

Will Spend No More Money On Sewerage

Report of Commissioner Jones Heard Yesterday Morning on Proposed Sewerage Extension for Lansdowne Avenue—Portland Rolling Mills Granted Assessment Relief.

Sewerage for Lansdowne Avenue was a subject thoroughly discussed at a committee meeting of the Common Council yesterday morning.

A report from Commissioner Jones in relation to proposed sewerage extension on Lansdowne Avenue, in which the commissioner recommended that no further large expenditures for improvements be made until comprehensive plans and specifications had been prepared for further developments, was received and filed.

The committee adopted a resolution granting assessment relief to the Portland Rolling Mills.

On motion of Commissioner Fisher it was decided to secure legislation providing for an extension of the fixed valuation of \$3,000 on the property of the Portland Rolling Mills, to cover the years 1919 and 1920 and to be continued at the will of the council.

Commissioner Jones reported on the Lansdowne Avenue sewerage petition as follows:

"Commissioner Fisher in his report on the improvements asked for by the property owners in Lansdowne Ave., to be undertaken under the Local Improvement Act, suggested that the question of providing a sewerage outlet via Newman Brook be referred to the Commissioner of Water and Sewerage for consideration.

"This question of sewerage disposal in this district is one that has frequently been discussed in Common Council, and will probably continue to be a subject for debate for many years to come because of the very large sum of money that will require to be spent to provide the necessary facilities to care for the draining of this district.

"I find in the year 1914 the late engineer, Mr. Murdoch, in his report to the council says: 'Providing of sewerage to serve the subdivision known as Lansdowne Avenue would necessarily form part of one comprehensive plan; the land is traversed by important water courses which, if enclosed, would require to be of large diameter in consequence of the flatness of the land and the extensive territory drained.'

"After considerable correspondence with the council on this project Messrs. Armstrong and Bruce proceeded to develop the property very rapidly, erecting in the year 1915 or 1916 sixteen dwelling houses, and at the present time, I understand, they have in process of construction two more dwelling houses. Under an agreement with the promoters the city, at an expense of \$10,000, provided water service, and besides laid tile pipe to carry the drainage into septic tanks, which later were constructed entirely at the expense of the owners of this property.

"The city derives from these properties annually a revenue of about \$1,000 for water service and a further sum of about \$2,000 on the assessed value of the property.

"Referring to the conditions of this property and the difficulties of providing proper sewerage facilities I find that the present engineer, Mr. Hare, reports as follows:

"The area on which is the Shamrock Grounds was at one time a lake. This lake was drained by blasting out the rocky bed of the brook flowing from it, and its level lowered until the bottom of what was once the lake is now the low and more or less swampy ground on which is the Shamrock Grounds and part of the Armstrong and Bruce subdivision. The area may be still further drained by again deepening the bed of the brook crossing Adelaide street six or seven feet. This would involve excavation in solid rock and an expenditure which cannot be estimated until measurements are made.

"The sewer and cess-pool in Lansdowne Avenue is a private system put in by Messrs. Armstrong and Bruce, the owners of the subdivision.

"Somerset street is sewerage up to the limit from which it is possible to drain southerly.

"The matter of taking care of the

sewerage of the area draining towards Newman Brook, including the mouth, may run up into millions. Again the question, why should houses be built where it is impossible to provide sewerage except at a prohibitive cost? The owners of such properties should build septic tanks.

"It should not be expected that the city provide large amounts of money to improve the property of private individuals without some reasonable expectation of a return on increasing taxes from the property benefited."

"In view of the opinions and conclusions reached by the engineer I do not feel that I would be warranted in recommending any further large outlay for improvements until plans and estimates have been prepared for a system of sewerage that will meet not only present day requirements, but will provide for all further demands."

On motion the report was received.

Hon. M. W. Doherty's Work In St. John

H. R. Ross of St. John Contributes Interesting Letter to London Free Press in Reply to Mr. Dewar's Slanders.

(Editor London Free Press) Having observed a somewhat confused report of the remarks addressed to the Hon. Mr. Doherty by Mr. Hartley Dewar, K. C., at a recent meeting in East Kent, the statements therein are so evidently at variance with the facts that one is impelled, in the interest of fairness, to ask you for space for a brief reply. Since the writer, while never a business associate of Mr. Doherty, is the party at whose suggestion the first came to the province, this may be taken as a first hand statement.

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deep water equipment, and a large business was done under his direction. What is now known as pier 15 was under construction and in difficulties one of the crabs lying 300 yards from the site as the result of a storm. This work was handed over to the Maritime Dredging and Construction Company. Any cables in the wharf were put there by the department's engineers to correct unforeseen defects in design, which were no fault of Doherty's, and the berth and wharf are now in daily use, with the grail conveyors now being built to them. If

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The job was what Mr. Dewar suggests this would scarcely be done. In 1913 Mr. Doherty was badly hurt while on the work, and from that time gave more attention to his family and less to the dredging work, which, as everyone knows, was heavily curtailed by the onset of war, to the lasting detriment of this port, which has been one of the most badly congested in the world since. Having by this time got the present Clontarf boats pretty well shaped up, Mr. Doherty then returned to the farm and has been there ever since, having fully recovered his health, a fact which gives pleasure to all his friends here. It has never been suggested locally that the fact of himself and associates, having done a large and successful business in the Maritime Dredging Company, was in any sense an offense against good business, well directed, and competition saw to that. His removal was a distinct loss to the younger business men of the community, not many being found to equal him in versatility and capability. I do not remember that during the whole period there was any sign of labor trouble.

If Mr. Dewar had no better material with which to attack the minister than he made use of at this meeting, the electors of East Kent have nothing to worry over.

St. John, N. B.

VICE-PRESIDENT HERE. A. D. McTier, vice-president of the C. P. R. arrived in the city on the Montreal train yesterday afternoon. H. C. Groat, general superintendent of the C. P. R., New Brunswick district, went on to McAdam to meet him.

COURT CONSIDERS

DIVORCE CASE OF FITZ-RANDOLPH

Special to The Standard. Fredericton, N. B., Feb. 12.—The court of appeal this afternoon concluded the hearing of the appeal of the Fitz-Randolph divorce case, the arguments of counsel reading largely upon the admissibility of the letter signed "M" which was found in the family house after Mrs. Randolph had been expelled and which in fond terms recalled incidents at the Chateau Frontenac, Quebec and in Montreal. J. B. M. Buxter, K. C., of St. John, supported the appeal against another trial and sought an order directing a decree dismissing the libel, and M. G. Teed, K. C., of St. John, argued contra for the plaintiff, Lieut. Charles Fitz-Randolph, now a resident of Montreal. The court's decision will not be delivered until a later date.

WORKMAN'S BENCH AND TOOLS USED

Demonstration Given by Percy N. Woody at Art Club Last Night Was Most Unique and Interesting.

The lecture and demonstration of Percy N. Woody at the Art Club last evening was most unique and interesting.

The attention of the audience was held by the lecturer as he illustrated by means of a workman's bench and tools, and the apparatus used by glass workers, along with an illuminated case, the many interesting processes by which beautiful church windows of stained glass are made.

Mr. Woody made clear by his running comment, as he worked, how the glass is selected, cut to desired shapes, leaded and secured. It was a revelation to the audience who showed by their applause their enjoyment of the skillful work.

At the close of the lecture the chairman, W. Frank Hatheway, spoke a few words of appreciation.

A vote of thanks was moved by B. C. Weyman at the close of the lecture. Mrs. Mullin sang "A Bowl of Roses" and an encore very pleasingly during the evening.

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OBITUARY

Violet G. Terrill.

Mrs. George H. Moore, 161 Waterloo street has received the sad news that her sister, Miss Violet G. Terrill, had passed away after a lengthy illness, at her home in Bangor, Me. Miss Terrill was a daughter of Mrs. C. F. Terrill of Houlton, Me. She is survived by her mother, three brothers and three sisters. The brothers are E. B. of Limestone, Maine; George W. of Houlton, Maine, and D. D. of Bangor.

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