

THE CITY COUNCIL.

REGULAR MEETING OF THAT BODY OCCURS LAST EVENING.

Passing the Usual Paylists and Accounts—Protests Against Some of the Water Rates—The Municipal Elections And the Appointment of Officers For the Conduct of Them.

A regular meeting of the city council was held last evening. There were present: The mayor, Ald. Drennan, Downing, Gildersleeve, Hart, Hiscock, Hobart, Muckleston, Swift, McIntyre, Phalen, Redden, Rees, C. Robinson, W. Robinson, Shannon, Snowden, Thompson and Wilnot.

From G. W. Meagher, Gore street, claiming that his water rate is too high. Referred to the water works committee.

From Sophia Carson, applying for recompense for the keeping of a child, which had not been claimed. Referred to the finance committee.

From Catharine Wilcy, stating that she owned a lot on the corner of Brock and Division streets, which she would sell to the city. The property is considered a good site for an engine house. Referred to the city property and fire water and light committees.

From Brock & Booth, asking that a pier at the foot of West street be removed, as it had been the cause of several accidents to boats. Referred to the committee on wharves and harbour.

From A. O'Neil, asking for \$25 for broken stone. Referred to the committee on streets.

From Mary Herbert, asking assistance for bringing up her son's child. Her son died some time ago and left the child in her charge.—Referred to the finance committee.

Ald. Thompson—The petition of McCannion Bros. and others in reference to the water rates charged to them.—Referred to the water works committee.

Ald. Thompson—The petitions of Wheeler and others, and Noble and others, who are availing themselves of the local improvement by law.—Referred to the streets committee.

Ald. McIntyre—The petition of R. Hendry, respecting a drain on Earl street and objecting to frontage tax.—Referred to the streets committee.

READING THE REPORTS.

Ald. Thompson presented the report of the streets committee. It recommended that P. Lyons be charged frontage for 40 feet of excavation made across Colborne street, 25c per foot. On the petition for the opening of Markland street, and for continuing Bagot street to Montreal street, the engineer has been instructed to prepare plans and measurements of the same, with estimate of cost.—Adopted.

Ald. Muckleston presented the finance committee's report. It recommended the payment of the following: Pay list, \$741.49; Dr. Oliver, \$5; John Bryant, \$322.95; Lewis Bros., \$142.91; D. McKewen, \$17.48; D. Kane, \$25.55; A. Caldwell & Son, \$77.49; Isaac Asseltine, \$105.24; John Lenmon, \$47; Caldwell & Son, \$104.92; Charles Murray, \$12; John Crumley, \$6; Anthony Skelton, \$50; Alexander Sloan, \$20; Patrick Fallon, \$7; Patrick Lenmon, \$26.64; Augustus Turcotte, \$8.88; Patrick Killen, \$7; R. Smith, \$12; John Gallagher, \$1.65; S. J. Kilpatrick, \$25.12; W. J. Savage, \$6.50; A. McCartney, \$16.88; Mary A. Macdonald, \$11; R. Crawford, \$36.74; A. Sloan, \$14.40; McMahon Bros., \$386.94; H. Skinner & Co., \$24.10; Sheldon Co., \$5; A. Gunn & Co., \$5.20; Thomas Kirkpatrick, \$25; Jas. Agnew, 75c; J. Patterson, \$23.50; insurance transfer, \$1.50; C. P. R. company, \$29. With reference to the opening up of Young street the committee recommended that \$400 be paid to G. Cunningham for land required in widening the street.

The following water works accounts were recommended to be paid: J. Perkins, hydrants, \$70; Thomas Robertson & Co., lead pipes, \$87.38; city cash items, \$16.08; McKelvey & Birch, packing, \$2.68; R. Mitchell & Co., fittings, \$12.90; A. Gunn & Co., oil, \$8.78; Smith Bros., alarm clock, \$2.50; R. Mitchell & Co., fittings, \$36; M. Fallon, cartage, \$5.20; J. Morrison's stop valve, \$55.93; telephone company, rent, \$19; James Swift, coal, \$99.61; Robertson & Co., lead pipes, \$57.64; R. Mitchell & Co., fittings, \$10.80; James Swift, coal, \$1,437.05; D. McKewen & Son, tools, \$1.90; Dominion Express Co., freight 60c; A. Gartshore, pipes, \$80.13; Grand Trunk railway, freight, \$7.92; McKelvey & Birch, stop valve, \$65; L. W. Shannon, \$22.20; pay sheet up to Dec. 10th, \$434.51. Report adopted.

Ald. Gildersleeve presented the engineer's report, relating to the illuminating of the city. The report showed that lights were needed at the foot of Gordon street, near the cotton mill, and at the Grove Inn, on the north end of Wellington street, on Picard street at the corner of Dufferin street, on Rideau park near the cotton mill, on the corner of Park and Montreal streets, near the G. T. R. station, at the intersection of York and Picard streets, on Queen street near the broom factory, at the intersection of Albert and Victoria streets.

Ald. Gildersleeve said that when the electric lights were first operated they failed to show good light near the park because of the trees. He thought that when trees were thick gas lamps and incandescent lights could be used. The expense if this were done would not be near as great as if extra lights were provided.

Moved by Ald. Gildersleeve, seconded by Ald. Hiscock. "That the committee on fire, water and light be authorized either to provide new lamps at the points mentioned in the report of the city engineer, or if deemed best and most economical to remove existing electric arc lamps to the points mentioned, the localities from which such removal is made to be supplied by other electric lamps or by gas; that lamps at the bridge over the railway tracks near Catarqui street be removed to Catarqui street, where it crosses Rideau street."—Carried.

Ald. Robinson said that a lamp should be placed in Williamsville, near Fallon's hotel.

Ald. McIntyre was glad to hear that a lamp was to be placed on the corner of Albert and Victoria streets. With regard to Williamsville another lamp was needed there.

Ald. Gildersleeve—It would be advisable to have another lamp in Williamsville.

Ald. McIntyre said it was not only advisable but necessary that Williamsville should have some light. He was surprised to see by the engineer's report that it was desired to return to gas. He had understood advocates of the electric light to say that gas would not be needed after electricity had been introduced.

Ald. Harty—"Hear, hear."

Ald. Gildersleeve to Ald. McIntyre—"You are in favor of the electric light."

Ald. McIntyre—"I want as much light as I can get."

Ald. Shannon—"Ald. McIntyre was always in favor of gas."

Ald. McIntyre—"I cannot help it when there is so much of it in the council chamber."

The Municipal Elections.

The following places for nominations and elections, and returning officers, were selected:

THE NOMINATIONS.

- Catarqui Ward—E. Gallaher's Wellington street; returning officer, John Campbell. Frontenac Ward—John Savage's, York street; Patrick Delaney. Ontario Ward—Ontario Hall; G. McMahon. Rideau Ward—Michael Smith's shop; A. C. McMahon. St. Lawrence Ward—James Purdy's shop, Princess street; James Sullivan. Sydenham Ward—Mrs. Sullivan's, corner of Gore and Wellington streets; G. Leslie. Victoria Ward—Mrs. Reynier's house; T. Healey.

THE POLLING BOOTHS.

- No. 1, Sydenham Ward—S. Angrove; Mrs. Sullivan's, corner of Gore and Wellington streets. No. 2, Sydenham Ward—G. Leslie; R. Miller's, William street. No. 3, Ontario Ward—George McMahon; city buildings, engineer's office. No. 4, Ontario Ward—Michael Quinn; Michael Slavin, Bagot street. No. 5, St. Lawrence Ward—Patrick Curtis; Curtis' shop. No. 6, St. Lawrence Ward—Joseph Purdy; Purdy's shop, Princess street. No. 7, Catarqui Ward—John Campbell; J. R. Smeaton's house, Queen street. No. 8, Catarqui Ward—John Maloney; Edward Gallaher's house. No. 9, Catarqui Ward—James Wootton; C. O'Neil, Bay street. No. 10, Frontenac Ward—W. Healy; Mrs. Dennis' house, corner of Princess and Clergy streets. No. 11, Frontenac Ward—H. Hunter; G. Auchinvolde's house, corner Colborne and Clergy street. No. 12, Frontenac Ward—P. Delaney; Thomas Cowie, John street. No. 13, Rideau Ward—W. J. Pappa; Mrs. F. Pugh's, Division street. No. 14, Rideau Ward—A. C. McMahon; Michael Smith's shop, Brock street. No. 15, Rideau Ward—Alex. Barance; Paul Shannon's butcher shop, Gordon street. No. 16, Victoria Ward—Thomas Healey; Mrs. Reynier's house. No. 17, Victoria Ward—Henry Spriggs; Mrs. Rogers' house, O'Kill street.

PERSONAL MENTION.

People Whose Movements, Sayings and Doings Attract Attention.

Henry George has definitely decided not to be a candidate for the presidency next year, and will not put the labor party into the campaign.

Lady Randolph Churchill is to contribute an article to Oscar Wilde's magazine, *Woman's World*.

Mrs. Robert Conway, who had spent several weeks in the city visiting her mother and friends, left for her home in Chicago this morning.

Mr. W. J. Arniel will be the knights of labor candidate in Frontenac ward for the place at the school board that is now being vacated by Mr. McCannion.

Samuel Spencer, Baltimore, has been elected president of the B. & O. R. R. His salary was fixed at \$25,000 per annum. The salary of the late president, Robert Garrett, was \$4,000.

Dr. and Mrs. Joseph Parker, accompanied by Miss Fairbrass, a member of their family who came over a week ago to go back with them, sailed for England on Sunday. Dr. Parker's profits on his lecture season of eight weeks were \$5,500.

W. J. Spicer has decided to remain with the Grand Trunk railway. He did inter- going to the Duluth, South Shore & Atlantic R.R., but when an attack was made on General Manager Hickson over his head he decided to remain with the Canadian company.

Mr. Lockett, of Haines & Lockett, is in the city and wishes to correct a report which says he is busy circulating, that they are about to close their store here. Their Kingston business has succeeded far beyond their expectations, and though several good cash offers have been made them for it they have no intention of selling, but will push it with more energy and vigor than ever.

WAS NEVER SEEN BEFORE.

A Lady on the Bench Beside the County Judge—Little Business.

"A pair of white gloves for your honor," was what the sheriff said to Judge Price as he took the bench at one o'clock to-day. The gloves were enclosed in an envelope, and on the outside was an intimation that the kids were of the finest kind. There were but few representatives of the bar present; the members were evidently disgusted at having so little to do.

The grand jury was composed of the following: G. Creegan, foreman; James Anderson, Bedford; Patrick Barry, Jericho; G. Bastow, John Brannigan, W. J. Chapman, R. Cunningham, John Darragh, William Makins, James Mallen, Arthur McKim, John McNeil, Kingston; William Caldwell, Jacob Gardiner, Kingston township; John Beattie, William Hamilton, George Killena, Hinchinbrooke; M. L. Clement, Olden; Charles Cranston, Loberough; Thomas Ferguson, Garden Island; Robert Gillespie, Howe Island; William Hora, Pittsburg; G. E. Millar, Kennebec; James E. Ray, Barrie.

The judge hadn't much to say to the jury. There was one case for consideration, that of McKee for larceny. The jurors could visit the public institutions, but they must hurry for the court wouldn't set long. Then George Brewer led the delegation below to the jury room.

Judge Price had company with him on the bench. It was pleasant company, too. Lawyers opened their eyes wide and jurymen never saw such a thing before at any court in Canada. But there as true as life sat a young lady attired in red and she nonchalantly chatted with his honor. It was Miss Lulu Britton, deputy clerk of the crown, who was called thither to swear to the correctness of the jury rolls for 1888.

THE TEACHERS-IN-TRAINING.

The Results Will be Published Next Saturday—Must Make Fifty Per Cent.

The professional examination for third-class teachers' certificates was concluded at the court house to-day, and Dr. Spankie thinks the result of the examination will be ready for publication on Saturday. There were twenty-seven candidates. A silver medal, given by Hon. G. A. Kirkpatrick, will be awarded to the candidate scoring the highest number of marks. The obtainable number of marks is 700, of which 300 are given by the principals of the Model school on the candidate's work during the session, and 400 by the board of examiners at the written examination on the papers set by the department of education. Candidates for a pass will be required to score at least fifty per cent. of the marks obtainable.

A Claim Verified.

R. B. B. claims to cure all curable diseases of the stomach, bowels, liver, kidneys and blood. That it actually performs all its claims, is proven by testimonials from parties which none can dispute. Send testimonials of remarkable cures.

WATER WORKS' RATES.

A MOTION FOR THE REDUCTION OF THEM BY 20 PER CENT.

It Creates a Little Feeling—Hints at Election Dodges—An Unsuccessful Attempt to Boom Ald. Drennan—Willing to Go One Better Than Ald. Thompson.

At the regular meeting of the city council held last evening Ald. C. F. Gildersleeve presented the manager's report of the business of the water works for the past three months, and since the city assumed control of the works. The detailed statement of the financial standing of the business and the improvements done is very complete. The receipts were \$4,495.48; disbursements, \$1,274.88; and the balance in bank now is \$3,150.42.

After the report had been read Ald. Thompson asked Ald. Gildersleeve, as chairman of the committee if he had any other report to make.

Ald. Gildersleeve answered in the negative.

Ald. Thompson then proceeded to make a lengthy address, dealing with the water works business. He said he expected that the water works committee would have brought in a report, explaining the best and most economical way in the recommendation of the committee, to use the works, and also stating the reduction the city was going to make in the water rates to consumers.

He thought the time had arrived when the council should redeem its promises to the citizens, made by it when the by-law was submitted to the people. He gave minute details of the agitation ament the water works scheme, and how it had been carried. When they had reached the point they desired, the getting "of the exact value of the works, they asked the approval of the voters as to the advisability of purchasing. In laying the matter before them aldermen promised that if the city secured the works the water rates would be reduced immediately; also that there would be a more efficient supply of water in the city, particularly in the upper part of the city, which would prevent any great loss by fire. After such promises had been made the people considered that it would be a wise undertaking to purchase the works, and passed a by-law enabling the city to do so. It was now the duty of the council to show the people that the aldermen meant to do what they promised. The speaker said that when the city purchased the works it was learned that the company that owned it received from consumers \$22,500, the city's share being \$1,500, a total amount of \$24,000. The expenses were only \$9,000, showing a profit of \$15,000. The capital awarded by arbitration was \$120,000; interest and sinking fund, \$6,500; leaving a net balance of \$8,500. He suggested that to reconstruct the works and make them as efficient as the city needed the capital would have to be increased by say \$100,000. This would enable the city to secure a new engine and filter, build a tank, and lay 16 inch mains from the water's edge to the reservoir. The present mains, when removed, could be laid in the upper part of the city. The interest and sinking fund on this account could be taken care of for \$5,000, which would practically leave a balance of \$3,500.

In comparison of the new scheme with the old scheme the increase to the city would be \$1,000. The reduction that could therefore be made to consumers under this plan would be one-fifth, or 20 per cent. on \$22,500, which is equal to \$4,500. Besides the improvements would give better fire protection to both lower and upper portions of the city, and especially the outlying districts. Drains now in existence could be utilized for the laying of pipes, the compliment of water would be increased, and the sanitary condition of the city would be improved. The speaker also recommended that the manager's salary, \$2,200 per annum, be struck off, whereby a further saving of 10 per cent. would take place. In concluding the speaker moved, seconded by Ald. C. Robinson, that the water rates to consumers be reduced 20 per cent. the reduction to begin on Jan. 1st, 1888.

Ald. Gildersleeve was in favour of reducing the water rates 20 per cent, and probably, at a future time, the council might be able to make a still greater reduction. The amount of work which had been undertaken this quarter would cost \$3,500, which meant pretty fair extension to consumers. The receipts, however, were practically the same as those received by the company in previous quarters. They had not as yet secured many new consumers. He would, therefore, be afraid to say that a larger reduction than 20 per cent could be recommended at the present time. In the management of the works the expenses are the same as they have been. The city expected, however, to make some reduction in the expense of fuel, when it got out the new tenders. The city was going to burn a cheap kind of fuel.

Ald. Rees said no reference had been made as to whether it was contemplated to reduce the expense of managing the works. The council should know what is to be done in this matter. He strongly favoured reducing the manager's salary, and if this were done the reduction in the water rates to consumers should be fixed at 25 per cent.

Ald. Muckleston thought that the council was a little premature in discussing the matter. A special meeting should be held and a committee appointed to present a report regarding the best means of running the works. The council had not had the matter laid before it properly.

Ald. Hobart remarked that when the city took possession of the works the citizens in the upper end of the city were promised a better supply of water. He did not think this end had been brought about. The supply of water in the reservoir at night was not sufficient to combat a large fire.

Ald. Thompson said he knew people owning houses in the upper portion of the city who had lost tenants because of the inefficiency of the water supply. As to the management of the works he was in favour of reducing the present expenditure in that connection. The report was current that candidates for municipal honors had promised, if elected, to support the retention of the present management.

Several of the aldermen cried out, "Name the candidates."

Ald. Thompson said he was not at liberty to mention names.

Two of three aldermen said they were not guilty.

Ald. Harty said he was innocent, but the men who were canvassing in favor of the present management exhibited excellent judgment.

Ald. Thompson said that when it was first proposed to the council to retain the present management he opposed the report strenuously, but was voted down.

Ald. Shannon thought there was no necessity of the resolution which Ald. Thompson had submitted. The matter should be left in the hands of the committee.

Ald. Thompson reminded Ald. Shannon, that as the council had power to create the committees it had the power to dismiss them or suggest action to them. If the speaker was the only one to vote for it he would push it.

INCIDENTS OF THE DAY.

PARAGRAPHS PICKED UP BY OUR BUSY REPORTERS.

The Spice of Every Day Life—What the Public are Talking About is—Nothing Escapes the Attention of Those Who are Talking Notes.

Cut glass bottles at Wade's drug store. Santa Claus scared to death at Kirkpatrick's prices. Central bank bills are better than gold; try Laidlaw's.

Commissioner Gordon's report, relating to the weighing of coal, is anxiously looked for. If you want a handsome Christmas tree get your decorations at Kirkpatrick's, No. 159 Princess st.

I always enjoy breakfast at Mr. Blank's. They use Hendry & Thompson's coffee, and it is lovely.

Several prominent citizens are talking of leaving the city. If they do go there will be great regret.

Heard the converted Japanese in Sydenham St. church this evening. Miss Frilick and Mr. Woodell will sing.

Two evenings of enjoyment crowded into one if you hear Fax, city hall, Friday evening. Coms. Tickets, 35c.

The knights of labour have not a candidate in the field for the mayoralty. Each knight is at liberty to vote as he pleases.

A meeting of the water works committee will be held this evening in the office of the works; session not open to the reporters.

The contracts for asylum supplies have been awarded; James Crawford, flour, meal and peas; and Mr. Ryan, Toronto, butter.

For the best quality of Scranton stove coal, also for English (Newcastle) black smiths coal at lowest rates go to gas works coal yard.

Nice for breakfast—rolled oats, rolled wheat, crushed barley, gold dust cornmeal, corn grils, granulated oatmeal. James Crawford.

A pair of those handsome oil paintings would be a very suitable present. You can get them at Kirkpatrick's, 159 Princess street.

Ald. McIntyre denies that he wrote a certain letter to the press, to the effect that the Victoria ward appropriation had not all been spent.

A winter trotting circuit is proposed for Ottawa, Brockville, Kingston, Peterboro, Belleville and Newcastle. Let her go, Gal-lagher!

A regular meeting of the Portsmouth council was held last evening. A number of accounts were passed and crossings ordered to be made at several places.

We find your raisins good, and the price reasonable, remarked a customer the other day. Every variety of Xmas fruit, new, fresh and at right prices at Hendry & Thompson's.

All ye who love sweet flavored things. Come where such things are sold. Where the air with loudest praises rings. The prices of pure gold—Essences at Hendry & Thompson's.

Hirawa claims for Japan the best criminal laws of any country. They were based upon the best from every nation in the world.

An auction sale of household furniture will be held at 125 Princess St., Lewis Bros. old stand, at 10 a.m., to-morrow. E. R. Martin, auctioneer.

Backache is almost immediately relieved by wearing one of Carter's Smart Weed and Belladonna Backache Plasters. Try one and be free from pain. Price 25 cents.

Branch offices of the Canadian Express company have been opened at the post office, Portsmouth; post office, Williamsville; and corner of Johnson and Gordon streets.

"He's a funny fellow. I'd go twenty miles to hear him again," is the way people speak of Fax. Come and hear him at Cooke's church concert, Friday evening, in city hall.

And they are good—Early Rose potatoes, cabbage, turnips, tub butter, fresh butter, eggs, flannel, haddies, cranberries, Labatt's sparkling ale, Bay of Quinte cider. James Crawford.

Bev. E. P. Crawford, of Brockville, is no fanatic on the question of wine, though he has been for years an abstainer, partly for his own good and partly for the sake of others.

Lecture by Rev. Mr. Timberlake Thursday evening in Methodist church, Portsmouth, entitled, "A Peep at the Old Country," or "Rural Life in England." Everybody invited. Admission 15c.

Try our dry edgings \$2.50 per cord; dry pine blocks \$3 per cord; dry oak cordwood, as good as ordinary hardwood \$3.50 per cord, delivered throughout the city. R. Crawford, foot of Queen street.

Why don't you try Carter's Little Liver Pills? They are a positive cure for sick headache, and all the ills produced by disordered liver. Only one pill a dose.

Little scraps of humor. Knock our daily troubles Higher than a kite.

Hear Fax, city hall, Friday evening, at Cooke's church concert.

J. E. Jones has sold those two valuable properties nearly opposite the post office, on Clarence street, to R. Waldron, dry goods merchant, for \$4,500. Mr. Waldron will likely erect a fine row of buildings.

The mayor accompanied to Toronto the committee of the Midland Central, which attends a meeting of the Agricultural and Arts' association for the purpose of securing the provincial fair for Kingston in 1888.

Ald. Downing, at the council meeting, drew attention to the fact that if a railing were not put on the side of the boardwalk, near the Princess street bridge, accidents would occur and the city be let in for damages.

Last Wednesday Archibald A. Hickey, of this city, was married to Miss Mary Day, daughter of Henry Day, of Elginburg. There was a most enjoyable time at the wedding. The bride was nicely dressed and received a number of valuable presents. Several were present from the city. The couple have our hearty congratulations.

It is seldom that one sees such a fine assortment of furniture as is to be seen in Carnovsky & Anderson's warerooms on Princess street, near Clergy. On looking through their fine plate glass front can be seen a Turkish set of odd chairs and sofas, handsomely upholstered in different shades of plush and satin damask. There is no doubt that this enterprising firm takes the lead in fancy upholstery.

On Saturday evening as Johnston Redmond and his father, William Redmond, were returning home from Gananoque their team became frightened near the station and ran away, upsetting the wagon and throwing the occupants against a wire fence. Johnston escaped with a few scratches, but the father, who is 75 years of age, fell heavily on his shoulder, breaking the right arm near the shoulder joints. Dr. Brown attended him.

THE ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

Craig Lodge A. F. and A. M., Deseronto. W. M.—Rev. R. J. Craig. S. W.—I. Allum, jr. J. W.—W. Stoddart. Chap.—S. B. Baren. Treasurer—W. B. Aylesworth. Secretary—W. D. McRae. Tyler—J. Carswell.

Loyal Orange Lodge, No. 577. W. M.—W. G. Cullen. D. M.—W. H. Godwin. Chaplain—John Davy. Secretary—James Shanessy. Treasurer—Thomas Lemmon. D. of C.—Alf Maxom. Committee—Charles Carson, Samuel Woods, George W. Watts, Samuel Lemmon, W. Hunter.

Invitation cards and folders in great variety at White office.

Weather Probabilities. Moderate to fresh south and south-west winds, partly cloudy weather, with slight sleet or rain in a few localities, rising temperature.