

THE ISSUE CLEARLY DEFINED.

"I feel that the government, as it has been reconstructed, should appeal to the people for a mandate to continue the work of its immediate predecessors—a work which I think will commend itself to the public judgment."—Extract from Premier Murray's manifesto to the electors.

There you have the whole story in a nutshell. Do the people approve of the work of Mr. J. Kidd Flemming in his capacity of Premier of New Brunswick? If they do they should give Premier Murray and his colleagues a mandate to continue it. If they do not, they should kick out the whole outfit, bag and baggage.

MANY REPORTS SUBMITTED AT CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Lengthy Discussion Over the Salary of Ex-Chief Engineer Bowers---Will be Offered \$75, in Full Settlement---City Will Assess \$22,000 for the Patriotic Fund--Ald. McLellan Favors Permanent Street Pavements.

The City Council held a lengthy meeting last night. The decision to raise \$22,000 for the Patriotic Fund by assessment in 1917 was reached at once, but the question of whether C. J. Bowers, ex-chief engineer at the Pumping Station, be paid \$75 for January, occupied an hour's time, and finally was decided in the negative, but it was determined after more discussion to offer him \$75 in full for all claims against the city. For the Finance Committee Ald. Reid reported tax collections unsatisfactory and a new method necessary unless there were an improvement. Ald. McLellan gave notice of motion for a policy of permanent pavement. He also gave a direct denial to the silly story in last evening's Gleaner to the effect that he had endorsed the Provincial Government's road policy. He introduced no politics into the deliberations of the City Council. What he had done was refer to the proposal to float bonds as an instance of what the City of Fredericton might do.

Several annual reports were presented last night. They were from the city engineer, the fire chief and the building inspector.

Auditor's Report.

The auditor's report upon the expenditures for the month of January was passed as follows:

Water	\$1,690.12
Sewerage	132.82
City Hall	240.52
Roads and streets	753.73
Street lighting	657.16
Fire Department	251.13
Administration of Justice	587.88
Canada Temp. Act	459.90
Old Government House	1,572.83
Contingent	88.09

Total \$6,433.88

For the Municipal Home Committee Ald. Everett reported expenditure on the home \$154.09, on outside relief \$58.50, a total of \$212.59. On his motion a cheque for \$225 was ordered to issue in favor of Commissioner Niles.

For the Finance Committee, Ald. Reid reported as follows on tax collections:

January 1916	\$1,594.21
January 1917	2,068.23

City Engineer Reports.

Ald. McLellan, for the roads and streets department presented the report of City Engineer McKnight upon roads, streets and public works.

Speaking to the report, Ald. McLellan took up the suggestion of the city engineer that sheet asphalt on a concrete base be laid as permanent pavement and suggested that the city engineer be heard at a later time.

Ald. Everett presented the report of the city engineer on the water and sewerage department. Ald. Everett also presented the report on the street lighting department.

Fire Chief's Reports.

Ald. Wilkinson presented the annual report of the chief of the Fire Department. An insurance loss of \$16,935.35 during the year was reported out of a total insurance of \$122,000. For thirty three years the average insurance loss had been \$7,667.63. Chief Rutter recommended the purchase of 500 feet of rubber cotton covered hose, twelve rubber coats and one new horse to replace one unsuitable for the Fire Department.

Building Inspector's Report.

Ald. Wilkinson also presented the report of the building and fire inspector, George W. Ross. This report suggested the installation of fire escapes on all school buildings, weekly fire drills in all schools and the securing of legislation to permit of the destruction and removal of old and unsafe buildings.

Ald. Reid suggested that there be a more marked division of expenditure in the various city departments. He moved that the matter of making provision to that effect be left in the hands of the City Treasurer and the Finance Committee. The motion was carried.

C. J. Bowers' Salary.

A communication from Charles J. Bowers was read in which he asked that his salary as chief engineer of the Pumping Station be paid according to the contract entered into with him on May 21st, 1913.

There was some discussion on this matter.

Ald. Burnett's Statement.

Ald. Burnett read to the Council in this connection a record of work at the pumping station prepared by City Engineer McKnight.

In seven days, during which Mr. Bowers had been chief engineer the record was as follows:

Coal consumed	49,909 lbs
Alum consumed	2,160 lbs
Hypo. consumed	42 lbs
Hours worked	150 1-3

During a similar period of Chief Engineer Malloy's time, the record was:

Coal consumed	39,775 lbs
Alum consumed	650 lbs
Hypo consumed	28 lbs
Hours worked	168

The showing in favor of Chief Engineer Malloy was marked and the financial saving for the period was \$73.90.

Ald. Burnett claimed that Mr. Bowers had been dismissed for cause. He believed that as a dismissed employee Bowers was entitled to salary for January. The change at the waterworks had been advantageous in every way. There had been a marked saving, and the water had been good. The City Council could deal with the matter of Mr. Bowers' salary month by month.

Ald. Everett's Reply.

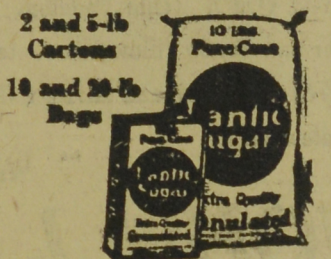
Ald. Everett said he believed that



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the Council wished to deal with Mr. Bowers fairly, but a decision should be arrived at as soon as possible. As far as the saving of \$4,000 in the year was concerned, time would tell. He doubted if it would be attained. One cause of better service at the pumping station was increased manual or physical efficiency on the part of members of the staff.

Ald. McLellan believed that the Council should take some action. He thought it unwise to give Bowers any salary for January, in view of the fact that he was threatening an action against the city. On the other hand, it might be well to approach Bowers and learn what he would take to abandon any claim against the city.

The motion to pay Mr. Bowers his month's salary for January was defeated on the following vote:

Yea—Shea, Walker, Barker, Burnett, Nay—Wilkinson, Everett, McLellan, Lemont, Reid.

Ald. Reid suggested that the matter of the dispute with Bowers be placed in the hands of a special committee to effect a settlement.

Ald. Everett said Bowers had declined to commit himself on the matter of abandoning all claims against the city if he were paid his salary up to May 1st.

Ald. Lemont thought that the matter should be taken out of the hands of the Water Committee if that committee would not settle it.

After a long discussion Ald. Lemont, seconded by Ald. Reid, moved that Mr. Bowers be paid for the ten days during January which he worked.

In amendment, Ald. Everett moved that Bowers be paid in full up to May 1st for all demands. It would avoid legal complication and it should be remembered that incompetence would be difficult to prove. Ald. Wilkinson seconded the motion.

In amendment to the amendment, Ald. Shea moved that the sum of \$75 be tendered C. J. Bowers in settlement of all claims against the city.

Ald. Shea's amendment was carried on the following vote:

Yea—Walker, Shea, McLellan, Burnett, Barker.
Nay—Reid, Wilkinson, Everett, Lemont.

Matter of Tax Collections.

Ald. Reid brought up the matter of tax collections. The latter were not satisfactory and weekly meetings were to be held by the Finance Committee in an effort to have all taxes paid. Unless there were an improvement he would advise the new council to make new arrangements. If all arrears of taxes were collected there should be no difficulty in reducing the overdraft and providing for the Patriotic Fund. If taxes were collected as they should be, there would be no marked increase in the tax rate. In fact, it should not be more than \$2.20, or perhaps \$2.15.

Ald. Reid moved that the city assess for the full amount of \$25,000 for the Patriotic Fund in 1917.

The motion was carried. Ald. McLellan moved that the traffic by-law come into effect April 1st. His motion was carried.

Permanent Streets.

Ald. McLellan also gave notice of motion of a resolution to obtain permanent or better streets. He also referred to a report which appeared in the Gleaner quoting him as supporting the highway policy of the Murray government. All he had done was refer to the fact that the government proposed to issue bonds for the building of roads.

The Council then adjourned.

CARD TO THE ELECTORS OF SUNBURY

The Opposition candidates in Sunbury—a ticket that commands confidence everywhere—Messrs. R.B. Smith and D. W. Mersereau, have issued the following card to Sunbury electors:

Electors of Sunbury: Gentlemen,—Having been nominated by a large gathering of the electors of Sunbury to run in opposition to the present Government, and having accepted the nomination, we are now appealing to the electors generally for support.

Since the last general election we have had three Premiers: The Hon. J. K. Flemming, who resigned after having been convicted of graft and extortion by a royal commission; the Hon. George J. Clarke, under whom the graft and thieving was continued, as appeared so clearly in the investigation before the present Judge Chandler, and the present Premier, the Hon. James A. Murray.

The Hon. James A. Murray in his manifesto to the people of the province has stated that he will follow his predecessors as a guide. New Brunswick has been disgraced in the eyes of all Canada by the administration led by Mr. Flemming and Mr. Clarke. It is the duty of every elector who has the interests of the province at heart, to vote against a government which will attempt to follow such a lead.

It is absolutely necessary in the interest of the province that a change should be made in the provincial rulers. Business men all over the province are crying out for a change. It is impossible for us to see all the voters of the county in the few days which the government has given us to lay the issues before you, but we ask you to give us your support and to cast your votes for us on election day.

If elected we promise to devote our best energies in the interests of the people of Sunbury and to support every measure proposed for the public good.

We have the honor to be, yours, etc.

ROBERT B. SMITH,
D. W. MERSEREAU.
Burton, N. B., February 3, 1917.

It is difficult to induce the other fellow to compromise when he realizes that he has the best of it.

Everything comes to the strenuous chap who goes after the good things that the other fellow is waiting for.

NOTICE OF SALE

PURSUANT to a Decree of the Supreme Court, Chancery Division, made in an action between Charles Boyle, Plaintiff, and J. Vincent Boyle, Samuel J. Boyle, Annie Boyle and Mary Minahan, defendants, for the partition of the lands and premises in the plaintiff's Statement of Claim, and in the said Decree mentioned and fully described, and being the lands and premises hereinafter referred to, there will be offered for sale in separate parcels at public auction, with the approbation of Harris G. Fenety, Esquire, a Master of the Supreme Court, in front of the Post Office, in the City of Fredericton, in the Province of New Brunswick, at 12 o'clock noon, on SATURDAY, the seventeenth day of February, 1917—

(1) "All that tract of land situate in the City of Fredericton and described as follows: Being the lower half of Lot No. 32 in the fourth range of pasture lots granted to the University of New Brunswick, and containing twelve and one-half acres."

(2) "All that tract of land in the rear of the City of Fredericton, bounded on the southeast by the present line of the Maryland Road; on the northwest by line of road reserved by King's College at Fredericton, running between the tract of land hereby conveyed and Lot No. 32, belonging to King's College; on the northwest and northeast by land belonging to J. Henry Blair, the said tract of land hereby conveyed being the same lands and premises minutely described in a deed dated 16th day of April, A. D. 1874, from James M. Cameron and Maria, his wife to James A. Lyons."

(3) "All that lot, piece or parcel of City of Fredericton, in the County of York, and Province of New Brunswick, and bounded as follows, namely: On the front by the present highway road, on the upper side and the rear by land owned by the Hon. William O'Dell, and on the lower side by land owned by George Todd, being the lands and premises so described in the deed thereof from one George F. H. Minchen to Charles S. Ingraham, being dated the first day of February, A. D. 1878, and registered in Book J-2 of the York County Records, pages 558 and 559, the ninth day of February, 1878."

(4) "All those leasehold lands and premises conveyed by the University of New Brunswick to one Murray Scott by Indenture of Lease bearing date the twentieth day of September, 1883, and described as follows: All that certain lot, piece or parcel of land situate, lying and being in the City of Fredericton aforesaid, and more particularly known and described as the Town Lot No. 101 in Block No. 7, in the Town Plat of Fredericton aforesaid, abutting and bounded as follows: Beginning at the northerly corner of Lot No. 99 in the said Block 7, on the southwesterly side of King

street; thence running along the said southwesterly line of King street, northwesterly 66 feet; thence southwesterly at a right angle with the course of the said King street at that place 165 feet; thence southeasterly in a line parallel with King street at that place 66 feet or until it strikes the westerly corner of said Lot No. 99; thence northeasterly along the northwesterly side line of said lot No. 99 to the place of beginning on King street aforesaid, containing one-quarter of an acre more or less."

(5) "A certain lot, piece or parcel of land situate, lying and being in the City of Fredericton, described as follows: "All that certain lot, piece or parcel of land situate, lying and being on the northeast side of King street and abutting and bounded as follows, that is to say: Commencing on the said side of King street where the southeasterly line of Barker's Alley (so called) meets same; thence southeasterly along King street thirty-seven feet more or less, to the southeast side of the dwelling house at present occupied by the said Joseph Peters, being the lands sold and deeded by one E. Byron Winslow and one Joseph Peters and wife to Daniel Meehan; thence in a southeasterly direction along the said side of the said house and continuation thereof sixty-three feet more or less, until it strikes the southwest line of land in possession of the McManus Estate; thence along the said last mentioned line in a northeasterly direction thirty-seven feet, more or less, or to the southeast side of said alley in a southwesterly direction sixty-three feet more or less to the place of beginning."

The above sale is made pursuant to the Provisions of the Judicature Act, 1909, and amendments thereof.

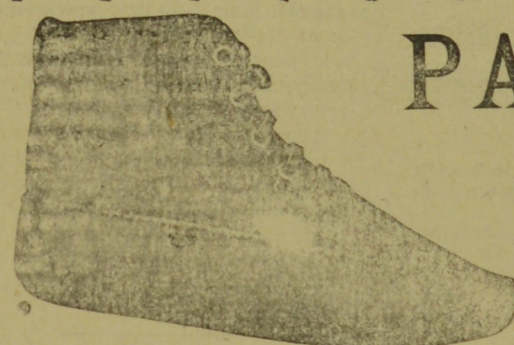
Further particulars may be had from the plaintiff's solicitors, Messrs. McLellan & Hughes, whose place of business and address is 62 Charlotte street, Fredericton, N. B.

HARRIS G. FENETY,
Master of the Supreme Court.
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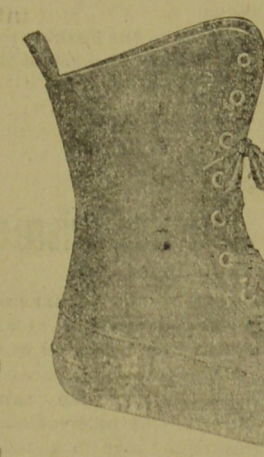
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