Common Council Regular Meeting

Adopted Resolution to Put Through Bill to Enable City to Return Any Money Collected from Abutters—Comparison of Tax Systems

At the regular meeting yesterday the council discussed the question of making abutters pay 2-3 of the cost of permanent paving, and then adopted a resolution to put through a bill to enable the city to return any money collected from abutters for paving through traffic or business streets.

Mayor Hayes made a damaging comparison of the tax systems of St. John and Halifax from a business man's point of view. The county council to permit expropriation of private property for industrial sites was condemned.

The commissioner of public safety was authorized to call for tenders for 1,500 feet of fire hose.

Mayor—Can't you buy Canadian hose?

Thornton—I don't think so. I would be glad to buy Canadian hose.

Com. Fisher wanted half pay extended to Howard Saunders, an employe of the public works department, extended for a period not to exceed 6 months. On motion of Com. Jones the matter was referred to the committee to establish a rule.

The council adopted the resolution from committee asking the government at the coming session to order a special appropriation for the extension of the Negro Point breakwater.

Com. Bullock said they should not mention the harbor commission. Let sleeping dogs lie.

Mayor Hayes asked that consideration of tenders for paving Brussels street, City Road, etc. be laid over for ten days to see if oppositon developed to the proposed legislation to assess two-thirds of the cost of paving on abutters. He said general assessment in St. John was overloaded, and he was strongly in favor of the principle of a local improvement tax. Taxes on business here were high. A merchant on King st. whose business was worth $140,000 to $160,000, was taxed from $2,000 to $2,500, and probably had to pay $5,000 for rent. In Halifax a similar business would be taxed 12 per cent., or $600, and is Montreal $750.

People wanting to start a new business were not likely to come to St. John.

Halifax had a small business and householder's tax, but the rate on land in Halifax last year was $5.42.

His Worship suggested they might put a tax on automobiles, as their owners were clamoring for good paving and were principal beneficiaries.

Com. Fisher thought the tenders should be dealt with as soon as possible, but he was willing to wait a week or ten days. He thought all classes wanted the city streets paved at the general expense, and he did not believe the proposed local improvement plebiscite was worth while.

Com. Bullock approved of the principle of local improvement taxes, but the present bill on the statute books had not worked. He believed they should take the citizens into their confidence, by holding a plebiscite, but they should not tell the citizens how to vote. He thought the paving tenders should be acted on at once, so contractors could make their arrangements.

Com. Jones said there was strong oppositon among the citizens to any permanent street work except by bond issue. About one-half of the paving so far done has been charged to bond issues.

Com. Thornton thought the people would not approve of the local improvement act, but was willing to have a plebiscite on the question. They were there to carry out the wishes of the people.

Consideration of tenders were laid over for ten days, and the mayor left on a journey.

Com. Fisher moved that a bill be prepared with the object of returning to abutters any money collected for paving through-traffic and business streets, and of providing for a plebiscite on the question of local improvement.

Com. Thornton—Didn't they petition to have the work done and agreed to pay for it?

The motion was adopted.

Employment Service.

A letter was read from K. J. Christie relative to the continuance of the free employment service. The Dominion will discontinue the service after April 1st, and the provincial government are being urged to carry on the work. The cost for New Brunswick would be about $24,000 a year. Nova Scotia will continue the service, and the other provinces, but New Brunswick has not decided what to do. The N. B. agencies make placements of 4,000 [illegible] communication was filed.

Com. Thornton said the street railway devil strippers were throwing so much ice to the sides of the streets that traffic was impeded.

Com. Fisher—We follow up and clear away this ice; sometimes we are not notified and the ice may be on the street a day or two.

Com. Fisher protested against the county council's bill asking that the municipality be given power in the parishes and the city to appropriate private property for industrial purposes. It would give the county greater power than the city had.

Com. Bullock, who had taken the chair—Opposition should have been made in the county council.

A motion opposing the principle of the county bill was adopted.

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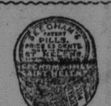
Who Will Promote Championship Fight?

Carpentier and Dempsey Bout Still Unsettled as Regards Promoter of the Mill.

Paris, Feb. 24—That a fight between Georges Carpentier and Jack Dempsey for the heavyweight championship of the world will go to whatever promoter succeeds in signing Dempsey to a contract is the gist of an interview with M. Deschamps, Carpentier's manager, which will be published tomorrow by Sporting, a weekly publication dealing with boxing. "I have given my signature to C. B. Cochrane, of London, William Fox, of New York, and Tex Rickard, as I shall give it to any one who shall bring me sufficient guarantees always, however, with the provision that Dempsey's signature be obtained," said M. Deschamp.

"Mr. Cochrane is a personal friend of mine, that is why I gave him the preference after Carpentier's match with Beckett. But up to this date he has been unable to secure Dempsey's signature. Meanwhile I have received a telegram from Jack Kearns, Manager of Dempsey, saying that Dempsey had not signed with any one. He also advised me strongly to deal with Tex Rickard and asked me to go to the United States where he said Kearns and Rickard were awaiting me."



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Is it that the professional entertainer has a tendency to deter the amateur? If so let us abolish the idea at once and encourage everyone with a talent to liberate it, thus taking a step toward the better fellowship of the whole community.

An endeavor has been made, through the St. John Society of Music to organize a chorus in the city, so far without satisfactory results.

Mr. Ford has been engaged to conduct this chorus and certainly there is not a musician in St. John with a wider knowledge of music or with more experience. We the choir masters be the first to give their hearty co-operation and show their interest in this endeavor by trying to organize in St. John a chorus which we hope will be known all over Canada.

ENTERTAINMENT AT SEAMEN'S INSTITUTE

Excellent Programme and Treat for the Sailors Carried Out Last Evening by the Women's Christian Temperance Union.

An excellent concert and treat was provided the sailors in port by the Women's Christian Temperance Union last evening in the Seamen's Institute. A fine programme was featured consisting of songs by Misses Estelle Earle and Windle, a piano solo by Miss Estelle and readings by Miss Nina Brown. Magnusson and his son Norman [illegible]

The large audience—there was over three hundred in attendance—fully enjoyed each number, greeting it with hearty applause and insisting on an encore from each performer.

An abundance of coffee and cake was served by the ladies at the conclusion of the enjoyable programme.

Canadian History.

(Sydney Record.)

A knowledge by the people of the history of the country and a understanding of how the Dominion came to its present status would make it more difficult for the demagogues to lead them into mistaken courses. A people who know where they come from and how they came to be are will not easily become the prey of partisans and may be counted on to steer their ship of state through the rocks that have wrecked other nations." The study of ancient history may help to give Canadians knowledge, but the study of Canadian history should not be given the subordinate place which it is accorded in too many of the educational institutions of the country.

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"FLU" EPIDEMIC APPEARS TO BE ON THE DECLINE

Fredericton, Feb. 24—Six cases of influenza were reported over night from the town of Bathurst to the public health department. The cases are all said to be of a mild type.

Concerning the outbreak of the flu at Sackville, Dr. G. G. Melvin stated this morning that later reports from that locality were that the epidemic was not as bad as was at first expected, although no definite reports about the number of cases has been received.

Three cases of influenza were reported from Keswick Ridge this morning. Two additional cases were reported from McAdam Junction, where six cases have also been reported as recovered and the quarantine on three houses lifted.

Up to date there have been 72 cases of influenza reported from York county, but eight or nine of these have recovered and the disease appears to be on the decline.

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BUILDING TRADES UNIONS CLASH IN MONTREAL

Internationals and Nationals in Fight for Supremacy and the Pubilc Forced to Suffer.

Montreal, Feb. 24—Possibilities of a general strike in the building trades in this province are looming up as a result of a clash which has come to a head between the international and national catholic unions in the industry. The two organizations are diametrically opposite in ideals and purposes, and both sides are now engaged in preparation for a struggle which must result in the obliteration of one of the unions and may result in a general upset in the building industry which would be disastrous at the present time when a boom in building is expected. Both unions are now holding meetings in the city and are organizing a fight for supremacy.

In view of the seriousness of the local situation the international conference board is sending officers to Washigton to lay the full facts of the case before the international presidents of the building trades unions there.

HOUSING QUESTION.

Commissioner Bullock, chairman of the St. John Housing Commission, states that should the amount of loan under the housing act for frame buildings be increased from $3,500 to $4,500, as the provincial government had recommended, the commission would still have to figure closely to erect a substantial house for this amount. The allowance, he pointed out, covered the cost of the land and incidentals.

Amongst the items on which the prices had recently gone up, were plumbing and bathroom fixtures. Dealers in these articles said that brass enamel fixtures are difficult to obtain and are away up in price with the prospect of going much higher.

As to the awarding of contracts for the work at Douglas Court, Mr. Bullock said that the contractors who submitted figures were doubtful if the work could be carried out at the prices quoted unless work was commenced immediately. He said that the commission was awaiting the result of the recommendation for the increase in the amount of the loan before taking action.

FORWARD MOVEMENT MEETING HELD

Entire Objective of $300 for Brookville Apportionment Was Oversubscribed at Meeting Held Last Evening

A very fine amount for the Forward Movement was subscribed last evening by the men of the community of Brookville and Torryburn. A meeting was held at the home of George M. Breen in the interests of the Forward Movement and able addresses were delivered by Rev. H. A. Goodwin of Centenary Church and Rev. Mr. Snelling of the Baptist Church, the addresses being followed by a social hour.

At the close of the meeting a collection was conducted by Rev. H. A. Goodwin and before the meeting broke up the entire objective of $300 for the Brookville apportionment had been oversubscribed.

This total makes the entire circuit of Silver Falls fully subscribed. Refreshments were served by the ladies of the community.

MONCTON DESIRES TO CHANGE DATE FOR CITY ELECTIONS

Will Ask Legislative Sanction to Issue Debentures to the Extent of $370,000.

Special to The Standard

Moncton, Feb. 24—The city council at its meeting tonight decided to ask for authority from the Legislature to change the date of holding the annual election for Mayor and Aldermen from the fourth Monday in January to the last Saturday in January.

The Council is also seeking authority to issue debentures to the extent of $370,000, the greater part of which is required for permanent streets and sidewalks and sewer and water extensions.

The Council also decided to engage an expert electrical engineer to appraise the value of the M. T. E. and Gas Co's power and light plant with a view to the city taking over the works along wih the street railway.

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