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## CITY COUNCIL IN FAVOR OF TWO NEW FIRE STATIONS

The Subject Threshed Out at Last Night's Meeting of the Board---Chairman of the Fire Committee Recommended One Large Station and Two Small Ones---Limerick Lot on King Street to be Purchased---Total Outlay Will be Heavy

The advocates of two fire-stations for the city instead of one central station, won out at last night's meeting of the City Council. The division on the question was 5 to 4. The advocates of the single station expanded their idea to some extent by proposing that two substations be erected at the extreme eastern and western ends of the city, in addition to the central station, the cost of the latter to be in the neighborhood of \$30,000. There were also some members who were strongly in favor of one central station on the site of the present one in King street. The vote was taken only after a long and spirited discussion and was upon a motion of Ald. Calder.

### ALD. CRUIKSHANK'S OPINION.

Ald. Cruikshank, chairman of the Fire Committee, brought the matter up when he referred to some fire department matters and also to a communication from Mr. Walter Limerick with regard to the option given by him on a lot of land in King street, a short distance east of Regent.

Ald. Cruikshank said that a defective valve in one of the fire-alarm whistles is to be replaced, thus doing away with what had become a public nuisance. A new fire-alarm box to be installed near the Harbort Boat & Shoe Factory had been procured and would be installed as soon as possible.

The alderman also took up the procuring of sites for the proposed new fire stations. He personally was opposed to the idea of building two fire stations so close together as had been proposed, the Limerick lot in King street near Regent and the Todd lot in King street near Westmoorland street. The present size of the city warranted the erection of a large central fire station on the present King street site. Future growth of the city could be provided for by the erection of sub-stations in the extreme eastern and western parts of the city.

### PROPOSES THREE STATIONS.

To Ald. Guthrie Ald. Cruikshank said he favored the erection of three fire stations, including one central station on the present site. Ald. Guthrie said he favored that idea and moved, seconded by Ald. O'Neill, that the City Council promote legislation toward the erection of three fire stations as outlined.

### ALD. CALDER OBJECTS.

Ald. Calder objected that the Council already was on record as favoring the erection of two fire stations. He thought the present motion conflicted with that other.

His Worship ruled that Ald. Guthrie's motion was in order.

Ald. Ryan favored one central fire station on the site of the present central station. He knew of no property in the West End which would suffer from lack of fire protection.

Ald. Calder asked what equipment Ald. Cruikshank intended to place in the three intended stations.

### MATTER OF EQUIPMENT.

Ald. Cruikshank said the central station could cost \$12,000, the two sub-stations together \$10,000. A combined hose-wagon and chemical engine could be placed in each of the sub-stations and a ladder-truck and other apparatus in the central stations.

Ald. Calder strongly favored the building of two stations. A central station would be a monument to some one but the city had no money to spend on monuments.

Ald. Farrell---"Who's going to die?" Ald. Cruikshank---"I am evidently."

ALD. CALDER'S MOTION.

Continuing, Ald. Calder said Fred-

erickton was not going to grow in the near future to the extent that would make necessary three widely separated fire stations. He moved in amendment that the option with Mr. Walter Limerick for a lot in King street be closed and the city clerk be instructed

to complete the purchase, also that a fire station be erected upon that lot and another upon the site now occupied by old No. 1 hose station.

Ald. O'Neill recalled the old days of 'fire-fighting in Fredericton and stated that except for Ald. Cruikshank he was the only practical fireman at the council. He was strongly in favor of a central fire-station.

Ald. Cruikshank also strongly pleaded the cause of the central station.

Ald. Farrell drew attention to the rapid change of front displayed by certain aldermen in the matter of the number of fire stations. Personally he favored two stations.

Chief Butler was of the opinion that a station on the site of old No. 1 station could serve Queen street and the business section of the town and one on the Limerick lot the residential section.

The amendment was carried on the following vote:

Yea---Calder, Moore, Wilkinson, Burchill, Farrell.

Nay---Cruikshank, Ryan, Guthrie, O'Neill.

## SONS OF ENGLAND INSTALLED OFFICERS

Public Session Held and Enjoyable Entertainment Given---Refreshments Served

That the Sons of England are excellent entertainers was proved last night when they conducted a public installation in their large room in Church Hall, on Carleton Street on which occasion a large number of friends of the Society were present including many ladies.

Mr. A. Dunsan Thomas the newly installed President acted as chairman and made a very interesting and instructive address of welcome, he also spoke in reference to the growth of the order in 21 years. It had gone forward by leaps and bounds, he said, for the past six months, a member had been added to the list almost nightly.

Mr. Thomas also acted as installing officer assisted by Brother Timms. The following were installed for the ensuing term the ceremony being very impressive.

President---A. D. Thomas  
Vice-President---A. J. Wright  
Chaplain---Rev. E. Hallstone.  
Financial Sec'y---W. Raymond.  
Rec. Secretary---J. D. Scammell  
Treasurer---J. Bebbington  
Surgeon---Dr. H. H. McNally  
1st Guard---Oscar Harris  
2nd Guard---Victor Walker  
3rd Guard---Walter Butcher  
4th Guard---W. Turvey  
5th Guard---W. Shortom  
6th Guard---F. Ashton  
Inside Guard---A. Reading.  
Outside Guard---C. Smith  
Fred Barnes, Past President.

While the George Street Baptist Church orchestra was furnishing excellent music the following menu was served, Messrs Walter Butcher and Victor Walker doing the catering:

Cocoanut macaroons, Genoese pastry, raspberry and cocoanut, sausage rolls, raspberry and lemon tarts, cheese cake, Fruit cake, Maderia cake Pound cake, Tea, Coffee and Fruit.

Mrs Victor Walker, Mrs John Smith and Miss H. Styrene poured. After the inner man had been satisfied the following excellent program was carried out.

Speech---Chairman  
Selection---Cathedral Quartette.  
Duet---Messrs Fitton and Scammell.  
Recitation---Miss Turvey.  
Speech---Bro. W. W. Hubbard.  
Song---Bro. Kale  
Selection---Orchestra  
Song---Bro. Fitton.  
Speech---John Bebbington Sr.  
Song---Miss Evg Fitton  
Recitation---Mr. A. D. Thomas.

## POWERS MAY INTERVENE

Sir Edward Grey Hints That This May be the Outcome

Balkan States Anxious to Retain the Territory They Have Captured From the Turks

London, Jan. 8---A Berlin cable says that the powers will take joint action to prevent the resumption of hostilities in the Balkan war. Representations will be made direct to the Porte and the peace conference in London.

London, Jan. 7---Sir Edward Grey the British Secretary for foreign affairs, made this statement in the house of commons today regarding the possibility of intervention by the powers should the peace plenipotentiaries fail to reach an agreement:

"This subject in course of receiving the attention of the powers, but I cannot make any public statement as to their views and decisions except such as may be made by common consent."

The Balkan delegates were unofficially informed today that the ambassadors at Constantinople were continuing to exert pressure on the ports in order to find the best way to come to terms with the Balkan States.

### THE AEGEAN ISLANDS

The ambassadors today began the discussion of the Aegean Islands. They examined a long detailed memorandum prepared by the Greek premier M. Venezelos, in which he enumerated all the racial, historical, geographical and cultural reasons in favor of the annexation of these islands to Greece; furthermore, he pointed out, Greece had sacrificed men and money to conquer the archipelago and Greek colors are now flying on all the islands except those temporarily occupied by Italy.

### ALLIES DINE ON TURKEY

The Balkan plenipotentiaries attended special dinners tonight to celebrate Christmas. The Greeks dined at the Greek legation and the Montenegrins with the Servians at the guests of M. Gruitch, the Serbian charge d'affaires. Great enthusiasm reigned and toasts were drunk to their countries and armies. Turkey was the Christmas dish but it was supplemented by the real national dish, suckling pig on a spit.

## CHRISTMAS DAY IN THE GREEK CHURCH

New York, Jan. 7---Thousands of Russians, Greeks and Ruthenians included in the polyglot population of the metropolis held their celebration of Christmas day in accordance with the Greek Church and Russian calendar. Religious services of an elaborate nature were conducted in the Russian St. Nicholas Cathedral in East Ninety-seventh Street.

### NEW CALENDARS.

Mr. A. C. M. Lawson, inspector of the North American Life Assurance Company, has presented The Mail with a very attractive calendar, representing a North American Indian.

J. Clark & Son have also issued very pretty calendars. Besides being attractive the figures are good and large and easily seen at a distance.

### PERSONAL

Mr. G. Harold Edgecombe, who is engaged in forestry work in British Columbia, is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Edgecombe, at St. John.

Selection---Orchestra  
Recitation---Miss Turvey  
Cathedral Quartette.  
Song---Miss Merkelis  
Song---Bro. Murkin  
God Save the King and Auld Lang Syne.

Much credit for the success of the entertainment is due to the untiring efforts and work of Mr. Victor Walker and members of the committee who had the affair in charge.

## FINANCES OF THE CITY

Collections During the Past Year Established a New Record

The Total Was in Excess of \$125,000---Snowplowing Contractors Must Buck Up

Ald. Calder, presenting a report to the City Council last night on the city's financial position, stated that the expenditure for the year 1912 had amounted to \$129,196.27. The School Board had been paid \$6,000 owing from 1911. In past years that amount had been carried over so an actual difference of \$12,000 brought the real expenditure to \$117,196.27. Receipts had amounted to \$121,153.61 and with cash on hand amounted to \$1,060.43, totalled \$125,214.04. The real expenditure for this year had been \$123,196.27, leaving a balance.

On December 31, 1912, the overdraft at the Bank of New Brunswick was \$18,219.75. Deducting the amount of cash on hand the real overdraft was \$14,159.32 and when the \$6,000 paid the School Board was taken into account the actual overdraft was \$8,159.32.

Ald. Calder stated that collections during 1912 had been the best in the history of the city. Total collections in that year surpassed those of 1911 by \$12,841.00. Ground rents had shown an increase of \$1,360.75, water rates of \$4,278.20, city taxes \$1,694.86.

A comparative statement of collections in the two years was as follows:

	1911	1912
Ground rent, .....	\$981.50	\$2,342.25
Water Rates .....	15,181.32	19,459.52
City Taxes .....	75,087.30	80,594.49
Sewerage Rates .....	2,704.92	4,399.78
	\$43,955.04	\$106,796.04

### AUDITOR'S REPORT.

The auditor's report for the month of December was passed as follows:

Roads and Streets .....	\$81.45
Public Works .....	34.50
Permanent Streets .....	11.30
Fire .....	335.18
Contingent .....	260.13
Municipal Home .....	67.25
City Hall .....	218.16
market .....	1.75
Street Lighting .....	556.25
Administration Justice .....	466.60
Sewerage Construction .....	26.92
Sewerage Expenses .....	40.41
Sewerage House Con. ....	62.25
Water .....	1,956.35
Total .....	\$4,218.35

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## THE WORLD'S NEWS IN SHORT METRE

New York, Jan. 8---The currency reform hearings continue today in Washington.

Paris dispatch to the American says Chas. M. Schwab has closed a big deal involving French South American and American interests believed to be building of north American Southern American Trunk Railroad.

American stocks in London firm at \$ up.

Railway managers and firemen have not yet reached a basis of settlement in wage dispute, the conference continues today.

J. P. Morgan files statement with Rujo Committee showing his firm marked over \$200,000,000 of securities in the last ten years. On November 1st last his New York and Philadelphia houses held \$162,000,000 waiting investment.

American Locomotive Company have sold \$1,200,000 5 per cent. notes to Harvey Pisk and Sons, which are part of an issue of \$6,000,000 authorized some time ago.

Philadelphia North American says the Pennsylvania Railroad Company is to add vastly to its mileage Atlantic Coast Line said to be one of the roads absorbed. Western Maryland passes quarterly dividend of 1

## MAY DONATE MEDALS TO NORMAL SCHOOL

Interesting Proposal Made by Coun. Skene of McAdam at Meeting of the County Council This Morning---Committee Appointed to Confer With Principal Bridges---New Heating System for the County Jail

This morning the Municipal Councilors discussed the matter of presenting gold and silver medals for competition among the students of the Provincial Normal School. A committee was appointed to confer with Principal Bridges concerning the matter and definite action will be taken later.

The Municipal Council resumed business at 10.30 this morning.

Coun. Harry Smith presented the report of the committee on the Secretary Treasurer's Accounts which was received and adopted.

On the motion of Coun. Sterling the Buildings Committee was given an opportunity of submitting its report concerning a new heating-system at the county jail for reconsideration.

Coun. Harry Smith stated that it would be cheaper to have the work done before July. The installation of a complete hot-water system would not exceed \$1500. The average cost of wood for fuel per year was \$375. It was positive that a saving of probably \$200 per year would be effected by the installation of the new system. There would be no extra expense of operation.

Coun. Neill moved that the Buildings Committee be empowered to install a hot-water heating system in the county jail. The motion was carried unanimously.

Coun. Sloat moved to reduce the poll-tax in the Parish of Bright for highway purposes from \$2 to \$1.50,

the amount paid in other parishes. Carried.

Warden Fawcett informed the Council that it was under consideration to offer to the Provincial Normal School medals on behalf of the Municipality of York for competition among the students.

Secretary Treasurer Bliss explained that the initial cost of such medals would be forty dollars and of each successive medal twenty dollars. There was hardly a family in York County which at one time or another had not sent a member to the Normal School and all were interested in that institution.

Ex-Warden Skene said that all were interested in educational matters particularly as far as the Normal School was concerned. He moved, seconded by Coun. McMullin that the Warden appoint a committee to interview the principal of the Provincial Normal School Dr. H. V. B. Bridges with regard to this matter.

The committee appointed is composed of Coun. Skene, Coun. McMullin and Coun. Sterling.

Several councillors expressed the opinion that the competition for the medals should be confined to students residing in York County. Others expressed the opinion that the competition should be open to the whole province.

Coun. Sterling moved that the medal be given to the student making the highest standing in the province in the subjects to be selected.

## BIBLE-SOCIETY HELD ITS ANNUAL MEETING

A very interesting anniversary meeting of the Fredericton Branch of the Bible Society was held last evening in the George Street Baptist Church. President Spurden occupied the chair. Rev. Mr. McLaughlan, Rev. Dr. J. H. MacDonald and Rev. J. E. Wilson assisted in the exercises. The principal speaker of the evening was Rev. A. F. Newcombe the efficient secretary of the N. B. Society. After the opening exercises Mr. Spurden called upon Secretary Sampson to make a statement respecting the condition of the Fredericton Branch. This officer spoke of the continued interest in the society and of the general success of the lady collectors. The amount collected in the city for 1912 was \$518.78. Miss McAdam of Nashwaaksis, had sent in nearly \$20 and Mrs. Martin McBean of Taymouth, sent nearly \$50 from Nashwaak for the N. B. Auxiliary.

The officers for the present year are:

President---J. W. Spurden.  
Vice-Presidents---J. J. Weddall and Mrs. A. FitzRandolph.  
Secretary-Treasurer---C. A. Sampson.

Auditor---A. S. McFarlane.  
Committee---A. H. FitzRandolph, Dr. C. C. Jones, A. D. Thomas, A. A. Sterling, R. B. Wallace, Mrs. W. T. Whitehead, Mrs. H. C. Creed, Mrs. W. J. Osborne, Miss Cunningham, Mrs. James Hunter and the local clergymen.

The president then introduced Rev. A. F. Newcombe, who held the closest attention of the audience for thirty-five or forty minutes while he eloquently discussed "The Word in the World."

### WANTS INFORMATION.

Mr. Albert Gresse of Paris, France, who has come to Canada to enquire into the possibilities for big game hunting and fishing, is a guest at the Barker House. He is talking of bringing a large party of sportsmen to this country next season. While here he will interview the deputy surveyor general.

per cent of preferred stock. 12 industrial advanced 0.82; 20 active railroads advanced .02

## MANY MURDER CASES IN FLORIDA COURT

Jacksonville, Fla., Jan. 7---Never before in the history of the circuit court in this city have there been so many murder cases on the docket as are scheduled for trial at the session beginning this week. Sixteen persons including three women are to be tried before the end of January on charges of first degree murder while several others are to be tried or manslaughter. Nearly all of the accused are negroes.

Sugar of all grades has declined ten cents per hundred pounds.

### INQUEST BEING HELD

An inquest is being held in the death of the late Murray A. Scott, evidence being taken today. The coroner is Dr. S. F. A. Wainwright.

### SIXTY NEW STUDENTS.

Sixty new students have entered the Provincial Normal School for an advance of class. Twenty of these are in the French department.

### WARDEN'S DINNER.

Warden W. R. Fawcett has issued invitations to members of the Municipal Council and others to attend the annual warden's dinner to be given at the York Hotel tomorrow.

### LOCK-UP WANTED AT McADAM.

A lock-up is wanted at McAdam by residents of that place and a delegation composed of Messrs. J. W. Hoyt and R. McKenzie is expected to appear before the Municipal Council given at the York Hotel tomorrow.

### NOT ON DOCKET

A report in a local paper of the proceedings of the York Circuit Court stated that the civil docket was not made up in as much as two slander cases, Hayes vs. Blair and McConaghey vs. Gilbert were not entered. The Mail learns that neither of these cases stood for trial at this Circuit; the trial of the former having been countermanded and in the latter no notice of trial having been given by the plaintiff's solicitor.