Board Of Trade Annual Meeting

T. H. Estabrooks Unanimously Chosen President Yesterday Afternoon—Makes Strong Appeal For Better Streets In Opening Address—W. E. Foster Reviews Work Of The Year On Retiring From Office—James Pender Speaks.

At the annual meeting of the Board of Trade held yesterday afternoon Mr. T. H. Estabrooks was elected president of the board for the coming year, and Mr. W. C. Cross vice-president. Mr. Walter E. Foster, who had occupied the position for two years, in his retiring address briefly reviewed the work of the year and made some sugestions for future work. Mr. Estabrooks, the new president, in accepting office emphasized the necessity of the board taking some action to procure better streets. Mr. Jas. Pender, one of the delegates from the local board to the meeting of the Chambers of Commerce of the Empire, held recently in Sydney, Australia, gave an interesting account of his trip.

The meting was called together shortly after 3.30 o'clock. After the minutes of the last annual meeting had been read and adopted, and the minutes of the last council meeting also adopted, the election of officers was proceeded with.

On motion of Mr. W. H. Thorne, seconded by Mr. W. S. Fisher, Mr. T. H. Estabrooks yas nominated for president. There were no other nominations and Mr. Estabrooks was declared elected.

Mr. Herbert Schofield moved, and Mr. W. C. Cross seconded, a resolution thanking Mr. W. E. Foster for the valuable services he had rendered during the two years he occupied the office of president, which was unanimously carried. The resolution of thanks was conveyed by Mr. Estabrooks.

Mr. Foster's Address.

Mr. Foster, the retiring president, then spoke on the work that had been carried out during the year. The past year, he said, had been a prosperous one, and he believed the coming year would be even more so. The opening up of the new St. John-Cuba route had provided a new market for the farmers of the province. He was glad that the government had recognized that the improvements that were made in the harbor was a matter of national importance. The granting of the land below Blue Rock to the C. P. R. had been urged by the board, but it had not been put through by the city council. He believed good results would be obtained if this was done.

He did not believe there was any haste for the appointment of a harbor comission, as the work was going on satisfactorily at the present time. It was to be hoped, however, that it would come within a reasonable time. He believed that it would be well for the board to consider the taking over by the C. P. R. of the West Side facilities. The dredging of the channel at the entrance of the harbor was now proceeding rapidly, and the engineers in charge were deserving of credit. The channel would be 400 feet wide and 30 feet deep; large enough to accommodate any vessel.

Must Work For The Dry Dock.

In the more distant future work must be undertaken in the development of Courtenay Bay. He refered to the great work done at Newcastle as described by Mayor Stevens and said the work there was much greater than would be required in Courtenay Bay. He did not believe St. John would get the proposed dry dock unless the matter was pushed by the citizens and Board of Trade. The claims of Levis were being put forward better and were receiving more favor from the authorities.

Referring to the unfavorable manner in which some of the members of the Common Council regarded the Board of Trade, Mr. Foster said he could not say anything but praise of some of the members of the Common Council, but other members had not treated the board in the way they should when matters in which the board was interested were brought before them. He went on to speak of the agreement between the steamship companies and the longshoremen as to wages and expressed satisfaction at the manner in which it was working out. The agreement would last for five years.

He believed the coming years would be successful years for the business of St. John. He would like to see more young business men taking an interest in the welfare of the city. If they would give a few hours a month to the Board of Trade they would not find themselves less well to do at the end of the year. While he had occupied the position of president of the board he had done the best he could. He had carried on the work to the best of his ability without neglecting his private business.

An Advertising Campaign.

Before he concluded Mr. Foster spoke highly of the work done by Mr. W. E. Anderson, the secretary of the board. Mr. Anderson, he said, was the right man in the right place. At the present time he was anxious to start an advertising campaign in the interests of the city and it was to be hoped that the citizens would support the plan.

Mr. W. C. Cross was elected vice-president on motion of Mr. J. M. Scovil, seconded by Mr. R. W. W. Frink.

Before the election of officers was continued, the annual report was adopted.

The election of the members of the council was then proceeded with. Mr. W. S. Fisher said he believed that new blood should be introduced into the council and he would like to retire in place of a new man. He believed the North end and the West side should be represented on the next council.

While the scrutineers, Messrs. R. G. Haley and S. W. McMackin were counting the votes, the board of arbitration was reelected. The board consists of Messrs. George McKean, Joseph Bullock, A. Malcolm, W. S. Fisher, S. S. Hall and Jas. F. Robertson.

The secretary, Mr. Anderson, read the financial report of the year which showed a balance on hand of $1312.66.

The New President.

Mr. T. H. Estabrooks, the new president then addressed the meeting. He was not in favor, he said, of interfering with work that came within the scope of the common council, but the council had to deal with matters that affected the business men more than any other persons, such as the water works, and in such matters the board of trade should be interested. The condition of the city streets were, to speak moderately, worse than any other city in Canada. That they were not better was not the fault of the city council but of the business men.

He did no wish the city to immediately spend hundreds of thousands of dollars. If $50,000 were spent each year, the results in a few years would be most beneficial. It was not to be expected that the common council could keep thetax rate down when the cost of everything was going up and he believed the board of trade should take up the matter and ask the common council to plan a systematic campaign for the betterment of the streets.

Mr. Pender's Address.

Mr. Jas. Pender, one of the delegates of the Board to the Australian conference, then addressed the meeting. He described the trip across the Pacific. An enjoyable stop had been made at Honolulu and another at Faroe islands where the cable company has its headquarters. A stop was also make at Figi Islands. At Brisbane the delegates were met by Mr. Lark, Canadian commissioner for New South Wales and Mr. Ross, the commissioner for Victoria. A special programme was arranged for them and he spent there, he believed, the busiest week of his life.

From Brisbane he went to Sydney, a distance of 728 miles. The railroads in Australia in some respects were not as good as those in Canada. The cost of dining, however, was less. The botanical gardens at Sydney were very beautiful. The people appeared to take a greater interest in flowers than was done in Canada. This was probably due to the fact that there was no winter to kill them. The splendid harbor of Sydney was also described.

At the conference there were seventy-two chambers represented. The St. John delegates were well pleased with the result of the conference. And while there were many free traders, especially from England, there were also many who wished preference within the Empire and others who would like to try the scheme. The conference lasted four days, after which the delegates were entertained for a week. The delegates then went to Melbourne where they were entertained until it almost became wearysome.

Some Statistics.

Continuing Mr. Pender gave a number of statistics about the new commonwealth. The population was about 4½ millions. The railway mileage was 15,000 miles. The roads had cost about $45,000 per mile. The passenger rate was a little higher than in Canada, 3¾ cents per mile for first-class and 2¼ cents for second-class. Each state had a different gauge, in Queensland the gauge was 3 feet, 6 inches. In New South Wales, 4 feet 8½ inches, and in Victoria, 5 feet, 3 inches.

The Government owned its own telephone and telegraph lines. A telegram of 16 words within a state cost 9 pence, each additional word cost a penny. Interstate telegrams cost 1 shilling for 16 words with additional words a penny each. Telephones in towns of 10,000 inhabitants or less cost £4 per year where not more than 5 miles of wire was used. In towns of 100,000 inhabitants or less the cost was £4 10s. In towns of over 100,000 inhabitants the cost was £5.

Pastoral Products.

Australia produced in 1906 pastoral products valued at £45,000,000; manufactured goods to the value of £31,000,000, minerals valued at £27,000,000, and agriculture valued at £25,000,000. Last year with six million acres under cultivation 66,000,000 million bushels of wheat was produced. Thirty million bushels of this was exported.

New Zealand wheat sold in England for 32 shillings per quarter; that of Australia bought 31 shillings, while wheat from Canada and the United States sold for 30 shillings per quarter.

In 1909 the wool clip amounted to 2,400,000 bales valued at £13 per bale or about £31,000,000. This year they expected to have a larger clip than ever before. There were in the Commonwealth two million horses, nine million cattle, one million pigs, and about ninety million sheep. In New Zealand there were twenty-two million sheep.

The ratetable value of the city of Sydney was £103,000,000. The water works had cost £5,000,000.

A Peculiarity.

One peculiarity about Australia was the manner of transporting freight. The bulk of this was done by coasting steamers as most of the towns were along the coast. In conclusion Mr. Pender said that both Mr. Hatheway and himself had enjoyed themselves immensely and he was grateful to the St. John Board for having given them such a good time.

On motion of Mr. Chas. McDonald, seconded by Mr. Jas. Seeley, a vote of thanks was extended by Mr. Pender for his enjoyable address.

It was announced that the members elected to the council were:

Messrs. W. H. Thorne, Geo. E. Barbour, W. S. Fisher, John Seeley, W. F. Hatheway, J. Hunter White, J. N. Harvey, Jas. Pender and R. T. Hayes.

The meeting then adjourned.

DEATHS.

Whiteside—At Boston on the 2nd inst., Richard Whiteside, formerly of St. John. The remains will be brought to St. John on today's train for interment in Fernhill. N. W. Brennan and Sons, directors.

Power.—In this city on the 5th inst., Francis, son of the late Robert and Catherine Power of Black River. (Boston and New York papers please copy.)

Funeral from the residence of his sister, Mrs. John J. Mullin, 132 Waterloo street, Wednesday morning at 9.30. Friends invited to attend.

FUNERAL NOTICE.

The officers and members of Albion Lodge, No. 1, are requested to meet at the residence of F. Kinsman, corner of Paradise Row and Southwark street on Tuesday afternoon, Dec. 7, at 2.30, for the purpose of attending the funeral of our late Brother, Richard Whiteside. Members of sister lodges invited to attend.

F. L. BURPEE, W. M.
L. A. LANGSTROTH, Acting Secretary. 1i

Administration Notice

Letter of Administration of the estate and effects of James O. Boyle, late of the Parish of Simonds, in the County of the City and County of Saint John, have been granted to the undersigned by the Probate Court of the City and County of Saint John and all persons having claims against said estate are requested to file the same duly attested at the office of George H. V. Belyea, Solicitor, 45 Canterbury street, Saint John, N. B., within three months from this date, and all persons indebted to the said estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned.

ELLEN BOYLE,
Administratrix.

St. John, N. B., Nov. 22nd, A.D., 1909.

INSTITUTED TWO K. OF C. COUNCILS IN NEWFOUNDLAND

M. J. Mahoney, State Deputy, Arrived Home Last Evening—Much Pleased With Prospects In Ancient Colony.

Mr. W. J. Mahoney, state deputy for the Maritime Provinces of the Knights of Columbus, returned to the city last evening from Newfoundland, where he instituted two new councils of the order. Speaking with a Standard reporter Mr. Mahoney said that his mission had been eminently successful and expressed himself as highly pleased with the courtesy and kindly hospitality shown the visitors by everyone with whom they came in contact in the ancient colony. The introduction of the Knights into Newfoundland, he said, marked another step in the onward march of progress of the order.

Mr. Mahoney and his party left St. John on Friday, Nov. 26, and were joined at Moncton by members of the orders in that town. At Sydney some of the members of the Charlottetown and Sydney councils joined the party. Arriving at Harbor Grace Dalton Council was instituted with 75 members, including His Lordship Bishop March Monsignor Leitch, Dr. Whalen, Mr. Hanrahan, supt. of education, and others prominent in the church and state.

The following day at St. Johns, Terra Nova Council was organized and as in Grace Harbor the degree work was emminently successful, the branch being started with a membership of 90, including the Premiers of the Colony: Sir Edward Morris, Hon. M. P. Gibbs, Mayor of St. Johns; Judge Morris, Rt. Rev. Mgr. Roche, V. G.; Hon. E. M. Jackman, ex-finance minister of the late Bond government; Hon. E. Cashin, finance minister; J. M. Kent, K. C., and Hon. W. J. Ellis.

Mr. Mahony is proud of the success attending the institution of the order into Newfoundland, and predicts a most successful future for the order there.

R.M.S. VICTORIAN CONCERT PARTY AT SEAMEN'S MISSION

Fine Programme Arranged For Tonight's Entertainment—Vocal And Instrumental Selections.

A concert party from the R. M. S. Victorian will provide entertainment at the Seamen's Institute tonight. Mr. W. A. Hickson will act as chairman. Mr. John S. Charlton will lead the troupe with Mr. D. Gliffin as interlocutor. The programme is as follows:

Pianoforte solo, Lejetd'eau, E. Faraday; Song, The Star of Bethlehem, O. Edwards; Humorous song, His Day's Work was Done, F. Hester; Song, The Girl in the Clogs and Shawl, C. Fulton; Humorous song, Wire in My Laed, R. G. Jones; Inpersonating, Any one looking for a widow, Billy Williams; Humorous, Good evening Caroline, G. Routledge; Chorus, Starlight, Troupe.

Song, The Admiral's Broom, MrE. Edwards; Humorous Song, John Willie, Come on, Charles Elay; Song, Just Some One, R. Blackburn;

Sketch entitled My Wife's Husband Mr. D. Griffin, John S. Charlton, C. Fulton, F. Hester, R. G. Jones. G. Routledge, E. Faraday.

Lecture on Church Music.

At a meeting of St. Andrew's church Guild last evening an interesting paper was read by Mr. D. R. Jack on Church Music. The paper dealt with the history of church music from the days of Miriam, the first choir leader, down to the modern Canadian hymnals. Mr. Jack described the Levitical choir and the music of the opening of Solomon's temple. He also dealt with the origin of musical instruments and nature's musical suggestions. He compared the music of the ancient Greeks with that of the Romans and described the unison music of the two nations. The origin of the organ, its place and use in church music was also referred to. Music, said the speaker, was a strong feature in church work and the success of the Reformation, the Wesleyan movement and the Salvation Army was largely attributable to the vigorous hymns employed.

Y.M.C.A. BOWLING ALLEYS OPENED LAST EVENING

Mayor Starts The Ball Rolling—Match Between Directors And Trustees Won By Former After Exciting Game.

"The alleys are a great addition to the building and they should afford much healthful recreation. I hope you will enjoy many good games on them and I wish you all a very Merry Christmas." In the above words Mayor Bullock concluded a brief address after he had formally opened the new Y. M. C. A. bowling alleys last evening, by rolling three balls for a score of six pins.

Many members of the association crowded the bowling room to watch the mayor perform the opening exercises, and afterwards to witness the first match on the alleys between teams representing the board of trustees and board of directors. His Worship with the dignity befitting the chief magistrate of the city carefully buttoned his Prince Albert, grasped a ball in his right hand, took a short run, and sent it rolling down the alley. For a moment there was a breathless silence as the ball went in the direction of the gutter; then a resounding cheer went up as it straightened in its course and knocked down three pins. The next ball went into the gutter, but the last ball knocked down three more pins, and three cheers and a tiger resounded through the room.

After a brief address by His Worship the opening match took place between the Board of Directors and Board of Trustees. The dignity of the bench and the cares of business were put aside as the players took off their coats and started to roll. Many of them had last played the game when big balls were in fashion, and although the candle pins were unfamiliar to them, their fun, or the enjoyment of the Spectators was not marred.

Messrs. T. D. P. Tilley and F. A. Dykeman started the game which was won by the directors by a score of 305 to 257. The result follows:—

Board of Trustees:—Mr. L. D. P. Tilley 72; Mr. W. H. Thorne 48; Judge McLeod 27; Mr. E. L. Rising 56; Mr. John Seeley 54; total 257.

Board of Directors:—F. A. Dykeman 61; W. S. Fisher 44; G. C. Jordan 80; Ernest Barbour 60; W. C. Cross 60; total 305.

INQUEST ON DEATH OF MISS SARAH TAYLOR.

Jury Finds Cause Was Purely Accidental—Burns Due to Lamp Thrown From Table.

An inquest into the death of Miss Sarah Taylor, who died in the general public hospital on Oct 21st, as a result of burns received in her house on the evening of Oct. 14th, was held in the court house before Dr. D. E. Berryman, the coroner, last evening. Five witnesses were examined. After the coroner had addressed the jury they retired and in 30 minutes brought in the following verdict: We, the jurymen empanelled to inquire into the death of Sarah Taylor, who died as a result of burns received on Oct. 14th, find that she came to her death at the general public hospital on Oct. 21st, 1909, as a result of the upsetting of a lamp in her home from which she received severe burns, and from the evidence submitted we find that death was purely accidental.—Stephen P. Golding, foreman; Sydney Gibbs, Wm. P. Hatfield, Bart Holt, W. M. Hampton, John Fitzgerald, Edward Watson. From the evidence given it was shown that the lamp had been thrown from the table by Mrs. Moore, a sister of deceased while in an intoxicated condition and that in attempting to extinguish the flames caused by the explosion of the lamp, Miss Taylor sustained the burns which subsequently caused her death.

PERSONALS

Mr. John McDonald of Chatham is visiting friends in St. John.

Mr. H. Pont, president of the Y. M. C. A. at Chatham is spending a few days in te city.

Mr. L. R. Foster, chief clerk in the Immigration Department, Ottawa, was in the city yesterday on a visit of inspection and in company with Mr. J. V. Lantalum paid a visit to the west side terminals.

Cullen Lodge Elect Officers.

At a meeting of Cullen Lodge L. O. B. A., held in Orange Hall, Simonds street, last evening, the following officers were elected for the coming year: W. M., Mrs. B. Hatfield; D. M., Mrs. M. J. Mabee, chaplain, Mrs. H. Kilpatrick; R. S., Mrs. L. Herrington; F. S. Mrs. C. Brittain; trea, Mrs. Wm. Higgins; D. of C., Mrs. C. Thomas; lecturer, Mrs. C. Perkins; I. G., Mrs. Fairweather; O. G., Mrs. S. Wood; S. M. C., Mrs. Chittick; Members of committee, Mrs. Johnston, Mrs. F. Wood, Mrs. H. Green, Mrs. Lenihan; trustees, Mrs. B. Hatfield, Mrs. M. J. Mabee, Mrs. L. Herrington; auditors, Mrs. H. Kilpatrick, Mr. G. Kierstead; guardian, Mrs. H. Kilpatrick.

Monday Evening Skating Club.

At a meting of the executive of the old Monday Evening Skating Club, called together yesterday by Mr. H. R. Sturdee, the last president it was decided to make an effort to revive the club. Letters were read from Mr. R. J. Armstrong, manager of the Queens Rink, and Mr. Fred Spencer, manager of the Victoria, stating the terms on which they would be willing to let them have the use of the rinks one evening a week. It will be necessary that the club start with a membership of 120 in order that a rink may be obtained. A committee was appointed to see if this number could be secured.

St. Stephen's Church Guild.

St. Stephen's Church Guild held an interesting session last evening. Rev. Dr. Flanders gave an address on "Reflex Action of Missions," and a musical programme consisting of a piano solo by Miss Eva Newcomb, violin solo by Miss May McArthur and vocal solos by Mrs. Wm. Campbell and Mrs. W. E. O. Jones was carried out. Rev. G. Dickie presided. There was a large attendance.

Appeals Committee Needs Shaking Up

Chairman Of Treasury Board At Council Meeting Yesterday Declared That Relief Was Being Given Wholesale—Statement Idignantly Denied—Rodney Wharf To Be Protected Expected Explosion In Ferry Matters Did Not Materialize.

At the monthly meeting of the common council yesterday afternoon, Ald. Baxter made a very frank criticism of the work of the appeals committee and as a result the greater portion of the committee's report consisting of 23 sections, was referred back for further consideration. Immediate action in providing public protection at Rodney wharf was decided upon and a committee was appointed to take the necessary steps. After a lively discussion the council adopted the recommendation of the board of public safety to award the contract for a new boiler for No. 5 engine to the St. John Iron Works, allowing the contractors to have the old boiler in their shop for ten days.

The rate of wharfage on coal landed on Dunn's wharf during the winter for the C. P. R., was fixed at two and one-half cents a ton, the New Brunswick Southern Railway being allowed the use of the wharf on condition that the C. P. R. forfeit all right to shunting and demurrage charges on lumber which would otherwise have been shipped from the city's wharf. The expected lively discussion in ferry matters did not materialize as the report of the committee was taken up at a late hour and rushed through without objection. The application of the White Candy Co., Ltd., for exemption and guarantee of bonds and the fishery resolutions were not reached and will be considered at an adjourned session on Friday afternoon.

The mayor presided and Ald. Sproul, Hayes, Kelley, Scully, Wilson, Frink, McGoldrick, Potts, Belyea, Lewis, Baxter, Codner, Elkin, Likely, Holder and Vanwart were present with the common clerk.

At the opening of the meeting Ald. Frink moved that the reading of the minutes be dispensed with as each aldermen had been provided with a copy.

Ald. Kelley said there was one correction to be made, an amendment requiring Mr. Durant to file plans and specifications of his building had been carried instead of lost.

On motion the minutes were amended.

The report of the treasury board was taken up section by section. In addition to the bills contained in the report the chairman moved a bill of $13.50 from Miss Flewwelling, official stenographer.

Ald. Baxter brought up the matter of the S. P. C. A. not receiving a grant. It was his impression that a grant was passed. The secretary, Mr. Wetmore, had said newspaper reports had corroborated this.

The matter was left with the treasury board and the report was adopted as a whole.

The report of the board of public works was taken up.

Ald. Belyea moved that the section granting the Fernhill Cemetery Co., the use of an old watering cart be amended to read that the cart be sent to Carleton.

Ald. McGoldrick explained that the cart was past its usefulness as a street watering cart.

The section was adopted.

The board recommended that the Cornwall and York cotton mills be allowed to extend a spur track to their works in Clarendon street on condition they agreed to remove them on a year's notice.

Ald. Belyea moved that three months' notice only should be given.

The amendment was lost and the section was adopted.

Ald. Baxter spoke of the construction of gates proposed for the Carleton millpond. Nothing appeared in the report and he thought the city engnieer was not particularly favorable to the project

The common clerk said the engineer had been instructed to proceed with the work.

Ald. Scully and Belyea supported the construction of the gates.

Protection for Rodney Wharf.

The mayor suggested that the city engineer and chairman be appointed a committee to see that protection was provided at Rodney wharf. The street railway were not, he said, moving in the matter, and it seemed to be a question of life and death.

Ald. Baxter said he did not like to see the city assume the responsibility which really devolved on the stret railway company. It was the street cars which attracted the people to the edge of the wharf and they should put their terminal in good condition and more lights should be provided. He suggested that small incandescent lights would be of more service than the large arc lights.

Ald. Frink moved that the chairman of the Board of Public Works, the city engineer and the recorder be appointed a committee to arrange for protection.

Ald. Scully in seconding the motion said there was some doubt if a fence could be built along a public wharf. It was the terminal which needed attention.

Ald. Potts said the city was laying itself open to an action by putting up any fence.

Ald. Belyea thought the street railway should be compelled to put up a fence. He was surprised at the aldermen introducing a resolution which exposed the city to an action for damages.

Ald. Lewis said putting up a fence was a small matter and the street railway was a great accommodation

Liability of the City.

Ald. Baxter said that in the course of a few years the fence might become defective and a man falling through could recover from the city if they constructed the railing.

Ald. Vanwart thought the lighting should be left with the Safety Board.

Ald. Belyea thought the Common Council as capable of dealing with lighting matters as the Safety Board was.

On motion of Ald Wilson the communication of the street railway company was read.

Ald. Frink's motion was carried.

The report of the Board of Public Safety was taken up.

Communications from Chief Kerr and C. W. Piercy of the fire department, stating that the St. John Iron Works, Ltd., would have to take the old boiler out of No. 5 engine before they could construct one were read. They both recommended that the makers of the engine he given the contract, contrary to the recommendation of the Safety Board.

Mr. McDonald for the St. John Iron Works asked to have the old boiler for ten days. He objected to paying $10 a day for each day after the expiration of the forty-two days allowed for completion of the contract.

Ald. Vanwart said he wanted to see the work done by a St. John firm. There was a screw loose somewhere. He moved that the St. John Iron Works be given the work and be allowed to have the boiler for ten days.

Ald. Baxter said he believed in giving the work to St. John firms, but there should be no nonsense. If they were not willing to meet the conditions, he moved that the makers, the Amoskeag Company, be given the work.

Wasting Time.

Ald. Sproul thought the council was wasting time. If the lowest tenderer was not willing to undertake the contract give it to the next one.

Ald. Potts said the motion to give the makers of the engine the contract had passed the council fourteen votes to two.

Ald. Lewis said he had made a boiler of his own 20 years ago and was the only one who knew anything about mechanics.

Ald. Frink said that with the advent of the water extension and the increased pressure it was understood that steam fire engines should be eliminated and it was a very reasonable proposition that one of these "petergrosters" should be laid off for ten days.

Ald. Belyea said the chairman of the Safety Board was trying to run the department.

Ald. Vanwart replied by saying that Ald. Belyea was a bow-wow.

Ald. Belyea rose to a question of privilege but Ald. Vanwart refused to apologize.

Ald. Baxter's amendment was lost two votes to twelve and the motion carried by the vote reversed.

On motion of Ald. Frink the recommendation to award the contract for wiring six rooms in City Hall for $241.60 was referred back.

Ald. McGoldrick asked what the committee on the new municipal building had done.

Ald. Kelley, the chairman, said the municipality was senior to the city and the chairman of the former committee should call the meeting.

Ald. Belyea moved that the section recommending the purchase of Eastman nozzles be amended to read that a deluge set be also purchased at a cost of $157.

The section was adopted and the report as a whole.

The water and sewerage board report was adopted without discussion.

The Dunn Wharf.

The harbor board recommended that the N. B. Southern railway be allowed the use of the Dunn wharf on condition that the C. P. R. guarantee the payment of top wharfage and also provide berths for vessels receiving lumber from the Shore Line or the C. P. R.

Ald. McGoldrick moved that the top wharfage rate on coal be two cents a ton.

Ald. Elkin called attention to the fact that the C. P. R. had agreed not to charge the N. B. Southern for shunting lumber which would otherwise have been shipped from the Dunn wharf. He also wanted to have the C. P. R. agree to exempt from demurrage charges the cars of lumber which might be held up on account of C. P. R. berths not being ready.

Ald. Belyea spoke at some length and advocated a higher rate. If they were given a rate of three cents he said it meant a 40 per cent. cut.

Ald. Likely suggested a half rate, which would mean 21½ cents.

Ald. Potts said the C. P. R. should be shown some consideration. It meant more work for the longshoremen if they were given a lower rate.

Ald. Likely moved that the rate be 21½ cents.

Ald. McGoldrick said he could not agree to Ald. Elkin's suggestion that the C. P. R. should relieve the lumber shippers from demurrage charges. Mr. Downie made it quite clear that he had no control over such charges, but that they were governed by some independent association.

Ald. Baxter said that no matter what the method of collection of demurrage was the C. P. R. should assume the responsibility for the charges. He moved that this be incorporated in the section.

Ald. Belyea said he was the alderman of whom Ald. McGoldrick had said that he had refused to take Mr. Downie's word but wanted an agreement in writing. He meant nothing personal but based his remark on the record of the C. P. R. in West Side matters.

Ald. Baxter's amendment to the amendment that the rate be 2½ cents and that no demurrage be charged was carried, nine to six.

Ald. McGoldrick's motion to adopt the report was adopted as amended on a vote of nine to seven.

The Appeals Criticized.

Ald. Baxter criticized the report of the appeals committee. There seemed to be a feeling he said, that all a ratepayer had to do to secure a 50 per cent. cut was to apply to the appeals committee.

Ald. Sproul, the chairman, said he was more than willing that the report should be considered section by section. A number of the recommendations were endorsed by the chamberlain.

Ald. Hayes said there seemed to be a good reason for the recommendations, many of the applicants were men over 80 years of age laborers, who had no resources to draw upon.

Ald Belyea spoke somewhat warmly and announced his willingness to resign if good reason for the recommendations could not be shown.

Ald. Baxter said he had heard the appeals were being handled in a reckless manner, that ratepayers who went in to the committee expecting to pay, were told to pay nothing and get out. Instead of the chamberlain recommending the relief, he understood the payments were cancelled against the chamberlain's judgment.

Ald. Potts thought the fault lay with the tax collectors. They approached the gilt edged men first and the "hard marks" were left so long that their taxes were allowed to accumulate for years.

Ald. Sproul closed the debate.

The mayor announced that the defunct list will be larger than ever this present year.

After six sections had been adopted Ald. Potts moved that the remaining seventeen sections be referred back.

Ald. Belyea wanted to know who Ald Baxter meant when the latter said that the aldermen told the applicants to pay nothing and get out.

Ald. Baxter said he had not been told of any aldermen or any particular case.

Ald. Belyea—"In view of the denial of the chairman, Ald. Hayes, and myself, do you still believe your informant?"

Ald Baxter—"I still believe the city official."

Ald. Potts' motion carried, four to eight.

The recorder submitted his opinion in the matter of the extension of the spur to the York and Cornwall mills. The agreement, he said, would have to be made with the I. C. R.

Ald. McGoldrick's resolution covering the necessary change was carried.

The two sections of the ferry committee's report were adopted and the council adjourned to meet again on Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

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WILL BE SOLD

By Auction

BEGINNING AT 10.30 a. m.

Tuesday, 14th December

IN THE

Carleton Curling Rink, West St. John

This direct importation from Scotland arrived ex Donaldson Steamer Cassandra on the 1st of December and includes sixty-four mares. Three stallions, two of which are imported and one Canadian bred, will also be sold. They may be inspected at the stables of A. C. Smith & Co., West St. John.

On all animals bought to remain in New Brunswick, THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE will pay the freight from St. John to the purchaser's station.

Terms of Sale Cash, or notes acceptable at St. John Banks.

No restrictions as to residence of purchaser or resale of animals, except that purchasers asking the department to pay freight will undertake to retain the animal in question for breeding purposes within the province for five Years.

Return trip to sale FOR SINGLE FARE upon the Standard Certificate plan. Good going on the 11th and 13th December, returning on the 14th, 15th and 16th December over Intercolonial and Canadian Pacific Railways. (Buy one-way first class ticket for St. John and secure Standard Certificate from the Ticket Agent. Have certificate filled in at the sale and signed by Secretary, present it to Ticket Agent at St. John Station and it will be exchanged for a ticket to original starting point, free.) Certificates will not be accepted for passage on trains.

The sale will be held under cover and seating accomodation giving unobstructed view of sales ring provided. Settlement must be made before leaving sales building or animal will be resold.

W. W. Hubbard, For Dept. of Agriculture.
Wm. Meharey, Importer.
F. L. Potts, Auctioneer.