

WOULD SEND TAX RATE UP 7 CENTS

Comment on Completed Estimates at City Hall—Salaries Discussed.

The matter of salaries and increases for this year was further discussed at the committee meeting of the council this morning. After a sharp interchange between Commissioner Frink and Mayor Fisher, the latter said he would bring in a recommendation for increases to the officials of the treasury department. The assessment this year would not affect the estimates as the estimates are dealt with in council.

A delegation asked that the grant to the playgrounds association be increased and a grant made to the East End Improvement League. Mayor Fisher said at one stage of the proceedings that he would bring in a recommendation for increases to officials in the finance department later, as these would not affect the assessment and this view of the matter was questioned by the other commissioners, who contended that his recommendation would bring in his recommendations at once and he promised to do so if the other recommendations were approved.

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1924	1923	1922	
Streets	\$27,250.15	\$25,768.09	\$25,768.09
Light	\$7,885.37	\$8,250.60	\$8,250.60
Police	\$10,419.60	\$12,332.25	\$12,332.25
Fire	\$21,815.16	\$22,271.25	\$22,271.25
Port	\$4,126.50	\$6,882.58	\$6,882.58
Exhibition	\$24.00	none	none
Total	\$110,263.86	\$106,124.54	\$106,124.54

ment for an expenditure of \$199,315, from revenue, be approved.

Commissioner Frink asked if this included the increases in salary named and Commissioner Bullock said it did include an increase of \$800 to the harbor master and the same amount to the city engineer.

Commissioner Frink said while he was not opposed to the harbor master getting a salary of \$3,000 he was opposed to recommending an increase of \$800 to the harbor master and the same amount to the city engineer.

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MEDAL IS GIFT TO RESCUER

Presentation Today to Sailor Who Rescued Kitten in Harbor.

A feature of the weekly meeting of the Rotary Club today was the presentation of a medal by Canon R. A. Armstrong, the president, on behalf of the S. P. C. to Alfred Richards, of the former C. G. S. Aberdeen in recognition of his bravery in plunging into the waters of the harbor to rescue a kitten that had fallen overboard from the Aberdeen last September. Canon Armstrong presided and the speaker of the day was Very Rev. Dean Tucker, of Toronto, who delivered an instructive and interesting address on Social Service.

In making the presentation to Mr. Richards, Canon Armstrong said: "It is my privilege on behalf of the S. P. C. to present you this medal. Two medals were awarded you and your comrades for rescuing the pet kitten of a sailor who had fallen overboard from the waters of the St. John harbor on September 22 last. There is no doubt that among the many ways in which we can judge and measure a man, not least in importance is the way he treats the dumb animals.

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LOCAL NEWS

STEAMSHIPS ON WAY.
The Canadian Pacific steamship Metagama is due to arrive in port tomorrow morning from Glasgow according to latest advices received here.

She is bringing 329 passengers, comprising 30 cabin and 270 third class. The Metagama is due here about the end of the week from Liverpool and Glasgow with passengers, mail and general cargo. At Liverpool she took on 87 cabin and 444 third class passengers. The cabin passengers comprise 84 adults, 12 children and one infant, and the third class 304 adults, 47 children and three infants.

METHODIST MINISTERS.
The weekly meeting of the Methodist ministers was held this morning in Centenary church parlors, Rev. E. E. Thomas, F. T. Bertman, H. A. Goodwin and J. M. Rice a welcome visitor was Rev. Peter Byrce, of Toronto, who was engaged with creating a disturbance in the Salvation Army Hotel, St. James street. He informed the court he had become "fused up" because the boys were teasing him. He was remanded for further investigation.

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Joseph H. Barbour, 49 Spring street, testified to having heard some noise on the street in front of his home at about 12:30 on the morning of Jan. 6. On looking out his window, he said he saw two men run up Spring street. He did not see the faces of either of the men.

Policeman Graham told of investigating the robbery at 1:30 the same morning. In the gutter he saw a revolver. Shown a weapon by Sergeant Detective Power, he identified it as the one he had referred to.

Harry Blake, 31 Spring street, said he had been awakened by the sound of moaning. He had looked out of his door and saw two men who he thought were fighting. They ran away when they saw him, and it was then that he perceived Mr. Hamilton lying in the street. He did not see the faces of either of the pair who ran away.

Mr. Hamilton was subjected to a searching cross-examination by S. A. M. Skinner, who represented the accused. He still believed, he said, that Beckwith was one of the men who had assaulted him.

Beckwith was sent up for trial after pleading not guilty. The lad used his mother and shook hands with his father before being taken below and across the yard to the jail.

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BECKWITH GOES TO HIGHER COURT

Sent Up This Morning—Variety in the Police Court.

The lure of the bright lights and "a real good time in the city" were responsible for leading a young woman from one of the rural sections of the province into a series of difficulties. They reached their culmination this morning in the police court where she was assessed the cost of a drunk.

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GEO. FULLERTON OF WEST END MISSING

Members of the detective department this morning learned that George Fullerton, aged 29 years, who is reported missing, was seen in No. 2 shed at Sand Point last Saturday afternoon. He left his home in Watson street, West St. John, about 2:30 o'clock Saturday afternoon and until noon today had not been heard from. The detectives announced this afternoon that they would go to West St. John to endeavor to find some trace of the young man. While a fear is expressed that he might have fallen over one of the wharves it is hoped that such has not been the case. The following description is given of the missing man: Height, 5 feet 8 inches; weight, 155 pounds; complexion, dark; scar on chin; slight twist to right jaw; wore soft green hat, long black overcoat, grey pants and black shoes.

PERSONALS.
Mrs. Dean Suckling, of Chatham, N. B., who is at present visiting Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Suckling, Montreal, will leave this week to spend a few weeks with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. Suckling, Rosedale, Toronto, before returning to Chatham.

Miss Carolyn Vici, of Digby, N. S., is in Ottawa for a few days, the guest of her brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Robert B. Vici, Miss Vici is on her way to Penitentiary, B. C., where her marriage to Mr. Harry Corbett will take place.

Mrs. J. Woodhouse left Saturday evening for her home in Cambridge, Mass., after spending six weeks with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Black, Kitchener street, and friends.

The many friends of Wellington H. Dunham, Albert street, will be glad to know that he is gradually recovering from his recent severe illness. Mrs. E. N. Williams arrived from England yesterday on the S. S. Minerva, and is visiting her sister, Mrs. W. A. Fisher, 101 Pitt street.

Mr. and Mrs. M. F. Smith, of London, Ont., have arrived in St. John. Mr