

# REVISION OF BUILDING BY-LAWS IS NECESSARY

Before change for better can be made in living conditions here, is opinion of F. Neil Brodie—W. F. Burditt tells of Housing Survey before Community Council.

Taking the character of the accommodation into account, rents are high in working class districts in St. John, but anomalously low in other cities of similar size. This statement was made by W. F. Burditt at the meeting of the community council last evening in reviewing the results of the recent housing survey of portions of Prince and Wellington wards. One tenement in this district was nearly paying for itself every year. F. Neil Brodie said the first step to housing reform was a revision of the building by-law so as to permit the erection of ten-story dwellings with brick walls eight inches thick as was allowed in other cities.

Charles Stevens of the Trades and Labor Council said the city should build houses for the workers. A. M. Belding presided and A. H. Wetmore, acting secretary, read the minutes of the meetings of the executive of the community council.

The chairman suggested the appointment of a committee to raise funds, and said that if the community council was to grow it would be necessary to employ a trained social worker.

Mrs. E. S. Fiske moved that a finance committee be appointed, but no action was taken.

The chairman referring to the subject of discussion for the evening said there were two aspects of the question, how to build new houses cheap enough to be in reach of the working man, and what to do with old houses on Brussels street had eighteen applicants in three days which showed there was a demand for cheap dwellings.

W. F. Burditt who opened the discussion on the housing question gave an account of the recent investigations by the board of health officials of housing conditions in the vicinity of Brussels street, embracing seventeen acres 243 houses and 514 apartments.

In the 243 houses were 2,535 persons or 12 persons to an acre. This was not over-crowding as compared with similar districts in many other cities, though an ideal condition would be 10 to 15 persons to an acre. 239 homes in the acre surveyed were built of wood, and only four of brick. There were 33 rear tenements, and 125 rooms had three persons sleeping in them; 37 were dark rooms, and 180 were gloomy rooms, only having light from interior passages.

Mr. Burditt showed a number of pictures of conditions in the area surveyed. He also showed pictures of brick houses in Brandon, renting from \$10 to \$15 a month.

He said the cost of material there was about the same as here, though land was higher in St. John. He thought the community should establish minimum standards in regard to housing on frequent grounds, and give statistics showing that deaths were more frequent in one room dwellings than in dwellings of more rooms, and that the physique of men and girls depended largely on housing conditions.

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ing room, parlor, kitchen and three bed rooms could be built for \$1,600, including \$150 for land. Such a building would have to rent for \$12 a month.

Mayor Frink. Mayor Frink said many of the working class were living under unsanitary conditions, but the question of having the municipality guarantee bonds to build houses was surrounded with difficulty. The average worker did not earn more than \$600 or \$700 a year, and \$140 a year would take down a considerable portion of his income.

He referred to the fact that the old council had appointed a committee to revise the building by laws and considerable progress had been made, but had been done yet. He thought the question of municipal assistance to housing reform should be determined by plebiscite. He thought the city, however, was in a financial position to guarantee bonds if any company which would undertake the erection of working class homes.

There were several interesting discussions on matters of local importance, but these were declared out of order by His Worship. Matters of a routine nature were disposed of.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. Those present were Mayor Frink, Commissioners Potts, McLellan, Wigmore and Russell with the Common Clerk.

The commissioner of finance and public affairs reported payments for the month of June amounting to \$101,935.21.

On recommendation of the commissioner of harbors, ferries and public lands, it was ordered that renewal leases be issued to the following named persons upon the common May 1914, at \$5.00 per annum. Present rental \$4.00.

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The report of Commissioner of Public Safety was not submitted. Clarence P. Nixon was appointed a member of the Salvage Corps and the Recorder were authorized to appear before W. B. Chandler, K. C., Commissioner of Public Safety and the Recorder were authorized to appear before the common council against the chief of police.

Residents of the north side of Queen Square asked to have the roadway there paved and agreed to pay half the cost of the work. The estimate for the paving is to be done under the provisions of the local improvement act. The resolution to call for tenders for the work was passed.

Several residents of Queen Square petitioned for a concrete sidewalk but all the abutters did not sign petition. Permission was granted. A sidewalk be laid from Charlotte street to Sydney street but there was some objection to this plan. Commissioner McLellan thought

that concrete sidewalks should be laid only in front of property of those willing to contribute half the cost. Those who did not pay should only have asphalt sidewalk.

Commissioner Potts thought the city should build the sidewalks because it would be necessary to tear up the walks when pavement was being laid. He thought the city should place a permanent sidewalk in King Square.

The motion was lost on Commissioner McLellan's adverse vote. The Canadian Pacific Telegraph Co. asked for permission to lay conduits in King and Prince William streets.

This was needed in connection with the new building at Germal and King streets. It was agreed that permission be granted. Commissioner McLellan thought that it should be learned if the company intended to remove the poles. He thought it necessary to have report on the idea.

The report was referred back to the commissioner and recorder to report more fully as to the powers of the company and its intention.

Street Railway Extension. The St. John Railway Company asked permission to lay tracks through Erin street to connect with the Intercolonial railway for the purpose of handling coal and other materials for East St. John. The street railway was to be asked to pave between the track and 18 inches on each side.

Commissioner Wigmore thought the company should pave the whole section of the street. There was also a twenty inch water main and some proposed to be made for protecting this and as an amendment he moved that whole street be paved by the company. This was carried.

Messrs. B. Mooney and Sons asked permission to erect a platform level with Fort Howe Road extending over Main street so that concrete could be mixed on it. This Commissioner Potts explained would facilitate the work and help to eliminate the congestion. The contractors were to be responsible for the sidewalk. The exhibition was closed with the exhibition to be held this fall.

# AUTIMORSE PAVEMENT FOR QUEEN SQUARE UNDER AGT

Commissioners in busy session yesterday—Recorder Baxter to appear for City in Police Chief charges—Canadian Pacific Conduits—Other matters.

The city commission at the meeting yesterday afternoon authorized Commissioner McLellan and Recorder Baxter to appear before W. B. Chandler, K. C., the commissioner appointed by the local government to investigate the charges made against the chief of police, and present the case of the city council.

Tenders for the pavement of the northern side of Queen Square under the local improvement act were authorized. Several of the residents of this street also wished to have permanent pavements laid, but all the residents would not consent to pay their share and Commissioner McLellan would not sanction a bond issue for the work unless the abutters paid half.

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ing damages to his property from a sewer, but Commissioner Wigmore reported that the Recorder's opinion was that the city was not responsible and therefore no action should be taken by the city. The communication was filed.

Mrs. H. Colby Smith and Mrs. E. A. Smith were appointed to the public library commission. The commissioners of the library will be asked concerning the report that Miss Martin was to be made an assistant instead of librarian. The meeting then adjourned.

House wiring, Knox Electric Co., 26 Dock street, Main 873.

FUNERAL NOTICE. Members of the Fire Department are requested to meet at the Hook and Ladder house, King street east, on Saturday at two o'clock to attend the funeral of the late George B. Drake. Dress uniform.

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# ALASKAN SILVER BLAZED STUBBY, BUT LAD

Prince Edward Island man shows how foreign Foxes might benefit eastern strains.

A prominent Prince Edward Island fox rancher in conversation with The Standard yesterday, expressed his views concerning the importation of Alaskan and other foxes into eastern Canada and their adoption as the basis of forming companies. He had found these outside foxes of a particularly healthy and vigorous strain and their breeding ability was marked but their costs was not up to the standard demanded for first class furs. The hairs in the fur were coarser than the eastern foxes and the pelts did not command the highest prices when placed upon the market.

There was a possibility that with a long period of breeding in ranches and careful selection the outside foxes would eventually become good fur producers. It was also desirable that a few be introduced here and cross bred with some of the island foxes. Their offspring could be carefully watched and the best examples selected for future breeding. In this way the sturdiness of the northern foxes would be introduced into the eastern strain. Great care, however, would be necessary in order not to breed to such an extent as to spoil the fur of the offspring instead of making it better.

One of the chief reasons for the fine furs of the Prince Edward Island strain of foxes was said to lie in the fact that the nature of the island soil was especially suited for foxes. Borings had been made for coal, lime and other minerals in the island but so far the search had failed to reveal anything in the nature of mineral.

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# OFFICER O'LEARY'S MOTHER NOW ON THE CITY PAY ROLL

Mrs. O'Leary, the mother of Special Policeman O'Leary, who was shot when arresting a criminal, was placed on the pay roll of the police department by the city commissioners yesterday afternoon. A resolution of appreciation of the dead policeman's service and of condolence to his family was also adopted.

Commissioner McLellan in introducing the first resolution, said: "Your Worship and Commissioners: I believe it proper that some reference should be made by myself to the sad occurrence of the last ten days, whereby the Department of Public Safety has suffered a most serious loss."

"I do not feel capable, so do not propose to make any attempt towards delivering any such eulogy, in the character and career of the deceased, Special Officer O'Leary while doing special duty as he is deserving of."

"I can only in an informal manner point out to you a fact and the truth of which has been fully demonstrated both to yourselves and the public that he was an efficient, energetic and courageous performer of his duties conscientiously and according to the best of his ability, ready to aid and assist in the most difficult cases."

"He displayed a rare quality of courage in the presence of danger and continued to do so while lying prostrated on his bed in the hospital, and even when he was in a moderate state of illness beyond repayment may be the opinion of myself, but it is based upon the fact that since he became a regular police officer he has borne a fruit to such an extent as to awaken a portion, at least, of this community to the dangers that exist in our midst."

"This fact may not have such a value as expressed by me, but even at such a cost to himself my knowledge of the man leads me to believe that he would have been a moderate one if it were not for the fact that he was fully awakened to the dangers besetting us."

"During the days he was hovering between life and death his sole interest seemed to be centered in his mother's future—in case of his death—and when he fully realized that he must die, he exacted from me two promises, one, that after his death I would go to the goal and tell the young fellow that he had not been forgotten by me; the other, that I would convey to his mother the remains of his noble character."

"We cannot but believe that the wife from whom he was parted, but a few months before, must be joining with him in the praises of Him who loveth and reigneth forever."

"Be it therefore resolved that the corporation of the city of Saint John extends its sympathy to his sorrowing family and that this resolution be engrossed upon its records and a copy forwarded to the family of the deceased."

The resolution was passed by the full vote of the commission and the other commissioners expressed their appreciation of O'Leary's act.

Second Resolution The following resolution was then introduced and passed: Whereas Francis Edward O'Leary who was born in the city of Saint John on the 11th day of August, 1881, and died on the 13th day of July, A. D. 1914,

In the execution of his duties as a police officer he was mortally wounded by a criminal he was arresting. As a young man his life was clean and his conduct was of a high order and his character was as faithful in all his relations to life, and in the performance of his official work, in the protection of the lives, property and interests of this city which meant so much to him, he was faithful even unto death.

His gallant fight in the hospital with his enemy has been applauded by all many souls. When confronted with death he passed to the great beyond with a pure and noble soul, leaving behind him a wife and a family who are bereaved by his death in a severe loss to this community.

The city on the day of his funeral was a city of sorrow and the great concourse of people who lined the streets of the city were humbled as the remains of this noble character were solemnly conveyed to their last resting place.

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