

A SHORT SESSION

City Council Got Through
its Business in Less
Than an Hour.

LOTS OF BUSINESS AND LITTLE
TALK.

Several Annual Reports Received
and Adopted.

COUNCIL DECLINED TO GRANT A
BONUS TO ALD. MOORE.

The regular monthly meeting of the city council was held last evening. Mayor Crockett presided and all the members were present except Alds Everett, Rosborough, Clark and Slipp.

The minutes of the last regular meeting were read and approved.

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

The auditor's report was read by the Mayor and adopted. The expenditures for the month was:

Roads and streets.....	\$305 00
Public Works.....	39 13
Ad of Justice.....	41 36
City hall.....	234 54
Cottagencies.....	42 50
Sewerage and Water.....	62 86
Market.....	5 95
Fire Department.....	22 00

On motion of Ald Vanwart a check for \$20 was ordered to be issued in favor of Policeman John O'Neill, being his commission at 5 per cent for collecting \$380.44 in taxes.

The alms house report was submitted by Ald Vanwart, and adopted. It showed an over expenditure of \$58 during the month. A check for \$150 was ordered to be issued in favor of the commissioner to defray current expenses for January.

The annual report of the water committee was submitted by the chairman Ald Moore. It recommended among other things that a system of water filtration be adopted and that the necessary legislation be procured at the approaching session of the legislature. The report was adopted and ordered to be published in the city blue book.

The annual report of the Superintendent of the Water Works was submitted, adopted and ordered to be published in the accounts.

Ald McNally, in the absence of Ald. Clark read the following statement on tax collections for 1900 and 1901.

Collected in 1900 for 1898.....	\$ 835.57
" 1900 for 1899.....	9,958.97
" 1900 for 1900.....	37,282.62

Total.....	\$48,077.46
Collected in 1901 for 1899.....	\$ 2,072.31
" 1901 for 1900.....	11,266.61
" 1901 for 1901.....	37,667.47

Total.....	\$50,956.39
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Ald Ryan for the committee appointed to consider the petition of Ald. Moore for exemption from taxes, reported that the committee did not consider that Ald. Moore's plans were sufficiently matured to warrant them in granting the prayer of the petition, and they would accordingly refer it back to the council. Report adopted.

Ald. McNally, for the printing committee, recommended that the contract for city printing be awarded to H. A. Crop-ley, and that for advertising to A. Lipsett of the Farmer. Report adopted.

The report of the assessment appeals committee recommended that the prayer of the petition of the Fredericton Park Association, praying for relief from four year's taxes be not complied with; that Alex Block be relieved from payment of poll tax for 1900; that the petition of George Gibson be complied with, he not having been a resident of the city during 1900, and that the petition of W. H. Anderson, asking for a reduction in his assessment on real estate, be not complied with. Adopted.

The following report from the Wilmot Park Board, was read, adopted and ordered to be published in the annual accounts:

The Wilmot Park.

Fredericton, Jan. 6, 1902.

To His Worship the Mayor, and City Council of the City of Fredericton:—

During the season of 1901 several important improvements were made at Wilmot Park, which added greatly to its general appearance. The most important of these was the widening and straightening of the carriage drives and the graveling of a portion of them.

The grass on the front portion of the park was kept cut during the entire season, which was also a noticeable im-

provement over previous years and at a comparatively small cost.

A large number of young trees, elms and maples, were transplanted, besides additional ones, all of which are doing well and giving "evidence of healthy growth."

It was noticeable that the attendance during the season was far in excess of any preceding year; and as the appearance of the park each year becomes more attractive, the number of visitors naturally increases. During Sundays, more particularly, people find the park a delightful resort, the expressed desire of its beneficent donor being fully realized in this respect.

The financial statement submitted herewith shows the receipts and expenditures for the year ending Dec 31st, 1901. It will be observed that the work has been carried on, consistent with the means at the disposal of the board, and a small balance remains after paying all expenses for the year.

The board regrets that the interest on the endowment fund from Jan 1st, has been reduced from 4 per cent per annum to three and one half, which will hereafter yield only three hundred and fifty dollars per annum for the maintenance of this popular resort, and the Board would suggest that the city council provide a small additional allowance of say one hundred dollars per annum, which would very materially assist the Board in carrying on their work to advantage.

W. T. H. FENETY, W. C. CROCKETT,
Secretary. Chairman.

The total amount received by the Park Board during the year was \$536.94, and the expenditure amounted to \$508.47, leaving a balance of \$28.47.

A communication from Secretary McCready of the Board of Trade, enclosing copies of resolutions adopted at a recent meeting of the Board, was read and ordered to be placed on file, and the City Clerk was instructed to acknowledge receipt of same.

A communication from J. W. McCready, enclosing a copy of the county administration of justice account for the year and asking for the appointment of a committee to meet with representatives of the County Council to apportion the city's share of the same, was read to the Council and referred to the administration of justice committee.

The annual report of the Chief Engineer of the fire department was next read, and ordered to be published in the accounts. The report in full will be found in another part of this issue.

To the great surprise of the few spectators in attendance, the council finished the business they had to do and adjourned at 8.45 o'clock. It was one of the shortest regular meetings ever held, and strange to say all the business was transacted without discussion.

"THE TYRANT INCOME."

The Whole Matter Summed Up by Hon. Mrs. Anstruther.

For several numbers past of The Cornhill Magazine instruction has been given in the art of living on incomes ranging from £78 to £10,000 a year, and now the whole matter is summed up by the Hon. Mrs. Anstruther under the title of "The Tyrant Income."

"The truth is this," she says. "The secret of financial happiness lies in your own personal attitude toward your income. If you treat it as a friend, on whose generosity you may rely to help you in time of need, then will you be doomed to disappointment, for few incomes have great souls—they are mean and shrinking things, incapable of heroic expansion! But if, from the very instant that you and it foregather, you treat it as your natural enemy, then may your life be a happy one. Conquer it, or it will assuredly conquer you, and become your tyrant. Yet only in one way can it be humbled and brought low, and happy is the man who discovers the way to do this early in his career. Keep it hidden, for publicity is to it the breath of life, and once the glare of publicity falls upon this unlovely Galatea, it will rise up and mercilessly will it trample upon you and your most precious possession—your independence. Therefore hide it. Never let your nearest or your dearest suspect its real height, or breadth, or length, or power. Keep it as secret as you would the knowledge of some hideous crime; guard it from the public gaze as you would the most appalling skeleton that ever sat in family cupboard! Should searching questions be put to you about its size, do not hesitate to lie right royally in your responses. Swear it is but a small, weak thing, worthy of no consideration, incapable of sustained effort, and thus by your cunning words force it to sit cowering in the darkness of private life, not daring to assert itself or to tyrannize over you in that horrid fashion already partly hinted at by a previous writer in these papers."

New Children's Infirmary.

A new Children's Infirmary is proposed for Liverpool which will cost over £50,000. The present institution is condemned.

London's Severest Winter.

The great snowstorm, when the Thames was frozen over for nearly four months, occurred in 1683-84. The frost continued without intermission from December to February, snow coming down almost continuously, so that some parts of the country were well nigh impassable. To add to the discomfort a bitter east wind blew all the time. Ships anxious to enter the port of London were obliged to remain at the mouth of the Thames, and the crews suffered great privations. Provisions were dear, horses and cattle often died of cold and scarcely a bird lived through the winter.

The citizens of London, however, resolving on having some profit out of the extraordinary weather, built a regular colony on the icebound Thames. Shops, taverns, coffee houses, booths for dramatic representations, printing offices and similar buildings sprang up like magic. The winter was probably the severest ever known in England, though the following one of 1684-85 was famous for its extreme cold.—London Tit-Bits.

Scottish Gardeners.

Lord Rosebery's remark in Edinburgh that Scotland has produced the greatest gardeners in the world recalls a rather cynical saying of Dr. Johnston on the subject of Scottish gardening. At Mrs. Terale's one evening Boswell remarked that England was indebted to his native land for one thing, is about all the good gardeners in the south were Scotsmen. Johnson thereupon observed, "Why, sir, that is because gardening is much more necessary amongst you than with us, which makes so many people learn it. It is all gardening with you. Things which grow wild here must be cultivated with great care in Scotland. Pray now," (throwing himself back in his chair, and laughing), "are you ever able to bring the sloe to perfection?"



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Tender for Alterations and Additions to North Street Station, Halifax, N. S.

Sealed Tenders addressed to the under signed, and marked on the outside "Tender for Alterations, Halifax Station," will be received until

WEDNESDAY, THE 8TH DAY OF JANUARY 1902

for the above works. Plans and Specifications may be seen on and after the 10th day of December, 1901, at the Station Masters' Offices at Halifax, N. S., and St. John, N. B., at the Intercolonial Railway Office, 143 St. James Street, Montreal, P. Q., at the Office of Spratt and Rolph, Architects, 94 King Street West, Toronto, Ontario, and at the Chief Engineer's Office, Moncton, N. B., where forms of tender may be obtained.

All the conditions of the Specifications must be complied with.

D. POTTINGER,
General Manager.
Moncton, N. B., 10th December, 1901.
Dec. 12, 1901.



SEALED TENDERS addressed to the under signed and endorsed "Tender for Public Building, Marysville, N. B.," will be received at this office until Saturday, 11th January, 1902, inclusive, for the erection of a Public Building at Marysville, N. B., according to plans and specification to be seen at the office of Messrs. McFarlane, Thompson and Anderson, Fredericton, N. B., and at the Department of Public Works, Ottawa.

Tenders will not be considered unless made on the form supplied, and signed with the actual signatures of tenderers. An accepted cheque on a chartered bank, payable to the order of the Minister of Public Works, equal to ten per cent (10 p.c.) of the amount of tender, must accompany each tender. The cheque will be forfeited if the party decline the contract or fail to complete the work contracted for, and will be returned in case of non-acceptance of tender.

The Department does not bind itself to accept the lowest or any tender.

By order,
FRED. GELINAS,
Secretary
Department of Public Works,
Ottawa, 29th December, 1901.

Newspapers inserting this advertisement without authority from the Department will not be paid for it.

PEOPLES BANK OF N. B.

A DIVIDEND of 4 per cent, on the Capital Stock of this Bank, for the half year ending 31st December, will be payable to the Stock holders, at the Bank, on or after MONDAY the 27th January, 1902.

J. W. SPURDEN,
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