

CITY FATHERS BADLY TWISTED.

Made a Mess of Last Night's
Council Meeting.

STROUD'S OFFER ACCEPTED

For a Right of Way for Birch Avenue
Sewer, But no Progress Made
Towards Getting the New Cement
Sidewalk Work Under Way.

Like a rudderless ship in mid-ocean, and manned by land-lubbers, the Hamilton City Council floundered around for over two hours last night and finally swamped. A more pitiable exhibition on the part of men who are supposed to be competent to run the affairs of a big city was probably never seen. The main cause of the trouble was that Mayor Teetzel, the helmsman of the municipal ship, was called away at an early stage of the proceedings to take part, in his official capacity, in a semi-public function. Ald. Hobson was elected to the chair for the balance of the evening, and from that time until the meeting broke up for want of a quorum a few minutes before 10 o'clock, confusion reigned supreme. When the City Solicitor and Assistant City Clerk were not engaged trying to undo the tangles into which the members had got themselves, the aldermen were principally occupied making random speeches, frequently confessing that they didn't know what to do or how to vote, making harangues on one side of a question and voting on the other, or doing other things as ridiculous. The spectacle was presented of one alderman moving a resolution and explaining that what he meant by it was not what he had written, while the second of the same resolution didn't know that the motion was the opposite from what he intended. Yet this was a sweeping resolution involving, if not put right in the future, many thousands of dollars. The aldermen who really knew what they wanted to do were in the minority. A master hand like that of Mayor Teetzel could easily have guided affairs aright. Ald. Dixon and Walker withdrew before the middle came. As a result the main object of the meeting—getting the proposed cement sidewalks under way—was not accomplished.

At the hour set for beginning the meeting, 7:30 o'clock, there were not enough members present to start, but at 7:45 Mayor Teetzel took the chair, and Ald. Evans, Reid, Dunlop, Hobson, Findlay, Nicholson, Hurd, Kerr, Nelligan, Walker, McFadden, Hill, Pettigrew, Dixon and Fearnside took their places. Ald. TenEyck arrived a little later.

Stroud Gets \$800.

The report of the Sewers Committee, recommending as follows, was first taken up:

That George Stroud be offered, without prejudice, the sum of \$800 in full settlement for right of way through his property for the Birch Avenue sewer. Mr. Stroud not to have any right or privilege of connecting with the sewer.

Ald. Nicholson said he preferred arbitration to the payment of \$800 to Mr. Stroud as a means of settling the dispute.

Ald. Dixon agreed that the price, \$800, in his mind, was excessive, and favored arbitration, especially if one arbitrator only would be required. Chairman Nelligan presented a statement from the City Treasurer showing that the arbitration in the Lavry case had cost the city \$3,200.

City Solicitor MacKean corrected the Chairman's figures. The amount named, he said, included two cases; not only the Lavry case. The arbitrators awarded Mr. Lavry \$1,295 out of which he had to pay over \$265 to put the land into shape again, which amount the city would have paid had there been no dispute over the affair. Mr. Lavry actually got \$1,030, and the arbitration costs amounted to about \$600. The reason for so large an award was that the Lavry land was in a high state of cultivation and was destroyed for that purpose for years. There were three arbitrators in the Lavry case. In the Stroud case, there was no such reason for a high award.

Ald. Reid had pointed out that Mr. Stroud had put up a claim that he was going to put in large vaults, and the construction of the sewer would destroy the property for that purpose, which would make a special reason for a high award in the Stroud case.

Ald. Hill figured that even allowing \$260 from the work, the city would have to do, the Lavry case cost the city \$1,750. Mr. Lavry could have been settled with for \$1,500, so the city lost out at its rate.

Ald. Findlay said the Treasurer's figures in the Lavry case were \$1,295 award, \$602 for costs and \$550 for MacKean, Gibson & Gausby's costs, making about \$2,550. He believed he would be better to pay Mr. Stroud \$800 than to risk arbitration.

Ald. Nicholson moved that the clause in the report be struck out, and that the committee be instructed to arbitrate. After some hesitation Ald. Dunlop seconded the motion, but only three two and Ald. Dixon voted for it and the report carried.

At the suggestion of Ald. McFadden the Sewers Committee's recommendation that a pipe sewer be laid on Hughson street, between Brock and Wood, was referred back.

Stewart's Pole Must Go.

Ald. Pettigrew moved that the clause in the Board of Works report refusing to give Mr. T. J. Stewart permission to maintain a guy pole on Merrick street be struck out. Ald. Nelligan seconded the motion.

Ald. Kerr asked if the City Engineer had reported on the case.

Ald. Findlay replied that Mr. Wingate had very positively reported against the guy pole being placed there.

Ald. Reid stated that he could safely say Mr. Stewart's crane without putting a pole on the street.

Ald. Dixon thought Mr. Stewart's request reasonable enough if he gives a bond to indemnify the city against loss.

The subject was discussed for fully half an hour, and then Ald. Kerr insisted on having the City Engineer's opinion as to whether the crane

could be guyed without putting a pole on the street.

Mr. Wingate stated that it could be fixed up in first class shape without any pole on the street, at a cost of \$200 or \$300. The present derrick, however, could not be guyed on the property without shortening the boom.

Ald. Pettigrew's amendment was lost, the division being 7 for and 8 against. The vote was: Yeas—Ald. Nicholson, Kerr, Nelligan, McFadden, Pettigrew, Dixon and Walker; Nays—Ald. Evans, Reid, Dunlop, TenEyck, Findlay, Hurd, Fearnside, Hill. Subsequently Ald. Pettigrew moved that Mr. Stewart be allowed to place a guy pole on Bay street, but, as Mr. Stewart had not asked for such a privilege, the motion was not pressed.

Ald. Findlay, Chairman of the Board, submitted a list of about 90 sections of cement sidewalk to be laid under the city's local improvement by-law, and moved that the Board be allowed to introduce a by-law authorizing the City Engineer to go on with them.

Ald. Evans again asked the Chairman if it was the intention of the Board of Works to relay the old block paved streets with tar macadam, and put in curbing, charging the whole cost to the good roads account. That certainly was the intention of the good roads by-law, he said, but he feared some of the block paved streets were going to suffer.

Ald. Findlay replied that only half the \$150,000, is to be spent this year, and half or more of the block paved streets are to be done this year. The balance of them could be done by next year's Council.

Ald. TenEyck agreed with Ald. Evans that the intention of the good roads by-law was to re-lay with tar macadam the old cedar block roads, and that could not be done without also putting in new curbing.

Ald. Kerr replied that if it was the understanding that the \$150,000 was to be used to replace the cedar blocks the by-law would never have carried. There were lots of people, he said, who had paid for plank curbing who are now paying for cement curbing. If the citizens who had paid for plank curbing with their cedar block roads were not now to be charged for cement curbing, neither should those who had paid for plank curbing without cedar blocks.

Ald. TenEyck moved, seconded by Ald. Evans:

That on all streets where the sidewalk is set out to the curb, the property owners have heretofore paid for curbing, the cost of the curbing shall be paid for out of the general funds of the city.

Ald. Kerr—Does that mean curbing that has already been laid, as well as what is to be put in in future?

No one seemed to be very sure on this point, for the question was not answered.

Ald. Findlay protested that the carrying of such a motion would cripple the work of the Board of Works for the year and for next year, too. If all the old curbing that had been paid for as local improvements had to be replaced out of the Board of Works fund the Board would have not one cent for anything else for years, and would have to get an extra appropriation even this year.

Ald. TenEyck—it would come out of the good roads fund.

In a less than half understood state the motion was put and declared carried, the vote being: Yeas—Ald. Evans, Reid, Dunlop, TenEyck, Nicholson, McFadden, Pettigrew—7. Nays—Ald. Findlay, Hurd, Kerr, Nelligan, Hill, Fearnside—6.

Ald. Findlay then suggested that the motion should have been declared out of order, the subject not having been considered by any committee.

Chairman Hobson replied that it had occurred to him that way, too, but the City Solicitor had told him the motion was a legitimate amendment to the Board of Works report.

Ald. Findlay argued that it was not justice that a snap vote should be taken on such an important question, and asked where the money was to come from for the work, the "general funds" being all appropriated.

Ald. TenEyck replied that his intention was that the money should come out of the good roads fund.

Ald. Findlay—But your resolution says the cost should be paid out of the good roads fund.

The City Solicitor suggested that the motion might be amended to provide that the cost of the curbing be added to the 69 per cent paid by the city.

Ald. TenEyck was willing to accept this suggestion, but Ald. Kerr pointed out that a motion that had been declared carried could only be changed by being reconsidered.

It was apparent that some of the members saw that the question had not been considered well, and, if brought up for a vote again, the motion might be defeated, so Ald. TenEyck declined to have the motion reconsidered, and it stands on the minutes as printed.

The upshot was that Ald. Findlay and Fearnside moved in amendment to the motion to adopt the Board's report that the entire list of sidewalks recommended to be laid with curbing be referred back to the Board of Works.

Ald. Nicholson objected to Ald. Findlay moving an amendment when he had already moved the original resolution. To get over this point Ald. Findlay incorporated in his original motion a clause striking out the whole list of walks to be laid with curbing. This motion carried.

Ald. Findlay moved to bring in a by-law to authorize the City Engineer to proceed with such cement sidewalks as are to be laid without curbing and the motion for the first reading carried, but no further progress was made, the meeting being left without a quorum.

Jail Supplies.

During its lucid moments the Council managed to adopt a report from the Markets, Police and Jail Committee, recommending the acceptance of the following tenders for supplies:

Groceries—C. H. Peebles, \$193.38. Vegetables—C. H. Peebles, \$32.25. Boneless beef—J. R. Cambden, \$5 per 100 pounds.

Bread—Wm. Lees & Son, from June 30th inst. to April 1st, 1901, at \$1.90 per 100 pounds.

A Judgment Reversed.

Judge Monck yesterday afternoon reversed the decision given by Magistrate Jells in the wages case of Martin vs. Rule & Henwood, tailors. Martin got judgment for \$9 for overtime about two weeks ago. The defendants appealed the case in the First Division Court and the Judge reversed the decision, with all costs on Martin. Mr. T. M. Crerar was counsel for the appellants.

An Important Question.

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C. O. O. F. GRAND OFFICERS.

Elections Took Place at the
Closing Session.

PRESENTATION OF THE CUPS.

At the final session of the Grand Lodge of the Canadian Order of Odd-fellows yesterday afternoon the most important items of business were the election of officers, the Finance Committee's report, and the report of the Committee on Redistribution of Districts.

The following Grand officers were elected:

Grand Master—D. G. M. W. H. Shaw, of Toronto, principal of the Central Business College.

Deputy Grand Master—C. A. Lapp, of Brighton, Mr. Lapp is proprietor of the Brighton Ensign.

Grand Secretary—Robert Fleming, of Toronto, re-elected.

Grand Treasurer—George Boxall, of Toronto, re-elected.

Grand Medical Referee—Dr. H. S. Bingham, of Cannington, re-elected.

T. A. Wardell, M. P. P. Dundas, and Duncan Young, Montreal, representatives on the Executive.

Rev. W. D. P. Wilson, Sterling, Grand Chaplain.

W. L. Young, Markham, and Charles Musson, Toronto, Grand Auditors.



Grand Master W. H. Shaw.

The officers were installed by Jas. Quinn, Berlin, Past Grand Master.

The Committee on Redistribution of Districts reduced the number of districts from nineteen to ten, as follows:

Toronto, Hamilton, London, Bay of Quinte, Lindsay, Windsor, Montreal.

D. D. G. M's were elected as follows: No. 1, Robt. Linton, Toronto; 2, J. A. Ames, Hamilton; 3, W. B. Edgar, Owen Sound; 4, N. Misener, Galt.



Grand Secretary Robert Fleming.

G. W. A. Leigh, Lindsay; 7, F. C. Ford, Chatham; 8, W. E. De Long, Windsor; 9, Chas. Manly, Montreal; 10, Jas. S. Nelson, Trenton.

The customary jewels were voted the retiring Grand Master and Deputy Grand Master, sympathy being expressed with the retiring P. G. M. Bro. Robert Clark, on his recent bereavement. Votes of thanks were



Grand Treasurer George Boxall.

also passed to Mayor Teetzel and the City Council for favors received, to the Hamilton Lodges, the Reception Committee, and the city press, more especially the Times, for their fair and full reports.

The place of Grand Lodge's meet-

next year was left in the hands of the E. G. O.

The new Grand Master, Bro. W. H. Shaw, of Toronto, is Principal of the Central Business College in that city. He is naturally highly spoken of as a business expert, and the Grand Lodge delegates have every confidence that under his guidance the Order will prosper more than ever.

Cup Presentations.

Last evening in the local lodge room, the Davis cup, and the Wardell cup were presented to Advance



Grand Medical Referee H. S. Bingham, of Cannington.

Lodge, in the presence of a large number of the brethren. P. G. M. Clark presented the Davis cup, and P. G. M. Thomson the Wardell cup. Speeches were made by Grand Secretary Fleming, Grand Treasurer Boxall, P. G. M. D. G. M. J. A. Ames, P. G. Wm. Ross, Geo. Vanatter, and N. G. Ingelhart and Bros. Mullins and Devala sang and recited. Refreshments were served.

WINNERS AT FLOWER SHOW.

Awards Made by Mr. Roderick Cameron, Niagara Falls.

The Hamilton Horticultural Society's flower show in the tent on James street south yesterday afternoon and evening was a success. In the evening the number of visitors was large. An Italian orchestra supplied music. Mr. Roderick Cameron, gardener at the Government Park, at Niagara Falls, was the judge and he made the following awards:

Roses—Six distinct varieties. A. E. Alexander 1, J. J. Evel 2, Jas. Ogilvie 3. Three distinct A. E. Alexander 1, J. J. Evel 2, Adam Brown 3. Vase of 12, James Ogilvie 1, J. J. Evel 2, and 3. Vase of six, Adam Brown 1, H. A. Eager 2, J. J. Evel 3.

Best collection cut, A. E. Alexander 1, W. F. Burton 2, J. Ogilvie 3. Freonies—Three distinct varieties. A. E. Alexander 1, J. Ogilvie 2. Largest and best collection, A. E. Alexander 1, J. E. Parker 2.

Herbaceous plants, perennials—Cut blooms, J. E. Parker 1, J. Ogilvie 2. Three named varieties, J. M. Howell 1, Jas. Ogilvie 2. Vase of same cut—Adam Brown 1, H. A. Eager 2, J. M. Howell 3.

Plants grown in dwelling house—Tuchsias, F. H. Lamb 1, Ferns, Mrs. C. W. Fielding, Begonias, Geo. Piper, Niagara Falls 1. Best plant, any variety, H. A. Eager 1, Mrs. C. W. Fielding 2.

For amateurs with green houses—Two ferns, named, J. O. McCullough 1, Coleus, J. O. McCullough 1. Hanging basket, Jos. Gates. Best green house plants, any variety, J. O. McCullough 1. Season, J. Linger 1. Collection pansies, W. F. Burton 1. Basket of cut blooms, Mrs. T. Horn.

Mr. Cameron showed a large number of cut plants, but not for competition, having the common names attached to them. Among the exhibits were a fine lot of cut roses from the T. H. & B. Station. Mr. Jas. Ogilvie showed the largest collection of roses, 25 varieties. Several trays of very large strawberries, some over five inches in circumference, attracted much attention. They were grown by Mr. Jas. Wilds, Barton street.

The superintendent of the show was Jas. Aylett and the officers of the society were: President, A. Alexander; Vice-Presidents, J. Ogilvie and W. F. Burton; Secretary-Treasurer, J. M. Dickson.

WILLS AND ADMINISTRATIONS.

Estates Left by Persons Who Have Died Recently.

Quite a number of wills were entered for probate and administration papers asked for at the Probate Court this morning. The largest estate was left by the late Thomas D. Walker, Jackson street, who willed \$26,047 to his widow. The other wills filed were: John McAuley, city, \$302.50; Jasper Hurrell, city, \$328; Ralph Elliott, West Flamboro, \$5,000; Thos. Cleland, Beverly, \$9,860; John Williams, who died in Buffalo, \$5,200.

Administration papers were asked for in the cases of Francis Campbell, Progression, \$2,503; Henry Beare, city, \$1,670; Mrs. Elsie Rymal, city, \$5,000; Robert Wright, Bimbrook, \$1,600.

TO SHARPEN THEIR PROBES.

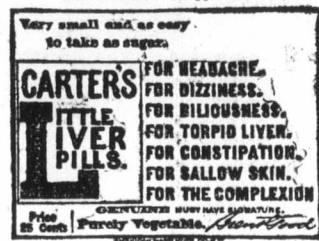
Ottawa, June 21.—(Special).—The commission to investigate corrupt acts in bygone elections will hold a preliminary meeting for organization in Toronto on Wednesday next.

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