



CITY'S FUEL POSITION IS SATISFACTORY

Report on Coal Matters Submitted by Mayor to the Council

Mayor MacBride gave another accounting of his stewardship in regard to the city's coal business, at last night's session of the City Council, when he submitted the following report:

Brantford, Dec. 9, 1918. To the Municipal Council of the City of Brantford.

Gentlemen:—In accordance with special order of the Ontario Municipal Board, under which we are empowered to purchase and supply coal to our people in cases of emergency, I beg to herewith submit the statement of Mr. Bunnett, City Treasurer, for the period ending November 30th, 1918. I also attach hereto a copy of statement for period ending July 31st, 1918. From said statements you will observe that the city has handled 7,314 tons of coal, and as a result our city is relieved from a repetition of last winter's scenes of suffering.

Of this some 2,000 tons are now on hand, and so far as we are aware there is not one home in Brantford without fuel. If there are any it is because we have not been made aware of same. It is true that since October 1st the American Government has restricted shipments of chestnut coal, but there is plenty

of pea and egg sizes, and we shall be glad to supply any needs from our office on George street.

A reasonable quantity of both chestnut and stove sizes are arriving from day to day and orders are issued covering same, but we would urge citizens to mix with this some of the other sizes.

For your information, I also exhibit file covering all dealings with coal dealers, fuel controller and other persons concerned. These documents are open for your personal and will furnish an effective answer to the many lying innuendoes in regard to coal matters. Our transactions have been open and above board and we have accomplished our purpose of averting an emergency.

It might be well at this time to give some figures as to coal received in Brantford from various sources since April 1st.

The following is a record of the tonnage as far as records furnished the Government Fuel Controller are available:

Standard Coal Co., 17,000 tons; Wilson Coal Co., 7,000 tons; Wood Coal Co., 2,500 tons; John Mann and Sons, 1,500 tons; Miller and Millan, 500 tons; F. H. Walsh, 646 tons; D. McDonald, 1,368; Gibson Coal Co., 2,437.

In addition to this quite a number of individuals have brought small lots to the city. A detail of which is contained in the record of the Fuel Controller.

Permit me just here to insert a copy of a letter covering arrangements made with the Standard Coal Co. in April last.

Brantford, April 28, 1918. L. Stander, Esq.,

Dear Sir:—Confirming conversation with you I hereby authorize you to procure all the anthracite coal possible, provided that you can arrange to have the coal shipped promptly.

Should you secure more than you can handle from your own yards, we will take all the surplus off your

hands provided the price does not exceed ten dollars per ton, as per previous arrangement. The term "prompt shipment" is intended to mean shipments during the months of April, May and June. We would not care to bind ourselves to anything indefinite. The situation for the coming winter may be very serious and we are desirous of securing all possible supplies with the least delay.

Yours truly,
M. M. MacBride, Mayor.

This letter was written after our meeting with all the local coal dealers held in this Chamber on April 22nd. At said meeting I offered to buy coal from any or all of the local dealers. A complete verbal report of said meeting I submit herewith. For the purpose of making an accurate record I engaged Mr. John Howarth to take a shorthand report of everything that occurred.

I exhibit this for the purpose of demonstrating that no favors were shown to the Standard Coal Company. It was a straight, clear proposition and any dealer in the city had exactly the same opportunity as Mr. Stander.

In justice to the Standard Coal Co. and the Wilson Coal Co. it must be said that they have been the means of bringing by far the greater portion of coal to the city. The figures above are sufficient proof of this.

While Mr. Mullaney's name does not appear above it should be stated that he also received a fair supply and has co-operated with the Standard Company to the end that West Brantford is better supplied than in any previous winter.

I have no complaint to make in regard to any of the dealers. No doubt they all did the best possible, but the fact remains that Brantford would have suffered even greater hardship than last winter were it not for the city's activity.

In explanation as to why we did not purchase from the mines direct

it may be stated that at the beginning of the coal season we found the American Government making allotments on the basis of former years and the dealers then holding permits were to be given the preference. We had to wait to go through the endless red tape of securing first an imported permit; then a wholesaler's permit; and finally a retailer's permit; we would most certainly never have got the coal. We took the shortest road to obtain results and I am glad to state that today Brantford is without any doubt in the best position of any Canadian city in regard to coal supply.

Faithfully yours,
M. M. MacBride, Mayor.

The Mayor also read a telegram dated October 24 from E. J. Cousins, fuel administrator, in which the latter stated that the anthracite coal situation was acute, especially by reason of the influenza epidemic, which had demoralized labor. It was imperative that local dealers must meet at once an almost certain shortage in this city's allotment, by immediately putting in stocks of wood and bituminous coal. The writer asked the Mayor to impress the dealers with the necessity for this action.

Ald. Chalcraft read a statement from an industrial publication, which stated that soft coal was likely to take a drop in price, while hard coal might also become cheaper with the close of navigation this month.

"There is plenty of coal on paper," commented the Mayor. "But getting it into the people's cellars is an entirely different matter." If he had been able to buy all the hard coal he wanted without any soft coal, he would not have accepted the latter. The city was selling large quantities of soft coal.

The Mayor went on to read statements from several local dealers, all of whom admitted that they were behind on their shipments, and in filling the orders they had received.

Ald. Chalcraft charged that the soft coal the city was receiving was of poor quality, which would not burn unless mixed with other coal. "As reputable a firm as the Watrous Engine Works has bought and burned some of this soft coal," replied the Mayor. "I submit that it is perfectly good soft coal."

ADONIS SANCTUM HELD INITIATION

Officers For Coming Year Were Also Elected Last Week

Wednesday last was the night of all nights in Adonis Sanctum. No. 38, O.O.H. and P., when W. Cross of Hamilton brought with him candidates who were to take the Degree of Perfection. They all proved A-1 candidates. W. Cross had the floor and took charge of all work

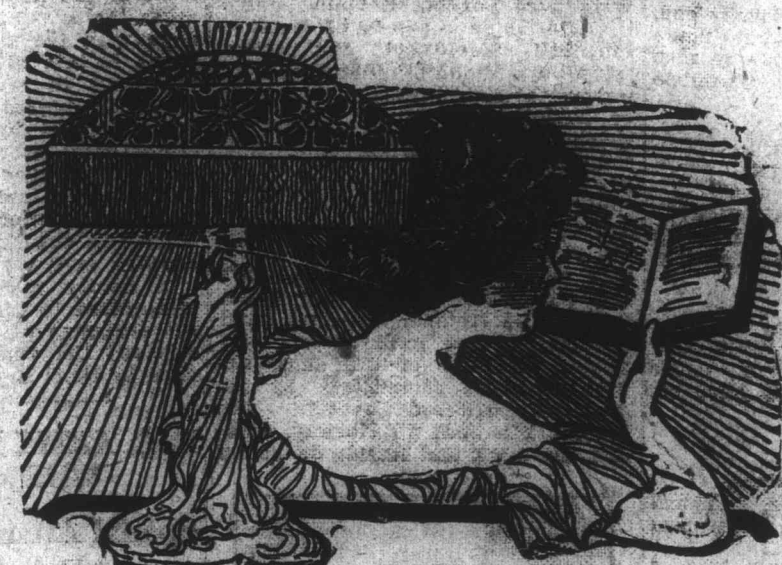
with this assistance for R. Howard. The boys from Hamilton were met at the station by Adonis Kazoo Band under the leadership of C. Cook and marching to the tune of "What Will We Do With Them, Boys?" came to their halt on Queen street, where they were received by the Grand Hystyle and other officers. After the degree work was installed a moon feast was then enjoyed by all.

Officers were then balloted on for the year 1919 and Adonis No. 38 will open its doors once each month to receive candidates. Officers were elected as follows:

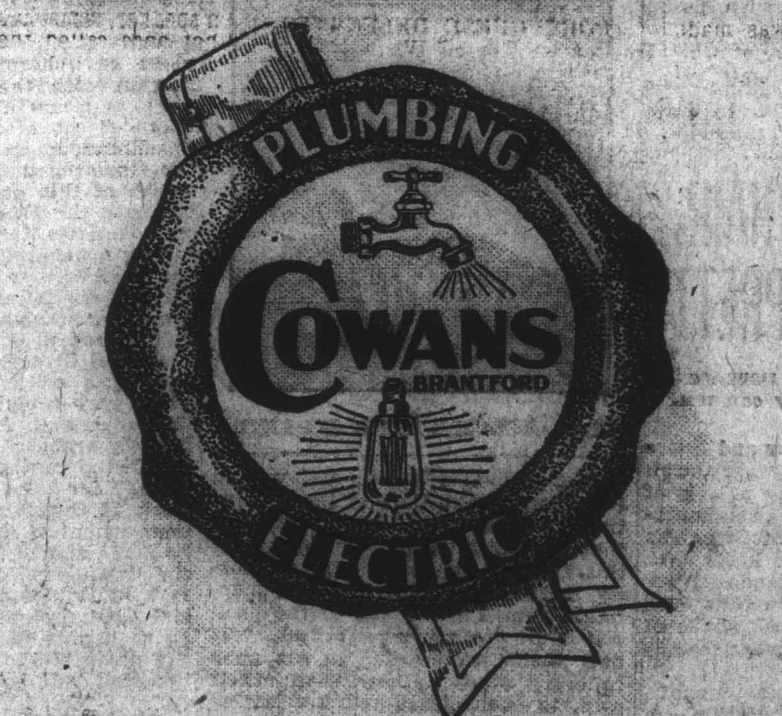
Grand Hystyle—George Tisdale.
Vice Grand Hystyle—A. B. Wilson.
Grand Monitor—W. Almas.
Ven. Friar—W. Darwin.
Executioner—W. Wilkinson.
Chief Guide—V. Betts.
Registrar—H. J. Weston.
Banker—C. M. Buller.
Degree Instructor—F. Cook.
Collector—J. Bond.
Musical Instructor—Hollinrake.
Grand Herald—J. Cook.
Landlord—J. Fraser.
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RUN FOR LABOR PARTY

Mrs. Despard, sister of Field Marshal Lord French, who has the support of Labor in Battersea in the British elections.

"SOLDIERS FIRST" IS C.P.R. SLOGAN

Troop trains with returning soldiers are to be given preference over all other trains, including regular passenger trains, on the C. P. R., in so far as is consistent with safety, according to a circular just issued by Vice-President A. D. MacTier. This was the rule on the C. P. R. when our soldiers were hurrying to the front, and it is to be the rule now that they are returning to their homes. "What is particularly desired," says the circular, "is that all officers and employees concerned shall, in so far as possible, place themselves in the position of the father, mother, wife, sister, or other relative of the returning soldier, and deal with them as they would wish to be dealt with under similar conditions."

"All this being accomplished, it will add substantially to the welcome the company desires to give to returned soldiers, as well as to the comfort and convenience of relatives and friends who desire to welcome them."

In order that relatives and friends desiring to meet troop trains should have information as to the hour of arrival, very particular instructions are given. "Station staff," says the circular, "at destination points should be fully and promptly advised of the expected time of arrival of troop trains, with all facilities available as to the names of steamships from which the passengers come, and any other known details. This information should be promptly and regularly posted on station bulletin boards and corrected from time to time as may be necessary. Operators should keep in close touch with the movement of the trains so that the information posted may be up to the minute. Train enquiry clerks should be at all times fully informed in connection with the trains and their movement, and they, as well as other station staff concerned, will be expected to deal courteously and patiently with all inquiries, giving them correctly and as early as possible the fullest information possible in response to their enquiries."

In the operation of C. P. R. trains, the troop train is to be considered first. In the event of a troop train locomotive breakdown on the road, the locomotive which can be made most quickly available, even if taken from a regular passenger train, is to be used to handle the troop train, so that it will incur the least possible delay.

ROUTINE BEFORE

Changes in Interior Hall Authority Night

Changes in the interior hall, as by the buildings and committees were ratified council last night.

The committee on grounds reported as follows:

1. That the City Engineer be directed to proceed with the floor at the fire hall for the fixing of the as laid out by Chief charged to the building committee. The fire with the work.
2. Your committee be empowered to call the construction of the of the sanitary sewer location, across.
3. Your committee also be empowered to order for the construction large door on Queen.

The board of works follows:

1. That the sum of paid D. O. Johnson, local improvement down Park, in accordance with No. 3 attached City Engineer.
2. That a contract motor base and four for new 40 H. P. electric sewage pumping awarded to the Works Co. Limited, with their tender of for \$988.

In the list of accounts passed, was included from the Hurley Printing Co. 500 c. ters list.

"There have been that Ald. Hurley and together in awarding observed Mayor Mac on to deny the rum he had been out of the contract was let.

"If anyone is speaking about the printing, me to them," he urged printing had been among all the printing.

Ald. Chalcraft stated the Mayor's statement had been absent from the contract was let.

Ald. Harp, Baird were appointed a committee on the issuing of the creation of an newly formed ice corner Holmedale.

INVESTIGATE BY COURIER LEADER Washington, Dec. 9.—A joint Police committee will go to investigate the stories groups recently published today by John P. S. cago, president of the fish Department. T will sail within ten exact date. It was sent upon the appoint three Jewish commis

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