

COMMISSIONERS DISCUSS ACTION BY CHIEF CLARK

Commissioner McLellan Denies that He or Any Other Commissioner Desired to See Chief of Police Lose His Position—Had Intended to Advance Salaries Under a New System.

At the meeting of the city council yesterday Com. McLellan stated that neither he nor his fellow commissioners had been after Chief Clark's office...

"I am credibly informed," he added, "that the chief knew two hours before he secured the injunction that matters were in such shape that no action would be taken on the resolution...

Continuing, Com. McLellan said that the reason the public had not been taken into the confidence of the chief was that they thought it was in the interests of the city not to do so.

The chief's affidavit admitted what he had been trying to persuade the council all summer, namely that the chief is supreme and that he must recognize the authority of the city.

This shows that the chief is not acquainted with the regulations, No. 9 of the municipal rules, adopted by the council, says policemen can be dismissed without cause.

The chief expressed grave fears of the result of reducing the force. If the reduction had taken place, it was the intention to provide as much or better protection.

The chief intimates that I, especially, was trying to degrade and humiliate him. This to me is a very serious investigation showing that the system was bad, and I was only concerned to improve the system.

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statement of the commissioner of public safety. The commissioners had approached the matter from the view point of public interest.

He had had no feeling towards the chief; he only wanted to see him well and hold his position. But he felt the chief in his recent move had not treated the representatives of the people who paid his salary with courtesy or respect.

Com. Wigmore said none of the board had been looking for the chief's scalp, but they were agreed that each commissioner should have control of his department, and their idea had been to improve the system prevailing in the police force.

What Com. Schofield Thought. Com. Schofield said the old council had been struggling for years for the principle of civic appointments.

He thought it was absurd for the people to pay a commissioner \$3,000 a year and give him no control of the most important branch of his department.

The resolution to reduce the force had been passed so as to enable the commission to make provision in the estimates for a new force, in event of the legislature turning down their request.

On motion of Com. Schofield it was decided to ask James Fleming to return to his position as the chief of the city.

It was decided to pay the Exhibition Association \$2,546.75, being the contingent grant of \$9,000, less money spent on repairs to buildings.

Other Matters. On behalf of the Playgrounds Association, A. M. Belding wrote asking for a grant of \$1,000 in addition to the \$2,000 voted for Rockwood playground.

Pending the passing of the estimates for 1913, an order was passed authorizing the comptroller to meet expenses of the departments for January to the following amounts:

Public Works... \$4,000 Sewer Department... 400 Harbors... 400

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PARABORO'S SHIPMENTS OF LUMBER

Year Just Closing an Off Year for Shipments of Deals and Scantlings to United Kingdom.

Special to The Standard. Paraboro, Dec. 30.—For many years the shipment of deals and scantlings to the United Kingdom has been one of Paraboro's leading industries.

Up to date there have been on the eastern side of the harbor 121 bell alarms while on the West side there were 22 bell alarms, making a total of 143. This is far below the number of alarms for the year previous.

The following is a complete list of the alarms along with the date and time they were sent in during the past year:

January. Fri, 5th, 3:05 p. m., box 16, Harris house, Middle street.

February. Thurs, 1st, 2:15 p. m., box 7, Tug Waring, South Wharf.

March. Sun, 3rd, 10:53 p. m., box 162, chimney house, Spar Cove Road.

April. Fri, 12th, 9:25 a. m., box 127, grass fire, Douglas Avenue.

May. Fri, 3rd, 1:40 p. m., box 145, McConnell's and McLeod buildings, Main street.

June. Sat, 1st, 12:40 p. m., box 134, spark on roof.

July. Tue, 2nd, 3 p. m., box 41, needles.

August. Thurs, 1st, 1:50 a. m., box 241, Jamson's Celebration street.

September. Tues, 3rd, 12:10 p. m., box 134, needless alarm.

October. Fri, 4th, 6:45 p. m., box 19, Alexander's house, Courtenay street.

November. Wed, 4th, 8:55 p. m., box 17, chimney fire.

December. Mon, 2nd, 6:57 p. m., box 5, Empire Mfg. Co. Union street.

THE FIREMEN HAD FAIRLY BUSY TIME OF IT IN 1912

During the Past Twelve Months the St. John Fire Department Responded to 153 Bell Alarms and Numerous Still—No Very Serious Fires During Year—A Chronological List.

With the closing of the year 1912, it is fitting to give a brief account of the work done by the fire department which is at call at all hours of the day and night during an entire twelve months, the men on both sides of the harbor respond to very many alarms.

In the year 1911 the number of bell alarms was the greatest in the history of the department, but looking over the list of the past year it is shown that the number was not as great as in the year previous.

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April. 5th, 6 p. m., box 213, chimney E. Hogan's house Winslow street.

May. 11th, 11:55 p. m., box 119, Ernest Bolt's house in country.

June. 8th, 11:40 a. m., box 25, John Rowley's house Queen street.

July. 17th, 4:40 p. m., box 21, horse in hole Rodney wharf.

August. 3rd, 8:40 p. m., box 36, false alarm.

September. 9th, 9:10 p. m., box 221, bonfire Water street.

October. 23rd, 8:15 p. m., box 21, horse in hole Rodney wharf.

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NEWS IN SHORT METRE

LOCAL. Police Court. In the police court yesterday morning James A. McDonald, formerly St. John manager for the P. E. Publishing Company, was arraigned on a charge of stealing \$40 from his employers.

Young Man Disappears. Arthur M. DeLong, who made his home with his aunt, Mrs. Saunders, proprietress of the Waverly House, Charlotte street, left the house about a week ago and has not been heard from since.

Recognizement. The treasurer of the St. John Protestant Orphan's Home acknowledges with thanks the sum of \$50.00, amount of collection at Christmas Day services of united Presbyterians held in Calvin church.

New Year's Reception. The Potentate and Divan of Luxor Temple Ancient Arabic Order Mystic Shrines, will hold a reception in their temple on New Year's Day, from 11 a. m. to 3 p. m. for the society.

Has Big Cargo. The Allan liner Corsican, Captain Brook, arrived in port early yesterday morning from Liverpool, with eighty-two passengers and one of the latest freight cargoes that has been brought here by any steamer for some time.

CASTORIA. For Infants and Children. The Kid You Have Always Bought. Bears the Signature of Dr. J. C. Watson.

GENERAL. A Serious Charge. Boston, Dec. 30.—Alphonse Lemay, with a place of business in Cambridge, has been held in \$1,000 bonds on a charge of enticing from her home for immoral purposes, Miss Cecilia LeBlanc of College Bridge, New Brunswick.

German Official Dead. Stuttgart, Germany, Dec. 30.—Secretary of State von Kiderlen-Waechter died this morning. The end came with great suddenness. Alfred von Kiderlen-Waechter was 60 years old; was considered a shrewd diplomat, and had acted as imperial secretary since June 28, 1910.

Valuable Coins Found. Rome, Dec. 30.—More ancient discoveries are reported. Two laborers, while engaged in the work of demolishing the foundations of a medieval wall near the Circus Maximus, were the object of widening the road, discovered an earthenware urn, which was filled with gold coins.

Obituary. Arthur Evereth. The death took place at Montreal on Thursday last of Arthur Evereth, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin A. Evereth, formerly of this city. He was a bright young man and was well known and respected. He had been in poor health for several months.

Obituary. Peter Ryan. The death took place yesterday morning of Peter Ryan, a well-known carpenter and builder, at his home, No. 143 Broad street, at the age of 63 years. Mr. Ryan, who was twice married, is survived by five children of the first marriage, James A. Ryan, of this city; John P. Ryan, of Portland; Mrs. Charles Cochran, Mrs. Edward Kennedy and Mrs. Joseph Quinn, all of this city; also by his second wife and two children.

Obituary. Mon. Mr. Foster III. Ottawa, Dec. 30.—While the condition of the Hon. G. R. Foster is much improved, he is still confined to his home and has been unable to leave it for a week, much of which time he has spent in bed. He got heated in delivering his memorable naval speech and took cold on the way home. The pneumonia was feared at one stage, but this was averted. Mr. Foster expects to be out next week.

Obituary. Grave Robbery. Vienna, Dec. 30.—Ghoul's yesterday rifled the tomb of Count and Countess Rieday-Grosswardine, probably thinking that the very valuable diamond crown and family jewels were buried with the bodies. The ghouls found nothing except human remains, which they scattered on the floor of the mausoleum.