

LAST NIGHT'S MEETING.

Civic Finances and Sewerage Discussed.

SUMMARY OF THE SPEECHES MADE

Candidates Nominated for the Mayorality and Resolutions Passed.

Mayor Dawson presided at the public meeting of citizens held in the Market Hall last night to discuss civic affairs, and Mr. M. McInnis acted as Secretary. The attendance of electors was large, the spacious hall being filled to the doors, and the remarks of the various speakers were followed with the keenest interest.

Mayor Dawson, in calling the meeting to order, explained its object and read the requisition asking that it be held. He was not seeking the suffrages of the people again, and therefore had little or nothing to say beyond thanking the electors for electing him on former occasions with such good majorities. During the time he had been Mayor he had discharged the duties of his office in the best interests of the citizens—he had managed the affairs of the city as carefully and economically as he did his own private business. He hoped to hear a full and free discussion of civic affairs.

In response to the call of the meeting, Dr. Warburton, one of the mayoralty candidates, then came forward and addressed the meeting. He said he fully expected that some of the retiring Councilors would speak before him, so that he might have something to say by way of criticism of their conduct. Under the circumstances, therefore, there was not much for him to say. The City Accounts had not been reviewed by him in time to make a careful examination of them, and he was thus precluded from saying much along that line.

Taking up the sewerage matter, Dr. Warburton then pointed out that he was one of the first advocates of sewers in Charlottetown. Charlottetown was behind the times regarding sewers. Upon his return here some fifteen years ago he felt this keenly, and dealt with the matter through the press. The contrast between Charlottetown and cities where sewerage oblation was very great. In towns where there was sewerage the death rate had been greatly reduced. In towns where sewerage was placed, the deaths from pulmonary affections alone had largely decreased. What sewerage had done for other cities it would do for Charlottetown. If the death rate could be reduced even by ten per cent the saving would be enormous.

Of course, there was the question of expense. But they could get nothing unless they paid for it. He advised the people to accept the sewers under all the circumstances; but he had no right to force his opinions down the throats of the electors.

Regarding the system of sewerage, he thought the plan proposed by Col. Waring would be more effective than the sewerage farm. The sewerage should be under the management of commissioners, the same as the waterworks had been. The Water Commissioners might do the work. This, however, was a matter for the citizens themselves.

It had been charged against him that he had not studied civic politics in that kindergarten, the City Council, and should therefore not stand for the mayoralty. This again was a matter for the people to pass upon. He did not seek the office, but had complied with the wishes of a large number of citizens when he became a candidate. To all who signed the requisition he returned thanks. He was in the hands of the people, and it was for them to say whether or not he should be Mayor for the next two years.

In reply to a question asked by Mr. Henry Davison regarding the death rate of Moncton, Dr. Warburton said he had no figures bearing upon the matter. But he did know that Moncton water was something vile.

Mr. W. H. Aitken then proposed Dr. Warburton as a candidate for Mayor. The motion was seconded by Mr. W. W. Beer.

Councillor Nicholson explained that when he sought the suffrages of the electors of Ward Four he did so on the broad platform of public improvements. He told the people that Charlottetown was behind the times in respect to improvements, and was even behind some of the small towns in Nova Scotia, and that if he was elected he would use his best endeavors to bring the city up to date. He was elected, and

he felt safe in saying that the affairs of the city had never been run in a more efficient manner than during the past two years.

The newspapers had charged that there were some unpaid accounts. But what are the facts. The City Clerk had been authorized to advertise that all unpaid accounts be sent in before the end of the year, and he defied any one to say that this had not been done.

It was true there were some coupons upon which the interest had not been paid because they had not been presented. Messrs. Crabbe and Hazzard, who preceded himself as chairman of the Finance Committee, had always worked in the best interests of the city, and during their terms of office there had been interest on debentures not paid at the end of the year. In 1893 this interest amounted to \$1922.50, in 1894 to \$1822.50, in 1895 to \$1612.50, in 1896 to \$1990, and in 1897 to \$1985. The difference in any one year in respect to this matter was therefore not very great.

Speaking of the expenditure in the different departments Councillor Nicholson showed that in nearly every instance there was little or no room for reduction. Taking up the revenue returns he showed that last year the amount collected in taxes was \$37,535.80 and the ordinary revenue was \$10,217.88, making a total of \$47,753.68. In 1896 the amount realized from taxes was \$36,798.21, and the ordinary revenue was \$9,918.30, a total of \$46,716.51. In 1895 there was obtained from taxes \$36,528.05 and the ordinary revenue was \$9,382.27. The total for that year was therefore \$45,910.32. The amount realized from taxes in 1894 was \$35,279.34, and from ordinary revenue \$10,829.23, making a total for that year of \$46,298.57. There was \$2500 more received last year than in 1894.

The abstract of the City Accounts presented at the last meeting of the Council showed an expenditure of \$75,000; but in this was included a re-issue of \$10,000 of school debentures, by which \$200 a year was saved. It was simply the renewal of a note, and the Council made a better bargain.

The Council had pledged themselves to go in for permanent improvements, and in this connection he referred with pride to the roadway around Victoria Park. It would be very desirable to have this work carried out, and any vote he could give along this line it would be given.

The taxes of the city had never been better collected than they were last year. This was because they had given employment to the laboring class. The laboring men are willing to pay their taxes if they are given employment.

Taking up the question of sewerage Councillor Nicholson showed that the interest on the \$125,000 it was estimated sewers would cost would be \$5,000. Add to this the cost of maintenance, \$1400, and the total will be \$6400. Against this he placed the excess of civic receipts over expenditures amounting to \$6328, and the additional revenue from waterworks consequent upon the introduction of sewers, which would be about \$4000 and showed a total of \$10,325. This would leave a surplus in favor of sewerage amounting to \$3924 which could be applied to the macadamizing of streets.

The taxes on banks could be increased and a tax put upon bicycles. He felt sure the Legislature would aid him in this matter, and the revenue of the city would therefore be largely augmented. Charlottetown would then have sewerage, and there would be no increase in the present rate of assessment of 1 p. c.

Proceeding, Councillor Nicholson showed that during the year the extraordinary expenditures had been about \$7000, and the park roadway had been built. Under all the circumstances he thought the Council had acted in the best interests of the city.

In closing he reiterated his position with regard to sewers, and asked for the votes of those who were favorable to this measure of improvement. He preferred to give the whole matter of sewers into the hands of a Board of Commissioners appointed by the people, or to the present Water Commissioners.

Councillor Hughes, who is in the field for the office of Mayor, was then called upon and spoke briefly. He said that Councillor Nicholson had gone into the finances so fully that there was nothing left to say on that point. He had been chairman of the street committee for some years, however, and it was doubtless expected that he would say something as to what had been accomplished in that department. The amount actually expended on the streets during the year for maintenance and macadamizing was \$10,008.91. Deduct from this the amount received for lumber, clay, etc., and it leaves a balance of \$9,873.75. There was paid for, out of the appropriation, stone on hand being in excess of last year, \$600, city horse, \$125, new double harness, \$40, and a balance on sprinkler, \$50.75, making a total expenditure for the year of \$10,824.16. The quantity of stone on hand from last year was valued at \$400. This has been increased so that at the present time the quantity on hand is valued at \$1000. A portion of which is crushed and ready for use. During the year 6,769 yards of macadamizing was done, on the following streets, Euston, Dorchester, Grafton and foot of Queen. It will be seen that all the macadamizing was not done in one ward. The usual amount of plank sidewalks was put down. Twelve stone crossings were also placed, and a concrete sidewalk was laid on the north side of the Market House at a cost of \$524.20. This, he thought, was a very good showing. He believed the citizens appreciated his work in the Council during the past eight years. At all events he had done his best.

The question now is is macadamizing to be continued. Is it worth while to go on macadamizing and tear up our streets for sewers afterwards? It was time the

matter of sewerage was brought fairly before the people, and in order to obtain an expression of opinion along this line he moved the following resolution:

Resolved, That in order to ascertain the views of the citizens on the question of sewerage a book be deposited in the City Building, under the charge of the City Clerk, in which shall be entered in separate columns the names of all civic electors desiring to vote in favor of or against the introduction of a thorough system of sewerage in the City. Such book to be in charge of the City Clerk or City Collector, and to be kept open for the reception of the names of all electors presenting themselves to vote between the hours of 10 a. m. and 4 p. m. daily—for the space of eight days commencing with Friday the 28th day of January inst.

Personally he was favorable to sewerage, but he was not in favor of proceeding with the work until the people had pronounced upon the question. He thought it was time some action were taken. The plan he proposed was the one adopted in New Glasgow, and it had been found satisfactory.

Regarding the park roadway, he thought much credit was due to ex-Councillor Hazzard. He believed that the work on the park roadway last summer could have been done cheaper if it had been let by tender, and he suggested that this course be adopted if it is to be continued.

He had been waited upon by a number of citizens and asked to become a candidate for the mayoralty. He believed his eight years experience in the Council qualified him for the position, and he asked the electors for their votes. He was favorable to sewerage, but believed the voice of the people should be heard before the work is proceeded with.

Philip Large, Esq., seconded the motion made by Councillor Hughes.

John P. Tanton, Esq., at the call of the meeting, mounted the platform. He expressed himself as favorable to the annual election of Mayor and Councilors and the increasing of the number of Councilors to ten. He thought a plebiscite should be taken on the sewerage question, and the opinion of the people recorded before action is taken. There was considerable difference of opinion regarding sewerage, in respect to its advantages from a sanitary standpoint as well as regarding the system and cost, and nothing should be done hastily. He did not think very many citizens would go to the City Hall to vote, as provided by Councillor Hughes' resolution. He then criticised the City Accounts, and reviewed the history of the park roadway. Much of the money expended for macadamizing was thrown away because the streets were not properly graded.

Councillor Horne was the next speaker. He did not think it necessary to go into the financial aspect of the case as the ground had been well covered by Councillor Nicholson. For a young member Councillor Nicholson had done well. The money of the citizens had, with few exceptions, been well expended. He believed, however, that more money had been expended on the park roadway than was necessary. Money might have been saved had the work been put up to tender. The roadway, however, was a beautiful work, and he did not think the people would begrudge the expenditure. He did not believe in continuing the work until it was absolutely necessary. There was no doubt that sewerage was needed. But the question is can we afford it? The people should be educated regarding sewerage, and no action should be taken until the people do as they did in the matter of the waterworks. He was opposed to the Council having anything to do with the sewerage. It should be in the hands of Commissioners elected by the people.

He believed the Mayor should be chosen from among the City Councilors. There were many men who had served in this capacity who were eligible. In this connection Councillor Horne mentioned the names of Hon. D. Davies, Hon. D. Laird, James Byrre, T. A. McLean, A. A. McLean, and a number of others who had served as Councilors. He did not believe in taking a green man in preference to one who had worked for the city as a Councilor, and therefore moved that Councillor Hughes be nominated as a candidate for Mayor.

Philip Large, Esq., seconded the nomination.

Councillor Taylor, who followed, said he believed in sewerage and other improvements. If they were to have sewers now was the time to have them if the people wanted them. He believed in lessening the width of the streets, and in grading them as well. He would favor good streets as long as he was in the Council. He did not think it was right to go in for macadamizing until it is known what is to be done about sewers.

Hon. David Laird did not think the proposition of Councillor Hughes regarding the vote on sewers entirely satisfactory, and therefore moved the following amendment to the resolution on this point:—

That the Mayor be authorized to take an informal plebiscite on sewerage on the day of the civic election by placing a special clerk in each polling station with a book having columns for and against sewerage to which clerk each elector may declare how he wishes to vote.

Henry Rackham, Esq., seconded the motion.

Mr. E. H. Norton objected to Mr. Laird's motion on the ground that some men would have five votes while others would have only one. He put in a strong plea for sewerage, and ridiculed the arguments against Col. Waring's scheme. He thought that all the candidates should come out fairly and squarely on the matter of sewerage and that men should be elected who would begin this very necessary work by the 1st of July.

The chairman then took the vote of the meeting on the motions nominating Dr. Warburton and Mr. Hughes for the mayoralty, declaring that the eyes in each case were about the same and intimating that

the people would make their choice on election day.

Hon. Mr. Laird's amendment regarding the vote on sewers was then put and carried.

Mr. Laird then introduced the following resolution, which was seconded by L. L. Beer, Esq., and carried.

Resolved That this meeting approves of the proposal of the Water Commissioners to put in an additional boiler and pumping engine at the Water works station this year; and that it be an instruction to the new Mayor and City Council to unite with the Water Commissioners in a memorial to the Legislature praying that an amendment be made to the Water Works Act, extending the limit of issuing water debentures for construction purposes from \$200,000 to \$212,000.

Ex-Councillor Hazzard, then briefly addressed the meeting. He believed the Mayor should be chosen from among those who had acted as Councilors, and therefore supported the nomination of Councillor Hughes. He believed in sewerage, and approved of having a vote of the people taken on it. He would withdraw his support from Councillor Hughes if he did not come out in favor of sewerage. As to the petition circulated asking Dr. Warburton to be a candidate for Mayor, he had been informed by people who were solicited to sign it that it was said it was not his (Mr. Hazzard's) intention to offer for the position. He thought this was an unwarranted liberty to take under the circumstances, and resented such conduct. In this connection he mentioned the name of Mr. F. H. Beer.

Mr. Beer, by way of explanation, said that when he heard Dr. Warburton's name mentioned in connection with the Mayoralty he started the requisition in his favor. He believed Dr. Warburton was the strongest man they could bring out. Besides Mr. Hazzard had been defeated by a large majority at the last election. The meeting then adjourned.

PERSONAL.

M. Delaney, Esq., of Tryon, is at the Davies.

MR. AND MRS. GLADSTONE will prolong their stay on the Riviera. After finishing the "cure" at Cannes they talk of staying some weeks at Cap Martin.

The manly breast of Sir Edwin Arnold has now boasted yet another decoration. The King of Siam has conferred upon the literary editor of the Daily Telegraph the order of the Grand Officer of the Crown of Siam. When Sir Edwin appears at public functions he is all stars and ribbons.

It is given out that the Queen may possibly visit the German Emperor and Empress at Potsdam on her way home from the Continent in the spring. If so, her Majesty will be present at the wedding of her eldest great-grandchild—Princess Feodora, of Saxe-Meiningen, and Prince Henry XXX. of Reuss.

Li Hung Chang's recent tour in Europe has evidently broadened his views upon the subject of woman's mission in life. For a Chinaman, his ideas in many things are wonderfully advanced, and the latest example of this is shown by his appointing as first physician in his private household a Chinese lady doctor, Miss Hu King Eng, M. D., who graduated from an American medical school. This lady is one of the first lady doctors in China.

THINGS TO MAKE A NOTE OF.

CONCERT AT LITTLE YORK.—The young people of Little York will have a concert on February 2nd, and guarantee a pleasant time to all who attend. Admission 15 cents.

LECTURE IN A O H Hall.—S M Bent, Esq., of Summerside, will deliver a lecture in the A O H Hall, McEachern's Building, Queen Street, on Friday evening next, at 8 o'clock. The subject is "Music and Song." Be sure and attend, as the lecture is an excellent one. Tickets can be had at Reddin Bros. drug store, McMillan & Hornsby's book store, and at the door of the Hall.

Miss Lucy Lefurgey, graduate of the Emerson College of Oratory, is at home to a limited number of pupils in physical culture and oratory. For particulars enquire at her residence, Mrs. L. J. Senter's, Weymouth St. 13 4w eod

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Name of Ratepayer in Default.	Statement or Description of Property upon which Assessment is made.	Amount of Assessment due & unpaid
McArthur, Sarah	House & Land on Common Lot No. 22,	\$ 4.50
Birch, John	House & Land on Town Lot No 72, 3rd hun,	
Coyle, Stephen	House & Land on Town Lot No 3, 2nd hun,	
Carmichael, Est. of Jas	House & Land on Town Lot No 73, 3rd hun,	1.75
Carroll, Edmund.	Vacant Land on Town Lot No 72 & 73, 2nd hun,	1.12
Dockendorf, Chas. & Jas	Vacant Land on Town Lot No 10, 4th hun,	7.87
Griffith, John A.	House & Land on Town Lot No 64, 1st hun,	10.13
" "	House & Land on Town Lot No 88, 1st hun,	19.69
Hollman, John,	House & Land on Common Lot No 21,	10.12
" "	House & Land on Common Lot No 22,	6.75
Hughes, Peter,	House & Land on Common Lot No 23,	4.50
Hughes, Bridget,	House & Land on Town Lots No 5 & 6, 4th hun,	.37
Lowe, Walter,	House & Land on Town Lot 49, 4th hun,	6.88
" "	House & Land on Town Lot 98, 4th hun,	5.06
" "	Vacant Land on Common Lot No 31	2.06
McNeill, Duncan,	House and Land on Common Lot No 22.	8.44
" "	Vacant Land on Common Lot No 22,	1.97
Purdie, Jane, Estate of, W. A. O. Morrison and Leslie S. McNatt, Trustees,	House & Land on Town Lots No 97 and 98, 1st hun	33.75
McQuaid, Dennis,	Vacant Land on Town Lot 100, 1st hun,	
Reed, Richard B.	House & Land on Town Lot No 95, 2nd hun,	7.56
Steel, Robert,	House & Land on Town Lot No 20, 3rd hun,	8.44
Trainor, Patrick,	House & Land on Town Lot No 83, 2nd hun,	6.75
Thorne, Charles E.	Small house & Land \$300, Vacant Land Corner Lot, \$300, on Common Lot 23,	6.75
" "	House and Land on Common Lot 23,	1.13
Thorne, Charles E. & Geo. S. Williams, John,	Large House & Land on Common Lot No 23,	16.17
" "	House & Land on Common Lot No 24,	7.23
" "	Vacant Land on Common Lot No 27,	4.00
Ward, Estate Robert	House and Land on Common Lot No 25,	5.62

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the provisions of the Statute 51 Victoria Cap. 12, Section 91, after 30 days publication of the above list, being a list of the Ratepayers of the City of Charlottetown who have failed to pay within the time prescribed the Assessment severally levied upon their Real Property in said city, I will make an application to His Honor, the Stipendiary Magistrate of said City, for Judgment against each and all of the lands above described, for the respective amount so levied against them, and then unpaid, and that upon such judgment being duly entered, I will further apply for a warrant for the sale of such lands.

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