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CITY COUNCIL DID MUCH BUSINESS IN SHORT TIME

Yesterday's Session was Rather Informal and Very Dull—Little Time Spent in Talking—The Early Closing Question Debated and Held Over to Next Meeting.

The common council met yesterday afternoon and transacted some routine business. A delegation which wanted the early closing by-law amended and enforced, was heard, and two speakers were heard in opposition to the by-law on general principles. The commissioners discussed various phases of the proposition and deferred action to a future meeting.

All the members of the commission were present, and the proceedings were very informal and very dull.

Com. Schofield submitted the following recommendations, all of which were adopted:

Harbors.
That Capt. William Fleming be re-appointed harbor master to hold such office during the will and pleasure of the common council.

That George S. Leachman be re-appointed harbor master of St. John harbor (north) to hold such office during the will and pleasure of the common council.

That negotiations be opened with the federal government with a view to the city leasing from the government the warehouse and wharf, West St. John, known as Berth No. 6, in order that the same may be brought under the management and control of the commissioner of harbor, ferries and lands.

That the city lot immediately to the south of the custom house, bounded by Prince William street, Duke street and Water street and having a frontage of 50 feet on Water street and Prince William street, be offered for sale at public auction at Chubb's corner, so-called, on Wednesday next, the 22nd inst., and that the same be advertised.

That for the convenience of shippers of molasses, a wooden platform be laid upon the area lying between St. John street and the Pettibone warehouse according to specification prepared by the city engineer, and that tenders be called and the work proceeded with at once, and that a charge be levied upon all molasses stored there, and that a scale of fees for the same be drawn up and submitted to this council.

The Ferry.
That in accordance with the authority of the common council given on the 6th day of May, inst., tenders be called for by the superintendent for supplying 14 uniforms and caps for the officers and men on the steam ferry boat, and the tender of C. B. Pidgeon at \$14.75 each for the uniforms and \$2 each for the caps has been accepted.

Com. Schofield read a report from the city engineer stating that one of the boats of the Eastern Steamship Company had damaged a corner of the Reed Point wharf, and that the cost of repairs would be about \$800. The commissioner recommended that the city pay half the cost of the repairs, though he did not like the idea of the estimate being so high.

His recommendation was adopted.

Water and Sewerage.
Com. Wigmore recommended that a sewer be laid in Hazen avenue and Bond's Alley, connecting with the Mill street sewer through the C. B. P. property at an estimated cost of \$2,500. The recommendation was approved.

In reference to the matter of extending the water service to Milford, Com. Wigmore moved that it be laid over till a conference could be held with the Lancaster Commissioners, and this was adopted.

Early Closing.
A petition was read from the Early Closing Association urging amendments to the early closing by-law, so as to make it effective; also a communication from M. R. A. Brook & Paterson, Vassie & Co. and other firms, protesting that the merchants should be allowed to do as they pleased.

St. E. Grass was heard. He pointed out that the act of legislature, under which the by-law was adopted, had been amended so as to remove the objection made by the Police Magistrate.

He said the Early Closing Association recognized that there was no objection to the by-law as adopted.

Chafed and Aching Feet

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and had decided to meet them by making amendments, permitting the small stores in the outskirts greater liberty and allowing the fish dealers to keep open on Thursday evenings. Mr. Grass proposed that the by-law be amended so as to allow groceries and home cooking stores where no help was employed to keep open.

Com. Schofield—Would you allow small dry goods stores to keep open? Mr. Grass—I don't think we would. There are very small dry goods stores anyway.

Com. Agar pointed out the need of defining closely the character of the stores to be allowed to keep open. A man might have his whole family at work in his store, and say he was not employing help.

Com. McLellan said it was his intention to enforce all by-laws. Therefore he wanted the provision of the by-law to be made very explicit, as the police would know what to do about it.

Mr. Gilbert, of Princess street, said he closed his store at 6 p. m., but thought everybody should be independent. If they wanted to protect the clerks they might pass an act limiting his labor to 8 hours, or even 4 hours.

Opposes Early Closing.

J. K. Storey then spoke on behalf of the opposition to early closing, presenting strong arguments why the matter should be left to the merchants. He said he believed in letting his help off early, and had long done so. He recalled that he took the initiative in securing the clerks a half-holiday on Friday. He said that to close at 7 p. m. would be no advantage, as by the time the clerks cleaned up, got home and took their supper, it would be too late to say where they were going to sleep.

He contended for the right of the small stores to make a livelihood, and said the public should be responsible for the closing. He pointed out that 50 of the largest firms were opposing it on the ground that it was contrary to the public interest. He said he believed in the motto, To live and let live. He did not think the by-law was any good, and an undue interference with British liberty.

He, however, thought the help should get off at 6 o'clock.

"If you fellows put this law through you will find yourselves in a great muddle, and some of the policemen will be killed for the evening."

Suggested a Referendum.

The Mayor—it's up to the people if they want an early closing law. You take a referendum on the matter.

Mr. Grass said the by-law was already in force. If the people wanted it repeated, it was up to those opposed to take the matter to a referendum.

Com. McLellan moved that the matter be laid over to the next regular meeting and this was adopted.

A communication was received from Jas. H. McFarland, offering to clean the front of city hall by the sand blast process.

Com. McLellan said the work would cost \$1,000, and moved that the letter be laid on the table; adopted.

A letter was received from the Canadian Municipal Journal asking for subscriptions. On motion of Com. McLellan, the letter was tabled.

A letter asking for a contribution to the monument to Gen. Etienne Cartier at Montreal was referred to the Mayor.

Other Matters.

The Mayor called attention to the fact that the Governor General would visit St. John in August and suggested that they should start at once on the arrangements to entertain him and his staff. He said Halifax had already completed its arrangements.

It was decided to write the Governor General's secretary, and find out how the Duke would like to be entertained while here.

Com. Agar said he had written the Haslam Paving Company instructing them to complete the paving of Dock street, and to repair Germain street.

A report was received stating that Percy B. Holman and Allan B. Shaw had been elected members of the Salvage Corps.

It was announced that the commissioners at their noon meetings would be graciously pleased to grant and attend to persons having business with the different departments according to the following schedule:

Monday—Finance and public affairs.
Tuesday—Public safety.
Wednesday—Public works.
Thursday—Water and sewerage.
Friday—Harbors, ferries and public lands.

The reporters will not be admitted to these meetings.

THE COMMUNION A VERY STRONG PLAY

Excellent Production Witnessed and Enjoyed by Large Audience in the Opera House Last Night.

Before a large audience, which was soon brought to a realization of the fact that they were witnessing a superior play by a superior company, "The Confession" was produced in the Opera House last evening and will continue to hold the boards for the remainder of the week.

The Confession is a play with a purpose and one which is bound to arouse conflicting opinion in the minds of those who witness it. As the name implies, it is based on Roman Catholicism with the sacredness of the confessional as its theme.

While the lesson as presented in the play is made especially applicable to members of that church it may nevertheless be learned by all. It is that of the strength and inviolability of an oath taken in the church. Faith in God is its purpose.

For the purpose of the dramatist the leading character in the play is a priest of the church of Rome and he is put in a position well calculated to test the strength of his devotion to his vows and the duties of his cloth.

Briefly stated the story is that the brother of the priest is accused of murder and circumstantial evidence points so strongly against him that he is convicted and sentenced to death. The scaffold is prepared and the accused is brought to the day of the execution.

At the last minute the priest has known through the medium of the confessional that his brother is to die for another's crime, but he will not divulge the secret necessary to save an innocent man, even though that man is his brother. The real murderer, however, committed to prison for perjury, finally makes a confession to the governor of the state and the play ends happily.

The play is a play on a daring theme. Whether a wise one must be decided by the individual theatre goer who witnesses it, but at any rate it furnishes an exceptionally fine piece of stage literature, and in the hands of a good company as that which the producers have presented, it provides an excellent entertainment.

While Mortimer Snow, who plays the part of the priest, is undoubtedly the character which holds the sympathy of the audience throughout, all odds the best work of the evening was done by Clifford Dempsey in the part of Josef Dumont, a Habitant and the murderer who confesses to the crime.

His confession scene was especially good from the standpoint of emotional acting, as well as character presentation. Mr. Snow, as the priest, is dignified and renders his lines with the repression which the part calls for. Knowledge of the man subdued throughout the priestly side of the character is presented in masterly fashion.

The other male members of the company have comparatively little to do, but they do it well and round out an excellent production. The ladies, the most effective work was done by Miss Robinson, as the mother of the priest, and his brother, the condemned man.

She was particularly good in the last act where the refusal of the governor of the state to grant a pardon for her son sends her to the verge of insanity.

Miss Williams made a winsome Rose, but her part did not make exacting demands on her. The piece was well set and altogether a highly creditable production. On its merits it should draw excellent business for the remainder of its engagement.

VICTIMS DID NOT STARVE

New York, May 16.—Officials of the White Star Line, in a statement today, discounted the theory that the bodies found in the Titanic's collapsible boat were those of victims who had starved to death.

"With reference to the boat picked up by the O-ranik," the statement said, "the White Star Line repeats what it stated yesterday—that Officer Lowe before the senate investigating committee at Washington testified that he took from the boat 20 men and one woman, leaving in it the bodies of three men who, all the passengers said, were dead and who he was certain were dead some time before he abandoned the boat."

As to the bits of cork found in the mouths of the victims, an official of the line expressed the opinion that these fragments were washed aboard by waves after the boat was set adrift.

"The sea was full of floating cork," he said, "and finding of these particles does not in my view lend credence to the starvation theory."

MAY WITHDRAW.

Cleveland, Ohio, May 16.—President Taft today refused to comment on a story printed in the local papers regarding a rumor that he would quit the race if he loses out in the Ohio primaries.

RAILWAY COMMISSION FINDS IN FAVOR OF PRESS

Application of Maritime Province Newspapers for Reduced Telegraph Tolls Granted but Western Union will Not be Compelled to File Schedule for Press Association Despatches.

Announcement was received yesterday afternoon from the Railway Commission of the decision in the application recently made by the Eastern Press Association with regard to telegraph rates. The application was in two parts, one for the reduction of rates on local messages in the Maritime Provinces, and the other that the Western Union be compelled to file a schedule for press association matter throughout Canada.

The Railway Commission has granted the first part of the application and refused the second request.

Previous to January, 1911, a rate of 25c. per hundred words on day messages within the Maritime Provinces was in effect. It had existed for a great many years. At that time, however, the new Canadian Press schedule came into effect and the telegraph companies about the same time announced an increase of 100 per cent. in their tariff on special dispatches between Maritime Provinces points. Thereafter it cost 25c. per hundred words on news matter between St. John and Hampton, or St. John and any other Maritime Province point, while from Quebec to Owen Sound and intermediate points, covering much greater distances, the old rate of 25c. continued in effect.

The cost of operation in the Maritime Provinces is no greater than in Upper Canada, and considering that the newspapers in this territory are not as strong financially as the majority of Upper Canadian papers, it was considered that the increased charge was unjust. It was also contended by the Eastern Press Association that the difference in rates was a discrimination against the Maritime Provinces, in as much as New Brunswick papers particularly are in keen competition with the Montreal Star, Montreal Herald and other newspapers which have a comparatively large circulation in this territory.

The case for the Eastern Press Association was presented before the Railway Commission on May 1st by Mr. McCready, of the Telegraph, and Mr. MacKinnon, of The Standard. Mr. Scott presided at the meeting of the commission in the absence of Judge Mahon, who had been taken ill on the previous day.

The application was opposed by James Kent and Mr. Camp, of the Canadian Pacific Telegraphs and General Manager Perry, of the Great Northern Telegraph Station.

Instructed to Give Decision.

New York, N. Y., May 15.—The state athletic commission began this afternoon an investigation of the conduct of Referee Patsy Haley in giving a decision in the bout between Jim Stewart and Gunboat Smith before the National Sporting Club last Thursday night. Manager Deeserick testified that he had instructed Haley in the belief that Commissioner O. Neill favored the giving of decisions.

Mr. Scott presided at the meeting of the commission, but had not formally authorized it.

Keys Found.

A bunch of keys were found on Mill street yesterday afternoon. The owner can have the same by applying at the North End police station.

North Western, representing his own company and the Western Union, which are in reality one.

The decision was reserved in order that the parties opposing the application might be permitted to file statements of cost which they claim to be 41c. per hundred words. During the hearing the opinion was expressed that it was not within reason that the telegraph companies would carry messages for 25c. in tip per Canada and thereby lose 16c. per hundred words, nor that in the Eastern states they would carry the same distance at 25c. per hundred words and lose 8c. per hundred words. Evidently the statement of cost has not been submitted as promised, or else it has failed to satisfy the members of the commission for, as stated, their decision is favorable to the reduction in special rates. This will mean a very considerable saving to the afternoon newspapers of the Maritime Provinces, or will enable them, at no increase in expenditure, to secure a very much larger daily news service.

With regard to the Press Association schedule, the Canadian Press is now working over Canadian Pacific wires, and as there are certain objections to the service rendered it was deemed expedient to have an equal schedule filed by the Western Union in order that through competition the Canadian Pacific Company might be urged to give a better service. This application, however, has been rejected by the commission. It was therefore of interest to the whole of Canada rather than to the Maritime Provinces in particular, and the weaknesses in the present service will not doubt be overcome by other means.

Trades and Labor Council.

At the meeting of the trades and labor council held last evening most of the time was taken up by a discussion of the principles to govern the organization of a provincial federation of labor. Reports were received from various parts of the province stating that the labor unions generally were in favor of the idea of the federation and asking the council here to draft a constitution and by-laws and submit them to the labor bodies interested as soon as possible.

The longshoremen donated \$25 to aid the pulp employers at St. George who have been on strike for some time. The reports from the local unions showed that trade was good, except in the case of the longshoremen. A number of important matters which were expected to come up, were laid over to the next meeting.

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