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COMMITTEE CUTS THE ESTIMATES OF TWO HOSPITALS

Decides for Warrants for Sums Actually Received in 1923

The finance committee of the Municipal Council this morning passed the estimates of the General Public Hospital and the St. John County Hospital but lopped $19,006.18 of the amounts asked for by the two boards. Of this $16,206.18 was from the G. P. H. and $2,800 from the County Hospital. The principle was laid down that the grants this year should be the actual amounts received by the various institutions last year and these two grants were made on that basis.

Municipal Home.

A. M. Rowan, chairman of the Board of Commissioners or the Municipal Home, explained several items in their appropriation. In answer to a question as to what they would do if the appropriation was cut to the 1923 figure, $34,000, he said they could not do some work which they had in mind.

Asked about an estimate of $2,000 for repairs to building, Mr. Rowan said $1,000 of this was for a porch on the east side of the Building and that would be made the front entrance, instead of the west face of the building.

Mr. Rowan said he thought the $2,500 received for the foreshore should have been credited to the bond account of the institution and they had not received any credit at all but had been charged $20 for the plans.

The county secretary said the sinking funds took care of the bonds issued now but there was an amount of $12,500 for old bonds which had been retired from contingent account and this amount had been carried as a debit balance against the Alms House account ever since. He said this $2,500 might be credited to that account.

Councillor McLeod said he would like to know what system of bookkeeping was followed by the city and county where it was possible to say there was a debit balance and no debt.

The county secretary said these bonds were issued for the construction of the Municipal Home.

Indiantown Ferry.

The report of the Indiantown and Lancaster Ferry Commission was read, showing receipts of $5,416.25 and expenditures of $5,426.94, an overexpenditure of $10.69. The estimate of expenditures for 1924, $4,142, of which $3,000 was for the lessee, $92 for insurance, $50 for customs, general repairs and secretary, $1,000, was submitted. One-third of this, which was to be paid by the county, was $1,381 for the year and $115 per month.

Councillor Bullock said the saving this year on the ferry operation would be about $1,500.

Councillor Thornton asked what had been spent to make this saving and said he was not satisfied with the item of $850 for repairs.

The Hospitals.

Mr. Bullock suggested that each of the institutions be given the same amount as last year, and he moved the General Public Hospital grant be made accordingly.

The county secretary said the G.P.H. warrant last year was $117,642, and the chairman said this should be $105,950. To this was added $2,817 shortage from last year, making a total of $108,767. This would be about the same as last year when $107,486.12 was paid.

There was some discussion over the portion paid by the city and county and the warden said the city paid ninety per cent. of the face of the warrant.

The county secretary said the law called for the payment of ten-twelfths of the warrant in monthly payments and the balance when collected.

Councillor Thornton moved the grant be made $107,486.12 net for the year 1924.

The county secretary said the amount of the default, $2,817, should be added.

The motion to make the assessment $107,486.12 passed and the matter of default was left to be dealt with later.

On the request of Warden Thornton the matter of bond issues for the General Public Hospital, amounting to $6,514 as follows: Incinerator, $1,434; remodelling X-ray department, $2,745; remodelling doctors' and nurses' dining room, $2,085; stairway to basement of old nurses' home, $250, was laid over for further consideration.

County Hospital.

The St. John County Hospital estimates were next taken up and the amount voted was $58,872, being the amount received last year, less a refund of $2,800 received during the year. Commissioner Thornton asked how it came that the amount voted last year was $65,605 and only $61,172 was paid over.

The county secretary said last year's vote was a rather mixed up affair.

Adjournment was made until this afternoon at 2.30.

THISTLES WILL ISSUE CHALLENGES

Seek Matches With St. Andrews and Carleton Curling Clubs.

At a meeting of the Thistle Curling Club, last evening, plans for the season were completed and other business transacted. The president, J. L. McAvity, was in the chair and a large number of members were present. It was decided to hold the club bonspiel on Saturday, January 12, starting at 2.30 o'clock in the afternoon. A committee was appointed to arrange necessary details and also to have a luncheon served in the rink at 6.30 o'clock. The skips for this feature event were also selected. In addition, the club decided to challenge St. Andrews "knights of the broom" to a series of three matches with fourteen rinks to a side, the dates to be arranged by the match committees. They also decided to challenge the Carleton Club to a series of three games, the dates to be arranged by the match committee.

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LOCAL NEWS

REV. MR. SWIM PREACHED.

Service in the Waterloo street Baptist church on Sunday morning were conducted by Rev. Gideon Swim, who preached a very instructive sermon.

GYRO THIS EVENING

The annual meeting of the Gyro Club will be held this evening at the Hotel Dunlop. Reports covering the year's work will be read and the election of officers will take place.

"CAN YOU BEAT IT?"

A strawberry blossom in full bloom was picked at Silver Falls on Sunday by John Hannah and brought to The Times office this morning.

ABOUT AS LAST SEASON.

According to a C. P. R. official this morning as much freight has been handled through the port of St. John this season as last. He said that the import freight was a little heavier, but this was offset by a slight falling off in export freight. The grain movement so far this season has been about the same as last year.

THE BABIES' FUND

Contributions continued to arrive at The Times' office for the Mahaney children's fund. Latest contributions include:—Mrs. W. T. Nilsson, 225 Duke street, West End, $1; A. I. A. N., $1; A. McCausland, $2; Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Good, $2; A. K. Kennedy, $1; Gerald Egleston Merritt, $1; Friend, $1; Elizabeth Wilson, Welsford, $1; Isaac Gardiner, Welsford, $1.

HE MADE DECLARATION.

There were no arrests made in the city yesterday. A report had been made against a business man for refusing to give desired information to the city assessors, but on learning that the matter would develop into court proceedings the man went to the Board of Assessors and submitted the required declaration. As a result court proceedings were dropped.

SCHOLARS GET HOLIDAY.

The breaking of one of the tubes in the heating system at St. Malachi's school, Cliff street, yesterday morning, caused a dismissal of all the classes about ten o'clock. The pupils reassembled at 1 o'clock for roll call and were again freed for the rest of the day. During the afternoon repairs were effected and this morning the classes were resumed as usual.

E. H. S. FLOOD.

An Ottawa despatch says that several changes are being made in the trade commissioner service, E. H. S. Flood of St. John, who for many years has been commissioner at Barbadoes, has retired and will be succeeded by G. R. Stevens, who is transferred from the office at Kingston, Jamaica. Mr. Stevens is to be congratulated by J. H. Cormack of the Trade Commissioner's staff in South Africa.

TRAFFIC CASE DEALT WITH

John Ross was before Magistrate Allingham in the Fairville police court this morning on a charge laid by Provincial Constable Robert Crawford for driving on the wrong side of the road and striking a horse driven by Jeremiah Donovan. He pleaded that the offence was accidental on account of a storm raging at the time. Under these circumstances a fine was allowed to stand against him, and he was allowed to go with a warning.

CITY HALL MAN WEDS.

At the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception this morning at 6 o'clock, Rev. Roy McDonald officiated at the marriage of Walter T. Earle, of this city, and Miss Gertrude Arseneau, of Petit Rocher. The bride was attended by her sister, Miss Lena Arseneau, while Walter Rowe supported the groom. Mr. and Mrs. Earle were the recipients of many handsome presents, among them being a substantial amount in cash from the groom's fellow employes at City Hall. Mr. and Mrs. Earle will reside for the winter at 196 Waterloo street. A dainty wedding breakfast was served at the home of Mr. Rowe.

LAST CAR CLUB.

Eighteen members and several invited guests were most pleasantly entertained last evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. Britcher, 10 St. James street. The usual five rounds of whist were played. The prize winners were S. Caddell and L. Caddell. Consolations were awarded to Mrs. Mofford and C. N. Smith. A prize also was given to the runner-up, and Mrs. Reed was the winner. Two new members were voted in, bringing the membership to nearly full strength. W. Crane was elected last evening as secretary-treasurer. Dainty refreshments were served by Mrs. Britcher after the third game. The happy evening concluded with the singing of "Auld Lang Syne."

BUFFALOES HERE THIS WEEK.

After several weeks of preparation a lodge of the Royal Antediluvian Order of Buffaloes will be instituted in St. John. The dedication ceremony will take place on Wednesday evening at the Great War Veterans' Hall in Wellington row, and it is expected that a large class will be on hand for initiation. The new branch will be known as the New Brunswick Lodge. Immediately after the dedication by Primo John Jessup of the C. P. R. steamer Moncalm, officers will be elected for the coming year. It is expected that some visitors from Upper Canada, as well as several members of the order who are members of the crews of some of the steamers in port, will be in attendance.

SEEKS NATURALIZATION.

On behalf of Rene Josef Jacob Palmen an application for naturalization was made this morning to Chief Justice H. A. McKeown in the Circuit Court by D. Gordon Willett. In his application Mr. Palmen said that he was a laborer residing at 44 Albert street, west; that he was a native of Holland and came in Canada in 1914, residing for a while in Chatham, where he enlisted with the 132nd North Shore Battalion. He went overseas in 1916 and served in France and Flanders with the 87th Batalion, returning to Canada for demobilization in August, 1919. He told the court that he was a motor mechanic by trade, but was now working as a laborer; that he was married and lived with his wife and children on the west side.

CHIEF JUSTICE SEES BUSINESS ON UP GRADE

Addresses Grand Jury in Circuit—Rabinovitch Sent Up for Trial.

A true bill was returned by a grand jury today before Chief Justice H. A. McKeown in the Circuit Court in the indictment against Harry Rabinovitch, charged with conspiracy with Benjamin Freedman to deceive his associates in the Security Export Co. and thus obtain an amount of money in the vicinity of $80,000. This was the only criminal case on the docket.

In opening his charge to the grand jury, the Chief Justice commented on the fact that it was the first circuit of the new year and he was pleased to note that business conditions were on the upward grade. He felt that the period of depression had touched the bottom and business was now climbing the hill towards prosperity.

Addressing the grand jury as representative of the body of the City and County of St. John, he expressed the hope that in the coming year there would be a continued quickening of business and that the country would regain the ground that had been lost during the last 10 years.

Jury's Large Powers

Judge McKeown then went on to instruct the jury in their duties. He pointed out that they were qualified to consider any matters connected with the administration of public affairs, regardless of whether they were submitted to them by the court or not. It was within their province, he said, to bring any person to trial that they saw fit; they were even qualified to demand that any public official of the city and county be brought before them to give an account of the administration of his office.

He then outlined the evidence given in the police court in the case against Rabinovitch and, after being out about an hour, they brought in a true bill. The case will be proceeded with this afternoon.

The grand jury was as follows: A. C. L. Tapley, foreman; Frederick W. Fowler (absent); Thomas H. Somerville, William J. Quinn, J. Mortimer Robinson, Wilfred I. Belyea, J. Alexander Kindred, W. Gordon Sancton, James Kennedy (absent), J. Gordon Likely, Harry Golding and Roy L. Thomson.

The civic docket was as follows:—

Jury

Deloy, infant, by E. C. Weyman, against the N. B. Power Co., C. F. Inches for the plaintiff; F. R. Taylor, K. C., for the defendant. This is an action for damages for injury done by a street car, particulars of which were published in The Times some weeks ago. The case was set for January 21 at 10.30 o'clock.

Watson vs. Garson; Francis Kerr for the plaintiff; Dr. J. B. M. Baxter for the defendant; an action in connection with the sale of property; set down for January 11 at 10.30 o'clock.

Non-Jury

Nova Sales Co. vs. John F. Quigley; Porter & Ritchie.

Workmen's Compensation Board vs. Bathurst Lumber Co., four cases. Dr. W. B. Wallace, K. C.

Kingston vs. Goodwin, S. H. Hunton.

GIVE $400 TO THE ORPHANAGE FUND

Knights of Pythias of St. John Lodge Install Officers.

At the annual meeting of St. John Lodge, No. 30, Knights of Pythias, held last evening, the sum of $400 was voted to the Protestant Orphans' Home building fund. Reports of the past year were read and the officers installed for the coming year. After the business session, a short programme was enjoyed and refreshments were served The programme included selections by a quartette, composed of Messrs. Irvine, Brown, McLean and Dykeman, and readings by Roy Harding.

The installation was carried out by Deputy Grand Chancellor H. W. Bromfield, who was ably assisted by B. Stilwell, grand vice-chancellor; F. A. Kinnear, grand master of exchequer; and Capt. J. A. Mowry, grand master-at-arms, and Past Chancellors Munro, Green and Mitchell.

The officers installed were: J. G. Henderson, C. C.; G. R. Andrews, V. C.; R. H. Gale, P.; W. F. Lipsett, M. of W.; W. H. White, M. of E.; F. S. Watters, K. of R. and S. and M. of F.; R. S. Dunham, M. at A.; R. W. Erb, I. G.; E. H. Belyea, O. G.

As Hiram Sees It

"Hiram," said The Times reporter to Mr. Hiram Hornbeam, "Dr. Chipman told the Rotarians yesterday of another doctor who 'aid some plain truths to an audience. He told them they had no right to be well, or to expect to become well. They went racing after money, or pleasure, or glory, but never gave a thought to the most important thing of all—their health. And he wasn't drumming up patients, either. Plain talk—what?"

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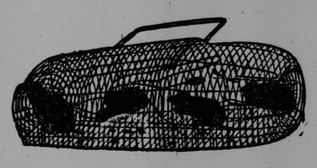

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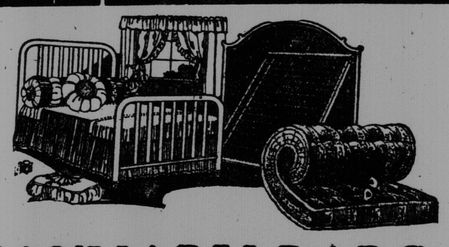

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