

## At the City Hall.

Financial Report ready for next meeting. Government proposals held in abeyance.

The full Council attended yesterday's meeting. The principal topic of discussion was the city's financial situation and it was agreed that no work of any importance which called for large expenditure be undertaken.

After preliminary matters had been discussed and disposed of, matters of importance came up for consideration.

In the matter of the applications of the Board of Trade for the watering of vessels a full and complete report was submitted by the Engineer. The report showed that to comply with the Board of Trade's suggestions, even if the costs were to be borne by the city or the Shipping Companies would mean a large outlay, and the benefits would have to be conjectured.

Mayor Cook urged the necessity of despatch of shipping, whether locally sailing, or in for repairs or water or supplies, but when it came to a question of costs it was essential that means be first at hand. Everything possible should be done to expedite the dispatch of shipping and to encourage vessels in distress and those short of coal or water to come to St. John's, which always meant an outlay of money; but the same policy of sound finance should be first considered.

Councillor Vinicombe held a like view and was opposed to incurring any further expenditure so far as the city was concerned. He was not in accord with introducing the meter system so far as it applied to the watering of ships. A trial had been made by the old Council and had proved unsatisfactory. He advocated that in the matter of expediency a reliable and sworn man from each concern in the absence of the city waterman, be given authority through the secretary to water any ship, and that the firm be held responsible for any defalcations on his part.

Councillor Ryan was pronounced in his opinion that every facility should be offered the mercantile community in making St. John's known as a port of despatch. But the other matter was, can the Council do it under the means at its disposal if it be left with a legacy that runs into thousands.

Councillor Dowden while admitting he was not conversant with affairs felt that the financial situation should be considered first, and whether any alterations for the present system would be advisable at the present time. Every encouragement should be given the commercial community and shipping interests, but with Mayor Cook, he concurred that no undertaking be accepted by the Council until financial obligations were first at hand.

Councillor Collier took a similar position. Everyone knew that conditions as regards watering vessels were not up-to-date but so far as possible the Council was trying to meet the situation.

Councillor Outerbridge thought that some improvements could be made, and with the Engineers report before them it could be considered in the meantime.

Deputy Mayor Martin, with a desire to help out the Board of Trade, and assist them in every way agreed with Mayor Cook that finances should be considered first, though every attention should be given to despatch of shipping, foreign and local.

At the suggestion of the Mayor the Engineers report will be fully considered and he was asked to submit a further report as remedial as to despatch and less expense.

A claim was submitted from J. Farrell, Long's Hall, in that he be paid for land taken when the work of last year was carried on.

The Secretary informed the meeting

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that no arbitrations or awards had been made in connection with lands taken in certain sections during the period of last year's select work. It might be, in his opinion, that where lands were taken and streets made that under the Charter certain taxes would be called for and awards would be small.

Mayor Cook—"Let all records be produced by the Engineer before we go into these matters."

Engineer—"We have them all ready."

Councillor Ryan—"Where are we and where are we going to get off?"

Mayor Cook—"I don't know, we can talk about it that's all. It's no use groping in the dark."

Councillor Ryan—"It is very important that we have full particulars and in detail, and as the Mayor suggests we can talk fully. Some talk will be necessary to explain matters, but not so far as this Council is concerned."

Major Butler, of the Militia Employment Dept., wrote in effect that owing to non-employment existing it was necessary that certain work be done. He suggested that of stone breaking undertaken in St. John's East and West, and that if the Council approved of such work, and that a fair day's work would be assured for a remunerative pay the Government was prepared, considering the Council's financial condition, to advance the money.

A lengthy discussion followed. Mayor Cook took the position that if any money was to be advanced, in the shape of a loan, which the city taxpayers would eventually have to pay for, it should only and solely be expended through the Council. If the city had to be burdened with further taxation the logical conclusion was that the Council should have the spending of any future loan or advance made by the Government. He was not prepared to consider any matters of this kind until such time as definite proposals were made and responsibility properly placed.

Deputy Mayor Martin mentioned that he had attended a meeting of the Non-Employment Committee, as the Council's representative, but nothing of a very definite character as to the Council's position in the proposed expenditure could be ascertained. He would not question the Government's sincerity in the matter, but with the Council it was a question of who would pay the piper. In his opinion the Government was attempting to meet the Council in helping out a serious situation. But it was necessary to be cautious.

Councillor Outerbridge—"The Government helped the City Council out in another situation—Road de Luxe."

Councillor Dowden—"Any expenditure should be under our own control."

Councillor Vinicombe—"You're right."

Councillor Ryan while agreeing that immediate work should be found for those unemployed in the city, offered the opinion, taking his point from a statement made at Government House, when the different societies were called together to solve the unemployment problem, that all districts would be looked after by the Government, said that St. John's East and West should be included, and the municipality should not be asked to pay for any work given over which it had not full control. Why should St. John's city be singled out to pay an extra tax when other parts of the districts of St. John's and the outside sixteen districts go free?

Mayor Cook—"We must know everything here before we make any move. Personally I am prepared to help as far as within my means, but as Mayor of the city I must do my duty."

Deputy Mayor Martin—"I am right with you, Mr. Mayor."

At this point it was explained by the Engineer that the Council could not profitably engage in the purchase or in any way take over any stone broken as outlined in Major Butler's letter. The system already in vogue could not be improved upon at the present time, though it might be expedient to give labor.

The Mayor asked that the matter under discussion be deferred until a full statement from the Government was ready, which was unanimously agreed to.

H. G. Herder asked compensation for damage to premises, Pleasant Street, through overflow of sewer. The Council acknowledges no liability.

Superintendent Churchill, Public Works Department, informed the Council that the material used in construction of roof and exterior of the new addition to the G.P.O. would be in accordance with the Municipal Act.

W. J. Ellis stated he had given instructions to have the snow at present moored in McCarthy's Cove destroyed. Applications were received from the following for positions on the Council staff:—F. Kennedy, W. Smith, E. Mansfield, G. Martin. No positions are vacant, and the applications were ordered filed.

The St. John's Nail Manufacturing Company called attention to overflow of drain, Pleasant Street, which considerably damaged their property. The Engineer stated this had been tended to during the past week.

G. H. Andrews solicited share of printing. When work of this kind is needed his application will be considered.

A lengthy communication was read from Marshall's Garage, in connection with Mack Sprinklers, for which they are agents, stating they trusted, when repairs were necessary, they would be given an opportunity to do this class of work. The application was ordered placed on file.

The Assistant Collector, H. M. Customs, in reply to a communication from the City Clerk, re coal imported during the past year, for which duties were claimed, stated that, in most of the cases mentioned in said communication, the coal was bunker, for which duties are never paid. According to the statement submitted to the Assistant Collector, however, it appears no returns have been made for certain items by the Customs Authorities, and it was, therefore, decided that the matter be more thoroughly gone into.

It was also mentioned that, of the duties on coal, the City receives but 70 cents per ton, whereas an extra 55 cents is imposed by the Government, thus making the tax \$1.25 per ton. The Council considers it is entitled to the full tax, in whatever form it may take, on coal discharged at the Port of St. John's, and efforts will be made to obtain the extra charge, to which the City is justly entitled.

The Engineer reported that D. J.

## Veteran Was in Desperate Need of Being Helped

Newfoundland Man Thought He Couldn't Last Much Longer But Is Now Well.

"I was in desperate need of something to help me right away, and it certainly is lucky that I got hold of Tanlac when I did," H. B. Pike, a World War veteran living at 24, Gilbert Street, St. John's, Newfoundland, "my stomach got out of order while in service overseas and on my return home I continued to have spells of indigestion. I was bothered with awful pains in my back, couldn't half sleep and felt weak and miserable. At the rate I was losing ground it looked like I couldn't last much longer."

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Pearse, Hamilton Street, had under construction an annex to his building, for which no permit had been issued. Mr. Pearse is to be ordered to discontinue work on the building until he submits plans for the approval of the Board, failing which legal proceedings will be immediately taken.

A statement, showing gross receipts of the St. John's Street Railway Company, was tabled, for the year 1921, amounting to \$48,842.70.

The Secretary reported that the statement of finances for the past year to December 31st, as ordered to be prepared for this meeting, had not, as yet, been completed by the Accountant, but would be ready in the course of a day or two. It was, therefore, decided that the statements in course of preparation be tabled at a finance meeting to be held in the early part of the coming week.

A discussion arose on the fires which lately occurred, and it was considered that, in many cases, it is very difficult to locate the fire alarm boxes. It was unanimously decided that the Inspector General, who is always ready to consider any suggestion that would tend to improve matters in this respect, be asked to have red lights placed over every alarm box in the city.

Reports of City Engineer, Health Officer, and various departmental heads were tabled; requests for money and the pay rolls and bills presented ordered paid. The meeting then adjourned.

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## Nobody Laughed.

Mr. Arthur Bourcier, the actor, who has been criticizing the average person's "slovenly English," says that the great secret of good delivery is conviction. Providing one says what one has to say convincingly one can "get away" with anything.

"I well remember one instance," he went on, "where an actress who had to say, 'Scoundrel! he's locked the door and put the key in his pocket,' said instead, 'Scoundrel! he's locked the key and put the door in his pocket.'"

"Yet such was the conviction, with which she delivered the line that it did not raise a laugh."

"I remember, too, a faux pas I made myself as a young actor, when I declared that 'With you life will be a perpetual perspiration' instead of a 'perpetual inspiration.'"

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He appeared immensely struck with an advertisement which read: "An officer about to go to Central Africa on a big-game hunting expedition, would like to meet with a companion to accompany him. Apply: Captain Blank, 14, William Street."

Donning his hat and coat he wobbled in the direction of William Street. With difficulty he discovered No. 14, and rang the bell. A head appeared at an upper window.

"Say, ol' bean," shouted the convivial one, "are you the fellow who's goin' big-game huntin'?"

"Yes," came the reply.

"Well, old egg, I thought I'd hop along to say I'm sorry I can't come with you."

## Spanish Apologia for Effect Only.

LONDON. (Associated Press).—The charge that American or British members of the Spanish Foreign Legion were marched into battle with their hands tied behind them, has been denied by the Spanish Ambassador here, Senor Don Marry del Val. The Ambassador said that was field punishment resorted to when confinement to barracks was not practicable, but he denied that any of the men actually came under fire in that condition. Other charges of bad faith and treatment made by the American and British soldiers who quit the foreign legion in October and November also were answered by the Ambassador. In explanation of the charge that the enlistment bonus of 200 pesetas was not paid to them, he said the Spanish custom was to withhold part of this bonus as a guarantee against desertion, and that a deduction was also made, according to custom, from the men's daily pay to meet the cost of their uniforms and messing.

## A Lengthy Oration.

An amusing story concerning Mr. Winston Churchill has been forwarded to me by a kindly correspondent. It was at a Cabinet meeting (he writes) and Mr. Churchill, who has a reputation for being rather long-winded, on these occasions, was holding forth even more fluently than usual.

Thereupon, one of the Ministers took a piece of paper, wrote something on it, folded it carefully, and passed it to one of his colleagues.

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"I sent my boy to draw some money," he began to explain, "and the amount I received is not correct, and—"

The cashier broke in gruffly: "We never make any corrections after any one leaves the bank."

"Oh, thank you so much!" was the customer's smiling reply. "I got three pounds too much. Good day!"

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