

ST. JOHN STAR, TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 1906

PLANS FOR NEW WHARF ARE AGAIN CHANGED

Board of Works Squashes Decision to Sink Cribs at 28 Feet Depth—Allan Line Threatens to Leave St. John—Late Attempt to Secure Another Dredge for Old Berths.

The Board of Works yesterday were of the opinion that it was not advisable to make any changes in the depth of water on the site of the first crib on account of the delay which it would occasion in the work. The chairman was authorized to find where another dredge could be procured. No decision was taken in regard to the Clark crib, the matter being left over to the next meeting, which will be tomorrow. The Allan line, through their representatives, said that they would leave the port unless given a berth at Sand Point.

The following were present at yesterday's meeting: Ald. McGoldrick, presiding; Aldermen: Clark, Barker, Tilley, Lockhart, Sprout, Holder, Bullock, Hann, Vanwart, Willet, Pickett and Christie; Director Cushing, Consulting Engineer Peters, Recorder Skinner, Mayor Sears, Percy Thomson, Wm. Downie and Engineer Brown.

The allotment of berths at Sand Point for the coming winter was first taken up, and the communications and decisions on the matter were read over by the common clerk, including the communication from the C. P. R., requesting berths 1, 2 and 3.

Percy Thomson of Wm. Thomson & Co., requested that they be given No. 2 warehouse, which is always allotted to the mail service. He said that he had no quarrel with the C. P. R., but they were not the whole thing. The Allan line, as is important to the port as the C. P. R. steamers, and if they are not given a berth at Sand Point he did not think they would come to the port. The Manchester line would be similarly affected. He said it was not practicable for the Allan boats to go for freight to Long wharf and then to Sand Point for their grain. The steamers could not cross the harbor under their own steam.

Ald. Hann said that it would be very unjust to give the whole of the berths to the C. P. R. That corporation, he said, want the whole earth. Mr. Thomson said that he was not using it, and when we are not using it we will allow other boats to go there, as we have always done. The C. P. R., he said, did not do this last year at their berth.

Ald. McGoldrick—"Of course you will understand that we expected to have the new wharf ready, as it would have been but for the delay in the dredging. There is no question but what it will be ready before the first of January, so that the present allotment would only be by the first of the season at the most."

Ald. Pickett—"Suppose the Empress steamers go to Halifax?"

Mr. Thomson—"They won't leave the port. The C. P. R. are getting their good money for coming to St. John and will come. They can't get a Liverpool service from Halifax, where the Allan, who have a continual service, get the traffic."

No action was taken.

Ald. McGoldrick—"There is a more important question to be discussed, the question of whether the first crib on the new wharf should be sunk at twenty-eight feet or thirty feet. The recorder had been asked for his opinion and would now deliver judgment. It would seem that no change can be made in the depth of the water necessary to the sinking of the first crib, as Engineer Shewen is not willing to authorize it without consultation with Ottawa, which would probably mean a delay of three or four weeks."

"The opinion of the recorder is as I have heard, privately by the board."

Ald. Willet moved that the decision of the board be the other day be reconsidered—Carried.

"Ald. Barker felt sure that if the city put in a crib, the government would not ask them to take it out, even if it was only sunk at a depth of 28 feet. The first duty of the city is to get the crib floating."

Ald. McGoldrick—"Engineer Shewen assured me that he would do his best to keep Mr. Mayes working on the site of the northern crib. The dredge was not working there this morning, but it was explained to me that the dredge could not work there at high tide."

"Ald. Barker—"The Becker is a fine specimen of a dredge, but it can't go to any work with fifty feet of water. It would not do any good to have it there."

Ald. Tilley—"How can they expect to have the dredge ready in three days when the dredge is only working at low tide while the mud around is sliding into the hole? It would be better to take the part which is sliding in at high tide when the dredge can not work in the deeper water." The alderman said that he would like to see the crib sunk at 28 feet, as it would save the city a lot of money."

Ald. Hann—"How can you expect to have the wharf level when it is sunk 28 feet on one side and 29 on the other?"

Ald. Christie—"Oh, chop a piece off the under side." (Laughter.)

Ald. Hann—"How is it that a fortnight ago the dredging was to be done in three days, while now we must wait six days?"

Ald. Holder—"And next week I suppose, eight days."

Ald. Hann—"I claim that the wharf will not be finished this winter."

Ald. Bullock spoke about the difficulty which Ald. Tilley had brought up, the embankment just at the junction of the two wharves, which was continually slipping in on the dredged portion. He thought a committee should see Mr. Mayes.

Ald. Barker—"We can't get him to do this as part of the government contract."

Ald. Bullock—"No, but the city could have it done. The crib should be ready and floating so as to put it right in where an eddy, the minute the tide is ready, to prevent any sliding in."

After further discussion Ald. Barker made a motion that the city would not take any steps to change the depth, in view of Engineer Shewen's position. Carried.

Recorder Skinner thought it was the duty of the sub-committee every morning to see Mr. Shewen and find out the progress of the work. He said, however, that he did not believe that Mr. Mayes was not trying to carry out the directions of the government engineer.

Ald. Willet made a motion to embody this suggestion, which was carried.

Ald. Tilley made a motion that the city cut out the connection between the two wharves, where the embankment lies which is sliding in.

Director Cushing advised against such a step. He was satisfied that this piece was within the contract. He did not think it fair to drop the mud into a 28 foot hole for Mr. Mayes to dredge out when he could get it the more readily where it is now.

Recorder Skinner said that the city could not take such a step without leaving itself open to damages, and the matter was dropped.

Ald. McGoldrick next brought up the question of holding the crib from where they now lie at the Sand Point wharf. "We must," he said, "at least have Sand Point so that there will be no complaint."

Ald. Bullock—"The business which we have already started to preserve to the port."

Ald. McGoldrick said that he did not know whether or not the city could get a dredge either at Portland or from Ottawa. Six weeks ago, he said, he could have done so, but there was not then the present need.

Ald. Barker—"I don't want to be harsh, but we must have the crib moved. We can't say to Mr. Clark to move them under the contract until the site is ready, but by courtesy we allowed him to put them at Sand Point, and this permission we can now rescind."

Recorder Skinner said that it was an error in good nature to have allowed them there in the first place. However, he did not advise this step at present. The time was not ripe.

Ald. Barker—"It is more than ripe. It is rotten. We have surely a right to ask Mr. Clark to get out of the way of our dredging operations. I am surprised at the advice of the recorder that we wait a day or so. The law would change within that time."

Ald. Tilley moved that the matter lie over till Wednesday—Carried.

Ald. Willet thought the chairman should take means to find the available dredges. It is necessary, he said, to get an additional dredge at once for Sand Point.

Ald. Barker—"We ought to exhaust the government sources first."

Ald. Willet—"No, we have had enough of government dredges."

Ald. Barker—"No, we have nothing to complain of from the government. We have had a substantial dredge on the St. Lawrence or in Nova Scotia. The International would be suitable."

Ald. McGoldrick promised that he would make enquiries by telegram at once.

Ald. Vanwart said that men were at work taking down the stone fence at two ends of Queen square. The result was so pretty that the residents who had the stone fence removed on the other side, he made a motion that a committee be appointed to look into the matter.

Ald. Willet—"The same committee as before."

Ald. Sprout—"With power to act."

On motion of Ald. Barker the plan of the street railway on Union street and Rodney wharf as agreed between the director and the street railway was adopted.

The report of the New Brunswick Telephone Co. for permission to lay conduits on Waterloo, Charlotte and Water streets was considered. The company said that they had the power to lay them but wished the consent of the city. It was absolutely necessary, they said, to have the conduits laid at once or the poles replaced before the winter's storms, otherwise the whole city would be without a telephone service.

Mayor Sears suggested that the company should pay something for the privilege.

Ald. Barker—"The legislature has accounted the city from anything but rentals from the streets above ground and perhaps also below ground. Any way, if a rental is asked, the company would put up new poles, which the city does not want, especially on Water street."

This matter was referred to the former committee, with Mayor Sears added. The committee met at four to-day.

Director Cushing said he was about to proceed with the paving of Water street, but would wait the action of the committee.

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