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THINK CITY'S LANCASTER TAX BILL TOO LARGE

Common Council Will Pay Under Protest to Save Discount

MAYOR SEES WEAPON IN WATER CHARGES

Contracts Awarded—Labor Council Suggests School Board Appointee.

The city council this morning decided to pay the Lancaster tax bills under protest, in order to obtain the cash discount. Mayor Potts suggested that if the parish continued to increase the taxes the city could get square by increasing the water rates in the parish. It was decided to proceed with the extension of the water system in Loch Lomond road and to change the new sewer in Rodney street from terra cotta to cement to timber.

Commissioner Wigmore reported that the extension of the Loch Lomond road in conjunction with the sewerage system to be installed there, would cost about \$4,500 and that the 10 per cent. revenue required was available. He moved the work be undertaken and said for bond issue. Carried.

Commissioner Wigmore reported that it had been found that it would be better to carry the timber sewer from the Mill Pond, West End, to Rodney street, up Rodney, instead of using terra cotta or cement pipe. He was given authority to purchase the necessary timber. He said the timber sewer would cost about \$800 less than cement.

CONTRACTS AWARDED. On motion of Commissioner Wigmore, the following tender for terra cotta pipe, from James Robertson & Co., was accepted: 225 feet of 18 inch, at \$1.03 a foot; 100 feet of 18 inch, at \$1.44 a foot, and 900 feet of 20 inch, at \$1.84 a foot.

On motion of Commissioner Frink, the tender of the Carrville Co. of \$27,854.10 for 145 tons of asphalt for the paving of St. James street, was accepted.

FOR SCHOOL BOARD. The Saint John Trades and Labor Council submitted the name of James T. Sharpe as representative of labor on the Board of School Trustees. This was laid on the table.

Commissioner Bullock was given authority to pool the estimates for the ferry department.

Commissioner Bullock moved that the Lancaster tax bills, \$1,817.50 and \$2,875.50 be paid under protest, in order to secure the cash discount. He said that last year the bills were more than \$900 less than this year and in 1917 the total bill was \$2,197.

Commissioner Wigmore said it would be interesting to know how much land the city had disposed of since 1917. Mayor Potts remarked that the city was selling water to Lancaster and if the taxes kept going up the water rates might be raised.

A lot in Collins street, Fairville, was sold to Owen McDonald for \$200. The commissioner of finance and public affairs reported payments of \$149,476.71 for June.

The committee of the whole recommended the granting of permission to John Kelly for the installation of a gasoline tank and pump at 641 Main street. Commissioner Harding suggested that the common clerk notify the Board of Fire Underwriters, whenever one of these tanks was to be installed as they were subject to the rules of the underwriters. This was agreed to.

J. H. ROBSON CHIEF. Officers of Millisette Encampment of Oddfellows Installed Last Evening.

Millisette Encampment, No. 2, I. O. O. F., last evening carried out installation of the officers for the new term, with a good attendance of the members. The officers are: J. Harry Robson, chief patriarch; W. R. Sanderson, high priest; W. R. Green, senior warden; W. J. Watson, scribe; C. W. Segre, treasurer; F. W. Stanton, junior warden; William Chipman, I. S.; George Maxwell, O. S.; H. B. Duke, guide; J. Verrier Sanderson, 1st W.; Thomas Corrigan, 2nd W.; John Alingham, 3rd W.; Frank Amos, 4th W.; Fred N. Long, G. of T. The installing officer was J. Harry Robson, district deputy grand patriarch.

ARTHUR BRINGS 152. The steamer Prince Arthur arrived at 6:30 o'clock this morning from Boston direct with 152 passengers, two automobiles and a small shipment of perishable freight.

Figures Show Steady Gain

SAINT JOHN bank clearings continue to show increase over those of this time last year. On last Thursday the figures were larger than those of the corresponding week of 1924, and this cheering situation has prevailed for some weeks. Today the local clearing house announced clearings of \$3,156,723, as compared with \$3,019,309 last year and \$2,837,126 in 1923—a considerable gain in favor of the present. Monotonous clearings this week were \$978,697. Halifax figures were \$4,039,488. The bank clearings are regarded as a business barometer.

ALMANAC FOR SAINT JOHN, JULY 9. High Tide..... A.M. High Tide..... P.M. Low Tide..... 3.03 Low Tide..... 8.17 Sun Rise..... 5.15 Sun Sets..... 8.11 (Atlantic Standard Time).

Local News

TO TEACH AT ROTHSAY. At a meeting of the trustees of the Rothsay Consolidated School, last evening it was decided to engage Harold Chown as teacher of Grades 5 and 6 for the coming year. He will succeed Mr. Harper, who is going to Moncton to teach.

DIED THIS MORNING. The death of Miss Helen F. Meisner occurred at her parents' residence, 88 Watson street, early this morning. Bertha, her parents, she leaves to mourn five brothers, Rev. John W. Meisner, Nictaux Falls, N. S.; James, West Saint John, and Charles, Roy and Harold, at home, and two sisters, Mrs. John J. Flood, West Saint John, and Gertrude, at home. The funeral will be held on Saturday at 9 o'clock from her late residence.

BAXTER LODGE MEETS. Baxter Lodge, L. O. B. A. met last evening with Mrs. Edward Duff, warden. Present were: Mrs. Duff, Potts, Potts, the new L. O. B. A. in Lorneville, attended and there were addresses by John Ferguson, worshipful master of Mount Purple Lodge, Lorneville and Wallace Galbraith, Robert of the same lodge. The ladies of Baxter Lodge served ice cream and coffee. In a short business session plans were made for participating in the service in St. David's church on Sunday afternoon.

MISS M. M. McELWANE DEAD. Many in the city will regret the passing of Miss Margaret Matilda McElwane, better known by her close friends as "Tilly." She was for years a worker in the Cathedral parish and had been granted a pension on full pay, where she attended Holy Trinity church. One brother, Alfred, of the N. B. survives. Her parents, John and Jane McElwane, died some years ago. The funeral will be held on Friday morning at 9 o'clock from Holy Trinity church, for high mass of requiem at 8:30 o'clock.

NO SIGN OF WRECK, REPORTS DOLLARD

Fiona, Which Struck Trinity Ledges on Voyage From Here, Disappears.

The wreck of the steamer Fiona, which struck on Trinity Ledges last night and sank while en route from this port to Newfoundland with a cargo of potatoes loaded up the Saint John river, has been completely demolished by the sea, according to information received at the local Marine and Fisheries Department from Captain Bayers of the C. G. S. Dollard.

For some time after the vessel sank her masts could be seen about two feet out of water at dead low tide. Shipping interests in the vicinity of Yarmouth notified the Marine Department that the wreck was menacing the Dollard and sent with orders to destroy the wreck, but Captain Bayers has reported that a two-day search failed to reveal the wreck although several pieces of the vessel's hull were found in the vicinity. He felt certain that the sea had demolished the Fiona. Trinity Ledges are about 30 miles from Yarmouth.

PERSONALS. Miss Sadie Crawford, of Yarmouth, has returned after a visit to Charlottetown and is a guest at present of Mrs. W. H. Conrad, 170 Queen street. A. W. Covey was in Charlottetown, P. E. I. yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. Merritt Ellsworth of Boston, accompanied by their young son, Master Merritt, and Mrs. Ellsworth's mother, Mrs. Edward Burgess, are visiting Mrs. Perley Durden of Fairville, sister Mrs. Burgess. George E. Bible, superintendent of the Chautauque in Saint John this year, arrived yesterday and is registered at La Tour Hotel, King Square, where the various Chautauque parties will stay on their tour.

Hon. W. P. Jones, of Woodstock, is in the city. Lieut. Colonel A. B. Snow is in Sussex, in charge of the Cadet instructors' course at camp there.

Miss Susan B. Garson and Miss E. R. Pletcher, of Netherwood Girls' School, at Britton, are enjoying a vacation trip in Brittany, France.

Mrs. Jessie Macaulay Estabrook, of Lowell, Mass., accompanied by her son, Elbert Estabrook, has arrived in the city and is at the home of Mrs. G. C. Flett, 47 Union street. Mrs. Estabrook and her son are members of the Lawrence Corporation, of Lowell. They have relatives and many friends here.

Miss Louise E. Watters, of Boston, was the guest of her mother, Mrs. A. T. Watters, 241 Duke street.

Miss Helen Wilson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alex. Wilson, of Queen square, who was operated on for appendicitis on Saturday night in the Saint John Infirmary, is reported to be making excellent recovery.

Rev. and Mrs. Harry C. Rice left this morning for Woodstock.

Miss M. Winifred Paul, of Irvington, N. Y., passed through the city yesterday on her way to Sydney, N. S., to visit her brother, P. G. Paul.

WEST SIDE HAS COUNCIL PLACE

Board of Trade Executive Provides for Two Members From There.

Subjects for Maritime Conference Discussed—A. L. Foster Joins Council.

At a meeting of the council of the Board of Trade this morning the first fruits of the election were taken to consolidate all local improvement efforts was seen in the adoption of a resolution providing that the members of the West Side Progressive Association should be on the council of the board, and the president of the West Side organization will take a place at once, filling the vacancy caused by the resignation of F. M. Ross, who has moved to Montreal. The resolution provides that the president of the West Side Association shall be one of the representatives of that organization, and the other shall be elected by the Progressive Association.

CONFERENCE DISCUSSED. The Maritime Conference at Moncton was discussed and the opinion was expressed that formal resolutions should not be placed before the meeting for adoption, but that the problems of the Maritimes should be discussed and referred to special committees to whip into shape for presentation at the national conference in the fall.

Among the matters which the Saint John Board suggest to be taken up are transportation, which would include all forms of transportation, including freight, handicrafts, development of natural resources, immigration, as it was felt that the Maritimes were not getting their fair share of the immigration coming to the country, although they were paying their share of the cost of procuring settlers; and a re-adjustment of the economic base of relations with the Dominion. It was felt that as a result of Ontario and Quebec having been granted large concessions to their territory the Maritimes should be given better treatment in the way of subsidies, that some steps should be taken to safeguard their fair share of representatives in Parliament.

JOINS COUNCIL. A. L. Foster, chairman of the membership and finance committee, was appointed to the council to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of E. A. Schofield, and he was warmly welcomed to the meeting.

The report of the Imperial Shipping Committee in regard to marine insurance rates was handed to the chairman, William McBride, Haymarket square, for study and report. In the absence of the president and vice-presidents the chair was occupied by A. P. Patterson.

A. D. ROLFE OF CITY WINS TRIP TO ROME

Drawings in Connection With Loch Lomond Picnic Carried on at Social.

A. D. Rolfe of 11 Bryden street, North End, is the winner of a trip to Rome in connection with the recent picnic of St. Joseph's church, Loch Lomond, of which Rev. H. L. Congdon is pastor. The drawing took place last evening at a basket social held in the gricultural Hall at Loch Lomond, and which was attended by some 250 people. A happy time was enjoyed.

PLAY IS REPEATED. "Martha Made Over" Enjoyed Last Evening by Residents of Fair Vale.

The Young People's Association of the Caledon United church repeated their successful play, "Martha Made Over," for the residents of Fair Vale last evening, going out in five cars. More than 200 people were present in the Fair Vale Outing Club house. Specialties were given by Miss Helen Henderson, Mrs. D. Brunstrom, Miss Margaret Henderson, Roland Belyea, who sang solo between the acts. L. Wetmore of the Fair Vale Club presided. Miss Ruth Stubbs, a prettily dressed little girl, presented, on behalf of the Fair Vale Club, a lovely bouquet of red peonies to Mrs. Charles Watters, director of the play. Miss Martha Beatty was the accompanist and received hearty thanks for her part in making the concert specialties so bright and interesting.

Judge Sends Boy to Industrial Home

His Honor Judge J. A. Barry, in County Court Chambers this morning, imposed sentence of a term not to exceed five years in the Boys' Industrial Home on the juvenile who was found guilty of stealing money from a house in the South End recently. This was the lad's fourth offence, suspended sentence standing against him on three former charges.

TO HAVE PICNIC. The Old Girls' Association of Netherwood School, Rothsay, will enjoy their annual picnic tomorrow, with Miss Elizabeth Armstrong, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. E. G. Armstrong, as convener. Miss Alice Tilley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Tilley, is president.

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