

LANCASTER PROPOSALS SENT BACK TO FINANCE COMMITTEE

Municipal Council, By Majority Vote, Refused to Anticipate Legislation to Authorize Firewall and Sidewalk Construction—County Housing Board to Continue to Exist, But Work Will Be Done By Trust Company.

A resolution asking that the council authorize the highway board of the parish of Lancaster to undertake the immediate construction of concrete sidewalks, to cost about \$6,000, was voted down at the quarterly session of the municipal council yesterday afternoon. The resolution provided that the sidewalks should be ultimately paid for by bond issue, assessment to be made for interest and sinking fund on the parish, and that the work be financed out of the contingent account, provided that the provincial government would guarantee to pass legislation at the next session, confirming the action of the council. Councillor H. R. McEllan, speaking as the city's finance commissioner, took strong objection to the proviso about anticipated legislation, and was supported in his stand by the other city commissioners present. Councillor O'Brien, speaking in favor of it, said that it was needed to relieve unemployment. Councillor Campbell said that all the parish was asking was that, if the government gave such assurance, the council approve the financing. "The parish of Lancaster will pay the interest. It has never defaulted yet," he said. The resolution was lost by one vote.

A similar resolution dealing with the construction of fire walls in the recently devastated area in Fairville was shelved by an amendment that the matter be further considered at a special meeting of the finance committee. Several clauses featured the discussion on these resolutions between Councillor McEllan and Councillor O'Brien.

Local county housing board matters were given another complete airing at yesterday's session. The section recommending approval of the agreement between the Eastern Trust Company and the board was adopted by a vote of 8 to 7, but not until after another lively discussion with all members taking part.

Approval was granted to a request by A. M. Belding, on behalf of the Children's Aid Society, that the society be paid its full assessment of \$5,000 for this year and also \$600, which had not been paid on last year's grant. Approval was granted also to lease H. B. Peck's hall at East St. John for court purposes. Councillor Magee, who was absent through sickness, was granted leave of absence.

The whole business session was occupied by taking up section by section of the report of the finance and accounts committee. The following recommendations were adopted with little discussion: That the secretary and treasurer be authorized to make an overdraft to meet county school purposes; that six blank registry books be supplied to the registry office; that an amount of \$400 be paid to the Sisters of the Good Shepherd for maintenance of a young girl; that \$200 be advanced for police purposes in Lancaster, to be assessed for in 1923; that George McCarthy be reimbursed to the extent of \$55 for use of home and wagon for police purposes; that the sum of \$24,842 be financed and advanced to the commissioners of the General Public Hospital for an addition to the epidemic hospital, in place of the sum of \$14,218; that bonds amounting to \$8,500 be issued and sold to pay for improvements at the St. John County hospital; that bonds to an amount of \$6,000 be issued and sold for a sewerage trunk line and septic tank in the Green Head or Milford Road; that a discount of 5 per cent be allowed on all taxes assessed in the parishes of St. Martin, Simonds, Musquash, and Lancaster, for year 1922 paid on or before August 23; that an amount for witness fees not exceeding \$1,500 in excess of the assessment of 1922 be authorized for payment. M. E. Agar, vice-president of the hospital commissioners, appeared and explained satisfactorily the amount needed for improvements at the epidemic hospital.

In reply to Councillor Mosher, the secretary, J. King Kelley, E.C., explained that there were twenty houses in Lancaster. The municipality owned the land. There was some \$47,000 outstanding in mortgages. When the people occupying the houses redeemed these mortgages, the titles would be conveyed to them. The title was still in the municipality and thus there was no need for any talk of foreclosure.

After selling smoothly over three sections, the meeting got into troubled waters again. This time it was over the recommendation for the payment to B. Mooney & Sons, contractors who had built the nurses' home, the sum of \$1,486.58, which was the amount they had expended in paying sales tax on material supplied in the construction of the home. This amount had not been included in their tender as there was no sales tax at the time and the tax had been made retroactive.

Several councillors objected on the ground that there was no legal obligation and that the commissioners of the hospital had declined to recommend the payment. Councillor Frink told of a similar occurrence with the Stephen Construction Company. Councillor McEllan thought it was up to the hospital commissioners. He did not think the municipal council was a board of arbitration for humanitarian treatment. There might be ground for moral obligation but he and the other councillors were there representing the taxpayers. The motion was lost by an 11 to 8 vote.

Councillor Campbell presented a motion that the highway board of the parish of Lancaster be authorized to undertake sidewalks costing the cost to be \$5,484.95, to be paid for by assessment. Councillor McEllan said that this matter had been disposed of already and Warden Thornton was not clear in his own mind that it rightly belonged under this section. Councillor O'Brien moved, after the first motion had been withdrawn, that the chairman of the finance committee, the secretary and treasurer, and the three councillors be appointed a committee to look into the construction of sidewalks and also its financing and that it be given power to act. After further discussion, the motion was settled by an amendment by Councillor Frink that further consideration be left to the finance committee. The matter be heard at the same time as the fire walls matter. This carried and the meeting adjourned.

WAS THE GUEST OF CLUB EXECUTIVE

A delightful luncheon party at the Royal Hotel yesterday afternoon was arranged by the executive of the Women's Canadian Club as a welcome to the president of the club, Mrs. W. Edmond Raymond, who had returned after attending the Pan-American convention in Baltimore, Washington and Boston. Mrs. Raymond, as the guest of honor, was cordially welcomed by Mrs. Leonard Tilley, the honorary president of the club, who in a charming speech expressed the pleasure of the executive in the return of its president. Mrs. J. H. Doody, vice-president, was the chairman of the reception. As it was Mrs. Tilley's first appearance at a gathering of the executive since her trip to Europe, greetings were extended to her by Miss Grace W. Leavitt, Mrs. Mercer, of St. Stephen, as an invited guest, was welcomed by Miss A. Tilley.

Those present besides those already mentioned were Mrs. H. A. Powell, Mrs. Gordon MacDonald, Mrs. D. C. Dearn, Miss Katherine Bell, Mrs. F. C. Beaton, Miss Mary L. Harrison, Mrs. W. P. Bennett, Mrs. H. B. Peck and Mrs. C. B. Allen. After the luncheon Mrs. Raymond gave a brief sketch of the events of her trip. She was the St. John Women's Canadian Club's delegate to the convention and the official observer for the Associated Canadian Clubs. Her description of the convention, which was attended by 2,000 delegates, greatly impressed her hearers and what especially pleased them was her announcement that at the reception at the White House, she had had most cordial personal greetings from President Harding, who had sent his good wishes to the St. John Women's Canadian Club. Several of the distinguished women whom she had met had promised to visit St. John and it was hoped that some of the most prominent might address the club on some later date.

The luncheon tables were prettily decorated with flowers after her address the flowers were presented to Mrs. Raymond as the gift of the executive.

ANOTHER BOSTON DOUBLE TRAGEDY

Boston, May 9.—A man and woman who had registered as Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Fowler, of Brockton, were found dead tonight in a room in a Back Bay lodging house. The gas had been turned on and the woman's throat was cut. The police believed the man had murdered the woman and then committed suicide by gas.

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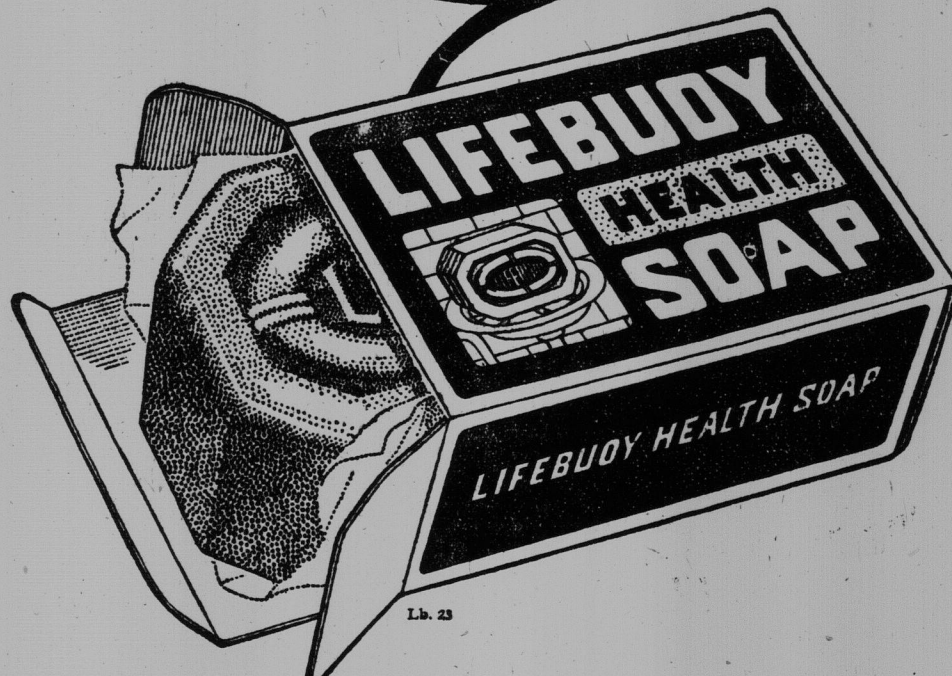
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REV. DR. SLATTERY ACCEPTS ELECTION

Boston, May 9.—Rev. Dr. Charles L. Slattery, of New York, has accepted the office of bishop coadjutor of the Episcopal diocese of Massachusetts, to which he was elected at the recent diocesan convention here. Dr. Slattery's acceptance was announced tonight in a message to The Association Press from Bishop Lawrence, now in New York.

WAS PRESIDENT FOR MORE THAN SEVEN YEARS

Mrs. David Hipwell Declines Re-Election as Head of W. C. T. U.—Mrs. Hope Thompson Succeeds Her.

After seven and a half years in office as president of the W. C. T. U., Mrs. David Hipwell declined re-election at the annual meeting of the union held yesterday afternoon and her retirement was regretfully accorded, to hearty thanks being tendered her for her faithful service in office. Some generous grants were made to worthy causes.

Provision was made for refreshments for the taggers for the Salvation Army and a pleasing occurrence was the presentation of a life membership to Mrs. H. M. Lawson, of 84 Wright street.

In her report, Mrs. Hipwell reviewed the seven and a half years in which she had been president. Mrs. I. Hoare, as treasurer, submitted the financial statement showing the standing to be about normal. Mrs. R. D. Christie gave the secretary's report, reviewing the year's work.

The election of officers resulted as follows: President, Mrs. Hope Thompson; vice-presidents: Anglican, Mrs. W. H. Humphrey; Methodist, Mrs. J. E. Arthurs; Baptist, Mrs. J. E. V. Herd; Presbyterian, Mrs. Massey; corresponding secretary, Mrs. A. Berglund; recording secretary, Mrs. R. D. Christie; treasurer, Mrs. I. Hoare; auditor, Miss N. Keith; pianist, Mrs. Berglund; hospital visitor, Mrs. J. D. Seelye; parlour meetings superintendent, Mrs. David Hipwell.

Sums of money were voted to the Labrador missions, to the Shantymen's Christian Association and to the Seamen's Institute.

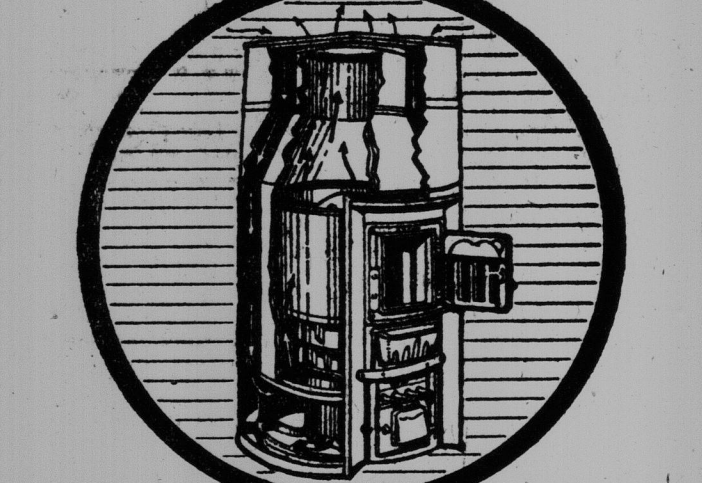
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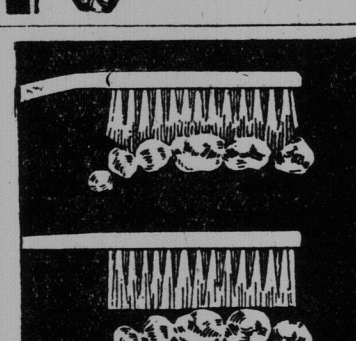
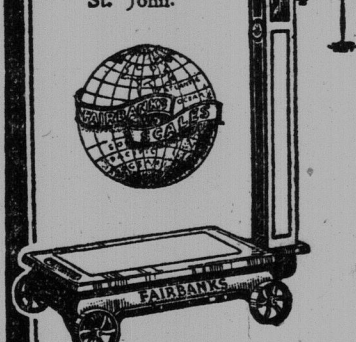
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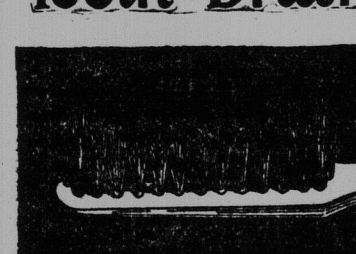
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