

cut upon the air became decayed and were either removed or mingled with the earth surrounding them, and the flagstaff from which the good old Union Jack so long floated in the breeze also disappeared. For years little or nothing was done to effect an improvement beyond planting a few trees and administering an occasional dose of whitewash to the fence. Latterly, however, more attention has been paid to this old-time beauty spot, and this year new trees have been put down, the walks have been graded, and other improvements made. It is hoped that the good work will be continued.

King Square has also received some attention during the past few years. But



Councillor Horne.

It has never been the popular resort the other squares have been, and consequently has not received the same care.

The streets of the city have all been well laid off. They are also very wide, or at least most of them are. Along the streets, in many instances, trees have been put down, and these add very materially to the attractiveness of the localities in which this work has been performed. Arbor day was an institution some years ago, and on this day trees were planted on the streets. Latterly, however, the day has not been observed in this way, and the planting of trees seems to have been left to the pupils in the different schools of the city. The operations of the school children, however, are not conducted upon a very extensive scale, and tree-planting is, as a rule, confined to the school grounds. The maintenance of streets necessitates the expenditure of a large share of the people's money. But the



Councillor Hughes.

expenditure is invariably well directed, and there is little or no complaint. In recent years the idea of macadamizing a portion of one or more streets each summer has been acted upon, and the work is consequently more permanent than it was when clay was used. Asphalt and stone sidewalks have also been put down in some sections of the city, and the idea seems to be to continue the work each summer. If this idea is acted upon in the years that are to come the sidewalks throughout the city will soon be a credit to the corporation. The wooden plank ways in vogue at the present time are an eyesore and very often a source of danger. In the natural order of things they must soon succumb to the march of progress.

In the earlier period of the time under review, the opportunities afforded the average boy or girl for obtaining an education were not so great as they are at present. In olden times there were fewer



Councillor Hooper.

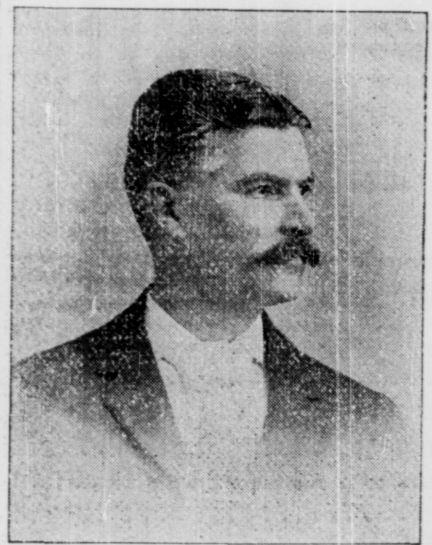
schools, and the buildings were in many instances of a most un-suitable character. Since then, however, commodious school

buildings have been erected in Charlottetown, and these have been fitted with a due regard to the requirements and com-



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forts of the youth of both sexes. There are three public schools in the city, Upper Prince, West Kent and Queen Square. There are also the Prince of Wales College and the Model School. Besides these there are two private schools for girls, the Convent de Notre Dame and the Convent of St. Joseph, and a boys and girls school in connection with St. Peter's Church. There is also the Kindergarten where very tiny tots of both sexes receive their rudimentary education, and a school for girls in connection with St. Paul's Church and



H. M. Davison, City Clerk.

Miss Harvi's school at the west end of the city. In addition there are two commercial colleges where those who may wish to acquire a business education can do so.

As the city progressed it became necessary to add to the efficiency of the Fire Department, which at the time of incorporation was in a very primitive state. At that time the apparatus consisted of two or three small hand engines which had to be filled by means of buckets passed from hand to hand. A year or two later, however, Councillor Herzog went to Boston and bought Tremont hand engine, the first suction engine ever used here. About the same time the bucket brigade was strengthened by the introduction of a system of leather buckets, painted red, and each householder was obliged to supply himself with one or more



Chief Engineer Large.

of these according to the size of his premises.

This was the condition of affairs at the time of the big fire in July, 1866, by which much valuable property was destroyed. D. McKinnon was Captain of Tremont Company when this fire took place, and under him were about fifty men including our present efficient Chief Engineer, A. N. Large.

This fire, it may be able, started in what was known as the old Bagnall property on Pownal Street, owned by J. G. Ekstadt. The fire was discovered about three o'clock on a Sunday morning, and the alarm was sounded from the fire bell in the old Court House Building on Market Square, and proclaimed about the streets by Crier John Hatch a familiar figure at that time. The fire was not far advanced by the time the firemen arrived on the scene, and it would have been

quickly subdued had the hose been in good condition.

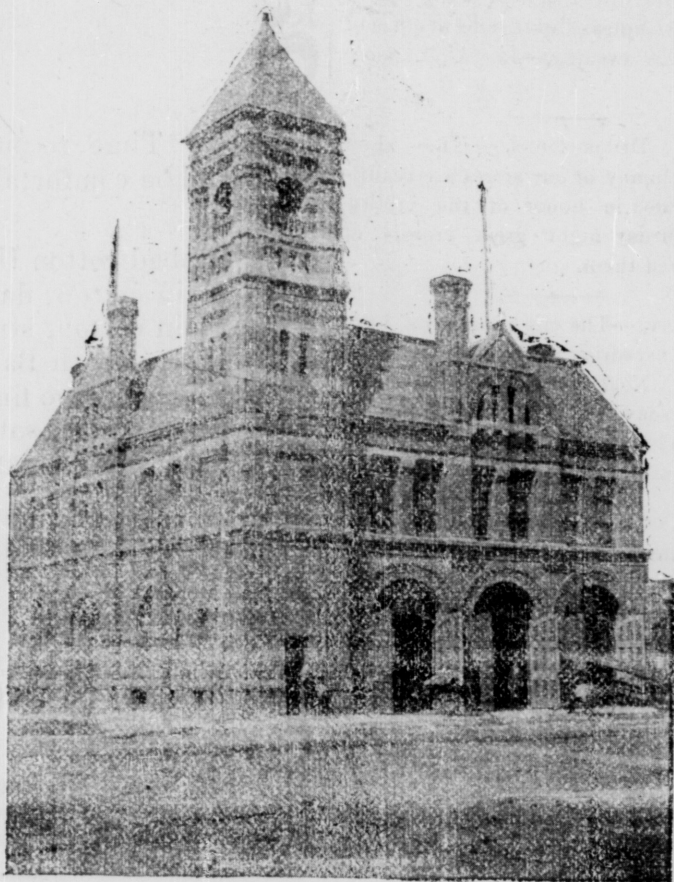
Old Tremont was placed on Pownal wharf and the hose was stretched from there to the scene of the fire. The firemen and citizens applied themselves assiduously to the handles, and soon a copious supply of salt water was sent in. But the leather hose in use was very bad, and at critical times it would burst, thus allowing the fire to obtain a foothold up in the neighboring buildings. For about seven hours the fire raged, destroying the four blocks from Pownal to Great George Street on the east and from Water to Dorchester streets on the north, spending its fury in the vicinity of St. Dunstan's Cathedral. The only buildings left standing on Water Street were the long brick structure at present occupied by Perke Bros., Tremont Depot and others, and the Bonded Warehouse in the vicinity of the Queen Hotel.

This fire taught the citizens a severe lesson, and they at once set about adding to the efficiency of the fire department. Rollo steam fire engine was imported from England a month or so later, and a company was organized under Dr. Strickland. A year or so afterwards the department was still further strengthened by the purchase in England of a Merryweather engine somewhat similar to Tremont. Benj. Rogers was appointed to the command of the company assigned to this engine. In 1875 another stride in the direction of improvement was made by the purchase of Silsby Steam Fire Engine. A company was organized in connection with Silsby, and Dr. Strickland was placed in command, A. N. Large taking his place as captain of Rollo.

Steps had been taken some time before this to add to the efficiency of the water

Besides being able to do good work at fires they are able to hold their own in athletic contests, as was evidenced in the tournament held here a few years ago when they carried off the lion's share of prizes in competition with crack teams and runners from other sections of the Dominion.

It will be seen from the foregoing brief outline of the progress of Charlottetown since incorporation that the Island capital has enjoyed a fair measure of prosperity during that portion of Her Majesty's reign which has come under my notice. It is fitting, therefore, that the sixtieth anniversary of her accession should be observed in a becoming manner by the loyal people of one of the most loyal cities in Her Majesty's dominions. The Mayor and City Councillors have taken up the matter of a celebration of the jubilee, and in this work they have had the sympathy and encouragement of the various national and fraternal societies, the military and firemen, and the bicycle clubs. They have also had the assistance of those amongst us who are not connected with any of the organizations referred to, and His Honor Lieutenant-Governor Howland, Her Majesty's representative in this Province, has contributed much to the success of the undertaking. The programme prepared for the celebration is an excellent one, and its rendition cannot fail to be pleasing to our people. There may be more extensive celebrations than that which will take place in Charlottetown tomorrow, but there will be none in which all will join more readily and sympathetically. There may be more profuse expressions of loyalty, but there will be none more sincere than those which will go up from our people. From the heart of every



The City Hall

supply for fire purposes, and tanks were sunk in different sections of the city. These tanks were filled with water either from Quirk's or some other pump or the river, and when a fire occurred water was drawn therefrom by the engines. Sometimes, however, these tanks became exhausted during the progress of a fire and much valuable time was lost removing the engines from one tank to another.

To this is ascribed the fire of February 1884, which destroyed almost the entire southern section of Market Square from Stumper's Corner to St. Patrick's Hall, as well as the Post Office building in Queen Square and the North American Hotel on Kent Street. At a critical time during the progress of the fire the supply of water in the tank at McEachern's corner became exhausted, and while the engine was being removed to another tank the fire obtained such headway that it was impossible to check it for a long time afterwards.

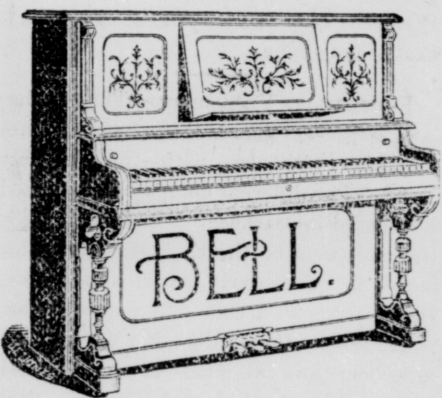
This fire showed the necessity there was for a better water supply, and the agitation which some of the more progressive of our citizens had been carrying on for some time assumed generous proportions. The outcome of this agitation was the excellent system of waterworks which the City of Charlottetown now possesses. Since the introduction of the waterworks there have been no serious fires, and excepting on one occasion the firemen have been able to get along without the steamers.

I neglected to mention before that shortly after the purchase of Silsby steamer a Hook and Ladder Company and a Salvage Corps was established. Both of these organizations have performed valuable work at fires, and have proved themselves the equals of similar institutions of much greater pretensions.

The fire department under the direction of Chief Engineer Large is in a most efficient condition. Officers and men are always ready and willing to respond to the call to duty, and their work at fires has often been favorably commented upon by persons from abroad who have had opportunities of seeing what paid departments have been able to accomplish.

citizen will ascend to the Great White Throne a prayer that Victoria the Good may be spared for many years to rule over a happy and united people.

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Procession of Military, Fraternal and National Societies, starting from Queen Square at 2 o'clock.

Opening of Park Roadway by Mayor Dawson at 2.30 o'clock.

Assembly of School Children on the Grand Stand at Victoria Park to sing the National Anthem, Canada Forever, etc.

The Military will be drawn up in line at Victoria Park to receive His Honor the Lieut. Governor with a General Salute at 3 o'clock.

H.M. S. Rambler will be in port and it is expected that a detachment of sailors will land to join in the afternoon's celebration.

Addresses will be delivered by His Worship Mayor Dawson and His Honor Lieutenant Governor Howland.

Presentation of Medals to School Children.

Presentation of Governor General's Medal also Watch from His Honor the Lieutenant Governor to John Sark, Chief of Micmac Indians.

IN THE EVENING.

Illumination of Public Buildings, Stores, and Private Residences.

Torchlight Procession by the City Firemen,

Parade by the Bicycle Clubs.

Grand display of Fireworks at Victoria Row.

Arrangements have been made for reduced fares on Railway and Steamboats.

H. M. DAVISON, City Clerk. Secretary Jubilee Committee.
W. E. DAWSON, Mayor. Chairman Jubilee Committee

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