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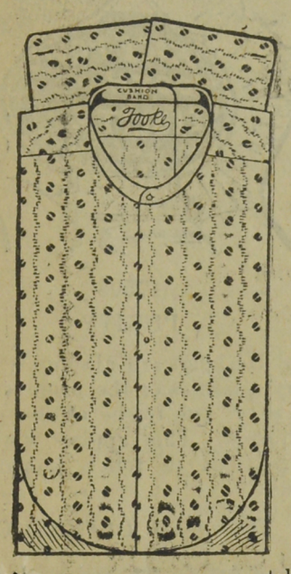

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City Council Will Seek Legislation to Construct Sewerage System

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Commission to Deal With Anomalies of the Assessment Law.

CARRIAGE MANUFACTURERS WANT A BONUS.

The first formal meeting of the new city council was held last evening and a lot of important business was transacted. The proceedings were characterized by great unanimity, and what few speeches were made were brief and to the point. The committee on the People's Bank recommended that a commission be appointed to revise the assessment law. A number of bills were approved of and ordered to be sent to the legislature, and the petition of E. A. Morgans & Co. for a bonus of $15,000, for a carriage factory, was stood over until the next meeting. It was decided to ask for an amendment to the sewerage bill, to put the council in a position to inaugurate a system without holding a plebsicite of the electors.

Those present were Mayor McNally in the chair, and Alds. Stockford, Mitchell, Ross, Everett, McKenzie, Randolph, Edwards, Chestnut, Barbour and Hanlon.

The city clerk read his certificate of the last civic election, and told of the subsequent swearing in of the mayor and aldermen elect.

It was decided to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the last meeting.

The mayor stated that the first business of the meeting was the ordering of the assessment for the ensuing year.

Ald Chestnut stated that the council in committee had fixed the assessment at $60,000. With this amount it was hoped that the several departments would be administered without having deficits at the end of the year.

The various items of the assessment, at published in yesterday's Herald, were read over by Ald. Chestnut and adopted in turn.

TO REVISE ASSESSMENT LAW.

Ald. Everett presented the report of the special committee on the tax petition of the People's Bank of New Brunswick. The committee, after looking into the present complicated assessment law of the city, hesitated to take any action, lest other interests might be disturbed. The committee further recommended that the assessment law be revised to meet the changed conditions since the law was passed in 1874, and that legislation be obtained to enable the council to appoint a commission to do the work.

Attached to the report was the draft of a bill, which the council approved of, and ordered to be sent to the legialature. It provides that the commission shall consist of three rate-payers in addition to the city clerk, who shall act as secretary, and have power to examine witnesses under oath. The amount of remuneration is to be fixed by the city council. Another section of the bill legalizes the grant to the exhibition, and provides for a guarantee of $1,000. The bill also legalizes the allowance of $25 per month, made to ex-City Clerk McCready.

Ald. Barbour said he had looked over the bill carefully, and found that sufficient power was reserved by the city council to control the action of any commission that might be appointed.

Ald. Barbour thought that it was desirable that the city council should be represented in the executive of the Agricultural Society, and that Ald. Chestnut, chairman of the finance committee, be named.

Ald. Chestnut said that two members of the board were already on the executive, and the city clerk was treasurer of the society. He thought the interests of the council would be well looked after.

Ald. Barbour pressed his motion and it was adopted.

The water bill was adopted as amended and ordered to be sent to the legislature.

The amendment to the fire bill, prohibiting the erection of wooden buildings on Queen street, was read over and passed.

On motion of Ald. Barbour a committee of five aldermen was appointed to act with the mayor as a lobbying committee.

The mayor appointed as the committee Alds. Randolph, Barbour, Hanlon, Everett and Mitchell.

WANTS A BONUS.

On motion of Ald. Chestnut it was resolved that Mr. G. W. Clark be heard in regard to the petition of E. A. Morgans & Co., praying for a bonus of $15,000, to aid in the establishment of a carriage factory.

Mr. Clark said he was not seeking assistance for himself, but was present in the interest of Mr. Morgans. He would like to see an industry of the kind referred to established in Fredericton. He had had some interest in the manufacture of carriages, and lately made a proposition to Mr Morgans with the object of buying him out. Mr. Morgans had, however declined the offer, preferring to have the business under his own control. He (Clark) believed that if properly managed a carriage factory would pay in Fredericton. He did not think that the smaller factories could succeed under present conditions to any great extent, as with their limited plant they had very little chance to procure wholesale trade. A great many carriages were now imported from the upper provinces, which could just as well be made in Fredericton. The city of Brockville, which was about the size of Fredericton, had given a bonus of $50,000 to establish a carriage factory in that city. Recently this factory was burned out and now the city was loaning the company $30,000 for fifteen years without interest. Recently the town of Newcastle had given a loan of $20,000 to a furniture manufactdring company. He (Clark) would like to see more factories in Fredericton, and thought that the city should encourage them. He did not think there was any liklihood of a large carriage factory being established in Fredericton without assistance. There were many skilled mechanics in Fredericton in the carriage line and it would be a pity to lose them. Wood entering into the manufacture of carriages could be purchased cheaply here.

At the request of Ald. Barbour Mr. Morgans' petition was read by the city clerk. It stated that the petitioner now had buildings and stock valued at $40,534.27, but was without steam power, and therefore could not compete successfully with the large factories of Ontario. It was proposed to form a stock company, to carry on the business, and a number of capalists had agreed to take stock ranging from $1000 to $5000. An additional lot of land would be purchased, and another building would be erected at a cost of $5000. The estimated output would be one thousand carriages and six hundred pungs. The company asked for a loan of a bonus of $15,000, to be paid back at the rate of $1000 annually, the first payment to be paid at the end of five years, and the last payment of $5000 to be made at the end of fifteen years. As security, the company promises to execute a lien or mortgage in favor of the city. The company also askes for free water, and exemption from taxes for a term of years.

Ald. Barbour wanted to know what effect the proposed industry would have on existing industries. Would the proprietors of the latter be likely to enter a protest against the granting of a bonus?

Mr. A. R. Slipp replied that so far as known there was not likely to be any opposition to the scheme from the local industries.

Mr. Morgans contended that the proposed factory would not interfere with local industries as they would not enter into competition with them. The company would seek to capture the trade now secured in this pronince by the Ontario concerns. As for killing the local factories, he thought the upper province concerns had already seen to that pretty well.

On motion of Ald. Edwards further consideration of the matter was deferred until the next meeting.

THE SEWERAGE QUESTION.

Ald. Chestnut moved that the city clerk be directed to prepare an amendment to the act of assembly of 1896, to provide for the introduction of a system of sewerage for the city of Fredericton. It is proposed by the amendment to strike out the section of the act which requires that a plebiscite must be taken before the act can be brought into force.

Ald. Chestnut explained that the proposed amendment was merely to clear the way for the introduction of a sewerage system when deemed advisable.

Ald. Barbaur seconded the motion in a brief speech and it was unanimously adopted.

The list of standing committees for the ensuing year was ratified on motion of Ald. Everett.

A draft of a bill to provide for the bonding of the floating indebtedness of the city, was read by the city clerk.

Ald. Barbour moved that the bill be approved of and forwarded to the legislature.

Ald. Everett pointed out that the amount of the floating indebtedness was covered by overdue taxes; yet the full amount of the assessment could not be collected in any one year, so the indebtedness always remained. He approved of the bill and would second Ald. Barbour's motion.

The motion to send the bill to the the legislature was then adopted.

A letter from Miss Jane Sampson thanking the council on behalf of the W. C. T. U., for the use of a room in the market building was read and placed on file.

Ald Stockford, who had taken littl part in the proceedings, ventured to move the adjournment, and his motion was adopted

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