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Approved Toll Roads Purchase But Balked at One Third of Price

Council Considered Proportion Asked of This City Too High

BENEFIT IS RURAL

Consensus of Opinion Was That County Should Do More

The toll road question was before the city council last night a deputation from the Board of Trade waiting upon the body urging purchase of the Paris and Cockshutt highways. While this was generally favored by the council, and a resolution of endorsement passed, exception was taken to the proposal that the city pay one third of the purchase price of the two roads, W. T. Henderson addressing the council in the capacity of a private citizen and protesting strongly against such a proportion.

The matter came up when Alderman English introduced the following motion:

"That the council approve the purchase of the Paris and Cockshutt roads at a cost not to exceed \$28,000.

In this regard a deputation from the Board of Trade waited upon the council, consisting of C. G. Ellis, L. Waterous, C. A. Waterous, W. B. Preston and W. A. Hollinrake. The last named addressed the council, giving assurance of the support and co-operation of the Board of Trade on the toll roads question. He outlined the benefits that would accrue from the abolition of the toll roads. The purchase price of the Paris road, \$8,000, must be paid in cash, but the \$20,000 for the Cockshutt road could be arranged upon very easy terms.

Ald. Hill inquired whether definite figures were obtainable as to the maintenance cost of the two roads. Mr. Hollinrake replied that the cost was estimated at \$300 per mile, for a total length of 15 miles, the cost to be borne by the township of Brantford.

Mr. W. B. Preston added a few remarks in support of Mr. Hollinrake, pointing out that the abolition of toll on these two highways, the main arteries of traffic of the county, would result in increased transportation facilities for city and county alike.

Mr. W. T. Henderson addressed the council in a private capacity, taking objection, as a citizen and a taxpayer, to the city's paying one-third of the purchase price of the two roads. He criticized the maintenance of roads, now under control of the county, and expressed doubt whether the Cockshutt Road could be purchased for \$20,000. If such could be done, it would behoove the county of Brantford and the township of Brantford to make the purchase. Mr. Henderson failed to see wherein Brantford was advantaged by the rural municipalities which surrounded the city, considering rather that these benefited by their proximity to the city.

Ald. Melton pointed out the fact that toll roads had been abolished in all parts of Ontario, and considered that Brant County should not lag behind the rest of the province. The city now paid more to maintain the toll roads than would be required for their purchase.

Ald. Kelly opposed the spending of civic funds on roads during the war. He considered that the provincial legislature might be induced to take over the two highways in question.

Ald. Baird declared himself in opposition to the city paying more than its share. The farmer would benefit by the purchase of the toll roads, he declared. One-third of the purchase price, he considered, too high for the city to pay, and refused to sanction such a project. He favored the abolition of the toll roads on a more equitable basis.

"Toll roads should be abolished as soon as possible," declared Ald. Baird. "One-third of the purchase price is too much for Brantford to spend at the present time."

He expressed the opinion that the city should be taken further into the confidence of the county in the matter.

Ald. Clement, while not favoring the toll road system, insisted upon seeing that the city obtained "a square deal," criticizing the maintenance of roads now under county control.

Ald. Simpson saw no benefit in

acquiring the toll roads at the present time.

Ald. Bragg opposed the purchase of the roads by the municipalities, considering the government should take over the highways.

Mr. Hollinrake stated that the figures set forth had not been definitely fixed upon. Only a board of arbitration between city and council could fix a price which must be paid by any one municipality.

Ald. English, the city's representative upon the good roads commission, stated that he had not approved of the city's paying one-third, although he strongly favored abolition of the toll roads. He explained that the resolution submitted to the council did not bind the city to pay one-third, but merely approved the purchase.

Ald. Hurley favored the purchase of the roads, as being more economical than a continuance of the toll system. He did not agree with the contention of Mr. Henderson that the city benefited smaller municipalities, holding that the opposite was rather the case.

Ald. Chacecraft, while favoring purchase of the roads, held forth for more advantageous terms.

"It seems to me a matter for either the county or the province to pay for the purchase," observed the mayor, suggesting that the Board of Trade approach the legislature in this regard.

"I do not doubt that we can receive the option," replied Mayor MacBride.

Ald. Melton declared that a private party had already offered \$8,000 for the Paris road, and that action must be taken at once.

The motion approving the purchase of the roads was defeated. Ald. English, seconded by Ald. Melton then introduced a resolution binding the city to pay one-third of any purchase price, up to \$28,000 for two roads. This was defeated. Ald. Hurley, English, Melton and Harp alone voting "yea."

AMHERST WINNER

By Courier Leased Wire
Charlotteville, P. E. I., Feb. 25
In clean, fast and close hockey match for the Maritime championship and a two hundred dollar side bet, the Amherst team defeated Charlottetown here Saturday night by a score of 6 to 5. The winning goal was scored in the last minute.

Jump from Bed in Morning and Drink Hot Water

Tells why everyone should drink hot water each morning before breakfast.

Why is man and woman, half the time, feeling nervous, despondent, worried; some days headachy, dull and unstrung; some days really incapacitated by illness.

If we all would practice insidibathing, what a gratifying change would take place. Instead of thousands of half-sick, anaemic-looking souls with pasty, muddy complexions we should see crowds of happy, healthy, rosy-cheeked people everywhere. The reason is that the human system does not rid itself each day of all the waste which it accumulates under our present mode of living. For every ounce of food and drink taken into the system nearly an ounce of waste material must be carried out, else it ferments and forms ptomaine-like poisons which are absorbed into the blood.

Men and women, whether sick or well, are advised to drink each morning before breakfast, a glass of real hot water with a teaspoonful of limestone phosphate in it, as a harmless means of washing out of the stomach, liver, kidneys and bowels the indigestible material, waste, sour bile and toxins.

Millions of people who had their turn at constipation, bilious attacks, acid stomach, nervous days and sleepless nights have become real cranks about the morning insidibath. A quarter pound of limestone phosphate will not cost much at the drug store, but is sufficient to demonstrate to anyone, its cleansing, sweetening and freshening effect upon the system.

World Fast Growing Naked

The fuel and food problem may indeed be serious, but not more so than the clothing question. Buyers for the wholesale houses and clothes just returned from the Old Country tell us that they could only secure an odd piece or so here and there, and were forced to return without having secured a mere fraction of their usual wants, "prices high and no end in sight," practically nothing can be expected for next season. "wool stocks practically exhausted."



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HERTLING EVADES WILSON'S BASIS

Says Principals Proposed Must Be Recognized by All States

GOAL NOT REACHED

Declines Submission to the World Tribunal Prejudiced Against Germany

Amsterdam, Feb. 25.—Count von Hertling, the German Imperial Chancellor, announced today in the Reichstag that the Russian Government had accepted the German peace conditions, and he added that the conclusion of peace must ensue shortly.

"News was received yesterday," said the Chancellor, "that Petrograd had accepted our conditions and had accepted our further negotiations. Accordingly, our delegates travelled hither last evening. It is possible that there will still be a dispute about details, but the main thing has been achieved."

"The will to peace has been expressly announced from the Russian side; our conditions have been accepted, and the conclusion of peace must ensue within a very short time."

Count Czernin, the Austro-Hungarian Foreign Minister, according to a despatch from Vienna, has sent a message by wireless to Leon Trotsky, the Bolshevik Foreign Minister, stating that Austria-Hungary is ready to conclude negotiations with Russia to a conclusion.

Speaking before the Reichstag today, Count von Hertling made this declaration:

"I can fundamentally agree with the four principles, which in President Wilson's view, must be applied in a mutual exchange of views, and thus declare with President Wilson that a general peace can be discussed on such a basis."

"Only one reserve need be made in this connection: these principles must not only be proposed by the President of the United States, but must also be recognized by all States and peoples."

"But this goal has not yet been reached. There is still no court of arbitration established by all the nations for the preservation of peace in the name of justice. When President Wilson incidentally says that the German Chancellor is speaking to the tribunal of the entire world, I must decline this tribunal as prejudiced, justly as I would greet it if an imperial court of arbitration existed, and gladly as I would cooperate to realize such ideals."

Britain's Aims Imperialistic. "Unfortunately, however, there is no trace of similar statements on the part of the leading powers of the Entente. Britain's war aims are still thoroughly imperialistic, and she wants to impose on the world a peace according to Britain's good pleasure."

"When England talks about the people's right of self-determination, she does not think of applying the

NO CHANGE IN CITY GARBAGE SYSTEM

Placing of Refuse on Streets For Collection Not Taken Up By Council

The buildings and grounds committee, instead of bringing up at last night's meeting of the city council, as expected, the proposal to have all garbage placed on the road-side for collection, practically disavowed the proposal, or at least claimed that it had not been considered. and not decided upon. The committee recommended, however, an increase in the salary of the contractors who see to the collection of the garbage, and the point was then raised that the contractors were not paying their collectors the minimum wage set by the council. Ald. Symons submitted an amendment under which the collectors would be paid by the city direct, instead of through the contractors, but this project was laid over. Ald. Bragg, chairman of the buildings and grounds committee, expressing the fear that it might have disastrous consequences.

The buildings and grounds committee recommended:

That the salary of the garbage contractor of the city be increased to \$10.00 per day.

That the salary of Wm. Glover, sanitary inspector, be increased \$100 per year, as his duties are now very heavy.

That H. C. Bailey be appointed janitor of the city hall at a monthly salary of \$100, out of which he will pay for the work of all assistants.

Ald. Symons inquired whether any wage was fixed for the drivers of the garbage wagons. Ald. Bragg replied that this was estimated at \$3 per day.

Ald. Kelly inquired whether the buildings and grounds committee intended to enforce the placing of garbage on the streets for collection.

Ald. Hill, as a member of the buildings and grounds committee, declared that this proposal had only been considered at the meeting of the committee, and had not been decided upon. He censured the Expositor for its statement that such a course of action was to be taken.

Ald. Clement supported the remarks of Ald. Hill.

Ald. Bragg explained that it was desired to effect improvements in the city's garbage system, and that to this end the city clerk had written to a number of other municipalities asking information as to the system followed there.

Ald. Symons charged that the garbage contractors had not in all cases paid the collectors the minimum wage of \$2.50 per day fixed by the council. He introduced an amendment to the report, moving that the garbage contractors furnish to the city a statement of the time of each employe and wagon, the men to be paid by the city at a minimum wage of \$2.00 per day.

This Ald. English declared unfair to the contractors. Ald. Bragg also regretted the introduction of such a motion, expressing the opinion that the matter was one which should be left in the hands of the buildings and grounds committee. If the amendment carried, he declared, the entire garbage system might be disarranged, and the speaker refused to accept responsibility for the outcome.

On condition that the matter be taken up by the committee, Ald. Symons agreed to withdraw his amendment.

principle to Ireland, Egypt and India.

"It has been repeatedly said that we do not contemplate retaining Belgium, but that we must be safeguarded from the danger of a country with which we desire after the war to live in peace and friendship, becoming the object of jumpings-off ground of enemy machinations. If, therefore, a proposal came from the opposing side, for example, from the Government in Havre, we should not adopt an antagonistic attitude, even though the discussion at first might only be unbinding."

"Meanwhile, I readily admit that President Wilson's message of Feb. 11 constitutes perhaps a small step towards a mutual rapprochement."

With reference to a statement recently made by Walter Runciman, the former president of the Board of Agriculture, in the British Cabinet, the Chancellor said:

"I can only agree with Mr. Runciman if he meant that we should be much nearer peace if proper responsible representatives of the belligerent powers would meet in conference for discussion. That would be a way to remove all intentional and unintentional misunderstandings and bring about an agreement on many individual questions. I am thinking especially in this connection with Belgium."

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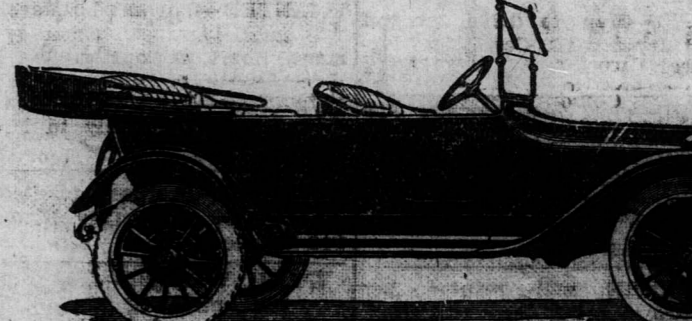
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