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NOT READY YET.

Scheme for Fire Department Reform not Adopted by the Council.

BUT REFERRED TO A COMMITTEE FOR FURTHER CONSIDERATION.

Firemen Object to Having Their Numbers Reduced.

J. HUGH CALDER APPOINTED AUDITOR IN PLACE OF W. J. OSBORNE.

The regular monthly meeting of the city council was held at the council chamber last evening, those present being His Worship the Mayor in the chair and Alds. Farrell, Ryan, Stockford, Boyce, Jago, Vanwart, Clark, Moore, Maxwell and Ross. There was a large attendance of spectators, including many firemen.

The minutes of the last regular meeting and also of a special meeting were read by the clerk and approved.

Conn. W. R. Fawcett, a member of the York county council, was invited to a seat upon the platform and accepted the invitation. The auditor's report was read and adopted and the following accounts were ordered to be paid:

Roads and streets.....	\$750 21
Street Lights.....	966 25
Public Works.....	73 55
Fire Department.....	37 90
City Hall.....	116 19
Alms House.....	32 50
Wharves.....	25 86
Market.....	2 00
Contingencies.....	44 65
Sewerage and water.....	91 74

On motion the rule was suspended and an account from R. H. Rainsford of \$6 for kindling wood and another of \$5 for cleaning the market were ordered to be paid.

On motion of Ald. Farrell, the city treasurer was authorized to advance the sum of \$32 to Mr. Murphy, engineer of the steam roller, being the amount of expense incurred by him in shipping the machine to Fredericton.

Ald. Vanwart submitted the monthly report on the alms house accounts which was read and adopted, and a check of \$150 was ordered to issue in favor of the commissioner to meet running expenses.

On motion of Ald. Moore, the salaries of all the city officers were ordered to be paid.

The report of the market committee, dealing with the sale of the hay scale fees was read and adopted, and R. H. Rainsford, the purchaser, was appointed market clerk without salary.

A similar report from the wharf committee was adopted, and R. A. Estey was appointed harbor master, with H. C. Mackey as deputy.

The report of the assessment appeals committee recommended that Catherine Doherty, a widow, be relieved of the payment of taxes on mortgaged property owned by her on George street, also that the prayer of the petition of Lewis H. Bliss, asking to be relieved from taxes, be not complied with. Adopted.

A communication from T. C. Doherty, enclosing copy of a resolution passed by the firemen at a recent meeting, was read and placed on file.

A petition from Thomas Charters, Agnes Flecher, James Bishop, John McKnight and others in reference to opening a road across the C. P. R. track, to their place of residence on College hill was read to the Council. The petitioners offered to construct the road at their own expense, and relieve the railway company from all liability in case of accidents, providing the city would pay over the sum of \$35, voted towards payment of the cost of the road some months ago.

Ald. Farrell, after a few observations, moved that the petition be referred to the road committee, which was adopted.

A petition from the New Brunswick Telephone Company praying that an officer be appointed to superintend the work of erecting new telephone poles in the city and removing old ones, was next read.

On motion of Ald. Farrell the petition was received and placed on file and Roadmaster McKay was appointed to superintend the work.

The Fire Department.

A lengthy report from the fire committee, signed by Ald. Stockford, was next read to the meeting. It recommended that a pair of horses be purchased for the fire department, that alterations be made to the central hose station to provide accommodation for the horses, that a new hose cart be purchased to carry 1200 feet of hose, also that two sets of automatic harness be purchased, and also that the fire department be reduced in strength from sixty to twenty-five men after August 1st, and that three call men or volunteer firemen be appointed for each ward without pay. The cost of the proposed improvements was set down at \$1150, and the total cost of administering the department under the new system was placed at \$3,565, against \$3,205 under the old system. The report stated that the firemen attached to the central hose station would turn out at the first alarm, and those from Nos 1 and 5 stations would respond to a second alarm, not less than 500 feet of hose to be kept in Nos. 1 and 5 stations.

Ald. Stockford moved, seconded by Ald. Maxwell, that the report be adopted.

Ald. Moore thought it would be a mistake to appoint the firemen for only three months. He believed they should be appointed for the year in the usual way.

Ald. Stockford said that he had been elected by the citizens to reform the fire department. He had been given to understand that the Mayor would veto any items of over expenditure in any of the departments and therefore he (Stockford) in formulating his scheme had been obliged to exercise strict economy. Ald. Moore was chairman of the water committee, and the fire committee was obliged to pay that committee the sum of \$1600 annually for water. There were three laundries in the city which used more water in one month than the fire department used in a year, and only paid \$50 each for it. The watering cart also used more water than the fire department, and only \$200 was paid for it. He (Stockford) had been trying for six years to reform the fire department through former councils, but was able to accomplish nothing and finally had to obtain a seat at the board so that he might do the work himself. He had given the matter much thought and had submitted a plan for reform, and if the council did not wish to adopt it they could let the matter stand for another year, when perhaps there would be a new chairman of the fire committee ready to undertake the responsibility.

Ald. Farrell said that as two members of the fire committee had spoken on the motion and their views did not correspond, it was quite evident to him that the committee were not a unit on the report. He was surprised that Ald. Stockford had not explained the proposed changes in detail and thereby taken the council into his confidence. He (Farrell) had long felt that the work of the firemen was not appreciated as it should be by the citizens. The young men who joined the department did not do so for what there was in it, but because they had an interest in the city. The firemen had rendered good service in the past, and he for one did not think it would be right to dismiss them wholesale. Neither did he think that the citizens would object to paying the firemen for another year, the paltry sum which they now received for their services. The report was too complicated and should not be adopted by the council without very careful consideration. He believed that a special committee, composed of members of the council and experienced firemen should have taken the question up, and after careful consideration, made recommendations to the council. He was willing to admit that Ald. Stockford had a practical knowledge of fire department matters, but he did not consider him the only man in the city familiar with the subject. In conclusion Ald. Farrell moved as an amendment that the report be referred to a committee of the whole council to report at a special meeting.

Ald. Stockford in reply contended that the report dealt very fully with the whole matter and if any further explanations were wanted by Ald. Farrell he was prepared to make them. In regard to his experience he would say that he was a fireman six months before Ald. Farrell left the police force. He had been connected with the Fredericton department up to six years ago, when he had been forced out by the action of a council of which Ald. Farrell was a member, and the alderman had on that occasion condemned the firemen for trying to dictate to the council. He had no objection to

the question being held over for further consideration.

Ald. Farrell's amendment was then put and carried on the following division: Yeas—Farrell, Vanwart, Ryan, Boyce, Jago, Moore, Clark—7. Nays—Stockford, Ross, Maxwell—3.

CITY OFFICERS.

The Council next appointed the following city officers, the salaries in every instance being fixed at the same figure as formerly prevailed:

City Treasurer—I. R. Golding, \$600.
City Clerk—C. W. Beckwith, \$550.
City Auditor—J. H. Calder, \$100.
Superintendent of Water Works—Alex Burchill, \$600.
Alms House Keeper—A. D. Thomas, \$350.
Alms House Commissioner—R. H. Boone, \$100.
Chief Engineer, Fire Department—A. Lipsett, \$150.
Assistant Chief—H. C. Rutter, \$50.
Manager Opera House—J. H. Calder, \$75.
Road Supervisor—Wm. McKay, \$400.
City Electrician—H. D. White, \$200.
City Marshal—Jas Roberts, \$100.
Caretaker City Clock—H. D. White, \$32.

Inspector of Bread—James Roberts, \$20.

Special police officer—George Rideout, \$1.25 per day.

Janitor city hall—J. W. Biggs, \$300.

Caretaker old burying ground—R. W. Gregory, \$100.

Server of tax notices—Jas. Roberts, 5 cents per notice.

Engineers pumping station—J. M. Taylor, Malcolm Ross, \$50 per month each.

The salaries of the police magistrate and policemen were fixed at the same amount as last year.

There were two nominations for the position of city auditor, J. H. Calder and the present incumbent, W. J. Osborne. The motion to appoint Mr. Calder was carried on the following division:

Yeas—Ryan, Ross, Maxwell, Moore, Jago, Boyce and Stockford—7.

Nays—Clark, Farrell and Vanwart—3.

Ald. Clark submitted the monthly report of the city treasurer on tax collections, which showed that only \$387.78 had been collected during April, against \$1395.30 for the corresponding month last year, a falling off of \$1005.52. The treasurer expressed the opinion that the plan for the collection of taxes adopted last spring had not been a success, and called attention to the very small amount collected in miscellaneous licenses during the year. He did not recommend the appointment of a deputy collector.

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PASSED 15 WORMS. I gave Dr. Low's Worm Syrup to my little girl two and one-half years old; the result was that she passed fifteen round worms in five days.

Mrs. B. Roy, Kilmanagh, Ont.

In English military circles the question of Earl Roberts' retirement from the post of Commander-in-Chief immediately after the coronation, is freely discussed. It is looked upon as a certainty that the Duke of Connaught will succeed him, and will not return to Ireland. The fact that Roberts has recently purchased a big estate in the country is considered proof of this statement.

If you take a Laxa-Liver Pill at night before retiring, it will work while you sleep without a gripe or pain, curing biliousness, constipation, dyspepsia and sick headache.

General O'Grady-Haly will not leave Canada as early as he originally intended. He had booked his passage from this country for May 31, but has now postponed his departure until June 14. The object of the delay is to assist in the organization of the Coronation contingent.

During the hot summer season the blood gets over heated, the drain on the system is severe and the appetite is often lost. Burdock Blood Bitters purifies and invigorates the blood, tones up the system, and restores lost appetite.

Paderewski has taken home \$125,000 as the earnings of a two month's tour of the United States. Talent and a stalwart advertising agent "touched" the people of the North American Republic.

Ordinary Corn Cures are Dangerous, because they contain acids, but Putnam's Painless Corn and Wart Extractor is entirely vegetable in its composition. Refuse a substitute for "Putnam's" it's the only sure, safe and painless cure for corns and warts.

PROMPT ACTION IS IMPERATIVE.

Time Lost At This Season Means Increased Suffering, Perhaps Death.

PAINE'S CELERY COMPOUND

Is The Never-Failing Health Restorer in Springtime.

It is now an established fact that nervous prostration, insomnia, rheumatism, neuralgia, dyspepsia and blood diseases are curable, if Paine's Celery Compound is honestly and faithfully used at this season. It is well known that many of our most successful physicians are daily prescribing and recommending Paine's Celery Compound. This fact proves the superiority of the great medicine over all the regular drugs usually prescribed for the troubles mentioned above.

Paine's Celery Compound is pre-eminently adapted for correcting unhealthy nerve action; it feeds the nerve centres with elements needed to strengthen them and build up healthy tissue. It purifies the blood, taking away every trace of poison, and encourages a rapid growth of red corpuscles upon which the vigor of the entire system depends.

Weariness, tired feelings, despondency and unrest, so prevalent in the last days of spring, are banished after a week's use of Paine's Celery Compound, and full vital energy and strength take the place of lassitude and weakness.

Now is the time to strike at the root of your besetting troubles. The work of recuperation begun today will save you future weeks, perhaps months of torture and mental agony.

The immense and unprecedented demand for Paine's Celery Compound—earth's best medicine—is an indication that thousands are throwing off disease and seeking health. Past experience and the happy results given by Paine's Celery Compound, all combine to make clear your path of duty. Begin today with Paine's Celery Compound if you would establish health and vigor for the coming summer season.

Elaborate preparations are being made for the coronation of King Alfonso, of Spain, May 17. Nearly thirty state carriages will take part in the procession. These will be more elaborate even than the English vehicles of a similar kind. Most of them were painted by celebrated Spanish artists, and though they had grown dingy by long use they have now been re-upholstered and varnished till they look as good as new. For the battle of flowers, which will be one of the chief features of the festivities, preparations are in full swing. One Madrid club has ordered 50,000 bouquets and over 100,000 bouquets will be thrown from vehicles belonging to another club, while the Valencia gardeners are receiving orders for thousands of red carnations.

The Farmer's Wife

is very careful about her churn. She scalds it thoroughly after using, and gives it a sun bath to sweeten it. She knows that if her churn is sour it will taint the butter that is made in it. The stomach is a churn. In the stomach and digestive and nutritive tracts are performed processes which are exactly akin to the churning of butter. Is it not apparent then that if this stomach churn is "sour" it sours all which is put into it? The evil of a foul stomach is not the bad taste in the mouth and the foul breath caused by it, but the corruption of the pure current of the blood and the dissemination of disease throughout the body. Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery makes the sour stomach sweet. It does for the stomach what the washing and sun bath do for the churn—absolutely removes every tainting or corrupting element. "Golden Medical Discovery" contains no alcohol, whiskey or other intoxicant and no narcotic.

Fifty American priests of the diocese of Brooklyn, headed by Bishop McDonnell, were received by the Pope Sunday morning in the Sala Del Trono. After a speech of devotion, Bishop McDonnell presented His Holiness with a cheque for \$10,000. This the pope accepted, thanking the Bishop for the rich gift.

In washing woollens and flannels, Lever's Dry Soap (a powder) will be found very satisfactory.

Turning Down the Doctors.

The marvelous cures of Catarrhzone are being much talked about. Thousands are daily recognizing the exceptional merit of this simple inhaler treatment, and instead of running to the doctor with their winter ills they protect themselves by Catarrhzone; it kills colds in the head in ten minutes, quickly relieves Catarrh, Bronchitis, Asthma, Lung Troubles, and cures even though all other remedies have failed. Catarrhzone is very pleasant, safe and convenient to use. Its best recommendation is its enormous sale; try it to-day. Price \$1.00, small size 25c., at druggists.

The vote on the Sunday law in Massachusetts resulted in the advocates of a strictly closed day receiving a crushing defeat. The recent crusade, all over the continent, for a stricter observance of Sunday, at the instance of Sabbatarian societies, caused Boston to be really closed up one Sunday recently. Now the House of Representatives have, by a vote of 112 to 17, passed the third reading of a bill to permit the sale on Sunday of ice cream, soda water and confectionery.

Some Results of Impure blood.

A bloated, pimply, disfigured face feeling of exhaustion, wracked nerves, headache and a dull brain. The proper cure is one Ferrozone Tablet after each meal. Ferrozone cleanses and beautifies the complexion by making rich, pure blood. It restores the enfeebled brain and unstrung nerves to a healthy vigorous condition. It invigorates all the physical and mental powers, and brings strength and ambition to the depressed. Refuse a substitute for Ferrozone—it's the best tonic and invigorator known. Price 50c. Sold by C. A. Burchill.

Col. Leys of London Ont. unearthed on his farm a section of an Indian burying ground. One of the skeletons showed that its owner must have been eight feet in height. The skull was twice the size of an average human head. The shin and thigh bones were nearly 2½ feet long. Col. Leys had all the bones placed in his barn, intending to donate them to the Toronto Normal School, but they have been stolen.

The Agonizing Pains of Rheumatism.

Swollen, aching joints, muscles are stiff and sore, every movement accompanied by pain. The most potent remedy is Polson's Nerviline, which has five times the pain-subduing power of any other preparation. Apply the Nerviline copiously, rub it on well and then bind it in a hot fannel bandage. This will cure the worst cases in a short time.

Try Nerviline for Rheumatism, Neuralgia—its all right and only costs a quarter. Dr. Hamilton's Pills Cure Constipation.

"The general opinion among the military authorities in England and Ireland is, that the Canadian troops are the only colonial ones that can be relied upon in a tight place." Such was the statement made Monday by Lt.-Col. Claude Cane, of the 4th Battalion of the Royal Irish Regiment, while conversing Monday with a Montreal Star representative at the Windsor.

AFTER EQUINOX

The season has changed. Cold winds, damp air, coughs, colds, grippe, pneumonia—that's the order of events.

This is the time of year for those with weak lungs or a tendency to heavy colds to fortify themselves against exposure by taking Scott's Emulsion.

Regular doses give great protection to the throat and lungs. What's the use of staying near the edge when such easy treatment will keep you out of danger.

For obstinate colds, for old coughs, for catarrh and bronchitis Scott's Emulsion is a standard remedy. You can feel the effects of even a small bottle.

We'll send you a little to try, if you like. SCOTT & BOWNE, Chemists, Toronto