DISTRICT SYSTEM OF ELECTING ALDERMEN.

Meeting of Citizens Last Evening Adopted Resolution Favoring That Method---They Also Endorsed Platform of Citizens' League.

Another largely attended meeting of the citizens interested in civic reform was held last evening in the hall at Breeze's corner. A. M.Belding as chairman called the meeting to order and asked the secretary L. P. D. Tilley to read the resolution offered at the previous meeting. This resolution favored district election of aldermen.

E. L. Greany thought it would be wise to again adjourn and make common cause with the Citizens' Reform League. He moved to this effect, that the matter lay over until after the meeting of the citizens' committee. This was seconded.

F. L. Potts said the question was first brought up by this meeting,and it would be a setback to let any other meeting take precedence.

Mr. Greany explained that the citizens' committee had not yet adopted any cut and dried programme and every one would have the right to speak in regard to it. It would be only common sense to join with the others who desire a change.

John W. Montgomery, was in favor of going ahead, and let others fall in behind.

J. B. M. Baxter said the resolution did not conflict with any ideas set forth by the voters' league. Both meetings had the same objects in view and there was no need of adjourning this meeting. There would be a chance to find out how the citizens feel when the petition is sent round to be signed.

Ald. Maxwell agreed largely with what Mr. Baxter had said. The meeting was called to discuss civic issues. We all want to get the best system for all. He thought this was a more representative meeting than the Citizens' League. Mr.Fisher, a member of the league, had expressed himself in favor of the resolution. Argun nts can be advanced for both systems.

Col. Markham said the ward system and the present system had been tried and found faulty. He was in favor of a division on a district system.

The amendment was put and lost.

The discussion then reverted to the original motion.

Dr. Melvin was in favor of the motion and would even favor the re-establishment of the old ward system. The present proposal was really only a compromise. The system in force here is in vogue in no other city that he knew of.

S. B. Kaye saod the other league had formed a platform and settled down to business. The old ward system was wrong; districts will give a broader view, and yet they will be small enough for aldermen to properly represent their constitutents. A third of the present council is useless, he said.

L. P. D. Tilley favored the present system. The way to get a good council was to get the right men. He advocated a permanent league.

Mr. Greany said the one thing needed was an earnest interest in the welfare of the city. The city owes nearly $4,000,000 now, and it is time we took an interest. Not the system, but the interest displayed by citizens is the thing that will count.

F. L. Potts was in favor of the present system. He would like the list of aldermen elected by the tax reduction association published. The council should be representative of all classes. Too much corruption arose out of the ward system, and the present system has abolished a great deal of that. Speeches should be made by candidates, a hall should be hired and the men should give their views to the public. Their stand on the big issues of the day should be known.

B. R. Armstrong objected to the view that the system did not count. Under the present system aldermen are not independent. Too much local prejudice exists, and no alderman can oppose any measure calculated to unduly benefit any particular section, or else the vote of that section will go against him at the next election.

J. B. M. Baxter, said the paying of taxes by candidates had not been stopped under the present system. One alderman was defeated by the combined efforts of several citizens who paid the taxes of 100 men who were pledged to vote against that alderman. The districts should be of such a size that interest is assured by the citizens. Under the old system almost every voter in a ward came to the polls to give his opinion, Now about one-half came to the polls.

In 1894 the Tax Reduction ticket swept the city; the next year the opposing party was successful. And down to this time no campaign has been carried on in regard to the civic issues. The present council might be asked to decide as to what will be tne boundary of the districts.

The resolution favoring a district system was read, put and adopted.

Mr. Baxter read the following petition:

To His Worship the Mayor and Common Council of Saint John:

The undersigned ratepayers and electors of the city of Saint John respectfully request your honorable board to promote legislation for the division of the city into electoral districts so that the aldermen may be elected by divisions of the city larger than single wards instead of being chosen by the vote of the citizens at large.

To His Honor the Lieutenant Governor and Legislative Assembly of the Province of New Brunswick.

The petition of the undersigned ratepayers and electors of the city of Saint John, humbly sheweth:

That your petitioners are desirous of obtaining legislation providing for the division of the city of Saint John into electoral districts for civic purposes so that the aldermen may be elected by divisions of the city instead of by the vote of all the citizens, as at present;

And as in duty bound your petitioners will ever pray, etc.

Carried.

Mr. Baxter moved a committee be organized to circulate such a petition throughout the city.

Dr. Melvin would like the districts to be six in number.

Mr. Baxter thought it would be unwise to limit the scope. The motion was then carried.

H. H. Pickett said the task would be no light one, and it would need three or four men to canvass some of the larger wards. It was decided to appoint a committee of five to make arrangements for the circulation of the petition. The following were appointed: Ed. Sears, E. L. Greany, J. B. M. Baxter, Col. Markham and H. H. Pickett. The chairman was also, ex officio, appointed a member.

Mr. Baxter moved the meeting express its general concurrence with the platform of the Citizens' League. —Carried.

The chairman was appointed convener of the general committee and the meeting then adjourned.

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THE NEWS OF SACKVILLE.

Rev. Wilfred Gaetz Compelled to Discontinue His Studies.

A Wedding---Death of Wilson Thompson---The Mt. Allison Debaters Reclaiming the Marsh---Rev. Mr. Nobles.

Sackville, Feb. 21.—A very pleasant event took place Sunday evening at the home of J. A. Sweeney, when Miss Frances Mary, daughter of Jeremiah Sweeney, was united to James Teed Lane, both of Malden, N. B. The bride was very prettily gowned in blue silk velvet, with hat to match. Miss Alice Sweeney acted as bridesmaid, while James Sweeney supported the groom. Rev. Father Collerette was the officiating clergyman. Appropriate music was rendered by the Melrose choir. Mr.and Mrs. Lane will reside at Malden.

Wilson Thompson died at his home, Mount View, at 12 o'clock Friday night,after three months' illness. A wife—formerly a Miss Martha Sears, one daughter, Mrs. Chipman Wheaten of Milford, N. H., and three sons, Chifford, of Malden, Mass., W. B., railway conductor between Springhill and Parrsboro, and Arthur, at home, survive. He was buried yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock in the cemetery at Upper Sackville, Rev. E. L. Steeves officiating.

The many friends of Rev. Wilfred Gaetz will regret to learn that he is unable to pursue his studies at Mt. Allison, owing to serious trouble with his eyes. He has recently consulted the best oculists in Halifax and New York, but they have failed to effect a cure, and it is feared that he will be compelled, not only to give up his studies, but also his church work. Mr. Gaetz last year finished a very pleasant pastorate at Parrsboro, and was taking a year's course at Mt. Allison before taking charge of the church at Amherst, to which he had been called.

The Eurhetorian Society of Mt. Allison intend holding a semi-public session next Saturday night, when the three debaters recently chosen to represent Mt. Allison in the intercollegiate debate with St. Francis Xavier, will oppose three other debaters, chosen from the society. The society intends resolving itself into a mock parliament for four sessions and the first meeting will probably be held on Saturday, March 4th.

W. C. Milner, formerly of Sackville, was recently in town for a short time on his way to Halifax from the west. He reports favorable progress on the Missiquash Marsh, which has been in process of redemption for several years past. Not only has much of the marsh area become covered with fertilizing mud deposit, but large parts of it have been immensely improved by the thorough draining to which it has been subjected. Over 100 tons of excellent hay were harvested last autumn, and through the season a large numer of cattle were pastured on portions of the marsh.

Mrs. Nathaniel Strang, of Melrose, has been seriously ill for the past ten days with paralysis of the brain.

J. B. Roberts, of Welsford, reached Sackville on Friday, and has taken up work at the university. Mr. Roberts was at Mt. Allison two years ago, but was compelled to give up work on account of ill health. He now joins the class of 1906.

N. T. Avard, Mt. Allison 1903, who is employed as bookkeeper with the firm of Fraser, Torey & Co., Sydney, C. B., is spending a few days in town.

Miss Lilian Sprague and Allen Sprague spent Sunday at their home in St. John.

Dr. H. T. Knapp, assisted by Dr. Secord, removed a large tumor from Mrs. Leonard Baisley last Thursday afternoon. Mrs. Baizley is doing as well as can be expected.

Rev. B. N. Nobles preached his first sermon in Main St. Baptist church last Sunday morning to a large congregation, and was well received.

HARCOURT NEWS.

Sons of Temperance will Debate on a Large Question.

Harcourt, Feb. 20.—Miss Jennie Humphreys of Newcastle is visiting friends here.

Harry Wathen, station agent at Kent Junction, spent Sunday with his parents here.

Misses Miriam Freebern and Isabella Fearon spent Friday in Moncton.

Rev. Mr. Wheeler of Chicago, late pastor of Harcourt church, will occupy the Presbyterian pulpit again on next Sunday.

Michael Kelly, lecturer and organizer of the Sons of Temperance, will hold a meeting here on March 1st.

No services could be held in Brown's yard, Lorneville, Smith's Corner, Trout Brook, and Ford's mills churches yesterday on account of the roads.

Melvin B. Dunn, who has been confined to the house over a week from the effects of a nail run into his foot, is now able to walk again.

On next Saturday the following subject will be debated in Harcourt Division, S. of T.

"Whereas, in New Zealand the following conditions obtain:—

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Every person over 21 is allowed to vote; and all labor disputes are settled by compulsory arbitration, therefore.

Resolved "That New Zealand's system of government is better than that of Canada."

TOOK A STRAW VOTE.

Interesting Experiment in a Restaurant.

An advertising agent, representing a prominent New York magazine, while on a recent western trip, was dining one evening in a Pittsburg restaurant.

While waiting for his order he glanced over his newspaper and noticed the advertisement of a well-known dyspepsia preparation, Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets. As he himself was a regular user of the tablets, he began speculating as to how many of the other traveling men in the dining room were also friends of the popular remedy for indigestion.

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One of them told me he had suffered so much from stomach trouble that at one time he had been obliged to quit the road, but since using Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets had been entirely free from indigestion, but he continued their use, especially while travelling, on account of irregularity in meals and because like all traveling men he was often obliged to eat what he could get and not always what he wanted.

Another, who looked the picture of health, said he never ate a meal without taking a Stuart Tablet afterward because he could eat what he pleased and when he pleased without fear of a sleepless night or any other trouble.

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HURT ON A TRAIN.

John O'Brien was seriously hurt at Fredericton Junction by the Montreal train last night. The train left here early last evening and O'Brien was beating his way. It is thought that he boarded the train at Fairville.

At Fredericton Junction he was put off by Conductor Dales, but after the train started he climbed on again. He fell between two cars, his foot was crushed, and his face badly injured. He was sent to Fredericton and placed in Victoria General Hospital. O'Brien is about 40 years of age, and belongs in Boston.

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OBITUARY.

Mrs. J. Roy Campbell.

The death took place at Dorchester, yesterday, of Anna, beloved wife of Rev. J. Roy Campbell. She had been in failing health for over a year. Mrs. Campbell was a native of Chester, (Eng.). When in good health, she was remarkable for her zeal in all good works, and she bore her lengthy illness with heroic resignation. Besides her husband, two sons survive—J. Roy Campbell, of Earle, Belyea and Campbell, barristers, of this city, and Wm. F., civil engineer in South America.

Mrs. Sophia A. Spragg.

Mrs. Sophia A. Spragg, a respected resident of Springfield, died on Feb. 17th. She was 70 years of age and leaves a husband, two daughters, and five sons—Gilford A., of Montana; Harding G., and Charles R., of Hartford (Conn.); Hedley C., of Mount Allison, Sackville, and Ackman I., at home.

Mrs. Robert Smith.

Mrs. Robert Smith died Wednesday morning, at her home, Perry's Point. She was 71 years of age, and was a daughter of the late Abraham and Lucy Smith, leaving two sorrowing sisters, and four brothers to mourn their loss.

Wm. H. Parsons.

Wm. H. Parsons is dead at Palm Beach (Fla.), where he had gone for his health. His wife accompanied him South.

Mr. Parsons was president of W. H. Parsons and Co., and director of the Bowdoin Paper Co., the Lisbon Falls Fibre Co., the Prescott Paper Co., and the Bay Shore Lumber Co. He had been president of these concerns till recently. He was also a director of the Bowery Savings Bank, president of the founders of the Rye National Bank, and a member of several New York clubs. Both he and his brother, John E. Parsons, owned large colonial houses in Rye. The two brothers and a cousin, John H. Whittemore, recently purchased the Haviland Inn, the road house where Washington and Lafayette stayed in revolutionary times. Mr. Parsons was known for his hospitality, and made several beautiful gifts to American churches. He spent some time in St. John last summer, and purchased a valuable amount of lumber from C. M. Bostwick. Mr. Bostwick admired him for his qualities, and says he was a keen business man and correct and prompt in all dealings.

THE COAL TRADE.

The Coal Trade Journal, published in New York, has some items which may be of interest to the public.

A very interesting statement is that relating to the progress of the anthracite trade. It is said that 1905 may be another year of large production, though no one looks to see anything like the output of 1903 or 1904. The winters were severe and long, and the people were so prosperous, that they did not have to stint the use of coal. In the coal year, beginning April 1, the consumption may not be so large, but on the other hand, there will be an artificial requirement for coal, which will have a most important influence on the output. All the leading anthracite companies will put in stock more coal than for many years. Next year it will be necessary to make a new arrangement with the miners, and the coal producing and carrying companies, will provide for contingencies by laying in large stocks of coal this year. The present winter, 1904-05, will go upon record as the largest coal consuming period of similar length. For the period forward from April 1, all dealers will carry as much stock as possible.

In referring to the labor question, it says:—"There has never been a more favorable period for the anthracite miner, than during the last two years. Wages have been high, work steady, and no very serious questions have arisen between the men and their employers. These conditions will last for another year. It is likely, however, that labor questions will be raised in the coal regions, within a few months, though they will not disturb the relations between the employers and employed, until April, 1906. It is well known that the prosperity of the miner has not been shared in, by the miners' union. The men have been backward in paying their dues as is always the case when work is plenty, and wages are good. The union leaders are perfectly aware that this condition must be changed and in the last half of this year, there will be initiated a great labor compaign, in all the anthracite regions. What effect the workingmen's campaign will have on the coal trade and carrying companies, is hard to determine.

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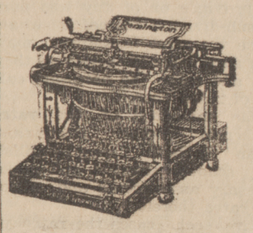
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(London Mail.)

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BIRTHS.

BLAKNEY—At Cambridge, Mass., Sunday, Feb. 19th, to the wife of George Blakney, a daughter.

DEATHS.

JONES—On February 20th inst., at St. John, North End, Wesley Jones, aged 49 years.
Service at the residence of his sister, Mrs. D. S. Roberts, 33 Albert Street, on Wednesday at 2.30 p. m.—(Other papers please copy.)

ADAMS—At Yarmouth, (N. S.), on the 19th inst., Margaret Donaldson, wife of the late James Adams, formerly of St. John.
Notice of funeral hereafter.

CAMPBELL—Entered into rest at Dorchester, N. B., on Tuesday, 21st. Feb. Anna, beloved wife of the Rev. J. Roy Campbell.
Funeral from St. Paul's (Valley) church, on Thursday afternoon, 23rd Feb. at 3.30 o'clock.

APPLEBY—At Halifax, N. S., on Feb. 21, Theodore Thomas, eldest son of John F., and the late Mary E. Appleby, of this city, aged 32 years.
(Boston and Brooklyn N. Y. papers please copy.)
Funeral from his late residence, 30 Pitt street on Thursday, at 2.30 o'clock. Service at 2.15. Friends and acquaintances are invited to attend.

BRESLOW—Drowned in Newport, R.I., harbor, Jan. 31, John A., son of the late James and Rose F. Breslow. —(Halifax and Yarmouth papers copy.)

HARTIN—In Boston, Feb. 19, James, husband of Alice Hartin, (nee McGuirk) aged 52 years.—(P. E. Island papers copy.)

MORRIS—In Charlestown, Mass., Feb. 17, Annie T., daughter of William E. and the late Ellen Morris, aged 17 years.—(Halifax papers copy.)

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