

THE CITY COUNCIL.

Lots of Hot Air Wasted at the Regular Monthly Meeting.

A MARE'S NEST DISCOVERED BY ALD. EVERETT.

Aldermen Must Not Make Contracts With the City.

POLICE OFFICERS EMPOWERED TO COLLECT DOG TAXES—OTHER MATTERS.

The regular monthly meeting of the city council was held in the committee room at the city hall last evening. Those present were Mayor Crocket and Alds Farrell, Vanwart, Rossborough, McNally, Everett, Ryan, Merrithew, Slipp and Clarke.

After routine the Mayor read the auditor's report showing expenditures as follows during June:

Roads and streets.....	\$ 886 02
Public works.....	241 31
City Hall.....	62 63
Fire department.....	2 50
Sewerage and water.....	1,246 51
Wharves.....	20 00
Ad of justice.....	10 00
Contingencies.....	5 72

Ald. Everett wanted to know if Ald Farrell had a contract for coal with the city.

The city clerk said that there was no contract other than that the council had unanimously ordered a car load of coal from him and it had to be paid for.

Ald Farrell wished to make an explanation in regard to the item for coal. He said it was a matter of indifference to him whether the council paid the bill or not. If they did not he proposed to make them pay it. He then explained that the roadmaster had told him that he was unable to use Grand Lake coal in the crusher engine, and he (Farrell) had supplied two tons of stove coal. When the council next met he explained the matter to the council, and the mayor asked what he would supply coal by the carload for. He replied, after considering the matter that the cost would be \$5.75 per ton. Upon getting his figures the council unanimously ordered him to supply a carload of coal. Some of the aldermen had been searching for a mare's nest, and they had found it at last. Ald Everett might smile, but there was a certain kind of an animal, which he need not name, which could do that too. The old cry had been raised that Farrell had been running the city long enough and they were going to stop it. The opinion had been forced from the city clerk that he (Farrell) had made a legal contract with the city. He held that the members of the council had been guilty of deception in order to entrap him. He did not ask the council to purchase coal from him, they had done it of their own free will, therefore it was not a contract in the ordinary sense of the term. It was contended that coal could be purchased at \$1.00 a ton less than he (Farrell) was giving it. He did not believe that, but if it were so he would be willing to take 500 tons at that figure. He could tell Ald. Everett that the other dealers could only obtain that kind of coal through him (Farrell.)

After the report had been adopted Ald Everett rose and claimed that Ald Farrell had deceived the council in regard to the price of coal. He (Everett) did not know anything about coal at the time, but had since made enquiries, and from information now in his possession, he was certain that Ald Farrell had deceived the council. He contended that no alderman had a right to vote money into his own pocket.

Ald Slipp thought that Ald Everett was out of order.

Ald Everett reported that he intended to follow up his remarks with a motion and the Mayor allowed him to proceed.

After a few further remarks, Ald Everett, moved seconded by Ald McNally, the following resolution which was unanimously adopted.

Whereas, An account has been presented to this board by Patrick Farrell, esq., (who is a member of this council) for 27 tons of coal, amounting to \$159.61; and

Whereas, It is provided by law that no person shall be qualified to be elected to or to serve in the office of mayor or alderman of the city during such time as he shall by himself or his partners, or in any other manner, directly or indirectly, have shares or interest in any contract or employment with or on behalf of the city council.

Therefore Resolved, That in the opin-

ion of this council, and with a view to maintaining the independence of the members of the board, it is desirable that all contracts for supplies for the city should be thrown open to public competition, and that no member of the council should have any share or interest in such contracts.

The monthly salaries to city officers were ordered to be paid.

The report of the alms house commissioner was submitted by Ald Vanwart and adopted.

The Mayor submitted a statement from the treasurer, showing the amount expended in the several departments up to June 30th.

The report of the roadmaster in regard to the new road opened on Maryland hill was read to the meeting. The total expense of the arbitration was \$29.50, and the amount of damages awarded the Pennefather estate was \$50.

Ald McNally said that the ratepayers interested were displeased with the site of the road.

Ald Everett said he had also heard complaints about the road, and would move in amendment that the matter be referred to the sub-committee to report upon.

Ald Farrell said that the matter had received the careful consideration of the roadmaster, who was decidedly of opinion that the best possible site had been procured. Without wishing to deprive the sub-committee of any of the duties which they aspired to, he would like to know if it was the intention of the council to deprive him of the privileges which had enjoyed as chairman of the road committee, and to humiliate him in the eyes of the public. He (Farrell) was not consulted in regard to the matter and did not know where the road was located until the award was made.

Ald Rossborough said the people undoubtedly had a grievance, and contended that a mistake was made in not inviting the aldermen up to look at the site. He was in favor of Ald Everett's amendment.

Ald Slipp said that under the law the roadmaster was the proper person to do that kind of work, and if he was not competent, the council should dismiss him. He thought that it would be a mistake to defer adopting the report simply because certain aldermen were not invited up to see the road. Arbitrators had been appointed under the law, had done the work, and it was now the duty of the council to pass the account.

Ald. McNally thought that the people had a grievance and were entitled to have it remedied by the council.

On the vote being taken the amendment was lost, and the motion to adopt the report was carried.

The report of the city hall committee recommended that an office be provided in the city building for the exclusive use of the mayor, and recommended that the police magistrate be installed in the city clerk's back office, and that the assessor double up with the treasurer. Adopted.

Ald Rossborough reported that the insurance policy on the central hose station had been renewed with F. I. Morrison at a three per cent premium for three years. Adopted and a check ordered to issue.

The report of the wharf committee recommended that some needed repairs be made to the city wharves.

Ald Ryan in answer to Ald Slipp said he did not know the cost of the proposed improvements, but thought it would be \$500 or \$600.

After a long discussion the report was taken up section by section and adopted.

A letter was read from one Thomas Clarke of Buffalo wanting to know what inducement the council would offer for the establishment of a sulphite carbide plant here.

On motion of Ald Farrell the city clerk was instructed to reply to the communication, and inform the gentleman that the city was not prepared to hold out any inducements.

Ald McNally moved that the policemen be instructed to collect the dog taxes, and that a percentage of 20 per cent be allowed them for the work. He said there were at least 500 dogs in Fredericton and the owners should be made to pay.

Ald Clarke seconded the motion and stated that he would like to give the policemen power to destroy all dogs on which taxes were not paid.

The motion was put and carried unanimously.

Ald Everett wanted to compel dog owners to put collars upon their dogs, and was informed by the city clerk that there was already a bye-law to that effect.

A motion by Ald Slipp that the bye-law be published and enforced, was carried unanimously.

Ald Farrell wanted some information regarding the duties of the special sub-committee on roads and streets. He had understood that the committee was to advise with the chairman of the road committee, but it seemed from the actions of the committee that such was not the case. The committee had invited him to one meeting, but next time they met he

was ignored altogether. The roadmaster found it difficult to serve so many masters, and he (Farrell) did not know exactly who was in authority.

The sub-committee of the council had never had their appointment ratified by the council, and he thought this should be done if the committee was to be continued. If the council was not willing for him (Farrell) to continue as chairman of the committee they could soon get rid of him as whatever ambition he had to serve in that capacity had long ago been satisfied. He had not sought the office this year but had been urged to do so, and one of those who urged him very strongly was Ald Rossborough, and the reasons he gave would not be pleasant to some members of the council if he were to repeat them. He complained that the sub-committee had stopped a little job of work being done on Needham street simply because he (Farrell) lived on that street.

He was surprised that his colleague, Ald McNally, had given his sanction to stopping the work on Regent street. By so doing he had betrayed the confidence of the people who had sent him to the council. He would remind the aldermen that all men who had refused his assistance in the management of the city had fallen by the wayside.

Ald McNally said he was elected to represent the whole city, and would not allow matters of a petty nature to interfere with him in the discharge of his duties. He then explained the operations of the committee, and replied to Ald Farrell's statements. He would always do what he thought was in the interests of the city, regardless of the consequences.

Ald Farrell moved, seconded by Ald Vanwart, that in future all work on the streets be done under the supervision of the roadmaster and chairman under the direction of the road committee.

Ald Everett contended that the people had not in the past received value for the money spent on the streets, and if the council wanted to go back to the old order of things he did not care. He claimed that the sub-committee had done good work and should be continued.

Ald. Slipp, after lecturing Alds Farrell and Everett, submitted a report on tax collections as follows:

Collected in June, 1900.....\$679 66

Collected in June, 1901..... 469 99

He regretted very much that tax collections for the month had fallen below those for the corresponding month of the previous year, and he hoped that the council would take some action.

Ald Clarke regretted that friction had arisen over work on the roads and streets, and that there had been unpleasantness in regard to the matter. He thought that the duty of the sub-committee was to advise with the chairman and give their directions through the chairman of

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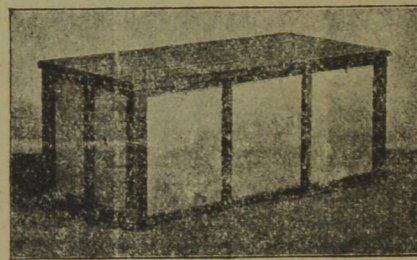
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Apr 8—dtf

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