

COUNCIL ADOPTS  
MARKET REPORT

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report altogether. "I have not had anything to do with the business of the market since representing the city at the council nor is there anything in the report to show that I have done anything detrimental to my position as city alderman. I made a statement to the committee which I think was a fair one. Before I ran for alderman I asked the common clerk if it would be proper for me to bid on the tolls and as he did not think so, I gave it up. Now I don't want to take up too much of your time, but whatever the finding, I would think a report that uses the language this does should be submitted to the city's legal adviser first especially when it hits at the character of the aldermen and city officials. I am at a loss to know whether the report is to be considered as emanating from the committee or from the council as a whole, as there are some statements in it that I don't like, I can assure you. I have this to say it was brought out by the evidence that a number of people were not too strict in obeying orders and I want to ask the recorder one or two questions which I think should be asked. There is one statement in the report which I object to, especially. That is where they say of the statement I made, 'if we can believe it to be true.' There is but one thing," he said, "that I have to stand upon, and that is my honesty as a representative of the people. I have it to say that when I have passed my word no man could ever accuse me of going back on it. I have not changed like the weathercock as some have done."

"If I have had a policy in public life the only thing which could be said was perhaps that I have been too headstrong in following it out."

Ald. Potts went on to say that the report of the committee could not well have been couched in worse language. He did not know who had been responsible for working in the little word he complained of, but he felt sure that there was at least one member of the committee who, if he had been aware of it, would have objected. The evidence showed, he thought, that his connection with the market was not different from what anyone had a right to exercise. He thought the committee ought to have had the advice of the recorder before bringing the report in. He might very well be concluded, follow the policy followed by others and talk till midnight, but he felt that by so doing he would not be strengthening his case any.

Ald. McGoldrick rose to say that the recorder ought to be present. He had been present on two or three occasions previously and he felt it was his duty. He went on to complain that he had only received his copy of the evidence that morning about 8 o'clock. The alderman for Stanley was proceeding when some of those who were standing outside laughed.

Mayor Frink immediately called for order. The council chamber, he reminded them, was not a proper place to laugh in. If there was anyone who wanted to laugh, the proper place for it was outside.

The motion that the name of Ald. Potts be stricken out of the report was put and lost, only three voices voting aye.

**Ald. Potts.**

Ald. Potts then moved that the words on page five of the report, second line, "if it means anything and if it can be relied on," be stricken out.

Before this could be seconded Ald. Vanwart rose to his feet. "I do not know exactly where I fit into this, although I suppose I do somewhere. I might ask the chairman of the committee what grounds they have for finding that I in any way

neglected my duty as an alderman of the city of St. John."

Mayor Frink: "That is a finding of the committee. I think it would save time to let it go to the council and let it be voted down or adopted."

**Ald. Vanwart.**

Ald. Vanwart admitted that this might be so. At the same time he said that he was surprised that the committee should find him guilty of forestalling when every case which had been taken to the police court had been dismissed, and the recorder had given it as his opinion that the law could not be enforced. He was entirely at a loss to know why these four noble men who had been appointed on the investigating committee, should find as they did. He had been a representative of the city for seven years during six of which he had been chairman of the board of public safety. "They are going to ask me to resign on these grounds. If at any time I have overstepped the line, I am perfectly willing to resign. During the six years I have been chairman of the safety board I have never exceeded the estimates, and that is something I never did before in the history of St. John."

Referring to Director Wisely, he said he was not there to defend him, but he would say that in all the time that he had observed him he had never seen him take a cent. As for Mr. Dunham, he asked what was the use of him reporting any infractions of the by-law when he got turned down every time he did so.

"I know as much about the market as any other man in the city. If you ask me the laws in the safety board I will see that they are carried out. As far as forestalling is concerned I have done it for the last thirty years and will do it till the by-law is changed. All I want is for some one to make the charge and then I will know how to deal with it."

Ald. Christie: "It seems to me, your worship, that the question of forestalling is of secondary importance. According to the finding of the committee, Ald. Potts bought the market for a certain sum of money. He knew that there were certain reservations in the building which the city had created. He appeared to think that he had a perfect right to dispose of these reservations, and quotes as a precedent what was done eighteen or twenty years ago. If these charges are correct, then he was putting money into his pocket that should have gone to the city, and it did not make it any better to plead that the thing had been going on for many years. The director of public safety and the chairman of the board from their positions should have known what was going on in the market. As far as Mr. Dunham is concerned, however, I believe that he was simply a servant of the committee. Ald. Potts do not think he ought to be amenable to this report. As for the other three, I think that they will have to stand or fall with the report, for which I feel I must vote with an exception in Mr. Dunham's case."

**Ald. Potts.**

Ald. Potts rose to his feet once more, when Mayor Frink reminded him he was out of order, as he had already spoken twice to the question. Ald. Potts, however, replied that it was his intention to make a motion. He moved that the name of Mr. Dunham be stricken out of the report. This was seconded by Ald. Christie.

Ald. Elkin said that in his opinion Ald. Potts and Ald. Vanwart were feeling a little sore over the report. "Since I have been a representative at the council board, and squarely, and I feel that there is no man at the board but is my friend. I have had no feeling in the matter at all. For one member of the committee I felt that we could not, in face of the evidence, say

less than we did on the evidence of the parties themselves. Forestalling was a law of the market. It might have been unworkable but if so it was clearly the duty of the chairman of the board of public safety to have it made right. As far as the director of public safety and Mr. Dunham were concerned, the evidence showed conclusively that they did not attach much importance to the market by-laws and perhaps to some other things as well. As far as I am concerned I came to the conclusion that it was high time that the council had an investigation into the affairs of the market."

At this point the question was put, when only four voted that Mr. Dunham's name be stricken out of the report. These were Ald. Potts, Vanwart, Holder and Christie. The mayor was Ald. Jones, Likely, Elkin, Smith, White, Wigmore, Hayes, Sewall, Scully, Russell, McLeod, Willet and McGoldrick.

At this point of the meeting the recorder came in and took his seat. Ald. Potts, with the permission of Mayor Frink, asked him whether he had seen anything in the evidence to lead him to believe he had neglected his duties as an alderman in connection with the market.

Ald. Wigmore objected that it was not proper to put such a question then. The matter had been referred to a special committee which had brought in a report, and it was for the council either to reject or accept it.

Recorder Baxter: "I will answer Ald. Potts' question in this way: I did not see anything in the evidence that would lead me to think that he had abused his position as an alderman to enable him to obtain control of the market."

Ald. Hayes said that the reason that Ald. Potts' name was mentioned by the committee was that he was an alderman at the time he auctioned off the tolls and read the conditions of the sale with the knowledge of what was going on in the building.

Ald. Potts rose once more to his feet when Ald. Hayes sat down.

Mayor Frink: "Now Ald. Potts you have had a great deal of latitude."

**Ald. Jones.**

Ald. Jones remarked that when he was appointed on the committee to go over the by-laws of the safety board, Ald. Vanwart had called his attention to the conditions in the country market, and urged that something should be done. He had visited the building in company with the chairman of the safety board, the clerk of the market, and the director of public safety. While there he had seen a man occupying a stand he had no right to be in. He had asked the clerk of the market how he came there, but could get no answer. The director could give no information. They then asked the man himself, Mr. Alfaby, and he had said that he had been put there by Ald. Potts. That was the reason for an investigation had been deemed necessary. They had also found that Alfaby was paying rent to Ald. Potts.

Ald. Wigmore again took the position that it was not fair to ask the recorder his opinion. Had it been a matter of law it would have been different.

Ald. Vanwart rose to his feet, but Mayor Frink reminded him he had already spoken to the question.

Ald. Vanwart wished to explain his position on the matter. It was true that he had called the attention of Ald. Jones to the country market, but it was not fair for Ald. Jones to say that he was dragged into it in any way.

Ald. Jones replied that he had not meant that.

**Report Adopted.**

Ald. McGoldrick wished to bring up some question of responsibility, but at this point Mayor Frink put the original question that the report be adopted, and the

recommendations carried out. It was adopted, only one or two voting nay.

The next item was the report of the treasury board. This contained only one recommendation, that the board of assessors be constituted as formerly, and it was adopted without discussion.

The report of the board of public works was provocative of some discussion. It was recommended that the applications of the Crosby Molasses Company for lease at the end of Britain and Broad streets, be referred to the committee on the affairs of this company, which was read, but it was decided to uphold the action of the board.

**Leases Granted.**

The recommendation that the Edward Partington Pulp & Paper Company be granted a lease of the lot adjoining (and a continuation of) the lot on which their mill stands, was only carried after much discussion and several amendments had been introduced and voted down. The recommendation that the company be given the lease of the east end of block F in the parish of Lancaster was also carried after some discussion.

The balance of the report, referring to the pay of the policemen and the rescinding of the order, passed last January, to the effect that no more lights should be placed for two years, was adopted without serious opposition.

**Water and Sewerage.**

The report of the water and sewerage board was the next item. This was adopted in its entirety. The effect that in the report of the board of September 6 last dealing with the proposed extension of the water system in Woodville and Bayshore road, a mistake had been made in the figures. The sum mentioned in that report was \$1,200 whereas \$2,500 was required. The necessary two-thirds vote for the bond issue was secured and the report adopted.

His worship then said that it might be well for the council to appoint representatives to the meeting of the railway commissioners in Motion when the request of the Halifax board of trade for equal freight rates with St. John will be discussed.

The question had come up before when it was decided not to take any action, but he was of the opinion that the members did not really understand the situation.

Ald. Vanwart moved that the recorder be instructed to attend.

Recorder Baxter said that he was perfectly willing to attend the meeting. It was not, however, a legal question, and he thought a deputation of business men could do as much good.

Ald. Elkin moved in amendment that his worship appoint a delegation to attend. This was carried.

Ald. Potts introduced a resolution that in future any alderman wishing to enter the city employ should resign his seat at the board thirty days before the position is offered to him.

This was seconded by Ald. Vanwart, but it was opposed by Ald. Hayes on the ground that it was unnecessary and finally on the suggestion of Mayor Frink, Ald. Potts consented that his resolution should stand as a notice of motion.

Ald. White rose and asked if the council had disposed of the market report. It seemed to him that there were some motions required in connection with it. Some suspensions had been recommended and it might be in order to move something in connection with them.

Ald. Potts moved that the report be submitted to the recorder who would advise the council as to the proper way to give force to the recommendations.

Ald. White gave it as his opinion that this was not necessary. He would ask the members of the committee what they had

in mind when they recommended suspension for the market committee.

Ald. Hayes replied that he thought it was suspension during the pleasure of the council.

**The Director.**

The recorder asked about Director Wisely. The report made it clear that it was the recommendation of the committee to suspend him, but it did not make it clear whether this meant simply suspension from the market or from his functions as director of public safety.

Ald. Elkin said that what the committee had in mind was the market and nothing more. They had thought they had not authority to recommend anything more.

His worship then called for nominations for the market committee.

Ald. Elkin nominated Ald. Vanwart, but at a later stage that alderman, re-stated that his name be withdrawn. Ald. Hayes was also nominated, but with-drew. The committee as finally named were Ald. Jones, Wigmore and White, with his worship as chairman.

Ald. Potts moved that Mr. Dunham be suspended for two weeks.

Mayor Frink, however, declared this motion out of order as the appointment of the clerk would rest with the committee.

**The West Side Matter.**

Ald. Hayes asked if the final draft of the agreement with the C. P. R. relative to the transfer of the west side lots had been submitted and how far negotiations had been carried.

The recorder replied that he had submitted the document to Mr. Taylor. There were still points of difference. One was in regard to the declaration of the general uses to which the land was to be put; the other was in regard to the filling. He had gone, he said, even further in connection with the sewer than the council had instructed him to go, and had offered in behalf of the city to repair all injuries arising from internal causes if the company would be responsible for damages from external causes. This, however, they had refused to do.

His worship thought things had come to that pass where the lawyers were juggling with words and the C. P. R. was indifferent.

Ald. Elkin asked the mayor if in his opinion the city had done all that could reasonably be expected of them in the matter.

The chairman replied that he thought they had. There ought to be some more come and go to the railway company.

This being all the business the meeting adjourned.

**INTERCOLONIAL'S FUTURE**

**DISCUSSED IN HOUSE**

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As he had a good deal more to say he would adjourn the debate.

Mr. Borden wanted to know if the question would be taken up again.

Mr. Graham said the government had no desire to sidetrack the question, but the policy which the government brought down might obviate the need of proceeding further with Mr. MacKenzie's motion. In any event there would be full opportunity to take it up later.

Mr. Borden said that for its size Nova Scotia had many undeveloped resources as any province of Canada. If the government could find money to build 1,400 miles of railroad from Quebec to Winnipeg, through a country where there was no settlement, it should be able to provide the Nova Scotia counties which had been settled for 100 years with the railroad accommodation they had been seeking so long. He thought the Intercolonial should be treated

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ASQUITH TALKS ON  
IRISH HOME RULE

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be one of the greatest crimes in history. Premier Asquith at Bury St. Edmunds, said the sole issue was the House of Lords. One of the expedients put forward to avert that issue was the question of home rule. Some time ago he stated in perfectly clear and specific terms what was the Liberal policy in regard to self-government for Ireland. He repeated that statement a fortnight ago in Hull. It was a very simple policy. It was to maintain undivided and undisturbed the supremacy of the imperial parliament, subject to that condition to give their Irish fellow subjects power by legislation and by an executive of their own to deal, according to their ideas, with matters which were purely of Irish concern. (Loud cheers.)

The second chamber reconstituted on Unionist ideas would be as predominantly and permanently anti-progressive as the present House of Lords.

With reference to the suggested use of the referendum, Mr. Asquith declared with emphasis: "I would not go to a house of commons whose functions were mutilated and truncated in that manner."

Lloyd-George at Machynlleth, said the government majority would be quite sufficient to bury the lords.

The votes cast to date are: Unionists, 1,791,833; Liberals, 1,569,777; Labor, 321,758; Nationalists, 35,926; Independent Nationalists, 14,190.

The Canadian Associated Press has high authority for stating the government will not waver in their policy in regard to the lords. One of the first measures they will pass will be the plural voting bill which will give the Conservatives a severe knock in many county divisions as well as in several borough constituencies.

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Of Interest  
to Women

To apply any lotion to the scalp without making the hair wet, use a medicine dropper.

Table silver can be easily cleaned by boiling in an aluminum kettle until it is bright.

An old piano stool will be found useful in the kitchen, for it may be adjusted to different heights to save backaches.

Surgical adhesive plaster of the sort that has a rubber base may be used to good effect in repairing holes in rubber gloves.

Two level tablespoonsful of flour to a cupful of liquid is the proper measure for thickening a sauce.

Sponges are great germ-collectors; they should be thoroughly scalded frequently, and hot-water bottles should be washed inside and out, with strong soda.

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