

CITY COUNCIL IN SESSION IMPORTANT COMMUNICATION

Engineer Barbour Writes Concerning House Connections With Sewerage Systems and the Connection With the Installation of Sewerage—Standing Committees Appointed—Council Favors Delegation re U. S. Consular Agency.

The first meeting of the new City Council was held last evening, Mayor McLeod presiding. The full board of aldermen was present.

It was moved by Ald. Moore, seconded by Ald. Hooper, that the same rules be adopted this year as were in force last year. Carried.

Standing Committees.
On motion it was decided to elect the standing committees for the ensuing year. They were elected as follows:

- The road committee to consist of all the members of the council, Alderman Everett chairman.
- The first named on the following committees is the chairman:
 - Water committee—Ald. Moore, Hooper and Everett.
 - Fire committee—Ald. Hooper, Kelly, Oldham, Moore and Dougherty.
 - Assessment appeals committee—Dougherty, Jewett, Hanlon, Everett and Scott.
 - Alms House committee—Hanlon, Hooper, Kelly, Moore and Johnson.
 - City Hall committee—Hanlon, Scott, Jewett, Moore and Dougherty.
 - Contingent committee—Oldham, Hooper, Kelly, Moore and Johnson.
 - Wharves committee—Johnson, Jewett, Hanlon, Everett and Scott.
 - Finance, schools and printing—Everett, Hooper and Oldham.
 - Administration of Justice—Kelly, Scott, Jewett, Moore and Dougherty.
 - Burial ground and market—Dougherty, Jewett, Hanlon, Everett and Hooper.
 - Street light committee—Oldham, Moore and Kelly.
 - Sewerage committee—Scott, Kelly, Jewett, Hanlon and Johnson.
 - Revisors—Ald. Moore and Hooper.

On motion it was decided that the Mayor be a member of all the committees with the exception of the Water and Light committee.

Legislative Committee.
On motion Alderman Hooper was elected chairman of the legislative committee. In a neat little speech Ald. Hooper declined the office saying it would be impossible for him to attend to it at the present time, as he expected to be out of town for the next ten days and it would not be to the interest of the council to elect him at this time.

Alderman Scott was elected chairman of the committee instead.

Sewerage Matters.
The city clerk read two communications from Engineer Barbour in reference to the sewerage question. One was to the city clerk and the other was addressed to the council. The city clerk then read the communication. It was relating to house connection with the sewerage. Two methods were suggested in the letter for the council to study and decide upon later. The council are invited to look over the communication and study the different plans suggested therein. Mr. Barbour will fully explain the letter and discuss the plans at the meeting of the council on his next visit, and explain to them what plan was followed in other towns in reference to house owners having the sewerage put into their houses. The communication was a very important one, especially to property owners, and it will be necessary to study it before taking any action.

The other communication was in reference to the assessment in connection with the sewerage, and was of great interest to those owning property in the city.

The main feature in the communication from Engineer Barbour was in reference to the taxation on the sewerage system. There were two important suggestions in the letter. One was to assess property holders on number per foot frontage. If a house is situated on a corner it was suggested in the letter that the owner of said house only be assessed on the frontage of one street, the part of the building running along the other street to be taxed. The other suggestion was relating to people holding property on streets containing few buildings, such as vacant lots on the streets through which the sewerage runs. It was stated in the letter that the installing of sewerage would make the property more valuable and in that case the owner of the vacant lot should pay, even where there is no building in which the sewerage is connected.

Sewerage Assessment.
Ald. Everett stated that the time was short to determine the cost of the sewerage assessment for the interest on the bonds this year.

It was moved by Ald. Moore, seconded by Ald. Dougherty, that the city clerk be authorized to supply each alderman with a copy of the communication, so that they could look it over and be able to more fully grapple with its meaning when Engineer Barbour explains it to the full board.

The motion was carried.

AROUND THE HOUSE NOTICE ENQUIRY

Construction of Harbor Improvements in Charlotte—Report of Hotel Dieu—Bills and Petitions.

Mr. Grimmer of Charlotte has given notice of the following enquiry for Friday next:

"What were the reasons which led to the repeal of Act 54 Victoria, chapter xl, which provided for a bonus of \$1,000 per annum for the period of twenty years to be paid to any company or person in aid of the construction of harbor improvements at the Ledge, parish of Dufferin, county of Charlotte?"

Is the government prepared upon proper application to renew the grant for the same purpose for which the original grant was made?

Hotel Dieu, Campbellton.
The 16th annual report of the Hotel Dieu Hospital at Campbellton was presented by Premier Pugsley. The report shows that on Jan. 1, 1906, there were four patients in the hospital, while during the year 215 cases were admitted. The aggregate number of days spent by patients in the hospital during the year was 3,420, an average of 17 per patient. Of the patients treated 192 were cured, 9 died, 62 improved, 2 were transferred, 5 were unimproved and 5 were otherwise discharged. The residence of these patients was as follows:

New Brunswick	155
Province of Quebec	48
United States	9
Europe	3
County of Restigouche	117
Gloucester	9
St. John	2

The Algonquin Hotel.
Mr. Grimmer presented the petition of the St. Andrews Land Company, signed by President William Downie and secretary Hugh H. McLean, asking for an act to amend the act incorporating the company so as to give them permission to enter into the hotel business, the company having purchased the Algonquin Hotel, St. Andrews.

Mr. Copp presented the petition of Charles S. Hickman and R. Chesley Tait, on behalf of the municipality of the county of Westmorland, praying that the act for the prevention of forest fires in that county may be amended. The amendments are not of importance.

Mr. Scovil presented the petition of H. G. Kennedy (pastor), G. N. Slipp (chairman of the deacons), J. Prescott and others against the bill to incorporate the Church Avenue United Baptist church at St. John.

Mr. Burns introduced a bill to amend the parish of Bathurst lighting act.

Mr. Young introduced a bill to incorporate the Sisters of the Hotel Dieu, Tracadie.

On motion of Hon. Mr. Pugsley, the time for introducing private bills was extended five days.

Mr. Maxwell for Mr. Robertson introduced a bill to incorporate the board of trustees of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, eastern section.

Mr. Scovil presented two petitions against the incorporation of Church Avenue United Baptist church, Sussex.

Mr. Clarke introduced a bill to incorporate the Canada Atlantic Terminal Railway Company.

Hon. Mr. Pugsley presented the report of the Hotel Dieu Hospital, Tracadie.

The House went into committee on bills.

Coming Wedding.
The wedding of Fannie Maude, youngest daughter of Daniel Richards of Fredericton, to Joseph Edmund Petrie, of Newcastle, is announced to take place at the home of the bride's sister, River Charles, on Saturday, March 30, at 8 o'clock in the evening.

Rev. Father McRory, Doaktown, is in the city to-day.

Mr. N. H. Marchie, St. John, is a guest at the Queen Hotel.

Professional.
Dr. A. Pierre Crockett, eye, ear, nose and throat specialist, will be at the Queen Hotel, Fredericton, Saturday of this week, where he may be consulted professionally.

THE WEATHER.
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