

## CITY COUNCIL

### A Large Amount of Business is Considered— The Question of a Motor Engine For Fire Brigade—Some Sharp Comments are Recorded.

The regular meeting of the City Council was held in the City Hall last night the Mayor and all the aldermen being present.

Moved by Ald. Suddaby, seconded by Ald. Ward—That the payment of the time list of T. Harry Jones of Feb. 10, 1913, amounting to: Streets of \$376.38; Sewers, \$1,022.30 be confirmed, except the sum of \$124, which should be charged to Parks Board and that the communication of W. T. Henderson re damage of the house of Geo. Cornell re flooding and letter of B. J. Asselin be referred to the Board of Works. Carried.

There was some discussion over the time sheets, and Ald. Spence took exception to \$132.00 being paid to Mr. Kendall, a civil engineer secured by Mr. Jones to survey out an alternate route for the Lake Erie & Northern, who charged \$7 a day for his services. Some of the aldermen wanted to know who engaged the gentleman, and who authorized him to do the work. Alderman Spence stated that "the Finance committee was no rubber stamp committee and would not sanction the payment of any bills that they did not know anything about."

Ald. Charlton wanted to know who authorized this man to make the survey.

None of the chairmen of the different committees had done it, and it was traced to the Parks Board and the City Solicitor.

"What right have the Parks Board to secure an engineer?" was the question asked.

After much discussion during which the City Engineer and City Solicitor came in for some hot shots, the amount of \$132 was charged to the Parks Board.

**Fire and Light Report.**  
That the communication of the Brantford Cordage Company be referred to the Water Commissioners, and we recommend that their request for two extra hydrants be granted, and the usual custom regarding the cost of installation be followed.

That the communication of the Canadian Fire Underwriters' Association of Jan. 22, 24 and 29, 1913, be filed.

Your committee after carefully looking over the report of the Chief of the Fire Department, have agreed with him that taking into account the causes as near as can be ascertained of a great many fires, that by a little precautionary measure, 75 per cent. of these fires could be eliminated, and in connection with this matter, a by-law to enforce a better system of fire protection, is now under consideration by your committee.

The attached list of new equipment bought at once, is as follows:  
The important matter of getting more lights as the city is extending its boundaries in all directions, and a better method either by the purchase of an auto combination combination and hose wagon, or by branch lines will have to be considered in the near future, as it is impossible to expect that horses can make these

### TO-MORROW'S WEATHER

Southeast winds; milder.

### CONSERVATIVES OF OAKLAND

The annual meeting for the purpose of electing a chairman and sub-committee for the Township of Oakland will be held in Foster's Hall, Scotland, Thursday, Feb. 20, at 2.30 p.m.

G. H. RYERSON, President.

### NOTICE TO SUBSCRIBERS

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long runs without destroying their efficiency.

List of New Equipment—2 Baker cellar pipes, \$100 each; 200; 2 Neely hose jackets, \$6 each—\$12; 1 Peerless hose clamp, \$15; 1 electric searchlight, \$25; 2 smoke protectors; 1 Niagara hand searchlight, \$10; 12 hose patches for mending host, \$6; 8 smoke respirators, \$2.50 each—\$20. Moved by Ald. McFarland, seconded by Ald. Ryerson: That the report be adopted. Carried.

### Re Spittal License.

A petition was received from John Spittal, signed by W. T. James and 97 others requesting that a license be granted John Spittal of the King's hotel. This was referred to the Finance committee. No action was taken on the matter as the Council were of the opinion that they could not increase the number of licenses unless by the vote of the people.

### Finance Report.

1. In connection with the communication of J. Spittal, re Council taking action, to request License Commissioners to increase the liquor licenses in Brantford, and the Royal Templars letters of protest thereto: Your committee is of the opinion that the council of 1913, has received no mandate from the people to alter the existing condition of affairs in this municipality in regard to liquor licenses, and would recommend that the communications be filed, and no action taken thereon.

2. In reference to the Assessment Rolls now being printed in The Evening News, your committee would request all ratepayers who have any grievances either in reference to their own assessment, or that of any other ratepayer, whether assessed too high or too low, to take the matter up with the Assessment Department at once, and if through any error they do not wish to take this course, to communicate direct with the Finance committee, in care of the City Clerk, and all communications when properly signed by a ratepayer, will be treated as confidential by them, and the matter complained of thoroughly investigated.

Moved by Ald. Spence seconded by Ald. Picher that the report be adopted. Carried.

### Board of Works Report.

1. That the City Solicitor be instructed to prepare the Street Watering By-law.

2. That the City Engineer and City Overseers be authorized to attend the Good Roads Convention in Toronto on the 26th, 27th and 28th of February.

On motion of Ald. Suddaby and Minshall the report was adopted.

### Street Cars

Moved by Ald. Charlton, seconded by Ald. Quinnlan, that the Brantford Street Railway be requested to start at once to run their cars to West Brantford. Carried.

### An Important Resolution

Ald. Minshall wanted to know as to what terms the Street Railway Company and the City Solicitor had come to, but this information was not forthcoming, but probably would be at the next meeting of the council.

### WILL ARBITRATE

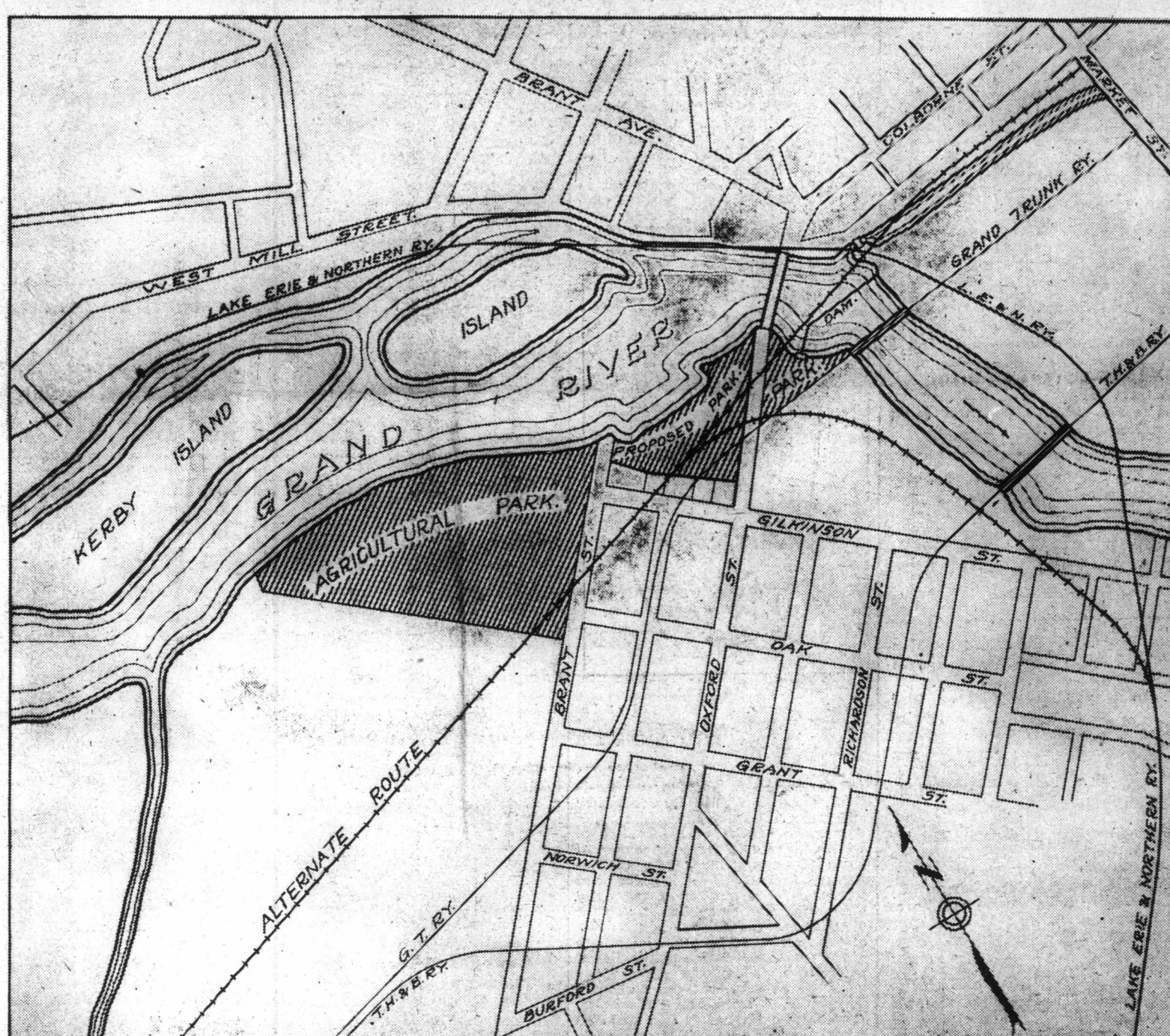
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At the City Council meeting last evening a resolution was introduced by Ald. Hollinrake and Ald. Minshall, giving specific instructions to the city delegation with reference to the proposed route of the Lake Erie & Northern Railway. In this connection Ald. Spence said that at the last meeting he had been somewhat muzzled, as he occupied the chair, but he now had some remarks to make. He pointed to the fact that every train which would come in from either Port Dover or Galt on

the alternate plan for the Lake Erie line would have to cross Oxford St. twice between the Grand Trunk tracks and Lorne bridge, in order to reach the terminal. This would make three grade crossings, including the Grand Trunk, within a space of a few hundred feet—in other words, one of the biggest death traps in existence. He also pointed out that certain people were holding up their hands in holy horror at the proposed alleged desecration of Jubilee Terrace, whereas the plan of City Engineer Jones totally destroyed

plumb through the Cordage Company's factory. Also the Jones bridge would be practically built across the face of the dam and would have to be at the same level as Lorne bridge. This would mean when it reached the city side of the river it would be up in the air, and an immense retaining wall would have to be built along the canal to keep the filling from choking up said canal.

The resolution was finally withdrawn at the Mayor's request, on the ground that it might prove an embarrassment.

## THE VERY LATEST DESPATCHES

### Dr. Friedman Has Sailed for the States—News of Balkan War Extremely Meagre—Arbitration Agreed to Regarding Threatened Railway Strike.

### SAILED TO-DAY.

BERLIN, Feb. 18.—Dr. Friedrich Friedman, whose claims to the discovery of serum curing tuberculosis have been much discussed, sailed for New York to-day on the steamship Kron-Prinzessin Cecilie. He took with him a quantity of the live germs which he asserts are so efficacious and it is understood he proposes to attempt the cure of 95 out of a hundred cases of tuberculosis, a test for which a New York banker has offered a million dollar fee if success is attained.

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extremely meagre as despatches from Constantinople are subjected to long delay owing to the strict censorship established by the Turkish government. One of the cable companies says communication by its route has been interrupted near Pera, for what reason it cannot ascertain.

### FRENCH PRESIDENT

His Inauguration is Marked by Very Simple Ceremonies—He Will Occupy the Post For Seven Years.

### Divorce Talked of Between Mr. and Mrs. Cornwallis West

NEW YORK, Feb. 18.—A cable from London says: It was announced here to-day that George Cornwallis West had determined to defend the action for divorce brought against him by his wife, the former Lady Randolph Churchill, and after his death in 1895 she edited the Anglo-Saxon Review. In 1899 her engagement was announced to young Cornwallis West, a lieutenant in the Scots Guards and friend of her eldest son, Winston Churchill, now first lord of the British Admiralty. George Cornwallis West is 36 years of age.

The fire which broke out in the district surrounding the great Mosque of St. Sophia in Constantinople yesterday was extinguished late in the night after 200 houses and shops had been burned to the ground.

### UNCLE SAM

Makes Further Preparations With Reference to the United States Interests Now Threatened in Mexico.

### Anti-American

NOGALLES, Ariz., Feb. 18.—Anti-American feeling on both sides of the line here took form late yesterday in offers of a volunteer military organization to the Sonora state government. A secret order of Mexicans is said to have sprung up in anticipation of intervention by the United States. The leaders received a severe rebuke from Governor Maytorna, who was broached with a request to furnish eight hundred rifles. Three Mexican railroad men of Nogales, Sonora, signed the request. They also approached Col. Zoster Lizky, commander of the state rural police. He likewise refused the offer.

### KISSES COME HIGH IN WEST

Edmonton Assembled \$200 in Customs' Suit.

### EDMONTON, Feb. 18

Two hundred dollars and costs is the price Patrick A. Lary, aged 63, postmaster and stockkeeper at Villeneuve, near Edmonton, will pay Mrs. Jean Boulanger, aged 40, wife of a farmer of the same district, for a single kiss. She sued for \$1000 damages, and the case was heard in the Supreme Court yesterday afternoon. Mrs. Boulanger was at the store at the time and was behind the counter looking at some goods.

### FIELD BATTERY FOR BRANTFORD

Application has been forwarded to Major General Lessard, commanding the second divisional area, for the organization of the 13th brigade Canadian Field Artillery, consisting of 32nd and 33rd batteries. These batteries will be either Howitzer or field artillery, and in all probability the equipment will consist of 5-inch Howitzers. The regimental headquarters will be in Hamilton, with Col. Logie in command. The headquarters of the 32nd battery are at Brantford with Col. Ashton in command.

### AN ENQUIRY

Into the Alleged Payment of Forty One Thousand Dollars

OTTAWA, Feb. 18.—R. C. Miller, president of the Diamond Light & Heating Company of Montreal, will be summoned to appear before the bar of the House to-day to explain his conduct in refusing to answer certain questions put to him in the public accounts committee last Friday, notably the question as to whom he paid the sum of \$41,000 for the purpose of securing contracts from the Government of Canada amounting to a total of \$117,000 or thereabouts, these contracts being secured between June 1907 and June 1911.

### QUADRUPLETS.

Nova Scotia Woman Gives Birth to Four—All Dying Well.

### HALIFAX, Feb. 18

Mrs. E. Izenhauer, of Scarsdale, yesterday gave birth to quadruplets—three boys and a girl—the mother and babes are doing well. Three of the infants weigh six pounds each, while the fourth weighs slightly less. Mrs. Izenhauer is about 38 years of age and is now the mother of 12 children.