

Hospital Matters Before Municipal Council at Friday Afternoon Session

Action Deferred on Suggestion of Coun. Clarkson—Motion to Promote Legislation to Put Apportionment of Justice Accounts in Criminal Cases on Former Basis.

Hospital matters took up much attention at the meeting of the Municipal Council of York, Friday afternoon. No decision was reached action being deferred until today. A resolution also was passed that the Administration of Justice Accounts as they affect criminal cases be apportioned on the former basis of one third to the city of Fredericton and two thirds to the county instead of having each municipality pay according to the place of origin of the case. This is to be embodied in legislation if the city is agreeable. An item of interest was in connection with the salary of the Recorder the Public Accounts committee recommending investigation of the fact that the salary was shown as \$3,200 whereas it should be \$2,700. Recorder Brown presented a certified of an order-in-council passed by the Provincial Government in May last increasing the salary by \$500 and he explained that the increase had been made because he had found it necessary to pay his assistant eighteen dollars per week, instead of fourteen for which she had been engaged by the late Recorder T. H. Colter.

Committees Named.

Warden Cowperthwaite named committees as follows:
Printing—Manual, Smith, Morrison.
Bond—Christie, Ebbett.
Finance and Building—Seymour, Baynor, Clarkson.

Victoria Hospital Matters.

Coun. Tilley Bird moved that the County's member on the Trustee Board of Victoria Hospital, be read.

Coun. Hinchey objected that the

usual delegation from the Hospital Board should put in an appearance.

Coun. Clarkson's Suggestion.

Coun. Clarkson reported as trustee for the County. He had a statement of paying and partially paying patients. A grant of \$3,000 had been given by the county last year. He had been able to attend all the meetings of the Board which he could. He recognized that the Trustee Board had a hard time to finance it but he did not agree with all the methods of administration. In figuring rates the high and the low rates were added together, an average being struck. The average was \$3.50 per day but many of the ward patients cost only \$3. Against the county was a charge of \$4,402.20. Deducting the grant it left \$1,402.20 owing by the county. He was compelled to state that many patients shown as free or partially paying patients, who were better able to pay than he was. There was something wrong however, in the method of admitting patients, some were admitted on the order of the Secretary-Treasurer, others on the order of city officials the patients being residents of the county.

He had the proposition to make that a grant of \$500 or whatever sum, might be deemed proper be granted freely to the Hospital and that the bills be paid by the county which are vouched for by councillors. Coun. C. W. Pond claimed that it was not fair to charge the county with pauper patients at the rate of paying patients.

Matron From Stanley.

In response to Coun. Hinchey Coun. Clarkson said the matron was Miss Pringle a native of Stanley Village. Coun. Hinchey agreed that she must be as good as any matron obtainable. He also argued that the poor patient had a right to the same attention as the rich one. If the county grant was not enough, let the grant be increased. Personally he would like to see each parish paying for its own patients.

As far as the order of a councillor for admission of a patient was concerned it was too much red tape. There would be no time to look up a councillor to get an order in case of illness. A patient might die before an order could be given.

Explanations.

Coun. Clarkson said that there were many emergency cases, in which a councillor's order could not be obtained before admission. Coun.

cillors were notified later.

Coun. Hinchey asked if it was not true that payment was demanded before admission.

Coun. Clarkson said it was not correct. Coun. Hinchey said he had seen by the press that such had been done. Coun. Douglass

about two Stanley cases, who had authorized the admission?

Coun. Clarkson said one was an emergency case, admitted on a doctors' order.

Coun. Douglas said that this case was one which could not have been classed as free.

Coun. Hinchey said he never had received a communication from the Victoria Hospital during the six years he had been councillor.

Coun. Clarkson said that communications often went to commissioner of the poor. That would account for Coun. Hinchey getting no communication.

Discussion Deferred.

Coun. Whipple suggested that the discussion be postponed until Saturday morning. Personally he favored the suggestion of Coun. Clarkson.

A motion to defer discussion until Saturday morning was carried.

Public Accounts Report.

Coun. Tilley Bird presented the report of the Committee on Public Accounts which recommended payment of \$468.48. The greater part of this \$331.18, was to Sheriff J. B. Hawthorne for expenses connected with executing Harry D. Williams. Arthur Ellis was paid \$178.15 for hanging the convicted man.

The report was adopted.

Recorder's Salary.

Coun. Tilley Bird for the Public Accounts Committee also recommended that there be an investigation of the item of the Recorder's salary which was shown as \$3,200 when it should be \$2,700.

Recorder N. W. Brown who was present asked permission to present a certified copy of an order-in-council increasing the salary by \$500.

Discussion ensued in which it was stated that Secretary Treasurer Scott had received no notice of the increase in salary.

The final decision was that the Council had no control over the matter and must pay the increased salary.

Administration of Justice.

Coun. Seymour brought up the matter of apportionment of expenses of administration of justice between city and county. In order to facilitate settlement it was deemed advisable to return to the former system of the city paying one-third and the county two-thirds of such expenses the city agreeing, instead of the city paying for its own cases and the county paying for its own.

He moved a resolution embodying his suggestion for consideration by the Committee on Legislation.

The motion was carried.

LIVELY INTERCHANGE AT OPERA HOUSE

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ed. The present council was not responsible but had to clear up the situation.

The present council had not been able to proceed with the Northumberland Street Surface Sewer but he could assure the residents of the district that the Council if returned would take action in the matter.

In regard to the effort to have new police quarters furnished the Council had resisted it with the result of a great saving to the city.

Mayor Phillips concluded his remarks by saying he had presided over one of the best councils that ever sat. Its administration had been attended with efficiency and economy. He had reconsidered his decision to retire because of the campaign of slander and

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criticism which had been begun. He appealed for the votes of the electors on Monday for the full ticket.

Ald. David McCaughey.

Ald. David McCaughey said he was pleased to be associated with men who had the best interests of the city at heart. He had entered the Council two years ago believing there was extravagance and maladministration as civic affairs. He had learned that much good work was being done by the members of the council and had learned much. It was a dangerous time to make a change, while important matters were under way.

Ald. D. W. Olts.

Ald. D. W. Olts said that ex-Mayor Reid and Mayor Phillips were two valuable men for the city. He felt that in justice to himself he should offer as a candidate as he never had been elected by the voters. Touching upon the Pumping Station he said that a new pumping unit was necessary unless the city was to depend on the Holly Engnie forty years old and condemned long ago. Economy was a wonderful word. He had practiced it at his lifetime. He quoted statistics to show the economy of the system of contract with the Maritime Electric Co. He appealed for support of the whole ticket.

Ald. W. E. Farrell.

Ald. W. E. Farrell said he did not think he had any sins to answer for. He had been told that by Mr. Mitchell the master-mind of the opposition ticket. The members of that ticket if elected would have to bow to his dictates or make an enemy for life. He himself had been approached by Mr. Mitchell and told that he would be acceptable as a member of the ticket. At that time he was all right as far as the opposition was concerned.

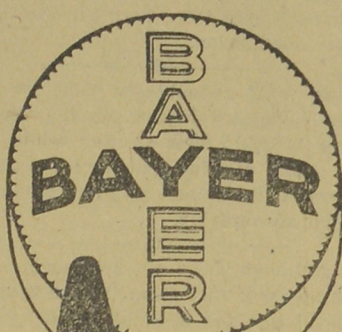
Ald. Farrell defended the vote of fifty dollars for taking photographs of salmon pools above the city. That expenditure already had brought bookings of seven parties to fish salmon. He also quoted from Rod and Gun.

The speaker also denied that the opposition had been refused the use of the Opera House for a meeting.

He also said that Mr. Mitchell in canvassing him as a candidate had said that he would return to power, would return control of the police to the City Council. He also referred to incidents in connection with Can-

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ada Temperance Act enforcement some years ago.

He closed his remarks with an expression of confidence in the return of the Council ticket on Monday.

It had been said that the "dictator" wished to be Principal Assessor. He did not credit that but a short time ago he wished to be Assistant Assessor but refused a salary of \$250 desiring to have \$350.

Mr. Mitchell Replies.

Mr. Mitchell said he never sought the office, Mayor Phillips asked him to take it.

He had been informed by one quite close to the inner circle that an appointment as Assistant Assessor had been a means whereby the Council including Mayor Phillips had sought to tie his hands. He had avoided the appointment.

"That is an absolute falsehood," retorted Mayor Phillips with heat. "The man who said that was a liar."

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