

MONTHLY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL WAS LIVELY

City Fathers in a Brush Over Proposed Legislation--Bills Were Referred Back to the Committee After Sharp Debate--To Purchase Limerick Lot for a Fire Station--Ald. Calder Intimates That He Will not be a Candidate for Re-election Next Month

The regular monthly meeting of the City Council last night was enlivened by a little clash between Ald. Farrell and Ald. Calder concerning the legislation which is to be sought by the city at the approaching session of the legislature. The result was that the Committee on Legislation has had referred back to it for consideration the bill to provide for the issue of debentures for the erection of a police station.

The Council also adopted a bylaw relating to the sale of wood within the city which had incorporated in its suggestions contained in a resolution of the Labor Council. By the provisions of this bylaw which appears in full elsewhere, a surveyor of firewood is to be appointed by the city, whose duty it will be to attend wherever wood is offered for sale and to accurately measure every load of firewood offered for sale and to place thereon a tag showing the quantity of wood in each load and the date of measurement. No load which has not been so measured and tagged can be offered for sale in the city. The fee for surveying is to be ten cents per load and the penalty for breach of the bylaw is to be a fine not exceeding fifty dollars. The bylaw is not to prevent any person selling or delivering firewood by the cord or millwood by the load within the city. Wilnot Guion has been appointed surveyor.

Those present were Mayor Hooper, Ald. Ryan, Ald. Moore, Ald. Kitchen, Ald. Wilkinson, Ald. Burchill, Ald. O'Neill, Ald. Calder, Ald. Guthrie.

AUDITOR'S REPORT.

The auditor's report on expenditures for the month of January was passed as follows:

Roads and streets	\$291.16
Public works	\$1.04
City hall	277.83
Contingent	463.83
Markets	4.50

Sewerage expenses	22.66
Administration of justice	1,879.51
Fire	396.07
Light	1,142.13
Water	439.29

Total \$5,249.58
Monthly and quarterly pay and allowances were voted.

Reporting for the Municipal Home Committee, Ald. Moore stated that the expenditures for the month had been \$193.35, having on hand a balance of \$8.38. On his motion a cheque for \$225.00 was ordered to issue for Commissioner Niles.

Ald. Calder reported that tax collections for January had amounted to \$2,275.
On the motion of Ald. Wilkinson, a resolution of the Fire Committee that that body be authorized to call for tenders for 500 feet of 2 1/2-inch rubber-lined cotton hose, one dozen rubber coats and one-half dozen rubber covers was adopted.

SURVEYOR OF WOOD.

The bylaw relating to the surveying of wood offered for sale in the public market was passed.

On the motion of Ald. Calder, Mr. Guion was appointed public scaler, with a right to use an office in the basement of the City Hall.

The annual reports of the city engineer and superintendent of street lighting were received and ordered to be printed in the blue book.

CITY LEGISLATION.

The Committee on Legislation then reported that the following bills had been prepared for presentation to the Legislature at its coming session:—To authorize the granting of concessions to the Palmer-McLellan Shoe Company, to fix the valuation of the mill property of Fraser Limited for purposes of taxation, to

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MANY ENTRIES FOR BOWLING TOURNEY

Toledo, O., Feb. 5—Entries closed today for the annual tournament of the American Bowling Congress, which is to be held in this city from February 22 to March 12. When the entries are finally tabulated it is believed they will be shown to exceed the figures at the Chicago tournament last year, in which nearly 600 five-man teams, 1400 two-man teams and nearly 3,000 individual bowlers participated. Preparations for the tournament here are well advanced. Within a week or ten days the directors expect to have completed the work of installing the alleys in the big terminal building where the tournament will be held.

WILL CEDE ADRIANOPE

Vienna Despatch says Turkish Cabinet is Showing Signs of Yielding

Has Agreed to Surrender the Holy City But Wishes to Await Issue of Hostilities

Vienna, Feb. 5—The Constantinople correspondent of the Neue Free Press says that the Turkish cabinet has agreed in principle to the cession of Adrianople on Bulgaria's conditions, but wishes to await the issue of hostilities.

London, Feb. 5—An unconfirmed despatch from Constantinople says that the Porte has again agreed to surrender Adrianople.

London, Feb. 4—The Turks remain on the defensive at Tchatalja and Adrianople. The Adrianople fortress replies only feebly to the Bulgarian bombardment, and apparently no attempt was made in the way of a sortie.

The Turkish newspaper Tanit asserts that Adrianople has sufficient provisions for four months, and other Turkish reports that the fortress certainly will be able to hold out for several weeks.

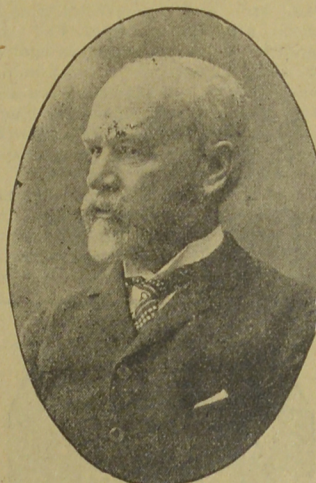
Official quarters in Constantinople breathe a spirit of great confidence in the new regime and declare that the condition of the country and the wintry weather precludes serious operations along the Tchatalja lines for the present.

Meanwhile, diplomacy has made no steps forward since the resumption of hostilities and the porte has made no further communication other to the powers or to the allies. Should it turn out that Adrianople can resist for any considerable time, diplomatic negotiations are likely to remain at a standstill, although in the European capitals settlement by diplomacy rather than by arms is still hoped for.

There is no confirmation of the report.

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HAS RESIGNED



DR. A. B. ATHERTON.

It is reported today on good authority that Dr. A. B. Atherton has tendered his resignation as chairman of the city School Board. His successor will probably be Dr. G. C. Vanwart.

CURLING BONSPIEL OPENS AT WINNIPEG

Winnipeg, Man., Feb. 5—The twenty-fifth annual bonspiel under the auspices of the Manitoba Curling Association, which was opened this morning, promises to be the most interesting event of the kind western Canada has seen in years, if ever equalled before. Clubs are present from places never before represented, and even eastern Canada will have her man on the ice. From British Columbia, Alberta and Saskatchewan and from points in Minnesota, Wisconsin and northern Michigan the delegations are large and representative. The tournament will continue an entire week. The program was ushered in this morning with the beginning of play for the Dingwall cup, one of the principal trophies to be awarded.

WEDDING AT HALIFAX

Lieut. W. E. Roscoe, of the R. C. R. and Miss Stairs the Principals

Old Fort Massey Church the Scene of Brilliant Function--Couple Will Reside Here

Halifax, Feb. 5—Fort Massey was the scene of a brilliant military wedding yesterday, at a quarter to three o'clock, when Joan W. Stairs, youngest daughter of the late James W. Stairs, and Lieutenant Murray Eaton Roscoe of the Royal Canadian Regiment, were solemnly united in the bonds of matrimony by the Rev. R. W. Ross, pastor of the church.

A fashionable wedding, especially when the event is military or naval, is invariably of great local interest, particularly to the fair sex, who were abroad in large numbers this afternoon. When, as in the present instance, the bride is unusually charming, well known in the community and decidedly popular, the wedding becomes doubly attractive. It was therefore not surprising that long before the appointed hour the church was packed with spectators who, owing to the limited space and the large section reserved for guests, overflowed into the vestibule, crowding the steps and pavement.

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BUILDING OPERATIONS COST OVER \$150,000

Annual Report of Building Inspector George W. Ross--Important Recommendations Made

Building Inspector George W. Ross presented his annual report to the City Council last night. According to the report twenty-five new buildings, six of brick, and nineteen of wood had been erected during the year, and nine had been remodelled. Sixteen new metal roofs and several roofs of fire-proof felt had been added to the buildings. The estimated cost of building and remodeling during the year is \$153,150.

Premises are reported as kept in good condition but there is a dangerous habit of keeping ashes in wooden receptacles and of storing dangerous and inflammable fluids within the closely inhabited parts of the city. The building inspector has issued cautions in regard to both practices.

The inspector recommends that fire escapes be placed on all schools and factories and that there be weekly fire-drills in the schools. He also urges the seeking of legislation to compel the removal of dangerous and dilapidated buildings.

Hon. W. C. H. Grimmer arrived today from Toronto.

Premier Flemming arrived in the city last night.

Mr. W. G. Clark is on a business trip to the North Shore.

Rev. J. L. Garree of Caraquet is registered at the Barker House.

BORDEN'S EMERGENCY IS VERY ACCOMMODATING

At Least That is the Opinion of Mr. Turgeon, M. P. for Gloucester--Can be Postponed From Time to Suit the Exigencies of the Party--Strong Speech on Naval Question by Mr. Thompson of Qu'Appelle Utters a Warning to Jingo

Ottawa, Feb. 4—The policy of silence which Premier Borden enjoined upon his followers in the house on the bank act discussion is apparently being continued in connection with the much delayed and many times adjourned naval debate. The emergency proposal again emerged this afternoon and occupied the attention of the house until adjournment. But there was no word spoken from the government benches, and the weight of debate in consideration of the many important phases of the question fell entirely upon the Liberal members three of whom added valuable contributions already made.

The government has apparently exhausted its argument on the matter and will say no more.

Mr. Turgeon of Gloucester, who resumed the debate this afternoon quoted from many authorities against the idea of a contribution, including Lord Milner and Balfour. He declared that the British government had not accepted the principle of contribution and that it would be much better for the empire and for Canada to have a Canadian navy. The development of overseas navies to replace the vessels withdrawn by Britain was necessary in order to provide protection for trade routes.

Mr. Turgeon ridiculed the idea that an emergency existed. "If there is such a thing," said he, "it must be a very accommodating emergency, but it can be postponed from time to time to meet the convenience of the premier and his government."

Levi Thompson of Qu'Appelle, followed. "If the British Empire is ever destroyed," said he, "its destruction will be caused by the ultra-imperialists and jingoes. The empire is not strengthened by centralization. The old plan of dealing with the colonies was a plan of force, and in every

case it failed. It failed with Rome, it failed with Spain and it failed with Britain until it was changed. The great colonizing time came when the British government dropped the policy, the Borden government is now contending for. The tighter you draw the bonds of empire, the more liable they are to break. That is true or else history is false. Why will men here in Canada and why will men of influence in Britain shut their eyes to history?"

Hon. Charles Marcell, the last speaker of the day, dealt eloquently and effectively with the constitutional aspects of the Borden naval bill.

The government had no mandate and parliament had no authority under the British North America Act to make a direct cash contribution to Britain, but the act did authorize parliament to maintain land and naval forces. The Canadian people, he believed, wanted to settle for themselves their own destinies and control their own expenditures. If a vital departure in imperial policy were made the people should be given an opportunity to declare upon it.

The ex-speaker briefly pointed out what was involved in Premier Borden's proposals to have Canada take a direct part in the foreign policy of Britain. It meant that Canada would have to become responsible for the integrity of the Ottoman Empire, of the Sudan, of Switzerland, of Norway and Sweden, of Portugal, of Persia and of Abyssinia. For this meddling with the affairs of Europe no member of parliament had any mandate from his electors.

Mr. Marcell moved an adjournment of the debate at 10 o'clock in order to give members opportunity to catch the night trains so as to leave the capital over tomorrow's holiday (Ash Wednesday)

CHINAMEN IN NEW YORK CLING TO OLD CUSTOM

New York, Feb. 5—Can it be, after all, as set forth in the un-conventional but expressive language of Mr. "Chuck" Connors, the oracle of Chinatown, that the story of the Chinese adopting the fashion of celebrating the Occidental New Year was pretty much "bunk"? The adoption of the western calendar, it will be remembered, was among the many important changes by the new Government soon after the establishment of the Republic of China. According to all reports the Chinese in America were delighted with the change and with all the zeal of recent converts they celebrated their New Year on January 1 last.

Of the fact of the celebration there were many outward and visible signs in the little district bounded by Pell Mott and Doyer streets, known as Chinatown. The store fronts were profusely decorated with the emblem of the new republic intertwined with Stars and Stripes. And some of the young Celestial "bloods" celebrated the birth of the New Year in approved western fashion by eating chop suey and drinking wine in the Oriental way until almost the peep o' day.

But it is evidently hard to break away from a custom that is centuries old. Today marked the beginning of Sun Nin, or the old Chinese New Year, a season of celebration with the Chinese long before the republics and reform administrations were dreamed of in the Flowery Kingdom. And in the fact, perhaps it is to be found the reason why the local Chinese, in spite of countless heads and occidental clothes, today went about their preparations for a fortnight of jubilation in precisely the same manner as they did

before they hung the Caucasian calendar on their walls.

The narrow streets of Chinatown are bright with flags again and great red placards bearing words of greeting are posted at the side of the doorways. Within doors immense pictures of the great men of China, peacock feathers and bright colors adorn the rooms, while immense quantities of nuts, candies and imported wines and liquors, with generous pots of tea, are placed where callers may help themselves.

Some of the younger Chinese when questioned as to the double celebration were emphatic in their declarations that their countrymen were sincere in the adoption of the Occidental New Year and that only the old men and the women were adhering to the custom of their venerated ancestors. A more satisfactory explanation probably lies in the statement of one of the leading Chinese merchants, who expressed the opinion that while it might be more progressive to pay \$20 for a table at a cafe on the night of December 31, it is better business to celebrate in the old way on the wane of the twelfth moon. For the old-fashioned celebration with flags and fireworks never fails to attract a multitude of visitors to Chinatown.

DIVORCE COURT

As His Honor Judge McKeown will be on circuit in Westmorland County on February 25 the Divorce Court will be held in this city on that date will be adjourned by Registrar H. G. Fenety for one week and will be held March 4.

Mr. H. G. Weeks of St. John, is a guest at the Queen.

PRINCIPAL ASSESSOR'S SALARY INCREASED \$200,

Assistant Assessors Reappointed by City Council Last Night--Motion to Make Increase \$400 Defeated

The assistant assessors of the city were re-appointed by the City Council at last night's meeting and the annual salary of the principal assessor was increased \$200. A motion was made to increase it \$400 but was defeated.

The Board of Assessors and the annual salaries of its members now is as follows:

Principal Assessor, A. A. Sterling, \$800.

Assistant Assessors, Harry C. Mackay, Arthur J. Thompson, \$150 each.

The appointment of the assistant assessors and the fixing of annual salaries by law take place at the regular February meeting of the City Council.

On the motion of Ald. Kitchen, seconded by Ald. Guthrie, the salary of the assistant assessors was fixed at \$150 per year.

Ald. Kitchen, seconded by Ald. Moore, moved that the salary of the principal assessor be fixed at \$1,000.

In amendment, Ald. Guthrie, seconded by Ald. Wilkinson, moved that the salary be \$800 per year.

The amendment was carried by the following vote:

Yea—Alds. Ryan, Guthrie, Wilkinson, Burchill, O'Neill.

Nay—Alds. Calder, Farrell, Kitchen, Moore.

On Ald. Kitchen's motion Messrs. Arthur J. Thompson and H. C. Mackay were appointed assistant assessors.

YORK COUNTY, L. O. L. HELD ANNUAL MEETING

R. W. Gregory, of Fredericton Elected County Master--Next Meeting at Parker's Ridge in June

The annual meeting of York County L. O. L., was convened last night at the Orange Hall. Officers for the ensuing year were elected and routine business transacted. The next meeting will be held at Parker's Ridge in June.

The officers elected are as follows: Richard W. Gregory, W. M.

John Cowie, J. M.

Cornelius Smith, Chaplain.

Mered Brewer, Secretary.

J. Walter McFarlane, Fin. Secretary.

J. Malakoff Chappell, D. of C.

C. W. Pond, 1st Lecturer.

G. Rickard, 2nd Lecturer.

Robert Cochrane, 3rd Lecturer.

J. Barry Allen, P. A. Guthrie, Auditors.

Elisha Boone, Howard Segee, Tyler.

A GREAT OFFER

The Daily Mail from now until April 1st for only Twenty-five Cents. It will be delivered in the City, St. Mary's or Gibson.
