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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

The Water Commissioners' Demand

SIR.—The City Council meets this evening for the purpose of receiving a report from the Recorder as to the legality of the city guaranteeing an advance of twelve thousand dollars to the Water Commissioners. Whatever the Recorder's report upon the legal question may be, it should not affect the Council's duty, which, in my opinion, is simply to refuse the guarantee.

The City of Charlottetown is a corporation whose powers, as well as the duty of its officers and members are well defined by the statute. An examination of that statute, however, will fail to discover the slightest authority, either express or by implication, which can even raise an argument in favor of the request for "the co-operation of the Council to secure a provisional loan to pay off balances due on contracts."

The Water Commissioners are incorporated by an Act of our Local House, and their duties and powers are also defined by their charter. They stand in the eye of the law as strangers to the city and independent of it. They, however, according to their report, have eaten up their capital and gone beyond it—into debt; and now come in and ask the city to go security for money to enable them to go deeper in debt, contrary to the express language of their Act of Incorporation.

I have not the slightest hesitation in saying that the City Council has no power by law to comply with the request, and on that ground alone they should refuse it. Should they, however, be advised otherwise and accede to the demand, it would be well for them to remember that when a corporation acts beyond its powers any member may object and insist that the illegal act be not binding on the corporation, and should a citizen (who is a member of the city corporation) take steps to annul the councillors' action, and should he be successful the result will be to render every councillor who voted in favor of the guarantee personally responsible.

Who ever heard of a municipal corporation endorsing a note or giving security for another corporation who had got into debt? The request is unprecedented and cannot be legally complied with. I say this on the ground that the City Act does not authorize the guarantee, and as it is not a matter incident to the City Corporation, but one entirely foreign to its objects, it cannot be implied.

I do not, however, intend to rest my objection on the above ground, but will examine the charter of the Water Commissioners and see if any authority can be found there to raise money by an overdraft at a bank.

It is a matter of history fresh in the memory of almost every citizen, that the present Waterworks Act is based on certain resolutions passed at a public meeting of the citizens held in the Market Hall. It was then the fear of a majority of the citizens that the Commissioners would run the city into debt, and in order to curb them and limit the liability it was resolved that \$165,000 should be the extent of the indebtedness, and it was insisted that a provision to this end should be embodied in the Act. This was done and debentures to that amount have been issued and sold at a profit of over \$6000. Whether that profit should not have been returned the city is a question I am not at present prepared to discuss; to say the least it is a grave one, and well worthy of serious consideration. There is no doubt that the Act only intended the Commissioners to receive and spend \$165,000. Instead, however, they have received and spent over \$171,000. The Act having limited the amount for which the Commissioners could incur liability, it needs no Recorder's opinion nor authority, beyond the statute, to arrive at the conclusion that the Commissioners' request for co-operation to raise money contrary to and against the express terms of their charter is as illegal as anything could possibly be. Councillors never do enforce contracts made in violation of the law of the land. We have ample evidence of this in cases where it is sought to recover for liquors sold in Scott Act towns. The courts say: You, having sold the liquor contrary to law, cannot recover, and the action is dismissed. Might I ask where is the distinction in the present case? The Commissioners come to the City Council and say: We have gone into debt beyond what our charter authorized us. We are still in debt; go our security for more money to enable us to get deeper into debt, and next session we will ask the Local House to ratify our conduct against the wishes of the citizens of Charlottetown, as expressed at the public meeting before referred to. The anti-Scott Act dealers might, with an equally good grace, ask to be permitted to go on selling liquor by promising to apply to Parliament next session to repeal the Scott Act, contrary to the expressed wishes of a majority of the electors of Charlottetown, as evidenced at the Ballot Box.

The fact is, the Water Commissioners are growing bold. They have, according to their own report, as annexed to the City Accounts for last year, accepted hydrants which were not according to specification, and which their engineer has refused to pass; and, in addition, have on their hands a leaky reservoir, which so far has not been used at all, except for the purpose of demonstrating that water will run down hill. Besides all this, they have been exceedingly kind to themselves. They have employed a clerk to do the manual work of the office, and have paid their own salaries as well as the clerk's to the extent of \$3,187.50; and they have permitted one of themselves to be interested in contracts, although their Act says that "no Water Commissioner shall personally have or hold any contract in connection with said works or the building thereof, or supplying materials therefor, or be directly or indirectly interested in the same or any of them."

The duty of the City Council is plain. They are the representatives of the citizens of Charlottetown, and the wishes of the

citizens have been expressed plainly in the resolutions passed at the Market Hall meeting and in the Waterworks Act, and these wishes they should see enforced. They can tell the Water Commissioners that the law does not allow them to "co-operate" in violating the law, and therefore it becomes unnecessary to discuss the advisability of guaranteeing "a provisional loan to enable them to pay off balances due on contracts," and that, inasmuch as the Commissioners have heretofore maintained their independence of the Council, especially when water was required for street purposes, let them now show their independence by lending their own individual names for the advance. This would be a far more independent course than asking ten private citizens, who happen to be City Councillors, to lend theirs.

A RATEPAYER.

Drunkenness at the Park.

SIR.—In your notes on Friday it is stated "that those who went to Halifax report that the number of drunken men, seen on the streets during the continuance of the carnival was small," and comparing Halifax to Charlottetown, the writer adds as follows: "We regret that as much cannot be said of the Scottish Gathering at Charlottetown." The correctness of your report from some who went to Halifax is questioned by others who were present at both demonstrations, and whose statements differ widely from those of your informants.

You also state "that there were indications that something to make drunk come" was sold on the trotting park. In reference to this charge I have to inform you that the games committee (his tender being the highest) subject to the restriction that no "intoxicants" of any kind should be sold or permitted on the grounds by himself or any one of his attendants. The only entrance to the park, which is surrounded by a fence ten or eleven feet high, was by the front gate, which was well guarded by responsible men employed by the committee. If, therefore, "something" or anything "to make drunk come" was sold on the park, it must have been by caterer Murphy or those acting for him, in defiance of the conditions of his contract. The fact must have escaped your notice that rum shops and shanties are in full blast under the Scott Act in Charlottetown, and that "intoxicants," taken in those places, took visible effect on their victims after they entered the park.

Under the heading "police court," you give a list of the victims of "fire water," who you say were arraigned before his honor the Stipendiary Magistrate next morning, "as the result of yesterday's festivities." At the head of the list you place an assault and battery case, which took place some time since, and not at the Scotch gathering, as your readers are led to believe; and it is very doubtful if those on your list of "drunk and incapable" found their way to the grounds.

Trusting that in justice to the managers of the Scottish gathering, you will give place to the above.

I remain yours,

THISTLE.

A Hop Farm in New Brunswick.

Mr. Harrison, a wealthy Englishman, who is a professor of mathematics in an Ontario College, has started a hop farm at Sussex, N. B. Regarding it a correspondent of the St. John Sun says:

"Work was only begun on this venture about a year ago, and about 100 acres planted. The vines are thriving finely, and give promise of a yield of about half a ton to the acre, about half the yield expected in coming seasons. The very finest plants have been selected for this enterprise from a hop farm in Ontario and a practical Ontario hop farmer is in charge. To a stranger this hop farm with its 60 acres of poles, ranging from 16 to 20 feet in height, covered with its mossy green vines loaded with flowers soon to form the hop, is both interesting and pleasing. Drying houses, presses and all the necessary appliances for raising and curing hops have been placed on the premises, and the acreage will be doubled next season, its enterprising owner being most sanguine that his venture will be a success, pecuniary end otherwise. One point in the raising of hops is that after the vines have been stripped they are cut off about three feet from the bottom, the hops placed in ensilage and make excellent feed for young cattle. Hop raising is said to be profitable."

Personal.

Sir John Macdonald was at St. Andrew's, N. B., on Friday evening last.

Lord and Lady Lansdowne are said to be regaining confidence and respect in India.

The Duke of Fife declines to permit his wife, Princess Louise of Wales, to accept any share of the parliamentary grant to the Royal family.

Thomas G. Barnard, Esq., who has been visiting relatives and friends here, left for his home at Los Angeles, California, this morning.

Sir Edward Watkin proposes, if ever he gets his Channel tunnel cut through and that a big, big, big—run trains direct from London to Gibraltar, transfer cars by boat to Tangier and thence along the north coast of Africa, through Egypt, down the Persian Gulf to the Kurrahee, and so on to Calcutta, without change of cars.

Boston Markets.

AUGUST 15.

Eggs—There has been a steady, good demand for choice fresh stock, and a further advance in prices this week. Eastern extras have been in short supply at 16c. Best marks of P. E. Island, Nova Scotia and New Brunswick firm at 16c.

That distention of the stomach which many people feel after eating, may be due to improper mastication of the food; but, in most cases, it indicates a weakness of the digestive organs, the best remedy for which is one of Ayer's pills, to be taken after dinner.