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VALEDICTORY ADDRESSES BY THE RETIRING COUNCILLORS

Local Housing Board Appointed Which Will Direct Expenditures of \$100,000—Concessions Voted Proposed Gordon G. Scott Industry and Extended in Case of The John Palmer Company Limited.

The final meeting of the outgoing City Council was held Tuesday night. Much business was transacted and valedictory addresses were given by Mayor Hanson, Ald. Davidson, Ald. Burpee and Ald. McKay. Among the business was the voting of concessions to the industry proposed to be established in the West End by Gordon G. Scott and the extension of concessions to the John Palmer Company Limited.

The Local Housing Board was appointed its personnel being Charles D. Richards, Ashley A. Colter, Robert Baxter, W. T. Chestnut and David W. Roberts.

The only absentees were Ald. Barker and Ald. Reid.

The auditor's report on expenditures for the month was passed.

Municipal Home

Ald. Baxter for the Municipal Home Committee reported a total expenditure of \$275.27 for the month of February made up of \$150 on the Municipal Home and \$125.27 on outside relief.

Tax Collections

Ald. Wilkinson reported as follows on tax collections: February, 1919, \$5,870.07; February 1920, \$7,086.42.

Gordon G. Scott Industry

For the Finance Committee Ald. Wilkinson presented a report on the matter of concessions to Gordon G. Scott. The concessions granted were outlined previously in this paper.

Ald. Young asked what would happen in the event of the industry ceasing operation, in regard to assessment.

Mayor Hanson replied that exemption would cease when the industry ceased operation.

The mayor also stated that Mr. Scott had the matter under consideration. The fire and building regulations were what would decide his action. If he could meet them he would be back to the council, if not the matter would drop.

The report was adopted.

John Palmer Company

For the Finance Committee, Ald. Wilkinson reported in the matter of concessions for The John Palmer Company Limited. The concessions consist of tax exemption for site, plant and stock for a period of twenty-one years from January, 1st, 1920, free sewerage for a like term with the provisions that the sewerage connection is properly safeguarded, water to be metered and charged for at a rate of ten cents per thousand gallons, meter-rent to be ten per cent per year of cost. The committee reported against continuing the arrangement for paying the rent of the factory site as the company has purchased the land.

Previous concessions are cancelled. Mayor Hanson stated that only that night had a basis of agreement been reached. With respect to water and sewerage difficulty was encountered but other matters soon were settled.

NOTICE OF LEGISLATION

Notice is hereby given that a bill will be presented to the Legislature for enactment at the next Session thereof, to provide for amendment of The New Brunswick Dental Act to enable persons practising dentistry in Great Britain prior to 1890 to be admitted to registry under the said Act. Dated the 28th day of February, A. D. 1920.

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Proper safeguards for sewerage was promised. The consumption of water had been found to be enormous some thing over five million gallons per year. The Water Department never had received credit for that. A meter-rate of ten cents per thousand gallons was agreed upon, which really was a half-rate.

Ald. Cooper pointed out that the city had been put to expense through improper material getting into the sewers from the John Palmer factory. At the suggestion of Ald. Wilkinson a clause was added to the agreement making the company liable for the obstruction of sewers.

The report was adopted.

Local Housing Board

Ald. Wilkinson for the special committee on the Housing Scheme reported in favor of appointing a Housing Board and named the following personnel, Ashley A. Colter, manufacturer; W. T. Chestnut, merchant; Robert Baxter, carpenter; Charles D. Richards, barrister; David W. Roberts, secretary.

Mayor Hanson explained that all those named had consented to act. The secretary alone would be paid, with the possible exception of Mr. Richards, should he perform legal duties. The Board he felt was as good as could be selected. Already an order in council had been passed by the Provincial Government granting Frederickton \$100,000 under The Housing Act. When \$200,000 had been applied for he felt sure the amount would be reduced.

The report was adopted.

Against Paying Damages

Ald. Burpee for the Water and Sewerage Committee reported against paying for damage caused at the Mayor property, Needham Street, on the ground that the city was not liable.

Ald. McKay supported Ald. Burpees contention.

Ald. Cooper urged that damages should be paid as far as the plumbing was concerned.

The report was adopted.

Mayor Hanson

Mayor Hanson extended his thanks to members of the council and to the permanent officials of the city for the courtesy extended toward himself during the year. All should be congratulated upon the goodwill displayed. No appearance of an ulterior motive had been noticeable. The citizens of Frederickton should be congratulated upon the manner in which the City Council had transacted business. To those remaining at the Council board he extended the heartiest best wishes. He hoped the incoming council would devote the same interest to the problems of permanent streets in which he had been deeply interested. The Housing Problem also demanded solution. A legacy in the form of the Street Lighting question was left to the incoming council. He knew his successor had decided views on this matter. The question of improvements at the Filtration Plant should not be lost sight of. The report of the engineer who surveyed Frederickton for the New Brunswick Fire Underwriters also demanded drastic action.

The two years he had spent at the council had been pleasant and he had enjoyed them. The duties were taxing however, and they would be more onerous. For his success he asked hearty support from the aldermen.

Ald. Camp seconded by Ald. Baxter moved a vote of thanks be extended to the retiring mayor and aldermen. The vote was put by Ald. Wilkinson who extended it to His Worship, Ald. McKay, Ald. Burpee and Ald. Davidson.

Ald. McKay

Ald. McKay said it was with feelings of great regret that he retired from the City Council. The treatment accorded him always had been of the kindest. However he was in the aged class and had to take a backward step.

Ald. Burpee

Ald. Burpee said he regretted that his term was completed. Many probably did not know the difficulties under which he labored to attend the meetings. He strongly urged amalgamation of the Pumping Station and Lighting Plant.

Ald. Davidson

Ald. Davidson said that a good board was coming in. In the two years he had been an alderman he had made sacrifices but he had enjoyed the term and greatly appreciated the courtesy of his fellow members.

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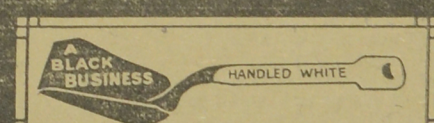
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