

# Municipal Home Conducted In Excellent Manner

**Aldermen Characterize Stories to Contrary As Falsehoods--Street Committee Criticized--H. H. Hagerman to Have Charge of Filtration Plant for Thirty Days--Wood Contracted for in Quantity of Several Hundred Cords.**

The City Council held a rather lengthy meeting last night and dealt with a number of matters. Reports concerning the management of the Municipal Home to the effect that inmates were beaten and underfed, were characterized by the chairman of the Municipal Home Committee and other members of the council as absolutely false. During the meeting the Street

Committee came in for adverse criticism because sidewalk repairs were not more extensive. The investment of \$1,900 in Victory Loan Bonds was ordered, the Minchin Fund the proceeds of which go to the upkeep of the Old Burying Ground, being restored to its full amount. It was decided to place Mr. H. H. Hagerman in charge of filtration plant for thirty

days in order that some experiments be tried. In the matter of supplying wood to citizens, the proposal to rent a wood lot and work it with city employees has been abandoned. Instead Ald. Burnett has contracted for several hundred cords of wood to be delivered to certain points within the city. The price to the citizens has not been settled but is expected to be under \$9.50.

## Auditor's Report.

The auditor's report on the monthly expenditures was as follows:

Water	\$1,907.82
Sewerage	55.24
House connections	13.38
Assessors' office	2.00
Roads and streets	1,121.75
Street lighting	412.52
Fire	333.08
Justice	551.72
City Hall	112.52

Public works ..... 1,734.41  
Contingent ..... 81.77

Total ..... \$6,328.21

Declare Reports False.  
Ald. Baxter reporting for the Municipal Home Committee took the opportunity of contradicting rumors circulating about the city some time ago to the effect that inmates of the Home had been ill-treated and improperly fed and that there was a rakeoff. He had personally investigated the stories and found them absolute falsehoods. It would be difficult to secure better people than Keeper McLennan and his wife. Any complaints should go to the committee and not to the police magistrate.

The monthly report was presented by Ald. Baxter and on his motion a cheque for \$225 was ordered to issue in favor of the commissioner.

Ald. Walker, chairman of the Administration of Justice Committee, also made a statement corroborating the explanation of Ald. Baxter. It was regrettable that a false report of this nature should be circulated. It was most unjust to Mr. McLennan and his wife. He had personally inspected the Home and had found it in excellent condition. The only sug-

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gestion he had to make was that electric lights be furnished in place of the obsolete oil lamps which were dangerous.

Ald. Burnett spoke along the same line.

Mayor Mitchell spoke in highest praise of the manner in which the Municipal Home is conducted by Mr. McLennan, the Keeper.

## Tax Collections.

Ald. Reid reported as follows on tax collections:

October, 1916	\$2,476.64
October, 1917	1,848.87

## Minchin Fund.

Ald. Reid reported that the George H. F. Minchin Fund originally had amounted to \$1,370 of which \$700 remained in the bank, the balance of \$1,170 having been used by the city. He moved that a cheque for \$1,170 be ordered paid to make up the full amount of the bequest, also that the city treasurer be instructed to invest the fund with thirty dollars in addition in Canadian Victory Loan Bonds. Ald. Wilkinson seconded the motion which was carried.

## Coal Contract.

Ald. Wilkinson for the Fire Committee reported that the contract for coal for the fire station had been awarded to Mr. S. L. Morrison, the lowest tenderer, the prices being \$13.25 per ton for furnace coal and \$13.50 for chestnut coal.

## Salary Increased.

On the motion of Ald. Lemont the salary of Ludlow Malloy, fireman at the street lighting plant, was increased five dollars per month from November 1st, making it \$65 per month.

## Stands for Motors.

Ald. Walker reported that Chief Finley had been given power to use his judgment in the matter of assigning places as stands for motor cars.

Phoenix Square probably would be used.

## Filtration Plant.

Ald. Burnett reported that the Water Committee intended to conduct experiments at the filtration plant under the direction of Mr. H. H. Hagerman. This was on account of unsatisfactory filtration results in October. The board of health had drawn attention to the matter. He moved that Mr. Hagerman be given control of the filtration plant for thirty days in order to carry out the experiments. The motion was carried.

## Exhibition Claim.

Ald. McLennan reported for the special committee on the exhibition claim. On his motion the committee was continued and further action deferred until December.

## Telephone Rate Matter.

Ald. McLennan also reported on behalf of the special committee which was appointed to oppose before the Public Utilities Commission the application of the New Brunswick Telephone Company for permission to limit the hours during which night toll rates can be charged. He outlined what took place before the Public Utilities Commission at its session on Friday last. So great was the opposition that the company's application was refused.

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