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LOOSE BUSINESS METHODS

Why all this mystery respecting the city's payment of the Hyde & Webster claim for sewerage pipe.

If Ald. Hooper is correct in his statements, and nobody seems to have successfully refuted them, the payment of the claim was smuggled through with great secrecy, even members of the sewerage committee knowing nothing about the matter until they saw in the newspapers that a cheque for more than the amount said to be legally due the firm had been issued to them, the amount being in excess of that recommended by Mr. Lea, the engineer. It is alleged that some item of the claim were paid twice over and that the amount actually paid is some \$1,000 in excess of what was really due.

The matter is one which calls for a full investigation and the public trust that Ald. Hooper will pursue it until the mystery is cleared up and the blame placed on the proper shoulders.

The developments in this matter emphasize the loose manner in which the city's business is being conducted by the present Mayor and aldermen, and should impress the taxpayers with the necessity of putting in the Mayor's chair and in the aldermanic seats, men of intelligence and capacity and with a substantial interest in the city.

The foolish attempt to sacrifice the city's bonds, the absolute helplessness of the Mayor and Council to grapple with the financial necessities which arose a few weeks ago, and now the mystery and unbusinesslike methods surrounding the payment of the Hyde & Webster claim, point to the absolute uselessness of some members of the board, who have not sufficient and business capacity to deal with even the smallest affairs that come under the jurisdiction of the city rulers.

It is time for a change all around from the occupant of the chief magistrate's chair to the majority of the aldermanic seats. There are plenty of men in Fredericton capable of conducting civic affairs on a business like basis, a few are in the council, but that kind is so mighty scarce in the present board, that things are run in the most slipshod careless manner, methods being employed that would reflect seriously on a parcel of school boys or a village debating society.

Some day the citizens will be aroused to the manner in which the city's business is being conducted, and the men who are now occupying positions at the council board for which they have no fitness whatever will be relegated to private life, and men of some capacity will take their places, but in the present indifferent condition of public opinion there is little prospect of an immediate change.

TUPPERISMS

Funny things happen when you haven't a gun.

There was that meeting at the Sir Hibbert Tupper residence in Vancouver Monday evening, when it is alleged that a delegation of Orangemen waited on Sir Hibbert Tupper and offered him a nomination for parliament in Vancouver, which it is said he refused. Probably the thing was worked up by Sir Hibbert himself. He has already accepted nomination in Picton, N. S., and has had it cast up to him that he should seek a seat where he resides, and not three thousand miles from his home. Sir Hibbert, when he comes to Picton will be able to declare that nomination awaited him in Vancouver. It was a cute little scheme but too gauzy to deceive anybody.

But that was not the funniest part of the Vancouver gathering under the Tupper roof.

Papa Tupper—the original Sir Charles—known in his active political days as "The Great Stretcher," was under his son's roof when the Orange delegation called, and in dressing gown and slippers could not forego the opportunity to work in one of his famous prophecies, which are never fulfilled.

He told the delegation that the Tories are certain to win the next general election, although from his continued residence abroad since the elections of Canada dismissed him from office, he is about as much in touch with Canadian public sentiment, as the air ship navigators are with affairs in the moon.

Who does not remember Sir Charles' former political prophecies? and their absolute failure of fulfillment?

In 1896 when leading the Tory government he declared that he would win in every province of Canada, and his government went to eternal smash when the electors got their hands on it.

In 1900 he was certain to sweep Laurier from power, and his party was again overwhelmingly defeated, and Tupper himself was buried under an enormous majority in Cape Breton, a constituency of his own choosing.

During the campaign of 1896, Sir Charles prophesied that if the Liberals came into power the manufacturing industries of Canada would be closed up—that decay and utter ruin would stalk through the land, but as in his former prognostications time proved the falsity of his forecast, and Canada, under Laurier, is prosperous to a degree never dreamed of when this Dominion was under the baneful government of the Tupper and their following.

Canada is thankful to Sir Charles for some of his services in the past—it remembers his good deeds, charitably forgets his errors, and wishes him happiness and contentment in this the evening of his life, but the people of this country will be excused if they discount the political prophecies of that worthy old gentleman, who on so many former occasions, when in the full possession of his remarkable mental and physical vigor made such an absolute failure of the prophet business.

Canada is for Laurier, and not all the mauling prophecies of the elder Tupper nor the windy attacks of the younger will turn the electors aside from their intention to give this country several more years of Liberalism, Laurier and Prosperity.

MOUNT ROYAL'S DELIVERANCE

Just when about everybody had given up all hope for the safety of the steamship Mount Royal, overdue on the passage from Antwerp to St. John some twenty days, with a valuable cargo of merchandise and 400 souls, the derelict came limping into Queenstown, announcing all well with the exception of a babe, which died as the eventful voyage ended.

The steamship with disabled machinery had been drifting helplessly out of the line of ocean traffic for nearly a month, but there were plenty of provisions on board, and although great dangers were encountered, and many human lives were in jeopardy, Providence watched over the steamship and her precious freight, and brought them to safety.

The story of the Mount Royal's awful experience when told in all its details will rival that thrilling piece of fiction which Louis Tracey has placed on the pages of "The Captain of the Kansas."

There will be intense relief in the hundreds of homes which awaited with killing anxiety for news of the long missing steamship, fervent thanksgiving for the deliverance of the belated passengers and crew, and there may be tales of heroism which will eclipse even the imagination of the great sea story writers of both ancient and modern days.

CURRENT COMMENT

Tory newspapers announced that there were a large number of Liberals at the convention which nominated the Westmorland Tory ticket for the legislature, but up to the present time, although challenged to do so they have not been able to furnish the names. If the Summer ticket is depending on Liberal votes, for election, it will be woefully disappointed on polling day. Westmorland Liberals are men who stand squarely by their friends.

Fredericton is to be heartily congratulated on its remarkable immunity from serious fire losses during the past year, as disclosed in Chief Rutter's annual report to the city council. There was really no fire of importance during the entire year and the total insurance losses during that period were under \$800. Good luck attended the city in 1907 with respect to fires yet much credit is due our efficient fire department which under its re-organization was never more effective or better handled.

DRINK AND CIGARETTES

Responsible for the Awful Death of a Galician and loss of His Cattle

WHITEMOUTH, Man., Jan. 8.—(Special)—Whisky and cigarettes caused the death of a Galician up river yesterday.

The man went home on Monday night with his team of oxen, and put them in the stable, which also held three other head of stock.

It is supposed he fell asleep with a lighted cigarette in his mouth. The flames and smoke awoke people in the house, and the remains of the unfortunate man and all his cattle were found.

ASKS HEAVY DAMAGES

Express Messenger bringing Suit Against Steamship Company

ST. JOHN, Jan. 8.—(Special)—Allan R. McBeath of this city, formerly express messenger with the American Express company, has filed a suit for \$5,000 damages against the Eastern S. S. company.

McBeath ran between St. John and Boston on the Eastern S. S. company's steamers. In July, 1906, at Eastport he fell down the hold of the steamer St. Croix, and injured his hip so badly he has been unable to work since. He has accordingly filed the suit for \$5,000, being amount of damages claimed.

THE STOCK MARKET

MONTREAL, Jan. 8.—(Special)—Stock prices were strong again today. So rose to 86, and Illinois, 87, to 89. Detroit was strong at 38; Dominion Steel, 15; Twin City, 86; Montreal Street, 190. Can. Pac. was an exception, being off point to 157.

CASTORIA

For Infants and Children.

The Kind You Have Always Bought

Bears the Signature of J. C. Watson

Stocktaking Snaps

A number of lines have been added to our half price Table which are well worth your inspection.

Other lines of Fancy Vases, Ornaments, China etc reduced 20 per cent.

Many useful and ornamental pieces on our 25 cent counter which we are selling at 20 cents.

Goods on 10 cent counter 8 cents

COLWELL & JENNINGS

COMPLETE HOUSE FURNISHERS.



To all our customers we send

Most hearty New Year's greetings,

Hoping that in the coming year

We may have frequent meetings,

Then here's to luck and pluck and wealth.

A happy life and blessed health!

CENTRAL PHARMACY ARTHUR J. RYAN

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FOWLER'S

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50 Years in use

We are showing in our window an Ostermoor Felt Mattress. This Mattress has been in constant use for 50 years by Mr. H. N. Bates of Ottawa, and during that time it has not matted but is just as soft, clean and elastic as when new.

The Ostermoor Mattress

Is absolutely non-absorbent and dust proof and will not mat, pack, get hard or lumpy and will last a life time. EVERY ONE GUARANTEED.

Lemont & Sons Ltd

Big Fur Sale

BEST QUALITY ALL GUARANTEED

NOTICE A FEW OF THE PRICES

\$50.00 Mink Stoles for \$35.00	\$21.00 Mink Throwovers for \$14.00
35.00 Sable Fox Stoles for \$24.00	12.00 Grey Squirrel Throw for \$8.00
17.50 German Mink Stoles for \$12.00	21.00 Alaska Sable Ruff for \$16.00
8.00 Muskrat Stole for \$5.50	18.00 Alaska Sable Ruff for \$12.00
13.50 White Thibet Stoles for \$9.00	9.00 Alaska Sable Ruff for \$6.00

Cloth Jackets If we can fit and suit you we will let you make the price

R. L. BLACK, York St.

Some men are born afraid of women—they are bachelors; some have the fear of women thrust upon them—they are married.

Fruit or rust stains on table linen or other white cloths may be removed by soaking in a weak solution of oxalic acid.

Grand Alteration Sale

SATURDAY JAN. 4TH

TO

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 15TH

HERE ARE A FEW OF OUR BARGAINS

FUR DEPARTMENT

	Reg.	Red.		Reg.	Red.
1 White Fox Stole	\$33.85	\$25.00	1 Columbia Sable Stole	18.50	13.50
1 White Fox Muff	18.85	14.25	1 Columbia Sable Stole	18.00	13.00
1 Grey Lamb Collar	11.50	8.50	1 Columbia Sable Stole	9.50	6.75
1 Grey Lamb Collar	15.00	11.25	1 White Thibet Stole	7.50	5.25
1 Grey Lamb Collar	16.75	13.00	1 Black Persian Lamb		
1 Grey Lamb Collar	12.00	9.00	1 Muff	18.00	13.50
			1 Grey Squirrel Muff	15.00	12.00

DRESS GOODS DEPARTMENT

	Reg.	Red.		Reg.	Red.
1 End Black Cheviot	\$1.35	79c.	1 End Blk. Satin Cloth	1.25	95c.
3 Ends Fancy Cheviot	1.25	50c.	2 Ends Fig. Blk. goods	1.25	75c.
1 End Fancy Check	1.35	75c.	2 Ends Blk. Lustre		19c.

For Wednesday Only

we will give a discount of 15 per cent. on any black dress goods sold. This discount is for one day.

All Ladies' Winter Coats, Costumes, Shaker Flannel Wrappers and House Dresses at

HALF PRICE

JOHN J WEDDALL & SON

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Hunt's Emulsion of Cod Liver Oil

Our Emulsion contains 50 per cent of the purest Norway Oil combined with Hypophosphite in a palatable form and is an excellent remedy for Cough as well as a good tonic.

LARGE BOTTLES 35 cents

Hunt & MacDonald, DUGGISTS, QUEEN STREET