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FEAR THEY ARE LOST

No further word was received today to throw any light on the fate of James Webster, his son Brad, and Andrew Mathews, who were members of the ill-fated schooner Helen, which capsized in the Bay of Fundy yesterday morning. The schooner was loaded with piling for C. T. White & Sons and was bound from Port Adelaide for Boston. The schooner was built in Rockland, Me., in 1864 and was one of the old type of two masted, very few of which are in existence today. She was 120 tons (net) register.

Captain G. M. Morris and James Webster were well known along the water front, in this port and general regret was heard on all sides when news of the disaster was circulated. Few entertain hopes that the three men were picked up by a passing ship.

SUPPORT THE PLUMBERS.
St. John Typographical Union, No. 85, at the regular meeting on Saturday evening, went on record in support of the plumbers who are now on strike in the city.



THAT TRIDENT!
BERNSTORFF: "Donnerwetter! Vor was dat? I see der periscope of a U-boat!"
DANISH CAPTAIN: "Your Excellency need have no fear. The British fleet is protecting us—and you!"—Passing Show.

MAYOR WANTS BIGGER CUT IN WATER RATES

Will Increased Valuation Offset Lower Rates?

NO ACTION TAKEN TODAY

Clarendon Street Repairs Again Up—Commissioner Fisher Expresses Anxiety to do Certain Portion of Work Ordered

The proposed decrease in water rates was the subject of a lengthy discussion at a committee meeting of the common council this morning. While the other members appeared to approve of Commissioner Wigmore's suggestion for reduction in the property tax rate for water purposes, they also asked that some assurance be given that the assessment made on the same valuation as was used last year. Otherwise the increased values might offset the reduced rates, leaving the total amount to be collected about the same figure.

Commissioner Wigmore presented a statement showing that the 1915 assessment totaled \$169,758, as follows: Real estate, \$75,548; stocks, \$14,895; and for supply, \$79,315. On the same valuation the income would be \$180,000, a reduction of \$10,242. Additional revenue from meters, agreements, steamers, etc., would be about \$70,000, making a total of \$250,000. The estimated expenditure reaches the same total as follows: General maintenance and repairs, \$87,000; interest and sinking funds, \$118,000; Lake Lattimer and Lancaster renewals, \$45,000; other renewals, \$10,000. The whole matter was laid over until the commissioner was prepared to announce what valuation will be used as well as the new rates. The mayor urged that the decrease should be at least \$40,000.

There was also a discussion of the matter of repairs for Clarendon street which had been ordered by the council but not carried out. Commissioner Fisher said that he was willing and anxious to do some of the work required and promised to submit estimates at a later meeting.

The committee considered an application from William Lewis & Son for the lease of a lot in Britain street. The purchase of blue serge for firemen's uniforms was authorized. Mayor Hayes presided; all the members of the council were present; Councilors O'Brien and Golding of Lancaster were present for the consideration of water rates and the city engineer advised the council regarding the application for a lease.

James Lewis and Frank D. Lewis appeared to support the application of William Lewis & Son for a lease of a twenty-five foot strip of land at the rear of the lot adjoining their premises in Britain street. Mr. Lewis said that they might have to spend \$2,000 for a retaining wall behind the property and asked that this be considered in fixing a valuation limit on the lease.

On the recommendation of Commissioner Russell the matter was laid over until the other members have an opportunity to inspect the site.

The Water Rates.

The proposed revision of the property tax for water rates was submitted by Commissioner Wigmore, showing a reduction in the rate from one-fourth and two-fifths of one per cent to one-fifth of one per cent, or about \$1,000.

In reply to Commissioner McLellan Commissioner Wigmore said that his estimates for this year were based on the 1915 valuations, as the 1914 assessment was not complete and he did not expect to use it.

It was said that using the increased valuations might offset the reduction in rates.

The mayor asked why the decrease could not be doubled, in view of the \$40,000 surplus in 1915 and the amount used for repairs in 1914.

Commissioner Wigmore insisted that the income had been used in the most economical manner and for the good of the service.

Commissioner Fisher wanted to know why the rate on stocks was being reduced by half while the rate on real estate was being reduced by only one-fifth.

It was informed that the rate on stocks had been doubled at the time of the Loch Lomond referendum. The proposed changes would restore both rates to their original figures.

In reply to Commissioner O'Brien, Commissioner Wigmore said that the change in rates would reduce the amount collected in Lancaster by about \$1,000.

The mayor said that last year's expenditures included \$25,000 for sewer maintenance and hydrants, and \$25,000 for the purchase of supplies, neither of which were provided for in this year's assessment. In view of this, he said, he thought the collections should be reduced by at least \$40,000.

Commissioner Wigmore insisted that this could not be done and necessary improvements provided for.

His Worship said that no assurance had been given that the increased 1915 valuation would not be used and that would result in taking just as much money from the citizens as last year.

Finally it was decided to delay action until the commissioner of water and sewerage could bring down the valuation on which his assessment would be figured.

Clarendon Street

When the Clarendon street matter was taken up, Commissioner Fisher said the only orders in connection with this street were in the orders-in-council which had been practically abandoned by the council.

Commissioner McLellan—"What do you mean by saying it was abandoned?"

Commissioner Fisher—"On the day following the adoption of an order, a letter was presented to the council from the engineer protesting against tenders being called, and the council took no further action. Therefore, I say, the order was practically abandoned."

Commissioner McLellan said that in deference to the opinion of the council, the work was allowed to stand over, with the understanding that the public works department should proceed with the work. It was not done during the winter and had not been undertaken this spring because it was not included in the appropriations, owing to the unwilling-

LOCAL NEWS

ACCIDENT TO COMMISSIONER

Commissioner Wigmore is suffering from painful injuries to his right wrist received on Saturday evening while cracking his car. The doctor reports a broken tendon, a main nerve severed and a fractured artery.

WILL LIKELY RECOVER

Minard Akerley, who was found unconscious in a deserted house near Courtenay Bay on last Friday night and taken to the Municipal Home, is considerably better today. He regains consciousness yesterday and is still very weak, but hopes are now entertained for his recovery.

MRS. JOHN ARMSTRONG

Death came at an early hour this morning to Mrs. John Armstrong at the residence of her sister, Mrs. Fred Preston of Camden street, following an illness of about two months. She was thirty-eight years of age, and a daughter of the late Thompson Kennedy of this city. She leaves her husband, one little girl, Eva R., four sisters, Mrs. Preston, Mrs. George E. Briggs and the Misses Florence and J. Kennedy, all of St. John, and three brothers, Charles, William and Thompson, also of this city. Many friends will hear with regret of her death.

A NARROW ESCAPE

Michael Butler of Milford had a narrow escape from being killed early on Saturday morning while working on board a steamer in port. He missed his footing and fell into one of the hold's leading on top of a boiler. He was assisted to the warehouse and later driven to his home at 401 Main street. For a while it was feared that he was injured internally, but today his condition was considerably improved.

CITY WATER WORKS

The water and sewer department has completed the work of installing new stop-cocks, hydrants, vaults, catch basins and service boxes in Adelaide street. The work of laying a new sewer in that street was to be begun today. Two new hydrants and four new catch basins are being installed in Mecklenburg street between Wentworth and Carleton in preparation for the new paving work. The renewal of the old sewer across the head of Brussels street, and under the sidewalks and car tracks has been completed and now the work is being continued inside the block between Brussels and Waterloo streets.

FOUND DEAD ON THE DOLLAR

W. L. Foster, Member of Crew of Government Steamer Now in Port

A sad discovery was made this morning on the Canadian government steamer Dollar when a member of the crew was found dead in his bunk. The young man was W. L. Foster, aged twenty-three years, mess-room steward on the steamer. He had been about his duties on last evening and had been seen by the wireless operator at eleven o'clock when he seemed to be in the line of health.

When his death was learned of this morning, Dr. F. L. Kenney, coroner, was notified. After an investigation his death was ascribed to natural causes and permission given for the removal of the body.

Mr. Foster was a bright young man of excellent habits who had been in the government service for several years. He is highly spoken of by the officers and officials, and his death was the cause of great regret. His nearest surviving relative is Mrs. Daley, residing at 20 Brussels street.

ness of the public works department to carry forward the work. He added that the people of the north end were beginning to feel that they were being treated like so much mud by certain commissioners.

Commissioner Fisher said that he did not think that the north end citizens were quite so worked up as they had been represented, and he felt that the public works department was doing as much for that part of the city as other departments. Regarding this work, the commissioner said he was in favor of some work, but added that he felt it should be paid for by bond issue and that the whole amount suggested was too large for the proportion to the requirements of the town planning act for taking over streets. He was willing to recommend that certain work be done after conference with his street superintendent.

Commissioner Russell said that the work had been ordered and he thought it should be done. He was willing to vote for the expenditure.

Commissioner McLellan said he did not expect the town planning act to be put in effect during his lifetime. It had been said that there are not many houses in that street, but people would not build unless improvements are made.

Commissioner Wigmore told of what work had been done in the past and said that he had understood that the matter was to be left to the public works department.

Commissioner Fisher—"How could I proceed in the face of that order?"

Commissioner McLellan—"If you had been sincere in your desire to do something, you would have found a way."

Commissioner Fisher—"I yet have to find that I am not sincere."

The mayor said that he understood that the people of Clarendon street would be fairly well satisfied if a respectable sidewalk was laid on the north side of the street in front of the new houses and good intentions shown by removing the rock. If a retaining wall was necessary to reach Douglas avenue, retaining walls had been provided for by bond issues in the past.

It was agreed to leave the matter in the hands of the commissioner of public works to submit detailed estimates of what work he would undertake this year.

Commissioner McLellan presented a sample of blue serge which he could purchase in the city at \$2.80 a yard; other quotations had run to \$3.70 and \$6. His recommendation for the purchase of 100 yards at \$2.80 for firemen's uniforms was adopted.

On motion of Commissioner Russell, it was decided to meet in council at 11:30 o'clock on Tuesday morning.

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