

A CIVIC SCRAP.

**Alds. Clarke and Vanwart
Exchanged Warm Com-
pliments**

AT THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING.

**It was all Over the Electric
Light Business.**

ALD. FARRELL SCORED THE POLICE DEPARTMENT.

The regular monthly meeting of the city council was held last evening His Worship Mayor Palmer in the chair. All the aldermen were present with the exception of Ald. Moore.

After routine business the auditor's report was read by the mayor and adopted. The expenditures in the several departments during the month were as follows:

Roads and streets.....	\$ 51 44
Public works.....	476 26
Fire department.....	114 12
Market.....	33 30
City Hall.....	90 83
Street lighting.....	2 290 76
Contingencies.....	235 15
Agricultural Society, No. 34.....	65 00
Administration of justice.....	248 12
Water and sewerage.....	1,301 54

This large item for water and sewerage includes cost of laying the new sewerage on St. John street. The apparently large item for the street lighting includes the purchase of a new boiler and other plant. The item charged against agriculture is for payment of insurance policy on building. The total expenditure in all city departments during the month was \$4,906.83.

A Breezy Discussion.

The item for lighting the city since the date when the city should have taken over the plant, was presented and brought forth considerable discussion. The amount of the bill was \$275 or \$75 per night for each night since the old contract expired. This was an increase of \$160 over the old contract price.

Ald. Vanwart very strongly assailed members of the electric light committee for their action in entering into any such bargain with the company, and took the ground that as the company were not ready to hand the plant over to the city, the least they could have done was to give the city the light at the old contract price. It looked as though the committee were letting the company do as they pleased with them and that they were saying to the company "use the plant until you are done with it and then we will take it over."

Ald. Clarke said that the electric light committee had used their best judgment in the matter, and had acted more carefully than if acting for themselves personally. Continuing the alderman said the statement that we are letting the council do as they please, is a lie.

Ald. Vanwart, Any person who knows where Alderman Clarke was brought up would not wonder at him using the language he did. He was brought up in Nackawick, the devil's half acre. It was not very long since Alderman Clarke came to me with a written apology which he wanted me to sign, so he could take it down and show his wife. But I would not sign it."

Ald. Scott—I am surprised that a man brought up at Nackawick would use the language used by Alderman Clark. Continuing Ald. Scott thought the committee should not have paid so much for light when there were so many moonlight nights. It would have been better to be in darkness for a few nights.

Ald. Vanwart said that the committee should have consulted the council before putting the city to such expense.

Ald. Farrell said that the light committee were not in a position to take over the plant when the contract expired, and had to make the best arrangement possible, which they did. To have taken over the plant at that time would also have subjected a number of business men who were the company's patrons to considerable inconvenience in their more light-ing.

Ald. Stockford was opposed to the principle of the account but thought as the council had appointed the committee they should stand by

them and pay the bill, as it was the easiest way out of the matter.

There was further cross firing between Ald. Vanwart and Ald. Clarke, after which the account was passed.

Reports and Petitions.

Ald. Vanwart submitted the report of the alms house committee, showing a total expenditure during the month of \$331.41.

The report of the finance committee showed taxes to the amount of \$856.94 had been collected during the month of October, this year, as against \$653.37, the same month last year.

A petition was received from the C. P. Railway Co. asking the city to reduce the rate on the hydrant near the C. P. R. station. The C. P. R. have been paying \$25 per year for use of the same for fire protection, but they claim that as several other buildings have been erected in the locality since they made this contract, the hydrant is for the protection of the residents as well, and the company do not feel like paying for it. The petition was referred to the water committee with power to act.

The petition of John Adams of Lincoln asking for relief from poll tax for the years 1901 and 1902 was referred to the assessment appeals committee. Mr. Adams claims to be a resident of Lincoln and to never have resided here.

It was ordered that a check for \$100 pass in favor of Harry C. Mackey for the city revisors.

On motion of Ald. Scott, a check for \$50 was passed in favor of the Fredericton brass band in appreciation of their services during the summer months.

Some of the members suggested that the 71st band should get a grant also, but the suggestion did not carry.

The yearly and monthly salaries of the city officials were ordered to be paid.

The city hall committee made a report regarding repairs to the roof of the building. It was decided to authorize the committee to have the roof repaired instead of putting on a new one.

The Police Force.

Ald. Edwards from the administration of justice committee, submitted a verbal report in which he said that special constable Rideout had been appointed to the permanent force.

On motion, John Doffarin King was appointed a special constable in place of Mr. Rideout.

Ald. Farrell said he would like to take this opportunity of saying a few words about the police department. He would like it understood who the man to be appointed would take his orders from hereafter. Here-to-for as the law applied to only three policemen, the magistrate claimed he had nothing to do with giving orders to the special constable. The man should be informed from whom he is to take his orders. He wanted to say that there was no system in the police department and that the sooner it was improved the better. The police force was a laughing stock. He was not blaming the police, as they were willing to do their duty but were ignorant of what their duties were. They were not instructed. It was time for the council to take action, as the people of the city had to pay the police force. It was time that their representatives put the department on a proper basis.

Ald. Edwards stated in reply, that he had a lengthy interview with the police magistrate and arranged that the police committee, magistrate and the policemen should meet, and that the duties of each would be defined.

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned.

IN SIGHT OF HOME.

Sad Drowning of an Ontario Farmer.

(Special to the Daily Herald.)

Perth, Ont., Nov. 4.—John H. Bennett of Bathurst township, was drowned in Bennett's Lake which adjoins his farm.

He was rowing across the lake when the craft capsized. He tried to swim to the shore but became exhausted and sank before assistance could reach him. He was 40 years of age, and unmarried. The body was recovered.

A BIG INCREASE.

(Special to the Daily Herald.)

Montreal, Nov. 4.—The Bank clearings for the ten months past are \$927,128,037 as compared with \$917,926,186 for the same period last year, an increase of \$9,201,851.

COMING TO MONCTON.

(Special to the Daily Herald.)

Ottawa, Nov. 4.—Hon. W. S. Fielding, acting minister of railways, left for Moncton, N. B., today on official business.

RAILWAY COLLISION

Responsible for Seyerel Deaths.

(Special to Daily Herald.)

Kansas City, Mo., Nov. 4.—One person was killed and twenty four injured, four perhaps fatally, in a collision of two electric cars in a fog on the 24th street incline.

Danville, Ill., Nov. 4.—Conductor Lashley was killed and a dozen passengers were injured in wreck on the Inter-urban line at Vermillion last night.

BOMBARDING A CITY.

(Special to the Daily Herald.)

Washington, Nov. 4.—Vice Consul E. Herman, at the Panama Cable's department under today's date says that the Columbian government warship Bogota, is shelling the city. Eleven Chinamen have been killed. Mr. Herman has been instructed to protest against the bombardment.

NEW ORGANIZATIONS.

(Special to Daily Herald.)

Ottawa, Nov. 4.—Militia orders announce the formation of a new corps, including a Canadian engineer corps, consisting of 132 officers and men, and an ordnance stores of 106 officers and men.

Mr H H Pickett, barrister of St John, is in the city, a guest at the Queen.

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