

APPROVES PLAN TO ERECT DAM

City Council Also Decides To Pay Aldermen "Reasonable Remuneration."

AMOUNT NOT SPECIFIED

Success of Motion by Vote of 6 to 5 Proves Great Surprise.

What the council did—Decided to pay the aldermen "reasonable remuneration." Approved proposal to build Springbank dam to cost \$141,000. Decided to call for tenders for garbage collection. Appointed a committee to take up the question of school taxes in the annexed areas with the city solicitor and report back. Refused to concur in Windsor resolution for an elected police commission of five. Refused to hold up Deputy Police Magistrate P. H. Bartlett's salary until approved in the estimates. Few but contentious were the different orders on the council bill of fare Monday night. Lengthy discussions were the order. Pay for aldermen, Springbank dam and annexed area school taxes being the three items to occupy the centre of the stage. Ald. H. B. Ashplant was the leading, and in most cases, the only insurgent. At one time he expressed the fear that he might be appearing in the role of general kicker. Three of his motions fell by the wayside. Mayor Makes Reply. On the Springbank dam question Mayor Wilson turned the chair over to Ald. Childs that he might have an opportunity to reply to Ald. Ashplant's opposition to the proposal to immediately build the dam. The surprise of the evening, however, was the passing of the motion to pay the aldermen. "Approval of the principle of reasonable remuneration for time and expense for service rendered" was the way the motion read. No sum was specified. Before the meeting everyone predicted its fall. It carried by a 6 to 5 vote. Ald. Cunningham being absent through illness. Wanted Committee. On the question of the annexed area school taxes, Ald. Ashplant wanted a committee to take the matter up with the solicitor as soon as they secured his written opinion on the matter, and if the solicitor's view is that the industrial exemption is illegal, that they be given power to immediately instruct the clerk to have the change in the assessment notices made. The committee was given authority to go to the solicitor, but the council thought it better that they report back before any steps were taken. The decision to call for tenders for garbage collection was made after but little debate, and the aldermen asking as to the conditions laid down in the specifications. These are yet to be prepared. The report of No. 2 committee recommending the calling for tenders for garbage collection was the first of the important questions to come up, the others having been left over until the decks were cleared of other business. Dr. Holmes said he wanted to see the specifications before he would support the motion. Mayor Wilson stated No. 2 committee would draw them up later. Ald. Ashton further stated the committee would see that the strings were drawn tight. Ald. Douglas held that the solicitor and engineer could prepare the specifications. Ald. Ashplant wanted to know if the usual fair wage clause would be inserted. He was assured that it would be and the motion went through without objection. Ald. Ashton Opens Question. Ald. Ashton started the ball rolling

on the pay-for-aldermen question. He said that he introduced the matter in 1921 and it was decided to have a vote of the people on the proposal. However, late in the year the solicitor advised that under the municipal act, a vote was not necessary. He pointed out that the city was about 45,000 population, the cost of civic government was about \$7,000, the mayor getting \$3,000, and the four members of the board of control \$1,000 each. He had taken plenty of time to study the matter and he had not heard of three persons who were opposed to it. In fact he found that the majority of the people thought the aldermen were paid and those who knew they were not paid, contended that the aldermen did not serve for nothing, they got theirs from graft. He said that labor, on several occasions, had declared that the aldermen should be paid, and pointed out that Toronto, Hamilton, Windsor and many other places paid their aldermen. He did not think that the citizens wanted the aldermen to work for nothing. Ald. Ashplant said that he had read several times the report of the committee and he was in favor of the proposal and would support it. As if in answer, Ald. A. M. Judd took up the cudgels against the measure. He said that the adoption of such a proposal would be a breach of trust or honor. It got away from the spirit of service for the city. There should be no pay for such service. Ald. Ashplant interrupted to ask if he included the mayor in that? Ald. Judd said he did not, it was not fair to include him. No one needed the money worse than he did, he went on smiling, but there was no reason that he should take advantage of his position to get it. He contended that every citizen owed a duty to serve his city at some time. Ald. Douglas concurred in this view. He also believed that Ald. Ashton was wrong when he said that he worked for nothing. Every man who by judicious administration of affairs, obtained some benefit, all were elected knowing there was no salary attached to the position. Ald. Brighton contended that all went in on the service's free ticket. Immediately Aldermen Ashton and Ashplant objected. They both stated the aldermen, they said that they were in favor of the aldermen being paid. "I never heard a word against it," said Ald. Ashton. The call for the yeas and nays found the council divided as follows: Yeas, Watkinson, Holmes, Ashplant, Ashton, Bean and Drake; nays, Childs, Judd, May, Douglas and Brighton. "I am glad to feel that I have got the mayor on my side on this matter," said Ald. Ashplant, rising to oppose the building of the Springbank dam. He said at the outset that to his mind it was not a question of building the dam, but whether or not the people who are going to pay for the dam should have a voice in the matter. Mayor Enters Discussion. "However, I am dead sure that the mayor will be with me, as he is definitely on record as opposing any serious issue of debentures without a vote of the citizens." At this point, Mayor Wilson called Ald. Childs to take the chair, and he moved down to the seat vacated by the alderman. Ald. Ashplant here contended that the dam could be erected and paid for out of revenue raised by the establishment of an amusement park down the river. The city could run bus lines along both sides of the river. He was opposed to placing the matter in the city of London bill. Mayor Wilson jumped right in to reply, declaring that Ald. Ashplant was the most versatile man he had met when it came to excuses. Before No. 2 committee his opposition was based on the report that someone had some land down there, and was going to make money out of a park. The mayor had investigated, as the inference was thrown out that some of the city officials might be interested. He expressed the opinion that the city owned the only bank of the river that was any good, and concluded that this report had been exploded. Ald. Ashplant's latest suggestion as to the city running an amusement park and motor buses running

around like a squirrel chasing its tail, was hardly feasible, and would not build the dam this year. Ald. Ashplant interrupted to ask "How about your election campaign?" but the mayor cut him short with the remark that he could have the floor if he wanted it. "You are evading the question," said the alderman. Could Build Cheaper Now. Mayor Wilson went on to state that all were familiar with the state of the river. It was practically an open sewer running through one of the finest parks in the province, and was also a menace to the public health. He said that the engineers believed that it could be built cheaper now than at any other time, as the machinery of the Chippawa Canal would be available at no cost to the city, and the engineers had declared to him that it could be built at much less than the estimated cost. The sinking fund and interest of \$12,000 would not affect the tax rate to any appreciable extent, and added that it was not the intention to include the matter in the city of London bill, as stated in the motion, but to get special legislation. Ald. Ashton rose to a point of order. He wished to correct the mayor. The building of the dam was bound to affect the tax rate, as it would mean \$12,000 more to be raised in taxes. The mayor said that anyone taking a paper and pencil and figuring it out would find that it would not. Ald. Ashplant was as good as figures as anyone he knew, but he was like some auditors. They did not audit; they checked. He also said that the building of the dam would help the unemployed, but not to a great extent. The mayor then resumed his chair at the head of the council, and Ald. Ashplant immediately asked what was his position in relation to the proposal to build the dam and to section 104 of the procedure bylaw, which said that no capital expenditures over \$25,000 shall be incurred before October 1 of any year without a vote of the people, in view of his campaign at the last municipal election. Mayor Wilson replied, "My campaign has nothing to do with it." Ald. Ashplant—"It has to do with your attitude on this matter." Mayor Wilson—"Not a thing at all. The people elected me and expect me to use my best judgment, and so long as I am mayor I intend to do so. That's my answer to that." It transpired that Ald. Ashplant was alone in his opposition to the dam as the subsequent vote showed, it being 19 for, 1 against, and the yeas and nays called. Will Use City Labor. Ald. Ashton and Ald. Watkinson made lengthy speeches in favor. Ald. L. Douglas proved solicitous for the welfare of West London, asking as to the danger of flooding. He was assured that there would be no danger, the engineer's stating that every precaution would be taken. Ald. May asked if it was the intention to call for tenders and was informed that the utilities commission would build the dam, employing city labor. Ald. Ashplant presented an amendment that the matter be submitted to the people at the next election as a referendum, but got no seconder and the motion that the dam be built carried. Ald. Ashplant wanted to get quick action on the annex school tax question so that notices for this year's taxes could be changed and for the reason wanted a special committee to take the matter up with the solicitor and then have power to act, if, when they secured the solicitor's opinion, it was found that he had ruled that school taxes on the full assessment, were collectable. In this regard, he told the council, that if it did not want to act there would be action taken to see that the law was carried out. Mayor Wilson said that he could not agree to the proposal to give the committee power as the city was bound by its agreement. The alderman said that he was not asking that they break the law. Ald. Childs asked if the agreement was not an order of the Ontario Railway Board and approved by order-in-council? Ald. Ashplant said that this would not interfere with the statute. Mayor Wilson said that there was a decision of the council to await the solicitor's written opinion and it would take a two-thirds vote to override it. However, he was not opposed to a committee meeting with the solicitor. Refers to Gas Company. Ald. Judd said that the committee should report back. Aldermen Ashplant, Childs and Judd were named to the committee. Ald. Ashplant expressed surprise that nothing was being done about the auditor's report on the City Gas Company's affairs. He had made some deductions from the report and on question of privilege outlined them. This dealt with a number of interesting remarks in regards to costs and production, and changed from year to year in different items. He also dealt with the financial position of the company, calling attention to one point which, he said, was a "tale-bearer." This was to the effect that though the company was supposed to be losing money, it nevertheless paid \$2,800 income tax to the federal government. He touched on the latitude allowed in these reports and concluded that the company must have had a pretty decent income to pay that amount. He told the aldermen that the city should take position as accepting only 90 cent gas and tell the private bills committee of the legislature not to touch that rate until the council had so agreed. ADD APPROVES PLAN The effort of Ald. Ashplant to have the salary of Deputy Police Magistrate P. H. Bartlett cut off until it is approved by the estimates failed. Again he did not get a seconder to his motion. The alderman contended that the present council was in no way a party to the appointment of Mr. Bartlett, and he was not a member of the regular city staff. Fails To Get Seconder. Mayor Wilson ruled that it would take a two-thirds vote to re-open the matter, it having been settled by the 1921 council that the city should pay the salary in the absence of the regular magistrate on leave. Ald. Ashplant contended that the council of 1921 could not bind the

council of 1922 on a salary matter. There were no funds to take care of this expenditure. Ald. Childs wanted to know if this salary was different from that of any other of the city staff. The motion to have the salary held up fell by the wayside for lack of a seconder. Ald. F. R. Watkinson asked if it was a fact that some 80 married men, engaged on the regular city force, had been laid off by the engineer's department. Mayor Wilson said he did not think so. Those laid off were only those on relief work. Ald. Ashton, chairman of the board of works, corrected him. 30 of the regular men in three gangs had been laid off. Ald. Drake said he had been informed at the employment bureau that 300 had been laid off. Ald. Ashton said his information from the foreman was that about 90 had been let out. CONDUCT FUNERAL OF MRS. ELIZABETH LACEY The funeral of Elizabeth Mary Lacey, widow of the late Squire R. F. Lacey took place Sunday, Feb. 19, from the home of her daughter, Mrs. George Stead, 208 Edward street. Mrs. Lacey is also survived by two other daughters, Mrs. W. D. Quigley, and Mrs. John M. Watt, both of London. CRASH CUTS OFF WATER. WATERLOO, Feb. 20.—Water service was out of commission in Waterloo for about an hour today as a result of a motor car crashing into a hydrant with such force that the hydrant was demolished. The accident occurred at the corner of Erb and King streets. The front of the car was badly damaged. SHOULDER LINES. Shoulder lines on gowns designed for evening wear are exceedingly irregular. One of the newest effects is a veiling of chiffon or lace for one shoulder while the other is left quite without any attempt at sleeve.

PASTOR ACCEPTS RIDGETOWN CALL

RIDGETOWN, Feb. 20.—At a largely-attended service in the Baptist Church yesterday morning a unanimous call to become pastor of the church here was given to Rev. J. Proudfoot of Sudbury, Ont. Rev. Proudfoot has been conducting special services at the church. Rev. Dr. Fowler, who has been pastor of the Church of Christ (Disciples) for the past two years, has been forced through illness to ask for a three months' leave of absence, which has been granted him. He has left to spend some time with his son in Ohio.

UNEMPLOYED ADVISED NO WORK AT COCHRANE

TORONTO, Feb. 20.—The provincial department of labor has taken steps to prevent any rush of unemployed to Cochrane and North Bay looking for work on the extension of the Temiskaming and Northern Ontario Railway. At Friday's session of the assembly the question was asked as to whether the department had taken steps to prevent men out of jobs going up to Cochrane only to be stranded there, as there is still several feet of snow along the right-of-way. The records show that on Jan. 18 the North Bay branch of the department sent out circulars to the various government employment bureaus asking them to advise against unemployed going north, as there was no employment available and would not be for some time to come. This was repeated on January 23, when it was pointed out that only 150 or 200 men would be needed during the winter, and they would be supplied from Cochrane district, but there would be large numbers of men needed in the spring.

U. S. LEADS ALL IN RECORDS

NEW YORK, Feb. 20.—An analysis of the latest list of world's records accepted by the International Athletic Federation shows that out of some ninety-odd standard events the best time or distance has been made by United States athletes in 37 contests. The nearest competitor of the United States for the honor of leading the world in the matter of record holders is Great Britain, whose athletes have marked up the best time or distance in 28 events. Denmark and Finland are tied for third place with seven records each. The United States is without a record holder in the walking events, in which Great Britain, Canada and Finland hold all the records, and is tied with Great Britain in the running records, each nation having thirteen to its credit. The United States holds a majority of the long distance running records. The apportionment of world's records among the seven holding nations is shown in the appended compilation: United States—Runs, 13; walks, 0; jumps, 5; weights, 4; discus and javelin, 1; hurdles, 6; relay racing, 8. Great Britain—Runs, 5; walks, 13; jumps, 1; relay racing, 1. Finland—Runs, 5; discus and javelin, 2. Denmark—Walks, 7. Sweden—Runs, 4; discus and javelin, 1. France—Runs, 5.

CANCEL DORCHESTER TUESDAY ENGAGEMENT

The Hamilton Road Presbyterian Church Young People's Society have had to cancel their engagement at Dorchester for Tuesday. This has been made necessary owing to the sickness of several members of the cast.

RHEUMATIC SUFFERER BREAKS LEG IN FALL

MITCHELL, Feb. 20.—Mrs. Albert Ruston, who has suffered from rheumatism for years, and who is compelled to walk with the aid of a cane, broke her right leg at the knee when she fell in her home Saturday evening.

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DESCRIPTION OF CABINET

Made of selected plain oak, in dull, golden finish; stands 70 inches high, nicked catches and hinges. The interior of top section is white enameled. In this section is found large cupboard space, tilting flour bin and glass spice, coffee, tea and sugar containers. A roll-curtain front makes this section dustproof.

The base section has large cupboard space, cutting board, two utility drawers and metal bread box. The Porcelain baking top extends to 40x25 inches, and is fitted with a lock, so that it is perfectly rigid when extended. This top runs easily on steel glides. The Cabinet is mounted on steel castors that make it easy to move from one part of the kitchen to another.

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