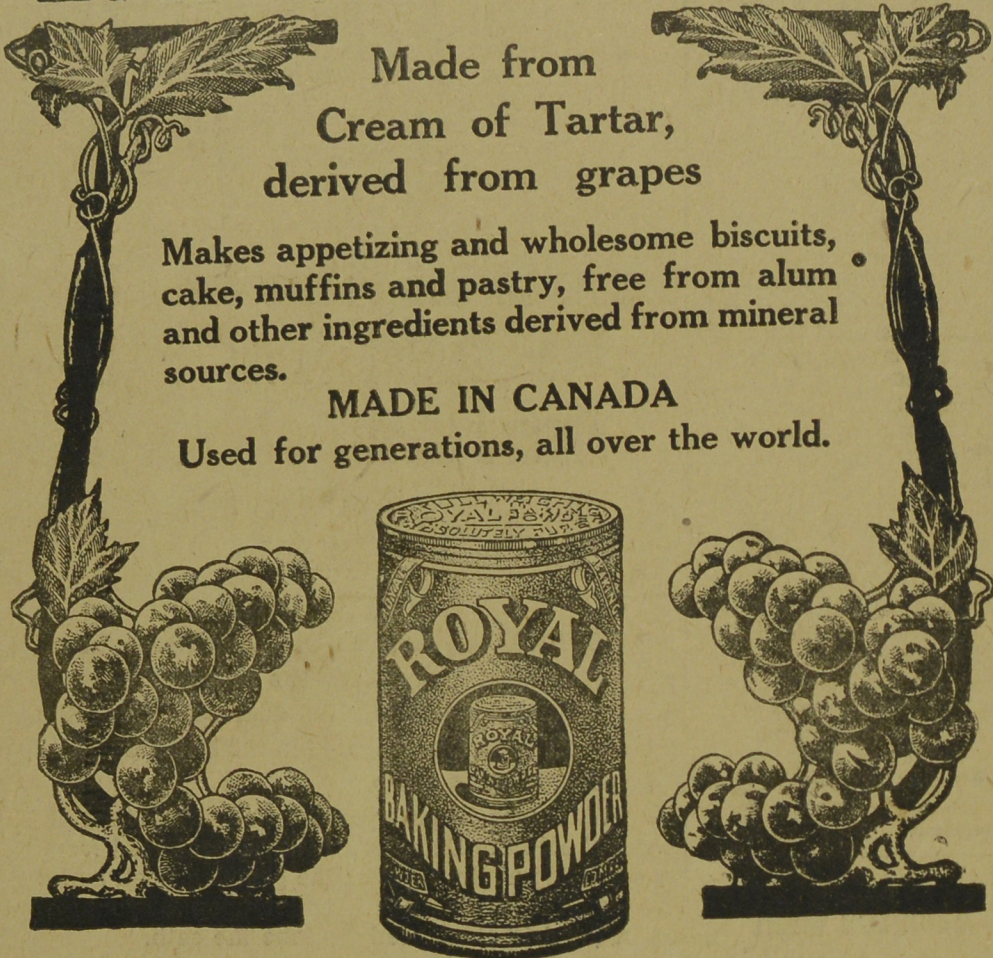


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Extensive Work on Streets Outlined by Engineer

Road Committee Will Take His Report up
In Detail But Must Keep Within Appropriation--Report of Expert on Street
Lighting to be Taken up at Special
Meeting of City Council--R. B. Hanson
Declines to Reduce Bill.

The City Council last night at its regular June meeting disposed of a considerable amount of important business. The Fire Committee was empowered to enter into a contract for the improvement of the electric fire alarm system. An exhaustive report on street improvements, under way and contemplated, was received from the city engineer and referred to the Roads and Streets Committee to act on condition that the appropriation be not exceeded.

Ald. Lemont presented a report of Mr. J. R. Vaughn, representing Stone & Webster, of Boston, engineers, on the street lighting situation in Fredericton. This report is favorable to buying electric current from the Fredericton Gas Light Company, rather than operating the city plant on Carleton street. It probably will be considered in detail at a special meeting.

Auditor's Report.

The Auditor's report on expenditures for the month was passed as follows:

Water	\$2,046.30
House connections	238.91
Sewerage	66.87
Wharves	2.90
Market	2.90
Fire	660.32
Street lighting	1,138.83
Canada Temp. Act.	90.75
Administration of Justice	419.99
City Hall	155.09
Contingent	129.12
Roads and streets	1,389.91
Criminal Court	79.75
Total	\$6,421.64

Ald. Baxter reported that expenditures during the month in the Municipal Home department had totalled \$256.03, of which \$136.38 was at the home and the balance for outdoor relief.

Ald. Reid, reporting on tax collections, moved that the Council endorse the action of the Finance Committee in deciding to use legal means to collect all taxes and rents in arrears after June 15. Carried.

Ald. Lemont reported on band concerts. He said the Fredericton Brass Band had played the first open air concert in Wilmot Park on the last Sunday in May.

Street Lighting.

Ald. Lemont, for the Street Lighting Committee, made a lengthy report. He stated that Mr. Vaughn, representing Stone & Webster, of Boston, expert engineers, had looked into the local lighting situation, and made an exhaustive report. There had been a strong feeling among citizens that this city should not be placed in the hands of the Fredericton Gas Light Company as far as street lighting was concerned. Personally he was not as concerned an advocate of municipal ownership as he had been. The Public Utilities Commission furnished a suitable safeguard against overcharging or hold-up on the part of a company. He felt the city could safely enter into a contract with the Fredericton Gas Light Company.

The street lighting system, he believed, was fairly efficient, although handicapped in certain directions. One handicap was the frequent changes in the chairmanship of the department. Another was that plant and equipment were old fashioned and it would be difficult to replace the men now in charge of them. Another handicap was the lack of a spare plant.

Ald. Lemont claimed that lighting the streets by contract would be cheaper than operating the city plant. Mr. Vaughn had estimated an annual saving of \$1,500 by buying current at the rate of 3½ cents per kilowatt-hour. However, he (Lemont) was not willing to abandon the city plant, but thought that a short term contract should be made, the current being delivered at the Carleton street station. This would make it necessary to have but one city employee instead of three in the Street Lighting Department.

The Lighting Committee had been unable to reach a unanimous opinion on the matter, and so no report was made. The report of Mr. Vaughn should be placed before the Council and considered at a special meeting. Ald. Lemont's motion to that effect was carried.

Mr. Hanson's Account.

Ald. Walker, chairman of the Administration of Justice Committee, said he had conferred with Mr. R. B.

Hanson with regard to alleged overcharging in his bill for services as city solicitor in the Stennick case. Mr. Hanson had asked for an opportunity to meet the Council and express his opinion, but had declined to reduce the items in the bill. He had said that his time was as valuable in the police court as in the Supreme Court. His charge of \$25 per day was not excessive. In some cases he had got as much as fifty dollars per day.

Ald. Shea reported that the City Hall Committee had proceeded with installation of a new vault. On his motion the action of the committee was endorsed.

Roads and Streets.

Ald. McLellan, chairman of the Roads and Streets Committee, presented a report from the city engineer, Mr. George McKnight. The alderman stated that there would be considerable expenditure before improvement in the streets would be very observable.

Ald. McLellan said that he was not favorable to the use of mouth of Nashwaak gravel on the streets. He considered that it was too fine. However, it had been used successfully in St. Marys.

He suggested that the report be taken up at a special meeting of the City Council.

Ald. Reid moved that the report be referred to the Roads and Streets Committee, with the understanding that the committee keep within its estimate.

Ald. Everett seconded the motion, and it was carried.

On motion of Ald. Wilkinson it was decided that citizens desirous of laying curb and gutter be required to deposit with the city half the estimated cost of the same, the city to do the work.

Fire Alarm System.

Ald. Wilkinson presented a report of the Fire Committee on proposed alterations in the fire alarm system. On his motion the committee was empowered to enter into a contract for the necessary work.

Ald. Lemont moved that the revisors of the city of Fredericton be authorized to expend a sufficient amount to take a census of men of military age, in accordance with legislation passed by the New Brunswick House of Assembly. Carried.

Ald. Burnett objected that the Dominion Government should take this work in hand, and not the city.

Resolution on Late Auditor.

On the motion of Ald. Walker a resolution was passed expressing the sympathy of the City Council to the widow and family of the late Matthew Tennant, who died while holding the office of City Auditor, and also the feeling of appreciation for the excellent ser-

vices rendered to the city by the deceased.

The Council then adjourned.

ENGINEER'S REPORT.

The report of the City Engineer, presented to the Council by Ald. McLellan, was as follows:

After going over the proposed work for this summer, I would like to have the following notes presented to your committee and the City Council, to see if you would help me to decide just how much of the following work it will be possible to do. All of it should be done, but I fear that our money will not be sufficient to do all that is mentioned below.

I would suggest the necessity of building a concrete combined curb and gutter on King street, between Carleton and Regent streets; and rebuild this piece of street with sandstone foundation, fill with gravel, with a four-inch surface of crushed trap work, similar to that part of the same street between Carleton and York streets, which I feel sure is equal to a cheaply built Tarvia street.

Regent street, between King and Brunswick, should be treated in like manner. This would connect York and Regent streets on King with a good street and complete the streets to both C. P. R. and I. C. R. freight sheds. I estimate the cost of these blocks at about \$3,600 to make a good start and put down curb and gutter.

The block on Charlotte street between St. John and Church streets is in very bad condition, and if sufficient money could be obtained something should be done on this block as well. Owing to the poor material used for filling on this piece of street, and the bad condition of the drainage, a dangerous mud hole has been formed almost in front of the Charlotte street school. It is almost impossible to overcome this condition without at least a curb and gutter, as the material along the ditch line is so soft and bogy that it is useless to ditch this block, as it would only slump again in wet weather and make a still deeper hole, and, without a proper curbing, could not be kept in condition to drain thoroughly.

Queen Street.

In front of the Parliament Buildings is another bad piece of road, which interferes with traffic on the lower end of Queen street. This could be helped quite a lot by giving this piece of street a coating of about four inches of trap rock, as the bottom is of good hard macadam and by improving the ditches some, it would probably last for four or five years, at the end of which time we would perhaps be in a position to build a permanent street.

On St. John street and on Church street between George and Charlotte streets, some repairs are needed. Both drainage and surface are bad. If the drainage is touched-up and a good coating of gravel put on these blocks, it would help conditions here a lot.

Between York and Smythe streets the drainage on all the streets from Brunswick to Aberdeen was bad. I have George and Charlotte streets about done, and will perhaps be able to touch up Brunswick and Aberdeen this present week. With these streets reditched I feel that it will improve them a lot in wet weather, and, by using a light coating of gravel, have the streets kept in fairly good condition.

Surface Sewers.

The surface sewers on Smythe street from the river bank to Brunswick street, and from Charlotte street to the Valley Railway tracks, are badly out of repair, and in several places are caved in. Again, the outlets of the Northumberland street and St. John street surface sewers have caved in and will have to be renewed. It would take about 1,000 lin. feet of 15-inch terra cotta pipe, 460 lin. feet of 20-inch, and 300 lin. feet of 12-inch pipe (the 12-inch for cross connections) to do this work and put these sewers in good repair. The above 1,000 feet of 15-inch pipe would also do a block on George street, between Carleton and Regent streets, that has no sewer of any kind at present and floods badly in wet weather.

The cost of the above mentioned pipe by quotations received a few days ago is: 12-inch, by carload of 700 lin. feet, \$35.38 per 100 feet; 15-inch, in carload of 500 lin. feet, \$49.50 per 100 lin. feet; 20-inch, by carload of 230 lin. feet, \$91.88 per 100 lin. feet. I had 24-inch pipe in mind for this, but owing to the great difference in price between 20 and 24 inch, I think it is not worth the difference as a good 20-inch pipe will carry a lot of water with a reasonable grade. The price of 24-inch pipe on the same rating is \$131.25 per 100 lin. feet.

Lower Road.

In the matter of repairs to highway near Fraser's mill, below the city, I have taken this work up with Mr. Fraser personally, and on stating to him that I was of the opinion that some offer had been made by the Frasers to the city in connection with this work, either in 1913 or 1914, whereby the Frasers agreed that if the city would undertake to spend a certain sum

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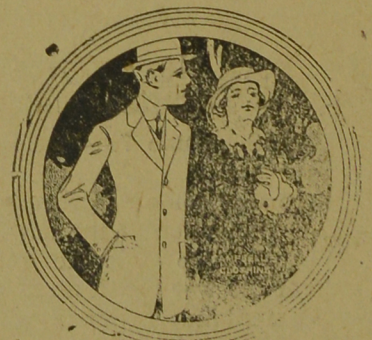
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