

Our Civic Mis-Rulers.

THE CITY TO BE LEFT IN DARKNESS WHILE CITIZENS PAY \$212 PER MONTH FOR SPECIAL WATCHMEN.

The regular monthly meeting of the City Council was held last evening, the Mayor and all Councillors present.

A petition from the City Assessors asking extra pay for their services, was laid on the table, also a bill from Mr. J. Alfred Rowe who furnished Rollo Engine with a pump which is now indispensable, and for which the Council refuse to pay.

COUNCILLOR MORAIS moved a resolution that Warren receive \$80 for his services, but the resolution dropped and the bill was laid on the table.

COUNCILLOR DAVY, without explanation, moved the following resolution:—Resolved, That six night watchmen be appointed to assist the police for one month.

COUNCILLOR CRABBE asked for an explanation.

COUNCILLOR DAVY said the city was now in darkness and we would have no light for a month at least. The police were overworked, and we want watchmen to pick up "stragglers."

COUNCILLOR CRABBE believed that light was a greater necessity than night watchmen. Until we get more light it would be unsafe to let the policemen and night watchmen out on the dangerous streets.

COUNCILLOR HAZARD wanted to know the amount that would be paid these watchmen. He felt certain that their appointment was due to the state in which the Council have left the city.

Whereas, This Council since awarding the contract for lighting the streets to the Royal Electric Light Co., with their understanding that the lights required would be furnished by the 15th November next, having since been given to understand that the work cannot be completed until the 10th proximo; and Whereas, The citizens have already paid taxes, which included an amount for lighting of the streets.

Therefore Resolved, That the Council do enter into a contract with the Charlottetown Gas Light Company to light the streets as heretofore for one month for the sum of \$600.

COUNCILLOR CURTIS thought that the citizens were with the Council in this action. Four hundred and fifty dollars were sufficient for one month's light, and six hundred, as asked by the Gas Company, was an imposition. He would even have yielded to \$500, although the amount was twice too large.

COUNCILLOR HAZARD said the Council not only sprung the Electric Light on the Gas Co., but on the city, without giving either time for consideration.

COUNCILLOR MORAIS said when Councillor Hazard was elected first, it was in the interest of the insurance companies, but now he felt that he was here in the interest of the Gas Co.

COUNCILLOR McLEAN was surprised to find that the Council would stand on the interests of a local company which employed our labor, and give the light contract to a company of strangers who would filch the citizens money, and spend it elsewhere.

COUNCILLOR MORRIS believed the watchmen were required as the city is in darkness and a great many crimes are being committed. The electric light, notwithstanding the reports of the contrary, was a success in every city in which it was introduced. The press of this city was opposed to the light, but it could not pull Cotton wool over the eyes of the Council.

COUNCILLOR DOWSE asked Councillor Hazard if the Gas Company would be willing to light the streets for one month only for \$600.

COUNCILLOR HAZARD said he had been given to understand they would.

COUNCILLOR MORRIS said they did not want Gas Light now. The Electric Light contract would be signed immediately, and work would begin on Wednesday.

COUNCILLOR CRABBE said he was not an advocate of Gas Light, but he would not be surprised to learn that the Electric Light business would end in a first-class fizzle. The agents of the concern have asked the Gas Co. to take hold of it, and the Gas Co. after getting all facts and figures from Mr. Starr, have declared the Electric Light off. A few evenings ago Councillor Morris voted to give the Gas Co. \$600 per month for lighting the streets until the Electric Light would be completed; but now, when Councillor Hazard brings in a resolution to test his sincerity, he turns and says he will not give the Gas Co. a cent, but he will vote \$212 per month for special constables to put down lawlessness caused by the city being left in darkness.

COUNCILLOR MORRIS said we require constables this time of the year whether we have light or not.

COUNCILLOR DAVY—it would be throwing money away to give the Gas Co. \$600 for lighting the streets the present month. We have only very few dark nights.

COUNCILLOR CRABBE—To hear Councillor Davy one would think this was a light town. It must be owing to the visit of Joseph Cock

COUNCILLOR MORRIS—No; to the Gospel Army.

COUNCILLOR McLEAN.—The appointment of extra watchmen, and entailing extra expense, is the outcome of increased crime, caused by leaving the city in darkness. Ward 1 would get the benefit of the expenditure in protection. A few drunken ruffians might be arrested in that vicinity. If, as Councillor Curtis has time and again repeated, the city was better without gas, why appoint extra watchmen? He never saw so much indignation as at present, owing to the disgraceful manner in which the Council are treating the citizens with reference to light, and they will be more indignant when they hear that the Council have, through the stupidity of their action, to throw away \$212 per month for extra watchmen. He did not think that the Gas Company's demand for \$600 per month was unreasonable, as November and December are the longest months of the year.

COUNCILLOR KELLY said if he felt satisfied the Gas Company would supply light until the electric light was completed, he would support the resolution.

COUNCILLOR HORNE believed we could do without gas very well until the electric light was introduced. He predicted we only had another week of darkness and we would then have moonlight, which would be succeeded by the electric light.

The amendment was then put and lost on the following division:—Yeas—Councillors Hazard, Crabbe, Kelly and McLean.

Nays—Councillors Morris, Douse, Horne, McRae, Davy and Curtis.

The original motion for the appointment of watchmen was then carried.

The Mayor stated that Mr. Starr would commence to erect the masts for the electric lights on Wednesday, and suggested the appointment of a committee to locate them in the city.

The Street Committee were instructed to locate the masts, and the meeting adjourned until to-night when the Council will meet to adopt the locations.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

A Contradiction.

Sir,—I beg leave to contradict a statement published in the DAILY EXAMINER of the 3rd inst. and made, as I suppose, by Mr. John McKinnon, of Charlottetown, and Mr. John McKinnon, of Georgetown, constables, concerning the arrest of Robinson at Georgetown, on Saturday, 31st ult. The statement I refer to is as follows:—

"At one o'clock, on Saturday, a number of schooners returned to Georgetown on account of adverse winds, among them the Boreas. The constables were on the alert and made arrangements to board the schooner with Mr. John Weatherbie and make the arrest. They left Mr. Weatherbie in charge of the boat while they went to get the handcuffs. In the meantime, Weatherbie and a companion rowed to the schooner and demanded the prisoner. He went on board of the boat without resistance and was rowed to the wharf, when he was taken in charge by Constable McKinnon and brought to the city."

Now, Sir, I want Messrs. McKinnon to make a public statement as to when and where they made this arrangement with me; and, further, I want Mr. McKinnon, of Charlottetown, to state if he ever spoke to me at any time in his life before we brought the prisoner ashore; and, also, Mr. McKinnon, of Georgetown, if he spoke to me at any time, whatever, within ten days before the arrest. They did not.

They say they left Weatherbie in charge of the boat. I do not believe they ever saw the boat before, for I paid the owners for the use of her. Now, I would wish to publicly declare that there was not one word of truth in the statement made concerning the arrangement they made with me. The telegram in the DAILY EXAMINER of Saturday, 31st October, was correct.

Insert the above and oblige Yours,
JOHN WEATHERBIE, C. C.

The Other Side of the Question.

Sir,—The letter which appeared in your issue of the 6th inst., signed "A Citizen of 2nd Ward," is misleading and untruthful. He says the Directors of the Gas Co. asked at the rate of \$7,200 a year, and that the City Council offered at the rate of \$5,400 a year for a month or two. Now the consumption during the months of November and December is nearly double "the average" consumption of all the months of the year, and if you strike off "only" one half of your correspondent's figures, you have a fair estimate. Of course part of the pressure is taken off about midnight, when the gas is shut off from private houses, it is necessary to do so for safety, but it does not materially lessen the consumption by the street lamps.

Your correspondent imagines that he puts his case in a "nut shell" by saying "which is better to submit to the inconvenience of darkness for a few nights, or throw away \$1200 into the coffers of the Gas Co." He should have followed out his argument, we can do without the sidewalks, and the police, and the Mayor's court, and return to a primitive state, by compelling citizens to do statute labor, and levying a pump and well assessment,—for we cannot do without water. The animus of citizen against the Gas Co. is shown by his saying, "the Government bought out the landed proprietors, but thank Heaven we have not to buy out the Gas Co. One would suppose that the Gas Co. had been levying "blackmail" upon the citizens for years, whereas the facts are that the shareholders have not received one per cent. on the money invested. The discovery of kerosene oil almost knocked gas into a "cooked hat," and citizens have since had a choice of lights. Any reasonable person would think that the Gas Company have done something for the city, and might perhaps be entitled to thanks instead of abuse; having expended thousands of dollars in the city annually. If the electric light is to be the light of the future by reason of its cheapness and brilliancy, I say there was no necessity for forcing it upon the city until the experiment had been fairly tried in larger and wealthier communities. We could well have waited a year or two, seeing that the only thing almost we are not "badly in need of" is light. In this transaction—to put it very mildly—the majority of the City Council, headed by His Worship, have not

shown any business ability. After agreeing for the electric light they did not negotiate with the Gas Company to continue to light the street lamps during the dark months of November and December until the proposed "had expired," and then they proposed that the company should supply them with gas on their own terms for just as many days as they might want it until the electric light came into operation. The Gas Directors offered to continue to light the street lamps for the months of November and December at what they considered a reasonable price for a short period. But the matter was handed over to the Finance Committee of the City Council to deal with. By whom was it handed over? Was it by the authority of a meeting specially convened to consider the important question of whether the city should be left in darkness for the months of November and December. No such thing! A hole and-corner meeting was held and the Finance Committee were put forward to negotiate with the Directors of the Gas Company, and to offer to continue lighting the city for a few days on terms they well knew would not be accepted.

If the majority of the City Council had been really desirous of having the city lighted until the electric light was in operation, the matter would not have been relegated to an irresponsible Finance Committee. They were merely trying to throw the blame of leaving the city in darkness on the Directors of the Gas Company.

In conclusion, I may say that continuing to light the streets of the city for two months, at the price asked by the Directors of the Gas Company, would have had so small an effect upon the resources of the Company as to be hardly worth taking into consideration; but the Directors were desirous of showing that, though they considered the Gas Company had not been fairly dealt with—their tender, the lowest tender, being passed over, and the contract given to speculators—still they were not disposed to refuse to supply gas at a reasonable price.

Your obedient servant,
DIRECTOR OF THE GAS CO.
Ch'town, 10th Nov., 1885.

Shameful!

Sir,—There is much ill-comment upon the unlighted streets; but I beg leave to call the attention of the City Council publicly to a much more disgraceful state of affairs, which embitters people against paying their taxes. I refer to Spring Park Road, where the mud is several feet deep in many places. Great holes render travelling unsafe, because cart and carriage wheels are very liable to be so clogged by the mud that their motion must be stopped thereby. It is unsafe for us to bring in loads of produce, because we are apt to lose much of it through jolting, and such a thing as coming to town in clean carriages is utterly out of the question. It is a crying shame that, although we in the suburbs pay as heavy taxes as townpeople, our thoroughfares are almost impassable. No care has been expended upon this road for years; it is in absolute darkness, while other approaches to town are lighted; and it is gaining the reputation of being one of our most disorderly localities. But all this could be tolerated if only it were possible to come to town and return in vehicles. I trust the Street Committee will have the road attended to before winter comes, for, although bad enough now, it is likely to be worse, if possible, in the Spring. Failing this, it may be that all in the vicinity will agree not to pay their taxes until the City Council give them even the least of the conveniences and protection which other taxpayers enjoy. At any rate we will agitate until the shame of the Council is aroused, if such a feeling exists in their constitutions.

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