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Tax Collections Fell Off Very Little - In Comparison With Other Cities, St. John Weathered Financial Storm With Comparative Ease But Outlook Regarded by Comptroller as Not so Bright For 1915

The city accounts, with the annual reports of Comptroller McIntyre and Chamberlain Linsley, were submitted to the common council this afternoon.

Adan P. MacIntyre, C. A., comptroller, shows that the city closed the year with a surplus of \$30,379, which was disposed of by the common council as follows:

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Against this surplus is an overdraft of \$42,000 as follows:—Cathedral Church and Princess street paving, \$2,400; ferry department, \$2,500; public works department, special war fund, \$30,000.

The tax collections were only about one-half per cent. less than the amount of the warrants issued for 1914.

The harbor revenue showed a decrease of \$12,241.54 and the ferry department a decrease of \$4,111.92, as compared with the previous year, due to the different arrangement in the steamer sailings in the previous season.

Summing up the city's financial position, the Comptroller says: "The city, in comparison with a number of other cities throughout Canada, weathered the financial storm this year with comparative ease."

The continued financial stress, aggravated by the war, has not, in my opinion, so bright an outlook in this respect for the year 1915.

Statement of Assets and Liabilities, City of St. John, December 31, 1914.

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Assets: Real estate \$3,841,105.39; Water plant \$1,811,961.65; Sewerage plant \$60,419.87; Sundry plants \$46,855.92; Rentals and water agreements \$2,781.98; Deferred assessments \$16,987.00; Sundry accounts \$10,974.81; Overdrafts, per order common council \$42,232.54; Bonds, investment \$1,045,165.11; Bank of N. S. \$1,448,805.90; Cash on hand \$6,996.22; Dec. 31, 1914 \$100.30; Uncollected taxes and water rates, uncollectable \$1,800,000.00; Less paid on account \$1,580,000.00; \$48,440.94.

Liabilities: Debentures outstanding \$5,100,870.31; Interest coupons not presented \$4,109.55; Due construction accounts \$4,672.59; Street permits \$1,090.00; Deposits on contracts \$519.78; Sundry accounts \$1,828.24; County surplus collections \$7,884.15; \$8,170,924.77.

Excess assets over liabilities \$2,547,666.71.

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