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THE EVENING TIMES AND STAR, ST. JOHN, N. B., WEDNESDAY, APRIL 21, 1920

DEVELOPMENT OF ROCKWOOD AREA

Bond for \$10,000 for Work Joseph Allison.

After hearing the speakers of one of the largest delegations seen at City Hall for a long time, Com. Jones yesterday afternoon, in a graceful speech, withdrew his former objection to a bond issue, and the council unanimously resolved to issue a bond for \$10,000 for development of the playground at the entrance to Rockwood Park.

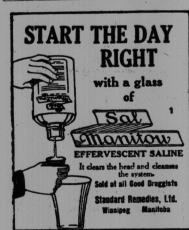
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afternoon, in a graceful speech, withdrew his former objection to a bond issue, and the council unanimously resolved to issue a bond for \$10,000 for development of the playground at the entrance to Rockwood Park.

A. M. Belding, representing the Rotary Club, introduced the delegation, which filled the committee room and overflowed into the adjoining room. It represented the Playgrounds Association, Commercial Club, Board of Trade and Rotary Club, the Commercial Club having a very large representation.

Mr. Belding briefly reviewed the playground situation in St. John and said the entrance to Rockwood Park.

C. H. Peters, vice-president of the Commercial Club, made a very strong plea, pointing out that the charge upon the assesment for the bond proposed would only be about \$600 per year. W. K. Haley, president of the Playgrounds Association; R. E. Armstrong, secretary of the Board of Trade; A. W. Covey, president of the Maritime Branch of the A. A. U.; and H. R. McLellan, secretary of the Commercial Club, all made strong appeals, presenting the case from every standpoint, dwelling upon the need of outdoor recreation facilities and



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the duty of every city to see that these were provided.

Com. Jones then rose, and after pointing out that he might himself be classed as an "old time sport," said it was very evident the moulders of public opinion were in favor of a bond issue for playgrounds purposes, and he would not therefore stand out against them and four-fifths of the council.

The commissioner was very heartily applauded, and Mr. Belding and Mr. Peters expressed the hearty appreciation of the delegation of his concurrence in the views that had been expressed.

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Mayor Hayes, before the delegation left, pointed out that other Canadian cities spent about three and a half percent of their revenue for recreation purposes, which would mean about \$75,000 we have been spending. One of our difficulties was that we spend more than other cities out of the public revenue for the up-keep of hospitals and for public health.

health.
R. R. Patchell was the one objector present, his plea being for the development of the area back of the Public Gardens. His view, however, did not prevail, and after the delegation had thanked the council and withdrawn the latter adopted the resolution providing for a bond for \$10,000. It was suggested by the mayor that Mr. Hatfield or some other engineer be sent to Montreal, Ottawa and Toronto to look over their playgrounds, but no action was taken on that point.

INTERESTING POTTERY EXHIBIT.

At a meeting of the Ladies' Association of the Natural History Society, held last night, with the president, Mrs. John McAvity, in the chair, an interesting pottery exhibit was given. The programme was under the direction of Mrs. W. H. Shaw, Mrs. J. V. Ellis and Mrs. H. Lawrence. Bates Tapley sang a solo with Miss Eleanor Tapley accompanist. Mrs. D. C. Deardon, Mrs. J. M. Lawrence, Mrs. J. V. Ellis and William McIntosh gave interesting papers and addresses.

The Trades and Labor Council held a special meeting in the Oddfellows building last night to discuss an important matter in connection with inside labor activities. Fred A. Campbell presided.

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Prominent Baptists

(Maritime Baptists.)

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on the Coldstream field and will begin his work there July 1.

We are indeed pleased to report that Rev. W. Steadman Smith is returning to the home land after some years spent in California, where he has been pastor of Immanuel Baptist church, Long Beach. Before moving to California he enjoyed successful pastorates at Kemptville and Chegoggin. He is a graduate of Acadia and of Newton. As far as we know he has not yet accepted a call. Rev. S. S. Poole was called to his old home in Yarmouth last week on a sad errand, his mother having passed

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