

CONSIDERATION IS PROMISED

Federal Minister Replies to City on Breakwater Matter

Building Case in City Discussed by Council—Repairs to Fountains

The City Council yesterday afternoon ordered the payment of the costs of Teed & Teed in the recent mandamus case, discussed the matter of changes to the building of E. P. Watson, at the corner of Sydney street and King Square, and accepted tenders for coal for the harbor and ferry department.

A communication from Hon. J. H. King, Minister of Public Works, in reply to the resolution of the Council urging the extension of the Negro Point breakwater to Partridge Island, stated that this matter would be given careful consideration.

The chamberlain referred to the Council a letter from Teed & Teed in regard to the payment of costs in the mandamus case of G. A. Cameron vs. the City of Saint John, with the report that the treasury department had no instructions as to the payment of this account. The account, which amounted to \$800, was ordered paid as it had been approved by the city solicitor.

The Council in committee of the whole reported that they had referred the application of A. C. D. Wilson for permission to erect an electric sign at 169 Union street to the Commissioner of Public Works, city engineer and city electrician, with power to act, and recommended that a lease of a lot in Brooks ward be given to Fred Radcliffe for one year, from May 1 last,

for \$5 a year. This action was approved.

Tenders for a tail shaft for the ferry steamer Ludlow were opened and referred to the Commissioner of Harbors and Ferries, with power to act, as follows: Saint John Iron Works, \$270; Union Foundry and Machine Works, \$300; Dick & Dodge, \$315; J. Fred Williamson, \$240.

Commissioner Bullock reported that he had received notice from Alexander Gray, engineer of the Department of Public Works, Ottawa, that the West Side slips would be dredged out this summer and he moved that the usual release from liability to the Government be signed.

On motion of Commissioner Bullock the following tenders for coal were accepted for the harbor and ferry departments: Colwell Fuel Co., for harbor department, Minidie soft coal at \$7 a ton; J. S. Gibson & Co., hard coal at \$13.65 for delivery on the west side and \$13.40 for delivery on the east side.

FOUNTAIN REPAIRS. Commissioner Bullock said that the matter of repairs to the drinking fountain at the head of King street had been brought to his attention and he would like a report from the Commissioner of Public Works on the cost of restoration.

Commissioner Harding said that the intention to repair the drinking fountain on the west side at the head of Rodney Slip.

Commissioner Frink said he would bring in a report on the cost of making the necessary repairs to the fountain at the head of King street and that the west side fountain would be repaired this summer.

Commissioner Bullock said he had been asked about the operations of the auditor and said he would like to have a report in writing from Commissioner Wigmore as to the cost of this machine as compared with the methods formerly used and the its efficiency.

Commissioner Wigmore said that he would be very glad to furnish the information and the report would be most encouraging to the public, as it would show the machine would soon pay for itself. He would, he said, have been very glad to have given this in-

formation to Commissioner Bullock had he asked him for it at any time.

MATTER OF COURTESY.

Mayor Potts expressed the opinion that asking for information of this kind without first taking the matter up with the commissioner in charge of the department affected was not a very courteous proceeding.

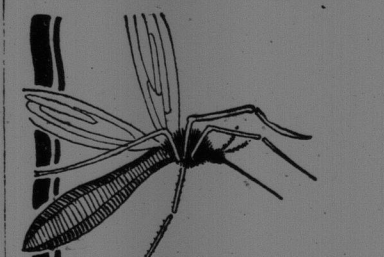
A letter from James Carleton, building inspector, in reference to the request of E. P. Watson for a permit to make some alterations to his building at the corner of Sydney street and King Square, was read. In this letter he pointed out that the law was very clear on the matter and the permit had been refused because no wooden

building could be erected or maintained in No. 1 fire district and nowhere in the act or the by-laws was there any provision for the building inspector departing from the law.

Commissioner Bullock said that he thought this put the Council in rather a peculiar position as they had appointed a committee to try and settle this matter in a way satisfactory to Mr. Watson and the building inspector and he doubted if the committee had any power.

The letter was filed and the members of the Council went into private session to discuss the case brought by

the building inspector against Mr. Watson for going ahead with this work and the fact that each member of the Council had been summoned as a witness in the case.



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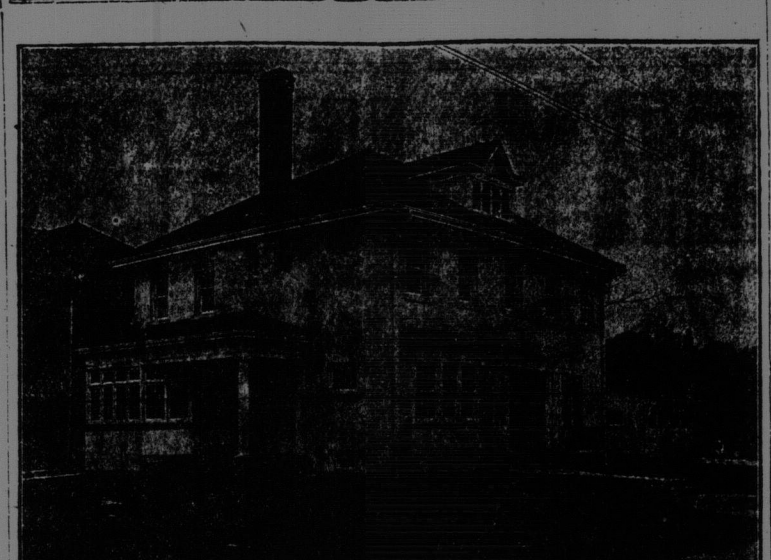
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LUNCHEON SERVED.

Following the precedent of other years, the annual luncheon meeting always held at the Saint John County Hospital was given yesterday by Dr. H. A. Harris and his officials. The regular monthly reports were heard with H. B. Schofield, chairman, presiding. Those present were Mrs. E. Atherton Smith, Mrs. J. H. Frink and J. W. Dean, Dr. C. M. Kelly, Dr. S. H. McDonald and L. W. Simms were unable

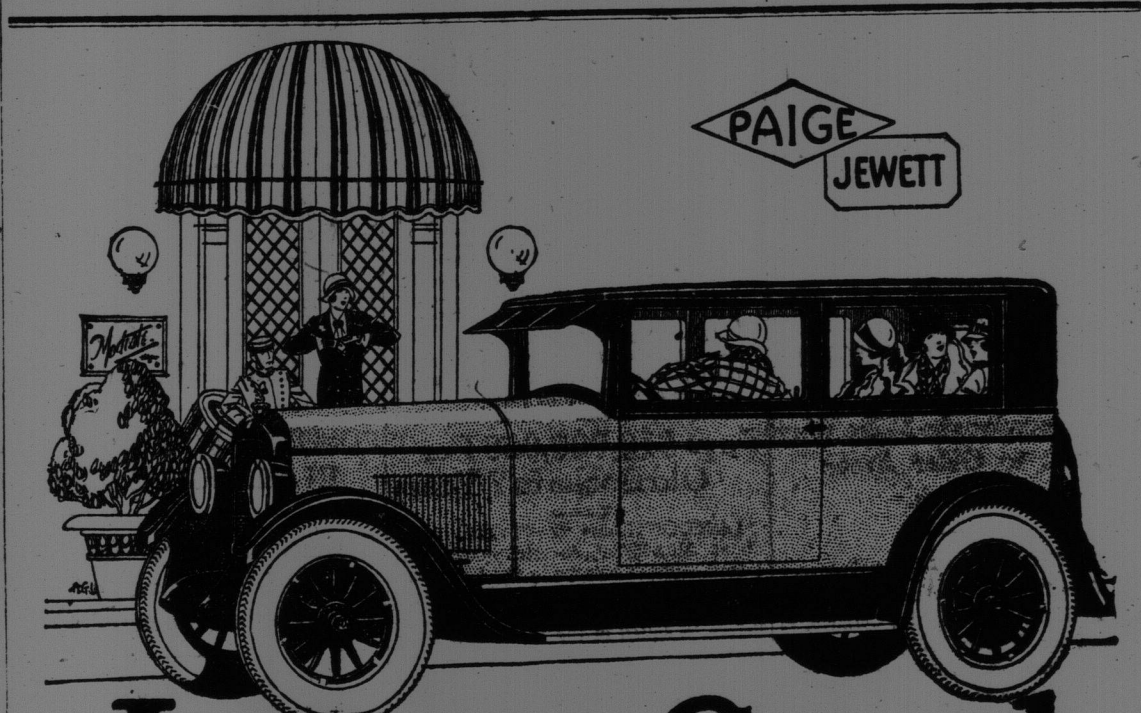
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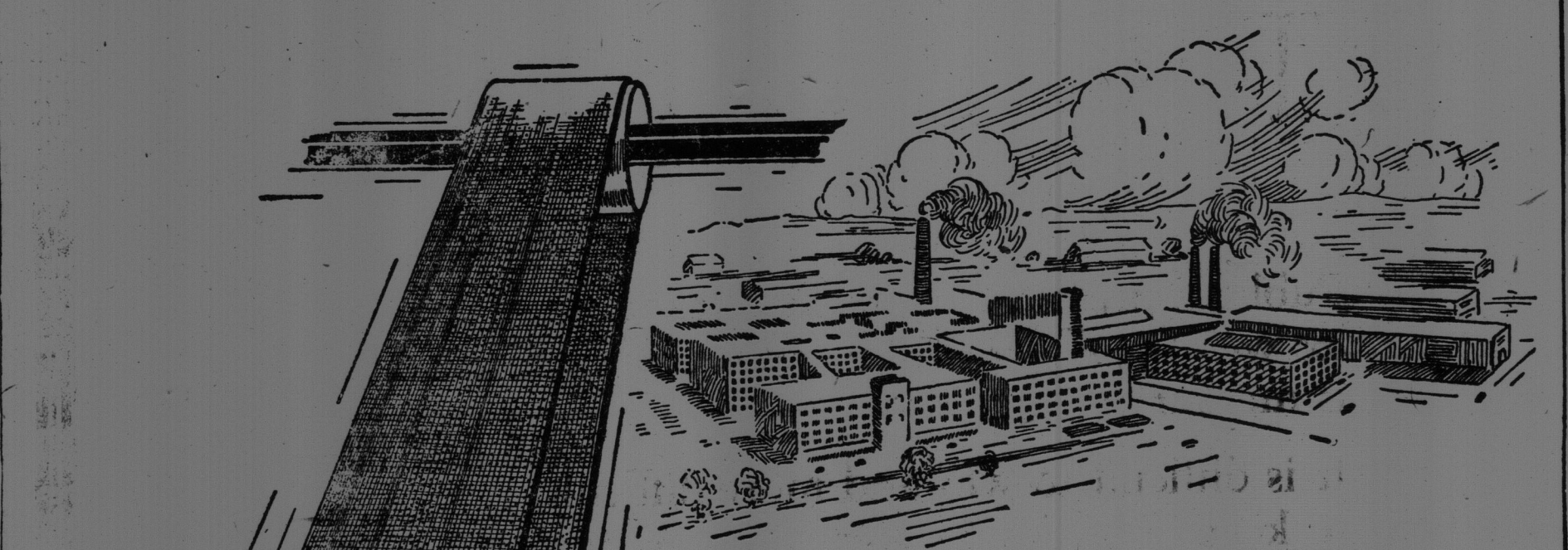
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