

LOCAL NEWS

WEATHER

Maritime — Moderate winds cloudy, with snow or rain in some sections.

TO INSPECT PLANT.

On invitation members of the City Council are to inspect the plant of the Palmer-McLellan Shoe and Sack Company, York street.

CITY CONTRACTS AWARDED.

The contract for city advertising has been awarded The Mail Printing Company and the contract for city printing to the McMurray Book and Stationery Company.

RECEIVED A GRANT.

Ex-Ald. James A. Rogers of this city, who saw active service at St. Andrew's at the time of the Fenian scare, has received the Dominion grant of \$100 awarded to veterans.

TO CROSS ARGYLE STREET.

The City Council has given the St. John & Quebec Railway Company permission to build a spur-line across Argyle street, near the larrigan factory of the John Palmer Company, Ltd.

KINDNESS APPRECIATED

Mr. John Bebbington & Son, have the thanks of members of the Sons of England Lodge and their friends for carnations, which that enterprising firm donated at the social last night for the benefit of those present.

WANT MORE STREET LAMPS.

Residents of Regent street have petitioned the City Council that three additional street lamps be placed in Regent and Victoria streets. The petition has been referred to the Street Lighting Committee.

GOVERNMENT MEETING

The provincial government is to meet here tonight. Hon. W. C. H. Grimmer is here for the meeting. Among the politicians on hand for the occasion are Mr. W. B. Dickson, M.P.P., and Mr. Max D. Cormier of Edmundston.

HOLISM EXHIBITION

Ex-Warden John Scott, who now resides in the city was for nearly thirty years a member of the York Municipal Council. Although now in his eighty-fourth year he still takes a keen interest in municipal affairs and seldom misses a council meeting.

COUNCILLORS ENTERTAINED

A large number of the members of the municipal Council and county officials were the guests at Lindsay's Restaurant, King Street, of Coun. Jesse Merrithew of Douglas and Coun. Wm. F. Morris of Queensbury the most recently elected members of the council. A very enjoyable time was spent.

MUNICIPAL MATTERS

It is understood that Scott Act matters both of the past year and of a previous period will occupy considerable attention at the present session of the Municipal Council. It is also understood that a substantial increase in the grant to Victoria Hospital is favored by some of the councillors.

TO DISCUSS GOOD ROADS.

The Municipal Council of York County will meet tonight at 7.30 for the purpose of devoting a session to the discussion of "Good Roads." The secretary of the Provincial Department of Public Works is to be asked to attend. The council has received a lengthy communication from the Good Roads Association of St. John, and the suggestions contained therein are to be discussed at length.

MADE A GREAT HIT

The Pollard Opera Company began a brief engagement at the Opera House last evening before a capacity audience. The performance was high class in every respect and greatly delighted the audience. The members of the Company are artists, one and all and certainly can deliver the goods. This evening Gilbert and Sullivan's great comic opera "The Mikado" will be put on the boards.

BIG ELM AGAIN TO THE FORE.

The big elm in front of Mr. John Payne's residence, Charlotte street, at the corner of Carleton street, is again in public notice. Last night at the City Council meeting Ald. O'Neill asked what had been done to strengthen it. His Worship the Mayor as chairman of the special committee appointed to consider the matter, reported that the Road Commissioner had been instructed to take the steps deemed necessary. Ald. Moore stated that he would again call the attention of the Road Commissioner to the matter.

PLEBISCITE TO BE HELD MARCH 10 RE POLICE COMMISSION

Electors to Choose Between Elective Body and One Appointed by City Council From Its Own Membership

The City Council last night decided to refer the question of the mode of appointing the Police Commission to the electors of Fredericton. On Monday, March 10, a plebiscite will be taken, at which the electors will decide whether they want the Police Commission elected in the same manner as are members of the City Council or to be appointed by the mayor and aldermen from the membership of the City Council, as at present.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

The determination of the members of the Council is contained in the following resolution, introduced by Ald. Farrell when the petition concerning an independent police commission was presented to the Council Monday evening, came up for consideration, and which was passed unanimously:

Resolved, That the petition of Dr. W. H. Steeves and others for the establishment of a Police Commission to be independent of this Council be received;

And Further Resolved

(a) That the whole question of the management of the City Police Force be referred to a plebiscite of the City Electors to be held on Monday the 10th day of March next;

(b) That the City Clerk be and is hereby authorized to make all necessary preparations for and conduct such election as by law required;

(c) That a special form of ballot be prepared for such election so that each elector may be given an opportunity to express his preference for one of the following questions:

1. Shall the City Council continue to appoint from among the aldermen a Police Commission;

2. Shall the Police Commission be elected by a vote of the citizens in the same manner as the mayor and aldermen.

All members of the City Council were present, with the exception of Ald. Kitchen, who is in Montreal.

GRANT TO PUBLICITY COMMITTEE.

The balance of \$500 on the city grant to the Publicity Committee was ordered paid by the City Council at last night's meeting.

WANT SANITARY ARRANGEMENTS

A committee from the Municipal Council with Coun. Sterling of Stanley as chairman has conferred with the city authorities with regard to proper sanitary arrangements for those attending the city market. It is expected that satisfactory arrangements will be made.

TO HAVE FINGER AMPUTATED

Mr. George Sewell who recently had the end cut off a finger of his right hand by an axe intends to go to Montreal next week for further amputation of the member. It has not healed properly and has caused him much pain since the accident.

MUCH INTOXICATION SHOWN BY ANNUAL POLICE COURT REPORT

Canada Temperance Act Cases From City and County Were Equal in Number—Interesting Facts Continued in Annual Record

The report of cases before the Police Court during the year 1912 has been prepared by Police Magistrate John L. Marsh and shows a total of 236. Of that number 225 were for intoxication on the streets. This number is in excess of the average for drunkenness. A feature of the returns is that the number of Scott Act cases from the county and the city was the same.

The record is as follows:

Intoxication on streets	225
Offences against C.T. Act (city)	19
Offences against C. T. Act (county)	19
Theft	7
Assault	12
Vagrancy	3
Riding bicycle on sidewalk	9
Keeping shop open on Sunday	2
Giving liquor to Indians	3
Intoxication on Indian Reserve	4
Selling liquor to Indians	2
Loitering on street corners	4
Keeping furious dog	2
Driving automobiles in excess of speed	3
Interfering with police	3
Playing ball on street	5
Forestalling in market	1
Stealing ride on railway	1
Drunk and resisting arrest	2
Driving team on sidewalk	2
Fighting on street	1
Intoxicated on I. C. Railway	1
Drunk and assaulting police	1
Abusive language	5
Total	336

Mr. J. Howe Dickson, clerk of the executive council, is confined to his home by illness.

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