

WATERWORKS.

Further Discussed at a Meeting of Citizens in Market Hall.

The Underwriter's Proposal.

NO SEWERAGE REQUIRED.

RESOLUTION WITHDRAWN.

An adjourned meeting of Citizens was held in Market Hall last night for the purpose of further considering the necessity of a water supply for the city of Charlotte.

The Chairman—Henry Beer, Esq., M. P. P.—opened the meeting with a few brief remarks, and then invited the representative of the Board of Underwriters to explain what reduction the Board would be willing to make if waterworks were constructed in the city.

SENATOR CARVELL, who, at a meeting of the underwriters, had been appointed to represent them at the citizens' meeting, came forward and read a list of the names of members composing the Board, viz.: G. W. DeBlois, F. T. Newbury, R. R. Fitzgerald, John McEachern, Horace Hazard, F. W. Hyndman, A. S. Urquhart and N. J. Campbell, Esqrs., and Messrs. Des-Bray & Angus and Carvell Bros. He then explained the object of the Board. It was for mutual protection. The cutting of insurance rates had become so general that it was dangerous. As a consequence the best companies were about to be withdrawn. The Board was therefore formed, uniform rates were established and adhered to by all companies doing business in the city. At a meeting of the underwriters, held yesterday, the following statement was made—

THE PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND BOARD OF UNDERWRITERS.

The Board find that the amount of insurance at present existing in Charlottetown and Common is \$2,545,672.00 and that the premiums paid thereon amount to \$3,344.14. That the increased rates to be charged after 3rd June next, in case no action is taken towards procuring a sufficient water supply will amount to \$7,668.82. Total \$45,012.93. That with a sufficient water supply, and an efficient and properly equipped Fire Brigade, not only will the above, be removed, but a reduction from the present of \$6,300.69.

Be made, making a total of \$14,659.51 to be saved by the action of this meeting.

At a further meeting it was decided that if in three months no definite action is taken with regard to waterworks, a further increase of insurance would, undoubtedly, be made.

Following is the resolution passed by the Board of Underwriters on the 29th inst.—

Resolved, That upon the introduction into the city of a sufficient water supply, and the establishment of an efficient Fire Department, the tariff rates of insurance, as now enforced, will be reduced twenty per cent.

A. G. URQUHART, Secretary.

GEO. E. FULL, Esq., read the following answers from the Mayor of Truro regarding the cost of waterworks, and how it operates in that place:—

Waterworks in operation nine years, that is to say the works at the River, and a small reservoir on the Hepper Brook for domestic supply, 3,000 feet from Railway, which proved too small, when last summer the larger one 6,000 feet mentioned was erected, which gives a pressure of seventy-five or eighty lbs. per square inch on the pipes through the town without for ordinary fire purposes. If it ever proves insufficient the engine is started, which can give under favorable conditions, about 110 lbs. per square inch, and possibly could be forced to give 120 lbs. pressure.

ANNUAL COST OF MAINTENANCE.

Table with 2 columns: Item, Cost. Interest on construction say \$2,200.00; Engineer's salary 500.00; Cost of repairs 100.00; Cost of fuel 60.00; Total \$2,860.00.

The present rate of insurance is 4 per cent, before waterworks were established 1 per cent. Have never used hydrants for watering streets, except to fill watering cart, but consider it practicable.

Majority of citizens have this water in their residences and stores.

WATER RATES.

Table with 2 columns: Category, Rate. Private houses, per annum \$ 5.00; Boarding houses, 7.50; Hotels, 10.00; Factories, exempt formerly, per annum 10.00.

Have no sewers; soil gravel to a depth of twenty feet or more.

As we have no sewers and have the Waterworks we can say it is practicable without sewers; of course our soil is very porous.

Sewers have not proved a necessity so far. No effort made for sewers, as we have not moved in the matter. Can't say as to cost. Would advise you to put down as few four inch pipes as possible. Six inch are better and eight and ten better still.

Yours, very truly, W. D. McCALLUM, Town Clerk and Treas.

HON. G. W. DEBLOIS was surprised to see that insurance was so low in Truro. There must be some mistake; but if the statement is correct, it was a strong argument in favor of waterworks. With regard to insurance in Charlottetown, he stated that, had the insurance men who fixed the insurance rates here seen the report of the committee, they would, no doubt, have made the rates much higher. With a good, efficient fire brigade he felt sure we would get insurance as cheap in Charlottetown as in any city on the Continent; but if the report of the present horrible state of our fire department goes abroad, we will certainly lose our insurance.

SENATOR CARVELL was of opinion that when waterworks are introduced the rates of insurance will be reduced to one-half what they are now. The amount at present paid for insurance is \$8,344.14; but if waterworks were introduced we would only have to pay \$19,172.07. He was not surprised that insurance rates were so low in

Truro as the houses there were detached. The Board of Underwriters do not represent all companies doing business. Many first class companies will not come here to do business; but if waterworks are constructed, they will come in, and as a consequence there will be more competition. When he (Senator Carvell) was mayor, the cost of repairing pumps and wells was over \$1,100; last year it was over \$500. The average for this work was over \$800 yearly. Other items, say as above—watering streets, filling tanks, cost of hose—would be saved. Looking at all these facts he thought it would be better to introduce waterworks without delay.

CHARLES HERTZ, Esq., spoke irrelevantly on the subject. He believed the question of waterworks should be tested at the polls.

ALEXANDER MCKINNON, Esq., thought that the replies of the Mayor of Truro were well worthy of consideration, and that if waterworks were introduced we would be able to get a good supply, cheap, instead of a bad supply, dear, as is the case at present. He moved the following resolution:—

Whereas, It is in the opinion of this meeting of the greatest importance that immediate steps should be taken to provide this city with a sufficient supply of water for the extinction of fires.

Therefore Resolved, That the City Council be requested to advertise for tenders, and to enter into a contract with any reliable Company, that will guarantee to provide a sufficient number of fire hydrants, having a force of water and in all respects equal to those described in the report of the Citizens Committee, on the following conditions:

1. That the yearly rental shall not exceed \$2,500, and that not less than fifty (50) hydrants be furnished for that sum.

2. That arrangement be made in the contract for twenty or thirty of the hydrants to be ready for service, with a sufficient force of water, by the 1st of October next. The water to be supplied to the hydrants for the present by a pump engine located in the vicinity of Quirk's pump, or at any other convenient place, and to be used and kept in good order until the whole of the works are completed, and the water is supplied from some other source, such as Winter River or Gate's Brook.

The last clause was based on the offer of R. H. Buchanan & Co., of Montreal. Mr. McKinnon was not pleased with the proposal of the underwriters. He thought they might have done better.

P. R. BOWERS expressed himself at length in favor of waterworks, provided they did not increase the tax on real estate, and thought that if a contract for construction of such works were let it would be preferable to give it to a local company.

Mr. Bowers moved, seconded by Mr. Henry Rackham, that the following words be added to the resolution proposed by Mr. McKinnon:—

"Provided the City Council can enter into a satisfactory contract for an abundant supply of water for fire purposes, without imposing a higher rate of assessment on real estate than is imposed at present, and, further provided, that no contract, as aforesaid, be entered into by them until the question shall have been submitted for the approval of the citizens, at a civic election."

MR. FULL, after replying to certain statements of Mr. Bowers, said it was a ridiculous idea some had that everyone must take the water when it is introduced. They need not take it, no more than they need take gas. Regarding sewerage, he said that Mr. Perry's estimate for that work is \$30,000.

L. H. DAVIES, Esq., was opposed to sewerage. Owing to the city being surrounded with flats, it was a question whether sewerage would be a cause of, or a hindrance to disease. He did not believe that the city was so badly supplied with water. It was the inefficient equipment of the fire department was the cause of all the trouble. He was not in favor of the resolution because the City Council could not act upon it without the necessary legislation, but he was in favor of the scheme set forth in the letter of R. H. Buchanan & Co. He thought that a resolution to effect that the report be approved of, and that the water question he laid before the citizens in January, was the proper one.

MR. FULL to Mr. Davies—Do you think it would be well to remain as we are, with an insufficient supply of water, for eighteen months?

MR. DAVIES—I do not think that we have an insufficient supply of water. The fault lies in the inefficiency of the Fire Department.

COUNCILLOR TANTON spoke at length on the subject. He said he would not offer a factions opposition to the scheme, but the present Council could not carry the resolution into effect, as they had already passed the assessment for the present year, and had not the legislation to empower them to do so. We have, he said, as good water at Spring Park as is on the Island—better than at Gates' Brook or Winter River. He was opposed to the scheme of partial waterworks, because, while it benefited the centre of the city, it was of no benefit to his constituents in Ward Five. Until they (his constituents) supported him in a scheme of waterworks he would oppose waterworks altogether.

COUNCILLOR MURPHY took exception to the statement of Councillor Tanton that the water at Spring Park was better than at Gate's Mill or Winter River. Professor Hays after testing both, reported Winter River water to be the best; yet Councillor Tanton by drinking one knew better than Professor Hays who analyzed both. Mr. Murphy agreed with Mr. Davies, that we did not require sewerage. He named various towns in Europe and America, celebrated for their healthfulness, that had waterworks, and did not, nor have not, a system of sewerage. Mr. Murphy showed that if good, pure, and soft water were introduced into the city—similar to that at Winter River—it would be a great saving to the poor man. In the article of bread alone he showed that the use of soft water in its manufacture would effect a saving to the consumers in Charlottetown of \$5,000, also a saving on tea of \$1,872, soap, \$5,460, spring water, \$12,592—a grand total of \$25,624 per annum. Mr. Murphy quoted celebrated scientists to prove his statements, and said this being the case he should vote for waterworks if it was only for the benefit of the poor alone. With respect to the supply of water in the city, and at Quirk's pump in particular, it was only good at certain seasons. At times there was no supply for more than one engine. Mr. Murphy closed his remarks by strongly urging the meeting to vote for waterworks, as they were necessary.

D. FARQUHARSON thought we should do something in this matter with which the

City Council would agree. If we did not we would not succeed. He did not agree with the proposition of the insurance companies. They should tell us what they would guarantee, instead of what they intend to do.

HENRY RACKHAM, Esq., believed that the public had changed their minds with reference to waterworks, and that public opinion was now in its favor.

MR. MCKINNON said that as most of those who were in attendance had left the Hall, and as a fair vote could not be taken, he would ask leave to withdraw the resolution.

HON. D. LAIRD moved that Mr. McKinnon have leave to withdraw his resolution.

DR. JENKINS seconded the motion.

It was carried and the meeting adjourned sine die.

P. McQUAID, Secretary.

May 30, 1884.

THE Tavernier Comedy Company gave their second performance last night at the Academy of Music to a fair audience. "Under the Gaslight" was the bill of fare. It was admirably played. We think the Tavernier by the best company that has visited us for some years, and we are surprised our citizens do not avail themselves of this opportunity of seeing a first-class performance.

NEW Children's Toy Books—Bremner Bros. m30 2i

We understand that Mr. Reid, so well-known in this city as an accomplished vocalist, will open classes for voice culture, and will also give private lessons, on his return to the Island in about three months. A number of persons having promised their patronage, Mr. Reid before coming to the Island some three years ago, took several courses of lessons from a celebrated voice builder. He has gone away for the present to finish with a professional. On his return he will receive a hearty reception from his many musical friends.—Com.

NEW Slates—Prenner Bros. m30 2i

We are glad to see that the police are actively impounding cattle at large on our recently planted squares and streets. Seventeen cows and seven horses have been put in within the last month.

ORANGES, Lemons, Dates, Jams, Jellies, and everything nice at the City Steam Bakery. [may 30]

THE summer train arrangement will be found on our fourth page.

JELLY ROLL and Jelly Squares at the City Steam Bakery, Prince Street.—J. QUIRK. [may 30]

THE Great Slaughter of dry goods, oil paintings, chromos, photo frames, mirrors, etc., positively closes on Monday evening, June 2nd, inst. [m20 2i]

THE ten mile professional bicycle race at Washington, on the 27th inst., between Prince Higham, Woodside and Morgan, was witnessed by 1,500 people. On the last mile, Prince, who had ridden second to Woodside after the first mile, came to the front and won 32 1/2. Woodside one second later. Morgan retired on the second mile and Higham was compelled to retire on the tenth by the breaking of a spoke.

FRESH Coconut, Vanilla and Wine Cake, at the City Steam Bakery, Prince Street.—J. QUIRK. [may 30]

ALL favorite perfumes in bulk—a large new stock—at WATSON'S.

BEST Room Paper in the city at Diamond Bookstore.

GOSNELL'S Peas, and Rimmel's Violet Powder, and Fuller's Earth, at WATSON'S.

THE Rev. John Lathera arrived in this City last evening. He lectures this evening.

NEW School Books—Bremner Bros. m30 2i

NEW DRESSING.—A beautiful dressing for kid and oil goat boots at Dorsey, Goff & Co.

"NURSES TREASURE" at WATSON'S.

Two hundred boxes Choice Figs just received at Beer & Goff's. [may 29]

BEAUTIFUL new Brushes, Combs, Soaps and Perfumes at WATSON'S.

NEW "Seasides"—Bremner Bros. m30 2i

Dwelling House on Water Street, FOR SALE.

THE subscriber is instructed to sell by Auction at the premises, Water Street, Charlottetown, on THURSDAY, the 5th day of JUNE next, at 12 o'clock, noon, that valuable dwelling house and premises for many years past occupied by the American Consul, Col. Dunn.

The property fronts 84 feet on Water Street and runs back therefrom 108 feet.

The house contains twelve rooms besides a large and commodious office attached.

There is a good tank and a pump in the kitchen, and also an English Range.

Any persons desirous of inspecting the premises previously to the sale, can obtain the key at the residence of Hon. W. W. Lord.

Terms easy and liberal, and made known at time of sale.

WILLIAM DODD, Auctioneer.

May 27, 1884—pat

P. E. Island Pottery.

STOVE-PIPE STONES, CHIMNEY TOPS, DRAIN PIPES, STRAWBERRY VINE PROTECTORS, And other articles made to order at the P. E. ISLAND POTTERY.

BEER & GOFF AGENTS

Ch'town, May 27, 1884.

NOTICE.

CITIZENS cleaning out their yards can deposit ashes, etc., in the dock at the east end of the Gas Works.

May 19, 1884—2w wkl

SUMMER GOODS

—AT—

Perkins & Sterns'

WE are showing a complete stock of English and American Hats and Bonnets for June trade.

Black, White, and Colored Straw Hats. Black, White, and Colored Straw Bonnets. Chip Hats and Bonnets. Trimmed Hats and Bonnets. Fancy Straw Hats and Bonnets. The largest display of Children's Hats to be found on P. E. I. Feathers and Flowers Hat and Bonnet Shapes.

NEW MILLINERY MATERIALS.

A very large stock of Parasols and Umbrellas. Millinery made up at short notice by first-class hands.

PRICES LOW.

PERKINS & STERNS.

Ch'town, May 28, 1884.

Attention Ye Who Are In Doubt. Province of Prince Edward Island.

IN THE SUPREME COURT.

Let Experience be Judge,—Comparison and Purse the Jury. MARK WRIGHT & CO., Because of the excellent facilities they possess, have been able to reduce the price of all goods manufactured by them, and by buying their raw material in the best markets, for cash, are prepared to give the purchasing public

THE BEST VALUE IN THE PROVINCE.

They are selling from thirty to fifty per cent. below prices asked some time ago in the same establishment.

Factory, Office and Showroom—King Square, Kent Street

Charlottetown, May 27, 1884—2w wkl

LONDON HOUSE. TAILORING DEPARTMENT.

JUST OPENED, a splendid assortment of Scotch, English and Canadian

Tweeds and Doeskins, Worsted Coatings, Broadcloths & Trimmings.

Suits and Single Garments

MADE TO ORDER

AT THE SHORTEST NOTICE.

GEO. DAVIES & CO.

Ch'town, May 19—wkl

NEW SUMMER GOODS

Fifty Cases and Bales Now Open and More to Follow.

J. B. MACDONALD

HAS now open the greater portion of Spring Stock, comprising all the newest things in Hats, Flowers, Feathers, Ribbons, Gloves, Hosiery, Sun Shades, Dress Material in all the newest shades and fabrics, Brocaded and O toman Silks and Satins, Black and Colored Cashmeres and Merinos, Lace Curtains and Curtain Nets, Counterpanes.

CLOTHS! CLOTHS! IN WORSTEDS AND TWEEDS.

A LARGE STOCK OF

Ready-made Clothing, in Men's and Boys',

the most varied and cheapest ever shown by

J. B. MACDONALD,

Ch'town, May 19, 1884.—2w wkl.

Dominion of Canada,

Province of Prince Edward Island.

IN THE SUPREME COURT.

In the matter of an Act of the Parliament of Canada, passed in the forty-fifth year of Her present Majesty's Reign, Chapter 23 intitled, "An Act respecting Insolvent Banks, Insurance Companies, Loan Companies, Building Societies, and Trading Corporations, and of the President, Directors, and Company of the Bank of Prince Edward Island, an Insolvent Banking Company.

UPON the application of the Liquidators of the above-named Banking Company, and upon reading the Petition of Lemuel Cambridge Owen, Charles Colson Gardner and David C. Chalmers, dated the twenty-sixth day of March, A. D. 1884, praying for a general order, requiring the Contributors of said Company to pay a final call of fourteen dollars and eighty-eight cents per share, and the order made by me, dated the first day of April last past, A. D. 1884, calling on all parties concerned to show cause this day why such third and final call, to the amount of fourteen dollars and eighty-eight cents per share, should not be made on all contributors of the above-named Banking Company, and upon reading the notice signed by the Prothonotary, issued in pursuance of such order and the affidavit of Leith E. Brecken, of the publication of such notice in the Weekly Patriot, which I order shall be sufficient publication, and the affidavit of Benjamin F. Messivey of the due transmission by mail of such notices to all contributors residing abroad, and upon hearing counsel for the said Liquidators, and no cause to the contrary being now shown before me, I DO ORDER that a THIRD and FINAL CALL OF FOURTEEN DOLLARS AND EIGHTY-EIGHT CENTS per share be made on all the contributors of the said Banking Company; and I do further order that each such contributor do, on or before the THIRTY-FIRST day of OCTOBER NEXT, A. D. 1884, pay unto the BANK OF NOVA SCOTIA, at its branch in Charlottetown, in said Province of Prince Edward Island, to the account of the Liquidators of the said Company, the amount which will be due from him or her or them, in respect of such call; and I do further order that a copy of this order, together with a notice from the Liquidators of the said Company, specifying the amount due from each such contributor, in respect of such call, be served on all such contributors by posting the same in a letter, prepaid and registered, in the General Post Office, in Charlottetown, in said Province, addressed to the party or parties contributors, at his, her or their last known address or place of abode, or by the delivery thereof severally to the attorney of the party to be served; and I do further order that a copy of this order be published in the Royal Gazette newspaper of said Province, and in the Weekly Patriot newspaper, published in Charlottetown, in said Province, in the daily issues thereof, for two weeks from the date hereof.

Dated this twelfth day of May, A. D. 1884.

(S'gd) JAMES H. PETERS, A. J.

May 15—2w

A By-Law for Levying and Specifying the Rate of an Assessment on Real Estate and Income in the City of Charlottetown.

BE it enacted by the City Council of the City of Charlottetown, as follows:

1. The rate of assessment for the year commencing the 1st of January, A. D. 1884, and ending the 31st of December, A. D. 1884, is hereby specified and fixed at the rate of one cent and one tenth of a cent on every dollar of the value of Real Estate within the City of Charlottetown, according to the valuation of such Real Estate as assessed by the Assessors of the said City in their valuation rolls of such Real Estate, made, and duly returned by them, on the ninth day of April, A. D. 1884.

2. The rate of assessment for the year commencing the 1st of January, A. D. 1884, and ending 31st day of December, A. D. 1884, is hereby specified and fixed at the rate of one-half of one per cent on every dollar of the amount of the net yearly Income, Salaries, or receipts of all persons, partnerships and corporations, as assessed by the Assessors of the said City, in their valuation rolls of such Income, made, and duly returned by them, on the ninth day of April, A. D. 1884.

(Signed) DAVID R. M. HOOPER, Mayor of City of Charlottetown.

[L. S.] A. H. MACPHERSON, City Clerk.

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