

LOTS OF SMALL TALK.

City Council Held Lengthy Session and did Some Business.

Wharves to be Repaired—Janitor Biggs Wins Out—Regret at Ald. Everett's Death.

The regular monthly meeting of the city council was held last evening, and did not adjourn until 11.30 o'clock. There was a great amount of talk, but most of it was of the cheap variety, and did not result in any great advantage to the city. Several members of the council seem to have rather poor terminal facilities, and to have difficulty in striking at the root of a question. Probably when they get a little more experience in the game of civic politics, they will overcome this drawback. The date of the bye-election for St. Ann's ward, caused by the death of Ald. Everett, was fixed for Monday, June 22, and returning officers were appointed.

There was a lot of discussion over the action of the council last month in increasing the salary of Janitor Biggs of the city hall, by fifty dollars, but the amount was not reduced. The wharf committee were authorized to go ahead and provide better wharf accommodation.

Mayor Chestnut presided and all the aldermen were in attendance. A beautiful wreath of carnations, lilies and maiden hair fern, a tribute from the members of the council, adorned the desk of the late Ald. Everett.

JANITOR BIGGS' SALARY.

Ald. Hooper took exception to the paragraph in the minutes relating to Janitor Biggs' salary. He said that he was unaware at the time that he was being given an increase of salary, as the matter had not been explained.

Ald. Clark said that the minutes plainly stated that the janitor's salary was to be \$450.

Ald. Farrell was inclined to agree with Ald. Hooper. Other officials, he said, had been denied an increase of salary, and their claims were quite as good as those of Janitor Biggs.

Ald. Hooper complained that no motion of the increase was made last month, so that the matter could have been discussed.

The Mayor said that there was no question about the minutes being correct.

Ald. Winslow said that as the minutes were correct they should be confirmed.

Ald. Mitchell said that he did not know at the last meeting that Janitor Biggs' salary had been increased.

Ald. Walker asked for the opinion of the city clerk on this weighty question.

Ald. Farrell moved that the minutes be amended and that the salary of the janitor of the city hall be the same as last year.

Ald. Hooper seconded the motion.

Ald. Winslow did not think that Ald. Farrell's motion to correct the minutes was proper. He thought that Ald. Farrell should move for a reconsideration of the matter.

The Mayor thought that Ald. Winslow's point was well taken.

Ald. Mitchell said that he would like to have the city clerk's opinion of the matter.

The city clerk said that if the minutes were correct they should be confirmed. Then if the council wanted to amend them they could do so.

Ald. Farrell said that he did not want to correct his motion.

Ald. Winslow said that the aldermen must be well aware that \$450 was voted to Janitor Biggs at the last meeting.

Ald. Hooper said that as the seconder of the resolution he was willing to make a change.

Ald. Farrell said that as the mover of a resolution he was willing that the seconder should withdraw it.

The Mayor then declared that the minutes would stand confirmed which meant that Janitor Biggs retained his extra fifty.

The City Clerk then read the minutes of the opening meeting held last month.

ALD. EVERETT'S DEATH.

Ald. Hooper moved the following resolution relating to the death of the late Ald. Everett:

"Resolved that the members of this Council desire to give expression of their sympathy for the loss of Alderman W. Eberton Everett, whose recent removal by death has caused a vacancy at this Council Board. Since his first election in March 1894 as a Representative of St. Anna's Ward he has occupied a prominent position in the administration of city affairs, being in charge of an important department, where his honesty of purpose, his careful advice and impartial treatment of all matters, made for him a large place in the esteem of the members of the Board and of the public generally. This Council therefore places upon record their high appreciation of the late Ald. Everett, both as a man of worth and as a competent civic administrator."

Further resolved that the Council joins in the sorrow of the bereaved widow and family and directs that a copy of this resolution certified by the City Clerk be forwarded to Mrs. Everett.

Ald. Hooper went on to say that he had been associated with Ald. Everett at the board for two years,

and had always found him an honorable and fair minded man. While he disagreed with him at times, he thought that they differed honestly. It was a loss to the city of Frederickton that Ald. Everett should have been cut down in his prime, and his word of life of peace and joy and a flower on his desk, he thought that the aldermen were paying a fitting tribute to his memory.

Ald. Jewett seconded the resolution.

Mayor Chestnut in putting the resolution spoke words of praise for the late Ald. Everett. He mentioned the fact that while a great sufferer he was most genial in his manner and always took a warm interest in the affairs of the city.

The resolution was carried by a standing vote.

AUDITOR'S REPORT.

The report of the auditor for May was read and adopted. The expenditures for the month were as follows:

Roads and streets	\$ 571 36
Public Works	990 13
Fire department	10 00
City hall	186 15
Wharves	80 88
Contingencies	730 77
Administration of justice	59
Markets	6 00
Street lighting	688 88
Sewerage	471 30
Water	993 66
Total	\$4,760 02

Ald. Kitchen in explaining an item of \$101 to Mr. W. H. McGinn, said that it was an extra allowance for operating the sewerage pump during the period of high water. He was paid at the rate of \$2 per day.

ROUTINE BUSINESS.

On motion of Ald. Clark the monthly salaries of city officers were ordered to be paid.

Ald. Jewett pointed out that Alms House Keeper Thomas' salary had been increased to \$400 last year, on account of a lot of land having been taken away from him, but this year he had only been voted \$350. He moved that his salary be \$400.

The motion was seconded by Ald. Walker and carried.

On motion of Ald. Hooper the sum of \$25 was voted to Mrs. Stephen Dorett.

Ald. Jewett presented the report of the alms house commissioner, which showed an expenditure for the month of \$405.50. The report was adopted and ordered to be paid. A check for \$200 was voted for current expenses.

Ald. Hooper presented the report of the fire committee, which, among other things recommended that no fire alarm box be placed on Aberdeen street this year.

Ald. Farrell, in reply to Ald. Clark, said that the sewerage rates were fixed by by-law, and no change had been made. He added that it was the intention of the committee to take the matter up in the near future.

MR. LAFOREST'S JOB.

Ald. Farrell moved that Mr. N. A. LaForest be appointed inspector of sewerage and plumbing at a salary of \$600 per year.

Ald. Winslow seconded the motion.

Ald. Hooper said that he did not wish to be understood as finding fault, but he thought the water and sewerage committee should take the council into its confidence. He wanted to know what the duties of superintendent were.

Ald. Farrell pointed out that the city engineer had full control over the officials of the water and sewerage department at the present time.

He said that the committee endeavored to live up to the regulations governing the department. He did not propose to extend an invitation to members of the council to attend meetings of the committee, but they would follow the regulations in the matter. They called for tenders for all supplies and followed the regulations.

He thought, perhaps, that Ald. Hooper was acting as the mouthpiece for fault finders. If the council were not satisfied with the work of the committee they could take it over at any time.

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JUNE BRIDES AND GROOMS.

It is passed into a proverb that "Edgcomb's" is headquarters for "Bridal Trousseau." The "gentle maiden," just budding into winsome womanhood, whose heart has been won by some gallant wooer, "the Merry Widow," who is again ready to make some man happy, in fact "maiden demure," "maiden mature," "widow merry or grave," "young man," "sporty widower," "man de date," all whose hearts have been pierced by "cupid's shaft," and "heart to heart," and hand to hand, would launch their bark on sea of matrimony, can be fitted out at Edgcomb's.

Father, remarked the gay youth, I must have \$1,000 to pay my debts. Your debts! shouted the old man, who was a disciple of phonetic spelling, why, you have no more excuse for being in debt than the letter B.

Irvington Boothlette—No, I never saw a super natural.

CROCKETT'S STUPIDITY.

In His Zeal for Tory Slanderbund Took Investigation Before Wrong Committee and was Turned Down

OTTAWA, June 1.—The public accounts committee this morning continued the inquiry into the Souris fish-drier, J. W. Brennan, head book-keeper for J. J. Hughes being called. To Mr. Crockett who conducted the examination, the witness said that he had not brought the ledger containing the transaction.

Mr. Crockett insisted upon an examination as to the contents of the ledger and a dispute followed between Mr. Crockett and Mr. A. K. McLean, in which Mr. McLean said the question was improper as every law station knew that the ledger was evi-

dence unless the original book of entry, the day book, could not be produced. This position was sustained.

Mr. Crockett attempted to show that Mr. Hughes had sold goods to the government. Mr. McLean objected that the purpose of the public accounts committee was to ascertain if the fish-drier was constructed properly and at proper rates. If it was sought to show that J. J. Hughes, M. P., sold goods to the government and thereby violated the independence of parliament act. Mr. McLean held the inquiry should be made before the Privileges and Election Committee. The chairman ruled to this effect.

CROWN LAND DEPT.

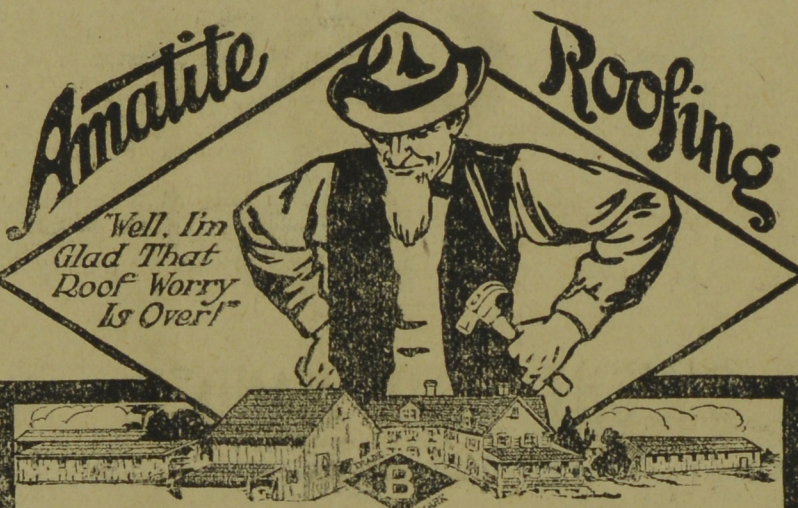
Surveyor General Outlines Some Important Changes.

In the scheme for the reorganization of the crown lands department, which is now being prepared by the government, it is understood that the offices of chief game commissioner and chief firewarden will be abolished. The province will be divided into four districts with one man in charge of each section who will be responsible to the surveyor-general.

When asked by a Telegraph reporter yesterday for some information as to the proposed

changes, Hon. W. C. H. Grimmer, the surveyor-general, said the reorganization of the department was proceeding rapidly and a number of changes would be put into force at once. By dividing the province into four districts and placing one man in charge of each section, it was believed that better results would be obtained. Each man would be responsible for his district and would have a number of wardens under him.

In reply to a question, as reported yesterday, whether the chief game commissioner, L. B. Knight, and the chief game warden, John Robinson, had been relieved of their duties, Mr. Grimmer said it was probable that they would not be called upon in the future to take any active part in the positions they occupied.



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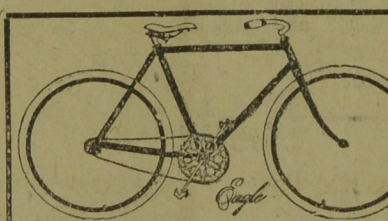
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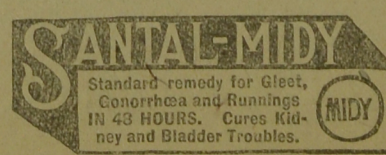
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