

City Council.

A BREEZE OVER THE CIVIC WATERS.—COUNCILLOR MURPHY SUBMITS A RESOLUTION.—A DEPUTATION WAITS UPON THE CITY FATHERS.—CRITICAL POSITION OF THE CORPORATION.

WITH UNWONTED punctuality, every member of the City Council was last evening in his seat at the appointed time. A large number of very-much interested citizens were also present. His Worship the Mayor called the meeting to order, the Clerk read the minutes, and the usual motion for their adoption was made, when—

COUNCILLOR MURPHY rose in his place, delivered a short speech, and proposed the following resolution:—

Whereas, At the last meeting of this Council a change was inadvertently made in the Fire Department by removing some of the gentlemen constituting the members of the Board of Fire Wardens of this City; and

Whereas, It has come to our knowledge (through His Worship the Mayor) that the Fire Wardens expressed a desire that no change should be made on the Board; and

Whereas, It has been customary upon former occasions to adopt the suggestions of the Fire Wardens when expressed through, and with the consent of, their Chief, it being considered by those competent to form a correct opinion that they must, of necessity, from long experience, be the best judges in matters appertaining to their own Department; and

Whereas, It is of paramount importance that the best harmony and good-will shall exist between the several gentlemen forming the Board of Fire Wardens, so as to ensure united action and prevent the possibility of misunderstanding or divided councils at a time when (through a fearful conflagration) the lives and property of the citizens may be seriously endangered, and the existence of the city (so to speak) may tremble in the balance.

Resolved, Therefore, That it is the desire of the members of this Council to show to the citizens that no personal feeling on our part shall be the cause of anything that may weaken or impair the efficiency of the Fire Department, and that it is our desire to cooperate with the Fire Engineers to the end that the lives and property of the citizens may be more secure; and for that purpose the resolution passed at the last meeting of this Council be now rescinded, and that the late wardens be replaced upon the board of Fire Engineers.

It was contended by Councillor Beer, Morris and others, that this resolution was out of order; but the Mayor, on the advice of the Recorder, ruled that it was in accordance with a rule of Council for such cases made and provided.

COUNCILLOR BEER moved that Councillor Murphy have leave to withdraw his resolution.

COUNCILLOR DAVY seconded the motion.

COUNCILLOR MURPHY said those who constitute the majority in this Council were evidently afraid to face the resolution manfully. Their object in moving for its withdrawal was to stifle it; but in this they would not succeed. True, they might vote it down; but it would appear upon the minutes as a record of Council, in spite of them. By the proposed action what will they do? They will virtually prove that their dismissal of Messrs. Peake, Crabbe and Koughan from the Board of Fire Wardens was from personal feelings; they will virtually say that they do not care to have efficiency in the Fire Department; they will virtually say that they have no desire to see union and good will existing in the councils of the Fire Department. He had nothing to say against the gentlemen who had been appointed Fire Wardens. But he should like to know the reason why their predecessors were dismissed. No reasons have yet been given by the ruling party; and the inference is that they have no good or sufficient reason. Then why not restore them to their places, and preserve the unanimity of the Fire Wardens, and keep the experienced men who, as a result of these dismissals, are now going to resign their positions in the Fire Department. He had never given a factions opposition to the patent combination who did just as they pleased, without reason or right to justify them; but, in this instance would not withdraw the resolution he had tabled until forced to do so.

COUNCILLOR BEER thought the gentlemen dismissed from the Board of Fire Wardens should be very thankful; for, if they had not been dismissed the citizens would have never known their worth. It was stated that their dismissal had caused the resignation of the Chief Engineer; but the Chief Engineer had repeatedly stated that it was his intention to retire from the office; and making the dismissal of the three fire wardens a pretext for doing so was not honest. He contended that it was not the practice of the Council to be guided by the Chief Engineer in the appointment of fire wardens, and quoted the minutes of the year 1877, in support of his contention. "And are there," he asked, "no gentlemen in the City, capable of acting as fire wardens, except those who were dismissed, or those who have resigned?—Of course there are."

COUNCILLOR MURPHY contended that it had always been customary to adopt the suggestions of the Chief Engineer, relative to changes at the Board of Fire Wardens. Besides it was expedient that members of the City Council should be at that Board. They were there to check expenditures which the City Corporation could not afford; they were there to explain to the Council any plans which the Fire Department might deem necessary to be carried out. Again, in dismissing Messrs. Peake, Crabbe & Koughan from the Board of Fire Wardens they also lost men of the character and experience of W. R. Watson, Esq., and the Hon. H. J. C. Beck. When asked to give a reason for the dismissals they are dumb. Where is their wonted eloquence gone? After some further discussion, the motion

that Councillor Murphy have leave to withdraw his resolution, was put and carried on the following division:—

For the motion—Councillors Beer, Lawson, Davy, Hooper, Horne, Morris. Against the motion—Councillors Murphy, Byrne, Koughan, Crabbe.

LABOR FOR THE POOR.

His Worship introduced Messrs. John Ings, James Peake, L. L. Beer and W. D. Stewart—a deputation from the Central Committee appointed to procure labor for the relief of the worthy poor—and, on motion, leave was granted them to address the Council.

JOHN INGS, Esq., said the object of the Committee was to raise funds to give employment to the destitute; and the deputation had been authorized to wait upon the City Council to ask for their co-operation and assistance. The idea is to procure stone to be broken and wood to be sawn by poor persons, who will receive wages and thus be enabled to maintain themselves in an honorable way. A number of persons have already been set to work. But the means of the Committee are yet insufficient to procure work for all who need it; and they therefore ask the Council to contribute something. An arrangement had been effected with Mr. McNab, Superintendent of the Railway, for bringing wood into town at half the usual rates; and the Committee request the City Council to have it trucked from the train to the yard in which it will be sawn, by the City horses, free of charge. It was also thought that if employment were given to a number of men in repairing the breastwork at Victoria Park it would be a very good thing; for if left unrepaired the money already expended on the work will, in part at least, be lost.

W. D. STEWART, Esq., said that the number of persons now employed by the Committee was 45. The wages they receive is fifty cents per day. But there are from 100 to 150 applications for work which cannot, for want of means, be acceded to. By working in the way proposed by the Committee the poor man's honor and morality are preserved; and numbers of persons who have no work to do are willing to work for 50 cents per day. The Committee would be obliged to the Corporation for the loan of saws and other implements which would be taken account of and returned.

L. L. BEER, Esq., remarked that if something were not done to preserve the breastwork around the City Park, its value would become deteriorated; and he thought the present time—when labor could be obtained so cheaply—was the time when the necessary repairs could be made to the best advantage.

The deputation then withdrew. COUNCILLOR BEER regretted the present distress of poor persons, and deeply sympathized with them. But he did not think the City was in a position to grant a sum of money. The Council would, however, he felt sure, assist in any way they could. He had been informed that the Local Government had granted \$2,000 to relieve the distress; and, with the sum the Central Committee had collected, much could be done. He would be glad to vote for a grant if the City could afford it.

The Recorder remarked that he thought it would pay the city to get some stone broken. The work afforded in this way would help poor persons, and the City would receive a service.

MURDOCH'S REPORT.

COUNCILLOR CRABBE, according to notice given at last meeting, moved that Mr. Murdoch, C. E., be requested to furnish his report on the proposed water works for the city. The report had been partly paid for and it should be forthcoming. If water works are within our means they can never be put in cheaper than at present. At any rate we should have the information which the report would furnish.

COUNCILLOR HORNE would like to know what good it would do to get the report. It will only cost us money which we cannot afford; and it is quite impossible to go on with water works under our present circumstances. He moved that Councillor Crabbe have leave to withdraw his motion. COUNCILLOR MURPHY said that \$200 have already been paid for the report; and contended that Mr. Murdoch could at any time send the report in and get the balance. What then was to be gained by not asking for the report at once, so that we might have information to guide us. If the report was against water works, let the scheme be dropped; but if, as he believed, it was favourable, then we should know, for the citizens could have plenty of water for the money they are now paying for their daily bucketful.

COUNCILLOR LAWSON was opposed to water works, because his constituents were opposed to them. What is the use of getting the report, till the people are schooled up to the water works?

COUNCILLOR BEER said the City is not now in a position to get the water works, and he was, therefore, opposed to getting the report.

COUNCILLOR KOUGHAN said the report was withheld till the result of the boring at Mount Edward became known.

COUNCILLOR CRABBE closed the debate. He said that nearly the whole of Ward 5 is now, for want of water, at the mercy of the elements.

The motion that Councillor Crabbe have leave to withdraw his motion was put and lost on a division of 6 to 4.

APPOINTMENT OF FIRE WARDENS.

The resignations of Messrs. Handrahan, Watson, Hughes, Callbeck, Pool, Mason and Smith, as Fire Wardens, were then read and accepted; and the following gentlemen were appointed in their stead:—

Ward 1—Messrs. Patrick Blake, Alex. McKenzie and William Wright, sen.

Ward 2—Messrs. J. D. Irving, William Murray and W. H. Findlay.

Ward 3—Mr. Michael P. Hogan.

Ward 5—Mr. Philip Large.

A sharp discussion took place in which

Councillor Crabbe warmly defended the Chief Engineer from aspersions cast upon the character of that gentleman; and charged that the majority of the Council were influenced in their acts by party and personal considerations. Councillors Morris, Horne and Beer replied.

THE FINANCIAL POSITION.

COUNCILLOR LAWSON asked that an account of Mr. Houston's be passed. COUNCILLOR DAVY suggested the passage of accounts for the Fire Companies.

The MAYOR—You may pass the bills, gentlemen; but they can't be paid. There is about \$16,000 of an over-draft. That is all.

The bills were passed notwithstanding.

HORSES AND CARRIAGES.

Councillor Beer gave notice that he would, at next meeting, bring in a Bye-Law to levy a tax upon horses and carriages.

Council adjourned.

St. Dunstan's College.

HALF YEARLY EXAMINATION—AN EXTRA HOLIDAY FOR THE STUDENTS.

The half yearly examination of the classes of St. Dunstan's College took place on Wednesday, the 28th inst. There were present: His Lordship Bishop McIntyre, Rev. P. Doyle, Rev. D. J. Gillis, Rev. Dr. O'Brien, Rev. J. C. McDonald, Rev. A. McGilvray and Rev. Dr. Chaisson, all of whom took part in examining the classes. The questions given in the various branches were answered in writing and the written papers were then corrected by the Rev. gentlemen present. At the close His Lordship made known the result of the day's examination, complimented the students, and gave them some good advice. In conclusion he gave them an extra holiday; and with his usual large hearted liberality contributed \$10 towards enabling them to pass a pleasant day.

LECTURE.

THE VERY REV. DR. McDONALD will deliver a Lecture before the ST. PATRICK'S T. A. & B. SOCIETY, in

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RICHARD WALSH, Secretary.

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JOHN DORSEY, RICH'D K. JOST.

Charlottetown, Jan. 15, 1880—rg ar pat 3i

NOTICE.

I TAKE this opportunity to inform the public that I have leased the new Shop recently fitted up at McGill's Old Stand, on Queen Street, a few doors below the London House; and having bought the Stock and Machinery of the late Firm of Dorsey & Jost, I shall be prepared, in a few days, to carry on the Boot and Shoe business in all its branches. Custom work a specialty—on cash principles.

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D. SMALL.

Jan. 21, 1880—tf

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