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COUNCIL GIVES HASSAM CO'Y CONTRACT FOR THREE STREETS

Main, Smythe and Water to be Paved--Tenders to be Called for Remainder Next Year--Long Discussion by Board of Works--Building By-Laws to be Improved.

The common council yesterday afternoon decided to give the Hassam Paving Company the contract for paving Smythe, Main and Water streets this year, and to call for new tenders to pave Pond and Nelson streets, and such other streets as the finances will allow, next year.

At a previous meeting of the Board of Works a recommendation to this effect was drawn up, and this was subsequently ratified at the special meeting of the council. It was also decided to vote \$500 for band concerts on King Square, and to have the by-laws relating to buildings brought up-to-date.

The Board of Works, in opening the meeting, Ald. McGoldrick, the chairman, said that in view of the necessity of coming to a decision on the paving question, he regretted that more aldermen had not taken advantage of the opportunity of hearing "Good Roads" Campbell. St. John citizens like others liked when they were asked for money, but he

accepted the lowest tender on the streets they intended to improve this year. They could call for tenders to do the work on other streets next year.

Ald. Elkin—"The first thing to do is to determine what streets we shall repair this year. The contracts should have been made six months ago. There is no doubt that the city is losing many dollars by its procrastination. Contractors could have done the work much cheaper if they had had plenty of time to make their arrangements."

Ald. Sproul supported this view. Ald. Willet said it had been decided to do Smythe, Pond and Main streets. They should not now undertake to do Nelson street. He wanted the engineer's opinion how long it would take to do the work.

Ald. Elkin said if they intended to bind the contractor to do the work in 60 days they would have to cut out the clause in the specifications binding the contractor to employ city labor.

Ald. Hayes thought the Board of Works could not be accused of undue haste. As they had taken time so far, they might as well spread the work over a longer period, so as to give more work to city people. Personally he would favor throwing out all the tenders, and calling for new ones. It wasn't fair to the city or contractors to call for tenders to have the work done in sixty days and then propose an extension of time.

A communication was received from J. A. Barry stating that he was taking suit against the city at instance of Mrs. Murphy of Mill street, who had sustained injury by stepping in a hole in the sidewalk.

It was referred to the recorder.

The Paving Contract. Ald. Elkin said that B. Mooney and Sons should receive the contract for paving Nelson street, as their figure was only \$178 higher than the tender of the Hassam Company. Ald. Holder thought they should

tenders to do the other streets during 1911.

Ald. Hayes moved in amendment that the engineer prepare a report, showing the streets most in need of repairs, including Pond and Nelson streets, that could be paved for \$60,000.

Ald. Baxter thought they should go slowly, as the revenue might not be as large as expected next year.

Ald. Baxter and Hayes agreed to combine their motions, and this recommendation was adopted by the board.

Common Council.

Mayor Frink then took the chair, and the common council was convened.

Ald. McGoldrick moved the adoption of the recommendation of the board of works, that Main, Water and Smythe streets be paved, this year, and the lowest tender accepted.

Ald. Wigmore moved in amendment that Pond and Main streets be paved. Ald. Potts said he would not vote to spend a penny on permanent pavement till he had full assurance that the foundation of the streets was solid, and the water and sewer pipes all right. In Water street the paving was sagging down owing to the fact that the foundation was not solid. He declared that if they proceeded with the old lines, they could simply be throwing the public money away. He then moved that the city engineer be instructed to put Water, Main and Smythe streets in proper condition underneath and that paving operations be left over till next year.

Ald. Vanwart seconded this motion.

Ald. Elkin said the engineer had ascertained that the streets were in a fairly good condition for laying permanent paving. That being so he left they should go ahead.

Ald. Sproul supported this view. They had been monkeying with the matter, he said, for years. They should do the worst streets first, and not hang up the work for a few paltry dollars.

Ald. White thought they should lose no day. At the same time they ought to have a certificate from the engineer that the sewers were all right.

Ald. Potts and Vanwart were the only ones that voted on the amendment to the amendment.

Ald. Elkin moved that B. Mooney and Sons be given the contract for paving Nelson street, and make a start on the 1st of August. That would give the contractors three months to work before the frost set in.

Ald. Smith thought they had no occasion to worry over the contractor's difficulties. They should consider the city's interest, and let the contractor deal with his own problems.

Ald. Baxter thought it was not clear from the specifications whether the contractors were to have 60 or 75 days. It was not business to ask for tenders from all over the country, and then say no foreigners need apply. On the other hand it was not fair to call for tenders to do the work in a certain time, and then offer an extension of time. Personally he thought they should accept the lowest tenders for the streets they wanted to do this year, and throw out the others. They should not spend over one-half the proposed expenditure of \$86,000.

Ald. Elkin said B. Mooney & Sons could do three streets this year. The question to his mind was whether they should give the contract to a local firm, or to a foreigner. On these three streets the Mooney tenders were only \$420 higher than those of the Hassam Co. He thought it would be a crying shame to turn down a local firm for that amount. He would, however, be willing that the Hassam Co. should have the Main street contract, but Smythe and Water streets should go to Mooney & Sons.

Ald. Holder—"What is the use of calling for tenders from outside firms?" Ald. Baxter said that if the question was a matter of private business he would be disposed to accept the tender of a local firm whose standing was known to him. As it was he thought they were bound to accept the lowest tenders.

Peculiar Position. Ald. Jones thought that in view of the fact that Ald. Elkin had moved the acceptance of the lowest tender, his present position was peculiar.

The city engineer then stated that the Hassam Company had complied with the condition requiring the sending of a sample of paving block. The sample had been addressed to the chief superintendent of streets, and had been lying in the express office. Ald. Baxter moved that the board reconsider its previous recommendation, and decide what streets should be done this year. He thought they should do Smythe, Water and Main streets.

Ald. Jones and Wigmore claimed that Pond street was more urgently in need of repairs.

Ald. White said Pond street was in a wretched condition compared with Water street.

The city engineer said it would take \$26,000 to do Pond street, and with two other streets, the expenditure would be more than half the appropriation.

Ald. White moved in amendment that they do Main, Pond and Smythe streets.

This was lost. The motion to pave Main, Water and Smythe streets was then passed. Ald. White moved that new tenders be called to pave these three streets, the tenders to close on June 20.

Ald. Jones moved in amendment that the lowest tender be accepted. The amendment was carried by 6 to 5.

Ald. Baxter then moved that the council be recommended to call for

INCREASE TO PASTORS IS RECOMMENDED

St. John Methodist District
Concluded Sessions Yesterday--Oppose Change in Pastoral Term.

The second session of the St. John district of the Methodist Ministers' Association was opened yesterday in Queen Square Methodist Church. The following representatives were elected to the annual conference: Class Leaders and Other Agencies—Rev. J. K. King and F. S. Thomas. Young People's Societies—Rev. H. D. Marr and A. E. Hamilton. Contingent Fund—Rev. H. C. Rice and R. D. Smith. Sustentation Fund—Rev. A. C. Bell and I. B. Humphrey. Temperance, etc.—Rev. I. N. Parker and A. C. Powers. Memorials, etc.—Rev. Geo. A. Ross and J. A. Likely.

Sabbath Observance—Rev. J. Heaney and J. Hunter White. Church Property—Rev. H. S. Young and W. D. Baskin. State of Work—Rev. Robt. Wilson and J. N. Harvey. Nominating—Rev. A. C. Bell and J. R. Woodburn.

Educational Society—Rev. L. J. Leard and C. H. Gunter. E. R. Machum was elected to represent the district at the annual meeting of Sunday school committee.

Mrs. Job Shenton and Mrs. O. Grundland were placed on the supernumerary fund.

The circuit reports were incomplete and a further consideration of them was deferred until the afternoon. W. B. Leard and S. C. Ratcliffe, probationers, were examined and considered satisfactory. They were recommended to be continued on trial. The meeting then adjourned.

AFTERNOON SESSION.
The Pastoral Term.

In the afternoon a spirited discussion took place on the desirability of doing away with the time limit in the pastoral terms, in which several laymen as well as ministers participated.

A motion was submitted, "to request the conference of New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island to memorialize the synodical general conference to ordain that our ministers shall be annually stationed as at present, with the understanding, however, that a man may remain on any circuit for as many years in succession as may be mutually agreeable to all parties concerned."

Among the reasons offered in support of this proposition are that by the present system the influence of the minister is lessened and the relations of his people to himself are inevitably to a certain extent superficial and ephemeral; that it does not adequately represent the force of the Methodist church in the social and civic life of the community or the great movements of the day.

That it does not develop the mental powers and intellectual efficiency of the minister himself since it seriously interrupts his habits of study, lessens the incitements to continuous efforts and tends to dampen his legitimate intellectual aspirations, and entails upon the minister and his family great physical strain and discomfort and deprives them of the joys of a settled home and the happiness of continued friendship besides interfering with the training and education of children.

It was voted down by a large majority.

Church Papers.

Another motion was proposed expressing dissatisfaction with the existing circumstances of the church papers and requesting the N. B. and P. E. I. conference to memorialize the general conference at its next session to instruct the book committee to consolidate the existing papers having specially in view the interests of the church in the Maritime Provinces or to provide for the interests of the church throughout the Dominion while adequately representing the extent and importance of the Methodist of the present day.

Sabbath School.

The returns for the Sabbath schools were as follows:—

School	Members
Queen Square	308
Centenary	423
Exmouth St.	446
Portland	566
Carleton	872
Carmarthen	330
Zion	184
Fairville	142
Courtenay Bay	197
Sussex	192
Newtown	141
Apoahqui	67
Springfield	154
Hampton	20
St. Martins	33
Jerusalem	169
Welsford	202
Kingston	58

Total school membership 3258. The following statements were submitted:—

School	Members
Queen Square	\$5,294
Centenary	9,990
Exmouth St.	4,465
Portland	5,561
Carleton	2,611
Carmarthen	2,547
Zion	1,072
Fairville	1,637
Courtenay Bay	2,142
Sussex	1,661
Newtown	748
Apoahqui	1,378
Springfield	497
Hampton	1,264
St. Martins	674
Jerusalem	695
Welsford	1,278
Kingston	765

Total \$44,139.

Monies Raised for District.

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On motion of Ald. Willet it was decided to ask the federal government to bear a portion of the cost of the work that will be done on Pond street next year.

Those present were the mayor, Ald. McGoldrick, Smith, Jones, Sproul, Willet, Holder, Vanwart, White, Leard, Hayes, Baxter, Russell, Potts and Wigmore, with the common clerk, the city engineer and street superintendent.

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probationer in all cases, the salary to be in addition to a \$100 home. Supernumerary and Educational. The following amounts raised during the year for the supernumerary and educational funds was reported:

School	Supernumerary	Educational	Total
Queen Square	\$40	\$32.50	\$72.50
Centenary	141	107	248
Exmouth	40	29	69
Portland	49	29	78
Carleton	26	17	43
Carmarthen	16	29	45
Zion	8	3	11
Fairville	13	20	33
Courtenay Bay	16	25	41
Sussex	20	25	45
Newton	7	4	11
Apoahqui	17	5	22
Springfield	12	2	14
Hampton	14	5	19
St. Martins	6	6	12
Welsford	15	8	23
Jerusalem	13	8	21
Kingston	13	8	21
Total	\$459.00	\$338.50	\$797.50

Baptisms and Marriages.

The baptisms and marriages were reported as follows:

School	Baptisms	Marriages
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Nominating Committees.

The following nominating committees were appointed:

Educational—J. L. J. Leard, J. Gunter, Epworth League—H. D. Marr, E. R. Machum.

Contingent—A. C. Bell, A. E. Hamilton. Sunday School—I. N. Parker, R. D. Smith.

Temperance—G. A. Ross, A. C. Powers. Memorials—James Heaney, J. A. Likely.

Church Property—H. S. Young, J. H. White. State of Work—Dr. Wilson, W. D. Baskin.

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Amusements Note in Discipline. A resolution was proposed to memorialize the N. B. and P. E. I. conference to request the general conference to remove the note in the discipline requiring the members to abstain from certain amusements referred to by the same. The meeting was almost a unit in favor of allowing matters to stand as they are.

Concluding Session.

The concluding session was held last evening when the Sunday school and Young Peoples' Society reports were received. The work of these organizations were found to be very satisfactory.

At the close of the meeting a vote of thanks was passed to Rev. Dr. J. A. Rogers of Sussex, chairman of the

district for the past year, who is moving out of the district to Sackville, this year.

Votes of thanks were also tendered to Rev. Neil McLaughlin, financial secretary of the district, who is also moving to another district and to Rev. H. S. Young, statistical secretary of the district.

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