

ASSESSORS' SALARY INCREASE TURNED DOWN BY CITY COUNCIL MATTER SHOULD WAIT TILL FEB.

Ald. Cooper Favored Giving the Increase—R. T. Baird Applied for Permission to Install Weigh Scales—Argument in Support of Application—Action Deferred for the Present—Other Civic Matters Dealt With.

The City Council was in session Monday night until after midnight and adjourned without considering voluminous documents on the Street lighting problem which Mayor Reid had with him. This matter probably will come up tonight.

Discussion on the application of the Assessors for increased salaries, Chief Assessor Sterling for an increase from \$1,200 to \$1,600 per annum and the others Messrs. Mackey and Farrell for an amount not stated, took place but it was decided by unanimous vote not to make any increase at this time.

R. T. Baird appeared and asked for permission to install his own weigh scales for coal in order to avoid the long haul to the city scales at Phoenix Square. Action in the matter was deferred.

Assessors' Salaries.

Ald. Wilkinson said he wanted the decision of the Council on the matter of increasing the salaries of the Chief Assessor and the other assessors. He had conferred with other aldermen and the opinion expressed was that these officials had known what the salaries were and that extra money could not be expected in the middle of the year. At the time of the appointment of Assessors in February the matter might be considered. It was true the extra work had been performed but the assessors knew what their salaries were to be.

Valuable Work.

Ald. Cooper said that the Assessors had gone over practically every property in the city had revalued it adding some \$2,600,000 on the assessable value and creating increased revenue. This was work which would practically be that of revaluation. They were valuable men and difficulty would be experienced in filling their places. He believed the increase should be made.

Ald. Wilkinson said he did not like the manner in which this had been presented. Salaries should be fixed at

time of appointment and not increased after the performance of duties. It was doubtful if the increase in valuation was of any great extent. There was strong criticism of the revaluation and in some cases it was not fair.

Ald. Cooper said that cases of unfair valuation could be rectified. There was a case of the property of one assessor which was valued by the other two, later the valuation being increased by the owner himself. Much valuable work had been performed and payment was deserved. He claimed that the two Assessors other than Chief Assessor Sterling had received extra compensation in 1919.

Ald. Baxter said that he believed the salaries of the assessors should remain as they were. It would be opening the gate to other applications for increases, to grant this.

On the motion of Ald. Young seconded by Ald. Barker the prayer of the petition was not granted.

R. T. Baird's Application.

R. T. Baird appeared and asked permission to install weigh-scales at his coal-yard. He explained that he had closed for a set of scales some time ago and had prepared for the installation only to be told that he could not legally install them. He cancelled the order but the work done on the site remained. He would ask for permission to proceed with the installation and would offer to employ a sworn weigher to be in charge of the scales.

Mr. Baird stated that in other cities coal-dealers had their own scales and gave their own weight without any complaint on the part of the public. The same could be done in Fredericton. The city scales at Phoenix Square had been very convenient when all coal came in by water but conditions had changed and all coal now came in by rail. The result was that loads had to be hauled far out

THE VALUE OF THE DOLLAR IS INCREASING

Although many of the reductions in prices have not yet reached the consuming public, the arrival of these benefits cannot be long postponed, says W. J. Wollman & Co., members of the New York Stock Exchange, in their review.

Retailers are discovering that the war is over, and those who are late in coming to this conclusion are likely to regret it. It is true for example, that No. 7 Rio coffee is quoted around seven to eight cents per pound, and the indignant housewife pays forty to fifty cents per pound for the blended roasted article. This wide margin indicates that the profiteer is still charging a high price for his services.

Nevertheless, the drop in the prices of raw materials and the reductions in many lines of manufactured goods indicate that the full effect of lower costs will soon be felt in the rising purchasing power of the public's dollar. A glance at the following table will show how the dollar has risen in value thus far in 1920. The prices are those quoted in New York.

	1920 High	Present
Wheat, No. 2 Red ..	\$ 3.25	\$ 1.93
Corn ..	2.31%	.95
Oats ..	1.50	.60%
Flour ..	16.25	10.00
Coffee ..	16%	.06%
Sugar ..	.23	.09
Steel billets ..	65.00	55.00
Copper ..	.19%	.14%
Cotton ..	.43%	.17%
Print cloths ..	.16%	.06

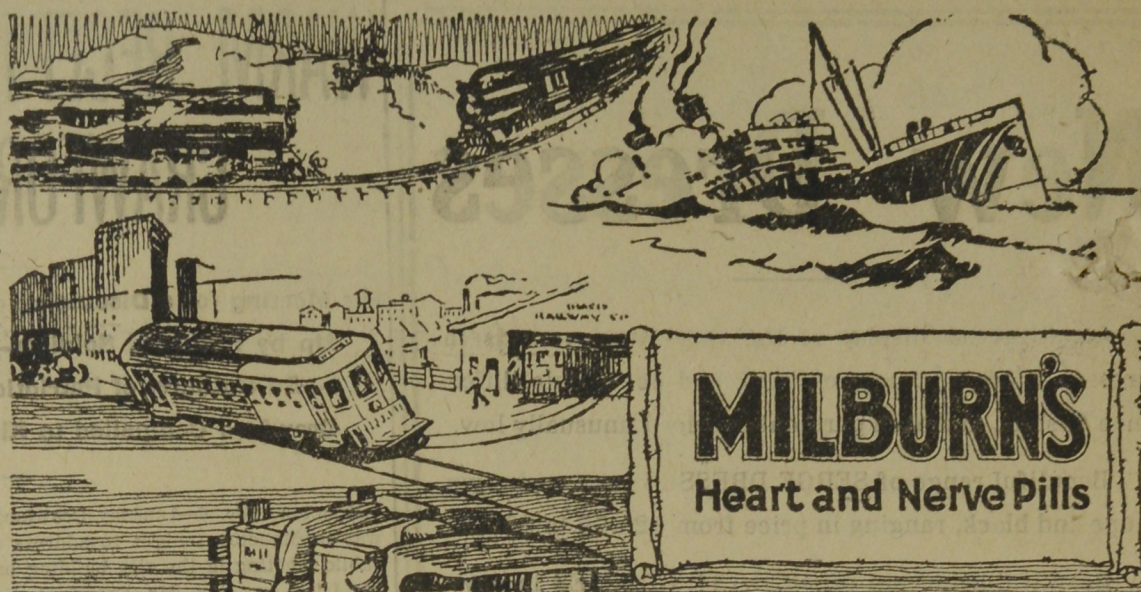
If the dollar was worth around 35

of the way to be weighed at the city scales and the consumer had to pay for that extra hauling.

City Clerk Perkins said the suggestion had been made that the coal-dealers unite and install weigh-scales at both C. P. R. and C. N. R. freight yards or one set of scales at some central point.

Mr. Baird said the suggestion was good and might be worked out but he would press his request.

After Mr. Baird withdrew the members of the Council discussed the matter and decided to defer action. There was discussion on the matter of public weighing in general and the interpretation of existing bylaws.



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TRAIN, marine, street car—in fact, all disasters are on the decrease, largely due to educational propaganda preventing carelessness. The toll of human life through ill health and disease is also on the decrease. People of the 20th century are realising more and more the necessity of keeping themselves fit and well, for without health they can never attain their ambitions.

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MOSES EITHER INSPIRED OR UNDERSTOOD SCIENCE

Sir Bertram Windle Lelivers Lecture in Montreal on the Origin of Man—Darwin Not the Inventor of the Theory of Evolution—Had Been Previously Hinted at by Ancient Greek Writers, it is Claimed.

"If Moses were not inspired he must have known as much as we do about science," was the conclusion arrived at by Sir Bertram Windle, M. A. M. D., D. Sc., LL. D., in his lecture last evening on the origin of man. The origin in which life is said, by the Mosaic account, to have appeared on earth coincides, he said, with the order given to it by modern science, and it had been shown that the chances of anyone putting eight consecutive events in their proper order haphazard were forty to one against.

Most students of the Mosaic order of creation took a too anthropomorphic view of the Creator. He was not to be considered as a very learned and powerful Person sitting down every morning thinking what He was going to do that day. All creation was done once for all and there was no past or future for the Creator.

The only alternative to the very lateral interpretation of the scriptures which was current in Milton's days was to be found in the theory of evolution. This theory was supposed to be the invention of Darwin, but this was wrong. Several Greek writers had hinted at it, and St. Augustine of Hippo had clearly announced his belief in the evolution of species, when he taught that all living things were created potentially, in the beginning in such a way that their forms might

become visibly exposed to the world in after years, just as the full grown tree was contained potentially in the seed newly planted. God created all living things, in creating certain primordial forms from which all existing forms of life have sprung.

Development of Theory.

Having disposed of the religious aspect of the question the lecturer then turned to the actual development of the theory of evolution. Whereas Darwin had taught the principle of natural selection, Lamarque had maintained the theory that effort brought about evolution. Thus, Darwin taught that in times of famine the longest necked animals survived by reason of their being able to reach leaves too high up for their shorter necked companions, and heredity working thereafter produced a long necked species known as the giraffe, while long repeated efforts to reach the highest leaves caused elongated necks amongst animals in certain regions, the giraffe again resulting.

Much controversy about Darwin had at last resulted in a fairly general opinion that his natural selection could originate nothing. The gardener's careless trimming explained the presence of leaves on a tree, but did not explain their origin. The survival of the fittest did not explain its arrival.

Notes made by Darwin's son showed that Darwin, had at first been inclined to favor the polyphyletic theory that the breath of life was first breathed into several different organisms at once, but towards the end of his life had turned towards the monophyletic view. The Darwinian view had been fairly strongly held until it was shaken by Weissman, who held there was no heredity, and tried to prove it by showing that amputated legs were not heredity. He substituted germinal selection for heredity, suggesting that the original protoplasm from which life sprang was in itself subdivided into various warring elements in which a process of selection along the lines of the survival of the fittest was in progress. Nevertheless, experiment had sufficiently proved that heredity did not play an important part in the development of species.

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