

Special Committee Meeting On Street Plant Purchase

Final Action Not Taken Last Night by City Council on Report of Ald. McLellan--West End Bathing Beach to be Improved and Bath Houses Provided--Committee in Charge Also to Consider Purchase of Pulmotor and Life Preservers.

The City Council last night heard the report of Ald. McLellan, chairman of the Street Committee and decided to consider it further in committee at a special meeting. The date was not fixed. Ald. McLellan will be away for about ten days and it is not likely that the meeting will be held until after his return. His report was in favor of the expenditure of \$10,000 on gravel-dredging plant, motor-truck and scarifier and the use of Nashwaak gravel on the streets.

In addition to hearing this report the council appointed a committee to act in the matter of securing bath houses for the West End bathing beaches and also amended the by-law which prohibited bathing in the river after 9 p. m. The beach also is to be cleaned.

The same committee which is composed of Ald. Baxter, Ald. Barker and Ald. Burnett will take up the matter of purchasing a pulmotor to be used in cases of people getting in the river. All members of the council were present with the exception of Ald. LeMont.

Auditor's Report.

The auditor's report on the expenditures of the month was passed as follows:

Water	\$2,192.61
Sewerage	96.91
House Connections	10.70
Roads and Streets	1,520.78
Fire	148.90
Contingencies	490.92
City Hall	20.26
Admin. of Justice	525.59
Street Lighting	471.92
Total	\$5,478.59

Municipal Home.

Ald. Baxter reported for the Municipal Home committee that \$412.20 had been expended at the Home and \$57 for outside relief. On his motion a check for \$200 was ordered to be

sent in favor of Commissioner Niles. The heavy expenditure at the Home was caused by the purchase of coal.

Tax Collections.

Reporting on tax collections, Ald. Reid, chairman of the Finance Committee, made the following comparative statement:

July, 1916	\$7,032.35
July, 1917	7,625.22

This showed more taxes paid in than during the same period of 1916.

Ald. McLellan Reports.

Ald. McLellan for the Street Committee presented the report on the tenders for street plant which had been called for.

He thought the three and a half-ton truck was the better for the city to have. Prices of trucks were tendered as follows:

J. B. Daggett & Co.	\$5,920
Wittlauffer Bros. Ltd.	5,474
Smith Foundry Co.	5,557
J. S. Neill & Sons	4,690
Massey Harris	5,200

A scarifier was a very necessary article.

A crusher to re-crush trap rock was also needed. The offer of J. Clark & Son was the lowest. The prices for trailers had a wide range.

A plant for dredging gravel at the Mouth of the Nashwaak would be necessary. Mr. Boone of Devon, had a second hand plant out wanted too much for it. A St. John agent had offered a plant for \$2,104. The amount would have to be increased for certain purposes.

There was a very noticeable demand for better streets among the taxpayers. Better streets could not be obtained without suitable plant to

work with. Hand labor and horses and wagons for road building were things of the past. It was a false conclusion that the streets had become bad in one year. The present condition was the result of a long period of neglect. There had not been good roads since the sewerage was installed more than ten years ago. Prior to that Fredericton had a fairly good street system.

It would be impossible to put Fredericton's streets into good condition by following the methods of former years. As Prof. Stiles had said the night before, the city must select some system and carry it out.

The Road Committee had come to the conclusion that Nashwaak gravel could be landed at a wharf in Fredericton for 30 cents per cubic yard, against 75 cents charged by contractors. Within three years the dredging plant would pay for itself. The amount of gravel required would be enormous.

The best method of distribution after the gravel would be landed in the city, was by motor truck and trailers. Handling by rail was out of the question. The city had four self-dumping stone wagons which could be used instead of trailers for the motor truck.

Another important matter to Fredericton was trap rock. This rock was easily obtained but in the past had been two-thirds wasted because a softer and cheaper rock was not used for filler. With a crusher near the quarry and a motor truck to transport it the trap could be placed on the city streets at a much lower cost.

Ald. McLellan said he believed that for \$10,000 a fairly good equipment could be obtained. This would include a motor truck, gravel dredge and machinery and scarifier. The cost would be \$8,890. With \$1,100 allowed for unforeseen expenses the cost would be \$10,000. It would not cost any more than band concerts and he had no intention of knocking these concerts but wished to draw attention to the fact that the proposition was reasonable. The depreciation in value of the plant would not be rapid.

Further Information.

Ald. Shea asked for more information concerning the delivery of gravel for 30 cents per yard.

Ald. McLellan said that the source of his information was the former city engineer, Mr. George McKnight.

Ald. Shea said that the estimate was too low. It did not seem reasonable when the cost of the plant and overhead expenses were considered.

West End Bathing Beach.

Ald. Walker brought up the matter of supplying bath houses for citizens using the beaches in West End for bathing purposes. He suggested that four or five houses be supplied. The by-law forbidding bathing near the water works intake should be repealed. There also should be provision for police presence while bathers were in the water. There had been several cases of theft.

Ald. Wilkinson said that the shore was provincial government property and it was doubtful if bath houses could be located there.

Mayor Mitchell pointed out that several bath houses were available and could easily be towed to the beach. He had visited it just before the meeting and found upwards of one hundred bathers in the water and as many people on shore. He had instructed the Roadmaster to clean the beach up.

Ald. Everett pointed out that the existing by-law forbade bathing between Lansdowne street and the upper line of the Government House property.

Ald. Burnett suggested that if a beach were established a life guard should be maintained. Permanent buildings could be erected on the

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bank and the beach cleaned up every year. The first thing to do would be to repeal that by-law. A bath house should be on a business basis, a small fee being charged.

By-law Amended.

Ald. Walker agreed that with the by-law rescinded some private citizens might establish bath houses as a business proposition.

On the motion of Ald. Everett seconded by Ald. Baxter the by-law in question was amended so as to read: "No person shall bathe within the city limits unless in proper bathing costume."

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MARYSVILLE NEWS

Marysville, Aug. 7. — Mrs. John Johnston of Boston, Mass., is visiting Mrs. Harry Cowan.

Mr. Gifford Allen of Hainesville paid a visit to relatives here yesterday.

Miss Jessie Dennison is visiting relatives at St. John.

Mrs. William Boyce underwent an operation at Victoria Hospital yesterday, which was successful.

Mrs. Jennie White and son Miles have returned from visiting friends at Hartland.

Mrs. George Brogan and daughter Mayne have returned from visiting relatives at St. John.

Mr. James Loney has purchased a building lot on Fisher Avenue from Mr. James Waterman, and will erect a concrete bungalow there in the near future.

Miss Gertrude Bubbar of Boston is

visiting her home here.

Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Hallett and Miss Zula Hallett are touring the northern part of the province by auto.

The Misses McElwain of Durham are visiting relatives here.

Misses Geraldine Reid, and Frances Logan left yesterday on a visit to Moncton.

Miss Florence Bird will arrive home today from Japan.

The regular monthly meeting of the Town Council will take place this evening at the Police Station.

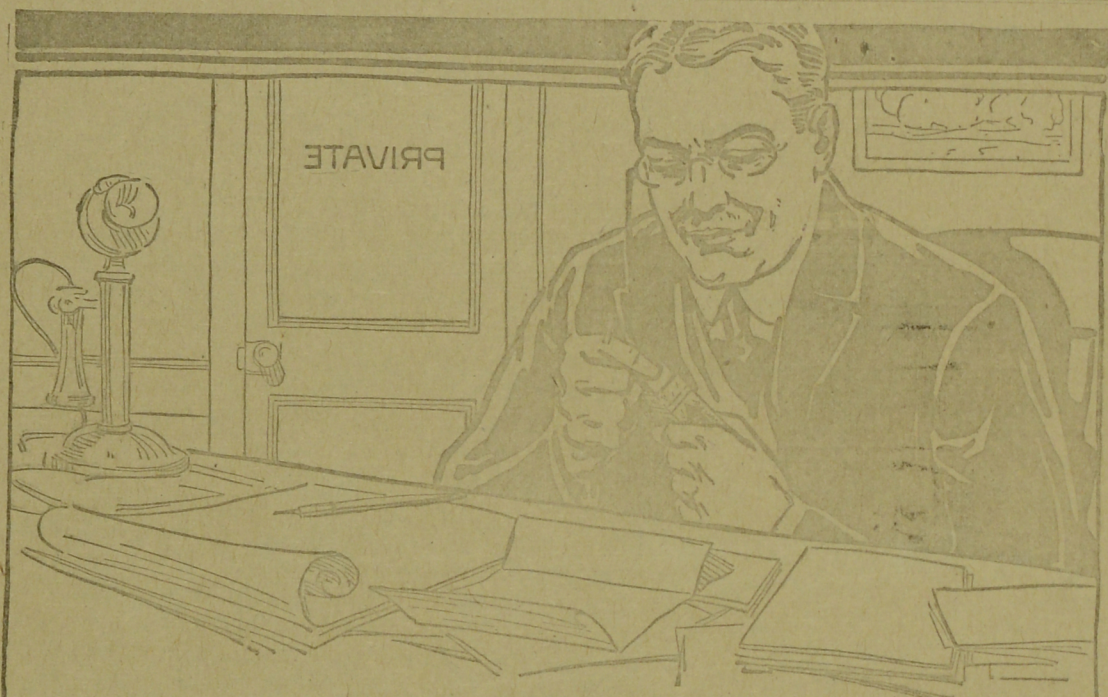
"You can't tell 'bout a display of authority," said Uncle Eben. "Many a man thinks he's doin' a fine job o' mule-drivin' when de mule is jes' hurryin' to get home on his own account."

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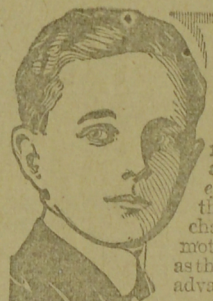
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