

EXCERATE McGO DRICK AND SMITH AND REFUSE TO DISMISS ENGINEER

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relieve him of some of his duties, by giving the subordinates more initiative. The assistant should get a training that would qualify him for the engineer's job.
The section was adopted.
The next section referred to the engineer's opinion of graduate engineers, and the fact that the assistant was not allowed to issue orders.
The Engineer's School.
The engineer said that if there was to be discipline the orders must come from one man. The council at his request had given him an assistant for survey and other work. While he himself was engaged in this work, he had acquired an intimate knowledge of the city streets and water and sewerage systems. An assistant who sat at his elbow, acting as his mentor, co-adjutor, or consulting engineer could not acquire this knowledge.
Mr. Murdoch then read the order in council empowering him to appoint an assistant to carry on survey work. The assistant was very much in arrears in his work, he said.
Ald. Elkin said the section did not have the appearance of evidence. The engineer was not under oath and his expression that it was necessary to take the council out of a graduate engineer, looked like a joke. He moved that the section be stricken out, but this was defeated.
The motion to adopt the section was then put and carried.
The next section said the engineer gave instructions for work by picture plans and notes.
"My reply to this," said the engineer, "is that the assistant was appointed to prepare survey and sketch plans. He then explained how sketch plans were prepared from the general plans. Ald. Kierstead said there was some significance in the section, and it was adopted.
Uses His Tongue.
The next section said the engineer did not give written orders, and had no method of fixing responsibility.
The engineer said there was little to reply to in that. If he had to write out everything he would not need a tongue. The regular routine of the office proceeded automatically. When he was done, he gave a written order.
Ald. McLeod—You did not give an order to the inspector of the Hassam pavement last year.
The section was adopted.
The next section referred to the fact that the plans of the department were not kept in fireproof vaults, and blamed the engineer for not calling attention to the danger.
The engineer said the council had ordered the plans brought from a safe or building to city hall.
In reply to Ald. Jones, the engineer said he had discussed the risk to the plans with various aldermen.
The section was adopted.
The next section said the engineer had an system for estimating or keeping accurate account of the cost of retaining walls and other work.
Mr. Murdoch fully discussed the system.
Ald. Kierstead—We found much difficulty in getting the cost of any work from your subordinates. You had to give an account of the system.
The engineer—They didn't know. You never asked me.
The section was adopted.
The next section stated that the Dock street work had been done quicker, if the street car tracks had been taken up.
The engineer said the city had kept far ahead of the pavers. The work could have been done quicker if the tracks had been taken up early, but he thought the public should be accommodated. Continuing, he said he did not discuss the estimate examined by Mr. Doig, a water department employe and not an authority either. He had not been given an opportunity to explain.
Ald. Kierstead—If you allowed your men to make all the explanations you wanted to, the report would have been mighty voluminous.
Star Chamber Methods.
The engineer—Now you are throwing some light on the star chamber practice. The committee want to do all writing down and what to eliminate.
Ald. McLeod said the chairman of the sub-committee seemed anxious to prevent the engineer having a hearing. He thought the engineer had a right to defend himself. Turning to the work of repairing Prince William street, he said the statement that money had been wasted, was not so. The matter of repairing the street had been discussed at a meeting of the Board of Works last spring, but members of the investigating committee had nothing to say.
Ald. Smith said the engineer had done the work on his own initiative.
Ald. J. B. Jones said there was no need of engineering had made an error of judgment in not taking up the tracks on Dock street earlier; but he no doubt felt the tearing up of the tracks would be a serious inconvenience to traffic.
The section was adopted.
The next section said the department had no system of cards for checking card loads of stone.
Supt. Winchester said the committee was apparently under a misapprehension. The man in charge of the crusher made out cards showing the stone delivered to the testmeters.
There was no check on the delivery of the stone by the carters.
There followed a wrangle between Ald. Kierstead and the engineer on the question of veracity. But the section was adopted.
Ald. Smith Speaks.
Ald. Kierstead said he might make an explanation. At his suggestion Mr. Thompson on the west side had been required to go to the city to report instead of going to the city to report. Therefore Mr. Thompson had made a complaint about him.
In regard to charges against the Germain street paving, the engineer said the city was perfectly safe, as the Hassam Company had not been paid its full price, and was further protected by a bond to keep the street in repair. He did not think the committee should make statements about the street paving on the evidence of Mr. Doig, a water employe.
Ald. Kierstead said the bond did not cover the repair of the curbing and sidewalk.
The engineer—I'm not the city's lawyer.

The mayor expressed surprise that the Hassam Company or the guarantee company had not been compelled to repair the streets.
The next section referred to the squabbles between Ald. Smith and the West Side foreman.
Hat Shot From Guys Ward.
Mr. Smith read a letter from Rev. W. A. Sampson saying that Ald. Smith's interference had been a good thing, as the streets on the West Side were in a better condition than ever before.
Continuing, Ald. Smith said he had not the charging over in Carteret for some months and had expended \$60 of his own money to provide supplies for them. "That shows whether he has the interest in my ward at heart." He then read a letter from Mr. Thompson stating that the alderman from Guys ward had only interfered with him once after consulting the engineer he had got the asphalt men transferred from Brooks to get out on their job at 7 a. m. The committee said it stopped a man sweeping the wharf. They did not say slippery steps—a place for an old man with one eye, to quit sweeping the slippery steps of Rodney slip and go to work somewhere else.
The whole trouble, said the alderman, was that I compelled Mr. Thompson to get out on their job at 7 a. m. The committee said it stopped a man sweeping the wharf. They did not say slippery steps—a place for an old man with one eye, to quit sweeping the slippery steps of Rodney slip and go to work somewhere else. Ald. McLeod said he had tried to get the boiler for the West Side for asphalt purposes.
Ald. J. B. Jones said the section of the report was based on the evidence of Mr. Thompson. Now, Mr. Thompson makes a statement directly opposed to what he told the committee.
He moved that the section be stricken out, and this was carried; those voting in favor being Ald. J. B. Jones, Codner, Elkin, McLeod and Smith.
The Section.
The section in regard to the scow, and its use by Ald. McLeod, was then taken up.
Ald. Kierstead said the arrangement to lift a boiler for Patrick McLeodrick was made through Ald. McLeodrick. That was shown by the book of the engineer of the scow.
Ald. McLeodrick—Did you ask the controller who he billed?
Ald. Kierstead—No.
Ald. McLeodrick—You were very anxious to get at the facts.
Unfair Charge.
Ald. McLeodrick said Ald. Kierstead had been showing spite against him ever since he came into the council. The report was misunderstood, and him with the public, and convey the idea that he had tried to fleece the city. He had hired a scow for himself and had been in risk for days. He had hired a good many scows, but had never been billed for them. He had been in risk for three days of the city for 27 years and thought he deserved more consideration than charges of graft on evidence which the engineer had presented. He had no regard to the other transaction his father was then running a rival business.
Ald. Kierstead said there was no intention of unfairness. The engineer in charge of the scow had said it had been used for three days, and he subsequently he said he thought one day was Sunday and the other Labor Day. He understood the scow was in service on Sunday.
Continuing, Ald. Kierstead said he didn't know Patrick McLeodrick had hired a scow till after the evidence was taken.
Slight Evidence.
The engineer said he was surprised that the committee had made serious charges on the evidence of one man. He had no intention of asking about the matter. But he had hired the scow for Ald. McLeodrick, and had only billed him for three days, because one day was Sunday and the other Labor Day. He understood the scow was in service on Sunday.
Ald. McLeodrick said he had hired a scow till after the evidence was taken.
The engineer then presented the minutes of the transaction with Patrick McLeodrick, showing that the city had been unable to carry out its contract to lift a boiler, causing a loss of \$100 to Mr. McLeodrick. Shortly after that Mr. McLeodrick met his death, and his heirs threatened action against the city if a bill for the use of the scow was presented.
Ald. McLeodrick said that as chairman of the board of works he was, though neither it or the street railroad would remedy the conditions which caused his father's death.
Ald. Kierstead said the section in reference to Ald. McLeodrick he struck out.
Ald. McLeodrick seconded this. He said he had signed the report, but had not been present at the meeting when Mr. Goodwin's evidence was taken.
Ald. Kierstead and Green agreed to withdraw the section.
Ald. Smith's motion was adopted unanimously.
A section relating that the city had lost \$5000 on the job of laying water mains in Dock street was also stricken out.
The Recommendations.
The board then took up the recommendations of the committee.
In regard to the recommendation that junk and scrap iron be sold by auction, the engineer said the board of works had no scrap iron or junk to dispose of. However, the recommendation was carried.
Ald. Kierstead asked leave to amend the recommendation to dismiss the engineer from the board of works by striking out the words "He is so far as this board is concerned."
Farcical Investigation.
Ald. Elkin said the board would be taking a bold move, to try to dismiss the engineer on such evidence—if you can call it evidence. The investigation had been very loosely conducted. The committee had evidence which convinced him that Ald. McLeodrick had fleeced the city, but the committee acknowledged that they hadn't the facts before them by striking out the sections regarding Ald. McLeodrick. The whole investigation was a farce. If evidence had been taken under oath the results would have been different.
Ald. McLeodrick said the charges that there was no system in the en-

gineer's office were not correct. He had kept in touch with the guarantee company, and was satisfied that the engineer's administration was an efficient one. He thought that the committee in view of the fact that the commission was coming in next year, and changes would be made then, it would be unfair to saddle the rate-payers with the salary of another engineer, and a paymaster.
The motion to dismiss the engineer was lost on the following division:
Yeas—Kierstead, Green, Elliott, C. T. Jones, McLeod.
Nays—J. B. Jones, Smith, Codner, Wilson, Elkin, McLeodrick.
The rest of the recommendations were adopted and the report as amended was referred to the council.
Ald. Hayes Explains.
Ald. Hayes said that when the report came to him, he did not like it, and had only signed it when he heard threats were being made. He felt the board had done wisely in eliminating the sections that it was unfortunate that the investigator had not been made under oath.
A motion to adjourn was then put and lost, the time being 11.20.
Other Business.
Applications for well privileges on the beach at Barrack Point were received from C. B. Lockhart and H. A. Belyea.
Ald. Wilson said there was an order in council prohibiting the sale of well privileges on Partridge Island or Courtenay Bay.
It was decided to secure the advice of the recorder as to the question of disposing of the privileges.
A petition was received from the residents of Hawthorne avenue asking that the street be improved. The engineer recommended that \$200 be placed in the estimates of next year for this purpose. On motion of Ald. Codner, this was approved.
A letter was received from the N. B. Telephone Company saying that it was necessary to install more poles in order to eliminate the use of users of telephones. The matter was left in the hands of the engineer.
Geo. McA. Blizard applied for a lease of lot No. 5, fronting on Charlotte street extension. The application was tabled.
James Elliott asked for the privilege of erecting a weir on the east end of Partridge Island for three years at a rental of \$5. Harry Armstrong supported the application. It was decided to consult the recorder.
The engineer recommended that the \$250 at No. 1 berth, Sand Point, be placed in the estimates, cost of \$250. This was approved.
Miss Wetmore, stenographer, sent in a bill for \$25 for services in connection with the investigation, and it was referred to Ald. Kierstead.
The board then adjourned.

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Song. F. Brooks.
Song. Sweet Swanee Sue
Humorous songs. Bill and Bob
Song. A Terry.
Song. Mary Mine
Pianoforte solo. Temptation Rag
H. Goodwin.
Song. I forgot the number of my house
J. Walker.
Song. In Happy Moments
Song. She was a girl in white
I. Johnston.
Song. Dreamland
Song. C. Heath.
Song. Middle on the fiddle.
Song. Sweet Caroline
J. Walker.
Final chorus. The Troupe.

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