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OVERDRAFT IS BUSINESS OF SCHOOL BOARD

Acting Mayor Declines to Recommend How to Handle It

SUBMITS REPORT ON \$94,000 MATTER

Frink Quotes Letter From Chairman Curran and Makes Comment

Commissioner Frink, acting Mayor, this morning presented his report on the communication of the chairman of the Board of School Trustees, Dr. L. M. Curran, on the matter of the school overdraft of \$94,000. He did not submit any recommendations, having come to the conclusion that the School Board, having incurred the over-expenditure should be the ones to say how it should be taken care of.

He stated that if the Board could not practice "the strictest economy" with the funds they now have they would not be likely to do so if they had more money to spend.

The report was received and adopted and a copy ordered furnished to each commissioner.

HERE IS REPORT

The report was as follows: "The chairman's letter addressed to the Common Council on November 13 has been referred to me for a report concerning the School Board overdraft of \$94,000.

"In the second paragraph the chairman states that the cost of maintaining our public schools has increased during recent years because of increased enrollment and increased salaries. The total enrollment in 1915 was 7797 and in 1925 it was 8922, an increase of 1125 pupils in the 10 years.

"In the year 1915 the assessment for the schools was \$160,000 or \$24.38 a year for each child enrolled. The amount levied and assessed for in 1925 was \$360,892.52 or \$53 a year for each child enrolled and attending the public schools. For a community of about 30,000 the load is heavy and every hand must be put to the task.

"In 1926 for school purposes, not to mention the undetermined assessment for the Vocational School, conservative estimates of the cost of which move around \$50,000 per annum in the initial movement.

"Many of real property lessees this office daily complaining that the burdens placed upon them are simply intolerable, and it is quite apparent to your commissioner that another taxation tempest is ripe even unto the bursting, largely due to the fact that the majority of people are apparently indifferent, awaiting results. The results are arriving hourly. Systems of taxation may shift the load, that is all, nothing more.

"As to the remark of the chairman of the Board of School Trustees that it might be possible for the board to operate more efficiently and economically if it should assess or order to the full limit permitted by the legislature of this province and then practise strict economy, or whether the Common Council should clean up the overdraft of \$94,000 in such a way as the Common Council might determine, I may reply that my intellect is insufficient to grasp the meaning or purpose of the first proposal.

"If the School Board cannot cut down expenses and economize on what they have, it would seem to your commissioner that the process of economy would be hindered rather than helped by the opportunity to expend some thousands of dollars more, for it is a matter of public knowledge, wherein civic public expenditures are concerned, the desire and demand is that the full warrant of assessment must be used no matter whether the assessment is collected or not, and the chairman of the Board of School Trustees knows from his experience in municipal affairs, not to speak of provincial matters, that this statement made by your commissioner is correct, and that if the proposal to increase the limit and the money not collected, then additional are made in part to the following year's levy upon the ratepayers.

NO RECOMMENDATION.

"As to the proposal that the Common Council should devise ways and means to take care of this overdraft of \$94,000, it is a known fact that members of the school board are persons of intellectual worth and of high standing in the community and possessed in no small degree with business acumen and have a considerable stake in the community, and while the Common Council has no option in the determination of the amount which the Board of School Trustees may demand for its purposes it surely has the right to expect that the Board of School Trustees will exercise their ability to conserve and steer their own financial ship within the limits of their appropriation, and your commissioner is of the opinion that if the proposal to economize is real, accomplishment is not beyond reach. Failure to do this is an open acknowledgment that the board cannot fulfill the expectations of the people. Recommendations are not submitted for reasons outlined above.

J. H. FRINK.

Acting Mayor.
Saint John, N. B., 3rd Dec, 1925.

WATER MAIN TROUBLE.

A leak in the 16 inch water main in East Saint John kept a repair crew of the water and sewerage department out all last night and the best part of today. This leak occurred a short distance from Kane's corner and when the men got down to the pipe they found that the side was blown out of one joint. Commissioner Wigmore said there had been a lot of trouble with this main. In some places when the men had dug down to repair a leak, he said, they had found the pipe resting on jagged edges of rock and these had naturally broken the pipe. The pipe itself, he said, was good but could not stand up under such conditions.

Local News

BANK CLEARINGS

Saint John bank clearings this week were \$2,226,117; last year \$2,610,012; in 1923, \$2,747,044. Halifax clearings this week were \$3,963,619.

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FOR THIRD TIME

The fire department had a call this morning about 4 o'clock from the premises of the Apex Bag and Bagging Co. on Mill street to extinguish another outbreak of fire in bags stored there, which caused all the trouble before.

REASONABLY SURE.

Two men were fined for drunkenness this morning in the police court. When asked by His Honor how he pleaded, one man remarked that he must have been drunk last night because he was still drunk and had been in the cells since midnight.

SAD NEWS COMES

Relatives in the city have received word of the death of Mrs. Allen, wife of Major Allen of the Canadian Army, now stationed in Winnipeg, Manitoba. Major and Mrs. Allen have been in the work 33 years, 20 years having been spent in the west. Major Allen is a brother of Mrs. Emma Danaher, 6 Germain street, city.

PLAYED 40 TABLES.

At St. Rose's card party last night the prize winners were: Ladies, first, Mrs. Nellie Upton; second, Miss Helen McAffee; gentlemen, first, Vincent Joyce; second, Albert Heenan; consolation, Jack Ward. There were 40 tables, and at the close a committee of ladies from St. Rose's Society served nice refreshments.

BUS SERVICE STARTED

The bus service from the end of the present street car line in East Saint John to Le's Corner, ordered by the Public Utilities Commission, was inaugurated yesterday by the New Brunswick Traction Company. They have secured an inclosed bus, capable of carrying sixteen passengers, and this meets all the East Saint John street needs. Yesterday and today, Mr. Poirer said this morning, there had not been any difficulty in accommodating the passengers the bus had to carry.

TONIGHT BAND FAIR FOR STOCKING FUND

All is in Readiness For Good Time in St. Malachi's Hall

Will St. Malachi's Hall be thronged with people tonight?

It should be, for tonight the City Cornet Band will carry on there its Around-the-World fair for the benefit of the Times-Star Empty Stocking Fund.

Every dollar that is taken in will go to swell this fund. The greater the receipts the more children will be treated to Christmas cheer and the better filled the stockings will be.

That ought to be a reason why all who possibly can do so should spend a little time at least in St. Malachi's Hall tonight and assist in swelling the receipts.

WELL WORTH WHILE.

All will be well repaid, for it will be an enjoyable time, with all the band fair attractions—games and booths and wheels—and handmen and a corps of assistants helping to look after the patrons. Around-the-World tickets for prizes aggregating \$1,200, of which a few are still available, can be procured by those who may wish them.

Committees are busy today restocking the booths and making all the arrangements for the big time tonight. The band will play from the head of King street to the hall, at the corner of Sydney street, for the big time tonight.

A good programme in the hall during the evening.

All's ready. Now for the response by the people to the call of the little ones of the poor to make the Empty Stocking Fund a record one this year so that not a child in Saint John will see Christmas come and go without having had a share in the good things of Santa Claus time.

As Hiram Sees It

CLEVELAND — Well, sir—this town looks after its poor folks in good shape. It raises every year what it calls the Community Chest—an' divides it up amongst nearly a hundred an' fifty societies an' orphanages an' institutions of all sorts that takes care o' folks that can't take care o' themselves. How much o' you s'pose they riz this year? They jist got through last week an' they had four an' a half millions o' dollars. Three an' a half millions was got from the rich folks. One feller he give a hundred an' twenty thousand dollars every year. It hees lots o' poor people here—they don't hang onto every last cent. No, sor—whether they got it in a good Christian way or not—they shell out to help other folks an' build institutions an' make the town better. Cleveland don't need to be no tags days. It hees lots o' poor people as well as rich—but them that deserves it is looked after mighty well—so they tell me. They're too easy on fellers that commits crimes—but they're findin' that out by degrees—an' I wouldn't be surprisid if they changed that afore long—no, sir.

HIRAM.

DR. G. O. BAXTER, M.D., AGED 62

Physician Practised Widely in Saint John, Kings and Albert

Member of Loyalist Family—Several Follow Practise of Medicine

George Olive Baxter, M. D., aged 62 years, great-grandson of a Loyalist who settled in the Norton district, Kings County, and a familiar figure in hundreds of homes in the city of Saint John and throughout a wide circle of adjoining counties, died early this morning at his home, corner Peel and Union streets after several weeks' illness of senile arteritis. The doctor battled valiantly for the last week but even the physical fact of his not yet being an old man did not save him.

THE RELATIVES.

Dr. J. Murray Baxter of Brunswick, Maryland; Dr. George R. Baxter of Newton Centre, Mass.; Miss Gladys Baxter on the staff of the Manhattan Eye, Ear and Throat Hospital, New York, were with their parents when the doctor passed away. Mrs. Baxter was formerly Miss Margaret T. Baxter of Burnsville, Kings County. Other surviving relatives are Dr. A. Ernest Baxter of Lowell, Mass., formerly of this city; Henry Baxter of Lynn, Mass., and Herbert of Sharon, Mass., brothers. There is one living sister, Mrs. George Johnson of Lynn, Mass.

SPENT A BUSY LIFE.

Dr. Baxter received his medical education in U. S. universities and had been practising in this territory for upwards of 30 years, ten of which were spent in Sussex, Burnsville and in Albert County. For more than a generation he enjoyed a lucrative practice in all sections of the Municipality of Saint John. In addition to remunerative professional work he devoted a great deal of energy and time to gratis ministrations amongst poor people. His charity in many cases extended beyond medical and surgical service and took the form of food and raiment for destitute patients.

ARDENT HORSEMAN.

Of a particularly active nature and busy as doctors are at any hour of the clock, Dr. Baxter was not able to affiliate with any of the fraternities. Much of his routine work found him in the county almshouse or in only a few sections of the rural districts winter and summer. He was an ardent horseman and a lover of animals, losing no opportunity to give succor to dumb beasts as well as his human patients. He usually possessed fine breeds of horses including some fast strollers.

LOYALIST FAMILY.

The Baxter family to which the late doctor belonged is of the basic settlement of New Brunswick at the time of the Loyalist influx. His grandfather and that of Premier J. B. M. Baxter were brothers who came from the Eastern States. The grant of land allocated at that time included what is now known as Norton and Lower Norton. Dr. Baxter's father was Alfred Baxter, still remembered by many old residents as one of the leaders in the community life of that Kings County section.

Funeral arrangements are being made for Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock, when burial will take place in Fernhill.

HAVE HAPPY TIME

Odd Fellows Guests of Jewel Rebekah Lodge in West End

Jewel Rebekah Lodge, No. 6, gave the second of a series of winter entertainments for the Odd Fellows of the city, given last evening in the Odd Fellows' hall, West Saint John. Members of Sapphire Rebekah, Oliver, Peerless and Golden Rule lodges were present and spent a very enjoyable evening. At the conclusion of the program refreshments were served, Miss Ida Belyea presided.

The program was as follows: Solo, Miss Helen Henderson; piano solo, Miss Mary Kirkpatrick; solo, Miss Vera Lingley; address, M. D. Brown, district deputy grand master; solo, Joseph Murdoch; solo, Miss Downie.

PYTHIANS ELECT

W. H. Sargent Chosen Chancellor Commander of New Brunswick Lodge

New Brunswick Lodge, No. 1, Knights of Pythias, last evening elected W. H. Sargent chancellor; commander; B. G. Smith, vice-chancellor; Charles Grant, prelate; C. W. Folkins, master of work; B. B. Shepherd, master of finance; G. G. Wetmore, master of exchequer; W. L. Beville, keeper of records and seal; E. E. Wetmore, master at arms; Robert Stewart, inner guard; Charles A. Noble, outer guard; C. T. Jones, trustees; B. L. Kelly, directors of Pythian Castle Co., Ltd.

A large number of members of this lodge and visitors from the other city lodges and from Moncton and Fredericton, were present. An official visit was paid by C. T. Green, district deputy, to the lodge. The rank of esquire was exemplified on several candidates.

Ask For Park at Martello Tower

At a meeting of the West Side Progressive Association in the Beaconsfield school, a committee was appointed to take up with the Federal Government the matter of the proposed sale of lands around the Martello Tower and to ask for repairs to the tower itself. The committee will ask that the lands be transferred from the department of the Interior to the Parks and Battlefields Commission and preserved as a public park. N. P. MacLeod presided and there was a good attendance of members.

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