

## ALBERT WINCHESTER WAS ORDERED RE-INSTATED AS STREET SUPERINTENDENT

Committees Reported That Charges Were Not Sustained—Tender for Asphalt Awarded to Imperial Oil Co., the Lowest Tenderers.

At the meeting of the Common Council, held yesterday afternoon, Albert Winchester was ordered reinstated in his position as superintendent of streets, with full pay for time suspended, as the committee reported that the charges made were not sustained.

The grants for the year were passed and the tender of the Imperial Oil Co. for asphalt was accepted, it being the lowest tender.

The Common Clerk was instructed to notify Pta. Frank Gray that the city could not grant permission for a lunch wagon on South Market street, the request of J. Clark and Son for permission to install a gasoline outfit in their garage on Germain street was referred to the Commissioner of Safety and the N. B. Telephone Co. were given permission to install three small electric signs under the usual conditions.

The Mayor called the meeting to order at three o'clock all the commissioners being in attendance.

The annual reports of the chamberlain, comptroller and Free Public Library Board were received and ordered printed.

The committee of the whole recommended that the following grants be made during the present year, viz:

St. John Assn. for the Prevention of Tuberculosis . . . \$500.00  
Arboricultural Assn. . . . . \$75.00  
Seamen's Mission Society . . . \$250.00  
Associated Charities . . . . . \$25.00  
Victorian Order of Nurses . . . \$1,000.00  
The Kindergarten Assn. . . . . \$750.00  
The Playgrounds Assn. . . . . \$2,500.00  
The Natural History Society . . \$400.00  
The Society for the Prevention of Cruelty . . . . . \$150.00  
The Ladies' Auxiliary of the S. P. C. . . . . \$75.00  
The New Brunswick Tourist Assn. . . . . \$62.50  
The Home of the Good Shepherd . . . . . \$500.00  
Adopted.

The commissioner of public works reported that a communication had been received from the N. B. Telephone Co. asking permission to erect three small electric signs at the following places: W. Hawker & Sons' Store, 104 Prince William street; J. Benson Maloney's store, 2 Dock street, and T. J. Durick's store, 403 Main street, and recommended that permission be granted for each of the three signs subject to the usual conditions and agreement that the contract with Messrs. Corey & Stephens for the paving of a portion of Main street in 1916 be again varied by accepting from them in lieu of the five years maintenance bond, or until such bond is furnished, a cash deposit of five hundred dollars, and that agreement between the city and Messrs. Corey & Stephens be executed under the seal of the city.

The commissioner of public safety recommended that provided Messrs. Corey & Stephens the contractors for paving the roadways on the north and south market lots furnish the city with a good and sufficient three years guarantee maintenance bond, the city accept it in lieu of the five years bond which they were to furnish under their contract.

The commissioner of harbors, ferries and public lands recommended that a renewal lease issue to George H. C. Johnston of Lot No. 514, Brooks Ward, for 7 years from 1st day of May next at \$200.00 a year rental, upon the Common Clerk being satisfied that he is entitled to the same.

The committee, appointed by the Common Council on the 12th day of February instant, to hold an investigation under the provisions of Section 3 of the Act of Assembly 58 Vic. Cap. 48, into the following charge made by Alderman Fisher, commissioner of public works, on the 23rd day of January last, in moving for the dismissal of Albert T. Winchester, superintendent of streets, namely, "Because of certifying to several cases of sidewalk restoration by property owners when the repairs had not been made, thus enabling the parties to obtain their guarantee deposits without performing their obligations to the city," beg to report that they have attended to their duty and from the evidence before them at the investigation have come to the conclusion that the charge cannot be sustained, and they would exonerate Mr. Winchester from any insinuation of dishonesty or wrongdoing, and would further recommend that he be reinstated in the position of superintendent of streets, and that he be paid in full for his services from the time of his suspension.

The commissioner of water and sewerage submitted a release prepared by the city solicitor releasing a certain piece of land of John M. Hay, in the parish of Lancaster as known as lot No. 8, from the lien and right of distress granted the city by a certain agreement dated the 1st day of July, A.D. 1915, and made between the city and The Algonquin Land Company, Limited, and recommended that the common seal be affixed to it under the hands of the mayor and common clerk.

A communication from John Mullin

re his discharge from the position of caretaker of squares and graveyards, which position he had held for over twenty years, was referred to the commissioner of public works.

An application was read from a returned soldier, Pta. Frank Gray, for permission to place a lunch cart on South Market street. The Common Clerk was instructed to notify him that this permission could not be granted.

A letter from the Sisters formally placing before the council their objections to the erection of a garage on Cliff street, was read and filed.

Messrs. J. Clark and Son wrote asking that they be granted permission to install a gasoline outfit in their garage on Germain street and agree-

ing to waive the permission already granted to them for the installation of a sidewalk pump. If the desired permission were granted they agreed to conform to the rules of Board of Fire Underwriters in the installation. Referred to the commissioner of public safety.

James Kennedy and James W. Carleton were appointed lumber surveyors. A bill of \$306.68 for deals for repairs to the Reed's Point wharf was ordered paid.

Commissioner Fisher moved that the tender of the Imperial Oil Co. for 400 tons of Mexican asphalt, at \$24.50 per ton, be accepted, as it was the lowest tender and the article offered came within the specifications. Carried.

A communication from Hon. Martin Furell in connection with increased production was received and filed.

The matter of buying the film of the 26th Battalion was not brought up at the meeting.

Collector Lockhart has been officially notified that women and children are not to be permitted to take passage on ships passing through the war zone. Heavy penalties are provided for violation of this decision.

### THE POLICE COURT.

Can't Take Passage.

In the police court yesterday John Beattie, for assaulting John McPherson on board a ship, was fined \$20, bound over to keep the peace for a year; he was then allowed to join the ship.

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