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## A NARROW ESCAPE.

### The Mayor's Casting Vote Saved City Clerk Beckwith from Dismissal

### FIVE ALDERMEN WANTED TO APPOINT R. W. MCLELLAN.

### W. J. Osborne Succeeds J. H. Calder as City Auditor.

### J. W. FANJOY APPOINTED DEPUTY COLLECTOR OF TAXES IN SUCCESSION TO JAS. ROBERTS.

His Worship Mayor Crocket was in the chair and all the aldermen were in their places at the special meeting of the city council last evening called to appoint city officers for the ensuing year. There was also a goodly number of spectators in attendance, and the proceedings were watched with more than ordinary interest.

Among the spectators were noticed J F VanBoskirk, C E A Simonds, J P Farrell, J W Fanjoy, Peter Farrell, Chief Lipssett and others.

The reading of minutes was dispensed with, and the council settled down to business without any formalities.

The salary of the city clerk was fixed at \$550, and a motion by Ald Moore that Chas W Beckwith be reappointed was put to the meeting by the Mayor and declared carried.

The salary of the city treasurer was fixed at \$600, the old figure, and a motion that I R Golding be reappointed was also put to the meeting and declared carried.

The salary of the city auditor was fixed at \$100 per annum.

Ald Everett nominated W J Osborne for the office of city auditor.

Ald Moore wanted to know if the present city auditor, Mr Calder, had tendered his resignation. He thought it was very unfair to dismiss a civic official without cause, or motive.

A R Slipp nominated J Hugh Calder for the position.

Ald Everett said while he had nothing particular against Mr Calder, yet at the same time Mr Calder was manager of the city Opera House, and handling city money, therefore he did not think it was right that he should hold both positions. He thought that Mr Osborne was the best accountant available for the position in the city.

Ald Slipp came to the defence of Mr. Calder. He thought there was no public demand for his dismissal, and that Ald. Everett's motion if carried would do him a great injustice. Mr. Calder had, as far as he was aware, discharged his duties in a satisfactory manner, and there had been no complaints made. He was a representative young man and deserved well at the hands of the Council.

Ald. Moore complained that the matter had been sprung on the Council rather suddenly. He was opposed to dismissing any public officer without cause.

Ald. Farrell raised the point that the proceedings were irregular, as no motion had been made when appointing the City Clerk and Treasurer that the nominations close.

Ald. Vanwart suggested that the Council start at the first again.

Ald Merrithew moved, seconded by Ald Everett, that the officers be elected by ballot.

Ald Farrell said he would oppose this motion. He was clothed with certain authority by the people and was not afraid to have it known how he should cast his vote.

Ald Slipp and Moore, was opposed to commencing all over again.

Ald Farrell could not see what objection any alderman could have to reopening the question. He wanted the city clerk appointed legally, and that was the only object he had in raising his objection.

Ald Moore contended that the city clerk had been legally appointed. He had received no information from any alderman that it was intended to make changes in the list of officers.

Ald Everett contended that the city clerk had been appointed in the same way as had the city treasurer.

The mayor sustained the objection

raised by Ald Farrell and decided that the council should commence at the top of the list again.

Ald Slipp appealed from the ruling of the chair and on the motion being put, the mayor's ruling was approved by a vote of 3 to 7. Those who voted nay were Ald Slipp, Moore and Everett.

The council then proceeded to appoint officers in the regular way.

Israel R. Golding was appointed city treasurer at a salary of \$600.

Ald Moore, moved, seconded by Ald Slipp, that Chas. W. Beckwith be appointed city clerk for the ensuing year.

Ald Vanwart moved seconded by Ald. Rossborough that R. W. McLellan be city clerk.

Ald. Farrell said that he found himself in one of the most trying positions he had occupied during his many years at the board, and he was very sorry that it was necessary for him to take that position. Mr. Beckwith had rendered good service as city clerk in the past, but it was quite plain to all that that on account of failing health he was no longer in a position to discharge his duties to the satisfaction of the public. He (Farrell) had a public duty to perform and he would not be performing that duty conscientiously were he to vote to continue the present city clerk in office. He hoped Mr. Beckwith would not think that he (Farrell) was acting with any sense of injustice towards him, and he could assure him that such was farthest from his thoughts. He had a kindly feeling towards the city clerk, and would give his vote to assist him in a substantial way if it was legal for the council to make him a grant from the treasury. He understood that Mr. Beckwith had been unable to accumulate any great amount of this world's goods, and his sympathy for him was all the greater on that account. He hoped that if a new man was appointed he would be disposed to deal liberally with Mr. Beckwith—in fact he had been given to understand that a reasonable offer would be made to him. He (Farrell) was acting in this matter with a clear conscience, and felt that he was taking the only course he could take in the public interest.

Ald McNally said that as far as he knew Mr Beckwith had performed his duties satisfactorily, but still it was no doubt true that his health was becoming impaired and that there was a public demand for a change. He would not go in for dismissing Mr Beckwith, but would favor dividing the salary and appointing an assistant. He had in mind a suitable man for the position.

Ald Merrithew withdrew his motion that the voting be by ballot, after being informed by the city clerk that according to an opinion expressed some time ago by the present Judge Gregory, that such a course would be illegal. This opinion in effect is that where the meeting of a deliberative body is public, according to the act of assembly the voting must be done publicly.

The motion that Mr Beckwith be appointed city clerk was then taken and resulted in a tie vote. Those who voted yea were Alds Slipp, Clarke, Moore, McNally and Everett. The mayor gave the casting vote in favor of the present incumbent and declared him elected.

Ald McNally, who had intended nominating Mr Simonds as assistant clerk, changed his mind at the last moment.

The city officers named below were then reappointed at the following salaries without discussion:

Superintendent of Water Works—Alex Burchill, \$600.

Road Surveyor—William McKay, \$400.

Alms House Commissioner—R. H. Boone, \$100

Alms House Keeper—A. D. Thomas, \$350.

Chief Engineer Fire Department—Andrew Lipssett, \$150.

Assistant Chief—H. C. Rutter, \$50.

City Marshal—James Roberts, \$100.

Caretaker City Hall Clock—Harry D. White, \$32.

Engineers of Pumping Station—John M. Taylor, Malcolm Ross, \$50 per month each.

Ald Rossborough explained that the chief engineer's salary had long been considered too low, and this year it was proposed to give him an additional \$50. There was no fire inspector and the chief was required to perform the duties of that office in addition his own. There was no opposition offered to the increase.

Harry D White was reappointed city electrician at a salary of \$200.

Upon the question of appointing a bread inspector being reached, Ald. Everett said he thought this was an office which could be dispensed with. He

thought the council might as well have a potato inspector as a bread inspector. What people wanted in bread was quality and not quantity. He would move that the office be abolished.

Ald. Rossborough did not agree with Ald. Everett. He thought it was very necessary that the city should have a bread inspector.

Ald. Moore endorsed the remarks made by Ald. Rossborough.

Ald. Everett said he had interviewed all the bakers in the city and none of them seemed think that the inspector was of any use.

Ald. Slipp said there was a bye-law in reference to the inspection of bread, and it seemed to him desirable that the same should be enforced.

A vote was then taken on Ald. Everett's motion, which was lost by a vote of 6 to 4. James Roberts was then appointed inspector of bread.

The salary of the server of tax notices was fixed at five cents per notice.

Ald McNally believed that whoever was appointed tax collector should also serve the tax notices. He thought the tax collector should be appointed first.

Ald Rossborough did not think that there was a more competent man in the city to serve tax notices than the City Marshal. He would nominate James Roberts for the position.

Ald McNally did not question the city marshalls fitness for the position but he thought that the two officers should be amalgamated.

Ald Moore agreed with Ald Rossborough that Mr Roberts with his extensive knowledge of men, was the right man for the position.

Ald Everett nominated J W Fanjoy for the position.

Ald McNally nominated George Rideout.

The motion that Mr Roberts be appointed was carried by a vote of 6 to 4. Those who voted yea were: Alds Farrell, Ryan, Merrithew, Moore, Rossborough and Clarke.

James Biggs was appointed janitor of the city hall at a salary of \$30 per month.

Ald Clarke submitted the report of the special tax committee which recommended that one tax collector be appointed as formerly, and that he be required to give bonds to the sum of \$500. The report was adopted without discussion.

The pay of the tax collector was fixed at \$30 per month.

Ald. Moore nominated James Roberts for the position of tax collector.

Ald. Everett nominated James W Fanjoy for the position.

The motion that Mr Roberts be reappointed was lost on the following division:

Yeas—Alds Farrell, Moore, and Rossborough, 3.

Nays—Alds Everett, Vanwart, Ryan, Merrithew, Slipp, Clarke, and McNally, 7.

The motion that J W Fanjoy be appointed was carried by the same vote reversed.

On motion of Ald Slipp, seconded by Ald Clarke, it was resolved that the deputy tax collector be required to report daily at the city treasurer's office, Sunday's and holidays excepted, and give his undivided attention to the collection of taxes, licenses ground rents etc., and before entering upon his duties, he be required to file with the city treasurer two sureties of \$500 each.

George Rideout was appointed special police officer at a salary of \$1.25 per day, and the pay of the other policemen was fixed at the same rate.

It was resolved that all revenue officers be required to furnish bonds to the city clerk before the 7th of May.

John B Hawthorn was appointed pound keeper without salary.

The following were appointed city officers without salary:

Surveyors of wood and coal—A D Gunter, Jas H Smith, W J Crewdson and W A Turner.

Constables—James McGoldrick, George Rideout, James H Smith, J W Fanjoy, Jas Rodgers, J W Gerow, J R Crookshank, H C Rutter, Newton Jarvis, T Wandlass, R W Gregory and George Haviland.

Surveyors of Lumber—W J Crewdson, Wilnot Guion and W A Turner.

Fence Viewers—Thomas Wandlass, Jas H Smith and E L Dann.

On motion of Ald Merrithew the council adjourned sine die.

### Don't be Caught.

Are you thoroughly equipped with clothes? Had you not better place your order with me at once for a working suit or a nice dress suit. I employ skilled labor, use good goods, and always give a good fit. I. C. Burden, opp. F'nton Business College, York St., Fton.—d.

## NEWS OF THE WORLD.

### Items of Interest Condensed from Herald Exchanges.

Canada has so far expended over eighty million dollars on its canal system.

Only seven passengers were killed on Canadian railways in the year 1900.

The Calgary Board of Trade is moving to have all members of the Dominion House visit the west when the House rises.

The election of Halliday (Conservative), for North Bruce has been protested. He was recently elected in a bye election by a majority of 24.

Navigation with Prince Edward Island by the Straits of Northumberland opened Monday, the steamer Northumberland making her first trip.

The recent census of India shows that Bengal, with an area of 203,473 square miles—less than the area of either Ontario or Quebec—has a population of 74,713,000.

The farm residence, belonging to Joseph Horn, of Brookville, Ind., was burned Saturday, and the family, consisting of Horn, his wife and five children, cannot be found.

Spontaneous combustion in a manure heap at the rear of the Queen Hotel, Preston, Ont., set fire to the hotel stables and they were destroyed with several out-buildings.

Emperor William has ordered Capt. Paschew, of the German second-class cruiser Hansa, to command a punitive expedition from China to avenge the murder of Her Mercke.

Mrs Carrie Nation is up against some bars she cannot smash. They are jail bars. The fact that it has been found impossible to bail her out does not necessarily imply that she is full.

The new railway in Nova Scotia, running between Truro and Windsor, is now completed, with the exception of a couple spans of the Shubenacadie bridge, which will be shortly placed in position.

Colonel Wm Blair, formerly manager of the Government experimental farm at Napan, N S, who has spent the winter with his son at Upernivik, Illinois, has returned to Nova Scotia, improved in health.

A west bound freight on the Grand Trunk ran into an open switch at Parkhill, Ontario, Monday afternoon. Fireman Grieves was killed and Engineer Martin badly hurt. Ten cars were piled up.

Queens University Kingston this year will graduate 62 students divided thus: Bachelors of divinity, 5; testamurs in theology, 2; masters of art, 11, two being ladies; bachelors of arts, 42, of whom 13 were ladies.

Lieut-Col Biggar will take a course at the army transport headquarters in England, and will then return to Canada to organize an army transport corps here. He will assume duties as head of the new organization about July 1st.

Herr Mercke a German millionaire, who was cruising in his yacht, and Herr Caro, his private secretary, were recently murdered by natives of the island of New Britain, off the north-east coast of Pappau. Herr Caro's body was eaten.

While in the act of entering his carriage Monday morning to start for a drive, E C Baker, commission merchant of Halifax, slipped and fell, twisting and fracturing one leg. The accident occurred in the simplest and most unexpected manner.

Among the passengers by the Furness liner Loyalist at Halifax, Monday, from London, was C. Wood, a South African hero, who served in Brabant's Horse. He lost his right eye while in action and is now on his way to visit friends in New Brunswick.

A number of personal and political friends of Hon. J. Israel Tarte called on him at his residence, Montreal, on Saturday afternoon and presented him with a defized oil painting of himself. The Minister made a brief speech, thanking his friends for the gift.

It is stated that the Standard Oil Company is negotiating for control of the oil property at Ramsay's Corner, near Ottawa, where boring operations are being carried on by Senator Poirier of Shediac and where the indication of a paying flow are said to be very good.

The Ottawa Evening Journal in an editorial Monday in answer to a rumor that W. T. R. Preston would sue the Journal for alleged libel, says "Mr. W. T. R. Preston threatens to try a libel suit against the Journal. Come on MacDuff, and curse be he who first cries: Hold, enough!"

The shortest all-Canadian railway route to St. John, N B, is via the Intercolonial Railway to Riviere du Loup, from there to Edmundston by the Temiscouata Railway and from Edmundston to St. John by the C.P.R. The distance is 533 miles, as compared with 481 miles via the C.P.R. short line through Maine.

Hon. Mr. Tarte stated in Parliament Monday that the telegraph lines in the Yukon would be completed by July 1st at a cost of \$460,000, of which \$420,000 had been spent. The number of messages sent over the wire from June, 1899, to December 1900, inclusive, was 41,816; the revenue \$107,717. The rates are 50 cents for 10 words for each 100 miles.

The question of whether the gates of the Pan-American exhibition grounds at Buffalo are to be open on Sunday was finally settled Saturday by the board of directors. Their decision is a compromise. The gates are to be open from 1 p m to 11 p m, but the Midway and all amusement features will be closed during the 24 hours from Saturday night until Monday morning.

Geo Robertson, M P P of St John, arrived at Ottawa from England, via New York Monday. He was in England for thirteen months, and expresses himself as satisfied with his interviews with the admiralty relative to the St John dry dock. He refused to make a definite statement until he has reported to the government at Ottawa, which he will do at once.

While walking down Jacob street, Halifax, Sunday, Luke Drysdale, a resident of Dartmouth, met with a serious and what may prove a fatal accident. He slipped on a banana peel, which was on the sidewalk and fell, striking the back of his head with tremendous force. When picked up blood was flowing freely from a large wound, and his skull was fractured.

It is reported at Moncton that a three and a half foot seam of coal has been struck by men at G R Jones coal mine, Harcourt, Kent Co., known as the Mount Carlyle property. Jones is much encouraged by the operations so far by which is being developed a seam twenty two inches recently struck. Americans have been trying to purchase the property but Jones intends extending operations.

The part that Canada and Canadians took in the South African war will be marked in Montreal by a column or an arch in the northern portion of Dominion Square. This decision has been made by the Strathcona and Soldiers' Memorial Committee. Whether it is to be a column or arch has not yet been decided, but when ever it will be, its cost will be \$100,000, and this sum the committee is now undertaking to raise by private subscription. A personal canvass is to be made.

### How Catarrh Poisons the System.

Few people realize the vast amount of ill health that arises from the absorption of catarrhal poisons into the system. Languor, sleeplessness, loss of appetite, indigestion and many other discomforts are caused by catarrh. But to know this is to only half. Catarrh is a most deadly disease, and affects more than 90 per cent of the people today. It undermines health and if unchecked will surely and quickly lead to the grave. Consumption can be tracked back in most instances to a bad cold or catarrh that was neglected. Don't court this white plague, insure yourself at once against it by inhaling Catarrhobone, a pleasant antiseptic medication that is inhaled into the lungs, nasal passages, throat and bronchial tubes where it kills disease germs and prevents their development. Catarrhobone heals inflamed surfaces, relieves congestion, clears the heads and throat, aids expectoration and absolutely cures Catarrh and Bronchitis. Quick relief, cure guaranteed, pleasant to use. Price 25c. and \$1.00. Druggists or Polson & Co. Kingston, Ont.