

HOSE PURCHASE REFERRED BACK

Council Will Ask No. 3 Committee to Again Deal With It.

BUY CANADIAN GOODS

This Was the Argument Put Up by the Companies in Canada Which Sell Hose a Lengthy Argument.

The council bought no hose last night, but will call for new tenders. The longest debate of the evening was held on this subject.

Ald. Ashplant, chairman of No. 3 committee, would not move the clause recommending the purchase of 2,000 feet of hose from the Cleveland Rubber Company at 97 cents, and Ald. Fitzgerald and Ald. Jeffries did the honors.

Ald. Ashplant then moved in amendment that 1,000 feet of the Keystone brand be purchased, and 1,000 feet of the Paragon brand. The amendment was seconded by Ald. Fitzgerald.

Ald. Richter then asked Ald. Ashplant why he favored the Canadian hose, and why it was superior to the others.

Ald. Ashplant declared that the Cleveland hose had no history in Canada. The Canadian hose had outlived the guarantee many years, and had everywhere given the best satisfaction.

He saw no reason for going outside of Canada for hose.

"If you had accepted my offer, made three weeks ago, you could have got the best Canadian hose for less than the cheap American hose," said Ald. Ashplant.

Ald. Hancock and Ald. Pocock moved that the matter be referred back to the committee.

Ald. Jeffries considered the Cleveland hose the best in the market, and it was undoubtedly the cheapest.

Ald. Morgan opined that Canadians would be hounded out of the United States if they went over there and advocated Canadian goods.

Ald. Fitzgerald considered the Cleveland hose the best yet discovered, and the city would save \$200 in the purchase.

Boosting Canada. Ald. Rose favored boosting Canada as well as boosting London. The chief had used the Canadian brand of hose for years with the best satisfaction.

"It is funny that the Cleveland people last year guaranteed their hose for five years, while this year they will make the guarantee but three years, and the pressure only 400 pounds, for a better brand of hose," said Ald. Saunders.

"The fire chief recommends the Canadian hose, and his word should hold good. I do not think it fair that a pensioner of the Government—a man who gets his living from the people of Canada—should become an agent for goods that enter into competition with the people who are supporting him. It is not fair."

Ald. Hancock's amendment to the amendment was lost, only two voting for it. Ald. Ashplant's amendment stood 6 to 5, but the mayor voted, making it a tie.

The motion to purchase the hose from Cleveland was again put. The mayor voted this time also, and the vote was again a tie. As all motions were negative, the matter was lost.

The Division. The division on the motion was: Yeas—Ald. Richter, Underwood, Eckert, Jeffries and Fitzgerald, and Mayor Beattie.

Nays—Ald. Hancock, Pocock, Morgan, Saunders, Rose and Ashplant.

The same battle came over the chemical hose. Ald. Fitzgerald and Ald. Jeffries moved that the Cleveland chemical hose at 50¢ cents a foot be purchased.

Ald. Ashplant moved that the Gutta Percha hose, the kind now in use, be purchased at 40 cents a foot. Ald. Rose seconded this.

"In one case these gentlemen advise us to buy American hose because it was cheap," said Ald. Saunders. "Now they want us to buy American hose because it is cheaper. It is more than I can figure out."

"If you want to pay 20 per cent more for American hose, go ahead," said Ald. Ashplant.

Ald. Eckert and Ald. Underwood moved to send the question back to the committee, but this amendment was lost.

The amendment of Ald. Ashplant to purchase the Canadian hose was carried 6 to 5.

Mayor Beattie did not negative this motion.

HORSE AND BUGGY SECURED BY FRAUD

Frank Gibson Found Guilty and Remanded for a Week.

Frank Gibson, a young man who resides on Waterloo street, and makes a living as an agent, was found guilty by Magistrate Love this morning of obtaining a horse and buggy by fraud from Liveryman Carmichael, and of being drunk.

Gibson had been in the habit of getting rides for his employer, and when he went down yesterday and ordered an outfit nothing was thought of it.

Liquor to Blame. Gibson told the court this morning that he had not been authorized in any way to get a rig yesterday for his employer, and that he was drunk, and when he got the rig just drove out into the country and then turned around and came back. He also stated that he is not living with his wife. It is stated that on Sunday Gibson drove to London from St. Thomas, and that the detectives were asked to locate the horse and rig by the liverymen from whom he obtained them.

Remanded for a Week. "I will remand you for a week for sentence," the court said. "If there is any chance of your friends coming to your rescue and satisfying all the costs you have incurred, I may take a more lenient view of the matter."

Pianos to Rent. Pianos to rent from \$2 per month upwards, six months rent allowed in case of purchase. Williams Piano Company, Limited, 261 Dundas street.

STRATHROY FIREMAN VICTIM OF EXPLOSION

Badly Injured by Bursting of Chemical Extinguisher—Death of Prominent Citizen.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Strathroy, Feb. 21.—Shortly after 2 o'clock this afternoon fire broke out in the basement of the Strathroy Furniture Company. After considerable delay the fire under control before it had done much damage. One of the firemen, however, had a serious accident.

Fred W. Jay, while descending the stairs with a chemical extinguisher, tripped and fell. The chemicals exploded and his face was so badly burned that medical attention was required. It is feared he will lose the sight of one eye. He left for London at 2:28 p.m. for medical treatment.

Robert Nicholson, a much respected citizen, and one of our prominent businessmen, died today, after an illness of about four weeks. Mr. Nicholson was born in Newcastle-on-Tyne, England, and was 82 years of age. He first located in Norwich, where he operated a sawmill, and three years later (in 1867) he came to this place, where he had ever since been engaged in the lumber business. He was a Liberal in politics and a member of the Methodist Church. His wife died some years ago. He survived by five sons and three daughters, as follows: Edward, Strathroy; James, Oregon, U.S.; Dr. John H. Hart, Mich.; Robert, Strathroy; Rev. Richard R. Sturgeon, Fuller, Mich.; Hannah Robinson, Strathroy; Miss Alice, at home; Mrs. G. L. Wagar, Mount Herman, Mass. The funeral will take place Thursday afternoon at 2:30 from West Albert (4th line), to the Strathroy Cemetery.

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"B" COMPANY MEN HAVE A GRIEVANCE

Say They Have No Proper Place to Hold Their Business Meetings.

There is a good deal of dissatisfaction among the men of the Seventh Regiment over the refusal to permit them to hold meetings that are directly connected with their military work, they say, within the walls of the armories.

Last night when B Company met at the armories to conduct their annual session, it was discovered that the lecture room, in which it had been intended to hold the meeting, was closed against them, owing to an order of the D. O. Council.

The men feel that there are rooms provided for the officers, and, moreover, that there is plenty of accommodation, and there is more than a little annoyance over the matter. Last night the company had to secure a room at the Iroquois Hotel in which to hold their meeting, which they do not think is in any way justified.

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MANY REQUESTS GRANTED FOR USE OF CITY HALL

Effort of No. 1 Committee to Have a Rental Charged Failed Dismally.

The council last night enacted rules, and then smashed them as often as the opportunity offered.

It all happened in regard to the free use of the city hall. In the report of No. 1 committee there was a recommendation that a fee of \$10 be charged as rental except in cases of extreme charity.

The first petition for the free use of the hall was that of the Sons of Scotland in March. Ald. Eckert moved that their request be granted, and Ald. Rose seconded.

Ald. Richter moved in amendment that they be charged the usual fee, and he was backed up by Ald. Jeffries.

However, the motion carried, Ald. Richter and Ald. Jeffries being the only members to stand by their guns.

A Refund of Rental. The next opportunity came when the C. P. R. firemen asked for the refund of \$10 hall rent.

Ald. Rose and Ald. Saunders came along with a motion that they be given back their money, as they were doing charitable work.

Ald. Eckert and Ald. Jeffries opposed this, but practically all the aldermen voted in favor of the refund. The G. T. R. firemen and engineers intended holding a ball on March 24, and they requested the free use of the city hall.

Ald. Eckert and Rose started the ball again, and moved that the request be granted. Ald. Richter and Ald. Jeffries came along with a motion that they be given back their money, as they were doing charitable work.

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Still Another. The last request came from the Benefit Association of the London Rolling Mills to hold a concert on March 12 for charity.

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JAMES R. GILLEAN HAS BEEN NAMED

Will Act as City Assessor at a Salary of \$75 a Month.

After consulting with Assessment Commissioner Grant at noon today, Mr. James R. Gillean was named an assessor for six months, dating from March 1. The salary was fixed at \$75 per month.

At the meeting of the finance committee last Friday, Mr. Gillean was named a clerk for two weeks, with Mr. Peel as temporary assessor. Mr. Peel was named assessor for the remainder of the term.

Arrangements were made last evening at the council meeting for a shift, however, and Mr. Peel was named an assessor's clerk, while Mr. Gillean was to be made a temporary assessor. Mr. Peel was named assessor for the remainder of the term.

TWO YEARS FOR COOK

Orangeville Desperado Sent to Kingston for Slashing Officer.

Orangeville, Feb. 22.—The case against "Bob" Cook, which was partly heard before Judge Magistrate Paulino a week ago, was concluded at the court house yesterday morning. The accused was charged with slashing Nightwatchman James Halbert on the night of Feb. 10.

The accused was endeavoring to effect his arrest on a charge of disorderly conduct at the house of his mother-in-law, Mrs. Reid, earlier in the day. The magistrate sentenced him to two years in the reformatory for the offence.

ESQIMAULT PLEASED

Plans of Government for Naval Extension Approved on the Pacific Coast.

Victoria, B. C., Feb. 22.—Great satisfaction prevails here amongst the business community at the announcement respecting expenditures on Esquimault station, in advance of the Government's naval policy. So general is the approval of the Government's course that it is considered improbable that the navy league will be able to get its public meeting to pass any resolution in condemnation of that policy, and favoring a free gift to the admiralty.

It is reported that Messrs. Bullen Bros., proprietors of the British Columbia shipping plant at Esquimault, and that facilities will be provided for the construction of warships. Mr. H. F. Bullen is now at Ottawa seeking what the encouragement the Government can give to the enterprise. The Bullens have done much work for the Government in the past ten years.

REFUNDING BONDS. Albany, N. Y., Feb. 22.—Authorization has been given by the public service commission to the Niagara Power Company to execute and deliver its refunding general mortgages to secure \$200,000 coupons and registered gold bonds of this company maturing Jan. 1, 1932, and bearing interest at the rate of 6 per cent and to issue presently \$9,740,000 refunding bonds.

Covered carriages were first used in England in 1580.

The first dictionary was made by Chinese scholars in 1103 B. C.

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DR. CHASE'S OINTMENT

SHOT HIS ATTACKER. New York, Feb. 22.—The cracking of the postoffice safe at Raleigh, N. C., in 1908, led to the killing here today of John Leonard, who had been sentenced to the federal prison at Atlanta for the safe-breaking job. Leonard's young wife obtained his release from prison three months ago on an alibi, and they came to Brooklyn and opened a boarding-house.

Thomas Barnes, a boarder, angered Leonard two weeks ago by referring to him as an ex-convict, and Leonard gave him such a thrashing that he was not able to leave the hospital until last night. Barnes called at the Leonard home early today, and when Leonard appeared at the door, he shot him dead.

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CLAUSE SENT TO COMMITTEE AGAIN

Suggestion That a Head Engineer Be Appointed Makes Progress Slowly.

When the clause in the committee's report was read, in which it was suggested that a consulting engineer be employed, Ald. Hancock would not move the adoption of the clause.

Ald. Pocock then moved it, and Ald. Hancock came back with an amendment that a head engineer be employed by the city.

Ald. Pocock asked that the cost be divided as follows: 60 per cent to the council, and 40 per cent to the water commissioners, and Ald. Hancock incorporated this in his motion.

Dividing the Cost. "We cannot say how much the water commissioners are to pay," said Mayor Beattie. "We have no power to bind them. You had better make the clause read, that the council will pay 60 per cent, provided that the commissioners pay 40 per cent of the cost."

"If you let them go long enough they will have it right after while," commented Ald. Saunders. "It looks as if it had better go back to the committee for further information. They apparently do not know what they want, and the matter will be referred back to the committee."

Ald. Underwood seconded the motion. Ald. Pocock enlightened the council on what transpired at the conference between the commissioner and No. 2 committee.

Effect of the Motion. "What effect will the motion have if it is passed," asked Ald. Richter. "We cannot bind the water commissioners to any line of action. All we can do is express our opinion, our preference on the idea of a head engineer. The matter must be settled later by the council and the commissioners."

Mayor Beattie, on the suggestion of Ald. Hancock, gave an account of the conference with the water commission. "We held the meeting," said Mayor Beattie. "After much discussion the opinion was in favor of one chief or one engineer. I was not at No. 2 committee, and do not know what happened. The council should not go farther than express an opinion on the principle. There are many details that governing the water commissioners and council, and the duties of the engineers will have to be amended, and there are many other things to be considered. They have passed nothing whatever on this matter. I do not know that the council has any information that would lead them to believe that 60 per cent is an equitable division of the cost. As I said before, all we can do is express our opinion on the principle."

Ald. Saunders' amendment to the amendment to refer the clause back was carried 7 to 5.

MEMBER AND WITNESS CLASH IN COMMITTEE

Mr. Monk and Retailers Counsel Quarrel in Discussion Over Co-Operative Societies.

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Ottawa, Feb. 22.—There was a difference of opinion between a member of parliament and a witness at a committee meeting on the Co-operative Societies bill today. The retail merchants of Ontario and Quebec, represented by M. Beaudry, of Montreal, and G. L. Trainer, of Toronto.

Mr. F. D. Monk, the promoter of the bill, declared that everywhere in Europe that co-operative societies had been established the usurer had disappeared. Mr. Monk's eulogy of his own bill touched Mr. Trainer, who interrupted to say that he did not propose to allow the financial clause of the bill to be passed.

Mr. Monk—"I think it was this man who had the audacity to circulate a letter which would lead to the belief that I was introducing this bill in the interests of a large body of English capitalists."

Mr. Trainer—"Are you not honorary president of the Montreal Co-operative Society? If so, you have no right to be here introducing this bill."

Helped Bricklayers. Mr. Monk—"For some years I have been promoting this legislation. Last summer a number of bricklayers came and asked me to help them with a co-operative organization. I gave them \$5 and have not seen them since."

Mr. Trainer thought this made Mr. Monk a prejudiced person, who should not be allowed to promote this legislation.

Hon. Mr. Fielding said that witnesses were called to give evidence, and not to dictate to the committee. Mr. Trainer was going too far, and Mr. Monk was entirely within his rights.

Mr. Gervais objected to the bill, which he said authorized seven per cent to be paid to the bricklayers, and with those seven dollars start into any sort of a commercial enterprise. It would lead to fraud.