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TREASURY BOARD MAY SHUT OFF GOVERNMENT'S WATER SUPPLY

Because of Unpaid Bill in Dispute, the Board May Take This
Action—City Finance Officers Say Safety Board's Salary
Votes Cannot Be Met.

As a result of the action of the treasury board last night the city chamberlain may turn the water off the government buildings unless a satisfactory settlement of their water rates for last year, amounting to nearly \$8,000, is made. The chamberlain announced that the city has this year collected \$10,000 more than last, the bulk of the increase being paid on back taxes. He also said that 945 more executions had been collected this year than last.

Ald. Vanwart asked if the board would support the recommendations for increases in the police and fire departments made by the safety board in the afternoon. The controller said he was not sure where the money was to come from. In reply to a suggestion that it might be taken from general revenue, the chamberlain said general revenue was \$15,000 to the bad. Nothing was decided on in relation to the matter.

H. S. Keith was heard about R. W. Carwell's taxes. Mr. Carwell claimed that he had been taxed \$13.16 too much. The board decided to credit that amount against the company's taxes.

Another case of the same kind was that of A. C. Davidson, and the same procedure was followed.

Michael Moore asked that his taxes for 1904 be refunded, on the ground that he was not in the country that year. As it appeared there was another man of the same name the matter was left to the chamberlain to investigate and act.

A letter was read from James H. Fuller asking for a hearing, but as he was not present the communication was placed on the table.

W. A. Oulton, of the civil service, was next introduced. He had a grievance. It appeared that the city was trying to collect some back taxes from him. The whole trouble arose because Mr. Oulton, in sending his check for his real estate and personal property taxes to city hall, had himself deducted the five per cent discount. The chamberlain considered that as Mr. Oulton had not paid his income tax he was not entitled to the discount. After some discussion the board decided to allow the discount, as the taxes had been paid before Oct. 1. At the same time, they made it clear that their action was not meant to reflect on the conduct of the chamberlain.

The agreement of the city and Solomon McConnell and George A. Chamberlain about water rates in Bond alley, was next discussed.

The chairman suggested that as the agreement seemed to be a personal source of trouble a committee consisting of himself and Ald. Frink be appointed to try to settle it finally.

A motion was introduced along the lines suggested and carried.

A bill for \$60 from the N. B. Union of Municipalities was recommended for payment.

The League of American Municipalities wrote asking the city to join. The letter was filed.

The Standard of Empire sent a com-

SIR ROBERT PERKS' ADDRESSES MEETING IN BOARD OF TRADE

He Tells of Inspection of Harbor, But Does Not Advise Board
—Favors Private Ownership in Public Works and Tells of
What Has Been Done in Some Big Ports of the World.

That he is a strong advocate of private ownership in public works as opposed to municipal or government control was shown by Sir Robert Perks in an eloquent address which he delivered yesterday afternoon at the quarterly meeting of the board of trade. Reciprocity which would afford the English investor an opportunity to reap a share of the profits in these undertakings was strongly urged and he gave instances about the advantage of this method in some of his great undertakings.

With regard to St. John and its future development, Sir Robert declined to make any statement, giving as his reason that he was a stranger passing through and was not in a position to give an opinion. This point, he said, was fortunate in not having a large amount of work to undo as was the case today with some of the greatest ports.

He emphasized the readiness of the British investor to enter into such enterprises in Canada which would give a good return and had a word to say on wildcat schemes which now and then were put forward to catch the unwary.

W. E. Foster, president of the board of trade, occupied the chair and there was a large attendance of members. Routine business occupied the attention of the board at the opening of the meeting and the president introduced Sir Robert Perks, who was received with much applause. He was, he said, merely a bird of passage, traveling through Canada, anxious to learn in his own line of business all that could be done to develop the resources of the dominion. When he was told, as he often had been, the story of the port of St. John, he felt he could not leave again without coming down to the maritime provinces, see their harbor and railway connections and judge their requirements and the commercial results of works already carried out at the entrance door of the dominion.

During the last thirty years it had been his duty to be connected with some of the greatest works in various parts of the world, and among others the great waterway between Liverpool and Manchester. Although showing financial returns, yet to the holders of the common stock due possibly to the construction having been under municipal control—yet the ship canal had so lowered the railroad rates between the two cities that it had paid the traders over and over again. It was an illustration of the fact, sometimes lost sight of by governments when asked to support large enterprises, that the community at large is the real beneficiary in the construction of national works than was possible locally and that therefore the risk should not be left on the shoulders of a small community.

The speaker went on to refer also to the engineering work of the harbor of Buenos Ayres, of Rosario, Argentina, and of the port of Santos, Brazil. That country, he said, was the most serious competitor Canada had in the grain market. It was almost as large as the dominion, the population was about the same, the railroad systems as extensive and well managed as ours, and the distances giving better returns.

But the capital invested there far exceeded that in the dominion. He ventured to suggest that Canadians, when they were telling Great Britain that the door must be flung wide open to the Canadian trader and she shut tight on the Argentine should bear in mind the amount of British capital embarked there. The situation was not very different in the case of the port of Santos, one of the stern tests he had to face.

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This was due to the eclipse of the moon caused by the interposition of the earth between Luna and the sun. The eclipse had reached its maximum just before the moon rose. Until 11:30 the earth's shadow was cast on the moon, passing off about that time. At 10 o'clock it was quite noticeable when half of the moon's disk was bright and shining and the other half was within the shadow.

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