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FUNERALS

The funeral of Cornelius Driscoll took place yesterday afternoon from his late residence, 22 Mill street, to the Cathedral, where solemn high requiem mass was celebrated by Rev. A. P. Allen. Rev. Wm. M. Duke was deacon and Rev. W. L. Moore sub-deacon. Final absolution was given by Rev. E. A. LeBlanc. Interment was made in the old Catholic cemetery.

The infant child of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Goddard was buried yesterday afternoon, funeral from their residence, Protection street, West St. John. Service was conducted by Rev. E. A. LeBlanc.

E. A. Westmoreland and interment was made in Cedar Hill.

The funeral of James Martin took place yesterday afternoon from the residence of his parents, Kingsville road, to St. Rose's church, where service was conducted by Rev. Charles Collins. Interment was made in Holy Cross cemetery. Relatives were pallbearers. The funeral was attended by many friends.

The funeral of Edna LeBlanc took place yesterday afternoon from her late residence, 129 Erin street, to the Cathedral, where service was conducted by Rev. A. P. Allen. Interment was made in the new Catholic cemetery.

HASSAN MURDER
CASE RESUMED

Further Hearing in Police Court Yesterday—Members of Steamer Manchester Brigade Gave Evidence.

The murder case in which Sultan Rousal, Ahmed Abdurman, and John Sterling are charged was resumed in the police court yesterday morning. The three are accused with the murder of Sahid Hassan in December last, while all were members of the crew of the Manchester Brigade, then docked at No. 5 berth, West St. John.

Frederick Wood, chief steward of the S.S. Manchester Brigade, was called yesterday. Witness stated that he was a member of the crew of the liner the time of the death of Sahid Hassan. Witness had paid Sultan Rousal and Ahmed Abdurman one dollar each on the very day that the murder occurred. Witness paid Sterling no money on that day. During the same day he sold Sultan Rousal a half pound can of Capitan tobacco and a package of cigarettes. To the murdered man he had sold a tin of (Wills') Gold Flake cigarettes and a half pound of Capitan tobacco. Abdurman bought a half pound of smoking at the same time, but Sterling—the colored man—had purchased no tobacco on that day from witness.

To Mr. Tait, appearing for Abdurman, witness related to counsel's query that he never observed Sultan Rousal or Abdurman smoking a pipe; further to the query, of why Sterling was not paid any money on the day he mentioned, witness replied that Sterling had not asked for any. Further he believed no one of the crew knew of the missing Hassan until such time as the detectives went on board the vessel on the Sunday afternoon shortly after the murdered man's remains were found on Coghlin Hill, West St. John.

The second witness called was Frederick John Pickery, second engineer, in charge of the three accused men, and the deceased Sahid Hassan, while the vessel was in this port. While at sea the third engineer had charge of them. Witness had no trouble with the accused or the deceased, but understood that third engineer Eliscott had experienced some trouble with them at sea as the East Indians had fought considerably among themselves during the voyage. The case was then adjourned until this afternoon, when it is believed preliminary hearing will be completed. J. W. Tait is appearing for Abdurman; W. R. Scott for Rousal, and J. A. Barry is appearing for the colored man. The crown is being represented by Dr. Wallace, K. C.

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COMMON COUNCIL WILL OPPOSE
ADOPTION OF CURRIER REPORT

Mayor to Call Special Meeting to Deal With Power Co. Matter—G. W. V. A. Object to Appointment of Frank Killen to Police Force—Tenders for Asphalt Opened.

The Common Council yesterday received the report of the Currier Commission, in the Power Company investigation and returned it to the mayor, who will call a special meeting to discuss it; it was decided to take up the report of the finding of the committee and the police dispute in committee and have A. H. Wetmore, the city representative present. A communication from the G. W. V. A., calling attention to the appointment of Frank Killen, who was not a returned soldier, to the police force, when returned men were available, was referred to the committee of the whole; a copy of the resolution, recently passed by the G. W. V. A., calling for the declaring vacant all civic, provincial and federal offices filled since 1914, was read; an application was received from the Salvation Army asking for a grant of \$500 for the Maternity Hospital, but no action was taken. Several tenders for asphalt were opened and referred to the commissioner of public works.

Mayor Hayes presided and Commissioner Thornton, Bullock, Jones and Fisher were present.

The Commissioner of Finance and Public Affairs reported payments for the month of February last, amounting to \$101,223.08, and recommended the payment of departmental accounts for the month of February last as certified by the Comptroller, namely:—

Treasury Department, \$239.43; Public Works Department, \$1,234.14; Public Safety Department, \$2,409.80; War and Sewerage Department, \$2,981.00; Harbors, Ferries and Public Lands Department, \$3,609.08.

The report of the committee of the whole, as already published, was adopted with the exception that the section recommending the acceptance of the finding of the conciliation board in the police dispute was referred back to committee for further information, and it was decided to have A. H. Wetmore present.

The Commissioner of Public Safety submitted an amendment to the offensive occupation of buildings by law, changing the word usually to the word publicly. This would make the law apply to public buildings, and it was decided to refer the matter to committee.

It was decided to take up the matter of the salary of the newly appointed a district commissioner, in committee, and have Mr. Olive present. The opinion was expressed that the salary of the district commissioner should not be less than \$1,000. Mr. Clawson should not receive any more.

Mayor Hayes presented the report of the Currier Commission in the Power Company investigation. On motion of Commissioner Bullock it was referred to the Mayor, who would call the members together at an early date, when steps would be taken to vigorously oppose the adoption of the report at Fredericton.

A communication from the city council of Calgary relative to the duty of the Federal Government in caring for returned soldiers was referred to committee. A letter from W. E. Lane, complaining of water running over his premises from Spruce and Wright streets, was referred to Commissioner Fisher.

A communication from No. 1 S. C. and F. P., that Howard W. Smith had resigned and R. L. Geldart elected a member, was received, and the warrant of the former was cancelled and a warrant ordered issued for the latter. The resignations of William A. Carvell and Daniel Pirig, from No. 2 S. C. and F. P., were received and Freeman W. Hamm was elected a member. The warrants of the two former were cancelled and a warrant issued to Mr. Hamm.

A letter from the G. W. V. A. relative to the appointment of Frank Killen to the police force, he not being a returned soldier, was received and will be taken up in committee. A copy of the resolution adopted by the G. W. V. A., calling for the declaring vacant all civic, provincial and federal positions filled since August, 1914, was received, and the common clerk was instructed to notify the Association that the council would be glad to discuss the matter affecting appointments at any time.

The Salvation Army wrote, asking for a grant of \$500 for the Maternity Hospital. It was decided to notify them that all the grants for this year had been passed.

The application of John Ching for permission to erect an electric sign on Mill Street was referred to committee.

Commissioner Jones recommended that a lease issue to Paul Depew of about twenty-three acres of land, situate at Mispec in the Parish of Simonds, at an annual rental of \$10.00 per year, provided that should the city at any time require the land the lease covenant and agree to remove the buildings thereon and quit possession of the land on receiving from the city a thirty days' notice to do so.

Commissioner Thornton reported in passing the vote for bonuses to the city employees. H. Wilson Dalton, clerk of the city court, who had been put down for \$100, had been overlooked, and moved that he be granted this bonus. Carried.

The following tenders for asphalt were opened, and referred to the Commissioner of Public Works, Mayor and City Engineer for report.

Elder, Eban Asphalt Co. (Mexican) \$38.06 drums; \$33.49 tank cars. J. T. Knight and Co. \$27.75 drums. Co. Limited (Mexican) \$36.75 drums. Barbour Asphalt Paving Co. (Trinidad) \$57.47 drums. Barbour Asphalt Paving Co. (Bermuda) \$65.24 drums. Imperial Oil Co. \$28.75 drums; \$23.75 tank cars.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPT.
REPORT PRESENTED

Commissioner Fisher Calls Attention to Collection of Garbage Scheme—Pension System to Retire Older Employees.

Commissioner Fisher yesterday afternoon presented his report for the year 1918, to the Common Council. In the report he calls attention to the need for a scheme for the collection of garbage by city and of a pension system in order to retire some of the older employees in the interests of efficiency of the service.

Following is the report: Regarding the work performed by the Public Works Department during 1918 detailed information will be found in the reports from the Road Engineer and the Street Superintendent. Some additions were made during the year to the mileage of paved streets, notwithstanding that it was war time, the cost of all work was high and that the department was handicapped by a small appropriation and by extra heavy expenditures for snow removal from the streets. Now that the war is over I hope that the Council will authorize as large expenditures as possible for street improvements and that the paving of the roadway surfaces will be the part given first attention.

The collecting of local taxes from property owners for paving, etc., is a subject which has been considerably discussed by the Council and by the people, and I have become convinced that the people of this city are opposed to such taxes, excepting for special improvements on residential streets. For all of the paving which is to be laid in 1919 under bond issues I recommend the "general taxation" method of taking care of the annual payments.

In addition to the large expenditures there should be for paving, large amounts will be required for renewing retaining walls on Main and Brunswick streets, City Road, St. James Street, and the west end streets. Some of this work would have been undertaken in 1918 if the necessary unanimous vote of the Council could have been obtained.

The continuance of the Market Square drinking fountain in its old location during 1917 and 1918 was regretted, but there was no fund available to such extent as to make the change could be met. An increase in the public grounds item of the appropriation for 1919 and a feeling that the council can agree upon another location on the same square insures that the fountain will be moved this spring.

Information regarding the conditions existing between the city and the street railway company with respect

to the maintenance of street surfaces in the track sections and the removal of snow will be found in the annual reports from the Commissioners of Public Works for 1915, 1916 and 1917.

The street maintenance agreement between the city and the company expires in April 1923, and there appears to be no present prospect that any change will be made before that time. In the interest of cleanliness and public health, and also for public convenience, it has been felt that this city should inaugurate a system of free collection of ashes and other household waste. Owing, however, to the expense involved, no recommendation for ashes collection was made to the Council for the year 1919, and, unfortunately, large increases in the appropriations for the city and county services for 1919 caused the Council to reject in January a recommendation to include an appropriation for ashes collection.

A committee of the Council has had under consideration for some time the establishing of a general plan of superannuation allowances or pensions for old or disabled officials, but the committee has found the matter so difficult that no decision has been reached. Other cities appear to be in the same position.

The keeping up of a high standard of efficiency in the several departments will from time to time call for the retirement of some of the older officials.

I am pleased to say that all of the officials and workmen in the Public Works Department appear to be diligent and in full harmony with each other, and with the Commissioner, these conditions giving good results in the works performed.

Respectfully submitted,

FRED FISHER,
Commissioner of Public Works, Dept.

OBITUARY

Mrs. Joseph McCarthy.
The death of Mrs. Louise King McCarthy took place at her residence, 274 Germain street, March 10. She was the widow of Joseph McCarthy and leaves two sons, George and William, of this city, and one brother, Henry T. King, also of this city. The funeral will take place from her late residence at 8.30 this morning to St. John Baptist church where requiem mass will be celebrated.

Mrs. George A. Holmes.
Mrs. Nellie A. Holmes, wife of George A. Holmes of Watertown, Mass., and daughter of Charles and the late Susan Maher, died on last Sunday after a brief illness. She leaves besides her husband, three sons and one daughter—all small children—and two sisters, Mrs. John McAvity of Montreal, this city, and Miss Annie Maher, living at home. Two brothers, Charles and John Maher of this city also survive. Miss Annie Maher, who was born in Watertown, Mass., and died last evening

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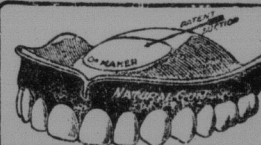
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