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The city market committee recommended to the council last night that the market be operated on a commission basis, instead of by a salaried official.

Ald. Casey brought in a minority report in which he quoted figures to show that, though there had been a loss on the working of the market, the last three months had shown a decided improvement. He thought by continuing as at present it would ultimately make out all right.

Ald. Barrie endorsed Ald. Casey's report.

The mayor pointed out that the employing of a salaried official included the necessity of increased work on the part of the treasurer's department in keeping track of things.

Ald. Casey contended that, on a commission basis, the city could not exercise proper control. He thought that the treasurer's report was encouraging. He admitted that Mr. Johnson had devoted much time to getting the business on a proper basis.

He argued that the net loss was only \$179 and he thought that this could be eliminated. He held that the market had given the people cheaper meat and that it was time someone put a crimp in the butcher business, which took big profits.

D. C. McRae said he appreciated the sincerity of Ald. Casey's remarks, but the figures given him by the treasurer showed a loss of \$411.90. Commissions had furnished 46.3 per cent. of the cost of doing business, while the taxpayers furnished 53.7 per cent. He thought this was sufficient reason for making the proposed change. The desire of the people was for economy, and he thought it should be carried out.

Ald. Montgomery said he had supported the salary proposal five months ago. It had been given a fair trial and had failed. The commission basis had also been a failure before, but the market then was not properly conducted. His chief objection to the existing system was that it required so much overseeing by the treasurer's department. He understood that the treasurer had now refused to accept any responsibility for disbursements. He felt that the service rendered the public did not warrant the cost. He moved that the majority report be adopted.

Ald. McClymont, in seconding the motion, said he had supported the starting of the market two years ago, and would not like to see it go out of existence. He believed that other cities employed a salaried manager, but in these instances, he was not a salesman, the producers coming in themselves. His chief fault with the present system was that it involved so much extra work for the treasurer.

Ald. Casey pointed out that the

### FISH WHARF SITE

A letter from George A. McNicholl, representing the G. T. P., was read at the city council last night, asking if the city was prepared to go ahead with the construction of a fish wharf, in view of the proposals made by Mr. Clayton.

The city clerk was instructed to advise Mr. McNicholl, sending a copy of the letter to Mr. Clayton, that the city could not, for financial reasons, proceed with the building of the wharf meantime, but asking that the offer of the site be left open for six months. In the event of Mr. Clayton's company deciding to build a wharf, it was suggested that they might secure some other equally suitable site.

### MARKET CLERK

Ald. Montgomery, seconded by Ald. D. C. McRae, moved last night that the council advertise for a market clerk to work on a basis of 7 1-2 per cent. commission, and that he furnish a \$2,000 bond.

Ald. Casey thought that this should not be done as it amounted to firing the present holder of the job. He admitted that there had been irregularities on the part of the present clerk, but none challenged his honesty and he thought that it would hurt the market to have a change made, since Mr. Holland had worked up a business connection.

Ald. Montgomery said that the change put the market on an entirely different basis, and that it was equivalent to a new job. There was nothing to hinder the present holder applying with the others, and his experience and qualifications would be taken into full consideration. The motion carried.

### MORE LIGHT

The council last night adopted a suggestion from the light committee that twenty Tungsten cluster lights be purchased at a cost of \$100 to be placed at certain insufficiently lighted corners in the city.

commissions for October were \$71.94; November, \$96.78, and December \$132.07, a total of \$379.

Ald. Montgomery said that in December commissions were only \$55, the balance being extra profit taken on meat, which was contrary to the idea of the market and simply adopting the methods of the monopolist.

Ald. Casey said he understood that Mr. Johnson was willing to continue his share of the responsibility.

The mayor said that the treasurer had notified the committee to the contrary.

D. C. McRae said that there had been irregularities and that the city for the last three months had been supporting a retail business, which was unfair to the retail merchants of the city, as the granting of free light, phone, insurance, rent, etc., gave the market an unjust advantage, and, in spite of that advantage, the people had to bear a loss.

The majority report was adopted, Ald. Casey and Barrie dissenting.



KING OF SPAIN GREETING ARMY AVIATORS

Photo shows King Alfonso of Spain greeting some of the air pilots on their return from a flight during a recent visit to an aviation school. The King is taking a great interest in aviation in view of the proximity of the war, and the extreme importance of a good air service for protection.

### Burns' Anniversary

Today, in Prince Rupert, and in every corner of the globe, for there are Scotsmen far and wide, the anniversary of the birth of Robert Burns will be celebrated. Scotia's national bard having first seen the light of day in an obscure Ayrshire cot on January 25th, 1759. Tonight, haggis will be consumed and laudatory speeches will be made without stint. Burns does not rank with the first flight of poets, yet his work will live long after that of abler literary men has been forgotten. His works live because they contain life.

### POPULAR SERIAL AT WESTHOLME THEATRE

"The Diamond from the Sky," the popular serial at the Westholme, was again shown before a packed house last night. The 49th episode is full of rough and ready work and shows the results of the great fire, which the censor cut so unmercifully last week. John Powell is injured in the fire and Vivian and Blair Stanley are still plotting to get John's wealth. Quabba and Esther are still on their quest after John, and Mar-maduke is having a hot time. He has hidden the diamond in the hollow of a tree where it is found by a little boy and girl. Who gets it next?

The Gaumont Gazette shows the latest Belgian, French and Russian military scenes. "Her Alibi" and "Stolen Jewels" are powerful dramas while "Axel and Florey" is a very funny comedy.

### MEN WANTED

Your choice of any of our \$5.00 shoes at \$3.95. Sale starts Wednesday, Jan. 26th. Peck The Shoeman.

Jaeger goods at a substantial reduction at Bryant's during their January Sale.

High class shoe repairing; war prices. G. Hill, opposite post-office.

### BILLIE REEVES AT MAJESTIC THEATRE

There is a feast of good things at the Majestic tonight, the program being splendidly varied. "Behind the Mask" is one of the most striking features, being a clever effort by crooks to secure the valuable ruby of an Indian potentate at a fancy dress ball. "The Girl and the Mail Bag" provides more thrills, while "The Fable of the Sorrows" is a great human interest story.

Billie Reeves is the star of the comedies. Billie dreams that he is a horse and Billie playing horse is too funny for words. The other items are equally good and the show is first-rate.

There is a great Sherlock Holmes drama billed for tomorrow and no one should miss it.

Economise by outfitting the family with shoes at genuine sale prices. Sale starts Wednesday, Jan. 26th. Peck the Shoeman.

Best quality of household lump and nut coal—Prince Rupert Coal Co. Phone 15.

Good serviceable tweed hats, newest shapes and patterns for \$1.25 at Bryant's.

Piano lessons, pupils taken. Mrs. L. J. Bay, phone 497.

### PATRIOTIC FUND TREASURER'S REPORT

The following is the report of the treasurer of the local patriotic fund:

Prince Rupert, Jan. 18, 1916. To the President and members of the local branch, Canadian Patriotic Fund.

Gentlemen:—I beg to submit herewith my report on the financial transactions undertaken by this branch of the Canadian Patriotic Fund from the formation of same, September 22nd, 1914, up to December 31st, 1915.

#### First Collection.

Immediately after the formation of this branch, a systematic canvass of the city was made to solicit subscriptions and met with a generous response, as will be seen from the following figures:

Collection between Sept. 22, 1914, and December 31, 1914 .....

Monthly contributions from Postoffice staff and Digby Marine Depot; sundry collections from private persons, concerts, dances, etc., between Jan. 1 and Dec. 31, 1915. ....

Interest on deposits, allowed by Bank of Montreal .....

Total amount .....

The disposition of this collection is as follows:

Oct. 21, 1914, sent to head office of fund at Ottawa .....

Dec. 19, 1914, sent to provincial branch at Victoria .....

Oct. 14, 1915, do. ....

Dec. 27, 1915, transferred to local aid fund for meeting cases of necessity in city, as per instructions local executive .....

Total .....

Second Collection.

In accordance with instructions received from the Provincial branch, Victoria, a second canvass of the city was commenced on December 13th, 1915, with a view to raising a further sum of \$8,000. The returns from this have not yet been fully completed, but will be available in the near future and will, from present indications, exceed the required amount.

Monthly Allowances to Soldiers' Families.

In connection with this, a monthly requisition, showing the amount to be disbursed locally, is sent to the Provincial branch and on receipt of their cheque covering same, the monthly allowances to the families of soldiers serving

Beginning Wednesday, Jan. 26, I am offering my whole stock at reduced prices. Peck The Shoeman.

Good wood cut to any length, \$5.00 cord. 2 feet—\$4.50, 4 feet—\$3.50. Also best lump coal. J30.

Women's button and lace shoes in black or tan, including some nice sample pairs, values to \$5.00 for \$2.95. Peck The Shoeman.

Follow the crowd to Self's Cafe. There is a reason. Next Majestic Theatre.

### SHAWATLANS PIPELINE REQUIRES NEW SUPPORTS

A report from the acting city engineer to the board of works regarding the condition of the pipeline was brought down at the council meeting last night. It pointed out that the construction of work on both the 18-inch and 45-inch pipelines had never been carried out so that it was a complete and permanent job. There was still a lot of work required to make it secure. At many points concrete supports should have been put in instead of wooden blocks, while the valves also required to be set in concrete. The pipeline also required a lot of back-filling as a protection against slides. There were many dangerous trees which required cutting down as well. The engineer stated that the very heavy rainfall of last fall had caused the lake to rise rapidly and the slipway was not sufficient to carry the water away. The dam at that time overflowed by 14 feet, the supports being loosened by the heavy flow of water. The spring freshet will be heavy and the engineer thought it necessary to take steps immediately to protect the pipeline.

The cost of the undertaking will be \$2,500 and the finance committee approved of the work being done. The report was unanimously adopted.

their King and Country are paid through the local branch.

The first payments made were for the month of November, 1914, there being at that time 11 families dealt with. Owing to the formation of later contingents, in which a large number of men from Prince Rupert enlisted, the number has increased and the total number of cases dealt with by this branch is as follows:

Number of cases still being dealt with by this branch. 21

Transferred to other branches, owing to change of residence .....

Removed to England. ....

Temporary cases. Only one payment made; returned soldiers, etc. ....

Total number of cases dealt with by local branch. ....

The total amount paid out in monthly disbursements to the above cases, for the period covered by this report, is as follows:

Paid in monthly allowances soldiers families \$4,907.50

Money paid for passage to England (1 case) ...

Grants to returned soldiers for immediate necessities .....

Administration expenses stationery, printing and postage .....

Total .....

The first amount of \$4,907.50 represents an average allowance of \$22.93 per family per month.

C. F. HEWARD.

Local Honorary Treasurer.



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### LONDON CAFE And Grill

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