

The Question of the Day.

It seems to us that anything done in the way of introducing water into Charlottetown should be done so that the works, whether large or small, expensive or inexpensive, may eventually become part of a general plan or system. To fritter away money on laying pipes, from Spring Park or elsewhere, unless it be first known and decided that the supply will, when utilized, be constantly sufficient for the whole town and also ways of good quality, will, in our opinion, be folly. A fair start should be made, a definite plan adopted, a substantial base of operations laid, and then the work should proceed as means and circumstances permit.

Now, unless it be decided to throw away the two hundred dollars which have already been paid to Mr. Murdock, a fair beginning would, we think, be made, by obtaining that gentleman's report. In fact, the City is legally and in honor bound to pay Mr. Murdock the balance due him for the labor he was hired by the City Council to do; and Mr. Murdock may, at any time, furnish his report and demand the rest of his remuneration. Apart from this, Mr. Murdock is an engineer in high standing, who has given the matter careful study; and his opinion ought to be—in an important transaction, such as the one under consideration—worth obtaining at a reasonable price.

In the meantime, nothing can be lost by a discussion of the question. We publish Mr. Hales' letter with pleasure. It is clear and to the point; and the scheme proposed is, evidently, feasible. We know that there is almost (if not quite) an inexhaustible supply at Quirk's pump; and the cost of testing the water for the purpose of finding out whether or not it is sufficiently pure, will be very trifling. In comparing the Winter River scheme with that proposed by Mr. Hales, we cannot fail to remark that although the first cost of the former will necessarily be greater than that of the latter, the working expenses of the latter will necessarily be greater than those of the former. The water will come from Winter River (if it comes at all) under the law of gravitation, and little or no expense will be involved. From Quirk's pump it will have to be raised to a height which will cover the highest point of the town; and this will involve the constant employment of steam engines and other machinery—which will, of course, every year, cost a good deal. Before abandoning Winter River, on the ground of expense, it would be well, we think to enter into a calculation as to whether the interest of the capital required would be greater than the amount which will, in addition to capital, be annually required for running expenses in connection with water works at Quirk's pump. If this question be decided in the affirmative, and it be shown that the water at Quirk's pump is of good quality, then, we think, there should be no hesitation in adopting the scheme proposed by Mr. Hales.

The farmers of New Brunswick seem to be alive to the importance of the Cattle Trade with Great Britain. The Sackville Transcript says:—

"Several of our farmers have recently sent cattle direct to the English market. While the profits of their venture were moderate and not so large as to warrant a general rush into the business, still the results were sufficiently encouraging to induce Mr. Humphrey, who accompanied his first lot, to take an interest in another shipment, and he is now getting together cattle to be forwarded by way of Rimouski next week. To be available for this market, the beef must be of better quality than the average that runs in our pastures in summer and fills our barns in winter. Convinced of this and of the importance of being in a position to supply the article demanded by the market, Mr. Humphrey, Mr. Wood and others are negotiating for the purchase of breeding stock in the old country. Mr. H. was very favorably impressed with the Aberdeenshire or Angus polled cattle; and from his reports in regard to them, and from what we have learned of them from other sources, we hope soon to see some of them introduced here."

New Brunswick is fortunate in having farmers of the stamp of Mr. Humphrey and Mr. Wood.

The utility of even a few brick buildings, here and there in a block, was sufficiently demonstrated at the last fire; and the folly of permitting the erection of wooden structures in the centre of the town, is evident. We hope the City Council will lose no time in passing an ordinance prohibiting new wooden erections around or about Queen Square, or on Queen Street. The man who cannot afford to put up a brick building should not build at all. There are plenty of vacant wooden tenancies to be had; and rent is low.

There are indications that the China Merchant Steamship Co., intend putting on a rival line of steamers to compete with the Pacific Mail Steamship Co.

We learn that Inspector McDonald is about to be superannuated, on account of injuries received in service, and we hope that, in that event, regular promotion will follow, and that Messrs. Nash and Moore will receive each that step in advance to which their regular service and "passed" qualifications entitle them. If gentlemen not in the service wish a position there, let them enter at the hawse-holes and work aft, and not displace men grey in service. Collector Nash, no doubt, expects, by right of service and qualification, and so does Exciseman Moore, promotion when vacancies occur; and it is to be hoped that gentlemen now canvassing the city and members for the position of Inspector, for obtaining which, a difficult technical and practical examination has to be passed, will be satisfied with positions to which, as green hands, they should confine themselves, viz., at the foot of the ladder. They will find room at the top, when they prove themselves worthy of it.

SPEAKING at Washington on the 2nd inst. Postmaster-General Maynard is reported to have said that when he left the United States "its people were struggling with the depression of trade, with crippled commerce and financial embarrassment. Returning at this time he found commerce revived, trade prospering and industry successful. Never in the history of our country were our exports so large as they are at present." Yet the United States, all this time, has been under a National Policy—a pretty stiff one two.

Correspondence.

We do not hold ourselves responsible for the statements or opinions of our correspondents

The Water Question.

LETTER FROM F. W. HALES, ESQ.—THE SUPPLY AT QUIRK'S PUMP, AND HOW IT MAY BE UTILIZED.

To the Editor of the Examiner.

SIR,—I am glad to notice that the SCARCITY OF WATER at the late fire is again arousing the City Fathers to a sense of the insecurity of our wooden town; and, moreover, that some of them are more disposed than formerly to recognize the value of the supply Nature has put under our feet. I have long been of the opinion that we have there all we need of pure water; and wrote some letters to the papers on that subject immediately after the city of Brooklyn had shown the possibility of obtaining large quantities of water from the ordinary springs. This was shown by the large well reservoirs in Prospect Park, whence, from what was once only an ordinary well, now some half a million gallons are taken daily.

It is well known that the pump near Quirk's Bakery, alongside of English Church fence, has hitherto been the chief reliance of our firemen, and so far, I believe, has never failed them.

Now, Sir, if the same plan were adopted with this well as has been done at Brooklyn, viz.: an excavation made, say 30 feet in diameter, down to the seam through which the water runs, which, at Quirk's, is said to be of gravel, with compact rock below, which conditions I have found to be the same in the case of the Steam Navigation Co.'s well on their wharf, a reservoir might be built in the rock at a small expense, which would always be kept full from the large surface of water seam which would drain into it. Then, by applying the Holly system, as used in Truro, N. S., as well as in numbers of western cities where water from high ground cannot be obtained, we might have all the advantages of abundant water, and save the expense of miles of mains in from the country, as well as cost of land and water privileges, and expense of making and keeping up a large dam to act as a reservoir. Supposing Winter River to be chosen, I much doubt if there is height enough there to bring the water in and give head enough to supply the town, so that pumping, in all probability, would have to be resorted to afterwards.

Councillor Morris' plan of bringing in water from Spring Park, has the merit of comparative economy, as compared with Winter River, and a purer article. But I fear that surface spring, as it is, the quantity would be found deficient. Experiments might be made to prove this, however, at small cost, but they might prove misleading, as surface springs have often been known to decrease in quantity.

Taking it altogether I think Quirk's pump offers the most promising outlook.

I have written to a gentleman in Truro asking full particulars of their water system, its extent and cost, and in a few days hope to have the pleasure of laying their experience before your readers. Yours truly,

FRED. W. HALES.
Ch'town, Sep. 3, 1880.

Special Notices.

BARTLETT PEARS, Delaware Grapes, Gravenstein Apples, Cranberries, Figs, Lemons, received to-day at "THE CONFECTIONERY." sept1-2i

SNUFF of all kinds at Rubin & Hart's. SMOKE La Acacia cigars at 25 cents each, or 5 for \$1.00 from Rubin & Hart's.

A FEW cheese left will be cleared out at 12 cents per lb., at the Family Grocery.—R. K. BRACE.—aug. 7.

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Weather Bulletin.

Probabilities for the next 24 hours for the Maritime Provinces.

TORONTO, Sept. 4.

Moderate south-westerly to southerly winds. Fair weather with local showers. Not much change in temperature.

HOTEL ARRIVALS.

ROCKLIN HOUSE.

Sept. 3.—Roderick McNeill, M D, Stanley Bridge; Tylar Ingals, Boston, Mass; David Eagen, Mount Stewart; William Mutch, Lot 49; James R Coffin, Scuris East; Abner C Reid, Halifax, N S; W B Ennis, do; Mrs Levi Lemont and 2 children, Boston; William Laird, New Glasgow; James Gallant, Tignish; John Gallant, do; John H Collins, Halifax, N S; Alex McConegow, do; W A Mason, Summerside; Daniel Gordon, Boston, Mass.

DIED.

In Charlottetown, on Friday evening, 3rd September, Capt. Philip McFadyen, an old and respected inhabitant of this city, aged 72 years. He died trusting in the merits of his Saviour. [Funeral from his late residence on Monday next, at 3 p. m.—wagons.]

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