

THE DAILY EXAMINER.

MARCH 22, 1892.

The Speech.

The feeling of the public concerning the speech from the throne, delivered to-day, must be one of disappointment. There is nothing in it about the sale of debentures, and not a word to show how much money has been withdrawn from the Land Office fund. We are only told that the Land Office dashaway policy has resulted in a manner "entirely satisfactory to my Government."

Provincial Legislature.

The Opening Ceremonies.

Speech from the Throne.

The Provincial Legislature was opened this afternoon for the despatch of business. The guard of honor on the occasion was composed of one hundred men drawn from the Artillery, Engineers and 82nd Battalion. The guard of honor was under the command of Captain Daniel Stewart, No. 3 Company. The men presented a splendid appearance on parade. A salute of fifteen guns was fired from Fort Edward.

SPEECH:

Mr. President and Honorable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council: Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly:

Water Commissioners' Abolition.

HAVE criticism of the Commissioners who propose to abolish the Board of Water Commissioners is to be deprecated. Their object is a good one. Two thousand dollars, or even one thousand dollars, saved every year and applied to streets and sidewalks or sewers, are worth talking about. Councillor McKay ought rather to be assisted in making out his case—if it be possible to do so—than snubbed in Council or jeered at in the press or on the street. To make good his case he must first show that the water service will not be impaired if taken out of the control of the Commissioners and placed in charge of the City Council. The saving of a few hundred or a few thousand dollars at the risk of an impaired service would really be no saving at all, and might be the very reverse. Then it must be shown that councillors elected by wards and dependent for election upon a majority of votes in each ward—some of those making up these majorities not above accepting favors in return for their votes—can be trusted with the control of an important matter affecting materially and closely the interests of the whole city. We feel sure that many citizens will have to be satisfied as to the working of the reformed Council before they will consent to entrust it with control of the waterworks. This fact, of itself, shows that our civic reformers would have done better if they had followed the advice of THE EXAMINER, and provided for the election of such Councillors by the whole City, after the manner of the election of the Water Commissioners. It comes to this, that because they have retained the ward system, they cannot now save whatever might be saved by the abolition of the Water Commissioners. Perhaps it might be well to suggest, as the easiest way to effect the change that is needed, and as an alternative measure to the one proposed by Councillor McKay, that the City Council be abolished, and that all its powers be transferred to the Board of Water Commissioners. We should, if this suggestion were adopted, have a business-like Council, sufficiently large for practical purposes, sufficiently small to ensure attention to civic affairs and not waste too much time in empty talk, and each member of the Civic Board or Council would be sufficiently indemnified. Anyone conversant with civic affairs will say that these men, assisted by a good, capable clerk, and advised by a Recorder and Civil Engineer, could easily control and manage the business of the Corporation of Charlottetown. If a change is at once to be made, we suggest this change.

City Council Meeting.

THE WATER COMMISSIONERS DISCUSSED—A PUBLIC MEETING TO BE HELD.

A special meeting of the City Council was held last evening to consider the proposed changes in the Water Commissioners office, and to receive the report of the special committee appointed to draft a bill in accordance with Council's resolution, which has already been published in THE EXAMINER. There were present His Worship Mayor Haviland, His Honor the Recorder, and Councillors Crabbe, Hogan, McKay, Hughes, Bear, Taylor, Hooper and Robertson.

Councillor McKay, Chairman of the Committee, submitted a draft of the bill, which at his request was read by the Clerk for the purpose of obtaining the opinions of the Board thereon. The bill is entitled: "An Act to abolish the office of Water Commissioners and to make other changes in lieu thereof." By its provision the Legislature is asked to enact as follows:—

1. The corporate body known as Water Commissioners for the City of Charlottetown, established by the Charlottetown Waterworks Act, 1887, is hereby abolished.

2. That all the rights and powers now vested in or conferred on the Commissioners by the said act and the duties now discharged by the said Commissioners be henceforth vested in, assumed and discharged by the said City Council, which shall assume and discharge all liabilities and be responsible for all contracts, actions, deeds or things which have now or hereafter been entered into or done by the said Commissioners and shall have the full, entire and exclusive possession, control and management of the said Waterworks and of all lands and premises, machinery, plant and things appertaining or belonging thereto, which shall be absolutely in any respect as the same were vested in, assumed and discharged by or conferred upon the said Commissioners, by the said act.

3. It shall be lawful for the said City Council, for the carrying out and discharging of the duties now carried out and discharged by the said Commissioners and which by this act are vested in and transferred to the said City Council, to appoint a Committee to be called the Water Committee, consisting of three members, of whom the Mayor of the said City for the time being shall be chairman, and the other members of whom shall be members of the said City Council for the time being, which committee shall have the entire management and control of the said Waterworks and of all matters connected therewith, subject always to the approval of the said City Council.

4. It should be found necessary at any time after the coming into force of this Act to issue debentures under the provisions of "The Charlottetown Waterworks Act, 1887," or any Act in amendment thereof, such debentures shall be counter-signed by the members of the Finance Committee of the said City or by a majority of the members of the said Finance Committee, instead of by the Water Commissioners as now provided by the said Act.

5. This Act shall come into force on the 1st day of June, A. D. 1892.

Councillor McKay said he thought the bill read would cover the ground, but thought, however, that hydrants should be placed at the different entrances to the city for watering purposes. These hydrants should be so constructed that they could only be used for that purpose, and people would not be able without considerable trouble to get the water for domestic purposes. The present hydrants were hard-looking enough to frighten a horse.

Councillor Hughes said the Water Commissioners had received a good deal of money since they took hold of the works. He thought, however, that if the works were now investigated they would be found in a critical condition. He moved the following resolution: That the City Council be authorized to employ a competent civil engineer to inspect the reservoir, practically useless, and was not now used. The money expended for this work was so much money lost, and the Commissioners who took the reservoir off the hands of the contractors before it was completed were to blame. Then, too, we had to depend upon one boiler at the pumping station. If anything went wrong with the boiler or with the man in charge, the city would be without water. When canvassing Ward Five at the last election he found that the people were in favor of doing away with the Commissioners, and that was why he supported the bill. He was not able to see why the water rates could not be collected as well by the Council as by the Commissioners. The Mayor, who is elected by the whole city, would be chairman of the Water Committee, and he would see that water takers were not allowed to fall into arrears.

Councillor Beer said he was requested to state that what Councillor Hughes said about the reservoir was incorrect. The reservoir had been in constant use for the last 15 months, and all the water used in the city came from it. After some further remarks from Councillors Hogan, Taylor, Robertson and other members of the Board, the amendment proposed by Councillor Beer was put and lost on division, only Councillors Beer and Crabbe appearing for it.

The main resolution regarding the calling of a public meeting was then put and carried. Meeting adjourned sine die.

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Public Meeting of Citizens. In accordance with a Resolution passed by the City Council, I do hereby call a Public Meeting of Citizens for FRIDAY EVENING NEXT, at eight o'clock, in the Market Hall, to discuss the proposed changes in the office of Water Commissioners for the City of Charlottetown, and to make other provisions in lieu thereof, previous to presenting the Bill to the Legislature.

T. HATH HAVILAND, Mayor of Charlottetown.

Mayor's Office, March 22, 1892.—all dailies 11 mtg

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J. B. MACDONALD, Auctioneer.

saving Mr. Dalziel's salary, while he knows perfectly well that the work performed by that gentleman must be done by some person. It is barely possible that a saving of \$800 might be effected by amalgamating the two offices. But would the change be beneficial? He thought that deficits in water-rates would follow the taking over of the works by the City Council, whose members are elected by the different wards, and therefore not so independent as the Commissioners, who are elected by the whole city. The Waterworks Act was passed in 1887, and to day, five years later, the office is self-sustaining, and it is not necessary to assess the city for one cent. All this has come about through the good management of the Water Commissioners. He thought it would be well to leave things as they are. The Councillors have work enough now, and if their duties are increased the chances are that they will be asking for salaries.

Councillor McKay said the main reason the citizens had at the time the bill was passed for opposing the controlling of the waterworks by the Council was that Councillor Crabbe and some other members of the Board were leading members of a company formed for the construction of the works. The people were afraid they wanted to boodle.

Councillor Hogan thought that if the bill became law and after a year or two of trial it is found unworkable it would be an easy matter to go back to the commissioners. He thought a saving of at least \$1,000 could be effected by the proposed change, and that the work now performed by the Commissioner's office might be done by the Clerk of the City Court. He failed to see why the Council could not collect the water rates as well as the Commissioners.

Councillor Taylor could not see why the Council could not collect the rates as well as the Commissioners. He thought it would be necessary in the Commissioner's office, but three were not required. Councillor Beer was opposed to the bill. The citizens, so far as he knew, were also opposed to it, but were taking no action, as they felt sure the bill would not pass the Legislature. If the works were ever placed under the control of the council he thought a number of free hydrants would be put in and the city would thus lose considerable of the revenue it now received in the shape of water rates. Many persons who now took water in the regular way would discontinue it when they saw the water rates were so high. He moved an amendment to Councillor McKay's resolution.

Whereas, At a general meeting of citizens of Charlottetown it was decided to erect a system of Waterworks; and

Whereas, It was further decided that such an undertaking should be kept clear of the City Council; and

Whereas, An Act was passed by the Legislature empowering the city to elect two Water Commissioners to carry out the provisions of the Act;

Therefore Resolved, That this Council do not deem it advisable to ask the Legislature to vest the powers of the Commissioners in the hands of the City Councillors.

Councillor Crabbe seconded the motion. Councillor McKay said he could not see how the council could be more anxious to put in free hydrants than the Commissioners. The present hydrants were a monument to the folly of the Water Commissioners. He thought, however, that hydrants should be placed at the different entrances to the city for watering purposes. These hydrants should be so constructed that they could only be used for that purpose, and people would not be able without considerable trouble to get the water for domestic purposes. The present hydrants were hard-looking enough to frighten a horse.

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- 1. Book Debts, Notes of Hand, Bills of Sale and Judgments. 2. Stock of Dry Goods and General Merchandise in the Stores lately occupied by him at Summerside and St. Eleanors, and Shop Furniture. 3. Boats, Fishing Gear and Outfit. 4. The Interest of said William Reid at the date of the assignment in the store premises occupied by him at Summerside and St. Eleanors. 5. Also in House and Land at St. Eleanors, formerly owned by James Purdie. 6. Also in Dwelling House and Premises situated on north side of Notre Dame Street in Summerside. 7. And in Lot of Land lying between Willow and Poplar Avenues in Summerside. 8. All the Household Furniture of the said William Reid. 9. Also, Horses, Carriages, Sleighs and Harness. 10. And all other effects of the said William Reid.

Tenders may be for the above separately or en bloc. No tender necessarily accepted. Terms "Cash or Approved Security. Inventory may be seen on application at the Store lately occupied by William Reid in Summerside. Dated at Summerside this 15th day of March, 1892. SAMUEL E. REID, Assignee.

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LOST—Last Wednesday evening, at the Rink L or between that place and the E-planade, a gold watch, with chain attached. Finder will please leave same at this office. mh23

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WANTED.—A good cook, by the 1st of May. Apply to Mrs. Arthur Peters, Brighton. mar 11

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