

## NO WORKMEN'S TICKETS WILL BE ISSUED BY THE NEW BRUNSWICK POWER CO.

Commissioner of Public Works Will Pave Union Street  
West, Whether Railway Tracks are Raised or Not—  
Report of Assessment Commission Taken Up Friday.

The New Brunswick Power Co. will not issue workmen's tickets and may cut out the present ticket system altogether according to a communication sent to the City Council meeting yesterday afternoon. A request from the St. John Ice Co. that the city pay part of the cost of fixing the road leading from Sandy Point Road to Lily Lake running past their property, was received and the commissioner of public works recommended that they be given the use of the street roller if they wished to repair the road themselves. Commissioner Fisher read a communication from the New Brunswick Power Co. re the paving of Union Street West and this was referred to the committee to come up on Thursday. It was decided to hold a special meeting on Friday at 11.30 to deal with the assessment commission report.

The mayor called the meeting to order at 3 o'clock and all the commissioners were present. The commissioner of water and sewerage reported that acting with His Worship the Mayor, under the authority given them by the committee of the following tenders were accepted, namely:

T. McAvity & Sons, Ltd., 10 tons of pig lead at \$12.50 per 100 lbs.  
Murray & Gregory, 29 M spruce deals at \$22.00 per M, and he recommended that their action be confirmed.

The commissioner of public works reported regarding the communication from Mr. Leonard Conlon on behalf of Mr. James Lattimer, presented to the council on the 2nd inst. He had learned that Mr. Lattimer, while working in the city on the Marsh Road in November last, was injured by a wheel of the public works truck going over the toe of his right foot, that the injury was not considered serious at the time, and Mr. Lattimer continued working two or three weeks until the close of operations for the season, that some weeks later he went to the General Public Hospital for treatment and after some weeks there, amputation of the toe was found necessary, this taking place on Feb. 6th, that he was discharged from the hospital on March 17th, not as being well, but improved, and that the toe has not as yet fully healed. Mr. Lattimer's age is 30, and he recommended that he be authorized, in his discretion and acting with the city solicitor, to make a settlement with respect to the injury to Mr. Lattimer if deemed advisable to do so.

St. John Ice Co. Road.

A communication was read from the St. John Ice Co. asking the city to put in repair the road which leads from Sandy Point Road to Lily Lake, and offered to bear half the expense. A letter from Judge Armstrong was also read advocating the granting of the request. Commissioner Fisher reported that he had looked into the matter and found that the city had no liability in the matter as this was a private road and recommended that he be given authority to loan the money to the commissioner of public works to look into the advisability of extending Goodrich street through to McPleasant avenue and thus create another entrance to the Park. This would provide stone for street work at other points as it would be a solid cut, and the engineer, he understood, had at one time reported that it was excellent stone for street work. The annual reports of the commissioner of safety and water and sewerage were ordered printed.

No. 3 Salvage Corps reported the election of Henry Appleby as a member and the warrant was ordered issued.

No Workmen's Tickets.

A communication was read from the New Brunswick Power Co. to the effect that owing to the increase in the cost of materials necessary to the carrying on of their business it would be impossible to accede to the request of the council and suggesting that they might ask the council to assist them in raising the price to five cents straight.

Commissioner Wigmore said he was satisfied with the answer to the request and for his part he would not vote for any further concessions to the company unless they were willing to do something along the lines asked for. He felt sure that the decrease would really add to the receipts of the company for many more persons would ride.

Commissioner McLellan thought that this was about the reply which might have been expected from any corporation.

The communication was filed.

Union Street West Paving.

Commissioner Fisher announced that he had been in conference with the executive of the New Brunswick Power Co. regarding several matters affecting his department. One of the questions discussed was the raising of the tracks on Union Street West. The company were not ready just at present to raise the rails but it was the intention of the department to go ahead with the work.

Commissioner McLellan—"Did you tell any of the executive that you were willing to delay this matter?"

Commissioner Fisher—"No."

Commissioner Fisher then read a letter from the New Brunswick Power Co. pointing out that at the present time it was impossible to get steel and if the tracks were taken up a considerable number of rails would have to be replaced, and they suggested that the matter be laid over for two years when they would be in a position to meet the city in the matter.

## REPORT OF THE SAFETY DEPARTMENT

Commissioner McLellan Lays  
Annual Statement Before  
the City Council.

Commissioner McLellan presented to the common council yesterday his annual report dealing with the past year in his department. For a detailed statement he refers the public to the reports of the non-elective heads of the department who have submitted very full accounts of their stewardship.

The report is as follows:

To His Worship the Mayor and Commissioners:

I beg leave to submit herewith the reports for the past year to the non-elective heads of the Police, Fire and Building departments, with a few remarks relative to the Market, lighting and public buildings, all of which are embraced within the Public Safety department.

The report of the Chief of Police is a most exhaustive and instructive one, and is the best ever presented to the tax payers of this city. The suggestions and recommendations in this report are well worth the most earnest consideration of the tax payers, and is deserving of the support of the humblest, as well as that of the largest tax payers. A recognized improvement is admitted in this department, but the necessary amount of improvement can only be attained with the hearty co-operation of the tax paying public.

The report of the Chief of the Fire department should be accepted, as conveying the information which is usually required by the public, and also suggestive of the necessary additions to be made, in order to create the efficiency required. The changing conditions of our city demand such a standard of work on the part of our fire department, which can only be attained by the operating of standard apparatus.

The report of the Inspector of Buildings is complete from the standpoint of conveying the usual amount of information acquired by this department. It is a well known fact that the present building code is obsolete, and the intention is to have a new code compiled, which will obviate the many obstacles presented to the application of the present one.

The Market continues to show marked improvement in the matter of revenue, which is the most important, so far as the tax payer is concerned. Improvements made the past year on North and South Market lots have met with general public approval, and the expenditure will, no doubt, be justified in the life of the work performed, and the additional facilities afforded for maintaining these lots in a more sanitary manner.

Further expenditure must be made

in the future, tending towards the economical maintenance of the building, but those absolutely necessary will only be met until such times as greater extraordinary extra expenditures are eliminated.

Owing to the conditions brought about by the war, it has not been possible to effect a new street lighting contract, as the type of lamp most desirable is not procurable in quantities necessary for a guarantee of a continuous service. The fact that the old contract is being followed, and at the old prices, is not to be deplored, when it is known that the prices of every product entering into such a contract have been very largely increased, and the question of supply is a doubtful one. It is anticipated that a successful eventuation of this matter will be had, and there will be no delay in procuring the matter to as speedy a conclusion as possible.

If the contract should be entered into, in accordance with the ideas secured from the experience of other cities, the public will, no doubt, have been satisfied to wait a reasonable time for a satisfactory conclusion.

The public buildings of the city are in as good condition as can be expected from the amount of money which is usually expended for repairs. That there is need for some changes to be made in City Hall, where the need of an elevator, and additional space for the operation of certain departments is required, is well known, and it is hoped that, at least, the elevator, which are needed by the many who have to visit City Hall on business will be installed.

The above is presented in lieu of the usual report, in order that the public may be required to read the reports of the different departments, and the accounts in connection with same, and thereby secure such information as they are entitled to know, other than by any statement made by the commissioner, whose report would be simply regarded as a resume of the reports made by the non-elective heads.

Respectfully yours,

(Sgd.) H. R. McLELLAN,

Commissioner of Public Safety.

SALE AND DRAWING.

Dominion Lodge No. 446, I. O. G. T., held a most successful fancy sale and bazaar last evening in the Temple Hall, Main street. Those in charge of the various tables were as follows:

Fancy table, Mrs. G. O. Akerley and Mrs. Lamson.  
Public table, Miss Sadie Scribner.

Candy table, Misses Ada Wilson and Nellie Scribner.  
Grab table, Mrs. J. M. Howe, Mrs. Cummings.

Home cooking, Mrs. Marshall, Mrs. G. Jones.  
Ice cream, Misses J. Woodland, Florence Johnson.

The holders of lucky tickets were as follows: First prize, a quilt, Mrs. J. M. Howe; second prize, asbestos irons, Miss Janet Corrigan; third prize, set of towels, Mrs. J. McGivern; fourth prize, nickel teapot, George Moore; fifth prize, umbrella, Mrs. A. Baxter; sixth prize, jardiniere, Mrs. A. Cummings; bean toss, gold scarf pin, Ernest Macdonald; Mrs. R. Stackhouse; ring toss, Henry McEachern.

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