

PEDERSEN CHARGES ARE EXPLODED AT YESTERDAY'S SESSION OF THE COUNCIL

J. B. Manson and Chief Blake Contradict Pedersen's Statements Made at Former Session — Commissioner McLellan Was Advised by the Chief That Mr. Pedersen Was An Unsafe Tenant.

The charges made against Commissioner McLellan by Mr. Pedersen, in connection with the Market store matter were fully contradicted at the committee meeting of the Common Council, held yesterday. Chief Blake and J. B. Manson denied making the statements credited to them by Mr. Pedersen and the evidence of the chief bore out the contention of the commissioner that Mr. Pedersen was an undesirable tenant from a fire risk point of view. A letter was also read from Peter Clinch, secretary of the New Brunswick Board of Fire Underwriters, who had inspected the premises and found them to be dangerous. Tenders for pig lead and deals were opened and a communication asking for permission to run grain conveyors across St. John street and on the McLeod and Pettigill wharves was laid over to be considered at a full meeting of the council.

In the absence of the mayor the chair was taken by the acting mayor, Commissioner Wigmore. The first matter to be taken up was the Pedersen case, and J. B. Manson was the witness heard. Mr. Manson denied having said to Mr. Pedersen that the commissioner had come into his store and raised H—, and he had never told Mr. Pedersen that Chief Blake had said to him "I see no reason why I should complain and make a fuss over Pedersen's store."

Mr. Pedersen presented a request to sell flowers on certain stands in the market and this was referred to the commissioner of safety. A communication from the Union of Canadian Municipalities in connection with pending legislation for the consolidation of the railway act was referred to the city solicitor.

A communication from the Canadian Government Railways asking permission to erect grain conveyors over St. John street and on the McLeod and Pettigill wharves was laid on the table to be taken up by the full council.

Chief Blake Called.
Chief Blake was called and denied that he had ever said to Mr. Pedersen that the commissioner lied. He also said that the commissioner had never given any orders for him to watch the Pedersen cellar particularly.

During the last year and a half he had visited the store many times and urged that the place be kept in a cleaner and safer condition. About a year and a half ago there had been a fire in the cellar caused by carelessness.

On the day he made the last inspection he had gone in and found the place in a bad state as it usually was. "The commissioner spoke to me and asked me why it was, I said that I had tried to get him to clean the place up and been in to him seven or eight times."

Commissioner McLellan—"Did you not say to me that you could have reported him seven or eight times, in fact dozens of times?"
Chief Blake—"That's about the size of it."

An Unsafe Tenant.
The chief said that the commissioner had never said anything to him about F. E. Williams being interested in the business and in answer to a question from Commissioner McLellan he stated that he not only considered Mr. Pedersen an undesirable tenant but an unsafe tenant to have in city property.

Mr. Russell—"You consider Pedersen has had more than a show in regard to his cellar?"
Chief—"He has had every chance in the world to keep it clean."

Mr. Pedersen said that he agreed with a good deal which had been said by the chief. He said the chief had been into his store and urged him to

keep it cleaner. He was only in the store on Saturday nights and he did not know what went on the other days of the week except what he was told by the clerks.

A letter was read from Peter Clinch, secretary of the New Brunswick Board of Fire Underwriters, in which he criticized the stove which Mr. Pedersen had in his cellar, a Quebec boiler, and which he contended was not the safest kind of stove to have. Commissioner McLellan pointed out that he was in a rather peculiar position just now. The insurance people were re-rating the city and in some instances increasing the rates 100 per cent, and it was necessary to do everything possible to keep down the fire hazard. He was not interested particularly in who had the Pedersen store, but he wanted to get the most revenue from the building for the city. Under equal conditions he would favor the man who was in possession but he had to consider the matter from all sides.

Another Request.
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Tenders for Supplies.
Tenders for ten tons of pig lead

were opened. James Robinson tendered at 15 cents per pound and T. McAvity & Sons tendered at \$12.70 per 100 pounds. The awarding of these tenders was left in the hands of the mayor and the commissioner.

Tenders for 20,000 feet of deals were opened. Murray & Gregory quoted \$23 a thousand; Haley Bros. & Co., \$23.25; Christie Woodworking Factory, \$25; J. A. Gregory, \$23 and Jones Bros., \$23.50. The award of these tenders was also left over.

Shipping News
MINIATURE ALMANAC.
April—Phases of the Moon.
Full moon . . . 7th—9 h 49 m a.m.
Last quarter . . . 14th—4 h 12 m p.m.
New moon . . . 21st—10 h 1 m a.m.
First quarter . . . 29th—1 h 22 m a.m.

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Steamers: Stadium, Alma, Muskineon, Lousburg; Connors Bros, Chance Harbor; Fred and Norman, Grand Harbor.

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Cape Cod Canal, April 2.—Arr. schrs Henrietta A. Whitney and William H. Crickett.

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New York, April 2.—Arr. ship Dirigo, Liverpool; schrs Sallie E. Ludlam, Edgartown; B. I. Hazard, Portsmouth; Henrietta Simmons, New Haven; Mary B. Wellington, Boston; Mary Weaver, Providence; Charles C. Lister, New Haven.

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