

COMMON COUNCIL.

Members Vote in Favor of Doubling Their Pay, Etc.

Mayor White presided at the regular meeting of the Common Council yesterday afternoon and a long session it was. Ald. Allan and Hilyard were absent.

The treasury board reported the payment of bills and recommended that others be paid. They recommended further that the chamberlain make arrangements for the payment of \$1,325.85, the award and costs in the W. J. Knox expropriation matter; that the account of John McKinnon of \$70.88, amount lost by him in connection with the purchase of a house for the fire department, be paid; that the estate of John Longmaid be refunded, \$12.32 wrongly assessed against them; that \$7.75 be refunded to T. Richardson, that amount having been assessed in error.

The report was adopted without discussion.

The board of works recommended the acceptance of the tender of the Dominion Iron and Steel Co. for coal for the crushers and rollers and the dredge at \$4.30 and \$4.20—Adopted.

The safety board made the following recommendations: That they be authorized to purchase 50 new covers for Salvage Corps Co. No. 1; that Policemen Robt. Hamilton and Crawford and Sgt. Hastings be allowed half pay for time lost through illness; that renewal leases issue to Mary Quinlan of lot in Brooks ward, and James O'Leary of lot in Guys ward; that beginning Jan. 1st, the water and sewerage board be charged at the rate of \$200 per annum for the use of the offices in the public hall at Carleton occupied by them; that legislation be sought for at the coming session of the legislature to place the control and appointment of the police force in a committee consisting of three members of the Common Council, one of whom shall be the chairman of the board of public safety for the time being, who shall be chairman of said committee. The board submitted a by-law entitled "A law in amendment of a law relating to the fire department of the city of St. John and to protection against fires and to provide for the better extinguishing of fires in the city of St. John, passed on the 26th day of May, A. D. 1892." They recommended that the same be read.

The report was considered section by section.

Ald. Maxwell in moving the adoption of the first section stated that the covers would be divided between the two salvage corps companies. The expense would be \$500. The need of additional rubber covers had been recognized as was shown at recent fires.

The section was adopted with the understanding that the covers would be for the two salvage corps companies.

The second, third and fourth sections were also adopted.

Finally the section was adopted.

The next section relative to the police department was fully considered.

Ald. Maxwell moved the adoption of the section. He said the matter was discussed at the safety board. As the city paid the police force, he said only right that the council should have a say as to the men who composed it. Ratepayers should go on the force and ratepayers only. Fault was found with the way investigations were held relative to policemen.

Ald. Bullock thought the recommendation should give the committee power to act.

Ald. Christie held that this matter should be left in the hands of the Common Council, and they should have the appointment of the chief of police and the police magistrate. It was stated that in the appointment made to the police force the members of the government had the say and the supporters of the government were said to have a say too. Let the council make the appointments. It was safe to leave it with them, as they represented the people.

Ald. Robinson thought the council should appoint the chief of police. Now the chief was the appointee of the local government, but he would not go in for selecting the policemen when the chief was not appointed by the city.

Ald. Baxter opposed the proposition. He would go in for vesting in the city the control of the whole police force. He objected to any question of patronage being mixed up with the police force. This proposition was to place the appointment of the policemen in the hands of the council while the head of the department was an appointee of another body. Let the chief of police be appointed by a commission named by the leader of the government, another by the leader of the opposition and the third by the council. Then a man would be obtained who would not be controlled by any particular party. If this could not be accomplished let the council appoint the chief. He deprecated the appointment of policemen by the council. The vesting of this power in the aldermen would not give them any better judgment in the selection of men to serve as policemen. Let the chief do it. Then he would be responsible for the men on the force and he would be the only one responsible. There would be no discipline if the government appointed the chief and the council appointed the policemen. The greatest evils had happened in other cities from legislation of this sort. Let St. John avoid it if possible. He was much opposed to this suggestion. He would like to see the police force removed from the hands of any political party.

Ald. Lewis mentioned facts which had happened which showed that the council should not appoint the policemen. The chief should have full control of his men. No man could handle properly the men under him when they were appointed by another body. It was charged that the council had had a council of 25 members. Elsewhere the indemnity was larger and as long as the principle of indemnity was recognized, as it was in New Brunswick and Canada, it should be a fair thing.

Ald. Christie was surprised at Ald. Lewis. Were the council not as competent to select a chief of police as the local government were? Were the aldermen not as well fitted to appoint policemen as the government? St. John was a small city, and where wrongs were perpetrated the public would demand their correction. If the chief were named by the city would he not appoint to the force the men the council wanted on it? When the city named its chamberlain, who handled half a million dollars a year, why should the council not appoint its own chief of police and the policemen?

Ald. Maxwell was willing to make the section provide for the appointment of the chief of police and the policemen by the council.

Ald. McGoldrick said there was a feeling that the police force was not properly run. St. John men who wished to go on the force were overlooked and outsiders placed on the force. Citizens must make better police officers than strangers, as they knew the town. He said no reason why the council should not have a committee to control the police force. The intent was not to throw the chief of police down. The resolution passed at the safety board was a sensible move and a proper one. The government, he thought, would give the city the right to appoint the chief of police. The men in the fire department were appointed by the council on the recommendation of the chief of that department. No trouble was found there. Why should this not apply to the police force? Surely the council had a right to say who should be here as policemen. The chief of police could suggest men and then let the council decide as to them. He was anxious to have the question settled by the council now.

Ald. Tufts was favorable to the council vesting in the city the right to appoint the chief of police. But he was opposed to the council asking that a committee of that body be given the control of the police force. There was no reason now why the council should not have a committee to look after police affairs. The chief in his opinion had done very well as far as he went, serving no masters. It was only natural that he should cater to the people who appointed him rather than the council, who paid him. He advocated asking the government to give the council the right to appoint the chief.

Ald. Stackhouse was opposed to the council asking for the right to appoint the policemen while the chief was an appointee of the local government. There would be trouble all the time.

Ald. Macrae pointed out that commissioners for the control of the police elsewhere were outside of the city government and they were paid. He did not think any advantage would accrue from the change proposed. Why was this suggested? Simply because men who had only recently taken up their residence here were made policemen. This would be overcome by stipulating that men must have been citizens for a certain period before going on the force. The city, he thought, could get the appointment of the chief of police if they sought it at the hands of the government. The committee proposed was undesirable, and he condemned it in strong terms. Why should three aldermen undertake the control of the police force?

Ald. Christie moved that the bills and by-laws committee be instructed to take the necessary steps to ask the government to vest in the city of St. John the right to appoint the chief of police.

Finally Ald. Christie agreed to the following amendment:

"That this council memorialize the local government to vest the appointment of the chief of police in the Common Council, and that the bills and by-laws committee prepare a bill providing for the vesting of such appointment in the Common Council."

Ald. Bullock did not see what was to be gained by this. It was urged that now the government influenced the chief of police. What would be the difference if the aldermen had control?

Ald. Maxwell was anxious that all the officials of the city should be under the control of the city. The council had no control of the chief of police or the men who served under him. The police who used to report street lights which were not lighted had returned from South Africa after fighting for the old flag sought positions on the police force, the chief of police asked that the signatures of Hon. A. T. Dunn and Hon. H. A. McKewen be got. Why was this? The city of St. John paid the policemen. Why should the local government determine who should go on the force?

The amendment of Ald. Christie passed.

The rules of order were suspended to permit of the following motion, which was moved by Ald. Christie:

Whereas, the membership of the common council has been reduced by act of local parliament from 26 to 15, thereby largely increasing the duties of present aldermen; therefore

Resolved, that this council request the bills and by-laws committee to prepare a bill to go before the house for enactment to increase the indemnity of the aldermen of the city of St. John from \$100 to \$200 per year.

Ald. Christie pointed out that \$200 was small pay. The aldermen earned \$500 at the least for the services they gave the city.

Ald. McGoldrick seconded the motion. He said Ald. Christie was an economical man and was entitled to hundreds of dollars every year for giving his time to the city's business. It did not pay to be an alderman as it took up many days of a man's time. The aldermen were clearly entitled to what Ald. Christie advocated.

Ald. Bullock did not want a cent out of the city. If this passed the officials would ask for an increase in their pay and some of them were entitled to more pay. He would oppose this motion and as far as he was concerned he would see that his \$100 would go back to the city in some way.

Ald. Macrae supported the motion, stating that it was originally intended to have a council of 25 members. Elsewhere the indemnity was larger and as long as the principle of indemnity was recognized, as it was in New Brunswick and Canada, it should be a fair thing.

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Ald. Maxwell said this would not affect this council. The local legislature and the dominion parliament had increased their indemnities at times, but the council did not propose to vote themselves additional. It was a move for the allowance of a reasonable amount to future aldermen. This change might lead men who had hitherto refused to go into civic politics to go into the council.

Ald. Lewis pointed out that an alderman attended 150 meetings a year. Their hands were always in their pockets and they were called upon at all times to do what they could for people. Not a cent of the hundred dollars he drew as an alderman ever found its way into his pocket.

The motion passed.

The matter of the injunction placed upon the city forbidding them to cut off the supply of water to the lunatic asylum was discussed and the matter referred back to the war and sewerage board to confer with the asylum commissioners and report back to the council. Various other matters of minor importance were considered before the council adjourned.

ANOTHER LIBERAL PAPER.

That Refuses to Worship the New Gods—It Quotes Mr. Tweedie.

(Hartland Advocate.)

At a recent meeting of the local supporters in St. John it was decided that that constituency should nominate only liberal candidates for their party.

The telegraph says the government has given in to the opposition's former demand to conduct provincial politics on federal issues and that the government calls itself a "liberal government." But the Advertiser is a liberal newspaper but it doubts the sincerity of the change of policy as being altogether too thin. The St. John Globe and Monitor Transcript are both liberal papers but they, too, put no faith in the "opportunists." Two years ago Premier Tweedie said before a Hartland audience: "Only stronger partisanship can result from the running of provincial politics on dominating lines; and the legislature would become a mere machine." This utterance was opportune then. Today things and prospects are different and the government leaders find an opportunity in a direct reversal of their principles.

CANNOT BUY TARTE.

MONTREAL, Jan. 5.—The correspondence had between the committee appointed at a recent meeting of liberal members and Hon. J. I. Tarte regarding the possession of La Patrie is made public. The committee wrote to Mr. Tarte that La Patrie really belonged to the liberal party, and suggested that its political direction should be placed in the hands of a committee named by Sir Wilfrid Laurier.

In reply Mr. Tarte absolutely refused to consider the proposition. He says he has himself no pecuniary interest in the paper, being merely its political director. He has never during his career as a journalist alienated his own party money. He denies that La Patrie is not in harmony with the liberal policy. He is in favor of the protection of the Canadian manufacturer, workman and agriculturist, and of the development of the St. Lawrence route, and reminds the committee, which consists of Senators Doherty and Dandurand, V. Geoffrion, M. P., and Hon. Lomer Gouin, that this is their policy. As to the charge that the paper did not throw incense on Mr. Prefontaine, Mr. Tarte states that the members of the committee were in a like position. Any suggestion that Sir Wilfrid Laurier or members of the committee like to make will receive frank consideration, but Mr. Tarte says he reserves full liberty of action.

The committee replied saying that as Mr. Tarte stated La Patrie was to remain his personal organ, there was nothing more to be said.

Mr. Tarte replied by stating that La Patrie is no more his personal organ than it ever was, and that it will represent liberal and public opinion.

PROVINCIAL NEWS.

The House of Marc LeBlanc, of Concessions, Digby County, N. S., was destroyed on Saturday evening, Dec. 27. The loss is about \$1,000.

The new engine for the Armstrongs' saw mill, on the Penobscot river, is now in running order and the mill building is almost completed. Quite a large quantity of lumber has already been shipped from this mill including a car of birch two inch plank for the Christie Woodworking Factory at St. John.

Rev. Mr. Rattee, of Blue Mountains, N. S., has accepted a call to the pastorate of the Presbyterian congregation at Malpeque, P. E. I. His resignation was submitted to the presbytery of Pictou last Tuesday and he will preach his farewell sermon to his former congregation on the second Sunday in January.

The fish factory at New Edinburgh, N. S., is nearing completion. When under way this new industry will give employment to a large number. A meeting enterprise is to be started at White's Cove, N. S. Not only will lobsters and other fish be put up, but berries of all kinds will be canned in season.

MARCONI.

SYDNEY, C. B., Jan. 5.—Marconi has been doing something else in Cape Breton during the last two months besides conducting experiments in wireless telegraphy. He has been a constant visitor at the home of Dr. MacGillivray, one of Sydney's leading physicians, the particular attraction for him being the doctor's young and pretty daughter, Nina. The two have been almost continually together except when Marconi was actually working within the Table Head station.

Friends of Miss MacGillivray say that the engagement of Marconi and the young lady may be announced before the discoverer leaves for Cape Cod. Miss MacGillivray is charming and accomplished, and one of the favorites of Sydney society.

SHIPPING NEWS.

PORT OF ST. JOHN.

Arrived.
S. S. Aurora, 182, Ingersoll, from Campbell.
Cleared.
Schr. John C. Gregory, 323, Barnes, for St. John.
Consulship—Schr. Exenia, 18, Barry, for Windsor.

SPORTING NEWS.

HOCKEY.

Off to St. Stephen This Morning to Play First League Match.
The Mohawks hockey team will leave this morning for St. Stephen to play the first match in the provincial league there in the evening. The St. John fellows will line up as follows:

Chester Brown, goal.
Ken. Inchea, point.
Ken. Haley, cover point.
Frank Young, centre.
Gordon Sanction and P. Howard, wings.
On Friday night in Queen's Rink, St. John, two games will be played in the league series, namely: Fredericton Mohawks, and St. Stephen v. Beavers of St. John.

FOOTBALL.

Canadians Beat Another English Team.
MONTREAL, Jan. 5.—The Star's London cable says: The Canadian football team scored a victory today, defeating Narrows by a score of 6 points to 0.

THE RING.

Benny Yanger Was the Best Man in Six Rounds.
CHICAGO, Jan. 5.—Benny Yanger of Chicago won a decision over Tim Callahan of Philadelphia in a six round contest here today. The fight was a very close one. Yanger had but a small margin the best of the fighting. The first round was Callahan's. He used straight left jab that Yanger was unable to evade, and when the Chicago man took his corner his right eye was closed. Yanger forced the fighting in the second round and landed several hard swings to Callahan's stomach, but the latter evened matters by the excellent use of his left hand. The third round and the fourth round were full of action, both men receiving considerable punishment. During the fifth and sixth rounds Yanger succeeded in reaching Callahan's stomach repeatedly with blows that were full of force. Towards the end of the last round Callahan fell into a clinch at every opportunity to avoid punishment.

COMMERCIAL.

STOCK MARKET.

NEW YORK, Jan. 5.—Wall street. The opening of the stock market showed great activity and stocks of 1,000 and 3,000 shares of principal active stocks were traded in. There were sales of 3,000 shares of American Steel at 38 1/2 to 39, compared with 38 last night. Pennsylvania, Reading, Wabash, and U. S. Steel showed slight depression. Otherwise there were many sharp gains. Erie and Can. Pac. rose 1/2 each, and gain of a point or more were shown by Amalgamated Copper and Manhattan. Large fractional advances were made by other leading stocks, including St. Paul, Sugar, Denver and Rio Grande 1/4, and Norfolk and Western.

COTTON.

NEW YORK, Jan. 6.—Cotton futures opened at steady prices. Jan. 8, 45 to 46; Feb. 8, 45; March, 8 1/2; April, 8 1/2; May, 8 1/2; June, 8 1/2; July, 8 1/2; Aug., 8 1/2; Sept., 8 1/2.

POLICE COURT.

The Assault Case Further Postponed—Harrington Fined.

In the case against Fred. King and Theodore Morrison for assaulting Petersen and Fred G. Globe, the prisoners were further remanded until tomorrow. Formal information has been laid by Mr. Globe against King and Theodore Morrison, who is thought to be the fair haired man who was mixed up in the assault. Carlin has not yet been arrested.

Walter Harrington, who was arrested on a warrant charging him with assault on Mr. Benner on Nov. 23rd, was fined twenty dollars.

Joseph Addison from Montreal announced his intention of leaving the city this afternoon. Joseph was mistaken. He had been full on Water street and loafed around until his coat became of many colors. Then he was arrested, and this morning was sent into Egypt for ten days.

Henry Dickinson, another drunk, was also fined four or ten days.

HARVEY ATKINSON

Removes from Moncton to British Columbia.

(Moncton Transcript.)
The departure on Wednesday of Harvey Atkinson from Moncton for British Columbia, where he intends establishing a new home, breaks a relationship between the city of Moncton and a gentleman who has been actively identified with public affairs.

For more than a generation Mr. Atkinson has been a prominent citizen, and has served the public most acceptably in many capacities including the important position of mayor. His influence as a citizen has been on the moral side of public questions, and has told for the betterment of civic administration. Mr. Atkinson is one of the class of men whom the community can ill afford to lose, and especially so the liberal party, with whose interests he has been actively identified. All classes of citizens will join in the expression of regret at his departure and wish him every possible success in his new home.

THIS EVENING.

McCutcheon and Ellis Co. at the Opera House.

Meeting Dominion L. O. L. Meeting 1 and 2 Scots' Co.

Meeting of Natural History Society this morning.

Band, Victoria Rink.

Officers of Grand Division visit Granite Rock Division.

Curling at St. Andrew's Rink.

Week of Prayer—Evening services, 8 p. m., St. Andrew's church, leader, Rev. L. G. Macneil; speaker, Rev. Dr. W. O. Raymond, 8 p. m., Victoria street F. B. Baptist church, leader, Rev. A. H. Foster; speaker, Rev. S. Howard, 7:30 p. m., F. C. Baptist church (West End), speaker, Rev. Henry Penna.

The death occurred at 3 Union street, Halifax, yesterday morning, of Edward J. Shiers, laborer. The deceased was 61 years of age, and was a native of Eastern Passage.

The death is announced of Robt. Brigham of Halifax, which occurred Sunday night from old age. The deceased, who was 75 years of age, was well known, having for years worked on the city works.

MORNING'S NEWS.

LOCAL.

Are you using Red Rose tea? If you are hard to suit with tea try Red Rose.

The annual meeting of the local Council of Women will be held on Tuesday, Jan. 27, in the Orange Hall. Coughs, colds, hoarseness, and other throat ailments are quickly relieved by Croscino tablets, ten cents per box. All druggists.

The Dominion Day of Prayer will be observed by the St. John W. C. T. U. today in Orange hall, Germania street. All are welcome.

Another supply of union coal has arrived and a cashier is in attendance at Robertson's scales, who will receive all orders. As there is no prospect made on this coal, intending purchasers must pay cash before delivery.

Rev. G. M. Campbell of Centenary church met the men of the church in the school room last evening when a social and devotional hour was spent. On Friday evening Rev. Mr. Campbell will meet the ladies of the church.

Hon. L. P. Farris says the lumbermen of Queens county are experiencing serious difficulty in carrying on operations through lack of snow.

A letter has been received from John McKinnon, of Inlandtown, who on New Year's day for New York to undergo an operation. Mr. McKinnon had not, at the time of writing, received treatment, but was fairly well and in good spirits.

J. B. Hamm, Jr., Harold Cunningham and Miss Helen Fotheringham received diplomas from the Presbyterian General Assembly for having recited the shorter catechism without a mistake. These scholars attend Rev. Dr. Fotheringham's school.

Word has been received in this city of the death of Charles Armstrong at the home of his granddaughter, Mrs. Walter Brown, Waverly, Mass. Mr. Armstrong formerly resided in the North End and was for 60 years a resident of this city. Deceased was nearly 99 years of age.

LAST NIGHT'S MEETINGS.

At the annual meeting last evening of the 62nd non-commissioned officers' club, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Sergt. Major W. J. Lamb, president; Color-Sergt. E. S. Wetmore, 1st vice-president; Color-Sergt. James McCarthy, 2nd vice-president; Sergt. P. W. D. Campbell, recording secretary; Sergt. Wm. Vail, financial secretary; Sergt. W. Rogers, treasurer; Corporal Day, sergeant-at-arms. With the exception of the last, all these officers are the same as last year.

New Brunswick Royal Arch Chapter, F. & A. M., had the following officers installed last evening by Deputy Grand High Priest Geo. B. Heggin, assisted by LeB. Wilson, Grand Royal Arch by LeB. Wilson, Grand royal arch viceroy, W. A. Porter, most excellent high priest; Theodore Cushing, scribe; A. Dodge (past high priest), treasurer; Joseph Magilton, secretary; E. J. Fleetwood, royal arch captain; C. H. Brown, P. S.; John Johnston, royal arch captain; John C. Edwards, third veil; L. McAlpine, second veil; F. W. Tapley, first veil, Robert Clarke, Tyler. This evening St. John Lodge, No. 1, will hold a banquet.

The congregational service last evening at the school room of St. Stephen's church, under the auspices of the Women's Guild, was a very enjoyable affair and largely attended. The following programme was rendered: Piano solo, Miss Cochrane; reading, Miss Peters; solo, Miss Macrae; club singing, Arthur Lively; solo, James Gillespie; New Testament, Mrs. Alexander; the young people will give a Shakespearean evening under the auspices of the guild. The casket scene from the Merchant of Venice will be given. Among the ladies who assisted in last night's social were: Mrs. J. L. Dunn, Mrs. Ernest Phillips, Mrs. James Collins, Mrs. James Wilson, Mrs. Davidson.

At the annual meeting of the St. John Iron and Hardware Association held last night, the following officers were elected: President, A. M. Rowan; vice president, John Keefe; secretary, J. J. Barry; directors, W. H. Thorne, Thos. McAvity and R. B. Emerson. The association contemplate having their dinner about the 20th inst.

Court Hiawatha, 753, Canadian Order of Foresters, elected the following officers last night: C. R. J. N. Harvey, V.C.R.; G. A. Troop, Chap.; Wm. Smith, Con.; W. H. Wilson, Rec. Sec.; H. D. White, Fin. Sec.; T. H. Belyea, S. W.; J. H. Smith; J. W. G. A. Law; S. B. G. W. Hoyt; J. B. W. A. McGinley; Physician, T. D. Walker; Trustees, G. A. Law, G. A. Troop, Frank White.

The Bartenders' Union, No. 263, a branch of the International League, met in their rooms since the beginning of the year and elected officers for the ensuing term as follows: President, Michael Brady; vice president, John Kennedy; financial secretary, Jas. J. Baxter; corresponding secretary, Jos. P. Doody. The meeting was well attended and great interest shown in the proceedings. Wm. Tait, a member, left yesterday morning for Moncton, where he has accepted a position at the Hotel Miramichi.

At the installation of officers last evening in Gordon Division hall, the grand worthy patriarch, Rev. C