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THE FIRE DEPARTMENT.

The city council did well to hesitate before adopting the scheme for reform of the fire department which had been worked up so suddenly and without the citizens having full information on the subject, and time to weigh the probable results.

While nobody will deny that there are excellent points in the proposals put forward by the reformers, there is no just reason for the conclusion that the firemen have lacked in efficiency in the past, or that property holders have suffered to any great extent from the department's lack of modern facilities in their work.

There is no doubt the fashion of the firemen hauling their hose carts to fires by hand is an antiquated one, and the proposition to provide horse hose carts is one that will be commended by the citizens, but the city must not be jumped into the business. The wholesale dismissal of the firemen after August 1st before the success of the new system could possibly be assured, would be a mistake from which the city might reap serious losses. The horses are not yet purchased. When they are procured it will take time and patience for their proper training, and it would scarcely be safe to depend on a reduced department until the new order of things is in perfect working shape.

There is really no need of rushing the business, and the council's action in putting a mild curb on the reformers will be endorsed by the taxpayers.

The department has been successfully run for a great many years without the aid of the reformers either in the department or the council, and while everybody may be disposed to give the said reformers credit for good intentions, there is no reason for supposing that their judgment is of so matured and lofty a character that it is absolutely unassailable. All the wisdom and experience of the city in fire department matters does not find lodgment alone in the intellect of the present reformers, but the council will be justified in making use of whatever may seem practical in their proposals, and rejecting the rest. The city must not be rushed into the reforms without due consideration, even though the reformers claim to be men of great judgment and experience.

The apparently unanimous opposition of the firemen to the immediate adoption of the new scheme of reform without any saving clause, has quite properly had its influence on the council. The men claim that it would not only be unjust to them, but unsafe to the property of the city to jump the new scheme into use with a greatly reduced force to work it out, and in this they will have the support of the great majority of the tax-payers. The reformers are to be commended for the move they have made, but let them go slow and work out their scheme without incurring the possibility of disaster.

THE TIMES ALSO APOLOGIZES.

Hon. Senator Thompson is to be congratulated for the prompt manner in which he has compelled a couple of slanderous Tory organs to eat their own words.

The Herald yesterday published the batch of crow which the Senator made the Halifax Herald swallow, and today we find in the Moncton Times the following dish of the same kind.

"Mr. Thompson writes to the Times that the statement is 'absolutely and unqualifiedly false in all particulars.' This should place Mr. Thompson right and it would now seem to be up to the Emmerson Liberals to explain why they

invented and circulated such a story about a personal and political friend of the Minister of Railways if the relations between the member for Westmorland and Mr. Blair were so friendly all the time as the former would have us believe."

The charge which the Times insinuated and which the Halifax Herald copied and for which both have been brought to their knees in double quick time, was that the Senator was connected with the purchase of engines for the Intercolonial railway, and the inference was intended to be drawn that there was something wrong in the transaction, Senator Thompson being also represented as a brother-in-law of the Minister of Railways.

Both newspapers are now compelled to withdraw the insinuation and apologize to Senator Thompson. The Times however meanly intimates that the charge was made by Liberal friends of Mr. Emmerson, which is a small way of crawling out of a humiliating position.

Senator Thompson did just right in compelling the slanderers to eat humble pie, and other public men against whom baseless charges are made in Tory newspapers should follow his example, then there would be less of the miserable unfounded attacks which find their way into the press, and which have a tendency to prevent many self-respecting men from entering public life.

W. J. Hill and J. W. St. John, rival candidates for the Ontario legislature in West York, are represented as working strenuously at a barn raising for one of the voters in the constituency. We have often heard of log rolling and barn storming politicians, but never before of barn raising ones.

Sir MacKenzie Bowell has been banquipped at Ottawa by his Tory friends, but Mr. Foster, Mr. Haggart and other birds in the "nest of traitors" were conspicuous by their absence.

Admiral Sampson who had charge of the United States fleet of warships at the battle of Santiago, died Tuesday afternoon at Washington, after a long illness.

RUSIAGORNISH.

(Special Correspondence to the Herald.)

May 6.—Sunday being such a glorious day quite a number of persons drove to Lincoln to attend the baptism.

The young people of the Mission Band in connection with the Baptist church intend holding a concert shortly under the tuition of Miss Stella Smith. Success is certain.

Miss Rhoda Forbes, of Sunpoke, was the guest of Mrs. G. Mills one day recently.

John Bryson is ill, I suppose like so many others a sufferer from la grippe.

Fred Tedford, of Fredericton, was the guest of friends here on Sunday last.

There are rumors of a large party to take place before long.

Most of the men have returned home from stream driving.

George O'Leary, of New Maryland, visited Adam Noble on Sunday.

Miss Laura Lord, of Beaver Dam, spent Sunday with friends here.

If we are not mistaken there will be some weddings in the near future.

A Sunday school concert was held at Sunpoke on the evening of the 4th inst. Many of the Gornish people attended and report a very successful affair.

We hear that a very large moose was seen on the Whittaker road last week, by Samuel Harris.

Hooking mats and quilting quilts seems to be the order of the day.

Mr. Day, agent for a large firm of Toronto, passed through this place last Thursday, but that is nothing strange, for agents seem to be plentiful.

Two of our young men are thinking of setting up a barber shop some time in the near future. The centre of business is not yet determined upon. This will supply a long felt want. We wish the parties success.

Rev Mr. Cochran preached as usual, in the F. B. church on Sabbath morning last.

MARYSVILLE NEWS.

(Special Correspondence to the Herald.)

May 6.—An accident of quite a serious nature occurred in the weavers room yesterday afternoon when Wm. Macner a loom fixer, nearly lost the sight of one of his eyes. It appears he and one of the girl weavers fell out about something and she threw a small piece of iron at him which struck him in the eye, and it is

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The many friends of David Tapley will be pleased to learn that he is rapidly gaining strength after his recent serious illness, and under the skilful and careful nursing of Miss Marion Inch he will soon be able to be out again.

The rifles for the Marysville gun club arrived Saturday and they are dandies. The boys are anxious to try them.

Bishop's Son Suicides.

Toronto, May 6.—Arthur Sweatman, son of Bishop Sweatman, of this city, was killed by a fast Grand Trunk train from the west, due here at 12.25 yesterday. Sweatman, who was about 30 years old, had just returned from California where he had been ranching. He was seen to walk out from the entrance of High Park and deliberately throw himself in front of the quick moving train. A note was found pinned to Sweatman's clothing, avowing his intention to commit suicide.

Just in Time

The robins have come, so have Lucy & Co's new goods, comprising all the newest and best styles in men's, women, boys' and girls' boots, shoes, rubbers, etc, also a large range in youths', boys' and children's suits, including a number of new patterns; also gent's and boys shirts, collars, ties, etc., underwear, trunks, valises, umbrellas, waterproof coats, jumpers, cardigans, overalls, etc. These goods are renewed every week by new arrivals from the best manufacturers in Canada and will be sold at Lucy & Co's usual low prices. Remember the corner of Queen and Regent streets, where you will find more bargains to the square foot than any other place in Fredericton.—d.

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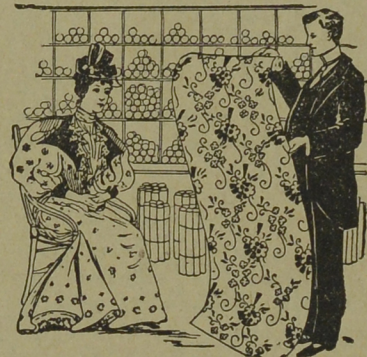
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The following prizes will be given at the Provincial Exhibition to be held at St. John, Aug. 30th to Sept. 6th.

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| 1. \$7.00 for the best collection of Vegetables grown from Burpee's Seeds purchased direct or through their Fredericton agent, G. Y. Dibblee. | 1. \$3.00 for the best collection of table carrots and table beets grown from Burpee's Seeds purchased at Dibblee's Drug Store, Fredericton. |
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