

The Daily Examiner

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The Two Candidates.

FOR Mr. D. R. M. Hooper personally, in his own proper business and as a private citizen, there are, we believe, few persons in Charlottetown who entertain feelings other than those of respect. But Mr. Hooper, as Mayor of the City, would be in another position; and we need not say that men who shine in one position are, in many cases, unfitted and utterly unable to perform aright the duties appertaining to another. It may be urged that the duties of Mayor are, ordinarily, neither very difficult nor very onerous; but our late experience has proved that emergencies may at any moment arise calling for trained business capacity and high moral courage and the Mayor ought undoubtedly to be a man fitted to cope successfully with the exigencies of the office as well as to sit with dignity in the magisterial chair when there is nothing to be done. Moreover, the current year is likely to be one in which trained judgment will be required on the part of the executive head of the corporation. If the interests of the city and the will of the people be attended to, a contract will have to be made with a Waterworks Company; and besides this important matter, the debt incurred by reason of the smallpox visitation must be disposed of. A capable man for business is therefore required.

Most persons will admit that Mr. Henry Beer has displayed this quality in the year that is past. Councillor Curtis declares that he "acted nobly" during the smallpox visitation; and we are bound to say that the worthy Councillor's words are not, in this instance, too strong. His conduct during the "scare" was prompt, prudent and effective. His expedient of purchasing supplies for the sufferers by wholesale undoubtedly resulted in the saving of hundreds of dollars; and it will surprise as well as please most of our citizens to learn that—apart from the accounts of the physicians—the total cost entailed by the smallpox visitation will not exceed \$9,000.

Apart from this, the measures adopted by Mr. Beer with respect to waterworks, were prudent and business-like, and though they failed for the time, the fault was not his. With some mistakes, to which all men are liable, Mr. Beer has, on the whole, performed the duties of his office very well; and we think that, under all the circumstances, the citizens should show their approbation by electing him for another term. Ex-Mayor Hooper and ex-Mayor Dawson were each in office several years, and it would seem an unwarranted reflection upon Mr. Beer, as well as a "going back" upon the progressive policy adopted by the citizens last year, if he were now, at the end of his first term, turned out of the Mayor's office.

An Ontario Journal on the Subway.

THE Chatham (Ont.) Planet, a staunch and ably conducted Liberal-Conservative journal, commenting editorially on the late Subway Lecture, by Senator Howlan, in Charlottetown, says:—

"All the Provinces have their wants, and the success of their representatives to some extent depend upon the amount of federal funds which can be obtained to help them along. The latest to demand is Prince Edward Island. A late issue of THE DAILY EXAMINER of Charlottetown, contains the report of a meeting held on Thursday evening, December 21st, ult., which is characterized as 'very large and enthusiastic,' addressed by Hon. Senator Howlan. The subject was 'The Subway.' This is not exactly intelligible on the face of it to an outsider, but a glance at the contents makes it plain. It relates to the Terms of Union. Hon. Senator Howlan began his address by showing that these had never been carried out, and that the time has now arrived when the fulfilment must be demanded in a manner that will admit of no further delay. He read from the terms an extract relating particularly to the question of 'efficient and continuous communication with the mainland, and maintained they cannot be interpreted or twisted to convey any other meaning.'

Then followed the resolution passed at the meeting, explanations of the plan of construction, cost, engineering, feasibility, etc., and the remarks of Charles Palmer, Esq., as reported by the Secretary. The Planet shows how enthusiastically the people of the Island support Senator Howlan in his undertaking, and concludes in the following words:—

"Senator Howlan's scheme has taken a firm hold upon the people of the Island, and such meetings as are referred to have been, and are being held all over the Province. The people are everywhere enthusiastic. The Grits laugh at it, and say it is a political dodge, but the enthusiasm with which the idea is being received, apparently is evidence that the inhabitants of Prince Edward Island are tired of seeing cold water being thrown upon everything which tends to benefit the commonwealth. At the next session of Parliament an effort is to be made to secure the appointment of a commission to survey the proposed route, and generally enquire into the practicability of the proposal."

It is very pleasing to note that such influential journals as the Planet, representing the feelings of a great part of Ontario, sympathize with the efforts of the Island to obtain justice on this question, and that they are anxious to see the good faith of Canada maintained by the carrying out of the contract under which we entered Confederation.

Mortuary Statistics.

DR. JOHNSON furnishes an interesting table of the mortuary statistics of Charlottetown. It appears that one hundred and seventy persons passed away from the city during the past year. Of these, smallpox carried off 52 persons; consumption, 25; old age, 21; diarrhoeal diseases, 12; scarletina, 12; bronchitis and asthma, 11; heart disease, 10; cancer, 9; accidents, 9; spinal affections,

5; unascertained cases, 6; insanity and paralysis, 4; convulsions, 3; stomachic diseases, 3; Bright's disease, 2; pleurisy, 2, and other diseases 10.

Dr. Johnson is of opinion that those figures, apart from those relating to the smallpox, warrant the conclusion that the general sanitary condition of the city has been, throughout the year, reasonably satisfactory. There was an increase of diarrhoea, due, Dr. Johnson thinks, to the greater dryness and heat of the past summer, and also, perhaps, (though Dr. Johnson does not say so) to a larger accumulation of filth in some portions of the town.

Dr. Johnson remarks that "smallpox has been the deadliest foe in the form of disease, with which this community has had to contend, during the past year, and the grand lessons to be learned from our recent experience, are, that vaccination is its sure preventative and effectual antagonist, and therefore should be enforced upon each member of the community."

—A correspondent of the Pioneer writes as follows:

"Joseph Cook told Charlottetown that one of the modern wonders of the world is 'speed of intercommunication.' Let us illustrate: The steamer arrives at Georgetown from Pictou about 11 p.m. The mails rest quietly in Georgetown over night and in the morning are sent to Charlottetown. In the afternoon they are put on board a train that travels at the freight rate of 12 miles per hour for Summerside. And as for the people West, what matters it about them! Their mails grow very tired, and rest in Summerside Post Office until the next afternoon. If they get their mail matter 18 hours after it reaches the island why should they complain and what's the hurry, anyhow?"

Citizens' Meeting in Market Hall.

The meeting of the electors, called by His Worship, the Mayor, for the purpose of receiving the City Accounts, was called to order by electing Alex. McKinnon, Esq., as Chairman, and the undersigned Secretary.

Thomas Morris, Esq., C. C., of the Finance Committee, presented the accounts in a short address, and was followed by Councillors McLean, Kelly, Dones and Curtis, who spoke in a brief but lively manner upon civic matters in general.

J. P. Tanton, without attaching blame to any one particular party, took exception to the increase in the city debt, which bill the property holders will inevitably have to pay.

Mayor Beer referred more particularly to labors in connection with the Board of Health, and repelled statements which had been circulated as to the distribution of patronage and his reported application for additional salary.

Messrs. Wm. Lachner, George H. Foster and Henry Ruckman delivered short addresses, and Archibald Kennedy, Esq., nominated D. R. M. Hooper, Esq., as a fit and proper person for Mayor, seconded by James Barrett, and supported by H. Davison, Esq. Henry Beer, Esq., was also nominated by Chas. Palmer, Q. C., seconded by Maurice Blake. The question was put on both nominations, but the meeting was so evenly divided that no decision was arrived at.

Mr. P. R. Bowers detailed expenditures on smallpox account, showing the following items expended amongst the water party, viz., S. W. Crabbe, C. C., \$206 05; Carvell Bros. \$24 40; Apothecaries' Hall Co., \$141 40; Perkins & Sterns, \$123 50; Norton Bros. \$53 71; John Newson, \$424 16; Beer & Goff, \$160 16; Mark Wright & Co., \$247 85; F. W. Robins, \$567 79; J. H. Myrick, \$32 18; W. W. Beer, \$112 20; Horace Hazard, C. C., \$67 00; W. A. Weeks & Co., \$60 76; S. W. Dodd, \$200 12; Charlottetown Woolen Co., \$244 55; Geo. Beer & Son's, \$60 22; Stanley Bros., \$68 32; F. T. Newbery, \$40 33, amounting to \$3,000. To test the meeting Mr. Bowers submitted the following resolution which passed without dissent:

Whereas, it is the opinion of several eminent sanitary engineers that a system of waterworks introduced into Charlottetown would necessitate a system of sewerage, and

Whereas, the Health Officer of this city, in a published report, says, "Efficient water supply, however important, is by no means of greater importance than efficient drainage, as a question now demanding prompt decision; and of these two pressing questions, the latter is, in my opinion, the more urgent and pressing than the former."

Resolved, As the opinion of this meeting, that the city authorities should not be warranted in making any contract for the construction of waterworks without first employing a competent sanitary engineer, of well established reputation, to report upon the question whether or not the general use of waterworks in Charlottetown would necessitate an expensive system of sewerage; and be it

Further Resolved, That the citizens of Charlottetown will not authorize any contract for the construction of waterworks in this city, unless said contract be submitted for the approval of a majority of the ratepayers in public meeting assembled.

Moved by Maurice Blake, Esq., seconded by Charles Palmer, Q. C., that the thanks of this meeting be tendered the Mayor and Health Board. Motion carried.

Moved by Chas. Palmer, Q. C., seconded by — that a committee of five citizens be appointed to draft a bill for the legislature to reduce the council to five members elected by the whole city, and give the city and elective representative at the School Board. Moved in amendment by W. E. Dawson, Esq., seconded by J. P. Tanton, that the matter be deferred and disposed of at a public meeting to be called for that purpose. Amended motion carried.

After a vote of thanks to the chairman the meeting closed.

LEWIS P. TANTON, Secretary.

The Plough and Wheat-head Halfpenny.

A Charlottetown correspondent of the Sun sends the following interesting sketch of an old P. E. Island coin:—

"The plough and wheat-head halfpenny, now so much sought after, was coined in the year 1849 by James Milner, brother of our highly esteemed and ingenious citizen, George W. Milner, tin-smith, boat builder, sailor, artist, etc., etc., a gentleman who in his way is a perfect representative of Proteus. James M. imported the machinery, dies, etc., from the United States, at an expense of about \$700. A few coins were struck, when the whole concern was pitched into a corner and afterwards sold as old iron. His work shop at that time, as far as I can learn, was situated on Fowling street, nearly opposite the Jail, in this city. The inscription on one side of the coin is 'Prince Edward's Island, 1849.' An anonymous writer of some ability was criticized not long since by one of our Charlottetown dailies for writing the 'S' at the end of Edward. I suppose the editor did not know the writer had the authority of our own coin for the use of it."

"I may state that one of the great coin dealers in New York offered the writer twenty-five cents for a number of the above named halfpennies as he could get."

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

Sir,—Mr. Arthur Irving has, by his own confession, shown that the charges made against him by "Fair Play" are true, and that he had, by his conduct, destroyed his claims to a confidential position on the ice boat service. It is, perhaps, natural that he should seek to change the issue, and improve his position by "going for" Capt. McElhinney, Senator Carvell,—his only enemy on the Island—or any other man.

So far as Capt. McElhinney is concerned, I think he has shown that if, as Capt. Irving says, he is a "good deal short of a common idiot," he knows how to "weed out" and dismiss those who cannot be depended upon; and I hope it will be found that he will be able to see that good boats are provided, that they are daily well-found and manned by efficient men, that discipline is enforced, and that passengers are not abused; and finally, when the men perform their work, that they are paid for it within a year at least. I trust that before he has finished his work, Capt. McElhinney will be able to show that all the iceboat experience is not confined to Mr. Arthur Irving.

So far as Senator Carvell is concerned, he is able to defend himself. He does not usually "go for" such a man as Arthur Irving unless there is some good reason for his doing so. Perhaps our friend Arthur will favor us with the story.

Yours truly, ICE BOAT.

January 20, 1886.

Sir,—In your issue of yesterday appeared a card, over the signature of D. R. M. Hooper, who is again desirous of being elected as Mayor.

He states that during his term of office, debentures to the amount of several thousand dollars were paid off. Mr. Hooper, in this statement, is either ignorant of the affairs of the city, or he is attempting to deceive. What are the facts? In the years 1882 and 1883, debentures to the amount of \$2,906.13 were paid, and in the same years new debentures were issued to the amount of \$20,500, thus increasing the debenture debt of the city, during his term of office, \$15,593.87; and further, an attempt was made to issue debentures for the \$2,906.13, but the Council found that their borrowing powers were taxed to the utmost, and therefore there was no alternative but to pay the bank.

On the water question he is very evasive. He states that a private company should introduce the sewers. No person outside of opponents of a water scheme ever heard of such an argument as that. The sewers are a city work, and from whatever source the water comes, will have to be owned by the city, even if the water is brought in in a wheelbarrow over the church steeple by his friend Mr. Curtis.

Mr. Hooper further states that should a majority of the City Councillors deem it advisable to introduce water he would approve of it. This is a novel proposition with him. Any one at all acquainted with civic affairs knows that a majority of the council can always carry a measure without any assistance from the Mayor.

He states: "I am opposed to the unjust poll tax on old men and parties who pay no other taxes." Here again he displays his ignorance of civic affairs. The assessment of last year in which the poll tax was included, was passed at a large meeting of the citizens held in the Market Hall, afterwards passed unanimously at a full meeting of the Council. (Mr. S. McRae being present) and then forwarded to the House of Assembly for their approval. No change can, therefore, be made without the assistance of the Legislature. In conclusion, I would advise the electors to vote for Mayor Beer, who has a fixed principle on the water question, and who deserves re-election for the able manner in which he has managed the smallpox business.

WATER.

MR. EDITOR,—I have read the speeches made by some of our leading politicians at the banquet recently given Senator Howlan, for the efforts he is putting forth to secure to the Island the benefits of continuous communication with other Provinces of the Dominion, by the construction of a Subway across the Straits. While I fully endorse the Senator's view on this most important subject, and feel proud that we have public spirited men amongst us, who seem at the present time determined to press it, yet, from past experience I fear that we, as a people, are very apt to be taken with any new scheme which may be presented to us and, like the old fable, we grasp at the shadows and lose the substance.

Very little was said in the speeches above referred to respecting the appeals made by our Legislature, session after session, until last meeting of our members in Parliament. Patience ceased to be a virtue and appeal was made to Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen, stating the whole matter, complained of, and speaking in terms not to be misunderstood, that should the Province not at once receive the fulfilment of the Terms of Confederation, in respect to winter communication and also be indemnified for loss sustained, amounting to five million of dollars, on account of the Dominion Government, not having carried out the Terms of Union and indemnify the Province for loss sustained, it was very likely the people would take the matter in their hands and ask to be restored to the same position which they occupied before July, 1873. Now, it remains to be seen if this proposed Subway will set aside our claims up to the present time. It is always good policy to square up all old accounts before opening new. What our representatives at Ottawa will promise to say or do with the Government of the Dominion is all moonshine. What the people of this Province want is to have their right accorded to them, and I hope that they will urge upon the local Government the necessity of immediate action by further pressing their claim for loss sustained, and when that is accomplished and settled, then, by all means, let us have the Subway.

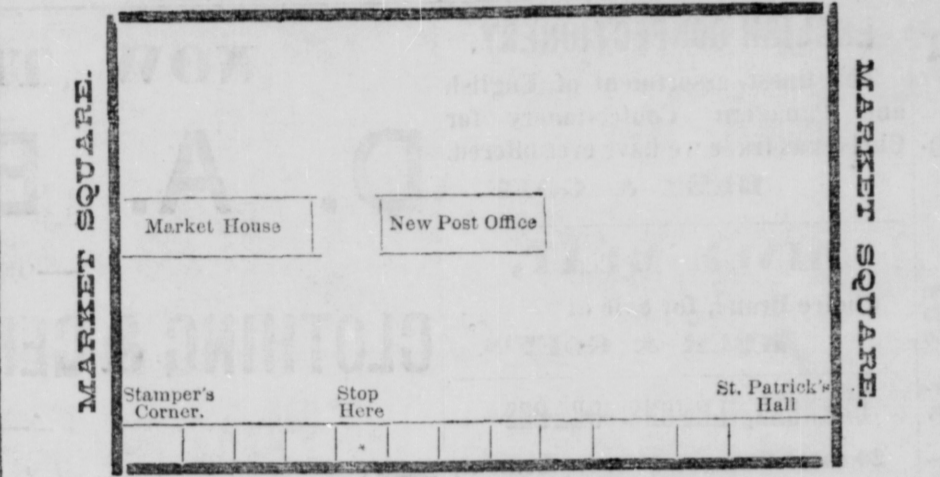
ONE OF THE OLD 94.

Sir,—Mr. Ross, in his report of Ward 4 meeting, held in the Market Hall on the 18th inst., forgot to mention that the nomination of Samuel McRae, Esq., was put to the meeting and carried, there being only one dissenting voice.

WILLIAM LADNER, Chairman.

Ch'town, Jan. 20, 1886.

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Jan. 20th, '86.

To the Civic Electors of the City of Charlottetown:

GENTLEMEN,—In compliance with the requisition of several hundred citizens, I consider it my duty to offer as a candidate for the Mayorship of this city.

If elected I shall administer the city affairs economically, and as a guarantee of my future actions I may mention that during my former occupancy of the Civic Chair, debentures to the amount of several thousands dollars were paid off, an occurrence which did not happen for many years previously.

In regard to a system of water supply, it is now generally conceded that a system of sewerage would sooner or later have to follow the introduction of water works. Any private company having the privilege of making profits from water works, in this city, should be required to construct sewerage, if, after proper investigation, it be found that water works would necessitate sewerage. Should a majority of the City Councillors deem it desirable to bring in a supply of pure water, for domestic as well as for fire purposes, without entailing any great additional taxation, I would approve of the same, provided the question were submitted to a meeting of the citizens for their consent.

I am opposed to the unjust poll tax upon citizens over sixty years of age, and also upon all those who contribute to the city revenue through personal or property taxes, and shall endeavor to keep down taxation. I am in favor of every improvement and convenience for the health and comfort of my fellow citizens within the means of the tax payers; but to obtain them, I am not in favor of increasing the debenture debt, the interest on which already absorbs a large portion of our city revenue.

I shall pursue the same course in the future as in the past in regard to saving and expanding the citizens' taxes without extravagance, and will otherwise, if elected, do all in my power to serve the best interests of the city.

I am, gentlemen, Your obedient servant,

D. R. M. HOOPER.

Ch'town, Jan. 19, 1886—eod

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