbor, and three brothers, Morley and Alfred C., at home, and Edward in Mexico. The funeral will take place on Sunday at ten o'clock, with services by Rev. W. J. Kirby. Undertaker John G. Adams has charge of the arrangements.

MARYSVILLE NEWS.

May 15.—Fishing has become quite a popular sport of late, almost every evening large crowds are out on the banks of the Nashwaak trying their luck. A great many gaspercaux are caught, while occasionally a trout is landed. A few days ago Mr. Claud Clayton caught a beauty, being over fifteen inches long. Alfred Taylor also landed a nice big trout at the outlet of Mill brook. Considering the high water a great many fish are taken daily.

Mr. George Cowie's many friends will be pleased to hear that he has disposed of his property in the Canadian west at a good figure. It is stated, he received in the vicinity of five thousand dollars.

The dance at the home of Mr. Duncan Robinson last Wednesday night, was a great success. Miss Mabel Robinson was the belle. She certainly looked very winsome and charming.

The recent fine warm weather is drying up the roads nicely, and the farmers are beginning to think about putting in their crops.

Mr. P. P. Brennan, of Bath, is registered at the Barker today.

Mr. M. P. Scanton, of New York, is at the Queen.

A LONG TRAMP.

Thomas McArthur will Start from Moncton to Break Weston's Long Walk Record.

MONCTON, N. B., May 15.—(Special)—Thomas MacArthur, will make Moncton the starting point for his transcontinental tramp. He leaves Moncton June fifteenth and the first section of the tramp will be to St. John thence to St. Stephen on to Washington Junction, Me., and then by stages to New York.

MacArthur has been working on railway construction to condition himself for an attack on the record set by the famous Pedestrian Weston and is now completing his training by taking long walks daily.

MUNICIPALITIES UNION.

Interesting Program Arranged for Next Week's Meeting Here.

Some important matters are expected to be dealt with at the meeting of the New Brunswick union of municipalities at Fredericton, May 19 and 20. Secretary J. S. Magee of Moncton, states the programme will be an interesting and instructive one.

Mayors of leading cities, four members of the legislature and others are down for addresses. Dr. A. W. MacRae, of St. John, will read a paper on Municipal Ownership. At the invitation of the mayor and council of Fredericton the delegates Wednesday afternoon will inspect the Fredericton water purification plant and witness demonstration by City Engineer Grimmer. Wednesday night the visitors will be entertained at a dinner.

FAUST.

The play of Faust which is to be presented at the Opera House on Tuesday, May 19 is a masterpiece, and one that everybody ought to see. It is the best lesson one can have from a moral standpoint. The Brockton scene alone is a marvel, showing as it does the revels and orgies of the demons, fiends, imps, goblins and the witches on the summit of Mt. Brocken, the highest peak in the famous Hartz Mountains on Walpus night, under command of the arch king of all evil, Mephisto. Words fail to describe the grandeur of the electrical effects, including the fire flies, floating visions, flaming swords, moving owls, dazzling balls of real lightning and the gorgeous, terrifying shower of electric fire. The most terrific and grandest results of modern stage craft. Seats now on sale at Wilkes.

DEATH AT GIBSON.

The death took place last evening of Mr. Richard Kelley, a well known resident of the back road, Gibson. The deceased, who was 57 years of age, is survived by one son, Mr. Walter Kelley, and five daughters. The funeral will take place at 11 o'clock tomorrow morning, with services at the house by Rev. Mr. Rideout, and interment will be made at Sunnybank cemetery.

WATER FALLING.

The water in the river at this point fell six inches last night and will soon be down below the level of the city high water wharf. There has been a good run of logs during the past few days and it is thought that the drives on the upper St. John are coming along all right.

IN SAFE WATERS.

James Burgess & Son's drive of three million feet on Little River, Victoria County, reached safe water last week.

THE WEATHER.

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