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AUTHORIZE HYDRO COMMISSION TO SIGN CONTRACT

City Council Passes Bond Issue for $13,340 for Sub-Station

Question of Engineering Costs Raised—$500 Granted for City Publication—Amendment to Assessment of County Residents Proposed—Carnival Matters Dealt With.

At a special meeting of the City Council this morning, the Civic Hydro Commission was authorized to sign a contract with H. O. Clark for the construction of a hydro sub-station at a cost not to exceed $13,340, the amount to be raised by bond issue. An amount of $500 was authorized for assistance in getting out a publication advertising the city, and the Mayor was authorized to purchase and present an engraved watch to the highest point winner in the international skating meet here next week. Arrangements were also made for a civic welcome to visiting skaters and carnival queens, due here on Monday.

Sub-Station Contract.

The Mayor presented an estimate of cost covering the construction of the civic hydro sub-station amounting to $14,784, made up as follows:

Building contract	$11,820
Foundation	1,275
Earth excavation	165
Rock excavation	180
	$13,440
Engineering, &c.	1,344
Total	$14,784

The Mayor moved that the Commission be authorized to expend this amount for a sub-station.

Commissioner Thornton said the Civic Hydro Commission had been appointed to obtain plans, specifications and estimates of distribution system. It was due to the tax-payers, he said, to know the full cost of this system. He said the Council had made a grant of $10,000 for engineering expenses; he asked why an amount therefore had been included in the sub-station estimates for this purpose.

Commissioner Wigmore asked if the amount of time of city employes devoted to the Civic Hydro Commission was deducted from the time chargeable to the different departments.

The Mayor said that a portion of the time was charged to the Hydro Commission and a portion to the departments. He said that none of the employes was receiving more than his regular salary paid by the city.

Commissioner Bullock thought that the Hydro Commission should assume a portion of the city engineer's salary.

Bonds will be issued only for the actual cost of the work, the Mayor said.

To Commissioner Thornton the city electrician said the commission would provide for its own water system from a well in Cranston avenue.

Commissioner Thornton moved in amendment that the matter lie on the table until the tenders for all the equipment for the sub-station were opened. Some of these were due on February 12. He said his idea was to check the different items against the original estimates.

Commissioner Wigmore said that he was prepared to support the motion if the ten per cent. for incidentals was struck out. He made an amendment to this effect, Commissioner Thornton withdrawing his amendment to lie on the table.

Commissioner Frink, in supporting the amendment, said it was time that the Hydro Commission came out with a plain statement as to the total cost of the whole distribution system.

Commissioner Bullock remarked that so far the contracts for work and equipment had all been below estimate.

The amendment was carried.

Assessment Matter.

The Mayor brought up the matter of proposed legislation covering the assessment or residents of the county, working in the city.

Commissioner Frink said that he understood it affected the city to the extent of a quarter of a million dollars.

Commissioner Bullock said he took it the loss to the city would amount to some $6,000.

The Mayor moved that a bill be prepared repealing the sub-section covering the point in question. Carried.

Advertising The City

P. H. Butler was present regarding a proposed publication of the Business Review and Maritime Retailer for which he asked a grant of $1,000 from the city.

Commissioner Wigmore said that in a previous publication the city took 2,000 copies and paid $500.

Mr. Butler said that a new proposal was to reduce the size of the publica- by one-half and to ask the city for $500. It was proposed to print 4,000 copies.

The Board of Trade and the Tourist Association, Commissioner Thornton said, purchased a quantity of the previous publication.

Commissioner Bullock said that this would be an opportunity to let the world know that the city was to have the advantages of hydro, and he moved that the proposed expenditure of $500 be recommended to council. The recommendation carried.

Council Approves

The committee arose and went into council and passed the recommendations made in committee, as follows:

That an amount of $500 be authorized for the publication advertising St. John.

That the hydro commission be authorized to enter into a contract for the erection of a civic sub-station at a cost not to exceed $13,440.

That the city solicitor be ask to prepare a bill amending an act covering the assessment of certain residents of the county employed in the city.

That the Mayor be empowered to purchase and present a watch, suitably engraved, to the highest point winner in the International skating championships at Lily Lake this month.

On motion it was decided to return to the unsuccessful bidders in the sub-station contract the deposit checks sent in by them and the check of the successful tenderer be handed over to the city comptroller.

LOCAL NEWS

POLICE COURT

Two men charged with drunkenness this morning were remanded.

BANK CLEARINGS.

St. John bank clearings this week were $2,539,273; last year, $2,566,542; in 1921, $2,638,907. The Halifax figures this week were $2,597,653; Moncton, $977,907.

DEATH OF CHILD

Friends of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Ellingwood of 101 Queen street will be sorry to learn of the death of their infant daughter, Constance Eleana, which occurred suddenly. Burial will be tomorrow.

RETURN TO N. S.

The Loyola Minstrel Troup, who performed in St. Peter's new auditorium on last Monday and Tuesday, left this afternoon for their homes in Bedford, N. S. While here they were in charge of Rev. Father Martin, who returned with them.

CURLING RINK AFIRE.

Members of the Thistle Curling Club, who played in St. Stephen last evening, returned to the city on the Montreal train at noon today. They reported that the curling rink there caught fire early this morning and that it was quite badly damaged.

PUBLIC INSPECTION

The epidemic annex to the General Public Hospital was thrown open this afternoon from 3 to 5 o'clock for an inspection by the public following the renovating work done recently. The building is completely refitted and is reported in excellent condition.

MORE ICE TROUBLE

The Board of Trade was notified this morning that the steamer Connors Bros. was forced to return to this city last night on account of the choked condition of the harbors at Black's Harbor and St. Andrews. The ice is said to be fairly thin but too heavy for a wooden ship to break up.

THE OTTAWA DELEGATES

George E. Barbour, president of the St. John Board of Trade, returned to the city this morning from the northern part of the province. He will confer with the Mayor this afternoon in regard to the matter of a delegation to press the question of an extended breakwater and additional port equipment on the Federal Government.

A TROUBLESOME PRACTICE

Two juveniles who were before the magistrate yesterday charged with annoying pedestrians by begging in front of city theatres were allowed to go home with their parents on the understanding that they would be properly looked after and would not be allowed on the streets after seven o'clock in the evening. The practice indulged in by some of these youngsters constitutes a nuisance and annoyance and it is a difficult matter to deal with. A policeman said yesterday that it was almost impossible to catch the lads as they took to their heels as soon as they saw the brass buttons. If a policeman did succeed in catching one of them and inquired of a person whom he had seen the youngster accost the person accosted would usually say that the boy asked the time or some such thing as that in order to avoid the necessity of giving evidence against him. It is hoped that the case of these two will put a stop to the thing.

SUSSEX AND ST. JOHN IN BIG PUCK BATTLE

Last League Appearance of Swift Kings County Players Here.

Tomorrow night's game will be the last of the N. B. and P. E. I. league fixtures for local ice.

The remarkable showing of the St. John's in this league is the subject of favorable comment from the hockey fans throughout the province. Developing a good team is generally admitted to be a matter of three years but St. John has in a few weeks produced a team capable of giving the best in the province a hard go.

Of the Sussex aggregation too much cannot be said. They are, in the opinion of many of the fans, the best in the Maritime Provinces. Their team work and head work can be counted on to pull them out of many a tight corner.

No other dates have been arranged for the appearance of the Sussex team in St. John so this will probably be the last opportunity the fans will have of seeing this superb hockey machine in operation.

The St. John team will be similar to that which surprised the fans by taking Marysville into camp on Monday.

A final practice of the St. Johns this afternoon will put the finishing touches on the team, and tomorrow night will see them in first class condition for the hardest battle they have yet had on home ice.

PRESIDENT IN TRIBUTE TO HEAD OF THE C. N. R.

New York, Feb. 8. — (Canadian Press).—Sir Henry Thornton was guest at a dinner given at the Ritz Carlton last night by Dudley F. Malone. President Harding sent a message in which he said of Sir Henry:—

"A native of our own country, his services in England during the war was one of the ties which drew the two nations together, and now that he is returning to America to bear a distinguished part in the national railroad service of Canada, he will continue as one of the willing hostages whom the people of the U. S. are proud to give in the interest of understanding and friendship among all the English-speaking nations."

GRAHAM-BREWER.

At the Brunswick street Baptist parsonage, Fredericton, on Tuesday, Rev. G. C. Warren united in marriage Mrs. Ida Wright Brewer of Temple and Albert S. Graham of Woodstock. They will reside in Woodstock.

SHOE DEALERS TO MEET HERE FEB. 16

Session in Halifax on Tuesday — Trade on a Sounder Basis.

(Halifax Chronicle, Wednesday)

Members of the Wholesale Shoe Association which included wholesale dealers in rubber goods as well, were in annual session at the Halifax Hotel yesterday. They were addressed by S. Roy Weaver, Manager of the Shoe and Wholesalers Association of Canada, and the Shoe Manufacturers' Association of Canada. Mr. Weaver reviewed the work during the past year of the National Association of Wholesalers and also outlined plans for the new service of credit information on retail shoe store accounts, which is being instituted by the manufacturers and wholesalers jointly.

The speaker stated that such new service would afford real protection to the better element in the retail trade by providing the supply houses with information which would enable them to discriminate equitably between dependable merchants deserving credit and irresponsible accounts. The retailers themselves welcome this new activity and many had indicated their willingness to co-operate with the Shoe Trade Credit Bureaus by furnishing financial statements and otherwise.

Mr. Weaver said that since the Armistice almost 45 shoe manufacturing establishments, close to 31 wholesale houses and several hundred retail shoe stores, had failed or been obliged to compromise with their creditors, or discontinued business because the returns were unsatisfactory or been forced into financial reorganizations. This indicated that the weeding out process in the trade had been very thorough and the shoe trade was on a sounder basis than a year ago. Manufacturers and wholesalers had been forced to take a firm stand in regard to assignments. Mr. Weaver had emphasied the greater soundness of fundamental conditions, expressed the opinion that business generally throughout Canada was on the mend, and predicted steady, although perhaps not spectacular improvement.

Among those attending the conference were C. S. Sutherland of the Amherst Boot and Shoe Company of Amherst, who in the absence of the President of the Association, Mr. H. W. Rising, of St. John, presided over the conference as Vice-President, Col. A. E. Massie, Walter Stewart, R. T. Hayes of the J. W. Humphreys, all of St. John; Mr. Codner, representing the Miner Rubber Company in Halifax; Mr. Hunter, representing the Dominion Rubber System of Canada in Halifax; Eric Spinney, of Yarmouth, representing the E. K. Spinney Co., and J. W. Priest of Pictou. The conference adjourned last night after an all day discussion of matters relating to the trade, and will meet again in St. John on February 16th where they will elect officers for the ensuing year.

THREE TO ONE IN ST. JOHN'S FAVOR

A Statement of Passengers Brought to This Port and Halifax This Season to Date.

Owing to a question being raised as to the number of passengers arriving at St. John and the port of Halifax to date this season the following list has been compiled showing the names of the steamships and the number of passengers they carried. The list shows that a total of 4,768 passengers landed at this port, while 1,621 arrived at Halifax. The statement follows:—

St. John, N. B.

Date	Steamer	1st	2nd	3rd
Nov. 26	Marburn	—	47	173
Dec. 3	Melita	—	135	232
Dec. 7	Montcalm	—	119	253
Dec. 11	Metegama	—	67	519
Dec. 16	Montclare	—	160	400
Dec. 23	Minnedosa	—	159	286
Jan. 3	Marloch	—	125	294
Jan. 8	Metegama	—	172	517
Jan. 14	Marburn	—	49	80
Jan. 14	E. France	39	57	146
Jan. 22	Montclare	—	123	616
		39	1213	3516

Grand total 4,768.

Halifax

Date	Steamer	1st	2nd	3rd
Nov. 24	Albania	—	8	—
Dec. 2	Regina	—	83	276
Dec. 3	Andania	—	30	80
Dec. 3	Tyrrhenia	—	14	63
Dec. 4	Sachem	—	4	—
Dec. 1	Cassandra	—	29	126
Dec. 10	Pittsburg	—	20	110
Dec. 10	Canada	—	34	99
Dec. 20	Saturnia	—	18	113
Dec. 25	Caronia	12	47	177
Jan. 1	Digby	—	3	—
Jan. 11	Latvia	—	2	25
Jan. 20	Ansonia	—	27	49
Jan. 21	Assyria	—	9	50
Jan. 21	Antonia	—	29	84
		12	357	1225

Grand total, 1,621.

Fatally Hurt in Montreal; Said To Be From Here

Thos. Hubbard Falls Down Stairs in House—Had Ticket For Europe and Much Money.

Montreal, Feb. 8—Probably fatally injured by a fall down stairs at 122 Lagauchetiere street east, Thomas Hubbard, 61 years of age, or St. John, N. B., was admitted to the General Hospital last night.

It is thought that his skull is fractured. Constables Marion and Guimond, of the City Hall avenue station, who investigated, were informed that Hubbard had been walking up the stairs when, near the top, his foot had slipped on a step, protected by a brass plate.

A ticket to Europe and a large sum of money were found in Hubbard's pockets.

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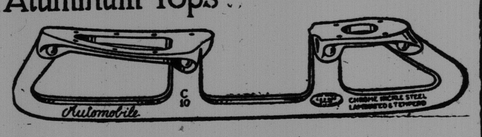

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