

Salary of the City Clerk Has Been Fixed at \$1000

Motion Adopted at the Last Council Meeting to Make it \$1200 Reconsidered and Six Aldermen Voted for the Reduced Figure--Extras for City Clerk Under New By-laws--Proceedings of the Meeting Were Lively and His Worship was Repeatedly Called Upon to Uphold the Dignity of the Chair

The City Council last night reconsidered the matter of fixing the salary of the City Clerk after spending considerable time in discussing the rules of procedure and order and on an amendment by Ald. Rogers placed the salary at \$1,000, the motion of Ald. Clark that it be \$1,200 not being voted upon. The salary of \$1,000 was given on a vote of 6 to 4. There also was a lengthy discussion with regard to the term of office of the City Engineer, Mr. John O'Neill. It was finally decided on motion to accept his resignation, to take effect on or before May 20 and to pay his salary up to the time of the expiration of his services. He will leave shortly to take a position with the Hannington Bridge Company of Minneapolis.

In the matter of paying the members of the Fire Department, His Worship the Mayor took the same stand as he had on the famous item of \$17.50 for the special Canada Temperance Act officer and refused to pass the item to give firemen's pay to the four captains of the company. The Mayor stated that he would pass the item only if the amounts were made payable to each of the firemen who earned it. In view of this ruling by His Worship, it was moved and carried that cheques issue to each individual fireman. The Council also disposed of a considerable amount of routine business. Among new business the most interesting was a vote of twenty dollars to provide shelter for bathers at the Flats and between Shore and Lansdowne street, while dressing and undressing. This was on motion of Ald. Clark.

During the session there were sundry verbal passes between the Mayor and Ald. Mitchell, His Worship intimating that a proper degree of respect was not being shown the chair. Ald. Farrell and Ald. Mitchell also had a few wordy bouts while on the occasion of the reconsideration of the matter of the City Clerk's salary. Ald. Clark was the storm-centre.

OBJECTIONS TO MINUTES.

The minutes of the regular monthly meeting for April were read by the City Clerk.

Ald. Farrell pointed out that it should be recorded that the item of \$17.50 for a special Canada Temperance Act officer was passed with the Mayor declaring that it would be without effect.

The City Clerk stated that it was not customary to record speeches or remarks.

His Worship said he wished his remark on that occasion recorded.

Ald. Mitchell protested against such going on record. The item had been passed by the Council and the Mayor was not a judge of that body but its chairman.

His Worship replied that he would stand for no slurs with regard to the chair. The chair deserved the respect due it and he proposed that it should get it at all times.

The minutes stood confirmed after which the minutes of the special meeting of Friday, April 25, were read. In these it was recorded that J. W. McCready had been appointed City Clerk with salary unfixed.

Ald. Clark pointed out that Ald. Weddall as seconder of the motion to appoint the civic members of the Publicity Committee should be recorded as a member of it and not Ald. Everett.

This error was corrected.

Ald. Farrell objected that a motion to appoint the City Clerk had been made at the special meeting but had not been carried and the record should not show him appointed with salary unfixed. It certainly had been the intention to increase his salary to \$1,200 but a cog had slipped and it had not been done. He understood the office of City Clerk did not become vacant automatically and he still held office but at his former salary.

His Worship affirmed Ald. Farrell's statement and issued instructions that the minutes be amended.

FIREMEN'S PAY.

Speaking to the item of Fire Department expenditure, His Worship stated that in committee on the preceding night and it so had been reported in the press, he had been accused by one alderman of holding up an item of \$17.50 because it was connected with the Canada Temperance Act and that had that item been connected with any other department it would have been passed. This item to which he referred provided for the payment of the sum of fifty dollars per year for each fireman, to the four captains. In view of the provisions of the city charter he must declare the item out of order and stated that he would not pass the item until the amounts were made payable to each fireman.

Ald. Farrell stated that he had hoped the chairman of the Fire Department would move that a cheque for fifty dollars, the amount of the annual pay, issue to each fireman. However he would make the motion. There was some delay but Ald. Hoben seconded the motion, which was passed.

AUDITOR'S REPORT

The Auditor's report on monthly expenditure was passed as follows:

Roads and streets.....	\$1,231.67
Public works.....	43.17
Fire Department.....	1,913.29
Contingent.....	283.05
City Hall.....	229.28
Municipal Home.....	16.25
Canada Temperance Act.....	11.00
Administration of Justice.....	423.68
Street Lighting.....	983.01
Sewerage.....	48.89
House Connections.....	96.06
Water.....	985.29
Roads and Streets (extra).....	21.54

Ald. Weddall presented the report of the Municipal Home Committee and on his motion a cheque for \$150 was ordered to issue in favor of the commissioner.

On Ald. Clark's motion the usual

monthly and quarterly pay roll and allowances were voted.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

For the Finance Committee Ald. Clark moved that a cheque for \$2000 issue in favor of the School Board on June 2--Carried.

Ald. Clark presented the following report on tax collections during April of 1912 and 1913.

1912.....	\$1,567.73
1913.....	2,241.72

The report was adopted.

Ald. Everett reported upon the award of contracts for supplies for the Water Department as has been published previously. The report was adopted.

The report of the Street Lighting Committee as presented by Ald. Rogers was adopted.

The report of the Market Committee on the sale of market weigh-scale fees was submitted by Ald. Boyce and was adopted.

The report of Ald. Hoben that the contract for supplies of feed for the Fire Department had been awarded to Currie Bros. was adopted.

The report of the Wharf Committee that H. O. Mackay had purchased the wharfage and anchorage fees was presented by Ald. Scott and was adopted. On his motion Mr. Mackay was appointed harbor-master for the year.

BAND GRANTS

Ald. Mitchell on behalf of the special committee on band grants moved that grants for open-air concerts on conditions to be fixed by the committee be given as follows:

Fredericton Brass Band.....	\$300
71st Regt. Band.....	100
Donovan's Brass Band.....	100

Ald. Hoben seconded the motion which was carried.

A petition of the Fredericton Gas-light Company was referred to the Water Committee to report.

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CUPID GETS IN WORK ON VENERABLE COUPLE

Mr. D. F. Knight and Mrs. Elizabeth Currie United in Marriage--Off to Boston on Honeymoon

A quiet wedding took place at six o'clock last night at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Barr, Queen Street, where Mr. D. F. Knight and Mrs. Elizabeth Currie, both of this city were united in marriage. Rev. S. A. Baker, pastor of the Reformed Baptist Church, officiated.

Mr. and Mrs. Knight left by this morning's train for Boston, where they will spend two weeks visiting friends. Upon their return they will make their home with Mr. and Mrs. Barr on Queen Street.

The principals of the happy event are both upwards of seventy years of age, and this is the second matrimonial venture for each.

The bridegroom resided in the west for some years and accumulated considerable property. He has of late years lived in retirement at Kingsclear, removing to the city only a few months ago. He was a generous contribution to the building fund of the Reform Baptist Church in this city and holds the office of deacon.

The bride was formerly a resident of Queensbury, York County, and has been making her home with Mr. Barr for some time. She is active for her years and has a large circle of friends.

TOO MUCH HOP BEER

A young man from neighboring parish was arrested yesterday by Special Policeman Roberts for being drunk. He pleaded in court this morning that he had had but one drink of hop beer and was not intoxicated. He was fined four dollars.

QUEEN'S SQUARE MENTIONED AS PUBLIC PLAYGROUND

Street System for Scully Grove Property Endorsed By City Council--Railway to Take Land

The New Brunswick & British Colonization Company have been given permission by the City Council to open streets through the Scully's Grove property, provisions of city bylaws dealing with the opening of streets to be observed and the streets to be named McLeod street and Scully street in accordance with the street naming system. This was decided at last night's meeting of the City Council on the motion of Ald. Mitchell. The latter, taking up the matter of a public playground, expressed the opinion that so much of the Scully's Grove property would be taken by the St. John & Quebec Railway that it would not be worth while for the city to buy the remainder. He thought a much better public playground could be obtained by a comparatively small expenditure on Queen's Square.

Ald. Mitchell, speaking to his motion, said that a communication from Mr. T. H. Nagle, secretary of the company, had been to the effect that the company wished to have the City Council take over the land required to open the streets through the property. After that had been done a committee of the Council might wait upon the company's president, Mr. R. F. Randolph, in regard to purchase of the property. Both Mr. Randolph and Mr. Nagle had expressed surprise at statements made with regard to the Scully's Grove property by Ald. Farrell at a previous meeting of the Council and had said that they had not been authorized by them.

Ald. Farrell, in reply, said that

WORLD'S NEWS IN SHORT METER

New York, May 7--House may adopt income tax today.

Secretary of Commerce Redfield says decision to investigate reduction of wages following passage of Tariff bill will not include all industrial. Argument in the New Haven case will be heard before interstate commerce Commission notwithstanding today.

Burlington's April earnings estimated to have increased about ten per cent.

President Wilson is considering sending industrial commission to Patterson to investigate strike.

Reports from Northwest show good volume of business is being transacted.

Governor Sulzer issues statement regarding bills affecting state bonds U.S. Rubber Co., earned 7.46 per cent on common stock for year ended March 13th, 1913.

12 Industrials declined 0.74; 20

active railways declined 0.93. American stocks in London firm & to 1/4 up

STOCK MARKET IS SLUGGISH

Heavy Liquidation in the Harriman Issues is the Cause

European Political Skies are Expected to Clear up in the Near Future

(By direct private wire to J. C. Mackintosh & Co., Bankers and Brokers.)

New York, May 7--The recurrence of weakness in the stock market was due to no specific news but rather to a combination of more or less familiar adverse instances. The gathering of an additional \$2,000,000 of gold for shipment to Paris after the close of business yesterday presents another factor of unfavorable bearing upon the financial condition. This transaction was unjustified by prevailing rates of exchange and for this reason it was believed that this movement would not extend very far. There are grounds for belief that the European political skies will clear up in the near future and that a large amount of hoarded money will return to circulation but foreign financial institutions will have their hands full for some time to come in the matter of caring for the new financing which it sure to follow the cessation of war in the Balkans.

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PERSONAL

Miss Bella McKay of Aberdeen Scotland, arrived here last night from New York and will visit her sister, Mrs. Alexander Murray, Carleton Street for ten days.

Mr. H. B. Wilson of St. John, is at Windsor Hall.

Col. Rutherford of Halifax, is at the Barker House.

Rev. C. H. Fullerton and wife of Prince William, are guests at Windsor Hall.

Mr. E. B. McKnight of Kentville, is at Windsor Hall.

Mr. W. Hawkins of Montreal, is a guest at Windsor Hall.

FIRST SOD TURNED.

The first sod for the new post office building was turned this morning and the work of excavation began. The new building is to be near the street-line on the ground between the Officers' Barracks and the present post office. Lumber and other materials now are on the ground and the lower half of the lawn and pavement of the post office has been fenced off as piling room. The construction work is under the direction of Mr. S. Fraser of Halifax.

Mr. Nagle must have changed his mind. He reiterated his former statement and claimed that it had supported by Ald. Mitchell's statement.

DISCUSSION ON NAVAL BILL RESUMED IN PARLIAMENT

Unanswerable Arguments Against the Measure Presented by Mr. German--Declares That the Naval Expenditure Should be Controlled by Parliament--Lively Passage of Arms Between Hon. Dr. Pugsley and the Minister of Marine--Hazen Charged With Inefficiency

Ottawa, May 6--William Getman, M.P. for Welland, resumed the naval debate today.

"On this side," he said, "of the House we contend that there should be a Canadian navy, manned by our own men, controlled by the Canadian parliament and floating in the waters surrounding Canada's shores. We think that even if not capable of building dreadnoughts we have reached a point of development at which we are capable of building cruisers and other naval craft as valuable for defence of Canadian shores, and as essential to the British navy as are dreadnoughts."

There was a point in the government's naval bill which had not been discussed or cleared up the way it should. The government's bill did not provide for the construction of three dreadnoughts. It provided that \$35,000,000 should be handed over to the government to spend as it pleased. If the minister of railways wanted \$45,000,000 for a new Welland canal, would parliament vote him the whole amount to spend as he saw fit? It would not, but would vote the sum required for the first year's operations, and the next year after the public accounts committee had seen the amount had been properly spent, would vote him the amount required for the next year and would continue to do this from year to year until the canal was completed. In this way parliament would supervise and control expenditure.

The naval aid bill sought to escape the control of expenditure by parliament. This had not been attempted since the days of the family compact when similar attempts to expend without the control of parliament and have the money spent by the governor general in council had produced the rebellion of 1837.

GERMAN'S POSER.

Mr. German declared that the Borden naval aid bill was not needed to provide for the construction of ships in Canada or elsewhere. Under the naval service act of the late government there was authority to do all that could be done under the Borden bill. He asked Premier Borden if under the act of 1911 he did not have the authority to ask parliament for \$35,000,000 for the construction of warships? He pressed for an answer, but the prime minister declined to give it, saying he preferred to hear all of Mr. German's proposals before replying.

Mr. German said that the premier could say nothing but that the authority was there.

"The prime minister has known all along that he had this authority. Why has he introduced the naval aid bill? Before the measure goes through I am going to have him state if the gag is not applied to me to prevent it."

The mention of the gag was cheered by the government benches. "It has been said that the reason Premier Borden introduced the naval aid bill for authority to do what the naval service act gives him authority to do is because he gave a promise to Mr. Bourassa and his other Nationalist allies that he would repeal the Laurier naval measure. That statement has not been denied and until it is, it will be believed. I know what the opinion of the people of Canada is on this question."

A Conservative Member--"That's what is bothering you. What is their opinion?" (Conservative laughter.)

Mr. German--"If the government wants the opinion of the people of (Continued on page three.)"

IOWA MEDICAL MEN MEET AT DESMOINES

Des Moines, Ia., May 7--Between five hundred and six hundred medical practitioners representing practically every section of the State are in attendance at the sixty-second annual convention of the Iowa State Medical Society which opened here today at the auditorium for a session extending over three days. The business sessions over which president Dr. V. L. Treynor of Council Bluffs will preside, will be held in the forenoon, while the afternoons and evenings will be devoted to discussions of medical and surgical matters. Various entertainment features, including a banquet, a smoker, a ball and several theatre and card parties, have also been arranged.

DEATH AT ST. MARY'S

Alex. F. Wilson aged twenty years passed away yesterday at his home, St. Mary's, after an illness with typhoid fever. He is survived by his parents, three brothers, Thomas, John and George of St. Mary's and one sister Mrs. Charles McCoy of the same place. The funeral will take place at 2.30 p. m. Friday. Interment will be made at Sunnybank Cemetery Rev. Mr. Lake conducting the service.

TERRIBLE ROADS.

The new Highway Act is already causing a lot of grumbling throughout the country districts. Commissioners have been named by the local members but they are slow in getting to work. The roads are in an atrocious condition and little or nothing is being done to improve them. It will probably be some weeks yet before auto owners will dare to risk their lives by a trip into the country.

TOBACCO GROWERS IN CONVENTION

Louisville, Ky., May 7--Tobacco growers from every district in the United States assembled here today and began the movement for a national selling organization. That the market still is in the hands of certain interests despite the efforts of the government, was asserted. The Louisiana delegates report the destruction of a large part of the Perique tobacco crop due to the floods.

BOYS, START OUT ON WORLD TOUR

Boston, Mass., May 7--Nearly three score of bright boys, members of the Boy Achievement Club of America sailed from this port today on a trip around the world. The youngsters who formed a fine and healthy looking party attracted considerable attention, were selected by prize competition in many large cities between San Francisco and Boston.

PROVINCIAL APPOINTMENT.

Richard B. Hanson has been appointed justice of the peace for the County of York.

CORONER FOR SUNBURY.

David Duplissea of Fredericton Junction, has been appointed coroner for Sunbury.

THE PUBLICITY OFFICE

The steel sheathing for the Board of Trade office in the Burchill block has arrived and it is expected now that the place will be ready for occupancy in the course of a week or two.