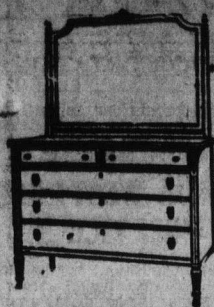


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REPORT RECEIVED

Total Number of Books Issued Was 50,904—During Year 412 New Cards Issued to Adults—D. Russell Jack Collection Taken Over.

The report of the Free Public Library Commissioners was presented to the City Council yesterday afternoon and was ordered printed in the reports and accounts for the year.

The report referred to the growing use of the library, particularly the reference library and contained an expression of gratitude to William McIntosh for valuable services rendered during the year.

The total number of books issued was 50,904, an increase of 2,096. There were used in the reference room 6,064, an increase of 436. From the stock room 1,868 volumes were taken, an increase of 118. In the Canadian room 276 volumes were consulted. 110 newspaper files were used. 110 newspaper files were used.

Of the 35,175 books taken for home use 28,033 were fiction, a decrease of 1,465, and 7,142 were non-fiction, an increase of 1,340. In the non-fiction class, history was most popular with an increase of 1,718; literature came next with 1,168, then biography 940, travel 800, sociology 615, fine arts 386, useful arts 369, general works 687.

In the juvenile room 7,321 volumes were put in circulation, showing an increase of 1,379. Of these 5,351 were fiction; an increase of 1,110, and 1,970 were non-fiction, an increase of 269. During the year 412 new cards were issued to adults and 302 to patrons of the juvenile room. Five hundred and fifty-one volumes were purchased, including 46 to replace withdrawals of previous year, and 230 donations were received.

The D. Russell Jack collection has been taken over by the librarian and though still unclassified or catalogued can be used. As time permits it will be put in better condition and will prove a valuable addition to the library's already splendid collection of Canadian and local history.

The treasurer's report showed receipts of \$6,141.38 and expenditures of \$4,754.51, leaving a balance on hand of \$1,386.87.

A large number of volumes had been donated during the year and the commissioners expressed their thanks to all who had shown their interest in the library in this way.

Under Cover. Mr. Styles—Did you get caught in the shower while you were shopping today? Mrs. Styles—Oh, no, I was in a department store while it rained. Mr. Styles—But it rained for two hours. Mrs. Styles—Yes, I know. I was waiting for my change then.—Boston Transcript.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSIONER  
PRESENTS SIXTH ANNUAL REPORT

Commissioner McLellan Suggests Citizens Read and Digest Report of Non-Elective Heads of Departments—Compliments Chiefs of Fire and Police Departments for Excellent Reports—The Matter of Motor Fire Apparatus.

Commissioner McLellan yesterday presented to the council his sixth annual report as Commissioner of Public Safety. In his report he suggests that the citizens take the trouble to read and digest the reports of the non-elective heads of the departments and thus get an intelligent idea of just what is being done with the money spent by his department.

Following is the report: To His Worship the Mayor and Commissioners: I beg leave to submit herewith a report of the Public Safety Department for the year 1917.

This being my sixth annual report, I have elected to confine myself to a few suggestions, regarding the importance of taxpayers reading all reports and estimates of all civic departments, including those of the non-elective heads, and brief statements relative to the conditions and requirements of each of the departments composing the Public Safety Department.

It would appear that reports almost everywhere are still intended for printing only and not for reading, understanding or interpretation, therefore I would suggest that the taxpayers read the reports of the non-elective heads of the police, fire and building departments, as well as that of the market department, which I believe to be fair exhibits of work performed.

Having followed this suggestion the reader should be referred to the estimates or appropriations of the Public Safety Department for the year 1918, with their annual statements for past years, in order that he or she may learn and learn what are the significant facts to look for and demand. By so doing it may be possible for citizens who claim to be intelligent to include in their intelligence some idea of what is being done in this particular department.

The Public Safety Department appropriation for 1918 in each case carried with it a statement which should form the basis of a report and this I deem much wiser than lengthy reports of a commissioner dealing with lump sum expenditures, and which are not intended to be itemized statements of expenditures and receipts. All estimates or appropriations for departments should invite the fullest inspection of the taxpayers by specifying the details of estimate making to make them susceptible of easy public comprehension.

Every appropriation should state clearly the intended services to be rendered and for which the money is required. To obtain this result preparation of same must have reference not merely to the kind of things that are to be purchased with funds appropriated, namely, personal services through salaries and wages or supplies, but to the kinds of work to be done, number of this and that to be done and so on through all the varied details of work which the department conducts. Segregation of items of the estimate, would appear to be the first necessary step in converting an estimate or appropriation from a license for misexpenditure into a proper service schedule.

If taxpayers expect to participate intelligently in discussion of estimates or appropriations they must be afforded proper means for definitely picturing the kinds of services and the expenditures to be made for each service which the request for appropriation propose.

I can only repeat a suggestion which I have previously made in council, viz.: make a definite plan of work in advance of expenditure and then make it compulsory to adhere to the plan when once you have agreed upon it.

It should require very little effort on the part of commissioners to plan a form of estimate which at least will show in separate columns amounts appropriated in the preceding year or years and explain increases and decreases. Expenditures in previous years will to some extent explain increases or decreases.

The police department report reflects great credit on the compiler, Chief Simpson, and evidences the amount of interest which he feels in the work of his department. This department is in fair condition, considering the different obstacles to be met with in attempting to secure proper material for physical and mechanical equipment.

There is no doubt as to the necessity for carrying out many suggestions which have been made in the chief's report, with the view of increasing the efficiency of the department, and while I am entirely in accord with many of the suggestions, war conditions obtain to a very considerable extent in preventing their being carried out at the present time. Under present conditions it would not be wise to attempt the modernizing of this department to a point which is really necessary for the most successful performance of police department work.

The report of Chief Blake on the fire department also reflects credit on the compiler and exhibits a completeness in recording the work done and inventing of the property owned by this department. The recommendations made by the chief should receive the earnest consideration of all taxpayers, and especially one, involving the motorizing of the department. As I have been unsuccessful in conveying to the commissioners the grave danger attached to any delay in securing a motor aerial truck—and as this is necessary to a bond issue—it would appear useless for me, at this time, to pursue the matter any further, and especially to the point of motorizing the department fully. When you consider the cost of feed for horses at six thousand dollars per year, and this amount being equal to six per cent. on one hundred thousand dollars, the amount required to motorize the department, without any amount for depreciation on horse values, or other upkeep, such as shoeing, harness repairs, etc., or newals, or the increased prices of horses being considered, it cannot appear but ridiculous to insist that the city cannot afford to make such an expenditure. I can only reiterate that when some great accident or loss of life occurs, and attributable to neglect, in furnishing this department with a modern aerial ladder truck, the responsibility must be placed where it rightfully belongs. A second hand ladder truck has been added to the department, which was purchased for about one-third its original cost, and will be placed in the North End.

Some additional equipment will be supplied this year, such as a gas helmet, pulmotor, life net, etc., which will to some extent at least assist the department in its work, but the tendency to consider this department, which is one of the most important in any city, as being sufficiently equipped and not requiring further expenditures for apparatus, is absurd and only attributable to ignorance of modern requirements. Wherein lies the wisdom or economy in voting large expenditures in properties of other departments and neglecting to afford such protection from fire hazards as obtain in the localities where the expenditures are made? Penny wise and pound foolish would apply.

A complete report of the building department has been submitted, and even with the different obstacles presented by the present obsolete building laws, the inspector has been able to make a satisfactory report. The building laws will be not only amended but so far as it is possible new laws will be compiled and presented to the Common Council for their approval this year.

The market report is a fairly satisfactory one and would appear to some at least as most satisfactory, but there are changes contemplated in connection with market tolls which are absolutely necessary and will be presented to the Common Council immediately. If the suggested changes are made there will be no extra costs imposed upon the patrons of the market, but benefits will accrue to the taxpayers in general through a more equitable distribution of the costs pertaining to the maintenance of same.

The light department is not in the position which I would prefer it to be and it has been a disappointment to me at least that it has been impossible so far to conclude a contract for the installation of nitrogen filled lamps which have been accepted in many cities as the most economical and efficient when operated as it is anticipated under a cost of service or cost of energy contract. Under the conditions which have obtained it was considered preferable to continue the old contract at the original cost until the new contract could be consummated.

The buildings, other than departmental, under the control of public safety are in good conditions with the exception of the exhibition building which will require a very large amount of repairs, but in view of its present occupancy it is not desirable immediately to make a contract for the installation of an elevator this year, the money for same being in hand.

It might be opportune to call your attention to the fact that if a purchaser could be obtained for the present City Hall it would be a matter of economy to provide a new City Hall or remodel the Charlotte and Germain street heads

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## WEDDINGS

The wedding of Miss Florence Lillie, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William B. Liversey of Chestnut Hill, Philadelphia, and Edward H. Akerley of St. John, was solemnized in Philadelphia on Tuesday, Feb. 19. The ceremony was performed by Rev. C. B. Walker, of the Great Evangelical Lutheran church. The bride was gowned in white beaded georgette crepe over white silk and carried a shower bouquet of white roses and sweet peas. Miss Mary E. Liversey, sister of the bride, was matron of honor, and Miss Emma K. Shelley acted as bridesmaid. Richard Ryder supported the groom. Mr. and Mrs. Akerley will make their future home in St. John.

## FUNERALS

The funeral took place yesterday morning from her late residence, 276 Prince street, West St. John, of Mrs. Sarah E. Estabrooks. Service was conducted by the Rev. George Steele, assisted by Rev. Neil McLaughlin and Rev. E. A. Westmorland. Interment was made in Cedar Hill cemetery. The late Mrs. Estabrooks was held in high esteem by her many friends, which was shown by the great number of floral offerings.

The funeral of Senator Gillmor took place yesterday afternoon at St. George, Charlotte Co. The remains arrived at St. George on Monday afternoon accompanied by Mrs. Gillmor, Mr. and Mrs. Dawes Gillmor, Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Gillmor and Horace Gillmor, Miss Anna Sullivan and C. H. Lynott. The funeral of Mrs. Eliza Stilwell took place yesterday afternoon from her late residence, 116 Charlotte St. Services were conducted by Rev. D. J. MacPherson. Interment was made in Fernhill.

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