

CITY PLANS TO NEGOTIATE FOR RIFLE RANGE

Idea Discussed for Opening New North End Building Area

PRACTICAL TRIBUTE TO MAYOR'S MEMORY

Salary to Widow Till End of Term—Tax Appeals to Have Day

The City Council, sitting this morning in committee of the whole, decided that negotiations looking forward to the city's acquisition of the rifle range property and lots at the corner of Metcalfe and Elm streets and Lansdowne avenue and Teck street, in order that this area might be opened up for building, should be entered into, with the federal militia department and the owners of the lots.

The meeting also adopted recommendations that the widow of Mayor Potts receive the salary he would have received for the balance of the mayoralty term, and that the council set aside at least one afternoon each week on duty to hear tax appeals and decided what relief, if any, should be granted.

SENT TO CONTRACTORS

A bill from the City Public Works Department to the Simonds Sewerage Board for repairs to the Rothery avenue pavement made necessary by excavation work done by the contractors for Simonds sewers was sent back to the council by the sewerage board with a notation from G. G. Murdoch that this was a matter for the contractors, not the sewerage board. Commissioner Wigmore said it was up to the sewerage board to collect from the contractors and the bill was ordered sent back to them. It amounted to \$40.89.

NORTH END WORK

Commissioner Frink presented a report from the city engineer on the subdivision of the Shamrock tract and a plan showing the location of the lots. He pointed out that in order to develop this area, it would be necessary to acquire a lot of land at the corner of Metcalfe and Elm streets and another lot at the corner of Lansdowne avenue and Teck street, in the Armstrong and Bruce subdivisions. The commissioner said this report and plan were good things to have but in his opinion the first requisite to a proper development of this section was the acquisition of the rifle range and the extension of a street from St. Luke's church to the end of the area, a distance of about 7/8 of a mile.

TO NEGOTIATE

Commissioner Wigmore said he would like to see this lot of land opened up as it would give the city an opportunity to do so within the city limits. He moved that the report lie on the table for the present, that each of the commissioners be provided with a copy of the report and plan and that the Acting Mayor be authorized to open negotiations with the owners of the lots mentioned in the report and to reopen negotiations with the militia department for the rifle range. This was seconded by Commissioner Bullock and carried.

IN MAYOR'S MEMORY.

Commissioner Frink made reference to the ending of the mayoralty term on April 30 next and moved, as a tangible expression of their sympathy toward the family of the late E. L. Potts, that the name of his widow, May L. Potts, be placed on the civic pay roll for the unexpired term, the first payment to be made on January 20, 1926, should she desire to have the amount due paid in one sum, the controller be authorized to make the payment.

NOTICES OF BIRTHS, MARRIAGES AND DEATHS, 50 CENTS.

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County Institutions Send In Their Budgets For 1926

The estimates for the several county institutions were handed to the members of the county finance committee this morning to study before the meeting of the committee on Wednesday afternoon. They show that the institutions are asking for \$242,215.60 for 1926. The finance committee will meet at 2:30 Wednesday afternoon in the Court House, and each of the institutions will be given a half hour to present its case, the warden, Commissioner Wigmore, said this morning.

The amounts asked for by the various institutions are: General Public Hospital, \$107,443.77; County Hospital, \$61,606.05; Board of Health, \$29,048.25; Health Centre, \$1,500, with a total budget of \$8,650; Children's Aid, \$8,658.80; Maternity Home, \$97,948.73. They are about the same as last year.

on that date. This carried unanimously.

TAX APPEALS. Commissioner Frink said that since he had been acting Mayor he had found that about three fifths of his time had been taken up in hearing tax appeals and this was really not a part of the duties of the Mayor. Under the Commission Act the Council Council was a board of appeals and it was not the prerogative of any member of the council to act on appeals heard. He was of the opinion that the council should set apart at least one day a week to hear these appeals. Condition which had come under his notice, when he found that some parties owed three, four and five years taxes, pointed to lax collections and this should be remedied. He pointed out that if the people themselves would carry out the law and file their statements they would save trouble for themselves and for the city.

It was not fair, he said, to the citizens who paid their taxes within the discount date to have so much money outstanding or that so many should be relieved of their taxes.

ONE DAY A WEEK.

Another feature of the matter referred to by Commissioner Frink was that when these appeals were dealt with by the Mayor the council had no minutes a record of every case dealt with.

Commissioner Wigmore said he was glad this matter had been brought up, and he moved that at least one day a week be set aside for the meeting of the council as an appeals committee. This was seconded by Commissioner Bullock and carried.

Commissioner Bullock moved that the heads of the various departments be asked to bring before the council at an early date any suggestions which they might have for changes in or amendments to existing legislation. Carried.

DROWNS AT HALIFAX

Scot, Awaiting Deportation, Fell Overboard in Faint, is Belief

HALIFAX, N. S., Jan. 11.—William Fraser, 61, a native of Glasgow, Scotland, awaiting deportation by the Provincial Government's charities department, was drowned at the Immigration sheds, Pier Two, here this morning. He was subject to fainting spells and it is thought he fell in the dock while suffering a weak turn.

Jerusalem Visioned As Home of League

MONTREAL, Jan. 11.—Jerusalem as the headquarters of the League of Nations was a vision conjured up by Nahum Sokolow, chairman of the World Zionist Executive Committee, speaking at the opening of the twentieth Canadian convention here today.

"Jerusalem stands as a model of peace in the desert of conflict. To who saw the delegates of the world going up Mount Scopus to open the new university," said the speaker, "it is not difficult to visualize Jerusalem as headquarters of the league exercising a new and a different spell over the minds of nations."

PERSONALS. Miss Dorothy Wilson, daughter of Dr. E. M. Wilson, Fredericton, has returned to her studies at Acadia University after being the guest of her aunt, Mrs. L. McLennan, in this city, for a few days.

Mrs. W. H. Humphrey has returned to her home at Roper Cottage, Cambridge, Queens County, after visiting her sister, Mrs. J. L. McLennan, Saint John. Mr. and Mrs. William Smith, 142 Britain street, arrived home on Saturday evening after attending the funeral of Mrs. Smith's uncle, the late John Chipman, of Windsor, N. S.

Mrs. Arthur Read, who has been ill at her home, Prospect street, Fairville, N. B., is recovering.

H. L. Blagden, C. P. R. conductor, of Manawagosh road, who has been ill, has sufficiently recovered as to be able to resume his duties.

Mrs. Thomas Dean's many friends regret to hear that she has been very ill at her home, 82 Wall street, for the last two weeks, suffering from a gripe. L. E. Whittaker left on Saturday for New York to attend a sales convention of the Tidewater Oil Co.

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Detective Saunders Tells of Search After New Year's Fatality

BRINDLE CASE ON IN POLICE COURT

Magistrate Takes Till Wednesday to Consider Evidence Given.

The case of Wallace Brindle on a charge of having permitted drunkenness to occur in a public place, arising out of the fatality at the Seamen's Institute on New Year's morning, was taken up in Police Court this morning. After hearing a great deal of evidence, Magistrate Henderson further postponed the case until January morning at 11 o'clock so that he will have an opportunity to consider the whole of the evidence and the responsibility of Mr. Brindle as manager of the Institute.

The defendant pleaded not guilty and was defended by D. King Hazen, J. Starr Tait conducted the prosecution.

DETECTIVE IS HEARD.

Mr. Tait called Detective Saunders. He said that on New Year's morning, after the trouble, he saw a number of men in a drunken condition in the dormitories and the place in general was in a filthy state. He had heard profanity, obscene language and loud arguing among the men.

FOUND 26 EMPTIES.

Detective Saunders said he found one full bottle of whiskey and 26 empty ones. The empties consisted of 12 White Label Whiskey, 2 Bouillon, 12 London Gin, 3 small bottles smelling like rum, 12 empty bottles and one flask. They were all produced in court.

JANITOR TESTIFIES.

Mr. Tait next called Harry Bowden, janitor of the Institute. Bowden said that he was a native of Toronto and had been employed by the Institute since the end of November. He said he did not know the men who were drunk until the police brought them down stairs after Policeman McCavour had been called.

DEFENCE BEGUN

Mr. Hazen, for the defense, called the defendant in his own behalf. Mr. Hazen asked the court the number of the section of the act under which his client was charged. When told that it was one which covers the liability of a building owner or tenant of a building who permits drunken men to drink on the premises, he questioned the accused and when told by Brindle that he was the manager of the Institute, stated that the section did not cover the charge.

Here Mr. Tait said that another section of the act made it the duty of an officer or person in charge of a club or similar institution.

Mr. Hazen proceeded and Mr. Brindle gave evidence that he did not recollect any conversation with Bowden in reference to drunken men upstairs. The court was a small room and there were two other people in the room when in court, who were in the office at the time.

SAW NO DRUNKENNESS

Brindle said that he saw no drunkenness and heard no untoward disturbances at the time he was in the building from about 1:30 a.m. There were notices displayed in the building forbidding the entry of intoxicating liquors and intoxicated persons. Such were ejected if they attempted to enter.

J. Starr Tait cross-examined the witness, who said that he had not gone up to the dormitories or the upstairs at all evening. He had no conversation with Bowden before he left. Bowden had worked there before and Brindle was not in the office at the time.

CANTEN MAN.

Ernest Tyndall stated that he had had charge of the canteen during the dance and had seen no drunkenness. He said that he was in the office when Brindle was going home and did not hear Bowden say anything about drunken men upstairs.

Ernest Tyndall of the management committee of the Institute testified that it was against the regulations for liquor to be on the premises. The constitution and by-laws of the Institute were put into evidence. The witness said that he was under the impression that Brindle, Bowden and Tyndall were all caretakers.

ASKS DISMISSAL. Mr. Hazen spoke of good work done by the Institute and said Bowden had contradicted himself in his evidence. He asked that the case be dismissed for insufficient evidence.

J. Starr Tait said that the Institute was a public organization supported by voluntary contributions and by the Navy League of Canada, and that public opinion called for a punishment for those guilty of mismanagement. Mr. Tait said the conditions as described by Detective Saunders could not accumulate in two hours, but were the result of long slackness in management.

His Honor said that it was so serious a matter and the evidence and charge were both complicated, so that he would have to review the evidence before he could give judgment. The case was postponed until Wednesday morning at 11 o'clock.

CARDINAL MERCIER BETTER.

BRUSSELS, Jan. 11.—Cardinal Mercier's condition was slightly improved today, with temperature normal and pulse stronger. He was able to take liquids and nourishment in greater quantity than before.

FOR 37 YEARS WAS COUNTY COUNCILLOR

Hon. H. C. V. Levatt, 27 Years Warden in Cape Breton County, Retires

Canadian Press. SYDNEY, N. S., Jan. 11.—After what is believed to constitute a municipal service record for Eastern Canada, if not for the whole Dominion, Hon. H. C. V. Levatt, will retire tomorrow from the wardenship of Cape Breton County. He has served 37 years continuously as county councillor and 27 years continuously as warden.

Mr. Levatt did not offer for re-election in the November voting and is leaving soon for Florida, where he will spend the winter and may locate permanently. The newly-elected county council meets tomorrow to select a warden.

Local News

FIVE TODAY. Three men were charged in Police Court this morning with drunkenness and were committed to the city jail for five days.

SENTENCE SUSPENDED. Richard Kane, charged with stealing the motor car belonging to Dr. G. B. Peat, was allowed to go on suspended sentence today on condition that he get out of town in three days and joined his family in Portland, Me. This he promised to do.

IS FINED \$28. William Tibbitts of 50 Pond street was fined \$28 or 4 months in jail by Magistrate Henderson today on a charge of using threatening language and another of abusive language toward Henry Williams. Tibbitts pleaded guilty. Evidence was given that Tibbitts had advanced toward Williams with an axe in his hands and saying: 'I'll get you if it's the last thing I do.'

MINISTERS MEETING

The Ministerial Association of the United Church met this morning in the board rooms of Centenary with Rev. J. McNeil, Moderator, and Rev. E. E. Styles, H. C. Rice, A. D. MacLeod, George Orman, W. H. Bevis, Hugh Miller, of Silver Falls, and J. J. Pinkerton. The only item other than routine business was the placing on record of a resolution of sympathy for Rev. Robert S. Crisp in his bereavement in the loss of his wife. A letter of condolence was ordered sent to him.

Funerals

Mrs. Mary Griffin. The funeral of Mrs. Mary Griffin was held this morning from her late residence, 364 Haymarket Square, to the Cathedral for high mass of requiem by Rev. E. P. Reynolds, with Rev. J. Brown, deacon, Rev. C. Boyd, sub-deacon, Rev. W. M. Duke, master of ceremonies. Final absolution was given by Bishop LeBlanc. Rev. J. Floyd, Rev. P. M. Nigro and Abbe Casgrain were in the sanctuary. Numerous spiritual offerings were received. Interment was made in the new Catholic cemetery.

F. C. Beckingham. The funeral of Frederick Charles Beckingham took place this afternoon from his late residence, 634 Main street, Rev. G. Gordon Lawrence conducting service. Interment was in the Church of England cemetery.

William A. Sinclair.

The funeral of William A. Sinclair took place this afternoon from the residence of his brother, R. A. Sinclair, 218 King street east. Service was conducted by Rev. Canon McKim. Interment was in Fernhill.

Gilmour's Clean-up Time

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By attending the card party, bridge and auction at the St. Peter's parish hall, Tuesday evening, Jan. 18. No better way to spend an enjoyable evening, win a beautiful prize and help a good cause. Admission 50c. 1-2

RUTH ON WAGON.

NEW YORK, Jan. 11.—Babe Ruth, who is reputed to have indulged in drinking as many as a dozen cups of coffee is now on the "hot water wagon," according to his trainer.

LOST—Between Albert street, West, and Lancaster Ave., gold and onyx rosary.

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Prices of the latter two are a real discovery, a sixty-piece Cabinet of solid Mahogany coming to but \$65. Six teaspoons are but \$2 (Five O'clock size). Others in proportion.

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Card of Thanks

Mrs. Leda Odell and family wish to thank their many friends for kindness and sympathy to their recent bereavement.

IN MEMORIAM

SMITH—In memory of William J. Smith, who departed this life Jan. 10, 1926. Asleep in Jesus. M. J. MCCABROLL AND FAMILY.

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Shipping

PORT OF SAINT JOHN

Cleared. Monday, Jan. 11. Coastwise—Gas schr. Sovereign, 31, Outhouse, from Beaver Harbour.

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Sailed. Saturday, Jan. 9. Stmr. Manchester Division, 318, for Manchester via Halifax. Sunday, Jan. 10. Stmr. Valfortia, 3310, Rosasco, for Italian ports.

MARINE NOTES. The steamer Grey County is due on Thursday from Hamburg with general cargo. The Essex County is expected on Thursday from Havre and Rotterdam with general cargo.

The Brant County will sail on Wednesday for Havre and Hamburg with grain and general cargo. The Kalford is due here from Cuba with raw sugar for the local refinery.

Additional repairs were found to be necessary to the vessel's rudder post. The Africo will sail tonight for London and Hull via Halifax.

The Manchester Division sailed on Saturday for Manchester via Halifax. The Carmila is due here on Wednesday from Glasgow with general cargo. The Gracia will not get away until Wednesday for Glasgow with cattle and general cargo.

The R. M. S. P. Tevior will arrive tomorrow from Bermuda and the West Indies with mails and general cargo. The Emperor of Havana is loading raw sugar at Cuba for an American port.

Arkansas will sail late this afternoon for Copenhagen and Scandinavia with grain and general cargo. The Vallescura will complete discharging her cargo of coal tomorrow and will then commence to load full cargo of grain for Mediterranean ports. This will make the fifth voyage to load a full grain cargo here this season.

The Canadian commander will arrive at Halifax tomorrow from Swansea. She is expected here about Friday. The Canadian Railer left Antwerp on Jan. 7 for this port.

The Manchester Merchant will arrive on Wednesday from Manchester direct with general cargo. The Canadian Railer will arrive about Thursday from Manchester. The Valfortia is expected to arrive at Valfortia tomorrow and the vessel sailed yesterday for Italian ports with grain and general cargo.