

\$54,500

The Amount the Taxpayers
Will be Called Upon
To Pay

DURING THE CUR-
RENT YEAR.

An Increase of \$4,200
Over Last Year.

THE SUM OF \$200 TO BE EXPENDED
IN BEAUTIFYING THE CITY.

The city council met in committee last evening at the call of the Mayor and apportioned the assessment for the ensuing year. Amount was fixed at \$54,500, which is an increase of \$4,200 over the assessment for 1902. His Worship Mayor Palmer presided at the meeting and all of the aldermen were in attendance.

Of the total amount assessed \$23,769 represents fixed charges, the increase over last year being \$260, and the items which represent controllable expenditure make up a total of \$30,731. The sum of \$3,500 is to be assessed for support of poor, against \$3,000 for last year, and for the roads and streets the increased assessment over last year is \$1,900. The amount set aside for the fire department is the same as in 1902, but an increase of \$500 has been made in the public works department. The amount voted in aid of the exhibition was \$2500 but only \$1250 is to be assessed for during the coming year. For maintenance of public health the amount to be assessed is \$1000 against \$700 last year, the increase being due to the outbreak of smallpox in the city. An increase of \$290 is made in the allowance for city government and contingencies, the total amount ordered to be assessed for this purpose being \$5,981. Citizens who take interest in all that pertains to the advancement and welfare of the city will be pleased to note that the council decided to make a grant of \$200 to the Local Improvement Association, to be used in further beautifying the city. This amount will of course come out of the contingent fund.

The assessment has been apportioned as follows:

Schools.....	\$16,000 00
School debt sinking fund.....	500 00
Interest school debt det.....	280 00
Interest on city debt debts.....	2,660 00
Prin. and int. fire alarm debts.....	450 00
Prin. and int. road plant debts.....	225 00
Prin. and int. city hall debts.....	480 00
Prin. and int. exhibition debt debts.....	294 00
Prin. and int. shoe factory debts.....	580 00
Int. an consolidated debt debts.....	800 00
Victoria Hospital.....	500 00
Maintenance public health.....	1,000 00

Total fixed charges.....	\$23,769 00
Alms House and support of poor.....	\$ 3,500 00
Maintenance street lights.....	4,000 00
Maintenance fire department.....	5,000 00
Roads, streets and bridges.....	6,500 00
Administration of justice.....	1,000 00
Public works.....	3,500 00
Grant to Agricultural Society.....	1,250 00
City government and contingencies.....	5,981 00

Total.....\$54,500 00

The rate per hundred dollars on income last year was \$4.64 and this year it will be \$5.20 or thereabouts. In 1892 the poll tax was \$5.95 and it is estimated that it will be \$6.25 as a result of the increased assessment.

In 1901 the total assessment was \$55,900, or \$1,400 greater than that fixed by the council for the present year.

WINDING LEDGES.

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lumber trade of St. John. Yet the very men who were most interested in this trade and who had presented the memorial which had just been read against the bill had such confidence in him that they had employed him to prepare it, and this memorial was in fact his work. From the best information he

had been able to obtain, he believed that the interests which would be injuriously affected by the bill, were so vast as to entirely overshadow the interests in favor of it, and was therefore prepared to vote heartily in favor of the resolution. But he thought it would be best that its further consideration should be postponed until Monday, so that there could be no charge of unfairness.

Hon. Mr. Hill suggested that a committee should be appointed to hear any delegation opposed to the resolution and to report to the House forthwith. With regard to voting he was prepared to vote for the resolution now, but he thought it would be best to hear both sides, there being no necessity for haste.

The Hon. Mr. Pugsley said he thought the suggestion a good one.

Mr. Hazen thought that no good could arise from delaying the resolution. The first minister yesterday thought the matter so urgent that he obtained the unanimous consent of the House to have it dealt with today. The whole action of the House is therefore based on the action already taken by the government. If the government have, as they say, in their despatch to Mr. Blair, given this matter careful consideration, they and the members of the Legislature are quite as well prepared to vote on the question now as they will be on Monday next. He did not see that any good would arise from resorting to a committee. The Hon. Attorney General said he was in favor of the resolution. Why then does he decline to vote for it today? The delegation now in Ottawa in opposition to the bill have no doubt been greatly strengthened by the action of the government against it, and they would be still further strengthened by a vote from the legislature.

Hon. Mr. Pugsley said it was the duty of the House to give all interested an opportunity of being heard. It is better to refer the matter to a committee to hear the views of any delegation that may be sent to oppose the resolution, then if the committee report unanimously in favor of the resolution it would carry infinitely more weight than if passed in the absence of one member from Madawaska and without giving those opposed to the resolution a chance of being heard. It would weaken the hands of the delegation, now at Ottawa, to oppose a bill if the matter were pressed to the vote today. He therefore moved that the resolution be referred to a special committee to report back to the House with the least possible delay.

Mr. Allen, in seconding this motion, said there must be another side to this case and it was only just that it should be presented. Then the legislature could say that it had liberally discussed the measure and done all in its power to prevent the passage of the bill now before the Parliament at Ottawa.

Mr. Robertson said he hoped the House would not take any position that would cause delay. He did not want to prevent any one from being heard, and if the House agrees to refer the question to a committee they should be required to report back with it with the least possible delay. Long delays might look as if we were trifling with the matter, and it was too important a question for that.

Hon. Mr. Pugsley amended the motion by adding that the committee should report back to the House not later than Wednesday.

Mr. Hazen said no good purpose was being served by this delay. He was surprised to hear the attorney general admit that he had made a mistake. It was not justified for the attorney general to allude to canvasses made during the election. If every member ventilated such grievances the session would be prolonged to a length never before known. In reference to those canvasses it was reasonable for the people to look to the attorney general to protect the interests of the province. How incongruous to find the first law officer of the crown associated with an enterprise which he now admits would work an irreparable injury to the lumbering interests of the province.

Mr. Tweeddale said that while he believed the leader of the opposition was sincere in all he said, yet he felt it was only just to defer action in the resolution until those opposed to it had a chance of being heard. Madawaska has a strong representative at Ottawa in the person of Hon. Mr. Costigan, who was one of the promoters of the dam, and if he is able to show that this resolution was forced through the House the hands of the delegation now at Ottawa in opposition to the bill would be materially weakened.

Hon. Mr. Pugsley said he was glad to observe that there was a desire on all sides of the House to deal deliberately with the matter. In the absence of one of the representatives of Madawaska it would be unseemly to force the resolution through the House, especially when there was no need of undue haste. The

legislature has always been careful to give ample opportunity to all persons interested in a measure to make their views known, and in the present instance more good than harm will result from delay.

The motion to refer the matter to a committee was carried unanimously and the Speaker named as the committee Hon. Mr. Tweeddale, Hon. Mr. Pugsley, Mr. Osman, Mr. Hazen, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Allen and Mr. Flemming.

Replying to Mr. Flemming, Hon. Mr. Pugsley said he was not in a position to say when the Auditor General's report would be laid on the table, but probably in the course of a few days.

Hon. Mr. Pugsley said that under the new rules, private bills must be presented within ten days after the opening of the House, otherwise the payment of double fees would be enforced.

Adjourned until Monday.

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Dated at Fredericton, March 25th, 1903.
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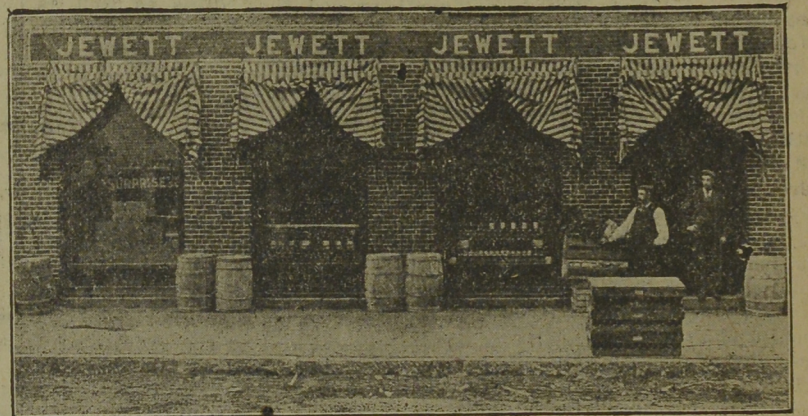
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