

OUR CIVIC RULERS.

Last Night's Meeting.

THE BUSINESS TRANSACTED.

How the Accounts Stand.

MAYOR HAVILAND'S REPORT.

The regular monthly meeting of the City Council was held last evening. His Worship Mayor Haviland, Recorder Fitzgerald and all members of the Board, except Councilor Morris, were present.

After the minutes of the previous meeting had been read and approved, and other routine business transacted.

Mayor Haviland presented the report of Duncan McRae, Sanitary Officer, which he regretted was not to hand in time for insertion with the reports of the other departments in the regular annual statement.

The important subject of finance I am happy to be able to inform you that our city continues to maintain its sound position. The various issues of our city debentures were eagerly competed for by private citizens at home and leading bankers abroad, and I learn from the City Clerk that there have been issued during the past year city debentures bearing interest at five per cent.

His Worship also read a letter from the Stipendiary Magistrate, stating that he had dismissed George Passmore from the position of City Marshal, and submitted two letters, from persons applying for the position, both of which were read by the Clerk.

Councillor McLean said that the dismissal of Marshal Passmore was not altogether unknown to him previous to the reading of the Magistrate's letter.

His Worship then submitted the civic report for the year 1888. After congratulating the City Clerk and the printers upon their work, he read his report, which, in view of its importance, and the fact that copies of the Report will not be ready for public distribution for a few days, we publish below.

In accordance with established custom I offer for your consideration a brief statement respecting the condition of the various departments of our Municipal Government.

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of the following City properties at public auction, valued as follows:—

On November the 5th, 1888, the above properties were sold at public auction to the following purchasers:—

Total proceeds of sale, \$1,655.00. Discount on sale of property, \$1,418.75.

which has been placed to credit of Real Estate Account, together with the following amount of \$1,000, being the value of stables and engine house, built by the City on ground leased from the late Ralph Brecken in July 1864.

The assets of the city for the year ending December 31st, 1888, are in excess of those of the previous year by \$156,030.89, of which \$150,000.00 is for Waterworks, the balance being an increase in Real Estate and Taxes due the city, and deducting the increase of net debt of the city from the increase of assets leaves a net gain to the city of \$9,390.41 in the year's transactions.

The Net Assets of the City, Dec. 31st, 1888, \$285,881.31. Assets of City, Dec. 31st, 1887, \$132,493.20.

Less written off—Real Estate:— Discount on Engine House sold, 795.00. Discount on land sold, 633.75.

Engine House and Stable, property of P. A. Hughes, 1,000.00. Personal Property Tax, 1885, 191.03.

Total, \$285,881.31. Increase of Assets, \$156,030.89. Total debt of City, Dec. 31, 1888, \$265,151.35.

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Gain for year, \$9,390.41. VALUATION AND ASSESSMENTS. The valuation of Real Estate, as made by the Assessors, was in excess of that of the previous year, and that of the Personal Property, less, as will appear by the following statement:—

Table with columns for 1887 and 1888, listing Real Estate, Personal Estate, and Total values.

Total, \$3,646,117.00. Increase in valuation of Real Estate, 43,431.00. Decrease in valuation of Personal Estate, 14,636.10.

Total increase, \$28,794.90. The rate of tax as fixed by the City Council was \$10.50 on each \$1,000 value of real property, \$7.50 on each \$1,000 value of personal property.

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NEW CITY HALL. In March, 1887, the contract for the erection of the new City Hall was awarded to Wm. H. Fraser, for the sum of \$10,175, and also in January last the contract for heating the same for \$2,140.

Under the Provincial Statute of this Province, 48 Vic., Cap. 8, the City Council have power to issue debentures to the amount of \$10,000 for the purpose of erecting a new City Hall, but up to the present time no debentures have been issued for that purpose.

The Finance Committee not wishing to increase the funded debt of the city, have been enabled by careful management of its affairs to meet the expenditure on the said hall, to the present time, out of the ordinary receipts and taxes of the city.

The total cost of the City Hall up to the 31st December, 1888, is as follows:— Land purchased from E. B. Love, \$5,099.00. W. H. Fraser on account contract, \$7,225.00.

Henry Raekham, on account, 100.00. Matthew Stevenson, do, 50.00. Phillips & Chappell, architects, 499.01. Miscellaneous, (batter), 139.99.

NEW PUBLICATION.—The third issue of the Prince Edward Island Church Magazine has been laid upon our table. It consists of the Dawn of Day, an English publication, to which is added an outside sheet, containing items of news from all the Church of England parishes in the Island, together with other matter interesting to the Church at large.

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Tolls collected by Mr. Chandler from 12th July, 1886, to 12th January, 1887, \$335.96. Received from Mr. Robert McRae, for quarter ending Oct. 1, 1887, \$150.00.

Amount due 12th January, 1888, 150.00. Loss to City of, \$235.96.

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penditures in other departments during the past year have been kept, in most instances, within the estimates.

EXPENDITURE ON STREETS COMPARED. 1885, 1886, 1887, 1888. Maintenance, \$8,175.42, \$1,306.69, \$1,244.96, \$1,432.26.

Macadamizing, 1,793.41, 1,359.17, 2,346.69. Total, \$9,968.83, \$2,665.86, \$3,591.65, \$2,878.91.

In concluding my observations upon the Finances of the City, I cannot refrain from again expressing my opinion that grants of money, outside and in addition to the annual estimates agreed to by the Council, are oftentimes passed too hastily, and without sufficient consideration.

Council to adopt a Standing Order declaring that no money grants outside and in addition to those contained in the annual estimates shall be considered by the Council, unless the member proposing the same place a notice, in writing, in an Order Book, to be kept in the City Clerk's Office for that purpose, at least seven days before the meeting of Council, of his intention to bring forward such a contemplated grant.

It gives me great pleasure that the difficulties and prejudices that stood so long in the way of obtaining a copious supply of pure water for the citizens, for fire and domestic purposes, have been overcome, and that we are now in the possession of that great and healthful blessing.

A very extensive and destructive fire occurred during the night of the Fourteenth of May last, in or near the Roller Rink, which, before it was brought under control by the strenuous and unwearied exertions of the Fire Brigade, burnt to the ground the Baptist Brick Church, two Skating Rinks, many valuable dwellings, a Carriage Factory, and other buildings, together with a quantity of household furniture and other personal property.

As the Fire Department have removed to their quarters in the new City Hall, it is absolutely necessary to have an Electric Fire Alarm erected for their use, and then, with the advantages of the waterworks hydrants in operation, I believe that the citizens will be free from the dire effects of such destructive and extensive fires in the future as they have so frequently suffered from in the past.

I must congratulate the Council on the completion of the new City Hall, and upon being now occupied by the officials of the various Civic Departments, to the great convenience and comfort of all persons who have any business to transact connected with civic affairs.

Many citizens have come to the conclusion that the time has arrived when the Public Squares and Streets of the City should be placed under the supervision and management of a Civil Engineer, who should hold his office during good behaviour, and be held responsible for the condition of the squares, streets, side-walks, and drains, as well as the due observance and enforcement of all By-Laws and Ordinances relating thereto.

The suggestion in my report of last year, relative to the revision and consolidation of the Provincial Acts relating to the City, was carried into effect by the General Assembly of the Province during the session of 1888, when all the Statutes relating to the incorporation of Charlottetown, from 1855 to the present time, were consolidated and amended by the Act intitled "an Act to consolidate and amend the several Acts incorporating the City of Charlottetown." Under one of its provisions, widows and unmarried females possessing the requisite qualifications are granted the elective franchise, and will have the privilege of voting for the Mayor and Councilors, for the first time in the history of the City, at the next election, to be held on the fourth Wednesday in the present month of January.

Before concluding my remarks I must express my satisfaction at the able and efficient manner in which Mr. J. A. H. McPherson, the City Clerk, discharges the various and responsible duties connected with his office.

Councillors Crabbe, McLean and Byrne spoke of the good showing made by the City, and thought the members of the Board had discharged their duties faithfully and well. As the publication of the Mayor's report takes up a good deal of our space to-day, we are unable to find room for a summary of their speeches, as well as a summary of that of Councillor Douse, who also spoke to the Report.

Councillor Douse, in the course of his remarks, asked Mayor Haviland why he had not called a public meeting to consider civic business, as requested to do by requisition from a number of citizens.

Mayor Haviland said it was true he had received such a requisition while on his way to dinner on Saturday week; but, in view of the fact that the citizens were not in possession of the public accounts, and, therefore, not in a position to discuss civic business, he deemed it advisable not to call the meeting, and addressed a letter to Mr. G. C. Hooper, whose name was first on the requisition, to that effect. He, however, would be prepared to call a public meeting when the citizens had the accounts in their hands and understood them.

Councillor Crabbe explained that Mr. Harris had agreed to settle his claim against the city, for damages sustained by his son, if paid \$100, to cover expenses. He therefore moved that that amount be paid Mr. Harris. Carried.

Council adjourned.

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