

HEALTH BOARD APPROVES RULE BY COMMISSION

First Civic Body To Pass By-law Gives Full Indorsement.

ONLY VOLUNTARY ACT

Point Made by City Clerk Secures Assent of Medical Officer.

The board of health on Tuesday afternoon passed the bylaw giving assent to the new commission government scheme. Chairman Seabrook will represent the board on the commission.

This is the first body to approve of the bylaw, and for a time it looked as if such approval would be made conditional, but City Clerk Baker did not think that this would be acceptable.

It was a minority meeting of the board. Mayor Wilson having left early, and Charles Mitchell, the other member, being ill.

Dr. W. S. Downham, medical officer of health, a member of the board by virtue of his office, said he could only approve the bylaw subject to the provisions of the provincial board of health.

This condition was laid down by the M. O. H. when he was informed that the commission would have control of all estimates, and that expenditure over the estimates could not be undertaken without the approval of the finance commissioner and the commission.

Position Different. Dr. Downham said that the position of the health board was different from that of any other body. If there was an epidemic, the money would have to be spent.

City Clerk Baker pointed out that the board was an appointed body, and the board was not responsible to the council could appoint a new board. Dr. Downham said that he was opposed to entering into an agreement and then turning round and breaking it; for this reason he could only give his approval subject to the board of health act.

"If you don't accept, I think I can say that the council will get another board. No sane man will block your estimates," said City Clerk Baker. Chairman Seabrook said that the provincial statute could not be overridden by a municipal enactment.

Only Voluntary Act. City Clerk Baker pointed out that the acceptance of the bylaw for the commission on the part of the different boards was only a voluntary act.

In explaining how the estimates were to be handled, the city clerk outlined a position that will mean a disappointment to a number of the members who are desirous of seeing

22 London Pullets Lay 1,136 Eggs in Three Months

THE high cost of eggs should have no terror for Thomas Howlett of 355 Oakland avenue. He has 22 Wyandotte pullets, and has kept a close record of their laying abilities. According to his report, the pullets rewarded him with 264 eggs in the month of December, 423 in January and 449 in February, a total of 1,136 eggs for the three months. At 50 cents a dozen, the eggs were approximately worth \$47.50.

HEALTH BOARD HAS ESTIMATES READY

Statement Contains Provision For Seven Salary Increases.

ELIMINATE \$1,000 GRANT

Proposed Expenditure Totals \$5,460 More Than in 1921.

The board of health is the first city body to get its estimates ready for submission to the new government commission, and it started the salary bill rolling with increases, totalling \$800. Three officials will be recommended for increases, though in the estimates as presented by Dr. Downham, M.O.H., seven increases were recommended. Dr. Downham \$500, R. H. Sanders, chief sanitary inspector, \$200, and Plumbing Inspector Young \$100, were the increases that are being recommended.

The board proposes to spend \$18,700 during the year. The plumbing inspector's receipts will be \$2,200, and the amount to be raised in the tax rate will be \$16,457. The amount placed in the 1921 estimates was \$13,240, and the cost of running the department in 1920 was \$15,434.

Salaries make up the major portion of the cost of running the department.

One item of importance that was dropped from the estimates after having been carried along for a couple of years was the \$1,000 grant to the Institute of Public Health. Chairman Seabrook asked who ran the institute. Dr. Downham said that it was maintained by the provincial government, and that the money was paid as a recognition of the benefit which the institute was to the city, same having been paid ever since Dr. Hill was M. O. H.

The chairman said that there was a complete atmosphere of retrenchment in the city, and he suggested that the item of \$1,000 be struck out. A recommendation that another tuberculosis nurse be secured was declined.

A vote of the people taken on the board of education program.

"The commission's ruling on the estimates will be final. All estimates including those of the council will be subject to the same scrutiny. The decision will be with the commission, and of course the council will strike the tax rate as it is the only body that can strike it," said the clerk. This will mean that the only chance the aldermen will have to move that a vote be taken on the board of education proposal to expenditure \$27,000, will be when a motion is presented to strike the tax rate for the year.

The minority meeting of the board finally approved of the bylaw.

During the discussion there were some interesting remarks on the tax rate for the coming year. Both the city clerk and Chairman Seabrook declared it was necessary that the rate should be under 35 mills. If it reached that mark the city would be no better off than last year with 40 mills, on account of the increase in the assessment.

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PREDICT GOOD BUSINESS YEAR

Members of London Advertising Club Optimistic Over Future Conditions.

OUTLOOK IMPROVING

T. H. Yull Submits Intelligence Test To Personnel of Organization.

The members of the Advertising and Sales Club of London listened to some very optimistic speeches regarding business conditions for the year 1922 at their meeting held Tuesday evening.

J. Clark, advertising manager of the McClary Manufacturing Company, in opening the meeting said that conditions throughout the country were improving, especially west of the Great Lakes.

"If an early spring comes so that the western farmer can get his seedling done as he would like to do it there will be a continued upward tendency to trade, but if the season is short and the farmers have to rush their seedling with a dry season it will probably turn out to be a poor crop, but by all the signs at the present time the west should be due for a good crop this year, and if a good crop then good trade because the stocks are low all over the country."

"I think that this year will see more printers' ink used for advertising than has been used for some years, because manufacturers feel that they must tell their story to the people."

"Salesmen are realizing more all the time that the advertising man is breaking the ground for him and is giving greater co-ordination than ever before."

Reports Debenture Increase. Speaking of the business conditions for the coming year, L. W. Spry of the Huron and Erie Mortgage Corporation, said that with the bad times last year they had had an increase of \$613,000 in their debenture department and \$256,000 in their savings department, and found that farmers in the west were eager to make their interest payments.

This year with business conditions much better than at this time last year they had every reason to look forward to a very good period.

J. C. Rait said that "this year is to be a year of better homes, and we are looking for an extremely busy season for the city at least."

"Last year was a time for bargains, and we advertised accordingly, but with nearly a million dollars worth of building in sight already we are anticipating a heavy trade."

Peter Glen gave instances of firms who had cancelled their outdoor advertising for last year, but who were now renewing their contracts for the year 1922.

"People are building more this year on account of the reduced cost of material, besides this there is a lot of real estate changing hands very rapidly just now, which all looks good from the business standpoint."

Referring to the proposed provincial bank which the farmers' government are contemplating, S. J. Adams declared "that if the provincial banks are going to bleed the various banks of the country of the savings of the public by paying a higher rate of interest it would mean that the banks would have to raise their interest rates accordingly, but that they would have to charge a higher rate on money loaned out for commercial purposes."

"It is only a political move of the farmer government to loan money to the farmers to whom the banks would not on account of the farmers' financial standing."

H. W. Donahue of the Hay Stationery Company said that business was much better than in the past year both in the west and in the east. This was rather surprising, because most of the goods sold now were for delivery next fall. "Business is here if we will go out and look for it," commented the speaker.

"London has the best story to tell of any city in Canada," was the message that H. B. Muir brought to the club. "Keep posted on the potential market at home and talk about it, the word of mouth is the best advertising medium that we have. As we tell it, so will we sell it."

Submits Intelligence Test.

T. H. Yull of the Federal Advertising Agency put the whole club through an intelligence test similar to what was tried on over a million United States soldiers and civilians during the war. The questions were printed on sheets of paper and a limited time allowed for answering. The problems were varied, including subjects such as arithmetic, history, comparisons, checking figures, etc.

The prizes will be given to the ones scoring the highest marks. The names of the winners will be announced at the next meeting of the club.

FORM 'KING'S OWN' ORDER

Boys of Talbot Street Church Organize for Bible Study.

An organization composed of boys of junior ages, to be known as the "Order of the King's Own," the purpose of which is to carry on missionary and Bible study, and projects of service, was formed Tuesday afternoon at Talbot Street Baptist Church by 25 boys.

The members of the new boys' club are all school boys, and will meet Tuesday of each week.

The officers of the club elected at the inaugural meeting are: Clifford Van Burskirk, president; Frank Bryant, vice-president; Hadley Tomlin, secretary; Gordon Benson, treasurer. The leaders in charge will be James McGill and Messrs. Bell and Holmes.

London Churches Mark Opening of Lenten Season By Special Services

The season of Lent commences today, Ash Wednesday. Special Lenten services were celebrated in the Anglican churches throughout the city this morning, that men might strengthen themselves against the coming forty days of self-denial. Years ago it was the custom for men to come to church to receive communion clothed in sackcloth and ashes. Hence is derived the term Ash Wednesday.

The spiritual significance of Lent is that men should deny themselves material pleasures, following the example of Jesus Christ, who fasted forty days in the wilderness at which time he was tempted of Satan. The custom of mortification of the flesh is not so widely followed as in the early days of the church when rigorous disciplining of the body was considered the essential part of the celebration. Self-denial entails the disciplining of the mind and subduing it to the will of God.

TO ASK GARBAGE TENDERS FOR YEAR

Special Committee Frame Recommendations For Submission to City Council.

EXPECT \$15,000 SAVING

Present Collection System To Be Followed in Detail.

Tenders for the collection of garbage for a one-year period, to begin April 1, will be the recommendation of the special garbage committee to the city council. The specifications of the tender are not ready yet, but will be prepared by Chairman Dr. Douglas, Ald. Judd and the engineer at another meeting of the committee on Friday night.

Dr. Douglas, who is fathering the contract proposal, states that he has been in touch with a contractor who will take a contract to duplicate the present service at a cost of \$15,000, below the cost to the city last year.

The method of disposing of the garbage, the handling of the incinerator and the heating of Victoria Hospital was a knotty point to get over and Col. Gartschore of the hospital trust, who was present on another matter, said that he was much concerned with the question. He said that the city had a valuable plant there.

The committee decided that it would turn the incinerator over to the contractor at a reasonable sum. He will be asked to retain the present engineer who looks after the hospital boilers and to pay a part of his salary. The hospital will continue to supply the coal.

The engineer's department will be relieved of all responsibility for the garbage collection, if the work is to be done by contract, and the supervision to see that the work is done right will come under the medical officer of health and his sanitary inspectors.

Dr. Douglas also pointed out that the city will have 65,000 superintendents as every ratepayer will watch the service.

The present system of collection is to be followed in detail. There will be penalties provided for failure of the contractor to give the required service. Furthermore, the contractor will have to put up a bond and he will always be about two weeks behind in drawing his monthly payments from the city.

EXPECT PROTESTS OVER WAGE CLAUSE OMISSION

Works Board Decides to Leave Remuneration of Garbage Collector to Contractor.

That the board of works may expect a general protest from the garbage collectors of the city over the decision not to insert a clause in the garbage collection tenders in regard to wages, was the consensus of opinion at the city hall.

As the proposal now stands it is intended to leave the matter of wages entirely in the hands of the successful tenderer.

The engineer will not put a tender in for the work. The committee said that it was a matter for the engineer's department, but the engineer says that this point is one that must be settled by the board of works.

It is also pointed out that the engineer cannot tender unless he knows something of the wages that are to be paid. A contractor could hire the men for the lowest wage possible, but do this as the members of the board of works would be the controlling body in the matter of wages.

CLAIMS ONLY 10 ROOMS ARE ACTUALLY NEEDED

Alderman Ashton Dividing 40 Into 100, Objects to \$637,000 Schools Cost.

Accepting the figures of School Inspector Greer as being absolutely correct, only ten rooms are required to provide the needed accommodation for pupils of the city, said Ald. John Ashton in discussing the school expenditure and added "surely it is not necessary to spend \$637,000 to get ten more rooms."

Mr. Ashton figures it out that the board wants accommodation for 400 more pupils. Mr. Greer says the number of pupils to a room should be 40.

"The board is unreasonable in asking for such an amount when only ten rooms are required," said the alderman. "I also notice that the board says it is living up to the government rule in regard to the number of children in a room. If that is the case, it is only rule that is being lived up to," he added.

Ald. Ashton said that the council wanted to play fair but could not see that the board was entitled to all it was asking.

WILL COMPLETE NEW HOTEL PLANS

Directors to Confer With Contractors At Meeting in City Friday.

CONCESSIONS IN DEMAND

Cost of Furnishings For Proposed Hotel Estimated At From \$300,000 to \$500,000.

With a view to completing the construction plans of the Lloyd George Hotel, Hon. Senator N. A. Belcourt, C. W. Baker and J. P. Anglin of the Anglican-Norcross Construction Company, are coming to London Friday, to confer with the London directors.

While the property which is occupied by the Merchants Bank on Richmond street cannot be secured until the merger of that institution by the Bank of Montreal has been completed, the officials of the hotel are assured that by the time that it is required they will have it in their possession.

Much of the excavation work can be proceeded with in the meantime, and it is this question that will be decided at the meeting to be held on Friday.

Already applications have been received for the various concessions that go to equip an up-to-date hotel. These applications will be turned over to the directors to be decided upon, but it is doubtful if anything definite will be done in the matter at present.

The applications already in for bat checking, flower shop, cigar stand, news stand, tea room, etc.

It is estimated that between \$300,000 and \$500,000 will be spent on the furnishings of the hotel, and as far as possible the preference will be given to local firms for such articles as furniture, crockery, silverware, linens, etc.

The personnel of the hotel will consist of about 150 employees, and as far as possible, London citizens will be employed, if competent to render the service which will be required of them, by the management of the hotel.

The matter of operating a garage in connection with the hotel is as yet undecided.

Town Topics.

A THOUGHT FOR TODAY

I will be glad and rejoice in Thy mercy; for Thou hast considered my trouble; Thou hast known my soul in adversities.—Psalm 31:7.

To love someone more dearly every day.

To help a wandering child to find the way.

To ponder over a noble deed and pray.

And smile when evening comes—This is my task.

—Maud Luise Ray.

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE Social Service Council of London will be held Thursday evening at 8 o'clock in the Chamber of Commerce rooms. Following the election of officers and the transaction of business, Rev. Peter Bryce, chairman of the mission, will read the report and director of child welfare for the social service council of Ontario. will give an address on the "International Aspect of Child Welfare."

IN CONNECTION with the church and community conference being held throughout the London Presbytery, there will be a mass meeting of London Presbyterians in New St. James Church Wednesday evening. The feature of the program will be an illustrated lecture by Dr. Wallace of Toronto, the forward movement secretary of the Presbyterian Church. Dr. Wallace will deal with work carried on by the Presbyterian Church, both in Canada and in foreign mission fields. Rev. James McKay of St. James' Church, will officiate as chairman.

REAL ESTATE transfers in London in February were 13 more than in January, despite the short month. The consideration for the February transfers was \$258,395, or \$3,890 above the January total. The largest deal put through in February was the sale of the old Conservatory of Music on Dundas street to Ivy Butler, who proposes to turn the structure into a rooming-house. Some years ago F. L. Willgoose purchased the property under an agreement for \$200,000. The vendor at that time was Emma Harwood. The price in the latest transfer was \$23,000.

REPORT SHIP IN DISTRESS.

Digby, N. S., March 1.—Unidentified steamer, deeply laden, is in distress about three miles from Tilverton, Bay of Fundy, according to a telephone message to Digby. Another large steamer, after standing by since daylight, left the scene at 10 o'clock and steamed toward Digby.

TELLS IDEALS OF BAHAI FAITH

Albert Vail Declares the Late Leader Was Incarnation of Christ Spirit.

HAD DRAMATIC CAREER

Abdul Baha Has Been Succeeded by Grandson, Shoghi Rabbani.

Speaking on "Some Aspects of the Bahai Revelation," under the auspices of the New Thought Society in De Leon Hall Tuesday night, Rev. Albert R. Vail of Chicago declared Abdul Baha, who was a man of singular personality in the East, and whose death occurred recently in Acca, Palestine, to be the incarnation of the Christ spirit on earth.

Mr. Vail further declared the Bahai message to be the "simple, unadorned gospel of Jesus, re-stated, revived and universally applied, free of incomprehensible dogmas and petrifying creeds."

The speaker, who was formerly a Unitarian minister, touched on the past renown and ancient glories of Persia, which nation, having attained the flower of her civilization, with illustrious poets and philosophers, bowed before the transcendent intellectual and spiritual power of Zoroaster. Socrates and Plato were named among his admirers. But the age of enlightenment and surpassing brilliance, said Mr. Vail, gradually passed away, to become submerged in the night of ignorance, prejudice and superstition.

It was in such an age, when the horizon was darker than night, when fanaticism and ignorance reigned in joint supremacy, that the bab began to proclaim the Bahai message as the "oneness of God, the brotherhood of man and the unity of all religions."

Imprisoned and Tortured. The bab was imprisoned, but the numerous tortures to which he was subjected by an infuriated priesthood, like a tiny flame upon which vast quantities of oil are poured, served but to better propagate his message and inflame the hearts of his auditors more. In his transfer from one prison to another by moonlight, because of his conversion of the jailers, eager seekers of the new truth waited the way to see him.

With the martyrdom of the bab in 1850, Baha Ullah, and later his son, Abdul Baha, finished the work of the bab.

In 1868, Abdul Baha, from his prison in Acca, sent to Queen Victoria a letter, in which he set forth his proposal for a universal court of arbitration, a universal language and an economic program, which advanced a theory of co-operative ownership.

Abdul Baha, during his life, displayed mediumistic powers, said Mr. Vail, in the healing of the sick, and grasped the purport of one's thought intuitively before word of mouth gave it utterance. He lived for 40 years in prison at Acca, which is north of Mount Carmel, but his serenity of soul and exaltation of spirit during that time corroborated the philosophy of the poet who sang:

"Stone walls do not a prison make,
Nor iron bars a cage."

Tells of Bahai Poetess.

Mr. Vail, during his address, related the story of a noble and checked career of a young Persian woman, Khatun-ul-An, a Bahai poetess, whose muse even in the gloom of prisons could not suppress. When the necessary material for writing her verses was not forthcoming, she wrote them with the juice of pomegranate on scraps of paper.

Once upon a time, present at the festivities of a wedding, which in the East is an occasion for the wildest abandon, she felt impelled to deliver her message of the emancipation of woman, universal peace and brotherhood before the assembly of merry revellers. The dancers ceased dancing and the musicians stopped playing to hear the strange words of this unique woman, who was later martyred.

The late Abdul Baha explained the "mystery" of the poetess, as the center of the Bahai movement, by his grandson, Shoghi Rabbani.

Dr. H. V. Caton presided at the meeting, which was fairly well attended. It was decided by the devotees of the Bahai faith present to organize study groups, which may later develop into a local Bahai assembly.

PLAN TO SECURE NOTED PAINTINGS

At a meeting of the art committee of the Western Fair Board, Tuesday afternoon, it was decided to make arrangements with American art galleries, particularly the Detroit art galleries, whereby a number of famous and outstanding paintings could be secured for the fair next fall.

There are indications now, it was brought out at the meeting, that through the stimulation of interest in art, engendered by the annual exhibition in London, this city has become one of the greatest markets of works of art in Canada.

The hand painted china exhibition will be large this year it is expected. The committee reports many exhibitors entered.

Last year, of the more noteworthy paintings at the art gallery was those of Paul Peel and efforts will be made to secure paintings of similar note from other artists of the same standing.

Among the galleries which will contribute this year will be the Canadian National art gallery, Ottawa.

Board of Health Plans To Prohibit Selling of Meat in Boxes

THE city bylaw regulating the sale of meat in the city is to be amended at the next meeting of the board of health.

It is proposed to prohibit the sale of boneless meat in boxes, and the onus of proof will be on the person in whose possession it is found in.

There is also a proposal afoot to make butchers who display meat on their front counters protect it from customers handling by a glass front. This will be gone into later.

GIVES RECITAL IN AID OF HOSPITAL

Harry T. Dickinson, Assisted by R. C. R. Band, Holds Concert in St. Paul's.

MRS. ED. WYATT SINGS

Program Commenced By Playing of Wedding March As Tribute to Princess.

Under the auspices of the Imperial Daughters of the Empire, a most successful organ recital was given in St. Paul's Cathedral by Harry T. Dickinson Tuesday night. On account of it being the wedding day of Princess Mary the program commenced with Mendelssohn's wedding march, whose strains are an inspiration of all that is sacred and beautiful in the marriage ceremony, and ended with the prelude and bridal chorus from Lohengrin.

Assisting Mr. Dickinson were Mrs. Edward Wyatt, and by the permission of Lieut.-Col. Hill, D.S.O., and officers, the Royal Canadian Regimental Band, conducted by Capt. Ryan.

Mrs. Wyatt's rich soprano voice was heard to advantage in her singing of Schubert's "Ave Maria" and Elgar's magnificent hymn, "Land of Hope and Glory."

The Royal Canadian Regimental Band is well known as a body of splendid musicians. Their rendition of Viviani's grand processional march was greatly appreciated. An ode by Tschalkowski was especially pleasing. Accompanied by the band, Sgt. Redell rendered a cornet solo of "The Lost Chord."

The proceeds of a silver collection made a substantial increase to Princess Mary's Gift Fund for the development of a lot in the War Memorial Children's Hospital in this city.

WORKS ACCOUNT SHOWS SURPLUS

The cost of street sweeping and oiling in London during 1921 cost \$46,111, and street cleaning \$7,424. These amounts will be charged to the property affected on the 1922 tax bills.

In both accounts, however, there is a surplus left over from the year previous, \$2,059 from street sweeping account and \$553.83 from the street cleaning account, and the 1922 charges for 1921 work will be reduced by that amount.

The cost of street cleaning will be 1 1/2 cents per foot to the ratepayers, their portion of the cost being \$5,053. The general city share is \$1,717.90. For street oiling the ratepayers must pay \$32,029, and the general rate \$11,303. The rate per foot for the different city zones will be from 3 to 19 cents a foot, advancing 2 cents a foot for each zone.

THE BOARD OF HEALTH decided to recommend to the council that two small sewers be laid, Horton street residents, Maitland to Hamilton road, want a sewer. One ratepayer, C. Hoskins, is connected with the Horton road sewer, and is without a sewer. His petition is sufficiently signed as to assessment, but not as to numbers, as the London Railway Commission, which holds the other property, would not sign. Cromwell street, 210 feet west of Waterloo street, was the other sewer. Two of five ratepayers signed for the sewer.

THE cost will be estimated and if the petition is sufficiently signed, the ratepayers will be notified of the cost per foot before the work is gone on with.

"We don't want you coming back here asking that part of the cost be taken off," said Mayor Wilson.

Want Breakwater.

Raymond Smith, J. B. Charlton and others from Front street, presented their annual request for a breakwater. The flood of last Thursday frightened them. This year their request was in a little different form. They stated that they did not intend to go on suffering losses without restitution. They also laid some of the blame for their losses on the city, claiming that the dumping of cinders on the north side of the river was forcing the stream over on to their property, while cinders dumped on to the ice in the winter were carried to the middle of the river in tons and dumped there.

Mr. Smith stated that several of the residents were willing to give some of the land necessary for a breakwater, but that they did not feel that it would be worth the cost.

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CITIZENS ASK MANY LOCAL IMPROVEMENTS

Residents of Many Sections Make Demands On Board of Works.

REQUEST BREAKWATER

Deputation Urges Committee To Pave Wellington Street.

Thousands of dollars worth of improvements were demanded of the board of works by various deputations on Tuesday night, and these coupled with demands for cuts in the cost of work already done, gave the committee an interesting time.

Most of the demands arise out of flooding, following the recent break-up. The complaints came thick and fast and finally Ald. Douglass remarked that the council