

Increased Assessment of Over Three Thousand Dollars for 1929

Amount for This Year Was Set at \$271,000 by City Council in Committee Last Night—Increased Grant to Fire Department, Roads and Streets, Etc. Accounts for New Amount — Heated Discussions of Several Departments Namely Fire and Hospital—\$4,000 More Given to the Fire Department—More Sidewalk Talk.

After a lengthy consideration of the various estimates of the year, the City Council last night in committee arrived at a fixed assessment for the year 1929, which is \$271,000. This amount was settled upon after a great deal of argument on various items of the proposed expenditure program, and resulted in some prolonged and somewhat heated discussions on various topics, such as Victoria Hospital Street Light, Roads and Streets, Permanent Sidewalks, Old Burial Ground and Children's Aid. The assessment this year is an increase of \$3,500 over last year's total assessment.

Reason For It

The reason for increased assessment this year is accounted for in the increased grants given to several departments. The Fire Department grant, was increased from \$12,000 to \$16,000 after a long and heated argument, which brought all the members of the council into it. Ald. LeBaron Bull, chairman of the fire committee, in bringing up the question of increased fire protection for the city and the buildings of the University of New Brunswick, as well as English Settlement district, moved that the grant be increased \$4,000 to allow for any action that may be taken in this important matter. It was Ald. Bull's idea that by thus appropriating \$4,000 more, the first instalment on the "booster" pump could be paid, if it should be deemed necessary to buy one. He was told by His Worship the Mayor that Professor John Stephens, of the Engineering staff of the University of New Brunswick had advised that a thorough test of the pressure of the water in the vicinity of the college buildings and English Settlement should be made before any other action was taken. In the event that the pressure was not satisfactory it would be immediately advisable to purchase the pumper to get the proper pressure.

Could Be Done

Asked as to whether he thought the purchase of a pumper could be successfully financed, His Worship was confident that the financial part of it could be arranged. Ald. Mitchell stated that the special committee appointed to inquire into the matter of fire protection and report back to the council, would be ready to make that report as soon as the investigation into the water pressure had been made.

Ald. Bull asserted firmly that the increase in appropriation should be made at once, so that as soon as the water pressure had been tested and if a pumper should be found necessary to proper fire fighting, then the purchase could be made immediately without any delay. Several of the

council members opposed this at first but it was finally passed on a motion by Ald. Bull and seconded by Ald. Thompson. The opinions of City Engineer J. D. McKay and Aldermen C. L. Dougherty and F. H. Richards were also heard. The latter wished to know why the water pressure at the pumping station could not be sent up to a pressure of 70 pounds or thereabouts, instead of 55 where it stands at present.

The engineer, Mr. McKay said that investigations were now going on in this regard to determine the pressure at various points about the city and college hill, and reports would be made later.

Roads and Streets

The Roads and Streets department appropriation increased from \$26,000 to \$31,000. Ald. Parker Currier, chairman of this department, said that in increased work on gravel roads and the purchase of a sprinkler would account for this increased grant to that department.

Public Works was increased from \$3,000 to \$5,000 to allow for new items of work about the city. The City Government and contingencies department was appropriated at \$11,750, which is more than \$4,000 less than in the year 1928.

The City Hall grant was lessened \$500; considerable repair work had been done on the City Hall during the past year and this year the grant was made less for that reason. In response to an urgent plea from a delegation, the Old Burial Ground appropriation was increased from \$300 to \$600. Contingencies this year will be \$3000 less than last year, when the appropriation was fixed at \$10,000. General interest is \$3,000. Wilmot Park is \$300 less than in the year 1928. An increased grant of \$300 was given to the Children's Aid, though there was some dissent in the council. Ald. C. L. Dougherty claiming that he thought that the sum was too much, and was encouraging laziness on the part of delinquent parents.

An increase of \$200 was allowed the Fredericton Tourist Committee. Last year, the first year of this organization the grant was \$500.

On the items of the city Government and contingencies a revenue of \$17,000 was credited, which made that department considerably lower. Wharves and insurance was made lower, the former being only \$500 while insurance was set at \$2000, being \$200 less than in 1928.

The school assessment this year is more than \$2,000 less than it was last year; the appropriation this year is \$110,000. In 1928 the amount was \$112,725 while in the preceding year, 1927 it was more than \$114,000.

Two Years Compared

Following are the items with total assessment for 1928 and 1929:			
1928 Levy	Expenditure	Department	1929 Levy
\$112,725.00	\$112,725.00	Schools	\$110,000.00
56,299.64	56,299.64	Principal, Interest and Sinking Funds	56,224.24
5,000.00	6,979.75	Victoria Hospital	5,000.00
3,000.00	2,891.19	Maintenance of Public Health	3,000.00
7,500.00	6,789.17	Municipal Home	7,000.00
7,000.00	6,833.95	Street Light	7,000.00
12,000.00	13,320.36	Fire Department	16,000.00
26,000.00	27,179.27	Roads and Streets	31,000.00
3,000.00	3,158.57	Public Works	5,000.00
16,000.00	15,794.11	Administration of Justice	16,000.00
3,000.00	3,187.31	Permanent Sidewalks	3,000.00
15,975.36	31,740.08	City Government and Contingencies	11,750.00
\$267,500.00			\$270,974.24
3,000.00	4,580.82	City Hall	2,500.00
300.00	286.75	Old Burial Ground	600.00
10,000.00	6,903.66	Contingencies	7,000.00
4,000.00	3,598.80	General Interest	3,000.00
4,000.00	3,743.31	Assessing and Collecting	4,000.00
6,000.00	5,724.92	City Government	6,000.00
800.00	420.76	Wilmot Park	500.00
400.00	500.00	Local Improvement	400.00
500.00	600.00	Children's Aid	800.00
750.00	750.00	Victorian Order	750.00
500.00	435.17	Fredericton Tourist Committee	700.00
1,000.00	1,827.29	Wharves	500.00
1,800.00	2,234.42	Insurance	2,000.00
			\$ 28,750.00
		Subtract Revenue	17,000.00
			\$ 11,750.00

Discussion of Sidewalks

Near the conclusion of the meeting which lasted until after eleven o'clock question of sidewalks came up and was left unfinished to other matters and lateness of the hour. Ald. Currier brought up the matter of the building of new sidewalks on Queen street. Ald. C. L. Dougherty was of the opinion that some schemes of permanent sidewalk building should be made with the City Engineer and the council members at the head of it to control and regulate the work. The system at present he said was all wrong, there being no systematic way of carrying out the work at all. In closing, the youngest council member, opined that the sidewalk between the C. P. R. station house and Queen street, needed such sidewalk repair more than any other place in the town.

Ald. Moses Mitchell thought that the ordinary scheme should be varied out this year and the new idea left to the council of 1930.

Ald. Goodspeed opined that the new scheme should be commenced next year and the usual work be done this year.

BALD HEADS GET A BREAK IN STYLES

BALD HEADS. .6 .66 .6xtsa5. .*6. .6 New York, N. Y.—Here y'are, fellows—the lowdown on what, if anything, you're to wear this year to be in fashion.

You must wear clothes that harmonize with your hair, say the lads who wouldn't eat off anything but a fashion plate and know their garters like a chicken knows her eggs. You gotta have clothes that match your hair!

But how about the baldheaded guys?

There's the rub. The big spat and cravat men who have decreed duds to match thatch haven't given thought to the boys whose domes shine like a cross-country marathoner's heel.

What Color is Bald Spot

The edict of the big bosses in the cut-away and fade-away business revives that old question entitled, "what color is the bald spot?"

Their decree makes it easy for the fellows with the scintillating pates to wear old clothes and get away with it. An old suit is shiny. And so is your barren dome. What a break for the chappies who use the palms of their hands for a comb!

But maybe they're supposed to wear fig leaves.

The newest order from the headquarters of the ready-to-wear men calling for louder and funnier clothes than won't show up falling hair so much, brings up a lot of questions. Like a sea voyage after you've eaten the missing links out of your animal cracker box.

A guy with black hair will be taken for an undertaker, no matter how hard he slaps you on the shoulder blades.

And if he has a blond stenographer he'll have to take himself to the dry cleaner every night on the way home.

Mother—Did you give little sister some if your candy?

Little Willie—I couldn't, Mom. She grabbed it all!

Heart Trouble Hands and Feet Numb and Cold

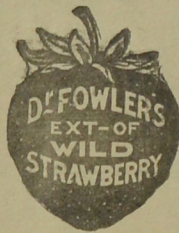
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It was found in the Premier mine, Transvaal, South Africa, about 15 feet below the surface of the earth and the discoverer was attracted by the brilliance of a small corner of the stone which was visible. It measured four inches by two and one-half inches by two inches.

The Cullinan diamond received its name after the founder of the mine in which it was found. It is about three times as large as the Excelsior stone, which was found in 1905, and which, until the Cullinan diamond was discovered, was the largest on earth. The Excelsior weighed 970 carats, and when cut into smaller stones it brought \$2,000,000, the largest of which was named the Imperial.

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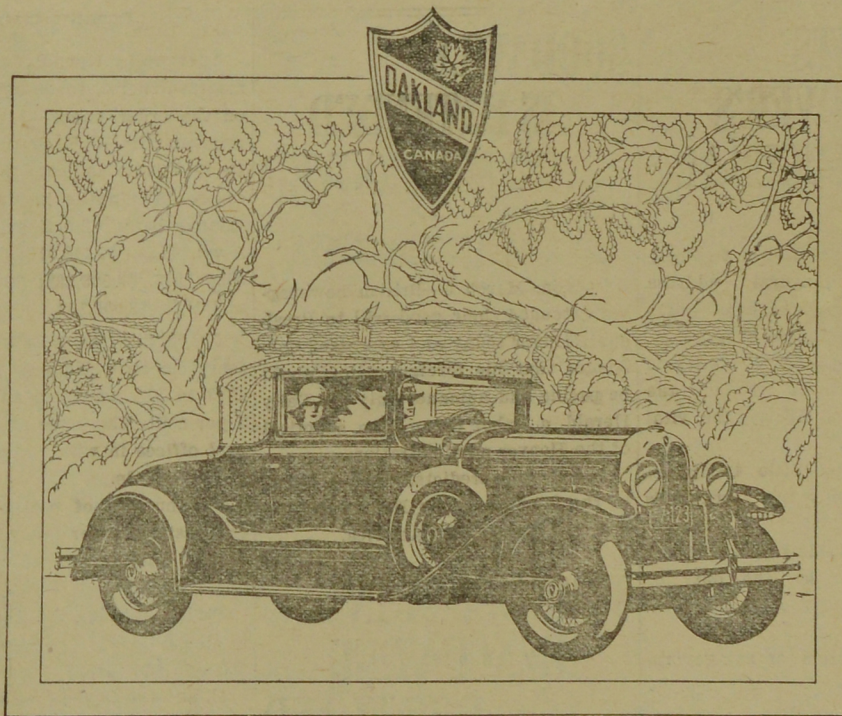
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