

THE MAYOR'S INAUGURAL.

Platform of Reform--Assessment--No Over-Expenditure--Better Sanitary Arrangements--The Various Departments.

The City Council held a special meeting at the Council chamber, City Hall, at four o'clock this afternoon, when Mayor McNally who presided, read his inaugural address. The address was prepared for the regular meeting of the City Council on Tuesday evening, but owing to his unavoidable absence the Mayor had to postpone its presentation until this afternoon and a special meeting was called for the purpose.

The matter of considering the Bonus Act arranged for on Monday evening will be considered at the meeting this afternoon.

Mayor McNally in his address said:

Gentlemen of the City Council: We have been chosen by the Citizens of Fredericton to manage the affairs of the City for the ensuing year, and now being assembled at our first regular meeting I take this opportunity to congratulate you on your election and the City on the selection of the present Board of Aldermen. While I miss the presence of those who composed the council when I last had the honor to sit at this Board there not being a single member of that Council, with the exception of myself, now present. I welcome the new Board and from my acquaintance with you I do not hesitate to predict that you will give the City a wise and economical administration. Doubtless some questions may come before you during the year on which you will honestly differ but in the solution of all problems your highest aim will be for the interests of our City.

The Annual Assessment

Last year the annual assessment was placed at \$35,000.00, a sum totally inadequate to operate the various services in an efficient manner, which naturally caused our already large overdraft at the bank to reach the sum of \$21,000.00. I am glad to see the Council have assessed a sum which, with economical administration, should keep the departments in a state of efficiency for the ensuing year. I am pleased to see you have assessed sufficient to meet a small portion of this floating indebtedness and are asking for authority to consolidate the balance with interest at 4 per cent., and arranging to pay \$1,000 per annum, thus saving the City several hundred dollars yearly. This to my mind has been a stumbling block to former Councils. They evidently preferred to keep the assessment down and add yearly to our floating indebtedness than place the annual assessment at an amount sufficient to administer the various services. This, I think, you will agree with me was false economy.

Limit to Resources

From the summary contained in the Blue Book of last year's business there can be gathered some information to govern the deliberations of this Council. In many instances the appropriations have been overdrawn to quite an amount, which should impress upon your minds the importance of a careful study of the necessary requirements of every department. There does not seem to be any limits to the opportunities of spending money, and it is for you to pass upon such matters as are of the greatest interest to the people. There is, however, a limit to the resources, inasmuch as a higher rate of taxation increases the burdens of the people beyond a point which is right and just, and in whose behalf you have been elected to act.

No Over-Expenditures

Now that the orders for annual appropriations have been passed it is your duty to keep well within the amount specified. The intimation of my predecessors in office to the Council over which they presided that no cheques would issue for over-expenditures in the various departments I am sorry to say has been more observed in the breach than in the performance, and I now ask the earnest co-operation of this Council to carry to a successful issue my determination to have no over-expenditures in 1905 unless caused by visitations or calamities over which we have no control.

Assessment Law

Our present assessment law passed in 1874, which no doubt was efficient at the time has outgrown its usefulness, and I am glad to say you have under consideration the appointment of a commission to devise a more equitable Act. This I believe should be immediately followed by a revaluation.

Collection of Taxes

The collection of taxes is an important question, as it does not appear to be a business proposition to be paying interest on money to administer the affairs of the city during a portion of the year while we have large sums of uncollected taxes. On referring to the blue book we find for the years 1903 and '04 there are almost \$11,000 with considerable sums for 1901 and '02. I look to the Financial Committee, of which Alderman Chestnut is chairman, to confer with the City Treasurer and devise ways and means to collect these.

Roads and Streets

Speaking of the various departments: Our roads and streets in the past have been the subject of heavy expenditures, ranging from five to seven thousand dollars per annum for which we have very little permanent work that we can point to with pride. Our appropriation for the ensuing year is very modest as with the possibility of sewerage in the near future the Committee feel that they should confine themselves to repairing the streets rather than to work of a permanent nature, but when permanent work is done on any business street I would suggest that the services of a competent engineer should be secured to establish a grade and when other streets are fixed all should conform to the established grade.

Fire Department

We have a well regulated and efficient Fire Department. Much interest is manifested both by its officers and members which accounts for its high standard. Our Fire Department being almost wholly a volunteer one deserves great credit for its prompt response to fire calls. The city has been very fortunate with regard to fires during the last few years. Let us hope it will continue. I would advise its being kept in the highest possible state of efficiency.

Street Lighting

The Street Light Department requires attention. The recent plant was acquired at a heavy cost to the city. The principal argument in favor of its acquisition, viz: a dark to daylight service, has not been realized. We have a well manned, highly salaried and competent staff, and I look to the present committee to bring about changes which will give to the citizens the efficient service they are entitled to.

City Hall

Our City Hall, containing as it does our Opera House, is never a source of any heavy expenditure. I am glad to see the City Hall Committee, with a view to economy, are going to have electric lights placed in the building. I hope to see the suggestion relating to fire escapes for the Opera House which emanated with the last Council carried out by the present one.

The Public

Our Police Department is not in the state of efficiency that I should like to see, and while many minor deficiencies may be remedied I believe our Department will continue unsatisfactory until the Government will consent to vest the appointment of Chief of Police in the City Council, and the whole force be under the supervision of the Administration of Justice Committee.

Support of the Poor

I am glad to see liberal provisions for the maintenance of the Alms House and support of the poor. This department, with the markets will, I feel, be well administered under the able management of the up town member of Carleton Ward.

Sanitary Condition of the City

Gentlemen, if there was one reason more than another why the citizens believe that reason was because they look to you to remedy the unsanitary condition of our fair city by providing them with a pure water supply, and if necessary an efficient system of sewerage. You already have the power to deal with the question of a purer water supply and I hope this day will install a mechanical filter such as is giving satisfaction in Calais, Bangor, Ithaca and scores of other towns. I firmly believe this will solve the problem of purer water. I believe delay is every day causing valuable lives and working to the detriment of our city. I give it to you strictly in charge to give these subjects your earnest consideration.

A duty that will soon devolve upon you will be the election of officers for the several departments of the city for the ensuing year. Upon you possibly depends much of the success of the city government. Choose only those of good character and ability. Finally, let us conduct the business in such a manner that when our administration ends we shall have the approval of all good citizens.

RIVER ICE MOVES.

The First Break Made This Morning--Conditions up River.

The ice bridge in front of the city made its first move this morning at about nine o'clock. It moved both above, between and below the bridges, and between the bridges and the city. No damage was caused by the move and it is felt now that there will be but little trouble or excitement caused when the ice makes its final move.

Last year the ice made its last move here on April 22nd and the river was open immediately afterwards except for a jam between Victoria Mills and Robinson's Point.

The going out of the ice on March 23rd, 1902, established a record that will probably remain standing for many years. Mr. George F. Burden, M. P. P., has word from his home to the effect that they are crossing the river at Hawshaw in boats while for many miles the ice is badly broken up. Mr. John A. Campbell, M. P. P., states that at Springhill, the ice is weak and all that is wanted is a sufficient rise of water to take out the ice. Reports from along the I. C. R. indicate that the ice is broken up at Doaktown and other places, but that there is still crossing at Newcastle and Chatham.

Easter Monday

Arrangements are now complete for the Fredericton Brass Band concert at the Opera House on Easter Monday. In addition to the musical attraction the band will be seen for the first time in their new uniform, now nearly finished. The Fredericton Brass Band has been fortunate enough to secure the Cantata which was put over with such success at St. Dunstan's Hall a few weeks back. This will be one of the attractions on Easter Monday.

Train Will be Held

On Monday and Tuesday evening the Marysville Suburban Train will be held until after the performances to accommodate the crowd that will attend the Harkins Co. show.

STATE DINNER.

Fourth of the Season Given Last Night Was a Brilliant Affair.

The fourth state dinner of the season was given at Government House last evening. Covers were laid for twenty-eight persons and those present were:

Lieutenant Governor and Mrs. Snowball, Mr. Hartt, M. P. P., Mr. Barnes, M. P. P., Mr. Murray, M. P. P., Mr. McLatchey, M. P. P., Mr. Lantolm, M. P. P., Mr. Maxwell, M. P. P., Dr. Ruddick, M. P. P., Mr. Tweeddale, M. P. P., Miss Tweeddale, Mr. Legere, M. P. P., Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Brock, Canon Roberts, Mr. and Mrs. John J. Weddall, Mr. and Mrs. F. P. Robinson, Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Johnson, Dr. and Mrs. Bailey, The Misses Snowball, The Misses McLaren, of St. John, and Capt. Carlon, A. D. C.

The state dinners at Government House this season have been most enjoyable and last night's affair was pleasing in every respect.

SYNDICATE FORMED.

Trotting Park Association May Sell Out to Local Horsemen.

The annual meeting of the Fredericton Trotting Park Association was to have taken place on Wednesday night, but it has now been postponed until the 12th inst.

It has been decided that there will be three days racing here during Exhibition week and a meeting on Dominion Day is also about assured.

There is nothing definite known as yet as to what the ultimate result of the meeting next Wednesday will be. It is said on the streets today that a party of gentlemen, including Messrs. A. B. Kitchen, John L. Scott, John McCoy, George Beatty and others are anxious to buy up all the stock of the association and run the track themselves.

Another plan being talked of is to have the directors name a manager for the track for the season. This man would have the management all under his care and would appoint someone to look after the track.

On this basis the association would want 50 per cent of the gross receipts while the other 50 per cent would be allowed the manager for his trouble, the payment of expenses and the annual rental.

Croup Absolutely Cured.

"There is no remedy in my opinion that can act more promptly than Dr. Chase's Syrup of Linseed and Turpentine. It cured my son of croup, absolutely, in one night. We gave him a dose when he was black in the face with choking. It gave him instant relief and cured him." Wm. McGee, 49 Wright Ave., Toronto, Ont.

Maloney's Wedding Day

The musical farce-comedy, Maloney's Wedding Day, which will be presented at the City Opera House on April 12 has been constructed with the sole object in view of making people happy. The average life possesses enough sorrow and tribulation of its own without sitting in a theatre to have it reproduced to the detriment of one's nervous temperament, tired brain or restful repose. This clever comedy presents a collection of comedians, singers and dancers who use every artifice in their humorous composition to make you laugh and that they have been successful is evidenced in the phenomenally laudatory notices they receive from the press everywhere. The comedy is liberally embellished with catchy songs and clever specialties.

When You Grow Old.

The body needs patching wasted tissues must be rebuilt, played-out organs restored--blood needs extra nourishment. Elderly people need Ferrozone--need it because it vitalizes and rejuvenates as no other remedy can. Ferrozone builds up the kind of strength that makes one feel good--keeps back the decay of old age and makes you look young and handsome again. Forget your nervous exhaustion, renew your vital energy, again re-enter the life of youth. Your remedy is Ferrozone, only fifty cents per box, at all dealers.

Positions With G. T. P.

Mr. Frank G. Edwards of this city, who is at present in the employ of the International Mercantile Company, has secured a position in the Grand Trunk Pacific surveys and will take up his new duties when the location work commences. Master W. G. Edwards, another son of Ald. Edwards, has lately been given a position in the Grand Trunk Pacific offices here.

Customs Official Resigns

Mr. D. Ferguson, collector of customs at Chatham, who has been in the customs service since 1893, has applied for superannuation. It is rumored that Mr. Geo. Watt will be appointed collector.

To Cure a Cold in One Day

Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund money if it fails to cure. E. W. Grove's signature is on each box. 25c.

Tenders for Coal

Chairman Mitchell of the Street Lighting Committee is calling for tenders for 400 tons of screened coal for use at the Electric Light Station. Tenders close at noon on the 15th inst. with the City Clerk.

Don't Call In a Doctor If You Have a Cold.

Use Mathieu's Syrup of Tar & Cod Liver Oil. Your cold will disappear and you will be in better health than before you had it. See large bottles.

Christie Biscuits

Received at Logan's grocery today in fig bar, pineapple wafers, graham crackers, assorted drops, chocolate dips, marshmallows, coconut fingers, rice cake, milk lunch and wafer rolls. The last named is a delicious biscuit just put on the market for the first time.--a

Royal Palace Tea

Ever increasing sales go to show the popularity of Royal Palace teas. Guaranteed for purity, strength and flavor. 40c. per lb. in 1 lb and 1/2 lb. lead packets at G. T. Whopley's.--a

MARCH 28.

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Chiffon Broad Cloths are still having a big sale.

SPECIAL: We are offering a line of Sicilians and Mohairs at 68c. per yard, 44 inches wide. These goods are great value and just what is required for a Shirt Waist Suit.

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