

Special Committee on Hydro Power Appointed By the City Council

Ald. Currier, Ald. Mitchell and Ald. Ross to Confer With N. B. Power Commission—Additional Expenditure on Police Station Improvements Limited to One Thousand Dollars.

The City Council's December meeting passed quickly Tuesday night. The police station improvements passed without division the over-expenditure being limited to \$1,000. Some more sharp discussion on the matter occurred.

The hydro-electric matter came up again and a special committee was appointed to represent the city in negotiations with the New Brunswick Power Commission. Ald. P. H. Currier, Ald. Moses Mitchell and Ald. D. W. Ross constitute the committee.

Auditor's Report.

The report of the City Auditor on the expenditure follows:—

Water	\$ 1,745.66
Sewerage	65.50
Public Works	737.10
Roads and Streets, ordinary	1,030.51
Street Light	884.45
Fire	760.35
Administration of Justice	1,102.93
Municipal Home	118.73
Board of Health	260.37
Contingent	243.42
Wharves	37.89
Market and Scales	16.95
City Hall	482.24
Wilmot Park	9.93
General Interest	47.00
Insurance	34.99
Victoria Hospital Grant	1,500.00
N. B. Tourist Asso. Grant	500.00
Salaries and Pensions	1,238.30
Board of School Trustees	14,725.00
Debentures Interest	945.00
Permanent Road New Mary-land	497.92

Total

For the Municipal Home Committee Ald. Smith reported on expenditures for the month of November. For outside relief \$104.15 was spent and at the Home \$91.20 making a total of \$195.35.

Tax Collections.

Ald. Thompson for the Finance Committee reported as follows on tax collections for November 1925 and 1926:—

November, 1925	\$ 3,317.92
November, 1926	12,116.28

There was mild applause when the announcement was made showing so marked an increase for last month.

Police Station Again.

Ald. Goodspeed moved seconded by Ald. Ross that the Administration of Justice Committee be authorized to purchase a new steel cell to be used in the police station as a cell for women.

In amendment Ald. Mitchell seconded by Ald. Thompson moved that a limit of one thousand dollars be placed on the expenditure.

Ald. Goodspeed said that usually a department was not tied down to the last dollar. However in this case the cell would cost \$600 and \$1,000 would be ample to do the work and make the alterations for the guard-room. He would be willing to amend his motion to that effect.

Differing Opinion.

Ald. Smith said it seemed foolish to him to hold this expenditure to \$1,000 when no estimate had been made.

Ald. Mitchell remarked that he had no desire to have unlimited expenditure authorized. That would be as foolish as Ald. Smith professed to believe his proposal to be.

Ald. Goodspeed said he would be willing to let the installation of the new cell be made under the supervision of Ald. Mitchell.

Ald. Mitchell said he would supervise no undertaking which Ald. Goodspeed had half completed.

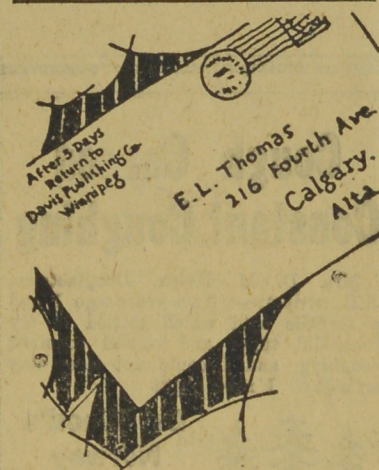
The motion being amended to limit the expenditure to \$1,000, it was carried unanimously.

WHY THE GIRLS LEAVE JOBS; LIKE VARIETY

Washington, Dec. 7.—Why women quit their jobs is answered, in part, by the women's bureau of the Labor Department, which mentions the desire for variety as one of the reasons. A group of 97 women workers gave their reasons for 599 changes, one starting as a stock girl in a department store and working in a shoe factory, men's clothing shop, button factory, steel plant, automobile factory, two more clothing shops and finally turning up as a leather worker.

However, the bureau found low wages and long hours the chief causes of job-changing.

BLUNDERS



WHY IS THIS WRONG?

Thousands of letters are delayed in delivery from two to ten hours in big cities because business men do not place their return street address on letterheads and envelopes. Even though a company may be an important one, all postal employees do not have its address committed to memory. Consequently its mail will surely be delayed if persons who must reply to its letters are given no street address.

Special Hydro Committee.

Ald. Currier moved that His Worship appoint a committee of three to confer with the New Brunswick Power Commission concerning electric power for Fredericton and vicinity.

Ald. Currier, Ald. Mitchell and Ald. Ross were appointed by the Mayor.

SOME HISTORIC INSTANCES OF THE SEVERANCE BETWEEN POLITICAL PARTIES AND THEIR LEADERS

(L. A. M. Lovekin in Toronto Saturday Night.)

The determination of Mr. Meighen to abandon both the Conservative Leadership and his Parliamentary career will probably save him from an ordeal which has been the lot of some of his predecessors. The spite of party has more than once caused it to hold their leader responsible for defeat at the polls and consequent loss of office and power. In this they have imitated the Africans who when their crops fail or murrain falls on their flocks proceed to administer chastisement to their idol Mumbo Jumbo. No great harm is done, for no one is hurt, and anger appeased by the useless demonstration. But when a furious party visits, often their own sins, on the offending leader, injustice may be done and pain worse than physical caused to an innocent man. Certain injudicious and tactless speeches already reported may shadow the events which would have followed the first party meeting, after the assembling of Parliament, had the ex-leader not stepped down. It may be that he will reconsider his determination and undoubtedly his retirement at the present time would be a national loss. Eminence, at times by years of patriotic effort in public life, has not been sufficient to shield some of our greatest men from the wrath of revengeful faction. Sir John MacDonald himself was a striking instance not long after the national realization of what had so long regarded, as an impossibility by those whose political vision was bounded by the politics of the ward or the town ship—Confederation. Even he, after the resignation of the Government, following the Pacific Railway "scandal," and consequent general election, came near to being thrown from the Tarpeian rock.

Sir John's Case.

The attempt to morally assassinate Sir John MacDonald was one of peculiar baseness for there were associated with it men who had good reasons for deeming themselves under the greatest obligations to him. But the fomenters of trouble were active, and so insidiously had they worked that it was expected there would be a serious demonstration at a caucus that had been called. The situation appeared so serious that Mr. Rufus Stephenson, the Conservative "Whip" of the period, took advantage of an accident which enabled him to send round a late, or perhaps early in the morning, message to the members telling them that the meeting had been "called off," a piece of information which caused the possessors of aching heads to be glad. It has been recorded, as a matter of history, that Sir John on proceeding to the room found that "not a soul was present." There was, however, another caucus at which an effort was made to fan the agitation into renewed life and which might have resulted seriously. At this Mr. Alonzo Wright, the "King of the Gatineau," presided, and no less a person than the then "Mr." John Abbot delivered a very clever but somewhat ambiguous speech of the special pleading variety, declaring that the time had come when, "in view of recent events," it was desirable to consider the policy and leadership of the party. Dr. Schultz, of all people, who had every reason for loyalty to Sir John, expressed himself in a like strain, and the late Hon. Peter Mitchell also exhibited signs of wavering hostility. The air was charged with political fire, but the smouldering elements were stamped out by the late Mr. H. B. Witton, of Hamilton, man of letters, scientist and critic, at that time representing his some clear statement as to the reason city in Parliament. He first asked for and object of the meeting, which, on the surface, was vague and undefined. He strongly condemned anything like the proposition of Messrs. Abbot and Schultz. Reminding the members of the homely counsel of Abraham Lincoln concerning the interchange of horses in midstream, he pointed out the danger of adopting the policy, something more than hinted at, and which had no substantial basis and would only tend to disrupt the Conser-

vative party, the members of which were challenged to show cause for any such action.

The speech silenced the weak-kneed and Mr. Wright then cast the weight of his prominence and authority against any such proposition and added the additional assurance that had he not been presiding over the meeting he would have enunciated the same policy as Mr. Witton. So the caucus broke up without taking the action which was expected. Later Sir John addressed his followers, giving a comprehensive sketch of his long and brilliant career with the party and his future policy. The great leader fanned the enthusiasm of his followers into a flame and their fealty was pledged. Nor did it ever falter, and five years later he returned to power with an overwhelming majority; his ministerial leadership continued till his death, and the National Policy, the government he led made operative, delivered the Dominion from a perilous commercial and economic condition into which it unhappily seems today to be relapsing.

Honest Alex. MacKenzie.

Then there was a similar exhibition of party ingratitude in the case of the Hon. Alexander MacKenzie after his failure in 1878. He was an honorable man and the errors of his policy were at least rooted in conviction. As leader of the Opposition he was marked for sacrifice. In his case underhanded treason did its work most effectively. There was a peculiarly tragic incident in connection with his political assassination. On the evening of March 13th 1880, the Hon. L. H. Holton, a man of the political Bayard type and above underhanded dealings, had warned Mr. MacKenzie of the plot against him. On the 14th Mr. Holton died suddenly, and on the 15th three was a painful scene in the House of Commons. Sir John MacDonald insisted on the unusual procedure, in the case of a private member, of adjourning. Pointing to the funeral-wreathed chair which had been occupied by the deceased, in the opposition side of the chamber, he exclaimed: "For the life of me I could do no work today with that vacant chair in front of me." Then Mr. MacKenzie began to speak. His customary granite-like face showed not a sign of the storm of emotion raging in his heart. He doubtless remembered the warning of his friend a few hours previously, and after a few words he ended by saying "I feel myself unable to say—" and Hansard supplies the rest as follows: (The honorable gentleman was here so overcome as to be unable to proceed). Never before, or since, has so painful an incident occurred in Parliament. Not many days after he said in his place, "Yesterday I determined to withdraw from the position of leader of the opposition, and from this time forth I will speak and act for no one but myself." Treason had done its work, but it gained nothing in the end. And the opposition were rather ashamed, and made matters worse by a pretence that they were acting out of pure benevolence, in order to give Mr. MacKenzie a temporary "rest." The case of Sir Charles Tupper will be remembered. He failed to accomplish what his duty under the constitution required him to do, in connection with the Remedial Bill, a failure largely promoted by gross equivocation and chicanery on the part of the very people in whose interests the legislation was framed. Other instances could be noted of foolish attempts to visit the sins of the electorate on the political leader. And in the recent election it was evident that the defects were not solely due to the leader. Rather the reverse and the Conservative electorate has to blame itself and its apathy for its defeat.

A violinist entered a country music seller's shop.

"I want an E string, please," he said.

Producing a box the latter said: "Would you mind pickin' one out for yourself, sir? I 'ardly knows the 'e's from the she's!"—The Bits.

THE SEASON'S PAGEANTRY.

This world so fair—
How radiant in spring!
When April kisses May
And leaves a tear behind
In every daffodil—
I say within my heart
"You are the season I love best
Of all the year
Linger awhile, dear spring!
And let me hear rapturous thrush
Sing his first song again."
But joyously, unheeding,
She hands to merry June
Her bounteous beauty—
And is fled.

Then summer brings to earth—
A deeper loveliness,
The hum of bees is here
And fragrant clover
Scatters her perfume to the sweet
soft breeze.

When shadows lengthen on the lawn
I cry enraptured—
"Stay just a little longer, gentle
summer!"

Let me but pick another white June
rose!"

In spite of all my pleadings—
She is gone!

Autumn is here!
The glory of the year,
Gorgeous the woods and marshes
Clad in their crimson, gold and
emerald,

They almost seem to call,

And I cry back—

"Why should this splendor vanish?
Let me but keep it—
That I may find the white and
purple asters,

The deeper crimson berries,
Fill every nook and cranny with
their praise!"

But in the night

So quiet and so white—

There falls the snow—

Winter creeps in.
A silent, wondrous awe,
A stillness all untouched by sight
or sound—

It, too, will pass away—
And I can let it go,
Because a beauty which can never
fade

Begins to dawn.

—SUSAN F. CAMPBELL in
Christian Science Monitor.

A PARADOX.

Wife—George I had a wonderful
time at the club this afternoon, but
I'm awfully tired. I was on my
feet the whole time.

Husband—What part did you take?

Wife—I was the chairman.

Daughter—Mother stopped making
fun of me for wanting to be a
screen actress.

Father—Has she changed her opinion?

Daughter—No. I caught her trying
to write a moving-picture scenario.

A LITTLE THING

THE power called habit is a little thing * * * *
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RESPONSIBILITY

Who is responsible for our high death rate from Tuberculosis in New Brunswick? We, the People.

We allow over 400 people to die every year from Consumption in this Province. According to population, for every 41 people that die of Tuberculosis in Saskatchewan, 100 die in New Brunswick.

We carelessly allow hundreds of others to become infected.

We do not insist that EVERY tuberculous patient receive proper care and treatment EARLY when he is CURABLE.

We do not realize that Education in the Prevention of Tuberculosis means the Prevention of a multitude of other ailments.

We Will Not Give Serious Attention to the Early Symptoms.

Next Article: "Early Symptoms of Tuberculosis".