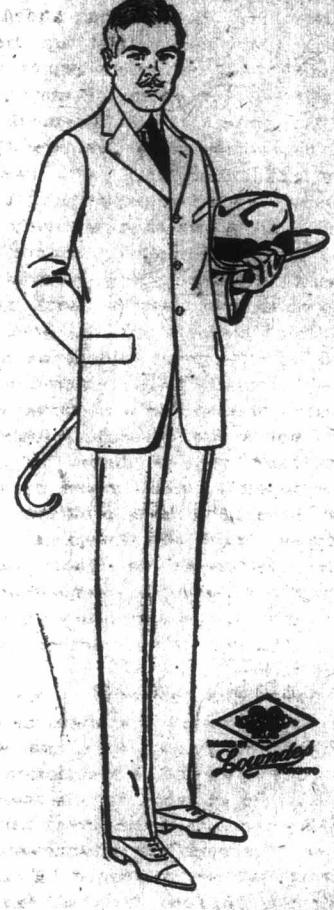


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PAVEMENT PETITION NOT IN LEGAL FORM

So City Council Could not Deal With It - New Petition for Asphaltic Concrete to be Ready for Adjoining Meeting on Monday Night - Mayor Ketcheson and Ald. Parks Engage in a Tilt - Ald. Whelan Replies to Rumor, Voiced by Ald. Parks.

As Bridge Street West asphaltic concrete pavement petition was not in proper legal form, the City Council could not deal with it last evening and after a great deal of discussion adjourned again until Monday night, by which time it is hoped to have a new petition ready for presentation. Quite a number of ratepayers were present. Ald. Platt in the chair in committee read the petition. Ald. Woodley thought it would have been better if a price had not been mentioned. Who has authority for this quotation? Ald. Parks—"To save time I would ask you to have Mr. Driscoll explain what is meant by 48 cents per lineal foot. Tarvia is the dirtiest thing in pavement." "You're a liar, sir, right from the word go," said Mayor Ketcheson in reply to Ald. Parks' statement that he (the mayor) had tried to get ratepayers of Bridge Street West on Saturday last to sign a petition for tarvia and that he had refused to sign Bridge Street East petition for St. Thomas' Church. "Ald. Parks has made several statements that are false." The petition as it stands is not in order. It asks 48 cents per running foot in 15 annual instalments or 3-1/2 cents per foot. This is not what was meant. He did not care what kind of pavement Bridge Street West had. Ald. Robinson—"The language does not say what it means." Ald. Platt—"It is ambiguous." Ald. Parks suggested that the matter be dealt with subject to the revising of the petition. Ald. Woodley—"I'm out to block no pavement except macadam. I'm here to support any pavement you want if the petition is right." Ald. Whelan—"I think there have been some misrepresentations in connection with the petition. I'm willing to give any kind of pavement." Ald. Parks replied to this. All who signed the petition read the letter he had published. Ald. Robinson—"I think it very unfortunate that Ald. Parks had not had put in the price per square yard. I believe Ald. Parks has acted in good faith in the matter, but I think the petition is ambiguous. It will have to be presented to the ratepayers again. There is no use of us trying to, both if here. It would only delay matters until Monday night.

cents interest in tarvia. Any citizen can buy either. Will you be kind enough to tell me who told you, Alderman Parks?" Ald. Parks—"I was not born yesterday." Ald. Whelan—"Perhaps you may tell." Ald. Platt—"Can Ridley Avenue residents get water service if they pay the difference?" Ald. Platt criticized waterworks men for just going over the street and looking around and reporting without investigating beneath the surface. Ald. Robinson—"Are the teams busy on the streets?" Ald. Whelan—"Sometimes. Some are working at Zwick's Island, putting gravel on the bay bridge road and so forth." Ald. Platt—"The sewer has been plugged up leading from a Catherine Street premises to the Catherine St. sewer." Mayor—"He had told the resident that the city would open the sewer. If the trouble were found on city property, the city would pay it; otherwise the property owner." Ald. Parks wanted to know why the streets were not swept before being oiled. Ald. Whelan—"The streets that have been oiled have all been swept." Ald. Platt moved that a report be brought in from the manager of the waterworks as to whether it is possible to give water to the residents on Ridley Avenue, and that this report be presented on Monday night.

Reports of Deputations Ald. Platt reported on behalf of the special committee on garbage wagons and dump wagons. This committee visited Toronto incinerator plant. The garbage cart of which Ald. Parks has the blueprints seemed to the committee most suited for the local needs. Ald. Parks said Toronto would allow Belleville to build similar wagons on their plans. Ald. Whelan said he had ordered four new dump wagons. These four cost less than three other wagons. They were bought at less than actual cost of manufacture. Ald. Parks explained why he did not meet the committee in Toronto. He was glad the best wagon had been bought. Ald. Robinson reported on the tarvia deputation trip to Picton. Mayor Headlip of that town explained the paving situation there. The tarvia payment was a fine one. It had been down seven years. "I think it well to put down a pavement that will last 20 or 25 years, especially when the ratepayers pay for it. A cheaper pavement will have to be repaired at the general expense." Ald. Whelan told of tarvia in Montreal that was down for ten years and was still all right. Ald. Parks spoke against tarvia. On Monday, at Ottawa, tarvia boiled out of the pavements and was tracked into the buildings. Mayor Ketcheson said that during 8 years not \$20 was spent in repairs on Picton tarvia pavement. They were still going to put down more tarvia. Mayor Ketcheson, Aldermen Robinson, Woodley, Whelan, Parks, Platt, Marshall, and St. Charles composed the Council.

SUCCESSFUL PUPILS

The following list contains the names of all the candidates of Hastings County who have passed on one or more parts of the Upper School examination for entrance into the faculties of education at the University of Toronto and Queen's University, Kingston. The examination passed is indicated after each name: H. M. Barlow (Pt. I.), J. W. Bateman (Pt. II.), M. Chute (Pt. II.), F. Danford (Pt. II. honors), G. S. Elliott (Pt. II.), N. K. Embury (Pt. II.), L. Jessup (Pt. I.), M. M. McLellan (Pt. II.), T. R. McEwen (Pt. II. with Physics), M. Parks (Pt. II.), A. J. Rose (Pt. I.), O. R. Russell (Pt. II.), E. K. Swetman (Pt. II.), B. M. Thompson (Pt. I.), E. A. Tuttle (Pt. I. honors), R. S. Welsh (Pt. I. honors), M. Weatherill (Pt. II.).

FINE FIELD OF WHEAT

On Thursday of this week, a beautiful field of fall wheat was cut on the farm of Lt.-Col. W. N. Ponton, just south of the Trent road. The entire field was remarkably uniform in growth and height, no winter killed spots having appeared. The stalks were all fitted out with long, heavy heads and the kernels of grain were particularly large and plump. This fine field of wheat will go a considerable distance towards helping Britain to maintain her armies in the field, for without food, armies cannot fight.



REPRISALS Editor Ontario, - A few days ago, you published a letter written by me advocating reprisals of the same nature as the German raids on England. Since that time, the British government has decided to adopt reprisals. Below I give you an article, written by Henry Dalley, and I need not say, I heartily concur with his views. Dreadful as it may seem, the blood and iron policy must be used, to teach these German murderers, that they will get the worst of it, if they continue gratifying their blood lust by their raids. J. J. B. Flint.

Mr. Samuel Samuels, M.P., announces that the British government will adopt a policy of reprisals for German air raids. The necessity for this action is most regrettable and will no doubt wake some criticism from sentimentalists. I confess that I have had the impression that for Great Britain to drop bombs upon German towns would be to reduce Britons to the moral level of Germans, but I am no longer of that opinion. The persistence of the German air raids in spite of the fact that they have no military effect, except to strengthen the determination of the British people to fight until Germany is beaten to the dust; and can scarcely be assumed to have any military object, creates a strong impression that the murderous raids are intended simply for the gratification of German civilians and to encourage their hopes, if German civilians really delight in these savage raids there can be no impropriety in giving them a dose of their own medicine. If they really enjoy the boasting of the raiders, who manage to get back to the Fatherland, about the homes they have wrecked and the non-combatants they have slaughtered, give them a chance to see for themselves what this kind of thing is like.

Reprisals will bring the war home to the German people as nothing else will do. Great Britain is already much stronger than Germany in aircraft and in a few weeks time her superiority promises to be overwhelming. The right place for British aircraft to fight German raiders is not on the East coast of England, but in Germany, if possible in Berlin rather than in London. The destruction of a few towns in South Germany would strike terror to the heart of Prussia and would end once for all the stupid bragging of Berlin about Great Britain being beaten now and yearning for peace. So long as the war is not carried into Germany, Germans will be found to believe that the Kaiser is supreme throughout the world. Not even the hardships imposed upon them by the blockade will convince them that Germany does not in some mysterious way rule the waves.

That the British military authorities will not make the mistake of weakening the air corps at the front in order to make reprisals in Germany we already have Lloyd George's assurance. Pending the arrival of the American aerial contingent obviously the right thing to do is to use our own aircraft where they will be most effective for military purposes, bringing the war into Germany may help to keep the German airman away from the front and from the east coast also.

CHEESE MARKETS

Brockville, July 28.—At today's Cheese Board meeting the following were boarded: White, 3,765; Colored, 710. All sold at 20% c.

CASUALTIES

Killed in Action—G. L. Chatterton, Colborne. Died—Driver J. Lowe, Belleville. Wounded—L. Cpl. L. E. Spriggs, Kingston. 1,000 MEN FOR BERMUDA Kingston July 28.—A report comes from Petawawa Camp that a thousand men from that place may be sent to Bermuda.

LETTER FROM A BANDSMAN OF THE 254th BATTALION

6th Reserve Batt., England, July 12th, 1917. Dear Ruth and all: We have just come off pass from London and we surely saw some great sights. We were gone for six days; left on the 6th. On our way to London we stopped at a station and saw a bunch of prisoners just from the front. Some of them didn't look to be over 15 years old, and they looked as if they were glad they were captured. There was one officer among them. He was a smart looking fellow.

We landed in London about 5 in the morning and went to what they call the Maple Leaf Club, a gift to the Canadian soldiers from the King and Queen for visiting soldiers. We stayed there while in London; spent most of the first day getting enough to eat. On the 7th was the big air raid which you will read of in the papers long before you get this. O Ruth, it was some experience. I was just having a shave when I heard explosions. I ran to the window and looked out and the sky seemed to be alive with German airplanes dropping bombs all over. The aircraft guns and their bombs make a terrific noise but they didn't stay long. Our airman went after them and away they went, but not as many went back to Germany as came over.

If some of the slackers there saw what we did in that raid, maybe they would think about the war once in a while. Maybe you wonder why I don't tell more about these things, but it would be censored so we have to be careful. Maybe they will scratch out this. I went down to the parliament buildings and through Westminster Abbey. That is where all the great men of Britain are buried and there are monuments for all of them. The Abbey is hundreds of years old and it was very interesting to me as I have read so much about English history.

On the 8th I went down into the slums of London. You see all kinds of people down there and the streets are so narrow you can hardly move. Both sides of the streets were lined with people selling all kinds of stuff. I will send you some cards so you can see how thick the people are down there. I also went to St. Paul's Cathedral and it was the finest I ever witnessed. It was Sunday and service was on. The choir was all small boys and the great organ was the best I ever heard. Also went to the Zoo Gardens in the afternoon. Any animal or bird in the world you can find there. On the 9th I went to the King's palace and saw them change guards and heard the famous Welsh Guards Band which was the best I ever heard. On the 10th I went to the Wax Works, which was surely grand. All sorts of crimes that have been done and different ways of putting people to death all in wax and so natural that they look alive. Anything you want to see is there in wax.

You can go all over London underground. All that can get down in there when the air raids are on. I haven't got any letters yet but should get one any day now. None of they boys have any letters in answer to any they wrote from here. If we had not been in London on pass we would have been in France now, but we expect to go on next draft which no doubt will be in a few days. I wonder what they will say about us now in Belleville. We are going to reinforce the 21st Battalion, so we will meet lots we know. Where we are now we meet boys we know all the time.

We will have plenty to do over there. I met a bandsman in London who was over and he says they have no time to spare. We certainly have to work here. I hardly get time to write. We surely are soldiers now. Well, I will drop you a line before we go over. Remember me to all I will close now, hoping I will get a letter from you before long and that you are all well, as this leaves us all. God bless you all and good-bye for now with love to all from Wes.

636540, W. O. Weymark, 6th Reserve Batt., Army P. O., London Eng.

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