

# City Council Turned Down Proposal of Finance Com.

**Majority Thought Proposal to Sell Real Estate for Arrears of Taxes too Drastic-- Finance Committee Reconsider Matter ---Tax-Collections Greatest on Record--- Bond Issue Suggested for Patriotic Fund -- Changes in City Hall Offices.**

Tax collections loomed large at last night's meeting of the City Council. The policy of the Finance Committee to collect taxes when they are due, which has met with so much success, met with a set-back. This check is probably but temporary, as the Finance Committee has been asked to further consider its proposal re the collection of arrears.

Ald. Wilkinson, acting for Ald. Reid, chairman of the Finance Committee, moved that after September 15th steps be taken to sell real estate on which taxes were in arrears. The motion was defeated by the close vote of five to four. Had Ald. Reid, who was ill, been present, there would have been a tie, with His Worship voting for the motion.

The opponents of the motion claimed that the course advised was too drastic, but after discussion admitted that the course of threatening to sell property on which arrears dated from a date previous to 1916, would be proper. It was explained to them that sixty days' notice of sale must be given.

The Finance Committee had also referred to it the matter of raising money to meet the city's share of the deficit in the Patriotic Fund. Ald. Burnett, supported by Ald. McLellan, strongly advocated a bond issue. Other

aidermen favored direct assessment.

A change in the allotment of the office room in the City Hall was decided upon. The City Clerk will take the Treasurer's office and the Treasurer will cross the hall to the office heretofore occupied by the Clerk.

## Auditor's Report.

The report of the Auditor on the monthly expenditure was passed as follows:

Water.....	\$1,693.65
Sewerage connections.....	395.91
Roads and Streets.....	2,857.60
Contingent.....	40.35
Street lighting.....	864.07
Administration of justice.....	470.22
City Hall.....	214.97
Canada Temperance Act.....	39.60
Market.....	9.00
Municipal Home.....	312.50
Fire.....	100.09

Total.....\$6,988.06

## Municipal Home.

For the Municipal Home Committee, Ald. Baxter reported a total monthly expenditure of \$177.07, made up of \$84.07 for the upkeep of the Home, and \$93 for outside relief. On his motion a cheque for \$200 was ordered to

issue in favor of Commissioner Niles.

## Tax Collections.

Ald. Wilkinson presented a comparative statement of tax collections, as follows:

August 1915.....	\$66,730.30
August 1916.....	87,500.46

He commented on the fact that the tax collections in the last month were the best on record.

## Band Concerts.

For the Music Committee, Ald. Lemont reported six concerts played by the Fredericton Brass Band during August. A total of nineteen concerts had been played. It was not the intention to limit the number of concerts to twenty. Several more would be played. On Sunday next at Wilmot Park there would be a special programme as a memorial to Lord Kitchener.

## City Hall Matter.

Ald. Shea, for the City Hall Committee, reported that a new vault, entirely modern and suitable, had been installed in the building and was now ready for use. He stated also that a change in city offices was desirable, and moved that the City Hall Committee be empowered to make necessary changes in the allotment of offices, the City Treasurer being assigned to the office lately occupied by the City Clerk and the latter taking the Treasurer's office. His motion was carried.

## Union of Municipalities.

Ald. Lemont, at the request of His Worship, reported on the meeting of the New Brunswick Union of Municipalities. He said the Union was an important body and one deserving of support. The Mayor of Fredericton

had been a conspicuous figure at the convention. It also was noticeable that the City Clerk of Fredericton was regarded as the father of the Union. It was regrettable that the membership of the Union changed so frequently. This detracted from the usefulness of the body. The programme had been a disappointment to him. Only one paper had been read before the Union.

His Worship stated that Ald. Lemont had thoroughly covered the ground. The entertainment of the delegates had been magnificent. He spoke of the inspection of the joint water system of the towns of St. Stephen, Milltown and Calais. A visit to St. Croix harbor had been another feature of the entertainment. Personally, he believed that too many papers should not be read before the conventions.

His Worship said that Ald. Lemont had occupied a most prominent position at the convention, and when he took the floor made them all "sit up and take notice."

City Clerk McCready had been repeatedly referred to in most complimentary fashion. He was made an honorary member for life, a distinction so far given to no other person.

A Legislation Committee had been appointed by the Union to watch any legislation introduced before the Local House of Assembly. Power also was given to president to call a meeting of the Union whenever it was deemed advisable. His Worship regretted that Fredericton had not been represented at the Canadian Union of Municipalities.

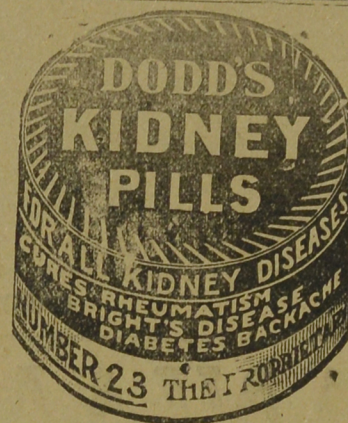
The Fredericton delegates had not supported a resolution calling for the connection of the Canadian Government Railways with the State of Maine lines via St. Stephen.

## Proposal Re Bonds.

A communication from the Eastern Securities Co. was read. In it the offer was made to sell to the city \$6,000 of city bonds due April 1st, 1917, for 99½, and accrued interest.

Ald. Wilkinson said that Ald. Reid, chairman of the Finance Committee, had strongly urged the acceptance of

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## FOR RETURNED SOLDIERS.

NOTICE is hereby given that a branch of the Provincial Returned Soldiers' Aid Committee has been organized for the Counties of York, Sunbury and Queens, and the City of Fredericton, as a district, with Dr. T. C. Allen Chairman and Judge Wilson Secretary.

All employers of labor in said district willing to give preference to returned disabled soldiers as employees, and all returned discharged soldiers wanting employment residing therein, are requested to notify the secretary.

JUDGE WILSON,

DR. T. C. ALLEN, Secretary.

Chairman.

January 22nd, 1916.

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