

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 parts of the city. 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 two-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. Belling 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 referred 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.

Housing Survey

W. F. Burditt who opened the discussion on the housing question gave an account of the recent investigation 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 2,556 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 houses in the acre surveyed were built of wood, and only four of brick. There were 33 rear tenements, 123 rooms had three persons sleeping in them; 37 were dark rooms, and 180 were gloomy rooms, only having light from interior windows.

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 hygienic grounds, and gave 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.

Conditions.

About 67 per cent. of the buildings were two or three story tenements. Rents averaged as follows: One room dwelling, \$2.50; 2 room dwelling, \$4.17; 3 room dwelling, \$4.85; 4 room dwelling, \$6.79; 5 room dwelling, \$8.11; 6 room dwelling, \$10.42 per month. 40 rooms were used for living and sleeping purposes. 123 rooms had three persons sleeping in them; 37 were dark rooms, and 180 were gloomy rooms, only having light from interior windows.

Health and Beauty Answers

BY MRS. MAE MARTIN.

Mattie: I cannot praise any one kind of soap; there are many good ones.

Adela: You are quite right in being "fussy" about your hair; it is for just such particular people as you that I always recommend catfish. Its use will cure dandruff and make your "straight, oily" locks full of vitality and fluffiness—much more attractive than artificial curling. Make this shampoo at home by dissolving a teaspoonful of catfish in a cup of hot water. It is the best cleansing and effective shampoo I have ever tried.

Cinderella: This is the best neck bleach I know of: Dissolve four ounces of salicylic acid in half a pint of water, add two teaspoonfuls of glycerine, let stand until cold, then cork tightly. Then apply to the neck, face, hands and arms, rubbing lightly with dry. You will find a great change in the length of time this preparation stays on and it seems a part of the skin. It is a splendid liquid powder, easily prepared at home. This will not only give you a firm, healthy skin, but it is extremely beautifying, and entirely harmless.

Anne M.: Your rebellion against the "fat-and-forty" idea meets with my hearty approval. I have often advised against the carelessness with which so many women lose the figure while yet young and it is so unnecessary. Just get four ounces of pears, dissolve it in one-half pint of water, strain it, and take a tablespoonful three times daily. It reduces weight slowly enough to permit a gradual tightening of the skin so there is no danger of sagging muscles and loose tissues. Exercise mildly and bathe often, but the treatment requires no vigorous diet.

Alma M.: The eye trouble you describe, like most eye troubles, is caused by neglect. Get an ounce of crystals at any drug store and dissolve in a pint of water. Put two or three drops daily in each eye. You will be amazed to note how the tonic will brighten and beautify your eyes and add youthful cleanness. It will not smart, or burn, and will doubtless save you all further weakness.

Hattie L.: You are rather young to worry about losing your good looks, but you are wise, however, in taking every precaution against the loss of your complexion and the coming of premature wrinkles. Keep the skin firm and the complexion clear with nightly application, using this simple, inexpensive preparation: Mix together an ounce alcohol, two teaspoonfuls glycerine and one-half pint cold water. Stir and let stand for a few hours. This will give a healthy resistance to only conditions of skin. Try this faithfully for awhile, and note how it encourages the natural contour without undue flesh. Many have found in it a return to skin-health.

T. Y. L.: Indeed, dandruff is an unsightly thing, besides preventing the growth and beauty of the hair. Most of the "dope" on the market is, as I say, helpless to cure the trouble. I am certain you can do wonders to beautify your hair and get relief from that itching scalp by the use of this tonic which you, yourself can prepare. In one-half pint alcohol dissolve one ounce quinine. Add one-half pint water and rub well into the scalp. While at the drug store for quinine also get some catfish for shampooing.

Mrs. McD.: Your "dragged out" feeling is probably only due to lack of strength and all you need is a good tonic to brace you up. Here is an old fashioned remedy which will not only make you feel better but make you look better. Dissolve half a cup of sugar and one ounce karsene in half a pint of alcohol, adding sufficient water to make a full quart of the mixture. Take a tablespoonful before each meal. This will ensure proper digestion, an active liver, free from constipation and by cleansing out the blood will clear your skin and brighten your eyes.—Betty Dean's Beauty Book, 35—Adv.

ing room, parlor, kitchen and three bedrooms 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 city, however, was in a financial position to revise the building by-law and make considerable progress had been made, but the question of municipal assistance to housing reform should be determined by plebiscite. He was in a financial position to guarantee bonds if any company which would undertake the erection of working class homes could be found.

H. Stevens said that if a company started building houses it would not improve conditions. He declared the average worker did not earn as much as \$600 a year in St. John. He contended the only solution of the problem was to have the city build houses on its own account and sell or rent them to workers on reasonable terms.

An interesting discussion followed.

The Cost.

Mr. Brodie said he had gone carefully into the question of the cost of working class dwellings. A brick house of two stories, 23 by 40 feet, with living room, parlor, bedroom and kitchen on the ground floor, and 3 bedrooms and bath on the second floor could be built here for \$2,300, including \$200 for land. A one story house with living room, parlor, kitchen and three bedrooms could be built for \$1,600, including \$150 for land. Such a building would have to rent for \$12 a month.

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 occurrences 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 tribute, to the character and career of this city's indebted 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 officer performing his duties conscientiously and according to the best of his ability, ready to and did die at the post of duty.

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 lay in the hospital, he was faithful in all his relations to life, and in the performance of his official work, in the protection of the lives of his fellow citizens.

His gallant fight in the hospital with the last enemy has been applauded by all many souls. When confronted with death he passed to the great beyond with a brave, strong man with a faith in his pure and innocent cause, and his death is 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.

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 liveth and reigneth forever.

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

DIED.

DRAKE—In this city on the 15th inst. George Gilbert Drake, son of the late Gilbert M. Drake, in the seventy-ninth year of his age, leaving a wife and four children.

Funeral from the late residence, 13 Pine street on Saturday afternoon at three o'clock. Interment in Fernhill. Friends invited to attend.

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AUTOMOBILE 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 voted to have permanent sidewalks 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.

There were several interesting discussions on matters relating to the city betterment, 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.

Renewal Leases.

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 \$1200 per annum. Present rental \$400.

Lot No. 1042, Brooks ward, to Ella M. Clark, for seven years from last May, at \$1200 per annum. Present rental \$400.

Lot No. 1043, Brooks ward, to Ella M. Clark, for seven years from last May, at \$1200 per annum. Present rental \$400.

Lot No. 283, Prince ward, to Horace H. Cole, for seven years from last May, at \$1200 per annum. Present rental \$340.

Lot No. 546, Brooks ward, to Elizabeth Gregg for seven years from last May, at \$1500 per annum. Present rental \$200.

Lot No. 246, Brooks ward, to E. H. Plimmer, for seven years from last May, at \$900 per annum. Increase 20 per cent.

That a lease issue to Mrs. Margaret O'Leary, the mother of the deceased, Special Officer Frank E. O'Leary, be placed on the pay roll of the police department and be paid the common pay days so long as she lives.

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 February, A. D. 1891, departed this life in the city of his birth on the 13th day of July, A. D. 1914.

In the execution of his duties as a police constable he was mortally wounded by a criminal he was arresting. As a young man his life was clean and his conduct as a police constable was as faultless as he was faithful in all his relations to life, and in the performance of his official work, in the protection of the lives of his fellow citizens.

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Queen Square Improvement.

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 work was \$5,997. 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. It was suggested that the 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 sidewalks.

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.

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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., 35 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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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 by the basals 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 strong introduction here and cross breeding of the northern foxes would be 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 fineness 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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