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## Police Administration

The City Council, led by Aldermen Doohan and Ross, got away to a good start last evening when they introduced one motion regarding the abolishing of the Police Commission and another regarding the regulating of the police magistrate's salary and fees.

A resolution that the administration of justice committee of the City Council confer with the York County Council at its next session in January to discuss the advisability of employing the magistrate of Fredericton on a straight salary basis rather than on a salary and fee arrangement, was passed by the City Council.

"The time has come, not only here but elsewhere, that the magistrate should be paid a flat salary. The fees collected by him should go to the city treasury," said Alderman T. Earle Doohan, who moved the resolution as a sequel to his allegations at the council committee meeting Monday night that the magistrate had been having the city police collect bills pertaining to his private business as a lawyer. Alderman B. R. Ross seconded the motion.

Alderman Ross also gave notice that a motion would be made at the next session of the council in November that the council take whatever action was necessary to abolish the board of commissioners of police of Fredericton.

As both these problems were first taken up by The Daily Mail and dwelt upon strongly from time to time, this paper views with considerable satisfaction this action on the part of the City Council in response to our appeals and to the demands of many citizens.

No person who has studied conditions at City Hall can be satisfied with the present condition of affairs, especially so far as police affairs are concerned. The system by which the police magistrate's office and the police office are being administered is far from satisfactory. The citizens will view with interest this latest move by the Council.

Aldermen Ross and Doohan deserve credit for starting the ball rolling towards reform. They will have the satisfaction of knowing that the majority of citizens are at their back, as well as at the back of the other Aldermen who are supporting their motions.

## Keeping Children In

The Marysville School Board, which is strongly opposed to teachers keeping the children in after school, is striking a note which is in perfect accord with the views of all modern school boards. The school regulations say that school should be dismissed at 3:30, and any teacher, either in Marysville or elsewhere, who is able to handle his work, should have his classes finished at that time and should see that the children get out and get some air. The parents whose children are kept in school, after the proper hour for closing, have a real grievance and it is good to know that the school authorities and parents at Marysville have enough life in them to protest.

In the city of Fredericton the bad habit of keeping children in school, sometimes to 4:30 or 5 o'clock in the afternoon, was one that has been long frowned upon by the parents, but the latter seem to be afraid to say anything. Too many parents in Fredericton have the idea that if they say anything "the teacher will take it out on the pupils". As the result of this cowardly idea the teacher is allowed to do as he likes with the pupils. The good teacher dismisses the pupils at 3:30, and the teacher who is not so competent finds it necessary to keep them in until 4:30 o'clock. In Marysville it seems the teachers go the limit and keep the children in the school room until supper time. In both cases it is time that the Provincial Department of Education took a hand and prevented these teachers from keeping the children in the school room.

## Fires Can Be Prevented

By Royal proclamation the week of October 4 to 10 has been designated as a period devoted to the study of fire prevention. The most striking evidence of the importance of this annual prevention week is that almost 80 per cent. of all fires occur as the result of individual carelessness. This applies to forest, industrial and domestic visitations. It is, for example, pointed out by the Dominion Fire Commissioner that in 1935 nearly 12,000 fires were definitely traced to the careless handling of cigarettes, the loss consequent upon such carelessness totalling \$1,800,000. This alone shows the importance of devoting a week to impressing upon smokers the damage they may do by thoughtlessly throwing aside burning cigarettes.

Defective or neglected stoves, furnaces, boilers and pipes accounted for 4,800 fires, with damage amounting to more than \$2,780,000. A quarter-million loss was suffered because hot ashes and coals were thrown into alleys and backyards, where dry rubbish was easily ignited. This calls attention to the importance of keeping premises clear of all inflammable litter, too often left in basements, unused rooms or piled against buildings.

As the Fire Commissioner stresses, the best place to cultivate a habit of fire prevention is in the home. If the family becomes habitually conscious of the danger of fire, which may start in so many ways, that thought will be carried to the office and the factory, and wherever people are assembled. If this "prevention" week stimulates realization of the ever-present danger of fire it will be worth while, but this frame of mind should not be allowed to die down during the other fifty-one weeks of the year.

## Memorization Without Meaning

Preparing a thesis for her degree of master of education at Boston University, Mrs. Dorothy Wilson of Newton dug up something that will bring a cheer from many a grown-up and certainly from almost all school children. Mrs. Wilson attacks the old educational pastime of "memorization without meaning." She asks why children are forced to learn a lot of tables of feet, pounds and the like when for the most part they forget them. If the tables are needed, anybody can look them up in a book.

No general condemnation does Mrs. Wilson offer. She is quite sensible about the matter. But she does point the way to rationalization of unnecessary drill.

However we she may argue, however loudly the public applauds, educators generally will be stone deaf to the suggestion that anything be dropped from the system.

## SNAPSHOTS

The Marysville School Board could give some lessons to their brothers in Fredericton. They are getting after the teacher who keeps the children in after school. This practice has been condemned by all up-to-date school heads in Canada. Up-to-date competent teachers do not keep the children in. In Toronto three teachers out of a thousand were found doing this.

A move has been started at the Council towards improving affairs in connection with the Administration of Justice department in this city. Citizens are watching the move.

New Brunswick stands well in the financial world, to judge by the way our bond issue was snapped up. It also shows faith in the present safe and sane provincial administration.

The poor cop at the Police Station did not even seem to know, when our reporter called, that a man had been placed in the police cells, charged with drunken driving. Oh, Dear Me!

## Want Commission

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ounded by Alderman Forbes that Stegmann Publications be given a contract to compile a city directory and take the census of the city, the city taking ten pages of space at \$25.00 per page. The motion was carried with a dissenting vote from Alderman McCaughy who stated that the matter had not been sufficiently considered, that the city is small and has no real need for a directory, that there are other uses for the money and that it would be well to postpone the matter for a year.

Alderman Forbes was appointed chairman of a committee with power to appoint other members to compile a history of Fredericton to be used in the Directory.

A letter was read from J. J. F. Winslow, K.C., representing Highway Transport Co., reaffirming its position in regard to its Fredericton inter-urban bus terminal. It was decided to hold this matter over until Mayor Kitchen returns.

A motion was adopted to authorize the Water and Sewerage Committee to extend the water system one block along Graham Lane.

The report of Fire Chief Karl Walker stating that the main floor of the fire station was in need of repairs was referred to the Fire Committee.

Alderman McCaughy reporting for the Roads and Streets Committee stated that the programme of this department had been carried out satisfactorily. The Deputy-Mayor commended Alderman McCaughy on the fine work of his committee.

Alderman Forbes said that the residents of Queen street west were complaining that the river bank along Campbell street was being used as a dump for old cars and that this should be referred for investigation to either the Police Commission or the Roads and Streets Committee. When it was pointed out that the property in question is not owned by the city it was decided to do nothing in the matter pending the return of Mayor Kitchen.

Alderman Ross gave notice that a motion would be submitted at the November meeting of the council to abolish the Board of Commissioners of Police of the city of Fredericton.

Immediately after Alderman Ross had concluded, Alderman Doohan chairman of the Administration of Justice Committee, addressed the chair as follows: "What strikes me as funny is that the more crimes there are committed the more income there is for the Police Magistrate. I think the time has come that the magistrate should be paid a flat salary and that fees collected by him should go to the Treasury. This would relieve the differences between the magistrate and the council. I feel that this income would pay his salary."

"I don't think it is a good thing for the magistrate to collect fees for crimes. It might lead to racketeering."

Moved by Alderman Doohan, a committee from the city council be appointed to confer with a representative from the Municipality of York to discuss a salary for the Police Magistrate, rather than continuing on the present basis of salary and fees. The motion was carried.

Alderman Mundle read a report on the 1936 convention of Union of Municipalities held in Newcastle on September 28, 29, 30. He said that one of the recommendations made behind the scenes was that the Royal Canadian Mounted Police be assigned all traffic duty in cities and towns in the Province.

A vote of thanks was extended Alderman Mundle for his excellent report.

Following is the auditor's monthly report, showing expenditures for the month of September, 1936.

Water .....	\$ 2,101.14
Sewerage .....	664.68
House Connections .....	4.92
Roads and Streets Ordinary .....	1,583.14

# OUR MAIL BAG

## ALL TALK --- NO ACTION

Editor Daily Mail,  
City.

Dear Sir:

There has been an enormous amount of talk lately regarding the Police Commission and the administration of justice in this city. I have been guilty of contributing my little word from time to time, but it has had no more effect than the contribution of anyone else. About the only satisfaction I can derive from the situation is that the City Council can't be any more important than I am, since their talk is getting them nowhere either.

I think that in spite of all the talk, no one has as yet been willing to face facts. The situation has been talked around, but no one seems willing to come to grips with it. The Council says we ought to do this or that; or we can do this or that, but they don't do it. They spend their time in talk. If they do know how they can go about it to make the administration of justice more efficient in this city, and if there is a majority in favor of doing it, as there seems to be, why then let them do it.

What are the facts?  
1. There is a police magistrate for the city who is appointed by the provincial government. Certain of this official's activities are disapproved of. What can be done about it by the City Council? The only course is for the city to make representations to the provincial government who appoint the magistrate. The city can request his dismissal or a change in his activities. I do not say they will get any satisfaction, but it remains the only course to pursue, instead of talking.

2. There is a Police Commission in the city which is likewise appointed by the provincial government. Objections are voiced against this body because it is out of the control of the Council. What to do? Precisely the same course as above. Here, though, I am informed, the Council has a more direct course of action at their command if they choose to use it. A two-thirds vote of the Council is said to be sufficient to abolish the Police Commission. If this is true, let them cast their two-thirds vote, and stop talking.

3. The Police Chief refuses to meet the Administration of Justice Committee of the Council to discuss certain matters pertaining to his department. I don't know what this committee may be. I don't see why that

committee and the Police Commission are both needed. But anyway the Chief would not appear. He won't appear because he doesn't have to. He is not under the control of the Council, but of the Police Commission, so why should he appear? It might be more diplomatic on his part to appear even though he doesn't have to, but that's beside the question. The Chief is not the culprit here, and it is idle to waste time abusing him because he did not appear. That's just some more talk.

Now, if the rate-payers of Fredericton had a real interest in civic affairs, there would not be so much talk. The Council know that very few people care one way or another about civic affairs unless they have happened to run counter to some civic regulation, and consider themselves unfairly dealt with. Then, indeed, a howl will be raised. But the citizens as a whole won't express themselves; only individuals who have an axe to grind, or a complaint to make.

The Council knows this, subconsciously, at any rate. They don't feel, when they are assembled, that there is any great pressure of public opinion forcing them to advocate or abandon any particular course of conduct. Therefore these questions which should be regarded as vital, are regarded by many members in an academic light. The Council turns itself into a debating society, only unlike debating societies they don't reach any decisions.

Everyone has got to face facts. Not only the members of the Council but the man on the street. And, having faced facts, they must be acted upon. I have listed above the pertinent facts of the present controversy, but there have arisen in the past, and doubtless will again, similar situations, which call for action, not talk.

Great credit is certainly due The Daily Mail for its fearless presentation of abuses in this city, and its advocacy of reforms. No other local newspaper has ever attempted to do this before, nor does yet. If there is to be any improvement in civic affairs in this city, and there has been a good deal lately, The Mail can claim a good share of the credit. Only the reactionaries and die-hards will deny this, but don't forget that we have a lot of them.

So let's have less talk where action is needed, or else no talk at all.

OBSERVER.

## Bitter Battle

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Bartolome de Pinares, six miles south-west of Navalperal).

Success at Oviedo is Reported  
Socialist assault guards were reported again to have attacked the insurgent left flank at Sigüenza.

In house-to-house fighting in the outskirts of the provincial capital of Oviedo in the north, the government announced, 17 houses were captured. Reports from Gijon painted a ghastly picture of conditions within Oviedo. The insurgent commander, Col. Aranda, the reports said, called for volunteer grave-diggers to be paid an equivalent of seven dollars a day to bury the mounting heaps of corpses in the city's streets.

## OCTOBER WOODLAND

My eyes have looked on Beauty's face  
(But Oh, the sight was dear!)  
I found her in a woodland place  
In the autumn of the year.  
My ears heard wild brown water sing.  
My heart heard many a precious thing.

I saw a bough that burned like flame  
(The sun shone warm and sweet),  
And colors that I could not name  
Lay round about my feet.  
So lovely was the year's decay  
It almost took my breath away.

And haste was not, and fret was gone  
And in the stillness God worked on.  
—Jessie Findlay Brown.

Robert Fraser, Jr., Port Washington, N. Y., is at the Queen Hotel.

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