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COUNCIL PROPOSES FILTRATION

For the Purification of Water for Sanitary Purposes

WILL ASK LEGISLATION FOR AUTHORITY TO BORROW \$20,000.

An Alderman Who Does not Believe in Cleaning the Streets.

QUESTION OF RADIATORS AGITATED ALDERMEN—PROPOSITION TO AMEND POLICE ACT.

The city council met in regular monthly session last evening. A number of matters were dealt with, the most important being the passage of a resolution to ask the legislature for authority to issue debentures to enable the city to provide a modern system of filtration for the water works.

Those present at the meeting were His Worship Mayor Palmer in the chair, and Alds. Stockford, Scott, Everett, Ross, Maxwell, Farrell, McKnight, Jewett and Barbour.

The minutes of the last regular meeting and also of a special meeting recently held were read and approved.

The auditors report was read and adopted and the following payments were ordered.

Roads and streets.....	\$310 58
Public works.....	2 00
Contingencies.....	298 33
Fire department.....	302 51
City hall.....	63 54
Street lighting.....	207 86
Old burying ground.....	25 00
Ad. of justice.....	2 00
Sewerage and water.....	703 82

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

The alms house commissioner's report showed an expenditure for the month of \$341.65, being an over expenditure of \$141. The report was adopted and a check for \$350 was ordered to issue for April expenses.

City Hall Radiators.

On motion of Ald. Scott the rule was suspended and accounts from James Dorcas for \$23.05 and A. Limerick & Son for \$123.25 were submitted to the meeting by him. He explained that the Limerick account was for supplying additional

radiators for improving the heating apparatus at the city hall. The radiators had been ordered by him as chairman of the committee and had to be paid for. He had been authorized to act in the matter by the council.

The mayor said he did not recollect being present at any meeting when it was decided to order radiators. There was only one occasion last winter when the hall was cold, and that was due to a mistake of the janitor. There were now two radiators and a stove in one office and in his opinion that was too many.

Ald. Scott moved that the bill be paid. Ald. Farrell said he had no desire to censure Ald. Scott, but thought he should have made more enquiries as to the best kind of radiators, before he made the purchase. As the radiators were not of the right kind he thought they should be exchanged for others even if it was done at the expense of the city. He recognized the fact that Mr. Limerick would have to be paid, but he thought payment should be delayed to see if some arrangement could not be made with him for an exchange.

Ald. Scott said he had used his best judgment in the matter, and the radiators had been ordered in good faith. It was only right that Mr. Limerick should get his pay. An additional radiator was certainly needed for the opera house stage.

Ald. Everett wanted more information before voting on the payment of the bill. If the radiators were of no use, it might be a good plan to adopt Ald. Farrell's suggestion. He would like the city clerk to look up the minutes and ascertain what authorization was given to Ald. Scott to make the purchase.

Ald. Scott said the city hall committee was given power to act.

Ald. Stockford thought that the city hall committee had been unanimous in making the purchase, and therefore according to a rule laid down by Ald. Farrell, the council was bound to approve of their course. He was surprised that an objection should be raised by Ald. Farrell.

Ald. McKnight agreed with Ald. Farrell that if the radiators were of no use, they should be got rid of.

Ald. Farrell said it was not his desire to do anything to interfere with Mr. Limerick getting his pay for the radiators. He only wanted the matter deferred until some arrangement could be made to dispose of them. He was satisfied that there was nothing to be found on the minutes in regard to ordering radiators.

Ald. Scott said it was true as stated by Ald. Farrell, that there was nothing in the minutes to show that the committee had been empowered to order radiators. The committee, however, had been given power to act, and had taken the same course as they did in regard to the city hall carper. He thought the bill should be paid, and then one radiator could be used on the stage and the other two could be returned or exchanged.

After some further discussion Ald. Scott's motion was put to the meeting and carried.

On motion of Ald. Stockford, the returning officers and constables at the last civic election were voted the usual fees. Mr. Joseph Phillips was voted an extra \$1.50 for cleaning the court house.

Cleaning of Streets.

Ald. McKnight, said that in view of the bills passed for cleaning the streets, the appropriation for that department would soon be used up. It was a question in his mind if it would not be better to stop brushing up the ice and expend the appropriation on work of a more beneficial nature. We must expect to put up with ice in this country for a time.

Ald. Scott did not agree with Ald. McKnight that street cleaning was unnecessary. He thought it very important that the dirt and offal should be removed from the streets. He thought the piles of coal ashes left by the water department about the streets should be removed. It gave visitors a good impression of the city to have clean streets.

Ald. McKnight said that it was true that tourists sometimes passed through the city, but did not remain very long. He believed that it was a mistake to spend a large amount of money cleaning the streets at this season of the year.

Ald. Barbour presented the following statement of tax collections for March and the corresponding month last year: Collected in March, 1903.

" for 1900.....	\$ 91 45
" for 1901.....	42 19
" for 1902.....	476 20
Total.....	\$609 82

Collected in March, 1904.

" for 1901.....	\$ 21 22
" for 1902.....	151 63
" for 1903.....	452 03
Total.....	\$624 93

Complaint Against Policeman.

The mayor read a letter from Mr. Charles N. Clarke in which he complained of having been assaulted and kicked by Policeman George Rideout in June 1903. He claimed to have received injuries from which he had not yet recovered, and was advised by a physician that a surgical operation was necessary. Mr. Clarke requested the council to investigate the matter. Referred to the administration of justice committee.

Poles in Demand.

A letter was read from Mr. T.C. Allen, president of the People's Light and Power Company, requesting the use of the poles belonging to the city for his company at a rental to be agreed upon. Referred to the electric light committee.

Ald. Farrell read a similar application from Frank I. Morrison, secretary of the Fredericton Gaslight Company. Mr. Morrison wanted the privilege of stringing wires on the poles for incandescent lighting purposes, providing no arbitrary rate would be imposed by the city. He claimed that there was an understanding of that kind entered into at the time the city took over the street lighting plant.

Ald. Farrell said he knew of no understanding of the kind referred to by Mr. Morrison.

The communication was referred to the light committee.

Rev. Mr. Colter's Grievance.

Rev. J. J. Colter was given permission to address the council. He said he had a grievance against the water department and thought it was right that he should air it before the council. His water pipes he said had frozen up six weeks ago, and during that period he had been without water in his house. He claimed that the superintendent had treated him unfairly by not sending men more promptly to thaw out the pipes. Several attempts had been made but were unsuccessful and the superintendent finally gave him to understand that nothing could be done for him until warm weather came. He paid his taxes in the city and thought he was deserving of the same treatment as meted out to other citizens. He trusted that the council would take action in the matter.

The mayor promised that the council would look into the matter. Ald. Farrell presented a communication from the board of works in reply to the resolution of the council in re the Bailey bridge which was received and placed on file.

Superintendent Barchill, who was called upon to make an explanation in regard to Rev. Mr. Colter's complaint, suggested that the matter be investigated by a committee of three.

On motion of Ald. Stockford the matter was referred to the water committee with power to act.

On motion of Ald. Scott, a bye law was adopted authorizing the fire department to pay \$1,000 to the water department for the present year instead of \$1,600.

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Legislation Proposed.

Ald. Farrell said that he had been asked by the police magistrate to call the attention of the council to the necessity of changing the law relating to administration of justice in the city of Fredericton. The police magistrate wants authority to have the special constable appointed by the council placed under his control. He also asks that the law be so amended that his salary shall be no longer limited to the sum of \$400 per year.

Ald. Farrell submitted the draft of a bill covering the proposed changes and moved that it be adopted and sent to the legislature.

Ald. Stockford thought the power of appointing policemen should be vested in the city council and not in the police magistrate. He believed in the policy of the government appointing the police magistrate, but thought the council should have control of the police. He would move that section of the bill be struck out.

Ald. Farrell agreed with Ald. Stockford that the police question was an important one and should be carefully looked into. The object of adopting the bill now was to get it before the legislature at its present session. He did not think it right that it should be laid down in the law that the salary of the police magistrate should not exceed \$400 per year. He thought the council should have power to raise the salary if they saw fit to do so at any time. He thought the bill should be passed and allowed to remain in force for the present year. In the meantime the whole matter could be carefully gone into.

Ald. Stockford withdrew his amendment and the motion of Ald. Farrell was passed.

Water Filtration.

Ald. Scott moved the following resolution:

"Resolved, That application be made to the local legislature at its present session for the passage of an act to authorize the city council, providing it is favorably voted on at a later meeting, to proceed with placing a modern filtering plant in connection with the water works intake; with power to consult the best authorities on the most improved methods, and to proceed with the undertaking with the least possible delay, and for that purpose to provide the necessary funds; and that authority be also obtained to issue debentures to an amount not exceeding

\$20,000, on the best terms and conditions that can be arranged."

Ald. McKnight wanted to know if there was any proof that filtration of water would really remove disease germs. He thought the council should find this out before they engaged in the expenditure of \$20,000. He had the best scientific authority for stating that filtration did not remove disease germs, as they could even live in ice.

Ald. Everett thought there was a strong demand on the part of the people for purer water. There was a lot of filth dumped into the river, and the sewerage from the hospital now entered quite close to the intake pipe. We are getting a reputation for having too much typhoid fever, and it was doing harm to the city. He hoped that the council would adopt the resolution.

Ald. Stockford addressed the council on the subject with great vigor. He was in favor of the resolution, but wanted careful enquiry made before the filtration system was adopted. It must be remembered that many of the cases of typhoid fever at the hospital were from outside the city. The water in use here was analyzed long ago and was pronounced the best in Canada. He believed if filtration was adopted that provision would have to be made for the fire department, as water could not then be drawn through the pipes as at present. He believed it would cost \$50,000 to make the changes needed.

Ald. Barbour thought that the passage of the resolution did not commit the council to making the expenditure. It was necessary that careful investigation should be made before final action is taken.

The resolution was put to the meeting and carried, Ald. McKnight being the one to vote against it.

A draft of a bye law to encourage the prompt payment of water rates was submitted by the city clerk and referred to the water committee. It proposed to raise the rates 20 per cent and allow a discount of 10 per cent, to those paying up within thirty days.

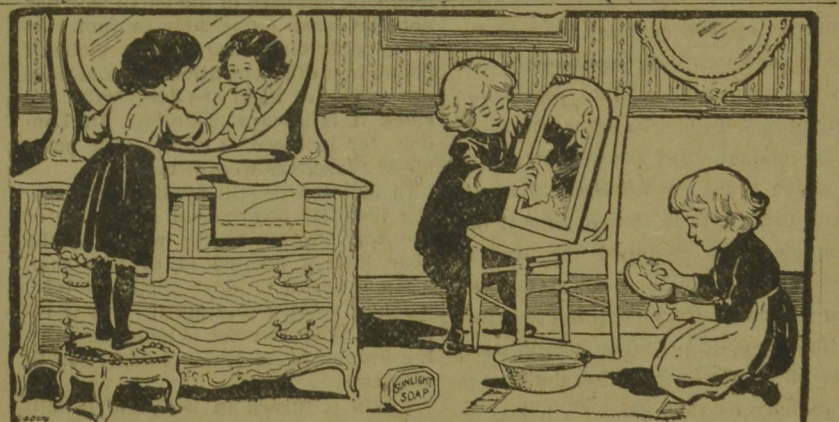
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