

## THE FAREWELL SESSION OF CITY COUNCIL OF PAST YEAR

Routine Business Transacted---Committee Appointed to Confer With Other Organizations in the Matter of the Proposed St. John Valley Railway---Several of the Aldermen Deliver Valedictories---Ald. Winslow Charged Looseness in Financial Administration and Was Rebuked by Members of the Finance Committee, Who Claimed That the Financial Position of the City is Now on a Solid Basis.

The farewell meeting of the present City Council was held last evening at City Hall and proved a fitting close to a good year's work.

Ald. Crowe Presided.

Ald. Crowe was given the honor of presiding at his last meeting as a member of the Board. The others present were: Alds. Hooper, Mitchell, Weddall, Kitchen, Walker, Farrell, Clark and Winslow.

The auditor's report was adopted as follows:

Roads and streets.....	\$ 290.17
Contingent.....	97.35
Wharves.....	8.52
Markets.....	15.25
Administration of justice.....	1,798.30
Fire.....	91.87
City Hall.....	103.29
Street lighting.....	103.39
Sewerage.....	10.89
Water.....	1,043.91
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$3,565.35</b>

The Municipal Home commission's report showed \$234.97 expended in February and a check for \$250 was ordered to issue.

The monthly salaries were ordered paid.

The report of tax collections for the past month showed \$7,548.66 collected as compared with \$5,353.31 for February, 1908.

The City's Wharves.

Ald. Walker read the report of the City Engineer regarding the city wharves, which he said had been sadly neglected.

The City Engineer had taken 350 soundings in front of the City Hall and there was found to be a navigable channel for large vessels with cargoes with a minimum depth of 10 feet.

The report called attention to the fact that the retaining wall in front of the Government property on Campbell street is quickly decaying and unless a new one is built at a cost of something like \$15,000 the use of the street will be lost.

On motion of Ald. Walker the report was ordered placed on file with accompanying plans.

**Snowploughing Contracts.**

The second instalment of the snowploughing contracts of \$20 each were ordered paid to Contractors Belyea and Clarke.

Ald. Mitchell moved a recommendation for ploughing a path across Queen's Square next winter for the benefit of U. N. B. students. Carried.

Ald. Winslow favored extending the limits for snowploughing in the city and having the work done earlier in the mornings. He felt more stringent provisions should be made in the contracts, no matter if more money had to be paid.

Ald. Mitchell said that he thought the roadmaster should give more attention to the snowploughing contractors' work.

Ald. Mitchell moved that the local newspaper reporters be given the usual annual remuneration.

Ald. Kitchen seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

**Civic Election Officers.**

The following returning officers were appointed for the civic elections on Monday next:

City Hall—F. G. VanWart and R. B. Vandine; assistants—W. A. VanWart and Wm. Todd; constable—James Roberts.

Court House—Wm. Lockart and T. C. Delbert; assistants—F. G. Edwards and J. B. Hawthorn; constable—James Farjo.

**The Valley Railway.**

A communication from the Wood stock Board of Trade asking the City Council to meet the Government with other committees regarding the St. John Valley Railway.

Ald. Winslow moved, seconded by Ald. Weddall, that the resolution be approved and that the incoming Council appoint the committee. Carried.

The matter of delegates to attend the Union of Municipalities convention at Moosetown, opening on March 19, was taken up. The Mayor, City Clerk and City Auditor were named as members of the delegation and the Mayor has power to appoint members of the new Council Board.

**The City's Financing.**

Ald. Winslow said that at the Council's last meeting valedictories were often delivered and perhaps he had a great deal to answer for, but the statements that some members of the Council had obstructed the enforcement of the Scott Act was entirely untrue.

There had been a difference of opinion as to the amount to be paid the policemen of the city as the proposed increase in pay had not been asked for by the policemen.

There had to be some check on the payments and if somebody had not called a halt it was hard to say where the expenditures would have stopped.

The chairman of the Police Commission had been authorized to buy some furniture for his office and it was expected that he would be economical. He purchased four chairs and they cost \$65.

The Resolution Re Scott Act Cases. Referring to the resolution calling for the withdrawal of Scott Act cases Ald. Winslow said that Ald. Weddall

had first of all seconded the resolution, which simply gave him the power to withdraw such cases in which the evidence was that of spot-tyers or obtained through deception.

The Scott Act was not the only law of the city and other laws should be considered; but practically all the time was taken up with Scott Act matters and other things were also, largely neglected.

**City Lost \$15,000 on Bond Sales.**

Ald. Winslow criticised the sale during 1908 of \$141,500 bonds, which had been sold on a poor market, bringing \$15,250 below par, while the city had an arrangement for a \$60,000 discount at 5 per cent.

The city lost \$15,000 on the sales of 1908, the bonds being sold at about \$91.2, while they were now advertised at \$91.2.

He blamed Ald. Clark for the maladministration of the finances of the city and in 1908 this brought about a loss of \$15,000 to the city, which would have been enough for a permanent pavement on Queen street.

If the Council had discussed such matters instead of the Scott Act only the city might have saved \$15,000.

**Ald. Clark's Reply.**

Ald. Clark, in reply, stated that Ald. Winslow's charges and reflections were without foundation. What had been done had been only after consultation with other members of the committee.

He claimed that many of the bonds had been sold before the present Board came into power, there were many loans outstanding on some of which there was pressure for payment and on others the rate of interest was thought exorbitant. It was found necessary to move and each move was made carefully, the bonds sold at big rates were paid. The present overdraft was but \$10,000 and was at a low rate of interest. Ald. Winslow's figures, he said, had been misleading and included figures of both this year and last year.

The charge, he claimed, was absolutely absurd, but perhaps it would have been better to keep the \$20,000 loan at 7 per cent. running. The local bonds had been sold better than had the St. John bonds.

The city had had the best enforcement of the Scott Act in its history and yet some of them kicked.

**Ald. Kitchen Speaks Out.**

Ald. Kitchen, a member of the Finance Committee, said that he felt the city's finances had been well looked after. The city was in a bankrupt state and its checks were dishonored when the present finance committee came into power.

**Ald. Walker Says City Was Bankrupt.**

Ald. Walker made a dashing speech, in the course of which he strongly condemned Ald. Winslow for making his charges, which were entirely unfounded. The city was practically bankrupt when the finance committee, of which he was a member, came into power. There were no funds in the treasury, the Bank of Montreal was pressing for the sale of the bonds so that the finance committee did the best thing possible under the circumstances.

He strongly defended the action of the finance committee. He had always considered Ald. Winslow a fair-minded administrator and still did, but he was surprised at his remarks. The city's finances were now in excellent condition.

**Ald. Winslow Defines Charges.**

Ald. Winslow said that his charges had referred to the year of 1908, not the just ended term of the present Council and his figures were given from official sources. He repeated his charge that the city had lost between \$5,000 and \$10,000 in 1908 through poor handling of its finances. He thought an expert should have been called in at such a crucial period.

Somebody moved that the Council adjourn, somebody seconded it, and the motion passed, valedictories being forgotten.

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## MEETING HOSPITAL TRUSTEES MONDAY

Matters in Connection With the Institution Generally Satisfactory---A Much Appreciated Contribution.

Monday afternoon the regular monthly meeting of the trustees of Victoria Public Hospital was held with Vice-President Tennant in the chair. Dr. Weaver was present for the first time as representative of the medical staff and was most cordially welcomed. President Kitchen was unable to be present, but keeps in constant and close touch with everything pertaining to the welfare of the institution. The Secretary was able, as usual, to present a large expenditure sheet, and justified its size by the number of patients treated and the extra nurses employed. Miss Barry, a most efficient under graduate, has returned to duty after an absence at her home by illness. Miss Smith, of Sackville, and Miss Bryenton, of the Miramichi, both undergraduates, are resting at their homes after illness. Miss McCallum, the matron, is still quite seriously ill and her physicians and nurse are in almost constant attendance. It was supposed typhoid had developed in her case, but after analytical tests had been made this was proved not to exist. Miss B. R. Steeves, who recently assumed the duties of head nurse, for which position she shows apt ability, has been obliged to also undertake the matron's responsibilities since the illness of Miss McCallum. Quite recently two new probationers have been attached to the nursing staff. These are Miss McKinnon, of this city, and Miss Camp, of Sheffield.

A few weeks ago arrangements were made to set apart two rooms for obstetrics cases, but Mr. Randolph reported that the work was deferred for the present as both rooms seemed to be in continual use. Judge Barry reported that it was necessary to delay the publication of the Hospital Year Book a little longer, as he found it impossible to compile interesting facts and unravel medical data without the assistance of the matron and of Dr. VanWart, who was to be associated with him in the work. Mr. M. B. McNally, who so satisfactorily represents the County Council on the Trustees Board, handed Secretary Sampson two cheques amounting to two hundred dollars with the understanding that on the 14th of this month he pay this amount to the Monitor Acetylene Company. If the installation of the plant in the hospital and Dowling should prove satisfactory. This generous act is much appreciated by the trustees, as it will be by the entire public, and the amount was made up by the cheque of Ald. Kitchen (\$175), including his father's donation and the personal cheque of the ex-warrior.

Claims have recently been made by two parties upon the treasury-treasurer for personal property amounting to nearly two hundred dollars left by a patient, deceased. Upon the suggestion of Judge Barry it was decided that friends of the deceased would be required to administer upon his estate.

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