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SIXTY-THIRD ANNUAL REPORT
WATER AND SEWERAGE DEPT.

Commissioner Jones Reviews Work Done During Year
1918—Lake Fitzgerald and East St. John Extensions
Only New Work—Over-expenditure Reported for First
Time.

The sixty-third annual report of the Water and Sewerage Department will be submitted by Commissioner Jones at the meeting of the Common Council this afternoon. The report points out that for the first time an over-expenditure has occurred in the department, but against the over-expenditure the department has on hand iron pipe which is worth \$25,000 more than when it was purchased. The commissioner pays a tribute to the work of the heads of the department, and reviews the work accomplished during the year.

The report says in part:—
To His Worship the Mayor, and Commissioners of the City of St. John.

I hereby submit the Sixty Third Annual Report of the Water & Sewerage Department, being for the year ending Dec. 31st, 1918.
During the past year there have been two changes in the commission-ership of this department. At the regular election in April, Mr. E. J. Hilyard was elected in the place of Commissioner Wignmore, who retired, having been elected as one of our representatives to Parliament. At the recall election held on December 30th the subscriber was elected in place of Mr. Hilyard and on January 3rd entered upon his duties as commissioner. No appointment has been made to the position of engineer and superintendent, formerly held by J. Fraser Armstrong, now overseas; the professional services of Mr. George G. Hara, C. E., who was appointed City Engineer on May 1st, being available when required. The ordinary administration of the department is under the supervision of Mr. George D. Martin, chief clerk, assisted by Mr. Samuel A. Sewell as deputy clerk of works.

As my term of office did not commence until after the close of the year I have to depend to a large extent on reports submitted to me by the foregoing officials, whose recommendations and suggestions will have my careful consideration.
For the first time the Water Department reports an excess of expenditure over income. This was caused by the decision of the Common Council to substitute cement pipe at Lake Fitzgerald for cast iron pipe after estimates were made up and provision made for making maintenance of sewers and hydrants a charge on water revenue. The expenditure for pipe not provided for was \$29,535.56, while the over expenditure was \$29,742.53. The expenditure on account of Lake Fitzgerald and hydrants was \$23,697.61, which was charged to maintenance account.

The following is a statement of the receipts and expenditures during the year:

Water Maintenance Receipts.

Ass. 1918	.....\$132,680.30
Ass. arrears	..... 14,622.69
Meters and agree-ments	..... 66,559.87
Steamship supply	..... 10,942.10
W. S. Fisheries, balance	..... 3,444.60
Sale of material	..... 2,716.67
Sale of scrap iron, etc.	..... 1,094.24
Auto insurance (prop.)	..... 750.00
Rentals	..... 253.62
Sale of old houses	..... 188.00
Sundries	..... 253.62
Over expended	..... 25,742.53
	\$249,646.62

EXPENDITURES.

Labor and salaries	\$47,099.43
Expenses	8,398.43
Supplies	4,055.93
Castings, pipe, etc.	12,130.55
New meters	1,711.84
Land purchase	1,502.80
Street repairs	2,402.74
Taxes	1,227.64
Interest	1,444.68
Sinking Fund	21,706.96
Lake Fitzgerald main	47,691.46
Beverage main-tenance	19,392.22
Fire hydrants	4,805.29
	\$249,646.62

EXPENDITURES.

Main Pipe Extensions.
The most important matter which have occupied the attention of the Department during the past year, have been the laying of a 42 inch lock joint reinforced cement pipe at Lake Fitzgerald and the 16 inch cast iron pipe extension from the Marsh Road along the Red Head Road to supply the St. John County Hospital.

Lake Fitzgerald Main.
This work which is being done as a

substitute for the concrete conduit laid in 1905, which has proved defective and unreliable in its reality started in May, 1916, when authority was given to call for tenders for excavation and cast iron pipe. In August of that year cast iron pipe was purchased at a cost of \$20,374.89, but owing to war conditions it was not until October, 1917, that the tender of Messrs. Moses and Tobias was accepted for the excavation and back-filling. They started work at once, but after a few weeks' operations were obliged to discontinue until spring owing to weather conditions. The frost and snow of winter was not much worse than the heavy rains of the summer and fall and they were not able to complete the work within the specified time. On account of the unfavorable conditions the contractors were given an extension of time and allowed to discontinue operations until spring.

On the advice of F. A. McInnes, C. E., it was decided to accept the offer of the Lock Joint Pipe Co. and substitute their 42 inch reinforced cement pipe for the 36 inch cast iron pipe already purchased and on hand. The reason for the change was because the iron pipe was considered too heavy for the light pressure at this point and could be used to better advantage where pressure was greater. As the iron pipe had increased in value about \$25,000 since purchased, it was deemed wise to accept Mr. McInnes' advice. It is now on hand for future extensions when conditions will allow. All of the cement pipe has been made and is on the ground and about three quarters of miles in laid. The cost to date for pipe and laying \$29,535.56, for excavation \$20,612.34, a total of \$50,147.90.

Red Head Road Main.

The extension of the 16 inch main along the Red Head Road was necessary on account of an agreement to supply the County Hospital and our inability to keep the supply pipe, laid across the Courtney Bay Flats, from freezing in cold winter. After considerable discussion authority was secured to issue bonds for this work. Pipe purchased and contract entered into for the excavation. Work was started in September but the contractor was unable to make satisfactory progress and he was allowed to discontinue work and arrangements were made with the Bedford Construction Company, who had men and equipment nearby, to continue the excavation on their own men laying the pipe. After considerable difficulty connection was made with the hospital pipe, and water was let on January 29th. Some further work will be required in the spring. The cost to Dec. 31st was \$51,983.48.

The only other extension was on Edward street, a new street of Lancaster Avenue. This work was done on a guarantee of the property owners that the revenue would be at least per cent. of the cost, which was \$1,111.75.

Renewals.

The four inch pipes on Douglas and Elgin streets were renewed from the connections at Main street to a short distance beyond the street line preparatory to laying new permanent street.

The four inch mains in Sydney street and in Elm street were renewed with eight inch pipes to afford better fire protection. The cost of these four renewals was \$3,896.65.

The services and fire hydrants on the Union street pipe laid in 1858 were connected to the 12 inch pipe and the 6 inch pipe was abandoned.

MAINTENANCE.

Leading Mains.

The works at the several reservoirs have been maintained as usual and the several leading mains patrolled from time to time and necessary repairs made. With the exception of the chapter of accidents which occurred on June 19th and 20th, when three leaks appeared very little inconvenience was caused the public. As usual these repairs were effected quickly.

Distribution Mains.
In addition to renewals previously mentioned work has been necessary to inspect and keep in order over 2,000 main gates and over 91 miles of pipe. We have been to examine our underground works whenever the Street Department makes changes or improvements and have to see that our vault covers conform to the new grades. There was 109 leaks in our distribution system which were promptly repaired. The very severe winter of 1918 was accountable for extra heavy expense; the cost of thawing and renewing the County Hospital supply pipe alone amounting \$2,424.27. Other repairs to distribution system of mains cost \$6,885.65.

The following statement of work performed in this department was reported by the superintendent of works.

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HAMPTON OFFICER
RETURNING HOME

Lieut. H. A. Seely of 42nd Highlanders Had Four Years of Service—Expected Home Today or Tomorrow.

Lieut. H. A. Seely, who arrived in Halifax on the S.S. Adriatic, on Sunday from overseas is expected to arrive at his home in Hampton today or tomorrow, having proceeded to Montreal on the 42nd Highlanders.

Lieutenant Seely is a son of Edward H. Seely of Lower Norton, a prosperous farmer in that section. Seeking the fortune offered by the great Canadian west, Lieutenant Seely went out there a few years ago, and when the war broke out he did not wait to come to his native province but answered the call of king and country and enlisted in Winnipeg in the 8th Battalion, "The Little Black Devils." He was sent overseas in the late fall of 1914 and to France soon afterwards. He was wounded and gassed in the first battle of Ypres and spent the winter of 1915 in a hospital in England. He was sent back to Canada in June, 1916, on a few months' leave, but he did not return home he began to feel like himself again and, not wanting to be idle, got transferred from the 8th to the 23rd Battalion, "The New Brunswick Kitties," the 23rd Battalion. He was given a commission and was in command of the Kings county platoon. During the recruiting campaign he worked day and night, and besides doing recruiting work in his native county, he gave valuable services in the west, and in company with Lieut.-Col. Guthrie and other officers he went there and brought back picked men for the battalion.

Lieutenant Seely was with the 8th Battalion at the first battle of Ypres and when the battle was broken up he was transferred to the 42nd Montreal Highlanders and with them he went through the battle of Mons, in which action he was wounded and since then he has spent the time in a hospital in England.

Lieutenant Seely has three other brothers in France, Leon, who enlisted with the "Fighting 26th" and has been with them ever since. Ronald, who went over with the 15th battalion and was transferred to another unit, with which he went to France, and Carl, who went overseas in a draft from No. 9 Siege Battery and also spent many months in France.

Mr. and Mrs. Seely indeed have reason to be proud of their four sons who have so valiantly fought for their king and country.

234 Reports or complaints attended to.

196 frozen services broken.

366 Leaking services repaired.

189 Services renewed.

106 Service boxes renewed.

136 Curb-cocks and boxes installed.

Sewerage Maintenance.

The expenditure on account of sewerage maintenance was as follows:

Labor catch basins \$4,541.29

Labor main sewers 2,598.31

Labor general 3,219.08

Labor salaries 1,796.55

Labor sundry material, etc., 2,914.12

Labor \$22,080.77

Catch Basins.

The superintendent of works reported:

3,670 cubic yards of material removed from basins.

400 catch basins found frozen and thawed.

136 catch basins repaired.

97 catch basins renewed.

9 new catch basins built.

Main Sewers.

About 3,000 feet of old timber sewers were replaced with terra cotta pipe at a cost of \$7,100.00. Other repairs including choked sewers, removing man-holes and placing same to new grades preparatory to street operations cost \$3,000.00.

Fire Hydrants.

The expenditure for fire hydrants maintenance was:

Inspection \$1,813.08

Repairs 2,009.10

New hydrants 153.82

Renewals 1,529.85

Material 503.90

..... \$5,145.75

Hydrants have been carefully inspected during the winter, and all necessary repairs made so as to ensure that these very important fixtures are in good order when required. Our inspectors answered 134 alarms during the year and found hydrants in good order each time.

Three new hydrants were placed; fifteen were renewed from one-way to three-way with 6 inch pipe connections instead of 4 inch.

What opinion, complimentary or otherwise, the public may be disposed to express with reference to the manner and character and extent of the work done during the past year, I am not in a position to say, but I venture to express the belief that the citizen who takes the trouble to read over and carefully consider the information contained in this report, which has been so well arranged by Mr. George D. Martin, the chief clerk of the department, will agree with me in saying that the clerical duties of this office have been most faithfully, efficiently and satisfactorily performed.

Two months is too brief a period of time to judge of results of my administration of this department, but I trust that when I shall again be called on to report on its activities, the public will have no reason to regret the confidence so unmistakably expressed in this election to this office on the 30th day of December last.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN B. JONES,

Commissioner W. & S.

FUNERALS.

The funeral of the infant child of Mr. and Mrs. William B. Porter, corner of King and Watson streets, West St. John, took place yesterday afternoon. Services were conducted by Rev. W. R. Robinson and interment was made in Cedar Hill.

The funeral of Mrs. Frelove Lyman took place yesterday afternoon from the residence of her daughter, Mrs. Joseph Taylor, 174 Guilford street, West St. John. Services were conducted by Rev. J. H. Jenner and interment was made in Cedar Hill.

FEMALE TEACHERS GET THEIR
INCREASE FROM SEPTEMBER, 1918

School Board Last Night Passed Resolution to That Effect—Trustee Green Threatens to Lobby Against Bill—Van to be Provided for Millidgeville Children.

The female teachers' salaries were again under consideration at the School Board last night and the motion to date the increase back to September 1, 1918, was passed, but not without strenuous opposition on the part of Trustees Lewin, Green and Day. Trustee Green going so far as to make the threat that if the motion passed he would go to Fredericton and lobby against the bill for the committee passed the legislative committee composed of Messrs. Day, Lewin and Green offered their resignations, and these were accepted. A delegation from Millidgeville appeared before the Board and asked for the teaching of grade eight in that school, as they objected to their children having to come into the city. A number of applications for positions of the teaching staff were placed on the application book and two applications for the position of superintending of buildings were referred to the committee which have that matter in charge.

Dr. A. F. Emery, chairman, presided, and there were present Trustees G. H. Green, J. D. P. Lewin, Mrs. E. R. Taylor, H. Colby Smith, G. E. Day, Thomas Nagle, E. R. W. Ingraham and M. Coll. Dr. Bridges, superintendent of the schools and Secretary Leavitt.

The first matter taken up was the report of the teachers' committee, who recommended that the increase to the female teachers date back to September 1, 1918.

The adoption of the report was moved by M. Coll and seconded by Thomas Nagle. G. H. Green said if this motion passed the board was breaking faith with the provincial government and the city, and he was sure there would be a protest from the teachers. The motion was carried by a majority of 10 to 3.

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Dr. Bridges reported that he had found it would not be safe to have a shooting gallery at the King Edward School, and had made arrangements for the cadets to use the shooting gallery at the High School. Applications were received from Miss Gertrude Shea, J. H. Drummie and Guy R. Ryder for positions on the teaching staff. They were placed on the application book. Applications from John S. Coughlan, who offered to accept the position of inspector of buildings for \$600 per year, and A. J. Harris, were referred to the committee who have that matter in charge.

WEDDINGS.

Brown-Emisle.

A pretty wedding took place yesterday at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley K. Smith, 208 Duke Street, when Sergeant James G. Emisle, of the original 12th Battalion, was united in marriage to Miss Kathryn Langan Brown, of Boston, by Rev. J. A. MacKeigan. Sergeant Emisle was one of the first in St. John to answer the call to arms, and soon after arriving in England he was transferred to the 14th Montreal Battalion, participating in the second battle of Ypres. He was then taken prisoner and spent thirty-three months in captivity, returning to St. John on the Melita last Thursday.

Miss Brown arrived from Boston last Saturday. Her wedding ceremony was the consummation of an attachment which dated back before the war. Sergeant Emisle is a native of Edinburgh, and before the war was employed as New Brunswick traveller for the Lake of the Woods Milling Co. The ceremony was very quiet and immediately after a dainty luncheon was served. Mr. and Mrs. Emisle left for Montreal by train last night for a wedding trip. For the ceremony the bride was dressed in her travelling costume of henna trigotie. The best wishes of all the friends of the popular young pair are extended on this happy occasion. Mr. Smith, who supported the groom, was presented with a valuable gold pencil, and Mrs. Smith, the matron of honor, was presented with a beautiful pearl brooch. At the luncheon Rev. J. A. MacKeigan proposed the health of the bride, to which Sergeant Emisle suitably responded.

OBITUARY

Miss Louise M. Appel.

The many friends of Miss Louise Margaret Appel will regret to learn of her death which occurred at an early hour yesterday morning at the General Public Hospital. Miss Appel was sixteen years of age, and has been ailing for the last two years. She is the daughter of the Rev. J. C. Appel, pastor of the Christian church, Douglas avenue. Besides her parents, she is survived by one brother, Francis, and one sister, Wilhelmina.

Mrs. Christine Irvine.

The death of Mrs. Christine Irvine took place yesterday morning at her home, 65 Douglas avenue in the sixty-fifth year of her age. Mrs. Irvine was born in Scotland on July 19, 1854. She is survived by six daughters, Miss Grace Irvine, of Philadelphia; Mrs. Robert Campbell, of Fair-

mittee, Messrs. Day, Lewin and Green then offered their resignations and they were accepted.

On motion of Trustee Day the Playgrounds Association was granted the use of certain school buildings under the usual conditions, and they were given permission to place the permanent equipment on the King George School grounds, subject to the control of the visitors and superintendent.

Mr. Day asked what had been done in the complaint about the ill-treatment of a scholar at the Winter Street School, and was informed the matter was being investigated.

The visitors to the King George School were authorized to build a retaining wall at the end of the grounds, abutting on the Alexandra street lots.

A delegation from Millidgeville, composed of W. J. Irwin, Ernest Giggsey, W. R. Giggsey and W. O. Craft appeared and asked that grades 7 and 8 be taught in the Millidgeville school as it was too far for the children to walk into the city. If one teacher could not teach these grades then they thought an assistant might be appointed. Eight children were coming into the city and ten were enrolled for February in the other grades at this school. It was suggested that a van be provided for the balance of this term, and the delegation expressed their satisfaction with the arrangement, but wanted the grades taught in the school next term.

The visitors to the school and the superintendent were given authority to make arrangements for the bringing of the children to the city for the remainder of this term.

The buildings committee reported the sale of the Douglas Avenue School building.

The committee on the purchase of the Synagogue property reported progress.

G. H. Green reported the appointment of John Stetson, a returned soldier, as janitor of King Edward school.

The trustee reported for January 33 truants, 111 irregulars; for February 5 truants and 78 irregulars.

The secretary reported for February enrolled 7,977; average attendance boys 3,810; girls 4,056; total 7,866; percentage enrolled 88.92; belonging 90.68.

On motion of H. C. Smith, seconded by E. R. W. Ingraham, the West Side trustees, with the chairman and Trustees Lewin and Green, were given power to negotiate for a site for a new school building on the West Side.

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A communication from M. D. Brown, complaining of the yard at the Dufferin School was referred to the visitors of the school for their consideration.

The matter of another increase of ten per cent. to the janitors was left until the next meeting.

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In regard to the rumor that a conciliation board had been appointed to dispute between the Nashwank Pulp and Paper Co. and its employees, Senator Jones said yesterday the company had not agreed to conciliation. He stated that 10,000,000 feet of logs had been sold to local operators and the mill would only be operated for a few months this year.

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