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## MAYOR HANSON DELIVERS HIS INAUGURAL ADDRESS

### Administered Oath of Office to the New Aldermen Last Night--Makes a Number of Important Suggestions Concerning Civic Problems of the Day---Opposed to Any Capital Expenditure.

His Worship Mayor R. B. Hanson, who took the oath of office yesterday and swore in the new aldermen last night delivered his inaugural address in the City Council Chamber last night. He touched upon practically all the important matters which concern the city at the present time and made a number of valuable suggestions, at the same time stating his own position with regard to many of the civic problems of the day.

His address was as follows:

Fredericton, N. B., March 11, 1918. Gentlemen:

I am reminded that on the occasion of the advent of a new civic administration it is customary for a new presiding officer to make some observations with regard to civic matters and to offer some suggestions as to the future.

At the outset you will, I am sure, forgive a personal note. I desire to acknowledge to my fellow citizens my sincere thanks and regard for the confidence they have reposed in me, conferring upon me by acclamation the position of chief magistrate of this no mean city. Being without civic experience, I desire to solicit forbearance of you gentlemen, many of whom have had years of experience at this board, and also the forbearance of the citizens generally. I must confess that, while I am from a legal standpoint, quite familiar with the city charter, I am, like a great majority of the citizens who have not hitherto taken any part in city government, not as familiar with the financial conditions of the civic corporation as I would like to be. I propose to remedy this defect, however, by diligent application in the immediate future.

We have a large funded debt; we also have large fixed civic assets, most of them at all events the direct cause of that funded debt. In the past the city has not always been wise in some of its capital expenditures, but it would serve no useful purpose and it is not my intention to analyze these expenditures now. I do, however, desire to state that in my opinion it is not wise for reasons which are patent to every taxpayer, for this Council to embark on any new capital expenditures during the current year, even if it were possible to arrange for the funds and no matter how urgently these expenditures may be pressed upon us. Retrenchment must be our watchword.

#### Tax Collections.

In the next place I desire to impress upon the Council, and especially upon the new Finance Committee, the absolute necessity of making prompt and efficient collection of taxes. Comparatively speaking this is our only source of revenue and in the past, I fear, many thousands of dollars have been lost through inefficiency in collection. In this respect, however, I desire to pay tribute to the preceding Council, as I believe the members of that body were fully alive to their responsibility in this regard, and deserving of credit. I trust the new Finance Committee will at once take up this burden, remedy as far as possible the deficiencies of the past and take such steps as may be necessary to do their duty as citizens. If the present law or the machinery under the law is defective, then let us remedy the defects. It is unfair to every citizen who pays his taxes and it is unfair to the credit of the city as a corporation that the city should at certain seasons be obliged to borrow huge sums from its bankers and at the same time be carrying on its ledgers huge amounts due from delinquents.

#### Water Meters.

I desire to refer to the Water and Sewerage Department. Nominally and theoretically this department is, I understand, under a commission. Practically it is a civic department, pure and simple. I believe from my cursory knowledge of the situation that a very large annual saving would be effected if every consumer of water were forced to install a meter and pay accordingly. By a report made to the last Council by Mr. H. H. Hagerman, whose qualifications no one will dispute, it appears, I believe, that the consumption of water per capita or per family in this city is out of all proportion to what it should be. This, of course, involves a corresponding expenditure on the part of the city. In my judgment this is a waste pure and simple and speedy remedy should be sought and found. I believe it lies at our hand in the adoption of the meter system.

#### Filtration Plant.

The filtration plant is a great civic asset in that it insures, if properly handled, the elimination of much of disease. It was the intention of those who were responsible for the installation of the system that the city should always employ someone who

would have the technical training and intelligence to properly superintend the plant. Some years ago in a mistaken desire for economy this idea was largely forgotten. I recommend to the Water Committee the great necessity of keeping the filtration plant up to its highest efficiency.

#### Street Work.

While it will, in my opinion, be impossible during the present year to embark on any policy of permanent streets, yet this important work is one which cannot long be delayed. In the meantime it should be our desire by judicious expenditure in maintenance and repair, to measurably improve present conditions, with respect to our streets. The great difficulty I apprehend is to obtain suitable material at a reasonable cost. From my observation I am inclined to the opinion that the system of purchasing gravel instead of using trap rock has not been productive of the best results, due chiefly as I am informed, to the inferior quality of the material supplied and used. In this connection I recommend that the Street Department look carefully into the quality of the gravel now being delivered to the city under contract let by the late Council.

#### Insurance Rates.

The Fire Department is, or should be, in a high state of efficiency. This being true and the building laws of the city being rigidly enforced, and the fire record of the city for many years past being extraordinarily good and the water pressure being up to normal, I see no reason why an attempt should not be made to have fire insurance rates, at all events in the commercial districts, lowered. I invite action in this matter from the appropriate committee or from the Council as a whole.

#### Lighting by Contract.

From the study of a former chairman of the Street Lighting Committee, and from data collected by him, it would appear that a large saving might be effected if some reasonable and proper arrangement could be made with the Fredericton Gaslight Company to supply electrical energy for street lighting. Coal for the municipal plant continues to command very high prices. If the war long continues, and the scarcity of mining labor continues, it is safe to assume the cost of lighting our streets under present conditions will reach very large proportions. At the same time our plant is depreciating and in the not distant future will, in all probability require extensive replacement. It should be possible, I think, for the city to make equitable arrangement with the Gaslight Company whereby the latter would supply the city plant with electric current at a price greatly below that at which it is being produced at present. In the interests of conservation of coal alone the attempt is worthy the attention of this Council. The Gaslight Company at the same time in any negotiations should also be reminded that it has a practical monopoly of commercial lighting in the community, derives great benefit from its free use of the public streets for the distribution of its wires, and is a public utility which, as such, owes a duty to the community which gives it life and breath. I would recommend that the Council take this suggestion under advisement.

#### Public Health.

The public health of the city is good. We are and for many years have been comparatively free from contagious and infectious diseases. The Board of Health as at present constituted is, I believe, alive to its responsibilities, and in every reasonable request should receive the sympathetic consideration of this Council. As matters of recreation are closely allied with matters of health, I earnestly commend that civic bathing houses be erected along the river front for those who desire to engage in that healthful recreation; a competent man should be placed in charge and a small fee exacted to cover expenses.

#### Cost of Police.

Our city is remarkably free from crime and I trust it will ever continue so to be. At the same time the cost of administration of justice per capita appears to me to be high. Adequate police protection, however, like every other commodity, has increased in cost. In this connection I desire to recommend that the Police Commission be asked to open negotiations with the provincial authorities with a view to a readjustment of the amount contributed by the province in connection with the enforcement of the Prohibition Act. I am satisfied that public opinion demands a proper enforcement of this important law, almost regardless of cost, but in view of the fact that all the revenue from the act goes to the province it is my opinion that there should be effected a fairer apportionment of the cost of enforcement in this community than at present exists.

#### Exhibition Dispute.

I desire to call attention to another matter of importance, viz., the differences that have existed in the past between the city and Agricultural Society No. 34. Apparently no progress has been made in negotiations here.

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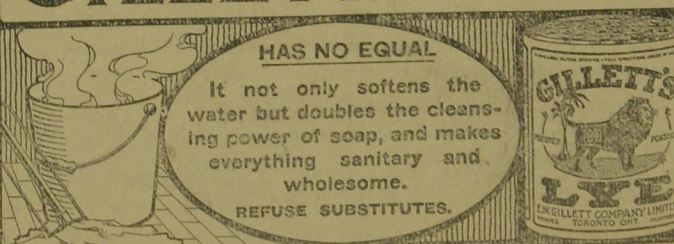
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