

# LITTLE IMPORTANT BUSINESS BEFORE THE COUNCIL

The Road Commissioner Must Not Use His Own Horses For Street Work—Reports Submitted by the Officials.

The City Council's February meeting held last night was short but not as short as it might have been had Road Commissioner Jewett's stallion which is used by the Road Department in its work, not come up for discussion. As much time was devoted to this matter as to all the other items of business. The discussion resulted in the passing of a strongly worded resolution introduced by Ald. Lemont, which calls upon the Road Committee to instruct the commissioner to employ none but licensed teamsters who own the horses they drive.

The resignation of Major W. J. Osborne, now with the 55th Battalion at Bramshott, England, as alderman for Queens Ward, was accepted. The seat will remain vacant until the day of the civic election.

Those present were Mayor Mitchell, Ald. Barker, Ald. Burnett, Ald. Everett, Ald. Wilkinson, Ald. Walker, Ald. Lemont and Ald. Reid.

## AUDITOR'S REPORT.

The auditor's report was passed, as follows:

Water Department	\$967.66
Sewerage	36.98
House connections	20.64
Roads and streets	489.03
Public works	309.71
Street lighting	435.84
Fire Department	62.39
Administration of justice	539.14
Canada Temperance Act	1.80
City Hall	241.11
Municipal Home	56.00
Market and Scales	9.00
Assessing and Collecting	22.25
Contingent department	567.77
Total	\$3,759.32

## MUNICIPAL HOME.

For the Municipal Home Department Ald. Lemont reported an expenditure of \$110.67 at the Home and of \$64.08 for outdoor relief, making a total expenditure of \$174.75 and leaving a balance of \$27.05. The report was received and adopted and a cheque for \$200 was ordered to issue in favor of Commissioner Niles.

## TAX COLLECTIONS.

Ald. Reid reported for the Finance Committee on tax collections for January for follows:

January 1915	\$1,323.44
January 1916	1,594.21

The report was received and adopted.

A monthly instalment of \$300 was ordered to issue in favor of the Fredericton Patriotic Committee on the motion of Ald. Reid.

## CHIEF OF POLICE REPORT.

Ald. Walker presented the annual report of Chief of Police McCollom and read extracts from it. On the motion of Ald. Walker the report was ordered to be printed in the Blue Book. In making the motion, the alderman made some very complimentary remarks concerning the work of the police force.

## BUILDING INSPECTOR'S REPORT.

Ald. Wilkinson presented the report of the Fire and Building Inspector, George W. Ross. The report stated that during 1915 eighteen new buildings had been erected, thirteen repaired and seven re-roofed with metal. The total cost of building operations had been \$55,355. Eighteen dangerous chimneys had been repaired. Outbuildings had been found in better condition than formerly.

A recommendation was made that the Building Law be amended so as to give the inspector wider powers.

His Worship Mayor Mitchell strongly urged that the recommendation be acted upon.

The report was adopted.

## ROAD COMMISSIONER'S REPORT.

Ald. Wilkinson presented the annual report of Road Commissioner H. C. Jewett. The report stated that operations during the year had been confined to grading roads and preparing sidewalks for pavement at a later date. An important recommendation was that concrete be substituted for asphalt as a material for sidewalks, being cheaper in the long run. The report was adopted.

## TO AMEND BUILDING LAW.

On the motion of Ald. Wilkinson, the Legislation Committee was authorized to prepare an amendment to the Building Law, under which the powers of the building inspector will be extended.

## RESIGNATION ACCEPTED.

On a resolution moved by Ald. Walker, the resignation of Ald. Osborne as senior alderman for Queens Ward was accepted and the day of election of his successor decided to be the same day as that of civic election.

Ald. Lemont seconded the resolution.

tion, spoke feelingly concerning Major Osborne's worth as an alderman and citizen.

## TO TURN OFF WATER.

Ald. Everett drew attention to the fact that water and sewerage rates were in arrears to the amount of some \$4000. Seconded by Ald. Reid, he moved that those in arrears for water or sewerage rates be shut off from the city water system irrespective of anything but the fact that they were defaulters.

Ald. Wilkinson was authorized to call for tenders for new uniforms for the Fire Department drivers.

## COMMISSIONER'S STALLION.

Ald. Burnett moved a resolution prepared by Ald. Baxter, who was absent, which was to the effect that the road commissioner be instructed to employ none but licensed teamsters owning their own teams and that the work of the Road Department be divided equally among the licensed teamsters instead of being given almost entirely to one man as in the past year. The resolution referred to this teamster as McLean.

Ald. Everett seconded the resolution. Ald. Baxter pointed out that it would be difficult to find out whether or not a teamster owned his own horse. The teamster referred to, McLean, was licensed and had as much right to city work as any other man. It was not true that almost all the work was done by one horse and one teamster.

Ald. Wilkinson said the trouble was that a stallion owned by Road Commissioner Jewett was being used on road work. There were many people who objected to this practice and several years ago a resolution similar to that before the council had been introduced. He could not see that anything would be injured by the passing of the resolution.

Ald. Lemont thought the facts should be investigated before the resolution was passed.

He moved in amendment that the necessary instructions be issued to the Road Committee to instruct the commissioner to employ only licensed teamsters owning their own horses and to divide the work of the department equitably among such licensed teamsters.

The resolution was carried.

The council then adjourned.

## WAS CAPTURED BY HUN SUBMARINE

(Canadian Press.)

Newport News, Va., Feb. 1.—The British South African liner Appam, given up for lost, was brought into Hampton Roads this morning, flying the German man-of-war flag with a German prize crew of twenty-two men, commanded by Lieut. Berg. She was captured at sea on January 15, four days after she left Akar, British West Africa. The Appam brought her original passengers and 138 persons, said to have been taken from other vessels by the Germans. Four injured passengers on board are said to have been taken from an English ship from Australia. About 425 persons, including passengers and crew, are aboard the ship. While Lieut. Berg came ashore to pay his respects to Col. Maynes, commandant at Fortress Monroe, quarantine officers boarded the ship. Meanwhile, no one was permitted to come ashore.

The Appam was captured off the Canary Islands on January 15 by a German submarine, which a few hours before had sunk a British steamer.

Washington, Feb. 1.—Customs Collector Hamilton at Norfolk, reported to the treasury that the German prize steamer Appam, which came into Hampton Roads this morning, has prisoners of war aboard. His report was referred at once to the state department which will determine the status of the vessel.

## Slants Of Humor

### TOBACCO.

Tobacco is a dirty weed, I like it.  
It satisfies no normal need, I like it.  
It makes you thin, it makes you lean, It takes the hair right off your bean. It's the worst darn thing I've ever seen.  
I like it.

—Penn State Froth.

### NEW MOTHER GOOSE.

Young Mrs. Hubbard went to the delicatessen store to get her pug dog

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## Opposition Platform

The following platform was adopted at the Opposition Convention held in St. John recently:

In the event of the Opposition being returned to power, we pledge ourselves:—

### NO PARTIZAN CONTROL OF CROWN LANDS.

1. We pledge ourselves to completely reorganize the Crown Lands Department, so that its administration shall be entirely severed from politics and administered on sound business principles under systematic plans by a non-partizan commission specially appointed for that purpose, responsible to the Legislature and working in co-operation with the Dominion Commission of Conservation.

### TAKE THE HIGHWAYS OUT OF POLITICS.

2. We pledge ourselves to take the highways out of politics, giving the expenditure of the money collected from the people and the control of the labor, together with the Government appropriations, into the hands of supervisors, chosen by the people of each parish, to whom a detailed and audited account must be rendered every year at the annual meeting, and a duplicate thereof forwarded to the Department of Public Works, the work of the supervisors to be under the inspection of a competent provincial engineer.

We also pledge ourselves to set aside the money collected from the licenses upon automobiles and other motor vehicles, together with an equal appropriation from the revenues of the Province each year, to pay the interest upon the bonds to provide for permanent roads, which shall be constructed as rapidly as possible.

### PROHIBITION PROVINCE WIDE.

3. We pledge ourselves at the first session of the Legislature to pass a law prohibiting the sale of intoxicating liquors within the Province to the fullest extent allowed by the Constitution, and within three months after the passage of said Act to submit the same by referendum to the electors of the Province, and should the majority of votes cast be in favor of the said law, then to bring the same into force by proclamation within one year thereafter.

### ELECTION LAW.

4. (a) To amend the electoral law so as to make it impossible for members of the Legislature to traffic with the Government and still retain their seats.

(b) To make it possible for young men, when they reach the age of 21 years, to register their names and be placed forthwith upon the voters' lists, instead of waiting for the tedious machinery of revision as it now exists.

(c) To divide the counties into electoral districts which shall each be represented by one member.

(d) We will also consider amendments to the election law to make bribery in municipal as well as provincial elections impossible.

### PROVINCIAL FINANCES.

5. To obtain at once a correct statement of the financial condition of the Province in order that the people may have definite knowledge of the vastly increased public debt and the enormous obligations of guaranteed bonds they will be called upon to pay; and to so reduce the cost of the administration of affairs and the number of useless officials as to avoid the necessity for direct taxation now confronting us.

### AGRICULTURE.

6. To give the farmers all the practical assistance that the resources of the Province will permit, to improve agricultural methods and the quality and quantity of the stock upon the farm; to reduce the enormous salary list in the department, and to spend the educational grant received from the Federal Government without regard for political patronage.

### VALLEY RAILWAY.

7. To complete the Valley Railway from a point on the Trans-continental Railway at or near Grand Falls, to St. John, and insist upon the Dominion Government carrying out the terms of the original legislation and allow the Province forty per cent. of the gross earnings thereof.

### EDUCATION.

8. To always maintain and improve the educational service of the Province and to co-operate with the Federal Government in carrying out the recommendations of the commission upon technical education.

### IMMIGRATION.

9. The inauguration of a vigorous immigration policy to properly place before intending immigrants, whose number will be large after termination of the war, the advantages of the agricultural possibilities of New Brunswick.

some nice caviar. But none found she there; the shelves were all bare. He'll have to eat liver till after the war.—Yale Record.

### WHAT SHE DID MEAN.

Miss Modern—Do you suppose that one could catch disease from kisses? Mrs. Wise—Well, I caught a husband.—Sanford Chaparral.

### POOR FELLOW.

"Poor fellow, he's an orphan."  
"Are his grandparents alive?"  
"Oh, no."  
"Poor fellow."  
"Worse than that."  
"What else?"  
"His great-grandparents are dead, too."  
"Poor fellow."—Jack O' Lantern.

### GET A DECISION.

"He called me an ass!"  
"Don't stand for it."  
"What'll I do?"  
"Make him prove it."—Tiger.

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