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COMMON COUNCIL.

THE CHAMBERLAIN'S REPORT SUBMITTED YESTERDAY AFTERNOON.

How the City Finances Stand—Considerable Business Transacted by the Board.

The Common Council met yesterday afternoon. After the return of the report on the election of the Mayor, W. A. Lockhart was declared duly elected Mayor for the ensuing year.

Chamberlain's Report

Chamberlain's report dealing with the receipts and expenditures of the city of St. John before union for the whole year, and embodying that part of the report, known as the Chamberlain's Report, dated on the 1st of May 1889, exhibiting balance on account interest in the sum of \$12,299.74 and orders unpaid in the sum of \$9,200.85 both of which balances have been materially reduced since entering on the present year.

The total funded debt on 31st Dec. 1889, and which is the issue of sundry debentures, issued under authority of various acts of Assembly, is represented in the sum of \$2,788,242.14 as follows:

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HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY.

THE REPORT OF AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE SUBMITTED.

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For the Latest Telegraphic News look on the First Page.

THE BLAIR INQUIRY.

Dr. Atkinson's fishing expedition, known as the Blair inquiry, has experienced a complete collapse. In spite of the most earnest endeavor to connect Mr. Blair with the charges preferred against him by the member for Carleton county, not a single particle of evidence has been adduced which in the remotest degree substantiates those accusations.

THE LOWER COVE BOULEVARD.

Yesterday a petition was placed before the Common Council asking that a street or boulevard be extended from the south end of Sydney street around the military grounds to the lower cove. This is a matter which we trust that the Council will take action upon as early a date as possible.

AN ACADIAN JUDGE.

The appointment of Mr. P. A. Landry, M. P. for the county of Kent, to the position of county court judge is a matter of considerable interest. Mr. Landry is the first Acadian that has ever held the office of a judge in the House of Commons of Canada.

NOTE AND COMMENT.

It is time the Common Council took some steps to compel the Common Clerks to file in the records of the city by laws and ordinances in a proper shape for publication. For almost twenty years the Common Clerks have neglected this duty.

THE ST. JOHN CONSTITUENTS.

The Daily Telegraph is the only St. John newspaper which has made an attempt to justify the giving of two members to the county of St. John, which is proposed to be done by the bill now before the legislature.

PLANS ARE FLYING FROM THE AMERICAN STEAM LAUNDRY.

The marriage of Miss Carrie M. Ellis second daughter of Mr. Thomas Ellis. The marriage will take place at Carleton Place on Friday, April 19th.

TWO GOOD COUNTRIES.

Two Good Countries—Kings is, so far as real estate is concerned, the wealthiest municipality in Nova Scotia except the city of Halifax. The figures for the municipality are—Real Estate, \$4,084,631; Personal, \$842,975; Income, \$28,976.

THE BLAIR INQUIRY.

THE EVIDENCE GIVEN BY THE ATTORNEY GENERAL YESTERDAY.

A Complete and Detailed Denial of the Charges Against Him.

PRESENTER, April 14th. Hon. Andrew G. Blair, sworn, was examined by Hon. Mr. Pughley.

Question—You are attorney general of the province and leader of the government? A—Yes.

Q—Which you would state the history of matters connected with the dry dock and the building of the dry dock in St. John as far as they have come under your notice as a member of the government? A—My first knowledge, as a member of the government, in connection with any application for the dock was when an application came from a company organized in St. John.

Q—In the year 1888, it was the company which Mr. Harl Peters was connected with? A—Yes.

Q—You had one or two delegations before the government on the subject, and the delegates were Mr. Harl Peters and Mr. A. A. Stockton? A—Yes.

Q—The application was considered by the government, and the conclusion which we arrived at was that while we were, as a government, under obligations to give the \$25,000 a year of the other 1882, since we had given the other subside to the company, it was our duty to do so, and that, in fact, we ought to exercise a careful discretion in the giving of the contract? A—It was in December, if I were to give any impression, this document which Mr. Leary drew up, while he was in that office.

Q—The company was organized, and the directors or some member of the company, I think, Mr. Peters, his son-in-law Albert J. Gregory, Mr. R. O. Stockton, Mr. Thomson and I think, Dr. A. A. Stockton? A—Yes.

Q—You were not going to put any money into the enterprise at all, and we initiated to the company that we would not require them to reconvene their board so as to take in a number of business men, shipping men, men of means and in St. John? A—Yes.

Q—Was this the order in council which you mentioned? A—Yes.

Q—The Council, 21st Dec., 1888. "Present: His honor the lieutenant governor. The committee of the executive council having read the petition with the accompanying documents submitted by the St. John Dock Company, incorporated under an act of assembly of this province praying that an order might be passed for the payment of the subsidy of \$25,000 for 20 years, under the authority of the act 45th Victoria, cap. 34, and having heard the president of the company, Mr. Harl Peters, and the members who addressed the committee, it is resolved that a large number of the board of directors of the company who appear to be the only ones identified with the shipping interest of the port of St. John or of the province, and some of them are arrived at present members of the legislature. The committee has no objection to make to the order proposed, and it is recommended that the order be passed in the form of a resolution of the executive council, and that the company be advised that, while willing to aid to the extent of existing legislative authority in the construction of a dock, and that a company having claims upon the government, and as being likely to promote the business interests of the port to a very large degree, it is not deemed advisable by the committee under the circumstances to that reference has already been made that an order be passed at present for a contract, proposed by the petitioning company. Recommendation adopted."

I believe that acting upon this suggestion there was some movement to reorganize the company, that some two or three gentlemen went out and two or three others came in. We had no further pressing application to us, and at all events no more. I do not think any further application at all was made. But at all events no pressing application was made to us for a subsidy, and the matter seemed to drop until the excitement in St. John following the election about the common council, and I will state very briefly what occurred in that connection. The excitement which occurred in St. John, and which led to the action of the common council at that time, as the government was concerned, culminated in an application made to us on behalf of the common council and Mr. Leary. The government was met by a delegation composed of the mayor and members of the common council. (Exhibit.)

Q—Is that the application the council made? A—I think so. The date (December 14th) corresponds with the time the committee met; they met a committee of the executive council. The delegation consisted of the mayor, Aldermen Peters, Kelly, and Baskin.

Q—Was Alderman Peters your yesterday it was Ald. Lewis? A—Well, I think it was Ald. Peters. I have a very distinct recollection of him addressing us in the council room. But if he says he was not here of course I am in error—and Ald. Connor and Mr. Leary. I had no private conversation with them at all with any individual member of the committee; or with Mr. Leary. The gentlemen advanced all the reasons which occurred to them in favor of their application, and they urged very strenuously that the government should then and there agree to enter the contract. I took my seat, and so stated that I thought, they were unduly pressing it, and I said we must have time to consider the matter. I said it is all very well that the common council of St. John have agreed to give a contract, but we cannot be entirely governed by that.

Q—Do you remember to us whether when they first presented it, the application was in writing? A—No. Mr. Leary's application was not in writing. I then said there said to Mr. Leary: You have not any formal application from

his colleagues in the council? Of course even after the order in council do pass authorizing these things, it is customary for the leader of the government to be spoken to before the papers are actually executed and Mr. McLean, in accordance with that usage, asked me if I would give my consent to his signing the contract which I gave him then and there. I heard not another syllable about the dock contract or dock business as far as I can recollect or recall in any way, until a letter came to me from the collector general enclosing a draft of a contract between Leary and the government, and the collector general asked me if my memory serves me right, (I have lost the letter and cannot find it) whether it was satisfactory and return to him. I received the letter in the hurry of the evening, my mind was preoccupied with everything else but dock contracts, and I did not even open the draft or read it. That, with other correspondence which was accumulating, was laid aside. I went into the country and never thought of it again until I was reminded of it by the collector general at Harlow, on the subject of which I was to speak there. How many days that contract remained, the papers remained unattended to I could not say, it would be wholly impossible for me to say. It passed entirely out of my mind until I was reminded of it, and I will state to the committee the circumstances under which it was brought before me. I had been requested in the early part of the campaign by the provincial secretary to address a meeting in the Institute in St. John in connection with the election. I had consented to do so and a date was named for a meeting, that would be early in the month of January. I had been requested in the early part of the campaign by the provincial secretary to address a meeting in the Institute in St. John in connection with the election. I had consented to do so and a date was named for a meeting, that would be early in the month of January. I had been requested in the early part of the campaign by the provincial secretary to address a meeting in the Institute in St. John in connection with the election. I had consented to do so and a date was named for a meeting, that would be early in the month of January.

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