

## WOOD SHORTAGE A FALSE ALARM?

Only 56 Cubic Feet Missing,  
Mr. Hartman Told  
City Council

### THAT LOST IN CUTTING

The much mooted shortage of wood at the civic yards exists only to the extent of 56 cubic feet, instead of 70 cords, according to information supplied the City Council by Mr. C. H. Hartman last night, when he appeared before the board to give an accounting of his stewardship at the wood yards from February to August of this year. Mr. Hartman refuted rumors of a large shortage in the supply of wood on hand at the time of his resignation, submitting statistics to substantiate his contention. A special committee of the Council will go into the question.

"It has been stated repeatedly," declared Mr. Hartman, "that I should show where seventy cords of wood have gone. I cannot do that, for I do not know that there is any such shortage." He declared that he had been guilty of neither carelessness nor oversight. "The rumor of a shortage he denounced as discreditable both to himself and to the Fuel and Food Committee. He had served a long apprenticeship in the wood business, and knew it as thoroughly as any man. Instead of being responsible for a shortage, he had saved the city money at the civic wood yard.

Mr. Hartman explained that he took charge of affairs on February 14th. He stated that the wood boxes held more than a quarter of a cord, as he had measured them all personally. He then submitted the following detailed statement:

Mr. Hartman's Report.  
To His Worship the Mayor and members of the Council of the City of Brantford.

Gentlemen,—I have the honor to present attached herewith, statement showing receipts, sales, allowance for loss in sawing on sales, inventory as of July 31st and shortage, in connection with the wood department and coal yard, as of July 31st last, same being an accurate statement of all dealings in connection with this operation.

I have the honor to be, gentlemen, Your obedient servant,  
C. H. Hartman.

Total receipts, 952 cords, 45 feet.  
Sales, 519 cords.  
Allowance in sawing, 24 cords, 42 feet.  
Inventory, July 31, 408 cords, 75 feet.  
Shortage, 56 feet.

Ald. Chalcraft felt that if a correct record of wood received and sold, the balance on hand should be easily ascertained.

Mr. Hartman replied that the supply on hand was just 56 feet short of his estimate. "Then the rumors of a 70 cord

shortage are false?" queried Ald. Chalcraft.

"Absolutely," replied Mr. Hartman. "I am sure that there was no shortage in the city shortly before the epidemic had assumed serious proportions."

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Whereas large numbers of working men for obvious reasons no longer affiliate with any section of the modern church. And whereas in the opinion of this Council organized labor should be prepared to render a last service to its members, that of committing them to the grave. Be it therefore resolved that this Council request the Dominion Executive of the Trades and Labor Congress to prepare and to have the same ratified at the next convention.

This was moved and seconded by delegates Kite and Mr. Gratton respectively, who expressed strong opinion on that matter.

It was moved by delegate Kite and seconded by Del. Morley that the Council record its hearty appreciation of the efforts of the Brant County Farmers Co-operative Society and that the members affiliated be asked to give their support to their fullest extent. Carried.

The Education Question.

A resolution was passed advocating the formation of economic classes for the education of the industrial classes.

In the words of the resolution "the capitalistic papers with other regular doses of camouflage are more apt to mislead their flogging readers rather than to enlighten them" hence the need of more adequate economic education.

It was handed over to the Education committee.

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The adoption of a scholarship system was introduced and it was decided to advocate the same to the Board of Education.

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"I wonder what he thinks of me?"

Another wounded soldier!  
Never have I noticed so many on the streets as there seems to be to-day.

I wonder why that chap gave me such a searching look? If he thinks I am a slacker he's wrong. I'm not able to fight; but I have done my duty. Here's my honor-button on my coat to prove it.

I've bought ten Victory Bonds—put nearly all my savings into them. Not quite all—that hundred I have left must be kept to buy Christmas presents.

Christmas!  
Another Christmas in the trenches for our soldiers! It must be their last in France—we must bring them home before another year rolls 'round!

I wonder, now, if I could not do just a little more to help them get back!

Let's see; I could take that hundred dollars and pay it as a deposit on four \$100 bonds—then pay the other \$300 in instalments.

But that would leave me nothing to buy Christmas presents.

I have it!  
This year I'll give Victory Bonds as presents.

But would the wife like that? Would she like a Bond as well as the gift I was going to buy her?

Why she'd rather have a Bond, if she knew it might save one poor boy from being crippled like that lad there.

And the three children, every one of them has been at me to buy a bond.

I could pay the other \$300 in instalments—by being a little more careful of my expenditures. And the wife will gladly help.

I'll do it.  
I'll take that hundred dollars to buy four more bonds. I wonder why I didn't think of that way before.

Let every Canadian do some serious thinking along these lines to-day.

You have only three days left to set yourself right with the boys who fight and toil, suffer and die—for you.

To-day, may be the biggest day in your life.

You've never known a day that compares with it in opportunity to serve your country, for this loan must be oversubscribed.

Canada must show both friend and foe that she is in this fight to win.

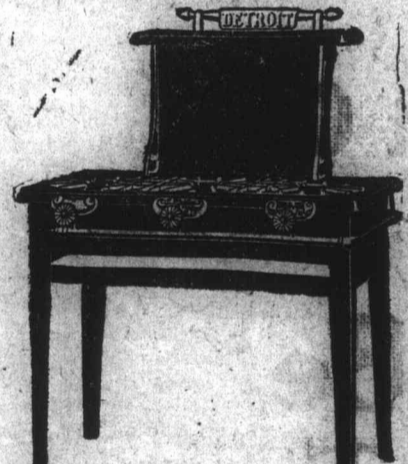
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