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BOARD OF TRADE

What Was Done at the Annual Meeting Held Yesterday Afternoon.

At the annual meeting of the St. John board of trade yesterday afternoon a motion was passed directing the council of the board to appoint a committee to interview the provincial government on the subject of inducing immigrants to settle on the farms of the province. In this connection W. F. Hatheway, M. P., suggested that New Brunswick ought to have an agricultural college and that greater pains should be taken with the education of the farming class. W. E. Foster was re-elected president and T. H. Estabrooks vice-president. It was decided in future to hold the general meetings of the board quarterly instead of monthly as at present.

The president in his annual address referred to the work of the past year and appealed for more general support from the citizens.

The draft of the council report telling of the year's work, and the election of officers was next in order.

W. M. Jarvis nominated W. E. Foster for re-election as president. This was seconded by H. B. Schofield and Mr. Foster was unanimously re-elected. In thanking the members, the president said that he hoped the annual banquet would be held at an early date.

Theodore H. Estabrooks was re-elected vice-president. The board of arbitration was re-elected as follows: Geo. McKean, Joseph Bullock, W. S. Fisher, Andrew Malcolm, S. S. Hall and James F. Robertson.

The following ten members of the council were elected: C. E. Barbour, H. B. Schofield, W. S. Fisher, J. Hunter White, W. F. Hatheway, M. P., P. John Sealy, H. C. Schofield, G. Fred Fisher, J. N. Harvey and W. C. Cross.

In connection with the question of quarterly instead of monthly meetings, W. M. Jarvis said it was within the power of the council to deal with the question. He suggested that the opinion of those present be taken.

Mr. Barbour moved that the general meetings be held quarterly and this was carried unanimously.

Mr. Jarvis said that this resolution did not preclude the calling of special meetings when some important question was before the public.

A general discussion on immigration and new industries was taken up, and it was decided to have the council take up the matter of immigration with a view of appointing a committee to interview the government on the subject.

A new firm, the Maritime Mail Company, was admitted to membership in the board and the meeting then adjourned.

FREDERICTON'S MAYOR VOTES AGAINST PAYING STENOGRAPHER'S BILL

Fredericton, N. B., Dec. 7.—The city council at a special meeting this afternoon, with a full board present, decided on the mayor's casting vote not to pay Miss Pugh's bill of \$55 for reporting the evidence before the police commission and instructed the city clerk to defend the suit which she has commenced against the city to recover the amount.

At a meeting last week the council voted to pay the bill but payment was stopped by the mayor at the request of several aldermen.

At today's meeting Alderman Walker moved reconsideration of the motion and it was carried by vote of 6 to 4. Alderman Walker then moved a resolution which set forth that as Miss Pugh's bill had been contracted without authority of the council it should not be paid, and instructing the city clerk to defend the suit against the city. At the close of a spirited debate the council was treated to the spectacle of Alderman Walker voting against his own resolution, making the vote a tie.

The mayor gave the casting vote against the payment of the bill and justified his action by stating that it had been adversely reported upon by administration of justice committee.

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THE COUNCIL IN A DEADLOCK OVER THE RE-APPOINTMENT OF CITY ENGINEER HURD PETERS

Ald. Baxter Says the City Does Not Dare to Dismiss Its Own Officials—Ald. Rowan Has Plan for One Director for Two Boards But it is Declared Out of Order and the Matter Goes Over Until Next Monday—Ald. McGoldrick Gets Silver Plate.

"I may as well say it. Some of the men in the service of the city are not satisfactory, but we dare not dismiss them. We lie down under it."

This expression of opinion came from Ald. Baxter at a meeting of the council yesterday, on a motion to reappoint Hurd Peters director of the public works department.

There was a long discussion on a suggestion to defer the annual appointments of civic officials, and finally a motion to adjourn to next Monday was carried by acclamation.

A feature of the meeting was the presentation to Ald. McGoldrick of a handsome piece of silver plate in commemoration of his having served twenty-five years as an alderman.

The committee in charge of the proposed harbor bridge was authorized to spend \$1,000 in securing the services of an engineer to give an estimate and prepare plans. The report of the safety board giving the result of the Dobson case was referred back for a recommendation.

The proposal to construct a sewer from Bentley street in Douglas avenue was also referred back for a further consideration. The mayor presided and with the exception of Ald. Elkin and Holder, the whole council were present with the common clerk.

The Presentation to Ald. McGoldrick.
The order of business was suspended for the mayor to make the presentation to Ald. McGoldrick.

Mayor Bullock said he had the pleasant duty to perform, on behalf of the members of the common council, of extending congratulations to his colleague, Ald. McGoldrick, on having attained his silver jubilee of public service. He had represented his ward for twenty-five years, and they desired to recognize the faithful and conscientious work he had performed. Ald. McGoldrick had seen the city through many trying experiences and confronted with many difficulties. He had rendered valuable assistance to the council on many occasions. His word was always good. He never shirked his duty. Even his enemies admitted that he was a good alderman.

The mayor then invited Ald. McGoldrick to come forward to the chair, which he did among the cheers of his colleagues.

"I esteem it an honor," continued his worship, "to compliment so public spirited an alderman and I have much pleasure. Ald. McGoldrick, in presenting to you this piece of plate as an earnest of our good will and congratulations on attaining twenty-five years as an alderman."

Ald. McGoldrick, on returning to his seat, said he was much surprised at receiving such a handsome present. He was very grateful to the aldermen for remembering him on his completion of twenty-five years at the board of aldermen and the council of Portland. He also tendered his thanks to Mrs. Bullock, who had sent him a bouquet of twenty-five carnations, one for each year of his life as an alderman. He went on to make a humorous speech touching upon the offices he had held and on some of his experiences.

In closing, he said he felt most highly honored at receiving such a beautiful gift and he could only again extend to them his heartfelt thanks.

The piece of plate is a handsome sterling silver bowl and bears the following inscription: City Arms. Presented to John McGoldrick, Esq., by the Mayor and Common Council of the City of St. John, N. B., in recognition of his 25 years of continuous service as an alderman, 1883-1908.

The order of business was then resumed and the report of the treasury board was adopted without discussion.

In the report of the board of works, the section recommending permission to Thomas McCready & Co. to put down a siding was referred back for the opinion of the recorder. The remainder of the report was adopted.

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In the report of the safety board, the result of the case of Dobson vs. the city of St. John was referred back for the opinion of the recorder. The remainder of the report was adopted.

Ald. Willet moved that the section be referred back for a recommendation.

Ald. Baxter thought it would be as well to defer any action until the amount of the taxed costs was known. The police in this case, he said, had fallen into the trap of the "slush" and twice—each time—made judgment must have gone against the city, but he could not think Stevens ought to be held responsible. He was doing what he took to be his duty and the city ought to stand at his back and pay the damages. He felt they must all deprecate any exercise of authority which would tend to weaken the police force.

Ald. McGoldrick said the magistrate must have dismissed the case at the first hearing for some reason.

Ald. Baxter replied that Mr. Dobson was discharged on the ground that there was no offence. The fact that he had been rightly or wrongly arrested did not come before the magistrate.

Ald. Kelley said he was opposed to the city taking part in the action, but now there was nothing to do but pay the bill. A precedent had been established and every reprobate would in future be suing the city, until they got legislation as a protection. He moved an amendment to refer the matter to the treasury board to pay the bill and taxed costs.

The amendment was not seconded, and the motion to refer back for a recommendation was carried.

The remainder of the report was adopted.

In a supplementary report, a recommendation to give the Carleton Cornet Band a separate entrance to their room in the city hall was adopted.

A recommendation to the "band" house, near Milford, to Mrs. Mary Gullford for \$100 and give a lease of a lot 40 by 150 feet for \$20 a year, was carried.

Douglas Avenue Sewer Held Up.
On the report of the water and sewerage board coming up there was considerable discussion on the first section recommending that a sewer, for which tenders had already been called, should be laid from Bentley street along Douglas avenue.

Ald. Baxter referred to the uncontrolled expenditure in sewerage maintenance and regarded the matter as very serious.

Ald. Kelley favored having the sewer laid. The excavation would cost \$1,750, but the work would remove a serious ground of complaint as it would drain

Black Tom's well, from which epidemics had resulted in the past.

Ald. Frink spoke of the heavy expenditure and reported that the director had informed him A. E. Hamilton's tender, which was the lowest, was irregular.

The section was referred back. There was a prolonged debate over the final section of the report which recommended that the building formerly used for meat testing and which adjoined Charles Lordy's property in King street, east, should be cut off flush with the other buildings at a cost not to exceed \$100.

After the recommendation had been carried Ald. Frink said it would be necessary to place the metre testing tank in the carriage shed and have another shed erected on the water works property, for storing vehicles.

Ald. Kelley ridiculed the idea of any special shed being necessary, and suggested that a portable tank could be placed inside two molasses puncheons, costing fifty cents each. He moved that the director submit plans of what was proposed.

This was finally agreed to. The reports of the appeals committee and of the recent investigations under oath were adopted.

The School Board Accounts.
The report of the comptroller on a special audit of the accounts of the school board was referred to the treasury board.

Ald. Baxter said the comptroller reported that the system of bookkeeping was unsatisfactory. Personally, he saw no reason why all orders for the school trustees should not be passed through the chamberlain's books. He thought it was a mistake to require the trustees to take up with the trustees with a view to future legislation.

On motion of Ald. Frink, the contractors who tendered for the Bentley street sewer will be offered a refund of their deposit.

Vote \$1,000 for Harbor Bridge Work.
The special committee appointed to consider the matter of a bridge across the harbor at Navy Island recommended that they be authorized to appoint a competent engineer to report and make plans and give definite information as regards the cost of erecting a bridge.

Ald. Kelley, the chairman, formally moved the adoption of the section.

Ald. McGoldrick suggested that the Dominion Bridge Company could supply a suitable engineer. As regards the location of the bridge on the city side he said he was strongly in favor of building the approach at the foot of Union street, for general convenience.

Ald. Frink thought before engaging an engineer it would be well to receive some assurance of support from the dominion and provincial governments and the transportation companies. He moved to refer the section back to the committee.

Ald. Baskin spoke at length on the desirability of building the bridge. He said the Dominion Bridge Company could supply a suitable engineer. As regards the location of the bridge on the city side he said he was strongly in favor of building the approach at the foot of Union street, for general convenience.

Ald. Kelley advocated the appointment of a commission to carry out the scheme and locate a site which would be in the general interest. The commission should be appointed by the government, he said, to remove local prejudice. With regard to an engineer, he saw no reason for going outside the city. H. G. Hunter was quite capable of giving a preliminary estimate.

After some further discussion, on motion of Ald. Frink, whose previous amendment was not seconded, it was decided to give the committee authority to spend \$1,000 in securing the services of a first class engineer and to pay any expenses already incurred.

On motion of Ald. Baxter, the annual sale of the fishery lots was ordered for the first Tuesday in January.

On motion of Ald. Baskin, Ald. Baxter was reappointed on the ferry committee. The appointment of the civic officials was then taken up.

On motion of Ald. J. C. Lingley was reappointed chamberlain and treasurer.

Fuss Over Director Begins.
Ald. McGoldrick moved that Hurd Peters should be reappointed director of the public works department.

Ald. Rowan seconded the motion. Ald. Rowan moved an amendment that a special meeting be called to consider the question of placing the departments of public works and water and sewerage under one engineer, said the time had come when something should be done to amalgamate the offices and inaugurate a new system.

Ald. Baxter said the amendment was out of order. He urged that it was necessary to appoint a director, pending reorganization.

The common clerk said the officials remained in office until the end of the year. Ald. Baskin said the citizens as a body were opposed to the continuation of the present state of affairs and moved an amendment to the amendment to refer the matter of appointments to the general committee.

Ald. Baxter again urged that temporary appointments must be made. "I may as well say it," he added, "some of the men in the service of the city are not satisfactory but we dare not dismiss them. We lie down under it and the matter goes over until next Monday."

Ald. McGoldrick spoke in praise of the work done by Mr. Peters during the last year. He was giving every satisfaction, he said, and now that the wharf building was on, there would not be much to do. Ald. Kelley remarked that Mr. Peters were reappointed and any move was made to replace him there would be a sympathetic cry "Do you want to displace poor old Mr. Peters?" To meet the wishes of the public there should be a consultation of the matter.

On motion the amount was ordered paid out of general revenue pending the issue of \$9,000 debentures, of which notice was then given and the final order for which was passed yesterday.

In ordering the payment of this \$9,000 none of the aldermen betrayed any anxiety to learn the sordid details. What the city got for its money is not specified. Presumably the matter is ended.

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Some discussion followed on the question of the departments under one head. He was not against Mr. Peters. He had done wonderful work for an old man and they should retain him on a competency.

Ald. Frink expressed the opinion that nothing could be done on the lines of amalgamation without legislation and that the discussion was valueless.

Some discussion followed on the question whether or not Ald. Rowan's amendment was in order.

The mayor ruled it out of order. Goes Over Till Monday.
Ald. Pickett then moved that the council adjourn to meet next Monday at 3 o'clock.

Ald. Baxter moved an amendment that the equipment be made after the agenda was completed.

A general wrangle followed as to the legality of Ald. Baxter's amendment. The mayor, after consultation with the common clerk, declared it was in order.

Ald. Pickett protested that his motion to adjourn had precedence and produced Cushing's Manual in support of his contention and handed it over to the mayor.

His worship after consulting the Manual reversed his ruling and announced that as Ald. Pickett's amendment to adjourn was made for a fixed time it could not be amended.

The amendment was then put and carried by 7 to 6, and the council adjourned.

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Search for the cause which led to dredging in Marble Cove discloses the fact that the original idea was to dig a trench for a sewer. On July 7 at a meeting of the board of works the director asked permission to hire another dredge to dig the trench for a sewer to Marble Cove. The work and he suggested the "Orange Peel." Permission was given.

After that there comes a silence of more than three months; meanwhile the trench for the sewer is being dug. Then on Oct. 21 at a meeting of the council Ald. Baxter, as chairman of the treasury board, announced that he was informed by the comptroller that a bill had been received from J. S. Gregory for the services of his dredge in Marble Cove and for a few days at the public wharf, amounting to \$8,950, or at the rate of thirty cents a cubic yard. As the council had not specified what fund this was to be paid out of the comptroller asked for directions.

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