

METHODISTS ISSUE FINAL REPORT OF LONDON CONSTITUTIONAL

COUNCIL SHELVES PLAN TO APPOINT HIGH CONSTABLE

Middlesex Fathers Vote Down Measure To Employ Detective-Sergeant Down.

ALLEGED WICKEDNESS

Members Testify To Rural Rum-Running and Illicit Liquor Sales.

Middlesex County Council last night by a two-thirds vote decided not to appoint a high constable at present, defeating a motion that the first clause of the report of a special committee be adopted.

The clause provided for the appointment of Detective-Sergeant Harry Down at a salary of \$2,700 a year as high constable. All the councillors were of the opinion that Detective-Sergeant Down was one of the best men available, but they feared the expense of the police system proposed by the special committee would be too high. Some of the councillors thought \$2,700 was rather a large salary. Some mentioned \$2,000 as a more suitable figure.

The special committee in its report had recommended that Detective-Sergeant Down be appointed high constable at a salary of \$2,700 a year. It also recommended that the high constable, the crown-attorney and a representative committee try to work out a suitable police system, that the high constable be provided with a suitable car for his work, and that Judge Macbeth be asked to request the resignation of the members of the present constabulary, and that he dismiss those who did not resign.

As the first clause had been thrown out, the entire report was automatically shelved, and the special committee discharged.

It was decided to form a new committee to work out another scheme. Several councillors named, stating the duties such a committee was required to perform were not exactly to their liking.

Finally the following committee was appointed: Councillors Thomas Elliott, Sutherland, Coleman, Young, B. Pike, and the warden, I. M. Ross.

To Probe System.

This committee has been instructed to investigate the question of county constabulary further and report at the Thursday evening session of the council.

Crown Attorney J. C. Elliott, K.C., at the request of the council, spoke at the need of a good police system in Middlesex county. He explained that a salaried force, headed by a high constable, would be of great advantage, and promised there was enough work for several men to do, if reports which he had received about county crime were investigated.

As county solicitor, however, he would not dictate to the council, he said.

He pointed out to the council that by law each county must appoint a high constable annually. If there were a vacancy the sheriff could be employed until it was filled.

The attorney-general, Mr. Elliott stated, believed the police plan the council was considering at present to be a good one. To get going, he added, adequate salaries had to be paid.

Nocturnal Misdeeds.

During the debate were heard tales of sin in Middlesex every night, of run runners, illicit whisky sales, of cars parked without lights on dark side roads.

Councillor John Mordean declared London hired police constables, 56 of them, at \$125 a month and their clothes, and they paid their own way. Middlesex constables during the year turned in but \$52 in the county. There were 75 constables on the county list, too.

"Half of them are dead," he said. "Some of them are old. Others near the city have not been fair to the county nor to the tourists coming through." He referred to persecution of motorists.

Councillor J. Cousins said the city did not want to let Detective Down go, but that finally the chief had declared he would put nothing in the officer's way if he saw fit to take the position.

"I think Harry Down is the man for the position," he added.

Councillor E. E. declared he did not think the county should be expected to enforce the Ontario temperance act. "The act should be looked after by the government. I don't think we should interfere."

"But I don't think we could get a better man than Mr. Down for high constable."

Councillor Allen McPherson declared it was the moral duty of the county to see all the laws were enforced. "Boys at the time the act was passed are today getting together to buy bottles," he declared.

"In three weeks on one road I saw thirteen trucks going through to the border," he added.

To Raise \$247,095.61.

According to the county treasurer's statement of estimates for 1923, which has been sent to the finance committee, the total amount to be met by levy will be \$247,095.61. This does not take care of a deficit of \$100,894.84.

The total assessment of the county is \$38,192,750. A levy of nine mills on this would amount to \$382,734.75, according to the finance committee report.

The report of the finance committee was adopted.

It recommended that the bill rendered by the London Health Association be adopted, and that a grant of \$25 each be made to libraries in the county, and that the East Middlesex and West Middlesex teachers' institutes be granted \$50 each.

The motion to renew the grant to libraries, which had been discontinued during the war, was made by T. G. Turnbull, who also supported the measure in committee.

Motion of W. A. Collins, seconded by A. L. McDougall that Miss Doherty of Mount Brydges be placed on the Strathroy Continuation School Examining Board was passed.

Sarnia Conference Issues Final Draft of Stations

Special to The Advertiser.

Sarnia, June 5.—The final draft of stations of the London Methodist Conference was issued by the stationing committee yesterday. All pastors who are moving this year are expected to take charge of their circuits the first Sunday in July.

London (First)—J. Bruce Hunter, B.A., B.D., 512 Wellington St.; E. William Jewitt, B.A., Director of Religious Education.

London (Dundas Center)—John Garbutt.

London (Wellington Street)—George T. Watts, B.D.

London (Aldin Street)—J. T. Coste Morris, B.A.

London (Colborne Street)—Herbert J. L. L.

London (Centennial)—Albert E. M. Thomson, M.A., B.D.

London (Hyatt Avenue)—R. Johnston McCormick, M.A.

London (Empress Avenue)—Jas. F. Chapman, B.A.

London (Robinson Memorial)—W. L. Hiles, B.A.

London (Ridout Street)—John A. Agnew.

London (Hale Street)—Leslie W. Reade.

Grace Church, George Dewey.

Manor Park—To be supplied.

St. John's (London, R. R. 2)—Herbert J. Creasy, M.A.

Iderton—William B. Vance.

Bryant—Enos W. Hart.

Siloam (London, R. R. 5)—Arthur J. Love.

Thorndale—Archibald B. Kellam.

Thamesford—I. Walter J. Kilpatrick, B.A.

Dorchester—Samuel J. Thomson.

Putnam—Frederick W. Crank.

Belmont—H. B. Parnaby, M.A.

Lambeth—Selby Jefferson.

Westminster (Lambeth)—Thos. A. Steadman.

St. Mary's—Fletcher Sutcliffe, B.A.

Delaware—Allan E. Hopper.

Stratford (Central)—J. Wesley Magwood.

Stratford (Trinity)—S. Judson Kelly.

St. Mary's—Richard W. Knowles, M.A.

Mitchell—Harvey D. Moyer.

Listowel—Edwin W. Edwards, M.A.

A. B. T.

Milvorton—Thos. E. Sawyer.

Townbridge—J. W. Pring, Ph.B.

Wallace (R. R. 3, Listowel)—Jas. Winston, B.A., B.D.

Atwood—Byron Snell.

Monkton—Gordon W. Butt.

Staffa—J. E. Jones.

Harmony (R. R. 2, Stratford)—Elli Poulter.

Wellburn (Belton)—Eric L. Anderson, B.A.

Wingham District.

Wingham—Charles E. Craig, B.D.

Kincardine—Arthur W. Barker, B.D.

Lucknow—John H. Osterhout, B.A., B.D.

Brussels—Chas. F. Clark, Ph.B.

Teeswater—Irving A. McKelvey, S. T.L.

Thel—Solomon W. Hann, M.A., B.D.

Forde—Geo. A. Barnard.

Goderich—Wellington A. Finlay.

Wrocton—Asa I. Brown, M.A., D.D.

Bleuville—T. Chester Wilkinson.

Ashfield (Lucknow)—C. W. De Witt Cozens, M.A., B.D.

Salem (Fortnoss, R. R. 1)—A. Clair Moyer, M.A.

Ripley—Harold Williams.

Arrow—LeRoy H. Johnson, B.A.

Whitchurch—To be supplied.

Belgrave—A. E. C. Penland, B.A.

Goderich District.

Goderich (North Street)—James E. Holmes.

Goderich (Victoria Street)—John W. Hedley, M.A., B.D.

Clinton (Wesley)—A. A. Holmes.

Clinton (Ontario Street)—Clayton J. Moorhouse.

Seaforth—R. Fulton Irwin.

Homesville—Albert R. Walden.

Dunkannon—J. R. Peters.

Nile (R. R. 6, Goderich)—J. J. Johnson.

Clayton (Goderich R. R. 4)—Wallace H. Moss.

Auburn—Percy S. Banes, B.A.

Walton—Wm. O. Robinson, B.A.

Londonderry—W. Roy Osborne, B.A., B.D.

Rayfield—J. A. Parkinson.

Varna—John J. Brown.

Exeter District.

Exeter (Main Street)—Fred E. Clydesdale.

Parkhill—Geo. W. Rivers, B.A.

Parkhill (James Street)—W. E. Donnelly, B.A.

Elmville (Exeter, R. R. 3)—H. Edward Livingstone.

Centralia—Walter M. Kitley.

Hensall—Arthur Sinclair.

Crediton and Alisa Craig—Duncan McTavish.

Wellesport—William Patterson.

Port Lambton—Harold White, B.D.

Windsor District.

Windsor (Central)—Amos J. Thomas, M.A., B.D.

Windsor (London Street)—Wm. A. Walden, B.A.

Windsor (Howard Avenue)—Thos. A. Allen.

Stadwick—Charles R. Durant.

Walkerville—Edwin A. Pearson, B.A.

Ottawa Street—E. Adams Fere.

Falseton—Fred Stride.

Amherstburg—Martin J. Wilson, B.A.

Malden (North Malden)—A. Harold Johnson.

Harrow—John W. Johnston.

Essex—John H. Johnston, M.A., B.D.

Kingsville—Joseph W. Hibbert.

Ruthven—Wm. E. Stafford, B.A.

Gesto (Essex, R. R. 2)—Harold Lawson.

Cottam—Robert A. Miller.

Woodale (South Woodale)—Allan H. Brown, M.A., S.T.D.

Maldenstone—Josiah B. Champion.

Leamington—Burton H. Robinson, M.A.

Mersea (Leamington)—James W. Wheatley—Emmanuel Medd, Ph.D.

Goldsmith (Wheatley)—Chas. P. Shaper.

Chatham District.

Chatham (Park Street)—Heber W. Crews, M.A., D.D.

Chatham (Victoria Avenue)—Albert E. Jones.

Charing Cross—Harold J. Bentley, B.A.

Stenholm—Geo. N. Hazen, B.A., D.D.

Cedar Springs—Wm. Sterling.

Merlin—Sydney Davison.

Jeannette's Creek—Gordon H. Hargrave.

Harwich—A. V. Robb.

Louisville—Stanley M. Sweetman.

Dover (Electric)—Duncan M. Gues.

Dresden—Samuel W. Muxworthy.

Dawn Mills (R. R. 1, Dresden)—Thos. W. Hazlewood, B.A.

Wailacburg—Egerton F. Armstrong, B.A., B.D.

Moxvintown—W. H. Taylor.

Rutherford (Dresden, R. R. 4)—J. C. Millian, B.A., B.D.

Walpole Island—Frank Burgess.

Ridgeway District.

Ridgeway—Arthur E. Doan, M.A., B.A.

Fulford—J. Morley Colling.

Morphe—Harvey F. Kennedy, B.D.

Gulldis (Blenheim, R. R. 2)—Arthur Pags.

Highgate—Wm. Conway, B.A., B.D.

Thamesville—Christopher C. Kaige.

Bothwell—C. Louis L. Couzens.

Under Supp. of Bothwell.

Wardsville—Samuel J. Bridgette, B.D.

Dresden—John W. Button, B.A.

Glencoe—Arthur S. Whitehall, S. T.L.

West Lorne—O. Gerald Lawson, B.D.

Button—Henry Godfrey.

Northwood—Joseph Diden.

St. Thomas District.

St. Thomas (First Church)—Wilfred G. Katz.

St. Thomas (Grace Church)—A. E. Moorhouse.

St. Thomas (Central Church)—Robert Hicks, B.D.

Alma College—Perry S. Dobson, M.A., D.D., principal; Robt. I. Warner, M.A., D.D., Principal Emeritus.

Mount Elgin Institute—S. R. McVitty.

Whiting's Appointment—To be supplied.

Aylmer—Henry T. Ferguson, M.A., B.D.

Richmond (Aylmer)—Hugh C. Wilson.

Springfield—Waldemar Williams, M.A.

Lyons (Springfield, R. R. 2)—H. Mervyn Wright, B.A.

Bromville—A. E. Milson, B.A.

Corinth—A. David Whaley.

Avon (Springfield, R. R. 1)—H. P. Ball.

Malahide (Dunboyne, R. R. 4)—Fred Hanning, B.A.

Yarmouth Center—Leonard Bartlett.

Port Stanley—J. Nelson Gould.

Sparta—James Huser, M.A., B.D., Ph.D.

Finlay—Archibald McKibbin, B.A.

Talbotville—J. Melvin Keys, B.A.

Shedden—Prince E. James, M.A., B.D.

Lunenburg—Robert C. Cumming, B.A., B.D.

Oneida—F. G. Robinson.

Middleton—To be supplied.

The three conference officers for the coming year are: President, Rev. W. E. Millson; conference secretary, Rev. Harold Williams; and secretary of stationing committee, Rev. Wm. Conway, Highgate.

Will Amend Bill.

The council went a step further, and passed unanimously a bill to amend the bill introduced by Ald. Watt, that they amend the statutes, through the medium of the City of London bill in 1924, whereby the London & Port Stanley Railway Commissioners must, at all times, upon demand of the council, furnish such information as may be considered desirable. His worship and followers agreed that this move would eliminate all possibility of the recurrence of the pay-list or similar squabbles.

Prime Minister Tells How That Law Officers Amended Certain Clause.

Canadian Press Despatch.

Ottawa, June 6.—Oleomargarine again roused a sharp discussion in the house yesterday and ended in the adoption of a motion to give precedence to a motion to be moved tomorrow by W. F. Carrol of Cape Breton. S. Mr. Carrol's motion calls for the continuance of the manufacture and sale of oleomargarine.

On the bill to amend the dairy act (withdrawn on motion of the minister of agriculture), the prime minister declared that between the time of the first reading and the calling of the second reading of the bill, a clause in regard to the manufacture and sale of oleomargarine had been placed in the bill by the law officers of the house. This had been done absolutely without the authority of any minister. He could not say whether or not it had been authorized by a departmental official.

Mr. Meighen declared that if any officer of the house took it upon himself to alter the records of Parliament he should be dealt with by the government. The bill before the house was not the altered bill, he insisted. Therefore, he said, the minister was withdrawing it.

TORY ADVERTISING ASKED TO MEET

Douglas, Drake and Burdick Declared They Were Requested To Be Absent.

MAYOR SPEAKS OUT

Other Councillors Denounce the Tactics of Party Schemers For Action.

Ald. Gordon Drake finds himself in a bad fix—he records that he has been expelled from the Tory party. They tell him that he is going to be out in the cold next election because he would not listen to reason and absent himself from last night's city council session.

This in itself would lead even the most unsophisticated to surmise that Drake was not serene within the Tory walls.

But that is not all. Ald. George Burdick rose later in the meeting with the grave announcement that "he was sorry to relate that he also had been asked to remain away from the meeting." He elected to do otherwise, adhering to the sensible conclusion that a member of the "people" it was his duty to be in attendance, irrespective of what his own personal views might be relative to Mayor Wengle's motion regarding Sir Adam Beck and the London & Port Stanley pay lists.

Ald. Leonard Douglas also refused absolutely to be lured from a regular session of the council. "I was called at 6 o'clock and told to stay away from the meeting," he declares. "But I'm here. In any event they were going about it in the wrong way. When they start telling me to stay away, that's just when I'm coming."

Mayor Wengle concluded after last night's gathering that "he is learning something all the time."

"It's the first time that I knew that the Tory executive was running London & Port Stanley Railway Commission," he declared. "I was what I gathered from tonight's meeting. That shows the principle involved, when members of the party call a meeting and then go to remain away from a meeting in order to defeat a certain measure. Why, they even say that the president of the party, ex-Mayor Wilson, was calling them to stay away."

"Don't forget that some members of the council who were not present at tonight's session were in the city and were not sick. Ald. William Wilson was called to stay away from his home now you will find that he is there."

As Ald. Burdick registered his undisguised disgust that members of the party should remain away from the specific purpose of blocking city business and encourage others to do likewise, Ald. Frank McKay, one of the party representatives, rose to question the name or tactics of those who had approached Ald. Burdick, denouncing strenuously such tactics, if they were true.

Declines To Give Name.

Ald. Burdick replied that it would be impossible for him to submit the name of the person who had asked him to remain away from the meeting and promised not to divulge his name and he would not break his word.

Ald. John Colbert, another Labor member, questioned if there was a political motive in the matter, somewhere, as there were so many vacant chairs in the council.

Ald. Peter J. Watt found occasion both before and after the meeting to voice vigorous objection to the impression throughout the electorate that Cameron Wilson, ex-mayor, and Ald. Wilson were in the city to vote in any other way than this. It seems like another case of "passing the buck," as though we were afraid to tackle the job.

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Headquarters of C.N.R. Issues Statement Following Fatalities Near Durand, Michigan.

Canadian Press Despatch.

Montreal, June 6.—The following official statement was issued at headquarters of the Canadian National Railway here last night in connection with the train wreck near Durand, Michigan:

"A train carrying Knights Templar and their friends over the Detroit, Grand Haven and Milwaukee Railway, a branch line of the Canadian National-Grand Trunk in Michigan, left the rails at 9:35 a.m. today at a point one and a half miles west of Durand."

"Three railway employees and one passenger were fatally injured, these being Frank Pearsall, engineer; J. E. Parker, fireman; J. Fanning, news agent; and H. Waldron, passenger from St. John, Mich."

"Several other passengers, all residents of Michigan, were injured in the accident. Doctors were at once summoned from Durand, and the more seriously injured removed by special train to a hospital, while others returned to their homes."

"The cause of the accident has not yet been ascertained, the inspection of the track having shown it was in good condition."

NO LIBERAL IS CHOSEN IN NORTH HURON FIGHT

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demand this. He desired a change in the act similar to the waterworks act of 1875 which governs the public utilities commissioners.

Probe Fire Department.

"A situation like that is very wrong," Ald. Watt concurred. "It is detrimental to public ownership. They refused the pay-list. Now we have it through the efforts of Ald. Drake and others, but I maintain that we should have some power over the men we appoint. There is nothing out of the ordinary in this. There is nothing to be afraid of. We have no leagues just didn't want to knuckle down to us."

Ald. John Colbert congratulated Mayor Wengle for bringing in such a "valuable and timely" resolution.

Upon motion of Ald. Frank McKay the councillors at a special session will consider the public utilities \$350,000 debenture request, as a definite move would require a three-quarters vote, and but six members were in attendance with the mayor.

A city council football since the first of the year, the industrial area project calling for certain improvements, was initiated last night only members opposing, Ald. Burdick and Ald. Douglas.

Another event long heralded in city circles is another to take place—the investigation of the fire department. By unanimous vote it was ruled that this survey be undertaken by the citizens' research bureau, and that the city's share of the cost shall not exceed \$500.

"I will support this move," Ald. John Colbert declared. "But I would rather have seen this task undertaken by the members of the council. But it seems that there has been so much objection to us that we'll never have any in any other way than this. It seems like another case of 'passing the buck,' as though we were afraid to tackle the job."

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