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CITY LIGHTING IS DISCUSSED

East St. John Union Matter Also Comes Up.

Commissioner Thornton is Authorized to Negotiate With Power Co. for Street Lights, as City Distribution System is Not Ready.

Commissioner Thornton, at a meeting of the Common Council, in committee this morning, was authorized to confer with the New Brunswick Power Company on the matter of having the supply of electricity for street lighting purposes extended from June 30. The company had previously been notified that the city would not require street lighting as supplied by the company after June 30.

The June 30, the union of East St. John with the city also came in for considerable discussion and the feeling of the commissioners seemed to be that the city should provide its own lighting system. The Commissioner of Public Safety read a letter from Barry Wilson, engineer to the City Power Commission, in which the writer said that, at the request of Lieut.-Col. R. A. McAvity, chairman, he had prepared a report on the situation as far as street lighting was concerned. The ornamental street lighting system, he thought, could be completed by July 15; regular street lighting in Sydney, Wentworth, and other streets in other streets where poles were erected about the same date; street lighting work could be completed in the main portion of the city about the middle of September, on the West Side the streets lights probably could be in operation by October 1. With reference to the North End he said that, considering the uncertainty over the ownership of the poles, the commission could do nothing unless the Common Council would authorize the commission to go ahead with the erection of its own distribution system. Speaking of the termination of the contract with the New Brunswick Power Company for street lighting on June 30, he suggested that the street lighting system of the company might be acquired.

Commissioner Thornton said the company had been notified that the city would not want street lights after the date. He knew the city would not be ready to supply its own lighting at that time and it was a certain thing that the city could not go without street lighting. He had been given no authority to negotiate with the company for three months' extension, but some arrangement certainly would have to be made.

Mayor Fisher said he thought every one present realized that if the company had not been notified that the contract for street lighting would be discontinued on June 30 the city would have had to pay for another year. It had been necessary to do this and he thought there would be little difficulty in arranging for light.

Commissioner Wigmore suggested that some arrangement be made with the Power Company on a basis of cost per light. The city would be adding to its own lighting power from time to time and a record could be kept of the number of lights used from the Power Company and payment be made on that basis. He did not think the company would refuse to supply light to the city as public opinion would be very strong in such a case and the company valued the opinion of the people. He thought the company was inclined to be reasonable and fair even though it was dealing with competitors.

The following motion then was moved by Commissioner Frink and seconded by Commissioner Wigmore: "Whereas the Common Council has been officially informed that the city will be unable to effectually to operate street lighting on the first of July next; and whereas the N. B. Power Co., has been notified that the city contract for electric lighting will lapse on June 30 next;

Resolved that the Commissioner of Public Safety be authorized to negotiate with the N. B. Power Co., for the further supply of electricity for street lighting through their present equipment and report to the Common Council."

The resolution was carried unanimously.

The Mayor read a letter from W. F. Burditt with reference to the proposed union of the city and East St. John. He asked for an expression of opinion from the members of the Council as to the advisability of union and the general feeling on the subject.

Commissioner Thornton thought that great development was imminent in East St. John and that if the city contemplated taking any steps looking to union the time was now ripe. He thought Beaconsfield also might come in.

The Mayor said that Beaconsfield could come in on the same terms as other sections that had joined the city. He felt that East St. John wanted something preferential but did not see that they had any right to expect it.

Commissioner Bullock thought some action should be taken soon. No large industries have come to the city in the last ten or fifteen years and he was at a loss to account for the growth of some of the outlying sections. He thought East St. John should be conferred with on the matter of union.

Commissioner Frink said it was necessary to kill something to effect any great change in an existing state. There probably would be an outbreak of typhoid fever in East St. John some time owing to the lack of sewerage. Commissioner Wigmore informed him that there were approximately 300 houses within a radius of 1,000 feet in East St. John and Commissioner Frink figured that there were probably about 1,000 people in that area. With reference to the terms proposed he did not think the city had any right to give the residents of East St. John better streets and better accommodations than were enjoyed by some of the highest ratepayers in the city. If there was

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LOCAL NEWS

THREE IN DITCH.

No fewer than three automobiles came to grief some time during last evening or early this morning and were lying in ditches along the road between Loch Monard and the city today.

BIRTHDAY PARTY.

A pleasant party was held on June 19 when girl friends of Mary L. McQuade gathered at her home in Monard of her tenth birthday. She was the recipient of a number of pretty presents.

MAYOR DOES NOT WANT 'EM.

A pair of steel-rimmed spectacles were left on Tuesday on the desk of the Mayor's clerk. As he does not wear glasses and has no friends whom they fit well the owner may have them by proving his property.

GET 'EM NOW.

The number of dog licenses issued to date from the Mayor's office is 1,986. June 30 is the last day for securing licenses and after that the books will be posted up and a dog day held in the Police Court. Delinquents will be given a pressing invitation to attend.

MILK CONFERENCE.

Mayor Fisher said this morning that he had been notified by E. P. Raymond that there would be a conference this afternoon on the milk situation, in which the members of the Common Council, the Minister of Health, the milk dealers and the Board of Health would participate. The meeting was slated for 3:30 in the committee room.

THE STRANGER AGAIN.

In the police court this morning two men pleaded guilty to charges of drunkenness and were fined \$10 each and \$200 or six months in jail for purchasing liquor in the way they said they did. Both said they secured bottles of liquor from a stranger in Main street.

SHRINERS ON OUTING.

Amid much blowing of horns a large number of the members of Luxor Temple, Mystic Shrine, left by automobile this afternoon for Belyva's Point where they will spend the afternoon. Arrangements have been made for dancing in Codner's pavilion and lunch will be served. The ceremonial of the Shrine is being observed on the twentieth anniversary of the Luxor Temple has been completed.

LANCASTER WATER PRESSURE.

Commissioner Wigmore said this morning that the cause of the low water pressure in Lancaster was that the thirty-six-inch main from Robinson's to the city had been shut off for repairs and the old twelve and twenty-four-inch mains were being used. He had spent all morning on the job and was rushing at it as fast as possible, and a resumption of normal pressure might be looked for at any time.

LAST CAR CLUB.

Sixteen members met last evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. McClean. The usual games of whist were played and some very close scoring made the games very interesting. A tie between Mrs. Nielson and S. Caddell and Mrs. and Mr. Reed was decided by cutting the cards. Mrs. Reed and Mr. Caddell were the ultimate winners. Canola were the ultimate winners. Refreshments were served during the evening.

FOR BRIDE-TO-BE.

A very pleasant time was spent last evening when young people of the Mission church gathered in their hall to tender to Miss Elizabeth Shields a lovely shower in honor of her approaching marriage. Games and music, followed by the presentation of a basket of gifts of linen, silver and Pyrex, made up a very happy time. Though completely surprised Miss Shields responded fittingly. Refreshments were served and good wishes extended to the guest of honor.

MOTHER AND CHILD DEAD.

At her home in Norton, N. B., on June 20, Mrs. E. Gertrude (McCrea) Johnson, an infant son passed away. She was the beloved wife of S. DeWitt Johnson, and leaves to mourn her husband, four sisters and three brothers. The sisters are Mrs. Pugsley, wife of Dr. H. J. Pugsley of Fredericton; Mrs. Geo. T. Earle and Mrs. Wm. E. Earle of St. John, and Mrs. B. B. McCready of Shannon. The brothers are J. Garfield and John F. McCrea of Shannon and J. Hugh McCrea of Moncton. A host of friends also mourned the loss of one who was loved by all who knew her. The funeral will be held on Friday morning.

any barrier to union East St. John was erecting it and not the city.

His Hopes For Stanley.

In Stanley ward he had spent a lot of money and development and improvement but he had lost heart. He had hoped to see the day when the city would take the street railway and run tracks out there but this had been turned down and he had lost spirit.

Out there was ample accommodation for 200,000 people with good land gently undulating. Out at East St. John there was a sea of mud and rock. However, he expressed himself as being in favor of anything looking to union with East St. John on satisfactory terms. He advocated the appointment of three men, possibly from the council, to act as a sub-committee and go at the matter in a business-like way and spend an hour, not a week and not, perhaps, a month, but to see the thing through to a conclusion one way or the other. The time for quibbling was past.

Commissioner Wigmore said it was a wonder that there had been no typhoid in East St. John in the last year. A serious outbreak there would be a menace to the city. Last year when the Government officials were working on the roads there the men refused to clean out the gutters because of the filthy nature of the materials there. It would be necessary, in constructing a sewerage system there, to have a five-foot sewer from high water mark to low water mark and much of it would have to be constructed through solid rock.

FOR A BETTER CELEBRATION ON JULY 1

Committee Maps Out Plan—Ask City to Erect Flag-pole in King Square.

A meeting of representatives of local organizations arranging for a celebration on Dominion Day, and who have as their objective the starting of a movement which will mean a better observance of this day in future, was held at noon in the N. B. Telephone Company's auditorium. R. D. Paterson, president, and those present were: Judge H. O. McInerney, K. C., representing the Canadian Club; C. W. McKee, representing the Rotary Club; Alexander Machum, representing the G. W. V. A.; Ralph H. Gale, representing the Gyro Club; and Arthur M. Gregg, representing the Y. M. C. A.

With reference to an appropriate programme suggestions were discussed. A feeling was expressed that Dominion Day should be to Canada what the Fourth of July is to the U. S. It was decided to make a strong public appeal for a more general observance of flag flying on the occasion; have a large public gathering on King Square, to include representatives from all of the leading societies and organizations in the city, to have a flag raising and addresses by prominent officials and to have a military guard of honor and a band present.

The flag raising brought up the question of a pole. On motion of Mr. Machum, seconded by Judge McInerney, it was decided to send a delegation to the Common Council and ask them to have a pole erected and also to co-operate in the movement and father the scheme of a better observance of the day.

Mr. Machum was elected chairman of the committee to take charge of arrangements and was given power to add to his committee. It was decided to ask the Council for a hearing on Monday at twelve o'clock and to hold another meeting of the committee on Tuesday at noon.

With regard to the city schools participating in the celebration, it was decided that as they close before July 1 circulars would be sent to the principals asking them to embody some special patriotic feature in their closing programmes. The clergy throughout the city will also be asked to bring the matter before the attention of their congregations and if possible lend a patriotic atmosphere to their services on that occasion.

As Mr. Paterson is to leave the city tomorrow and will be away over the holiday, Judge McInerney consented to act as chairman of the committee.

RUN OVER A BOY. DRIVE RIGHT ALONG

Joseph Finley Falls Off a Bicycle, Car Hits Him and Breaks His Leg.

Joseph Finley, sixteen year old son of Charles Finley of Loch Monard road, met with a painful accident last evening. He was riding a bicycle along the road near J. W. Foley & Company's pottery when he fell and an automobile in which were two young men and women, ran over one of his legs. It is said that the driver of the automobile did not stop, but continued on and left him lying on the road. Another automobile, in which were a man and woman came along and he was picked up and rushed him to his home. Dr. M. H. Case was summoned. The injured leg was badly swollen and the examination this morning disclosed that the bone was broken near the ankle. The boy was taken to the General Public Hospital.

Patrick H. Gorman Dies Suddenly On Montreal Vacation

Many friends in this city and throughout the province will be shocked to learn of the sudden death of Patrick H. Gorman which took place in the Montreal General Hospital at an early hour this morning. Mr. Gorman who left on Tuesday morning on a short vacation in Montreal and vicinity, became ill while in Montreal.

Vocational Training

Alex Wilson of the Wilson Box Car Ltd., while in Toronto last week, took occasion to inspect the technical school of that city, which is attended by more than 10,000 pupils—3,000 day pupils and 7,000 attending the evening classes. He reports the school as fitted up in the most complete manner, with equipment of the best. The success which has attended this fine school has been such that at present there is under construction another school of the same character in another part of the city, which, it is said, will even eclipse the present school in size. The great success which vocational training has attained in Toronto ought, says Mr. Wilson, to prove to St. John the necessity of erecting at an early date a trade high school in this city of which the provincial government, under the Vocational Schools Act, is ready to contribute a substantial amount towards the cost of building and equipment, in addition to a large part of the salaries of the teaching staff.

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