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COUNCIL TURNS DOWN CONTRACT. HASSAM PAVING COMPANY

Sends Recommendation Back to Board--Ask Pugsley to Find Out Whether Empreses Are Coming Next Winter--If Not Why Not--Will Renew Mispes Lease--Much Other Business.

At the monthly meeting of the common council yesterday afternoon, the report of the board of works recommending that the Hassam Paving Company be given the contract for paving five streets, was referred back for further consideration. The water and sewerage board were instructed not to give the Stetson, Cutter Co. an option of purchase upon the Mispes pulp mill, but to renew the lease, for three years, at a rental of \$2500 per year, provided the company would undertake to operate the mill at least six months out of the twelve. An investigation was ordered into complaints against Constable A. G. Sherwood and his wife, a city employee, accused of using city laborers to do work for a private company. Chief Kerr was authorized to send a contingent of the fire department to the Amherst celebration in August. A committee was appointed to interview the minister of public works in connection with the rumor that the fast boats of the C. P. R. line would not be to St. John next winter. Several other matters were discussed. The mayor presided, and Ald. Hayes, Smith, Sproul, White, Jones, McGoldrick, Baxter, Willet, Wigmore, Lively, Potts, Holter, Russell, Christie, Vanwart and Elkin were present, with the common clerk, the city engineer and the recorder.

At the opening of the meeting Chief Kerr of the fire department, was invited to the seat of honor, and on being given an opportunity to speak, asked leave to present to the mayor and the common council a slight memento of his esteem. This proved to be a picture of the old tower that stood at the head of King street before the great fire of 1877.

In moving that the council accept the picture and hang it on the walls of the council chamber, Ald. Potts remarked that some day they would probably consider it advisable to erect another tower and place a statue of the King upon it.

The mayor in accepting the gift said the walls of the council chamber looked rather bare, and so did the public squares. He would not complain if other citizens should follow the good example of Chief Kerr, and present the city with pictures or statuary.

Ferry Superintendent's Salary. When the question of adopting the minutes of the last meeting came up, Ald. Hayes entered a protest against the manner in which the salary of the superintendent of the ferry service had been raised, claiming that it should have come up in the regular way when increases for salaries in general were in order.

The mayor, who was not in the chair when the matter came before the last meeting of the council, stated that it was in order to move that the section be erased from the minutes.

Ald. Hayes made a motion to this effect, which was seconded by Ald. Russell.

Ald. Potts claimed that the order-in-council which Ald. Hayes appealed to could not apply to the ferry, as the employees whose salaries had been raised had been given to understand that their salaries would be increased if they made good.

Ald. Baxter said the council of today was as powerful as any of its predecessors, and could make new laws as it desired. Personally he thought that the ferry service was entitled to special consideration. Many improvements in it had been made recently.

The motion was lost, and the minutes then adopted as read.

The report of the treasury board was then taken up. In connection with the section recommending the dismissal of advertising, the Hassam paving contract was discussed and several members strongly opposed the policy of granting such a large contract to an outside firm. The transfer of the harbor lots between the city and the C. P. R. and the Government was also discussed but no action was taken.

Ald. Baxter said the constable had evidently collected 50 cents more than he should have, and did not believe the man had a legitimate excuse, but was willing that he should be heard. Some constables were under the impression that if they went twice to a man to collect a fee, they were entitled to a double fee, but the law did not give them any right to extra fees.

Ald. Sproul's motion was adopted, recommending that the section of \$200 for a dog catcher be referred back, as he understood that the police were willing to round up the dogs. This was lost.

The report as amended was then adopted as a whole.

The report of the Board of Public Works was then taken up.

On motion of Ald. Baxter the section recommending that the name of Acadia street be changed to Seaview was referred back.

Ald. Elkin moved that the section recommending the dredging of Union street slip be referred back. He thought they should have some information as to what revenues the city would be likely to receive when the work was done.

Ald. Hayes seconded this, and Ald. Elkin also supported it, stating that large vessels formerly used the slip. Ald. Elkin's motion was adopted.

The Street Paving Contract. The board recommended that the tender of the Hassam Paving Co. for street paving be accepted, provided that it complied with the provisions of the specifications which require that a sample of the granite block be deposited in the city engineer's office, and the name of the quarry given from which the granite is to be taken. A petition signed by W. B. Toner and a large number of citizens was read, protesting against the action of the board in recommending the acceptance of the Hassam Co.'s tender. Ald. McGoldrick said the board of works had been practically unanimous in accepting the tender of the outside firm, whose figures were lowest in all cases.

Ald. Wigmore thought that in view of the efforts being made to develop local industries, and induce new in-

dustry to come to the city, it was not good policy to give city work outside the city. Local contractors should receive special consideration when their figures were only a little higher than the Hassam Company.

Ald. Potts said that Mr. Mooney had told him that if his firm had known that the board was going to be so liberal in extending the time for the completion of the work, their figures would have been lower. He thought they should not accept any of the tenders, but should go ahead and fix the water and sewer pipes. This year they could only get to work paving the streets by July 1 and work about two months. They should wait till next year and start paving operations in April.

Continuing Ald. Potts said he was surprised that the board should recommend the acceptance of the Hassam Company when the specifications calling for the samples of paving stones had not been complied with.

Ald. Sproul supported this view.

Referred Back to the Board. Ald. Baxter said some years ago the common council had been criticized because they gave a contract to B. Mooney and Sons when their tender was lower than an American firm. He thought the Board of Works had made a mistake in specifying that the work should be done this year. He moved that the matter be referred back to the Board of Works.

Ald. Elkin said that if the matter was referred back, no paving would be done this year. He thought that Messrs. Mooney, being large tax payers and employers of labor should get the contract for Smythe street and Water street, as their tender was in both cases less than \$200 higher than the Hassam tenders. He moved that B. Mooney and Sons get the contract for Smythe and Water streets and that the Hassam Company be given the other three streets to pave.

Ald. Wigmore seconded this.

Ald. Elkin thought none of the tenders who had not submitted samples were entitled to contracts.

Ald. Hayes said that the members of the Board of Works had been almost unanimous in accepting the Hassam tender, but apparently something had happened since the regular meeting last Wednesday to raise doubts in their minds.

It was finally decided to refer the matter back to the Board of Works with instructions to report again to the council.

A section recommending that Ernest McCan be given permission to erect an electric sign on his store on Charlotte street was laid on the table.

On motion of Ald. Potts, seconded by Ald. Russell, a section was added instructing the Board of Works to lay an asphalt crossing across Charlotte street in front of the Dufferin Hotel.

The order of business was then suspended, and the recorder was heard in connection with the case of Robert Seely, trustee versus Frances Kerr Company, Ltd., giving it as his opinion, as well as that of the Attorney General, that an appeal should be made to the Supreme Court.

On motion of Ald. Hayes a committee consisting of Ald. Hayes, Baxter, Willet and the mayor was appointed to consider the matter.

C. P. R. Fast Steamers and St. John. Ald. Baxter then brought in a resolution asking for the appointment of a committee to wait upon the Minister of Public Works and find out whether there were any grounds for the rumors that the C. P. R. fast boats would not come to St. John next winter, and if so to take measures to counteract the movement against St. John.

The mayor, Ald. Elkin, Elkin and Hayes were appointed a committee to look into the matter.

The report of the Safety Board was then taken up, and adopted without dissent.

On motion of Ald. Vanwart a section was added authorizing the chief of the Fire Department to take a contingent from the Fire Department to Truro, N. S., to take part in a celebration on August 23, 24 and 25, in honor of the 150th Anniversary of the founding of the town.

The report of the Water and Sewerage Board caused some discussion, especially the section recommending the acceptance of the tenders of R. M. Tobias and Michael George for digging trenches for water and sewerage extensions, and that opposing the request of John Fitzgerald, King street, East, that the city assist him to relay his sewer. Both sections, however, were finally adopted.

The section recommending that Stetson, Cutter and Co. be given a lease of the Mispes mill for three years, at an annual rental of \$2,500, with the option of purchasing the mill without water privileges for the sum of \$30,000, came in for some criticism.

Ald. Potts moved that the city do not give an option to the Stetson, Cutter Co. as it was supposed to be their intention to sell out to English or American capitalists.

Ald. Baxter said the city should not give an option to its property. Personally he wanted to see the mill in operation and the people employed. He thought Ald. Potts should add to his motion a clause making it compulsory for the lease to operate the mill at least nine months in the year. But they should not enter into any arrangement that might injure their water system.

The Mayor said he was very familiar with the questions involved. The Mispes pulp mill had been bought because it was the key to the water system. The lease would have to be drawn very carefully. When the sugar refinery started operations they would need to provide 1,000,000 gallons of water more per day than at present. Ald. Elkin favored striking out the clause regarding the granting of an option, but thought the company should not be placed under restrictions as to the length of time the mill was in operation.

Ald. Wigmore thought the mill should be operated at least six months

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Port of St. John.

S. S. Oruro, 1249, Bale, Demerara, West Indies, etc. via Halifax, Wm. Thomson and Co. general.
Sch. Irma, Bentley, 392, Carter, Carabelle, Fla. via Digby, R. C. Elkin, 283, 863 feet pitch, pine, deals and planks, J. A. Lively.

S. S. Beatrice, 353, Hickey, Little Bras d'Or, C. A. Clark, 870 tons coal.
Sch. Bennett, 229, Porter, Baltimore, R. P. and W. F. Starr, 434 tons hard coal.

Sch. Lena Maud, 98, Ellis, Maitland, N. S., J. W. Smith, bal.
Sch. F. G. French (Am), 151, John, Port Wade, C. M. Kerrison, bal.
Coastwise--Strs. Aurora, 182, Ingersoll, Campbell; Granville, 49, Collins, Annapolis and old; schs. Dora, 63, Canning, Parrish; Packet, 49, Reid, Riverside; Wanita, 42, McCumber, Cheverie.

Cleared.
Sch. Nettle Shipman (Am), Burnie, New York, R. Reid.
Coastwise--Sch. Lena, Maud, Ellis, Alma.
Sailed.
Sch. Witch Hazel, City Island, f. o. Sch. Rescue, Weldon, Bridgeport.

Vessels Bound to St. John.

Yoruba, chartered.
Erondio, chartered.
Louisiana, chartered.
Billerby, chartered.
Terschelling, ar. Matongas, May 22.
Gladiator, Pernambuco, May 19.

Vessels in Port.

Oruro, 1249, Wm. Thomson and Co.
Trinitia, 2720, Robert Reford Co.
Gogovale, Wm. Thomson & Co.
Yearby, 1965, W. M. MacKay.
Toftwood, 1961, F. C. Beattie.
Barbentine.
Argo, 189, J. E. Moore and Co.

In the year. Their only motive in leasing it was to provide employment. It was finally decided to strike out the option clause, and require the lessees to operate the mill at least six months in the year.

Working For Private Firms. Ald. Potts said that Michael Corr, a city employee, had taken city laborers to work for private firms. The matter was referred to the Water and Sewerage Board for investigation. Ald. Holter, and Ald. Potts complained that no action had been taken in the matter of providing better sewerage facilities on Bridge street.

Ald. Elkin said that only one tender to do the work had been received, and that had been too high. As the matter was not particularly urgent, it

Schooners.
George Pearl, 118, A. W. Adams.
Silver Leaf, 285, J. A. Lively.
Jennie A. Stubbs, 159, Master.
Adonis, 315, A. W. Adams.
E. Merriam, 231, A. W. Adams.
Conrad S., 299, J. W. Smith.
W. H. Waters, 124, master.
Cora May, 117, N. C. Scott.
T. W. Cooper, 150, A. W. Adams.
St. Croix, 190, C. M. Kerrison.
Moama, 284, Peter McIntyre.
Neva, 122, Master.
Neha, R. C. Elkin.
D. W. B. 90, A. W. Adams.
Priscilla, 101, A. W. Adams.
Abbie and Eva Hooper, 276, master.
Irma Bentley, 392, R. C. Elkin.
Benedict, 229, Master.
P. G. French, 151, C. M. Kerrison.
Lena Maud, 98, J. W. Smith.

Canadian Ports.
Hillsboro, June 3--Arrived--Sch. Wm. B. Herick, Nixon, Eastport, Me.
Cleared--Str. Edda, Medell, Newark, N.J.

Montreal, June 5--Arrived--Strs. Laurentic from Liverpool; Virginia from Liverpool; Pomeranian from London.
5th--Sailed--Str. Lake Erie for London.

3rd--Arrived--Strs. Royal George, from Bristol; Mount Royal from Antwerp.
3rd--Sailed--Str. Corsican for Liverpool.

Kingsport, June 2--Arrived--Sch. Emily, Anderson, MacCumber from New York via St. John.
Charham, June 3--Arrived--Bark. Ragnald, Frantzen, Fredericstad.
Benedict, June 4--Arrived--Bark. Orillana, Johannesen, Stockholm.

British Ports.
Plymouth, June 4--Arrived--Str. St. Paul from New York.
Manchester, June 2--Sailed--Str. Manchester Mariner for Montreal.
Liverpool, June 3--Arrived--Str. Carlsbrook from Pictou; Glencliff from Riverside NB; 5th--Carmania from New York.

Glasgow, June 4--Arrived--Str. Hesperian from Montreal.
Sailed 4th--Strs. Cassandra for Montreal; Pretorian for Montreal.
Southampton, June 5--Arrived--Str. St. Paul from New York.

Queensdown, June 5--Sailed--Strs. Celtic for New York; Campania for New York.
Bristol, June 2--Arrived--Str. Royal Edward from Montreal.
Greenock, June 2--Arrived--Str. Granplan from Quebec.

had been decided to call for new tenders.

The Ferry Committee's report was adopted.

Ald. Wigmore moved that the council reconsider its action in reducing the vacation of the police to 10 days.

The Mayor:--"Were you of the majority?"
Ald. Wigmore:--"I wasn't present at the meeting."
The Mayor:--"Of order then."
Ald. Lively, Vanwart and Jones were appointed a special committee to act with the buildings and grounds committee of the exhibition association. A number of communications were referred to the usual boards, and the council adjourned.