

AN INTERESTING LETTER ON THE HARBOR COMMISSION

H. R. McLellan Points Out Many Matters from Information Obtainable—With Facts and Figures He Gives a Statement Not Intended As An Expression of Opinion or Attempt to Mould Public Opinion.

The Editor—Having been accorded access to your columns for a previous communication re Harbor Commission, I beg to trespass further upon your generosity, viz—

There exists in the community a feeling that the amount of \$2,000,000, as offered by the Dominion Government for the Harbor Property and Privileges is insufficient. It is also a sign of the times that a number of the three valuations, as a matter of information for the public and possibly of some slight assistance in forming opinions regarding the above, the following is submitted:

In the official report of the House of Commons, Quebec, June 30th, 1919, there appears a resolution moved by Hon. C. C. Bellantyne, Minister of Marine and Fisheries, in a committee of the House, and which contained a proposal to create a Board of Harbor Commissioners for the Port and Harbor of St. John. The proposal is most distinct and understandable, embodying the amount of property to be transferred, the price and terms of payment. It can be said that it does not contain any provision for such reservations as may be required for ferry approaches, and such a provision will have to be inserted. That such a provision was not inserted may be chargeable to ignorance of ferry requirements, or to the fact that local authorities were not consulted when the Bill was drafted. That the Bill does not contain assurances, as to the amount of money the Government will expend upon the necessary facilities for the proper development of the Harbor, a description of the proposed development, the period of time over which expenditures will be made and a definite statement regarding possible deficits and schedules of rates, is a matter which appears too unreasonable to ensure the Government's action in omitting such items.

On reading the report, one cannot but be impressed with the idea that Mr. Bellantyne, in supporting his motion and in the discussion which followed did justice to St. John. After communicating the different valuations to the committee, viz—City of St. John \$2,500,000.00, Departmental \$7,125,000.00 and P. Ross and Sons \$2,287,820.32, the latter being an independent valuation. He, the Minister of Marine and Fisheries is quoted in this connection "It therefore appeared to me that the fact before them, that a fair valuation to offer the City of St. John would be \$2,000,000.00."

In view of the amounts submitted and especially the amount of the independent valuation, it is only natural that many of our citizens, without information as to the manner in which these valuations were arrived at, feel that the amount of \$2,000,000.00 is insufficient. How were the valuations made?

From information obtainable, it would appear that the City's valuation was computed from expenditures on construction of a portion of the wharves, estimated values of the balance, furnished by the City Engineer, cost of Carleton Branch, estimated values of territorial Harbor income capitalized, valuations of Fisheries average for the last five years capitalized at 5 per cent, Partridge Island and sundry slips, to all of which is added an amount for debentures paid in 1912 and 1913 viz \$43,000.00.

The City's valuation made up of the foregoing items was originally \$2,377,200.00, but through some deductions being made was finally submitted as \$2,000,000.00. With no information before me as to the nature of the deductions, I simply submit the original items making up the \$2,377,200.00:

North and South Wharves	15,000.00
Charlotte St. Extension	13,000.00
Reeds Point Wharf	142,500.00
Wharves	176,000.00
Wharf	40,000.00
Wellington Wharf	17,000.00
Union Wharves, Nos. 1-4	650,000.00
Inclusive	18,000.00
Sidney Wharf	100,000.00
Belmont's Wharf	400,000.00
South Rodney 5 and 6	17,000.00
Sundry Slips	17,000.00
Total Harbor Income	350,000.00
Partridge Island	75,000.00
Can. Pac. Wharf	200,000.00
Carleton Branch	40,000.00
Fisheries average for 5 years capitalized 5 p.c.	120,000.00

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but a few may be of interest, and certainty of value, when determining the future of the Port. Extracts from P. Ross and Sons Report.

The Capital outlay may not necessarily establish a valuation on any of these properties as both depreciation and appreciation have to be considered.

The results of our investigations including the valuation of the properties in 1890 and expenditures subsequent to that year, and excluding any amount for the C. P. R. wharf valuation the City of St. John has made Capital Expenditures on the properties of \$2,027,100.72. The Corporation of the City of St. John, at these same properties at 1,814,466.00.

Difference \$212,634.72. This difference might be accounted for by allowances having been made for partially or wholly lost or referred to Rebuilding, Fire Loss, Etc., of this report.

Capital Outlay and Loss Through Operations. In order to arrive at the total cost of the construction and operation of these wharves to the City of St. John on the basis of the 1890 valuation and subsequent expenditures, we have summarized the result of our findings as hereunder:

Cost, including original valuation and capital outlay since 1890, but not allowing for the City's interests in the C. P. R. wharf properties and outstanding at that date, 1918 \$2,027,100.72.

Apparent equity over and above outstanding bonds \$884,448.17. Loss on operations \$303,281.00. Loss as a result of discount on bonds sold 10,868.73.

Apparent equity by the City over outstanding bonds \$570,699.90. Amount paid out for construction of wharves 1,550,747.39. Amount paid out to retire bonds 250,890.00.

Allowance for interest on bonds retired by Corporation, such bonds being retired out of the Corporation's general fund (Computation of simple interest at 4 p.c. from original valuation of bonds) 128,596.80.

Allowance of simple interest at 4 p.c. per annum on original valuation, an equity over and above bonds issued in 1890, and as such equity may have been covered by other Civic bonds outstanding at that date 567,896.13.

Loss From Operation. Loss from operation has been arrived at in the following manner: Allowance for simple interest at 4 p.c. on bonds retired by Corporation, such bonds being retired out of the Corporation's general fund \$128,596.80.

LOOKING FOR ORATORS
The Board of Trade has received a letter from a community organization in the United States asking for the names of men who would be able to deliver instructive addresses on the following subjects: Improvement in educational methods and facilities, industrial development, improved transportation facilities, community recreation, retail trade extension, health and sanitation, community welfare, city planning, streets and highways and city public works.

The scheme on which the organization is working is one to have speakers from all over the country visit various centres at intervals and deliver addresses on subjects with which they are familiar for the general benefit of the community.

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SINCLAIR—On Sunday afternoon, to W. C. and Mrs. Sinclair, 174 Sydney street, a son.

DIED.
OAGLES—At the General Public Hospital, after a short illness, William Edward Oagles, aged 42, leaving a wife, two sons, two daughters, a mother, two brothers and four sisters to mourn.

BRENNAN—At her summer residence, Charlotte street extension, near Seaside Park, Mrs. Jane Brennan, widow of Henry Brennan, leaving one son, three daughters, one brother, and two sisters to mourn.

SHANNON—In this city, on Saturday, November 1, at 4 p. m., Mrs. Catherine E. Shannon, widow of the late Captain George Shannon, leaving four daughters and one son to mourn her loss.

STEALING GRAIN.
The C. P. R. police caught a young man Saturday night stealing grain from one of the loaded cars on the West St. John yards. He was arrested and brought to the city, but allowed out on application of his father. This morning he will answer to the charges of stealing and with trespassing on the property of the railroad.

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The Victory Loan Campaign Report
St. John District Has Paid the Million Dollar But City is Falling Behind the Province in the Race of Attaining its Objective.

According to the latest returns from the city, St. John district has paid the million dollar mark in the Loan campaign, but though the good sign, the city is falling behind the province in the race of attaining its objective. The objective of \$4,000,000, and within a week of the three one-quarter of the sum required is raised. In the province general reports show that the total amount up to last night was about one of the provincial "attn" of \$9,000,000. It is thought that many of our members are holding back until later days, and that the local cash will wind up with a grandstand walk over the desired objective. During the past three months said, over \$35,000,000 has been paid out by the government in interest on the various Victory bonds, a percentage of that sum amounting to \$1,225,000,000. It has been paid to New Brunswick since previous loans, and it is out by the present campaign. It is thought that this money would do good by being invested in the loan.

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