

COMMISSIONERS DEVOTE SURPLUSES TO REDUCTION OF CIVIC ASSESSMENT

Water Department gives \$37,000 and Market Account \$5,430 — More than \$42,000 in all available for coming year — Small increase in Police Estimates and reduction in interest charges — Interesting proceedings of Council in Committee.

Commissioner Wigmore at yesterday's session of the Common Council in committee offered \$20,000 of his water surplus for the reduction of the estimates and Commissioner McLellan promised \$5,430 of his market surplus for the same purpose. Commissioner Wigmore already had arranged to pay \$17,000 out of water maintenance for objects which would entail assessments. Thus \$42,430 has been provided towards reducing the estimates for the present year.

The police estimates were adopted. Despite increases of \$6,117 in wages, under the schedule passed last year, and increase of \$925 in the cost of uniforms, other reductions made it possible to keep the net increase in the estimates down to \$5,751.12.

The Mayor announced a reduction of \$7,000 in interest charges. When the council was called to order, Commissioner Wigmore announced that, after consideration of circumstances which have arisen on account of the war, he was disposed to make a change in his suggestion of Monday. He moved that \$20,000 of his \$40,000 water surplus should be used to reduce the 1916 assessment and that \$20,000 should be transferred to the water reserve fund for renewing mains, etc., in and outside the city.

This arrangement, with the disposal of his \$17,000 items Monday, he said, would reduce the 1916 assessment by \$37,000.

The Mayor said that there were unexpended balances in the water department as follows: Burnside Place \$1,143; Cedar Grove Crescent, \$2,713; Sand Cove \$4,421, with others bringing the total up to \$15,500. He thought these balances might be transferred to the water reserve or used for new extensions.

Com. Wigmore said that the balance remained only because of uncompleted work.

The Mayor suggested that the proceeds of bond issues should be expended as promptly as possible and the accounts cleared up.

Commissioner Fettes said that his department had spent \$2,000 repairing Adelaide road after the water department had been at work there, and further expenditure will be required. He thought the water department should make an allowance towards it. It was agreed to leave this for arrangement between the commissioners.

Commissioner Wigmore's motion was then put and carried.

On motion of the Mayor the \$5,000 grant to the British Red Cross Society was charged to the 1916 assessment.

Interest Reduction. The Mayor reported that the interest payments for 1915 were \$78,915, a reduction of about \$7,000 from the previous year.

Commissioner Russell drew attention to Commissioner McLellan's agreement of Monday that he would use his market surplus to reduce the assessment if Commissioner Wigmore would do the same, and he suggested a motion to rescind the vote, \$5,430 for repairing the market streets. Commissioner McLellan said he intends to do so.

This makes a total of \$42,430 for the purpose of reducing the 1916 assessment.

Police Department. Commissioner McLellan presented his estimates for the police department and reviewed some of the changes and improvements which have been made during the year. He pointed out the need of a new ambulance, and suggested that a bond issue might be made for a motor-ambulance for the east side and the present horse vehicle might then be transferred to West St. John. Owing to the increase in the price of cloth, the need for a better grade of buttons and higher tailoring charges, the estimate for new uniforms showed an increase of \$925. Under the new wage schedule adopted last year, the new policemen are now being paid \$2, instead of \$1.75 a day, and each man gets an increase of fifty cents after serving a year. These increases make a net increase of \$6,117 in the wage estimate.

The commissioner asked the opinion of the council regarding pay for Deputy Chief Jenkins, who is still on the sick list and may not be able to return to work for some time. He was granted half-pay during 1916 until he returned to his duties.

The chief item in the estimates is for wages, \$55,846.75. Uniforms, etc., are estimated at \$3,250; care of ambulance and patrol wagon at \$1,600, and other items bring the total to \$64,700, plus the cost of assessing and collecting, \$1,162.03, but this is reduced by the estimated revenue of \$7,000, making the net total to be assessed for \$68,762.78, an increase of \$5,751.12 over last year.

Commissioner McLellan announced that he would deal tomorrow with the street lighting estimates, which cost \$15,000 last year. He said that the contract with the Street Railway Company for these lights will expire in July this year, and that a new system of lighting and, possibly, a new schedule of prices, should be considered before then.

No session of the council was held.

CHILDREN HATE PILLS, CALOMEL AND CASTOR OIL

If cross, feverish, constipated, give "California Syrup of Figs."

Look back at your childhood days. Remember the "dose" mother insisted on—castor oil, calomel, cathartics. How you hated them, how you fought against taking them.

With our children it's different. Mothers who cling to the old form of physic simply don't realize what they do. The children's revolt is well founded. Their tender little "insides" are injured by them.

If your child's stomach, liver and bowels need cleansing, give only delicate "California Syrup of Figs." Its action is positive, but gentle. Millions of mothers keep this harmless "fruit laxative" handy; they know children love to take it; that it never fails to clean the liver and bowels and sweeten the stomach, and that a teaspoonful given today saves a sick child tomorrow.

Ask your druggist for a 50-cent bottle of "California Syrup of Figs," which has two directions for babies, children of all ages and for grown-ups plainly on each bottle. Beware of counterfeiters sold here. See that it is made by "California Fig Syrup Company." Refuse any other kind with contempt.

arrangements existing in this present conflict and those of the Boer war."

Major Williams said that the greatest danger to the soldiers is tetanus, the soil being responsible for this ailment. Even the smallest scratch may become contaminated through contact with the soil. Strapped splinters, etc., which have touched the ground first will cause the wounded man to become a victim of lock-jaw.

The soldiers were much pleased with the Christmas boxes sent them, and greatly enjoyed the reminders from home. The major was in France when the boxes arrived and noted how pleased the boys were.

Will Entertain Soldiers. The city will entertain two hundred marines who are expected to arrive here today on the West Indian boat.

Major Pink said last evening that Canadians owed a debt to the men of war and that he considered it only just that the city should extend the glad hand.

SAYS BRITAIN HAS VIOLATED NEUTRAL RIGHTS

Republican member of Congress declares England more guilty than Germany in her Naval Warfare.

Washington, Jan. 11.—Great Britain's guilt for violating American rights on the seas, Representative Peas, Republican, declared in a speech in the House today is greater than that of Germany and her allies. He did not condone the violations of either, and supported the administration's submarine policy.

"In our intense feeling against the Central Powers arising out of the use of the submarine against unarmed merchant vessels for which our government rightly demands 'strict accountability' he said, 'we have either overlooked, forgotten, condoned, or approved the attitude of Great Britain in her sweeping violation of the rights of neutrals. The freedom of the seas, as understood in international law, which she had vastly the greatest part in framing, has absolutely no meaning today."

"Since she took command of the sea one hundred years ago, she has proceeded to make the rules for it. Coincident with making the rules, she has erected a navy double in size of any other nation to enforce them with special reference to her own future."

She had a leading part at the Declaration of Paris at the close of the Crimean War, which defined blockades. In the Spanish-American war, the Boer war and in the Japanese-Russian war, England stoutly and successfully defended the rights of neutrals against undue interference. Upon the initiation of London, the famous Declaration of London was adopted. This is the latest and best expression of international law in existence.

"What is the attitude of this defender of neutral rights on the sea in the light of these agreements? She has violated every one of them and in the most high-handed manner. She has not only repudiated all her professions as found in her protestations as a neutral, but she has shamefully ignored all the important rights the United States has stood for and has done so upon the ground that she is fighting our battles for us."

Mr. Peas stood against any embargo on munitions.

Representative Foster, of Illinois, spoke for universal peace, urged American citizens to keep off belligerent ships, and assailed Representative Gardner for his recent charge that German-Americans were committing illegal acts. Mr. Foster said they would prove their loyalty to the United States in time of need.

ANOTHER NEW ST. JOHN MAN INDUSTRY FOR NORTH SHORE WON HIS RANK ON THE FIELD

Flour Mill at Newcastle completed and equipped—A great boon to the community.

Newcastle, Jan. 11.—Three more heroes volunteered for the 132nd yesterday bringing C Co.'s strength of privates and N. C. O.'s to 112. Larkin Ronan of Newcastle, whose two brothers, Hubert (in the navy), and Pierce, have already enlisted; Stanley Matchett of Brown Road, and Thos. Alexander Campbell of Nelson.

The funeral of the three-month-old child of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Smallwood of Maple Glen took place Saturday afternoon, Rev. Dr. Harrison of Newcastle officiating.

The Stothart Mercantile Co. have completed their new wheat, corn and buckwheat mill here, and are grinding local wheat. It has a capacity of 40 barrels of wheat, 50 of buckwheat and 100 of corn. The machinery was installed by the Canadian Fairbanks-Morse Co. Ltd., of St. John, also the power. It is run by an oil engine. The building is 40 x 50 ft. and a half stories high with concrete floor in the basement. The grinding is done by the Midget Marvel system. A load of No. 1 western wheat, from which the company will manufacture "Radio" flour, is on the way. The local farmers take all their own flour, preferring to pay cash instead of toll.

The building and machinery cost about \$9,000. There will be a public opening Friday.

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INTERESTING CONTESTS For Boys and Girls More Valuable Prizes

There are many trades and forms of business, which may be described in six letters, such as "Barber," and "Draper." Can you think of an... If so make a careful list of same, and to the sender of the two longest and best written lists, I shall award a beautiful silver watch, and some other suitable prize for boy or girl. Remember that in this contest, no name of trade must contain more or less than six letters, and only one side of the paper to be written on. Also state at the end of the list, how many names you have been able to get. This contest is open to all boys and girls not over fifteen years of age, and each entry must have the usual coupon, attached. The competition will close January 12th, 1916, and attempts must be addressed to

UNCLE DICK,
THE STANDARD,
ST. JOHN, N. B.

Whose decision must be considered as final.

STANDARD COMPETITION.
For Boys and Girls
Full Name.....
Address.....
Age Last Birthday.....

A Contest With New Conditions

Having noticed that a number of boys and girls who are not over ten years of age, refrain from entering the different contests, thinking perhaps that they have little chance against kiddies much older, I have decided to let you have a competition for both classes, each to be judged under their own age.

Make out the most number of words out of the letters in the word, EXCITEMENT, and I shall award two beautiful prizes for the two longest lists, as follows: One for the boy or girl UNDER TEN YEARS OF AGE, and the other for the boy or girl, WHO IS TEN, OR NOT OVER FIFTEEN years of age.

Each list must be accompanied by the usual coupon, correctly filled in, and having the number of words written at the end of the list.

All attempts must reach this office by January 19th, 1916, addressed to

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What the thousands are daily doing you can surely do. Every condition of stomach and digestive troubles has been relieved by Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets. They have been tested and tried for years. They are the nation's greatest dyspepsia remedy.

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F. A. Stuart Co., 218 Stuart Building, Marshall, Mich., send me at once a free trial package of Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets.
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City..... State.....

TAKE SALTS TO FLUSH KIDNEYS

Eat less meat if you feel Backache or have Bladder trouble.

Meat forms uric acid which excites and overworks the kidneys in their efforts to filter it from the system. Regular eaters of meat must flush the kidneys occasionally. You must relieve them like you relieve your bowels; removing all the acids, waste and poison, else you feel a dull misery in the kidney region, sharp pains in the back or sick headache, dizziness, your stomach aches, tongue is coated and when the weather is bad you have rheumatic twinges. The urine is cloudy, full of sediment; the channels often get irritated, obliging you to get up two or three times during the night.

To neutralize these irritating acids and flush out the body's urinous waste get about four ounces of Jad Salts from any pharmacy; take a tablespoonful in a glass of water before breakfast for a few days and your kidneys will then act fine and bladder disorders disappear. This famous salt is made from the acid of grapes and lemon juice, combined with lithia, and has been used for generations to clean and stimulate sluggish kidneys and stop bladder irritation. Jad Salts is inexpensive; harmless and makes a delightful effervescent lithia-water drink which millions of men and women take now and then, thus avoiding serious kidney and bladder diseases.

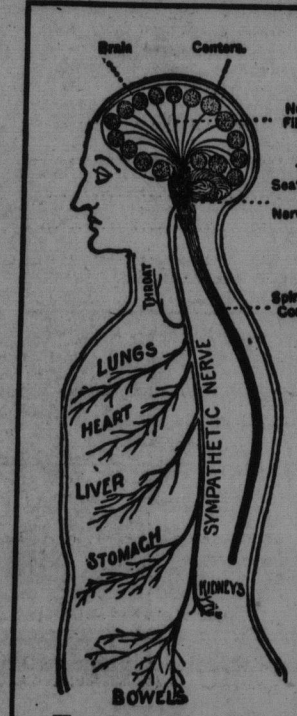
HUSBAND OBJECTS TO OPERATION

Wife Cured by Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound

Des Moines, Iowa.—"Four years ago I was very sick and my life was nearly spent. The doctors stated that I would never get well without an operation and that without it I would not live one year. My husband objected to any operation and got me some of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound. I took it and commenced to get better and am now well, am stout and able to do my own housework. I can recommend the Vegetable Compound to any woman who is sick and run down as a wonderful strength and health restorer. My husband says I would have been in my grave ere this if it had not been for your Vegetable Compound."—Mrs. BLANCHETTE JEFFERSON, 708 Lyon St., Des Moines, Iowa.

Before submitting to a surgical operation it is wise to try to build up the female system and cure its derangements with Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound; it has saved many women from surgical operations.

Write to the Lydia E. Pinkham Medicine Co., Lynn, Mass., for advice—it will be confidential.



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The Nerves Which Drive the Machinery of the Body—the Heart, the Lungs, the Digestive Organs.

You prick your finger and know that it is the nerves which carry the painful sensation to the brain. You move your hand, and realize that the idea of movement started in your mind. But did you ever think that every beat of your heart and every breath of air taken into your lungs is dependent on a constant supply of nerve force?

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