

ASK COUNCIL TO DEFINE POWERS

Members of Civic Hydro Commission Urge Conference on Subject—Purchase of Transformers Approved.

A special committee session of the Common Council was held yesterday afternoon to consider the adoption of the report of the Civic Hydro Commission and the powers to be conferred on the commission. Those present from the Power Commission were Major McArthur, Herbert Phillips, John N. Flood, A. J. Rowan, F. S. A. McMullin, James Lewis and W. L. Harding. Mayor Fisher presided and all the commissioners were present except Commissioner Frink, who was indisposed.

F. T. Wyman, St. Catharines, Ont., representing the Niagara Electric Company, first was heard regarding the tender submitted by his company for the transformers. He declared his company was willing to meet the price quoted by the Ferranti Company in order to keep the work on the machines in Canada.

In this connection the following telegram from the Canadian Manufacturers' Association, Toronto, addressed to Major McArthur was read, as follows:

"The civic purchase of transformers. Several firms making high grade transformers in Canada. Respectfully urge business be retained in this country."

"Canadian Manufacturers' Association."

Mr. Graham, the Ferranti Company representative, was present and was then heard in reply. He took exception to the telegram and explained that his company had a factory in Toronto. The Canadian General Electric and the Canadian Westinghouse had a large connection in the United States, he said. A large amount of United States machinery had been installed at the Mus-

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In Pimples, Could Not Sleep, Cuticura Heals.

"For about twenty years I suffered with eczema on my head and face. At first it broke out in pimples and after a while became red and itchy. The itching and burning were so severe that I scratched and irritated the affected parts, and at night could not sleep because of the irritation."

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quash plant. Here was an opportunity to save \$4,000 and install high grade English machines. His company had recently sold 275 transformers to the Ontario Hydro Commission, he said.

The engineers could find no fault with the product of his company, which was the pioneer company in making such machines. He contended his company should receive the order.

Mayor Fisher then read the report from the commission. This recommended acceptance of the Ferranti Company's tender.

Commissioner Wigmore said that Mr. Krebs, in his first report, would not declare that the Ferranti machine was superior to the others. By holding up the first recommendation from the commission he was not doing it.

Commissioner Wigmore declared that the commission was wholly dependent on the council. Every little item of expenditure must first go to the council as a recommendation before action.

He thought there should be a complete consideration given the whole matter. Taking as an example, the first recommendation regarding the construction of the sub-station to be built at the corner of King and St. John.

McArthur declared that this had been disapproved by the council because the council thought this involved a bond issue. He contended it did not. What the commission desired was first to give the council an estimate of what it would cost to build each item before the council for approval from time to time as expenditure became necessary.

Mr. McArthur contended that the commission had no authority to engage an engineer or a manager for a commercial department. He could not see how it would cost to engage these men. The commission, he said, had no desire to handle any money.

Commissioner Thornton said he could not be expected to vote expenditure when he did not know what that expenditure would be. No commission would vote for a bond issue on a mere estimate.

Mayor Fisher: "It always is an estimate."

Commissioner Thornton replied that the work would be done by day's work if the city engineer recommended it.

Commissioner Wigmore declared there was no disposition on his part to hinder the work of the commission. He was prepared to lend every assistance. At the same time, he was responsible to the citizens for large money. He could not vote large amounts when he was ignorant of the purpose for which the amounts would be used.

The commission did not quite see what were the functions of the commission. Under the present system, he said, there would be double work and double the number of meetings. In fact, all the duties were performed by the council.

Commissioner Bullock said that the tangle in the bids for the transformers had caused all the trouble. He did not think, however, that council could pay them when they thought one commission, possibly the Mayor, should take over the work and in this event the man in charge would not be hampered by the opinions of others. This fact should be faced at once.

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FEELS ONE HUNDRED PER CENT BETTER

North Sydney Merchant claims Drecto eased his stomach and made him feel good all over.

Many people of Cape Breton are testifying to the good results Drecto has given them. For instance, Mr. William Marr, a merchant of North Sydney, who owns a cigar and tobacco store, says: "I highly recommend Drecto and feel sure that anyone suffering with indigestion, stomach trouble, will get great benefits from it. I am now taking my third bottle and it is a fact that I have not been so relieved for many months."

"I was troubled with belching, nausea, shortness of breath. I had to take laxatives very frequently. I had pains in the back and through my shoulders, dizzy spells with spots floating before my eyes. I did not rest properly at night. I always felt dizzy, my food did not digest and therefore I received no nourishment. Drecto has changed all this. My bowels act regularly, I have no pains in the back or through my shoulders. I sleep all night through and never wake. My food seems to give me good nourishment and I am feeling 100 per cent better than I have for many a day thanks to Drecto, which has gone to the bottom of my troubles, and brought results where every other medicine has failed."

Drecto, the great herbal tonic, is winning new victories every day for sick, nervous, run-down people of all ages, women who are in need of a tonic and rebuilder.

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Campbellton—Wynn's Drug Store.

St. John's—E. A. Peckham.

Summerside—Gallant Drug Co., Ltd.

was up to the commission to engage such advice.

"On what authority," queried Mr. Harding.

If the commission had a recommendation along that line ready, Commissioner Wigmore declared he was ready to vote for it at once. He would give the commission his full support and to his office capacity and as a private citizen.

Conference Needed.

Major McArthur expressed his belief that the council was desirous of assisting the commission. He was confident that a conference would help to clear the air.

Commissioner Thornton, referring to the estimates from the commission, declared that the people were entitled to know the exact cost of all items before the bond issue was voted.

Commissioner Bullock thought the relationship between the Common Council and the Commission was analogous to that between the Municipal Council and the Hospital Commissioners.

Major McArthur said that the commission should be independent. The commission had gone to engineers and had estimated the cost of the work. The commission had faith in that estimate. It was submitted to the council. The council said it was too expensive. In effect, it meant the commissioners were not competent. If such were the case, then the commissioners would resign and new members would be appointed.

Commissioner Thornton contended that the council had nothing to do with the work of the commission. He suggested the first thing to do would be to appoint a committee to investigate the matter. He would vote blindly on this matter, he assured the meeting. The commission should be independent of City Hall. If it had been claimed, yet Mayor Fisher had asked to be placed on that commission.

Mr. Phillips said that the commission at present was nothing more than a new department of City Hall. A new department to handle the hydro matter had been suggested in the first instance, but Mayor Schofield had not favored it. He was ignorant of the commissions were independent and were responsible to the people directly. Bonds were issued by the commission and were endorsed by the Ontario Hydro Commission and the Ontario government. He expressed the opinion that the Common Council had no power to delegate authority such as was held by the Ontario commissions. If the commission was to be a permanent, manned by five or six volunteers, while all the other departments were handled by one man, why should it be thought one commissioner, possibly the Mayor, should take over the work and in this event the man in charge would not be hampered by the opinions of others. This fact should be faced at once.

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They used to treat colds externally with tallow, goose grease and camphor. Recently, internal dosing has been the habit and people naturally doubt the value of a salve.

For this reason, Canada druggists introduced Vicks VapoRub, the vaporizing salve for all cold troubles, last winter by giving away dozens of jars to symbolize the triumph of science over the old-fashioned remedies. The above report is just one of a great many received from enthusiastic Canada families. With such endorsement and a positive money-back guarantee, every household ought to have a jar of Vicks VapoRub as the home remedy for colds, coughs, sore throat, bronchitis, catarrh, neuralgia, cuts, burns, bruises and sores.

At all drug stores 50¢ a jar. For a free test size package, write Vicks Chemical Co., 444 St. Paul St., Montreal, P. Q.

Over 17 Million Jars Used Yearly.

SIR H. THORNTON AT FREDERICTON

Sir Henry W. Thornton, K. B. E., president of the Canadian National Railways, and the party of officials accompanying him were guests last night in Fredericton of the City Club. The City Council, the Board of Trade and other organizations were represented. J. A. Galt, president of the Board of Trade, privately urged upon Sir Henry the need of a daily train on the St. John and Quebec Railway west of Fredericton.

The gathering at the City Club was presided over by His Worship Mayor Reid. The Mayor delivered an address of welcome. Others who spoke were: President J. A. Galt, of the Board of Trade, and R. B. Hanson, K. C., M. P. for York-Sunbury. Sir Henry replied to the addresses. Both before and after the speaking many citizens were present to him.

Among those present was Dr. G. G. Woodcock, of this city, who was a fellow student at the University of Pennsylvania with Sir Henry. The latter remembered Dr. Woodcock as an undergraduate and the two chatted for a time about the events of undergraduate days.

Major Reid in his address mentioned the necessity for a new railway bridge across the St. John River here and also the desirability of keeping clear of party politics the National Railways system.

New Bridge.

When you catch cold there are three points on which you should guard yourself. Colds generate systemic poisons. The poisons travel through the blood stream. The temperature should be kept at normal and the fever always generated by colds is the surest sign of the poisons in the blood. If these three points are reduced, if the cold is kept at bay, the cold will be passed over without danger.

Grip-Flu is a home treatment for colds which accomplishes just the above results. Its action on the system is prompt, and its record of relieving a cold is as good as that of any other remedy. Start taking Grip-Flu as soon as the cold develops, as prompt work on any cold is the best way to cure it. You can get it at Watsons Drug Store.

OFFICERS ELECTED.

The annual meeting of King Edward Lodge, No. 30, P. A. B. W., was held in "Prestige Boys' Hall," west St. John, last evening and the following officers were elected for the coming year: Worshipful Master, R. J. Anderson; Deputy Master, W. J. Miles; recording secretary, William F. Williams; treasurer, Percy W. Williams; L. E. Rolan, J. W. Williams, Clifford Price; musical director, Prof. William Davis; scrutator, Master L. E. Rolan, R. Melvin and J. Griffiths. The installation of officers will take place at the first meeting of the lodge, which will be held in January when a special entertainment will be arranged and refreshments will be served. There was a good attendance at last night's meeting and the affairs of the Lodge were shown to be in a flourishing condition.

At the Red Cross hospital committee was at work packing the Christmas stockings for the soldiers in East St. John and Lancaster hospitals. In all eighty-one stockings were filled and they should give much joy to the recipients on Christmas day. Many of the Red Cross branches throughout the province have sent money contributions to help towards the Christmas treat for the men in hospital.

Don't Let That Cold Turn Into "Flu"

Rub on Good Old Mustero.

The cold which is caused by "Flu," Grippe or, even worse, Pneumonia, unless you take care of it at once.

Rub good old Mustero on the congested parts and see how quickly it brings relief.

Colds are merely congestion. Mustero, made from pure oil of mustard, camphor, menthol and other simple ingredients, is a counter-irritant which brings relief and relief brings relief.

As effective as the messy oil mustard plaster, it does the work without blistering.

Just rub it on with your finger-tips. You will feel a warm tingling as it enters the pores, then a cooling sensation that brings welcome relief. 40¢ and 75¢, at all druggists.

The Mustero Co., of Canada, Ltd., Montreal.

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BOYS' PARLIAMENTS IN THREE PROVINCES

Large Number of Lads Campaigning and Scores of Candidates Running.

The provincial boys' work boards of Ontario, Manitoba and Alberta will be holding their annual parliaments for older Tuxis boys in each of these provinces.

The parliaments will be held in the Legislative Assembly halls. A large number of boys are campaigning for the various offices of the boards. The elections which closed last week, 178 candidates were in the field. Manitoba had 76 and Alberta 84 in the field.

On the 19th of the present month, the E. T. training for boys in self government and citizenship. In Toronto the parliaments will be held in the City Hall.

The Toronto Y. M. C. A. is planning to extend an official welcome to the boys at a luncheon on Wednesday afternoon. The formal opening will be held in the Legislative Assembly on Wednesday afternoon, December 27. Hon. W. E. Ransay will welcome the boys on behalf of Premier Duggan, who will be out of town. Party politics will be taboo, the bills and discussions having to do with everything which concerns boys will be the order of the day.

The Toronto Y. M. C. A. is planning to entertain the boys composing the parliament on the evening of December 28.

GUN-TOTTING POST GETS SHOVEL JOB AT SING SING

New York, Dec. 19.—James Morrissey arrived at Sing Sing on Friday to begin a two-year term for carrying concealed weapons.

"What's your occupation?" Chief Clerk Edward Hickey asked him.

"I'm a poet."

"What do you expect to work at when you're here?"

"Writing poetry, of course."

There being no provision in the prison rules for the poet, Morrissey was taken to a little light verandah with a pick and shovel.

HUSBAND DIDN'T DARE LEAVE HER ALONE HEART WAS SO BAD

Those feelings of faintness, those dizzy spells, the all-gone sinking sensations which come on from time to time indicate a weakened condition of the heart and a disordered state of the nerves.

Milburn's Heart and Nerve Pills

have no equal as a remedy to strengthen the heart, invigorate the nerves and build up the run-down system.

Mrs. C. Vanhorn, Eekville, Alta., writes: "About a year ago I had heart trouble. My husband didn't dare leave me alone, and often had to stay up at night with me. I would just feel faint and my heart would seem to stop beating. I would just faint away and it would sometimes be an hour before they could bring me back to life. Someone told me about Milburn's Heart and Nerve Pills. I got three boxes; I took them and felt much better, so continued all winter. Price 50¢, a box at all dealers or mailed direct on receipt of price by The T. Milburn Co., Limited, Toronto, Ont."

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Briskly rubbed in at the sore spot, Absorbine, Jr. will take out the pain and stiffness quickly, and restore the muscles to their normal, healthy condition.

Absorbine, Jr. is clean and wholesome and leaves no oily residue.

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THE ANTISEPTIC LINIMENT

HEALEY-McINTYRE BOUT MAY BE OFF (Canadian Press Despatch).

Halifax, Dec. 18.—The scheduled battle tomorrow night between Johnny McIntyre, of Gloucester, and Neddy Healey, of Halifax, for the welterweight championship of the maritime provinces will be called off if McIntyre is unable to make the welterweight limit, as has been rumored. This was announced at the Healey camp tonight.

A TRAVEL TALK.

An illustrated travel talk, entitled "Halifax to Seattle," was given in the Y. W. C. A. recreation centre last night by D. C. Clark and was very greatly enjoyed. Mr. Clark described the places which he visited in his recent western trip and had a splendid series of slides. His address was admirably given, and a hearty vote of thanks which was extended to him on the motion of Mrs. John A. McArthur, Mrs. W. H. Loughlin, president of the Y. W. C. A., was in the chair. During the evening Mrs. Thomas Guy gave two vocal solos and Mrs. Kent Scovill, who acted as accompanist, also gave two piano solos. These favorites in St. John musical circles were given a very cordial reception and their numbers were excellent. The evening's programme was arranged by the physical committee of the association and it realized a very satisfactory sum for the work of the physical department.

ADOPT DESIGN FOR CIVIC MEMORIAL

Plan of Alfred Howell, A. R. C. A., is Accepted by Committee—Shaft Will Cost \$19,500.

It was decided at a meeting held in the Board of Trade rooms last night to adopt for the civic war memorial the design submitted by Alfred Howell, A. R. C. A., and O. S. A., of Toronto. It was described as follows:—

"The general scheme of the design is to symbolize the triumph of victory through sacrifice, and this is depicted by means of a winged bronze figure holding in her left hand a figure of victory and in her right hand a cross. Standing on a globe she thus suggests the universal victory for which the men died. The figure stands on a granite pedestal of simple dignity. The height from the ground to the top of the cross is about thirty-three feet, the figure itself being about nine feet in height. At the base of the pedestal, on a projecting platform, is a bronze mourning figure, standing heavily draped and resting her hands on a sword. At the feet of the figure is a soldier's helmet with a spray of laurel leaves, signifying glory. On the face of the pedestal is inscribed the motto: 'A tribute to our glorious dead.'"

Mr. Howell estimated that the monument erected would cost \$19,500 and the meeting agreed that it should be erected at the head of King street, where the memorial to the Loyalist women now stands, provided the City Council would give authority for the removal of the present memorial.

T. Hayes, chairman of the citizens committee and the sub-committee on design which submitted its report last night, presided. The sub-committee will hold their sittings at a Cross of Sacrifice costing \$10,000, or a design submitted by Hamilton MacCarthy costing \$20,000, and as neither of these was unanimously approved at the previous meeting the sub-committee had been asked to submit other designs and had also been authorized to offer prizes for competitive designs.

The new report of the sub-committee presented last night recommended the Howell design or a Cross of Sacrifice, and also that the memorial chosen should cost not more than \$20,000 and should be placed at the head of King street. The sub-committee had awarded to the Howell design the first prize of \$800 and the second prize of \$100 to a simple shaft design, submitted by Wallace W. Alward, formerly of St. John but now in Montreal. Referring to the fact that some arches had been submitted, Mr. Hayes said that a committee of the citizens had recommended that an arch which would cost only \$20,000 would not be one of which the city could be proud.

Site Approved.

The recommendations of the report regarding cost and site were unanimously adopted. Capt. A. J. Mulcahy moved and L. F. D. Tilley seconded the resolution that the Howell design be accepted and R. E. Armstrong moved in amendment that the Cross of Sacrifice be accepted. Mr. Alfred Morrissey seconded Mr. Armstrong's motion and it was decided to have a secret ballot. The result of the ballot was twenty-two in favor of the Howell design and five in favor of the Cross of Sacrifice. The material of which the memorial was to be made was the choice of the citizens.

Mr. Hayes, Mrs. Heber Vroom and Dr. G. A. Macdonald were appointed a committee to interview the City Council and arrange all details with regard to the erection of the present memorial fountain at the head of King street.

It was said that the members of the Y. W. C. A. had been interested in the erecting of the present memorial fountain, were willing to have it removed and favored having it placed in a square in a position corresponding to that now occupied by the Sir Leonard Tilley monument.

Replying to questions put by Mr. Armstrong, Mr. Hayes said that the Howell design would commemorate sailors and others who made the supreme sacrifice as well as soldiers. Its inscription was "A tribute to our glorious dead." The material of which it was to be made would be granite, presumably New Brunswick granite.

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