

INCREASE IN CIVIC ESTIMATES

Police and Fire Votes Pass
Council—Increase in Both
Departments About \$10-
000.

The City Council yesterday passed the estimates for the fire and police departments calling for an increase in the appropriations of about \$10,000.

The mayor and Commissioner Fisher objected to the passing of any of the estimates until they were all in, but by a majority vote it was decided to deal with them as they were presented.

Commissioner McLellan said that the estimates as presented were the lowest he could get along with and he did not propose to cut them. The fire department estimates call for an increase of \$1,654 over the appropriations of last year.

All the commissioners were present when the mayor called the council to order. Commissioner McLellan moved that the police estimates be taken up. This was objected to by Commissioner Fisher, who claimed precedence for the public works, but the motion of the commissioner of safety was carried and he then moved the adoption of the police estimates; this was seconded by Commissioner Wigmore. The mayor objected to increase this year to men who were receiving salaries of \$2,000 or more. He was quite willing to support the increase to the men were receiving small salaries, but thought the others might manage to get along for another year.

Commissioner Fisher opposed the increase to the chief and also the \$800 item for office rent.

On the motion being put the estimates were passed as presented by the commissioner. Commissioner McLellan then moved that the fire estimates be taken up, which was carried, and he presented the estimates as follows:

Fire Appropriation.	
1 Chief	\$ 2,000
6 Engineers at \$85	
per month	6,120
1 Engineer at \$95	
per month	1,140
1 Engineer at \$75	
per month	900
19 Drivers at \$70 per	
month	15,960
2 Drivers at \$60 per	
month	1,440
1 Motor Driver, \$75	
per month	900
1 Chief Driver, \$75	
per month	900
6 Tailmen, at \$70	
per month	5,040
4 Pipemen, at \$70	
per month	3,360
1 Lineman, at \$80	
per month	960
Extra Chief Driver at	
\$5 per month	60
	\$38,780.00
Call men	\$18,000.00
Prop. Commrs. S.	1,000
Prop. Clerk's S.	550
Prop. Clerk's S.	450
	\$2,000.00
Fire alarm supplies ..	\$1,000
Shoeing	700
Harness and repairs	300
Ground rent	81
Repairs and painting	
apparatus	750
Advertising	600
Light	1,800
Hose	2,500
Rent of bells	40
Horses	1,500
Repairs and painting	
Cannel coal	100
Horse hire	600
Stable supplies	6,000
Rent of phones	250
Sundry small accounts	
Water rates	150
Uniforms	1,300
Knives	92
Knives	100
Life net	150
Pulmotor	250
Gas helmet	150
Bell striker, North	
End	500
Contingencies	500
Prop. office rent	300
	\$22,323.00

Salvage Corps.	
Salaries	\$1,680
Uniforms	60
Drivers' holidays	120
Rubber coats	65
Annual grant	600
Repairs and painting	
Rubber covers	400
Insurance	25
Unforeseen	200
Comms. salary	500
	\$3,800.00
	\$84,905.00

Less insurance	
grant	\$ 800.00
Less unexpected	
balance	4,867.59
	\$ 5,676.59
Cost assessing and collect-	
ing, one per cent.	\$79,226.41
	792.26
Total assessment, 1917.	\$80,018.67
Total assessment, 1916.	78,244.42

Amt. increased asmt. 1917 \$ 1,754.11

The estimates provide for an increase of \$20 to the chief and \$10 per month to each of the permanent men of the department, for the increase in the price of food, etc., and for some additional equipment.

Commissioner McLellan moved the

adoption and this was seconded by Commissioner Wigmore.

Commissioner Fisher objected to the reduction of the cost of collection to one per cent. and thought that the salary increases of the chief and clerks should be left over until the rest of the salary increases were presented. On the motion being put it was carried, the mayor and Commissioner Fisher voting nay.

A communication from Charles Robinson, secretary of the Returned Soldiers' Commission, asking that the position of collector at the ferry be given to a returned soldier, was referred to the commissioner of harbors and ferries.

The council will meet again today at noon to further consider estimates.

PERSONAL

H. A. Powell, K.C., left yesterday at noon on the Montreal train.

J. MacMillan Trueman and Mrs. Trueman returned home yesterday on the Montreal train.

Rev. P. Costello, C.S.S.R., rector of St. Peter's church, North End, returned yesterday at noon from Toronto.

Miss Gertrude I. Webb, of 408 Main street, has left for Medicine Hat where she is to be united in marriage to Harley A. Dunham, formerly residing in New Brunswick.

Five Drunks Arrested.

The police yesterday afternoon gathered in five men, all are charged with drunkenness.

FIVE MEN ON HONOR ROLL YESTERDAY

115th Band to Be Attached
to the Kilites — General
Items of Military News.

HONOR ROLL.

Arthur Flewelling, St. John, N. B.
John Tait, Scotland.
Robert McInnes, Scotland.
Royal Navy.
James Lewis Oliver, New River Station, N. B.
Arthur Henderson, Nova Scotia.
Canadian Engineers.

Five men were accepted for overseas service yesterday.

This week promises to be one of the best for many months. There are seven men to be examined today, three for the 65th Battery, two for the Canadian Engineers, and two for the Kilites.

Eight men who recently signed on for the Canadian Engineers left yesterday morning for St. John, Quebec, to join the unit. There are about 1,000 men at St. John. A draft of 400 will be leaving the first of the month for overseas.

Brass Band For Kilites.

It is understood that the 115th band, which is soon to arrive from England, will be attached to the Kilites Battalion. When it was learned that the band would not be required in England, Lieut.-Colonel P. A. Guthrie got in touch with the military authorities with the result that the band is now ready to leave England for Canada where it will be attached to the 286th Battalion.

Mass Today for 165th.

The 165th Battalion will attend mass at the St. John Baptist church this morning at 7.30 a.m.

The results of the few days' recruiting campaign which was quietly carried on by the men who were home for the holidays was about fifty men. The battalion is gradually attaining its complement and it is the earnest hope of the officer commanding that the 165th French Canadian Battalion will leave New Brunswick up to full strength. Major Lesere is expected back in the city today.

The regular routine work will be

carried on today with R. H. Pertas as orderly officer. Next for duty, Lieut. L. H. LeBlanc, who yesterday reported for duty after a few days' absence.

Corporal R. J. Amro has left for Halifax where he will take a special course in physical training.

The 5th Siege Battery, about 100 in the party, held a route march through the city yesterday afternoon.

The officer commanding, Major Wetmore, was in command of the unit, which presented a splendid appearance.

The route of march included Prince William, King, Charlotte, Union, Mill, Dock and Main streets. The boys marched around by way of the bridge to West St. John.

There will be no church parade on Sunday. The Rev. G. F. Scovill will hold divine service on the island.

FUNERALS

The funeral of Bernard Nelson took place yesterday afternoon at St. Joseph's church, where Rev. A. J. O'Neill conducted the burial services. Relatives acted as pallbearers and interment was made in the old Catholic cemetery.

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Notice is hereby given that the light on the Poul Ground, St. John Harbor, gas buoy, is not burning. Will be relighted soon possible.

J. C. CHESLEY.

Agent Marine and Fisheries Dept. St. John, N. B., Jan. 3, 1917.

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