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Important Matters Discussed

At the Regular Monthly Meeting

OF THE CITY COUNCIL.

A Sharp Debate on the Edgecombe Tax Matter.

REPORT OF ASSESSMENT APPEALS COMMITTEE ADOPTED.

Mr. Palmer to Have Water at the Old Rate for Tanneries.

The regular monthly meeting of the city council was held last evening with Mayor Crockett in the chair, and the full board in attendance.

After routine the Mayor read the auditor's report, which was adopted as follows:

Roads and streets.....	\$ 45 19
Public works.....	85 10
Wharves.....	250 32
Contingencies.....	42 18
Fire department.....	304 63
Markets.....	48 68
City hall.....	39 24
Street lights.....	976 76
Administration of justice.....	13 50
Alms house.....	7 80
Sewerage and water.....	684 97

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

Ald. Vanwart submitted the monthly report of the alms house committee showing an expenditure of \$257.60 for the month. The report was adopted and a check for \$150 was issued in favor of the commissioner.

The report of the city treasurer submitted by Ald. Clark was as follows:

Taxes col. in Oct. 1901 for 1900..	\$ 882 57
Taxes col. in Oct. 1901 for 1901..	497 25
Total.....	\$1,379 82
Taxes col. in Oct. 1902 for 1900..	\$ 6 00
Taxes col. in Oct. 1902 for 1901..	367 65
Taxes col. in Oct. 1902 for 1902..	279 72
Total.....	\$653 37

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

A report from Roadmaster McKay, recommending that steps be taken at once to secure a supply of trap rock for macadamizing purposes, and pointing out the advantages that kind of material possesses over sandstone, was read to the council and adopted.

The report of the road committee recommended that tenders be invited for furnishing 1000 tons of trap rock, and 500 tons of sandstone for street work; also that \$15 be paid to the alms house commissioner for rent of stone yard, also that tenders be invited for the coming season's snow plowing. Adopted and recommendations ordered to be carried out.

The report of the fire committee referred to the sale of the Silsby engine for \$350, and also to the steps recently taken by the committee to procure a pair of horses and to fit up rooms in the Central Horse station for the use of drivers. Adopted.

The report of the market committee recommended that the sum of \$5 paid by Herbert Haines for a butcher's license be refunded to Mr. Haines. Adopted.

The report of the assessment appeals committee recommended that F. B. Edgecombe's assessment on real estate be reduced by \$3,300; that the assessment on the Orange Hall be reduced by \$400; that Robert Coombe's assessment on income be reduced to \$300; that the prayer of the petition of Margaret Whitlock be complied with, and that James Donovan's assessment be reduced to a poll tax.

MR. EDGECOMBE'S TAXES.

Ald. Ryan said that he thought in the case of Mr. Edgecombe the assessment appeals committee had not made a sufficient reduction in his taxes and to provide a remedy he moved a resolution, the purport of which was, Mr. Edgecombe's assessment on real estate be reduced from \$60,000 to \$50,000, and his assessment on personal property be reduced from \$32,000 to \$24,000 and the amount of a mortgage of \$12,000 be deducted from the latter.

It was decided to take up the report of the assessment appeals committee section by section, and deal with Ald. Ryan's resolution as an amendment to the first section. The resolution was seconded by Ald. Jago.

Ald. Clark was rather astonished at the amendment offered by Ald. Ryan, and he was surprised that the alderman for Wellington Ward had offered no reason for his action. If the resolution passed it would mean that Mr. Edgecombe would be fixing his own assessment and would thus have an advantage over other ratepayers. He thought the council should stand by the report of the assessment appeals committee, the members of which had gone very fully and very carefully into the matter. He contended that the committee had dealt with Mr. Edgecombe's case on its merits, and had brought their best judgment to bear upon it. The valuers were not infallible, neither were the members of the assessment appeals committee, and the report was only their opinion. The reduction recommended by the committee was slightly larger than he (Clark) thought it should have been. The reason the reduction was made was that the appeal had come properly before the committee and the different properties had been examined into. In his opinion there were only two properties in Mr. Edgecombe's list that the valuers had valued a little high. It was with a view of settling the trouble with Mr. Edgecombe that he (Clark) consented to a reduction to the amount of \$3,300. He hoped the council would adopt the report.

Ald. Moore spoke in praise of the work of the valuers, whom he thought had done their work remarkably well. The valuers had gone over Mr. Edgecombe's properties carefully and had put the same valuation on them as on other city properties. He would vote against the amendment and also against adopting the report.

Ald. Stockford as a member of the committee, had left the committee room satisfied with the action taken by the committee. He had since had matters brought to his notice, which convinced him that the valuation had been most unjust. He would move as an amendment to the amendment that a new valuation be taken. This was not seconded.

Ald. Farrell had done all he could in the last two years to get fair play for Mr. Edgecombe. Prior to the last meeting he was under the impression that Mr. Edgecombe's property was over assessed, but after taking up the properties one by one, and considering their rental value and surroundings, he had arrived at the conclusion that the valuation was not excessive. He contended that the committee had gone into the matter with the greatest care, and the report submitted to the council was the outcome of the committee's labors. He was surprised at Ald. Moore's statement that he would vote for neither the report nor the amendment. He believed that Ald. Moore had made up his mind on the matter even before the petition was referred to the committee. He (Farrell) had known Mr. Edgecombe almost from childhood, and knew him as a public spirited citizen, who had been a large contributor to the civic revenue and had endeavored in every way to advance the interests of the community. He was satisfied that he felt he had a grievance, otherwise he would not have objected to the valuation of the property. He was surprised at an alderman, after agreeing to the report of the committee, coming to the council board and going back on that report. He was also surprised at the action of Ald. Ryan, and attributed it to lack of experience rather than a desire to do an injustice to the citizens he represented. Regarding Mr. Edgecombe's property, he (Farrell) felt that the valuation of \$2,500 placed on Mr. Edgecombe's paint shop was excessive, and he had favored a reduction of \$1000. The brick house on King street, on account of its location was also overvalued in his opinion, and he had voted to reduce it by \$1,300. He had also voted for a reduction on the valuation of the factory and dwelling. He thought it was wrong to allow any citizen to fix his own valuation, and he (Farrell) would not consent to even his own brother doing that. In regard to the valuers, the city had been well satisfied with the selection made, and that the work had been faithfully performed. But he did

not think that their finding should stand for all time to come. He had been told by prominent citizens that if Mr. Edgecombe was given relief there would be no end of petitions of a similar kind. He had replied that he would do his duty and treat all on their merits even if they came in at the rate of a dozen a day. He announced in conclusion that he would vote for the adoption of the committee's report.

On the vote being taken Alds. Ryan's amendment was lost on the following division:

Yeas—Alds. Ryan, Maxwell, Jago—3.
Nays—Alds. Farrell, Clark, Boyce, Ross, Moore, Vanwart—6.

The committee's report was carried on the following division:

Yeas—Alds. Farrell, Clark, Boyce, Ross, Vanwart—5.
Nays—Alds. Moore, Ryan, Jago, Maxwell—4.

The section in regard to the Orange hall was carried on the following division:

Yeas—Alds. Clark, Farrell, Jago, Ross, Maxwell—5.

Nays—Ald. s. Moore, Ryan, Boyce, Vanwart—4.

Ald. Stockford absented himself from the council chamber while the vote was being taken.

The report of the committee to whom was referred the complaint of George Y. Dibblee, against the Electric Light Company, recommended that no further action be taken towards having the obnoxious pole removed.

The water committee reported that they had considered a request from John Palmer that the water rates for his tanneries be fixed at \$85, but as a meter showed that \$106.74 was due from his four months service, the committee had decided to refer the matter to the council to deal with.

Ald. Vanwart complained that in putting a water meter in Mr. Palmer's establishment the water superintendent had overstepped his duty and had not acted in the interests of the city. He did not think that Mr. Palmer or any other manufacturer was in a position to pay \$106 every four months for water. He was a large employer of labor and was not in the habit of asking favors from the city, therefore it was not right to increase his water rates to the extent proposed. He would move that the rate be fixed at \$85.

Ald. Moore said J. C. Risteen & Co. paid for water at the rate of 25 cents per thousand gallons, and he thought Mr. Palmer should pay the same price for what he used. The fact that he employed a large amount of labor should not be a reason for exempting him. If Mr. Palmer is entitled to a lower rate so are the others.

Ald. Farrell was disposed, now that the water department had become self sustaining, to give the people water as cheaply as possible. The machinery has to be kept running, no matter what happened, and a little extra water is not a great source of expense to the city. He spoke of what Mr. Palmer had done for the city as an employer of labor, and thought it was the desire of the people, who owned the water system, to use him fairly. He (Farrell) thought at the time the meter was purchased at a cost of \$70 that it was a very foolish expenditure, and one which should not have been made. It seemed strange to him that the water superintendent should go to an expense of nearly \$100 to find out how much water a man was using. Why twelve meters at that price would nearly pay for the year's supply of coal. Is that the proper way to do the city's business. He thought not. He had heard that the superintendent had bought the meter without authority from the committee. If that was so it was a rather strange transaction. He would repeat that he did not believe in exacting the last cent in a case like Mr. Palmer's and thought that \$85 was sufficient for him to pay for the use of water. He understood that another large employer of labor had been driven by excessive water rates to lay a pipe of his own to the river, and now it was proposed to put on a meter and make him pay more for what little water he now uses.

Ald. Moore said that R. A. Estey was the man referred to by Ald. Farrell, and the rate paid by him of \$130 was paid when Ald. Farrell was a member of the water committee. Mr. Estey now had his water pumped direct from the river. Ald. Stockford said that he had a grievance against the water department, but did not make a very extensive explanation on the subject other than to declare that three times as much water was

used in street sprinkling as was used by the fire department.

On the question being put Ald. Vanwart's motion was adopted, Ald. Moore being the only one to vote nay.

Ald. Moore moved that all other manufacturers using city water be given the rate as Mr. Palmer.

Ald. Vanwart reminded Ald. Moore that it was time enough to deal with the other manufacturers, when they presented their grievances.

The Mayor decided that he could not entertain the motion.

A letter was read from Chief Engineer Lipsett, setting forth reasons why the hose owned by the department had not been tested as ordered by the council some time ago. The reasons were that the hose had been tested last fall and since that at fires, and had been found all right, and it was pointed out that a test would take the men from their work, and interfere with the water service.

Ald. Ross was one of those who favored making a test of the hose, and he was still of the opinion that it should be done.

Ald. Farrell thought if it was a question between the chief engineer and his superiors, it certainly ought not to be passed over in silence by the council.

Ald. Stockford, as chairman of the committee, thought if the committee required the test to be made the orders should be carried out. However, if the chief engineer guaranteed the hose to be all right and was prepared to take the responsibility, he (Stockford) had no complaint to make.

A petition from William Pamplin, asking for a refund of \$5.95, being the amount of a poll tax exacted from him from his salary as a pick and shovel artist employed on the streets, was read to the council. As he only came to Fredericton to get employment, and did not intend remaining here, he thought the tax unjust. He promised to go to Ontario to join his son if the prayer of the petition was complied with.

Ald. Stockford, in order to hasten the petitioner's departure before winter set in, moved that the amount be refunded, and the motion was adopted.

A report from the Board of Revisors, composed of H. C. Mackey, Alds. Maxwell and Clark, was read, and at their request the sum of \$100 was voted to defray their expenses and the cost of revision.

The matter of appointing drivers for the fire department horses and defining their duties was left in the hands of the fire committee.

On motion of Ald. Stockford the council adjourned sine die.

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SPANISH STEAMER SUNK

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When Paderewski was introduced by Walter Damrosch to the champion polo player of England the other day he is said to have remarked: I know we shall be good friends, for you are a dear soul who plays polo, whereas I am a dear Pole who plays solo.

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I think, my dear, said the proud mother, as the daughter sat at the piano and let a few thrilling thrills escape, we should send Mabel abroad to have her voice cultivated. All right, replied the husband and father, and the father abroad she cultivates it the better.

What sort of a girl is she? Oh, she is a miss with a mission. And her mission is seeking a man with a mansion.

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