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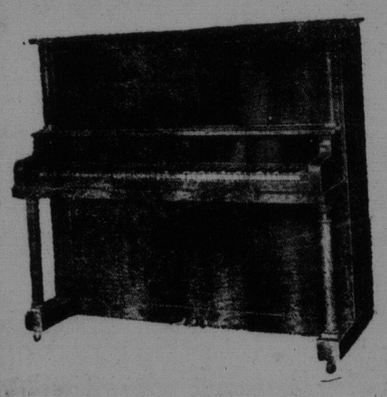

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RESULT OF THE WORK OF THE CHARTER COMMITTEE

Report Made Saturday Afternoon - Charter Similar to that of Other Cities where System Obtains - Salaries Fixed at $3,000 per Year—One Mayor and Four Commissioners.

A meeting of the executive committee of the citizens' committee was held at the board of trade rooms on Saturday afternoon to receive the report of the charter committee.

Generally the charter is modelled on the lines of similar charters in other places where the commission form of government obtains with such changes as were found necessary to meet local conditions. The report suggests that the name of the commission be dropped and that the governing body of the city be known as the "Common council of the city of St. John," but the formation of the body will be as already outlined, one mayor and four commissioners.

The report throws light on several matters which were not previously given to the public. It fixes the salaries of the mayor and commissioners at $3000 per year, payable monthly, and provides that the four commissioners must devote all their time to the business of the city while the mayor need only devote such time as is necessary for the performance of his duties. The property qualification for commissioner is abolished, and other more or less radical changes made. The full text of the report is as follows:

To the Citizens' Committee on Government by Commission for the City of St. John.

Gentlemen—The committee appointed to frame a charter for the government of the city of St. John by commission, beg to submit to the citizens' committee for approval, the following draft, which sets forth in brief the provisions which they think should be embodied in the new charter.

It is perhaps necessary to explain that the purpose of this draft is merely to set out briefly the provisions that it is proposed to embody in the act. Most of the clauses will need to be elaborated, in order to make them comply with technical legal requirements, and several additional clauses relating to details will be necessary.

In the act as finally written, clauses will be inserted, to provide for vesting in the commissioners all powers vested by previous legislation in the aldermen, and providing that the word "commissioner" may be substituted for the words "councillor" or "aldermen," wherever such words occur in existing legislation, and such change is necessary to make previously enacted laws applicable to the new conditions.

There will also be additional clauses providing for procedure in calling special elections, under the initiative, referendum and recall, provision for procedure and forms to be used in making nominations, presenting petitions, and many other matters of detail, but all the essential features of the act, are, we think, embodied in the following outline draft.

For the purpose of assimilating without change, a large amount of antecedent legislation which it is not necessary or desirable to repeal, it is deemed advisable to retain the name "common council of the city of St. John," as applying to the new governing body, composed of a mayor and four commissioners.

The proposed provisions of the new charter are as follows:

1. The whole civic government of the city of St. John, and the administration of the fiscal, prudential and municipal affairs of the city, shall continue to be and shall be vested in the common council of the city of St. John, composed of the mayor of the city of St. John and four commissioners, to be elected as hereinafter provided.

2. The mayor and four commissioners shall be elected on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays in April in the present year, and thereafter as hereinafter provided.

3. Property qualifications of candidates are abolished. A candidate must be qualified as a voter and entitled to vote.

4. Every candidate for the office of mayor or commissioner, shall be nominated by not less than 25 electors, qualified to vote in any ward of the said city, who shall subscribe the nomination papers with their names, addresses and occupations and shall file the same in the office of the common clerk, not later than 12 o'clock noon of the first Tuesday in April, such nomination shall be accompanied by an affidavit or affidavits attesting to the genuineness of the signatures and the qualifications of the nominators, and also by the written assent of the candidate.

5. In case only one candidate is duly nominated for the office of mayor, and when only four candidates are duly nominated for the office of commissioner, it shall not be necessary in any such case or cases to hold polls for election, but the common clerk shall certify to the common council that the candidates nominated have been duly elected.

6. In case there are more than two candidates for the office of mayor, or more than eight candidates for the office of commissioner, there shall be held on the second Tuesday in April, a primary election, for the purpose of selecting from the total number of candidates nominated for the respective offices, two candidates for the office of mayor, and eight for the office of commissioner, and the two candidates for the office of mayor receiving the highest number of votes, and the eight candidates for the office of commissioner receiving the highest number of votes, shall be deemed to be in nomination, and shall be the only candidates to be voted for at the final election, which shall be held on the fourth Tuesday in April next following the passage of this act. Each voter shall be entitled to vote for one person for mayor and four persons for commissioner, and the one receiving the highest number of votes for mayor, and the four receiving the highest number of votes for commissioner, at the final election, shall be declared by the common clerk to be duly elected, and shall be sworn into office on the first Tuesday in May. In the event of there being nominated only two candidates for the office of mayor, or only eight or any less number, but more than four, for the office of commissioner, they shall be deemed to be in nomination for the final election, and the primary election, as relating to the selection of candidates for such office or offices, shall be omitted.

The primary and final elections shall be conducted as near as may be in all respects as civic elections are at present conducted.

(At succeeding biennial elections after the first, the number of commissioners to be elected will be two instead of four, and the number of candidates to be selected for the final election will be four instead of eight.)

7. The term of office of the mayor shall be two years, and that of the commissioners shall be four years. At the first final election held after the passing of this act, the two commissioners receiving the highest number of votes shall be declared elected to serve for a term of four years and the other two commissioners receiving a lesser number of votes shall be declared elected to serve for a term of two years. At each succeeding biennial election, a mayor and two commissioners shall be elected, the latter for a term of four years.

8. From and after the time when the mayor and commissioners shall be first elected and sworn under this act, any four members of the council shall constitute a quorum. In case of the absence of the mayor, the members may choose a chairman temporarily, who shall have, exercise and enjoy all the powers of a mayor, during the sitting of the council, except as hereinafter provided. Meetings of the council may be called by the mayor, or in case of his neglect or inability to do so, by any two members.

9. In case of a vacancy in the office of mayor or commissioner, the vacancy shall be filled for the unexpired term by a single election to be held on a day fixed by the council. In case the unexpired term shall not exceed three months, no election shall be held. In any case the council shall designate one of their number to take charge of the vacated department pro tem, with all powers of his predecessor, subject to exceptions hereinafter provided in relation to the powers of the mayor.

10. The mayor when present at a meeting of the council shall have the right to vote on all questions. If, because of the absence of a commissioner, there should be a tie vote upon any question, the mayor shall have a casting vote, in addition to his vote as a member, but no chairman acting in the absence of the mayor shall have such privilege.

11. The mayor and commissioners shall be ex officio members of the municipal council of the city and county of Saint John, and each shall there have three votes upon all subjects on which by law at present the ex officio councillors have a right to vote.

12. The council shall meet at least once in each week—all meetings shall be open to the public, unless business is being discussed which involves the liability of the city from a legal standpoint, when the council may in its discretion sit in private session. The council shall make rules providing for the time of holding regular sessions.

13. The salary of the mayor and of each of the commissioners shall be three thousand dollars per year. The mayor shall be required to give such time to the duties of his office as may be requisite for their efficient discharge. Each commissioner shall devote the whole of his time to the service of the city, and he shall not, while a member of the council, be engaged in any other business, trade, calling or profession. The salaries of the mayor and commissioners shall be paid monthly.

14. For the more efficient administration of public affairs, the common council shall organize the following commissionerships:

1. Finance and public affairs.
2. Public safety, including fire, police, lights, market and public buildings.
3. Public works, including streets, highways, squares, parks, playgrounds and public recreation grounds.
4. Water and sewerage, and public health.
5. Harbors and ferries and public lands.

The mayor shall always be the commissioner of finance and public affairs, and the council shall at the first regular meeting after the election of its members, select the commissioner to have charge of each of the other departments, but, such selection may be changed whenever it shall appear that the public service will be benefitted thereby. Each commissioner shall be responsible to the council for the efficient administration of the services entrusted to his department.

15. It shall be the duty of the mayor to exercise a general supervision over all departments, officials and services of the city, for the purpose of ascertaining that the business of the city is efficiently conducted.

16. The council shall determine the powers and duties to be assigned to each department; shall prescribe the powers and duties of officers and employees; may assign particular officers and employees to one or more of the departments; may require an officer or employee to perform duties in two or more departments; and may make such rules and regulations as may be necessary or proper for the efficient and economical conduct of the business of the city.

17. The Council shall have the power from time to time to create and discontinue offices and employments, other than herein prescribed, according to their judgment of the needs of the City; and shall by resolution or otherwise determine, limit or change the compensation of such officers or employees.

18. The appointment of the Recorder and of the Chief of Police is hereby vested in the Common Council.

19. Each Commissioner is to have control of his Department, with power to suspend for not more than thirty days, and to dismiss the Chief Officer in charge of such service embraced within the Department. Suspension must be forthwith reported to the Mayor, and dismissal must be expressly approved by the Mayor. The Office of Comptroller shall not be declared vacant except by a vote in which at least four members of the Council shall concur, nor shall the Office of Recorder or Common Clerk be declared vacant except by at least a majority vote of the council. In case the council shall at any time appoint a city engineer as a general instead of a departmental officer, his office shall not be declared vacant except by a majority vote as aforesaid.

20. The non-elective heads of departments shall have the sole power of appointment, suspension and dismissal of the subordinate employees in their departments.

21. The provisions of the existing law forbidding the Mayor or any alderman being interested in any civic contract, are to be extended so as to apply to all officials and employees of the city, who are also to be forbidden to receive any gift or remuneration from any person or corporation other than the city. The provisions of the Dominion Law as to participation in contracts shall be made applicable to Mayor and Commissioners.

22. For the issue of bonds, the unanimous vote of the Mayor and each of the Commissioners shall be necessary, except in case of not more than one vacancy in office, in which case, if notice of issue of bonds was duly given before the vacancy occurred, the remaining members of council, if present, and unanimous, may order the issue of bonds.

Before undertaking work which will require a bond issued to pay for it, a resolution authorizing such work must be carried by the same majority as is required for the creation of a bond issue.

23. The commissioners under this act shall replace the members of the Alms House Commission, at present appointed by the Local Government.

24. The commissioners appointed under this act shall be ex-officio members of the Slaughter House Commission, and shall replace the members appointed by the Common Council.

25. The Commissioner of Harbors and Ferries, shall be ex-officio a member of the Indiantown and Lancaster Ferry Commission.

26. The Board of Health for the City and County of Saint John, is hereby dissolved, and the Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council shall forthwith appoint a Board of Health for the Parishes of Lancaster, Musquash, Simonds and St. Martins; and the Common Council of the City of Saint John shall constitute a Board of Health for the City of Saint John, under the Public Health Act.

27. The Common Council is hereby empowered to appoint a commission on the Assessment Law of the City of Saint John, which commission shall possess all powers at present vested in the Assessors of the said city, or which were conferred on any commission or body by any previous legislation relating to the City of Saint John.

28. **The Initiative:** Any proposed new ordinance or by-law, if not passed by the council, may be submitted to the council by petition signed by qualified electors, equal in number to not less than 20 per cent. of the number of votes cast for Mayor at the final election of the general election last held. If such petition contains a request that the proposed new ordinance or by-law, if not passed by the council, may be submitted to a vote of the people, then, in the event of such new by-law not being approved and passed by the council, it shall be submitted to a vote of the people, according to regulations and procedure for such cases, hereinafter provided.

29. **The Referendum**—No new ordinance or by-law passed by the council, except such as relates to the immediate preservation of the public health, safety, or peace, and which contains a statement of its urgency, shall go into effect until the expiration of ten days from the time of its final passage by the council, during which time it shall be on file in the common clerk's office open for public inspection. If during the said ten days a petition signed by duly qualified electors, in number equal to twenty per cent. of the number of votes cast for mayor at the final election of the general election last held, protesting against the passage of such new ordinance or by-law, be presented to the council, such new by-law shall then be suspended from going into operation, and it shall be the duty of the council to reconsider it. If upon reconsideration such by-law is not entirely repealed, it shall be submitted to a vote of the people at a general or special election, according to regulations and procedure for such cases hereinafter provided.

In all cases where it is proposed by the common council to promote or assent to legislation, for the purpose of giving to any person or corporation a right to use the streets of the city or other city property, for what is commonly known as a public franchise such measure or proposal shall, before being approved by the common council, be submitted to a vote of the people at a general or special election to be held, according to regulations and procedure for such cases hereinafter provided.

30. **The Recall**—The Mayor or any commissioner may be removed from office at any time by a majority vote of the electors qualified to vote for a successor to the incumbent of such office, but, a demand for such removal shall be submitted to a vote of the people only upon presentation to the council of a petition signed by qualified electors, equal in number to not less than 15 per cent. of the number of those who voted for mayor at the final election of the general election last held. In the event of such a petition for removal being presented, the council shall order an election in accordance with regulations for such purpose hereinafter provided.

While the conclusions of your committee have been practically unanimous with regard to nearly all the provisions, there are some few which may be open to debate, and to which the full Citizens' Committee will doubtless give its best consideration.

Respectfully submitted,
on behalf of the Charter Committee
J. A. BELYEA,
Chairman

A meeting of the Citizens' Committee will be held at the Board of Trade Rooms on Wednesday evening at 8 p. m. to discuss the above report.
W. H. BARNABY,
Chairman.

WEDDINGS

Manning-Feeley.

The Catholic church at Houlton, Maine, was the scene of a pretty event on Saturday morning at 9 o'clock when John W. Manning, A. B., of the U. S. customs service at that place was united in marriage to Miss Margaret Feeley, daughter of B. B. Feeley Customs Inspector, and one of Houlton's most charming and popular young ladies. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Father Silke, rector of the church in the presence of a large number of friends.

The bride, who was given away by her father, looked charming in a tailored suit of dark blue, and wore a white beaver hat. She was attended by her cousin, Miss May Hall, who was attired in brown velvet, wearing a brown beaver hat.

Following the ceremony breakfast was served at the home of the bride's parents, after which the happy couple left for a visit to Providence, R. I., and other American cities. On their return they will reside at Madawaska, Maine.

Both the young people have a wide circle of friends throughout Maine and New Brunswick, who will wish them a happy voyage through life. A large array of gifts testified to their popularity, many beautiful pieces of silver and cut glass being found in the array. The groom is well known in this province, being a graduate of St. Joseph's University, and having visited this city frequently.

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