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FINANCIAL PROBLEMS FACING THE CITY

Public Works May Not Be Restricted—Paving Co. May Accept City's Bonds—Letter From City's Banker—The Housing Bylaw Considered at Special Meeting of Council.

Financial questions were discussed at a special meeting of the City Council on Monday afternoon. For a time it looked as if the city would have to cut out all improvements other than those already contracted for. Finally the matter was laid over until next Monday.

The following letter from the city's banker, Mr. Robert Tannahill, was read:

Mr. Jameson Bone,
Chairman of Finance Committee,
Belleville, Ont.

Dear Mr. Bone,—Referring to the city's application of 25th May for special loans till debentures can be sold of \$280,000 for cost of street paving and sewers and of \$100,000 for the cost of a new public school, as you are aware there is at the present time a world-wide restriction of credit and consequently the absorbing power of the public for investment in municipal securities is diminished and it is to be anticipated that during the coming months prospective borrowing municipalities will find difficulty in finding a market for these securities.

Under these circumstances the city authorities would be well advised to reconsider the proposed expenditure of \$380,000 for local improvement and a school before undertaking the work involved. Please let me know if I can assure the bank that the date of the completion of the works contemplated is defined and that satisfactory financial arrangements have been made with responsible brokers to dispose of the debentures to be issued as soon as possible, and that the city will be prepared to accept the prevailing market price for such securities when issued.

If any debentures can be issued either in connection with finished improvements or work to be undertaken, it would be wise to sell them now rather than wait. In any case I trust that the city officials will recognize that the work to be undertaken should be on a more conservative basis than indicated by the credit applied for.

Would you please let me know which of the particular improvements that are contemplated have actually been commenced and also let me have a short report on the urgency for doing the portions of the work this year which it is thought should not be postponed.

Yours truly,
(Sgd.) R. Tannahill,
Manager Montreal Bank.

Ald. Bone sent the following reply:

May 28, 1920.
Robert Tannahill, Esq.,
Manager Bank of Montreal, City.

Dear Mr. Tannahill.—Your letter of 27th inst. received which fortunately was in time for discussion at meeting of the council last night and in accordance with your request it was decided that we should cut down wherever possible the public works that we have undertaken.

We therefore decided to stop the new pavements except Murney's Hill and Catherine street, which parts of the city require immediate attention and are not expensive matters. We have decided to discontinue the proposed asphaltic concrete pavements on East Bridge St., John St., Ann St. and Charles St., which will reduce our requirements by about \$160,000. We discussed regarding sewer but we have had so much pressure from the Grand Trunk Railway people that we are inclined to think this trunk sewer must be laid this year. As you are aware the Grand Trunk people form about one quarter of the population of the city.

In the matter of the public school \$100,000 this has been deferred for

Scott, W. R., McCreary, S. Masson, K.C.; Mr. Davis of the Standard Paving Co., W. B. Deacon.

The problems discussed at the meeting will be taken up at the adjourned meeting of the council next Monday night.

Morning Dispatches

BUDGET LIKELY TO BE CLOSED TOMORROW NIGHT.

OTTAWA, June 1.—Government is likely to close off Budget tomorrow night. Forty-four members are still to be heard from.

FOREST FIRES SWEEPING ON UNCHECKED.

HALIFAX, June 1.—Forest fires are sweeping on unchecked. River-Herbert, Two Rivers, Shulee, San River and Maccan in Cumberland County are all in eminent danger.

WILLIAM GILCHRIST MURDERED AT PENETANGUISHENE.

MIDLAND, June 1.—William Gilchrist, guard at Government hospital at Penetanguishene was murdered while in charge of a small gang of inmates.

HASSAN'S MURDER BLAMED ON UNKNOWN PERSONS.

TORONTO, June 1.—An open verdict in Hassan inquest, coroners' jury blames his murder on persons unknown.

27 BODIES RECOVERED FROM RIVER LUD.

LOUTH, June 1.—Twenty-seven bodies recovered from River Lud. Many more are missing.

RACE.

INDIANAPOLIS, June 1.—Chevrolet wins five hundred mile race. Thrills and spills galore.

Warrants to Apprehend Witnesses

Warrants to apprehend two witnesses were issued by Judge Deroche on Saturday in the case of George Taylor, a barber of this city, and Arthur Adjan, on the request of Crown Attorney Carnew. These witnesses are believed to be essential and material witnesses in the case of the King vs. Frank Wilson, jr., in a charge of stealing a cheque from the Armouries. They had been duly served by Sheriff Morrison and when the prosecution's case was partially over, and the two were called, they did not respond. This necessitated an enlargement until Friday of this week. Adjan has already been apprehended and is in the care of the Sheriff. Taylor's whereabouts are not known, but it is expected he will be located shortly. Rarely if ever has the court taken this step to secure witnesses' attendance, and it is felt that often witnesses take the summons too lightly.

Establish an Incinerator?

Committee Will Report to Council on Feasibility—Deputation on Pinnacle Street.

At the City Council last night Ald. Ponton moved, seconded by Ald. Bone that a committee composed of Ald. Doyle, Hanna and DeMarsh be appointed to investigate the establishing and erecting of a civic incinerator for the disposal of all garbage and report to the council the result of such investigation. The resolution was adopted.

Pinnacle St. Deputation

The following motion was also carried: Moved by Ald. Ponton, seconded by Ald. Adams that a committee composed of the Mayor, Aldermen Bone and Hanna wait upon the Vice-President of the G.T.R. at Montreal tomorrow, Tuesday, June 1st, in accordance with appointments made for the purpose of arriving at a definite decision regarding the railway tracks on Pinnacle street.

How Many Houses?

Ald. Woodley moved, seconded by Ald. Hanna that all persons desirous of building houses under the Housing Act be requested to give their names to the city clerk not later than Monday, June 7th. Carried.

W. Rutan Gets Contract

Ald. Demarsh moved that the tender of Mr. W. Rutan for laying water sewer from the gas house to the bay on Church street at \$2,250 with \$100 extra for a catch basin be accepted and that the Pinnacle street part of this be deducted from his contract.—Carried.

Recommendations were adopted as follows:

That the request of the G.W.V.A. to place a booth at the corner of Bridge and Front streets for the purpose of selling tickets be granted.

Memorial Park Complaint

A complaint was made by Mr. Gulliver as to the stench from the dumping ground at the corner of Campbell Road and Station street. The trouble is caused by flies.

Ald. Hanna said the conditions

All Plans Completed for Grand Parade Thursday June 3

The Great War Veterans' Association have completed their plans for the Grand Parade to be held on Thursday morning, commencing from the Market Square at 10.30 a.m. Major R. D. Ponton, Chairman of the Parade Committee, submitted his report at a meeting last night, and everything is in readiness for the best parade Belleville has ever witnessed. The order of the parade will be as follows:

Marshall, J. J. B. Flint, City Council,
Directors Chamber of Commerce and Board of Education,
Police Force,
G.W.V.A. Band,
Canadian Nursing Sisters,
Veterans—Past and Present,
Sir Sam Hughes and Past Commanding Officers 15th Regiment, A.L.I.; M.P.'s and M.P.P.'s,
Argyll Light Infantry,
High School and Public School Cadet Corps,
Boy Scouts,
Albert College Students,
Ontario School for the Deaf,
Ontario Business College,
Belleville High School,
Queen Mary School,
Queen Victoria School,
Queen Alexandra School,
St. Michael's Academy,
Florets,
Decorated Autos,
Clowns,
Belleville Fire Department.

The only thing required now to make the procession and parade a success is the co-operation of the citizens. Let every person decorate their stores and dwellings and enter into the spirit of the day. The procession will wind up at Riverside Park, where the ceremony of turning the first sod will be performed by Sir Sam Hughes. The school children will sing, led by the famous G.W.V.A. Band.

All citizens are invited to attend this ceremony.

Behind the Scenes

That tenders be called for the construction of a sanitary trunk sewer on Station street from Pinnacle street to Bettes street.

That the estimates of the chairman of the committee of \$5,000 for repairs to the City Hall and Police Station be appraised of and the work go on at once.

That the proposition of the Grand Trunk Railway re the matter of the city planting trees and shrubbery and looking after a park after the railway has put it in condition be accepted.

That a committee composed of Mayor Riggs, Alderman Ponton and Ostrom be a committee to act in conjunction with the Chamber of Commerce and municipalities interested to negotiate with a view to definitely purchasing the bay bridge and that Warden Sills be asked to join in the negotiation representing the County of Hastings.

That Mayor Riggs and Alderman Bone telegraph Mr. Robb, vice-president of the Grand Trunk railway regarding the company's decision on meeting the council's wishes as to moving the Pinnacle street track to the centre of the street and report the result to the city council promptly as the paving company objects to assuming responsibility for the present condition of that street.

That a housing commission under the New Housing Act be formed and that a bylaw be drawn up appointing Mayor Riggs, H. W. Ackerman, E. P. Frederick as members of such commission and that this urgent matter receive immediate attention.

That 1,000 copies of 1920 assessment be ordered by the City Clerk from the printers to be paper bound.

That the salary of the Medical Health officer be increased to \$600 per year and that the salary of the Sanitary Inspector be increased to \$1,200 per year, to date from June.

Debate Over Trees.

Ald. Ponton opposed the cutting down of trees on West Bridge street, and the City Council striking the engineer authority to remove those that would interfere with the pavement.

Ald. Woodley said there was only one tree, and that was requested by Mr. Frederick and Mr. Wiseman.

"I gave that tree to several different people," said Ald. Woodley, "but when they saw the magnitude of the job, they gave up." Nobody wanted it.

Mayor Riggs opposed the cutting down of trees wholesale.

The recommendation carried.

The following recommendation was then discussed.—That the lot adjoining the Imperial Oil Company property on the water front on lot measuring 65x110 be sold to the company at a price to be agreed upon.

Mr. Nelson, of the Imperial Oil Co. offered \$2,500 for a lot adjoining their land. A new crib work would be necessary costing \$1,500 extra.

The council offered the lot to the company at \$5,000, the offer to be open for a week.

The council decided to accept the invitation of the G.W.V.A. to take part in the King's birthday demonstration.

Ex-Mayor F. S. Wallbridge wrote council urging that no material be taken from the streets now being paved until the boulevards are in shape. He urged the council to ask the Paving Co. to put the boulevards in shape, if that is their duty. The letter was referred to the engineer.

Want More Trophies.

Ald. Bone moved that the G. W. V. A. be requested to ask for two guns in addition to the four here on the way here.

Ald. Bone said that Murney's Hill had been left in its present shape as the West Bridge street residents petitioned against the council's action. The Ontario Municipal and Railway Board have now decided in favor of the council's amended action.

Petitions for watering and sidewalks were read and referred. A petition for paving Hillside street from Moira street to Holloway street was insufficiently signed.

Mr. R. L. Zuleit addressed the council, urging improvement of the sidewalk in front of his place of business. The matter was referred.

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should be improved.

Ald. Bone thought it time the police were supplied with a car.

Mayor Riggs said the car had arrived.

Ald. Bone referred to Chief Newton's forty years of service as a police officer.

Ald. Adams pointed out that he understood the fees for the fair grounds for baseball were 10% of the gate receipts, but 20% had been levied on the gate for the last game.

Ald. DeMarsh said the percentage was to be 20% until \$400 was reached, when the collection would cease.

Coleman Ward Sewers

Ald. Hanna told Ald. Woodley that the engineer was working on plans for sewers to accommodate the new public school in Coleman ward.

A bylaw was passed authorizing the construction of an asphaltic macadam roadway on Bridge street from James street to Octavia street.

Council adjourned until next Monday night to consider some financial questions.

Satisfactory Arrangement

Mayor Riggs So Wires From Montreal Re Pinnacle Street Track

This afternoon a message was received from Montreal, from Mayor Riggs, who left at midnight with Aldermen Bone and Hanna, to meet Vice-President W. D. Robb of the G.T.R. as to the moving of the Pinnacle street track. The message says:

Montreal, Que., June 1.
Wilfred Holmes, City Clerk,
Belleville.

Call meeting City Council 8 p.m. Wednesday, Everything satisfactory.
W. B. Riggs.

Bolsheviki Open Trading Office in London

LONDON, June 1.—Russian Bolshevik forces fighting against the Poles and Ukrainians in Tarashtcha region, south of Kiev, have retreated to a new position after fighting with superior enemy forces, says an official statement issued in Moscow yesterday and received here by wireless. Several villages in the neighborhood of Moldechno, northwest of Minsk, which were abandoned by Soviet troops on Saturday, have been re-occupied after heavy fighting.

The statement says: "In this sector the battle continues in Zhlots in the Mozir district. In the centre of the active front fighting continues near the railroad running west from Retchitsa and is favorable to the Bolsheviks, the statement declares.

Bolsheviki Retreats Before the Poles

LONDON, June 1.—As the first result of yesterday's meeting of Gregory Krassin, Russian Bolshevik Minister of Trade and Commerce, with Premier Lloyd George and members of the British Cabinet, the Bolshevik Government has been granted permission to open immediately a central trading office in London, according to the Evening Standard.

Mr. Walmsley's Appeal Null

City Solicitor Gives Reasons For His Opinion on Assessment Appeal.

City Solicitor S. Masson, K.C., gives it as his opinion that Mr. J. E. Walmsley's appeal against the 1920 assessment was a nullity. His view is as follows:

J. Wilfred Holmes, Esq.,
City Clerk, Belleville.

Dear Sir,—

In my opinion Mr. Walmsley's appeal is a nullity. It does not comply with section 69 of the Assessment Act, Chap. 195 R.O.S. 1914, subsections 3, 4, 5, 6, 7. Under section 3, when a municipal elector thinks a person has been assessed too low or too high or has been wrongfully inserted in or omitted from the roll, he may within a time, limited by preceding section, give notice in writing to the clerk of the municipality and the clerk shall give notice to such person and to the assessor of the time when and the matter will be tried by the court of revision.

Mr. Walmsley does not give the name of any person. He simply states that he appeals against the assessment of the city of Belleville for the year 1920, assessment too high.

Sub-section 5 says no alteration shall be made in the roll unless under a complaint formerly made according to the above provisions.

Sub-section 6 defines your duties as to entering the appeals.

Sub-section 7 gives the form of the last so on the whole I am satisfied that Mr. Walmsley's appeal is a nullity.

Yours truly,
(Sgd.) S. Masson.

Was Struck By Steam Shovel

Mr. George Whalen Injured on Grier Street Hill

Mr. George Whalen of this city, while working at the cutting of Grier street hill, under direction of the Public Works Department, was the victim of a painful, but fortunately not serious accident this morning. He was struck by a steam shovel on the head, which was cut. Mr. Whalen was taken in the ambulance to the hospital and his wounds were attended to.

20 Day Armistice With the Turks

LONDON, June 1.—Turkish nationalist forces and superior commander of French troops occupying Cilicia Asia Minor, have concluded a twenty-day armistice which at its expiration may be renewed, according to a Constantinople despatch to the Telegraph Company.

Partition of Ireland Is Condemned

LONDON, June 1.—The partition of Ireland under the terms of the new home rule bill is condemned on commercial and financial grounds in a report prepared by the special committee appointed by the Dublin Chamber of Commerce to examine the home rule measure, says a Times despatch from Dublin. The report which will be submitted today also denounces the establishment of a second judiciary and adversely criticizes the scheme in many particulars.

Junior Baseball

The "Y" defeated the Tigers in last night's game by the score of 7 to 4. The game was a very good one the score being two-two up to the fifth innings. In the fifth the "Y" let loose and ran in five runs. The game was called at the end of the fifth on account of darkness.

Yeomans and Kerr, the "Y" battery, were in their usual form. Yeomans pitched a splendid game, and Kerr's work behind the plate was the real thing. As a catcher, Alec is a whole. The battery for the Tigers was Cummings and Ashley. Cummings was not as successful in last night's game as he was in the first game with the "Y", but his work in the box last night was very good. Ashley as catcher is a credit to any team, and we will hear more from him before the end of the season.

The teams:

"Y"—Kerr, Yeomans, Leigh Jeffrey, Anderson, Bongard, Harns, Cole, Allen and Hart.

Tigers—Ashley, Cummings, Stork, R. Holloway, Lowe, G. Stork, Buskard, Anderson and Morris.

Umpire—Ed. Thomas.

The League's standing now is:

Won	Lost
Tigers	1
Red Sox	2
Y. M. C. A.	3

Yours truly,
(Sgd.) S. Masson.