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IMPORTANT DEVELOPMENTS OF RUBBER INDUSTRY FORESHADOWED

Amalgamation of Maple Leaf Tires Ltd. and Large American Industry Probable—Fifty Acres Required to Accommodate the Plant and Subsidiary Buildings—Civil Deputation Returns From Akron, Ohio.

The civic deputation headed by Mayor Ketcheson, and consisting, in addition to his worship, ex-Mayor H. W. Ackerman, Ald. Deacon, Sir MacKenzie Bowell and Mr. Long, president of Maple Leaf Tires Ltd., have now all returned to the city and are all very enthusiastic over the prospects of the establishment here of a great rubber industry that will be one of the most important in the Dominion.

Details are by no means all arranged and much remains yet to be done. And it may be stated that the citizens will be expected to co-operate to some extent. As to that, further announcements may be expected in the course of a day or two.

It may be stated, now, however, that it has practically been concluded that the amalgamation of Maple Leaf Tires Ltd. with one of the largest rubber industries of the world, which has its headquarters located at Akron, Ohio. The amalgamation concern will control all the patents and secret processes, now the exclusive property of Maple Leaf Tires Ltd. and will have in addition the benefit of all the lines and processes, upon the control of the great American Corporation.

Some idea of the size of the latter will be gathered when we state that the buildings alone cover thirty-five acres of land, with many large additions in process of erection, and several thousand hands are employed. The Belleville deputation started early in the forenoon to make a tour of the huge plant and continued until five in the afternoon, and had not returned to that time seen more than half of it.

Work was stopped this morning on the building of Maple Leaf Tires, north of the Grand Trunk tracks. The plans are being radically changed to accommodate a much greater proposition.

If the amalgamation is consummated the present main building will be increased to three stories in height. It is anticipated that in a very short time at least fifty acres will be required to accommodate the various factories, storehouses, etc., that the new company would require.

The Akron company at present manufactures no less than 3,500 different rubber articles. A partial list of their products may now be seen on exhibition in the front window of Maple Leaf Tires Ltd., Bridge St. E. Even an amateur can discover for himself that some of the articles there shown, such as hot-water bags, rubber heels, insoles, bathing-caps, toy balloons, automobile tires, sponges, gloves, etc., etc., are of an exceedingly fine and superior order of manufacture.

The civic deputation did not go to Akron primarily in the interests of Maple Leaf Tires, but they did what they could to help the proposition along.

The president of the Akron corporation was in Belleville over a week ago and was shown about the city and over the site of the Maple Leaf plant. He returned home very favorably impressed.

Further important announcements may be expected in the course of a few days.

RUMANIANS ON ATTACK CHECK FOE'S ADVANCE.
LONDON, Dec. 12.—By counter-attacking and driving back the Germans on the Ploesti-Mizil high road, the Rumanians have begun another big engagement with the invaders, according to the official communication issued by Petrograd today.

The Rumanians are attacking the German left flank in a threatened enveloping movement. The Germans, after the check to their advance, moved more troops up in the night, but reinforcements came up and retook a vantage point from the Rumanians. These rallied and they regained their lost ground in brisk fighting.

The Russians also made progress in their advance in the region of Vale Putna Village and in the Trotus Valley, in despite of strenuous resistance from the enemy. The Germans met their advance by a violent fire and by counter-attacks, but they were unable to regain their lost ground.

DEATH OF FATHER LECOMBE.
CALGARY, Dec. 12.—Father LeCombe, one of the earliest and most successful missionaries to Canadian west, died this morning at Midnapore, near here. He was born in Lassomption county, Que., in 1827.

ITALY TO CONTROL MEAT CONSUMPTION.
ROME, Dec. 12.—A decree was issued today placing the consumption of fresh meat under government control after January 1st.

VARIATIONS IN ASSESSMENTS

Special Committee Reports That Poorer Properties Bear Greater Burden.

RED CROSS GRANT

Tax Collection For Past Two Weeks—Problem of Gas Works Refuse.

An interesting document is the report which was presented to the city council last evening by the special committee appointed some time ago to investigate the published assessments of the City of Belleville for 1915. It read as follows:—

"After careful investigation we find that to a very large extent the assessments were unfair in the following respects:

(1) "Properties of apparently the same value, varied in assessment to as much as \$1000 and more.

(2) "The proportion of the assessments to the actual value of the poorer properties is larger than that of the properties owned by the wealthier citizens.

"And we would recommend:

(1) "That, as the assessor is paid a very fair remuneration, he devote more time to the duties of assessing.

(2) "That the council of 1917 be advised to appoint a similar committee to look into the assessment of 1916."

Dec. 11, 1916. James Duckworth, Chairman.

The other members of the special committee were Ald. Smith, Ald. Parks and Ald. Whelan.

Discussion on Assessment Report

"The problem of assessment is a big one," declared Mayor Ketcheson. "Years ago several thousand dollars was spent on an assessment commission and I think things were in a worse state after that than ever before."

Ald. Woodley—"I think if the committee had gone completely into the assessment as published and given instances of the faults alleged, the work would have been much more satisfactory. No doubt properties are under-assessed and some are over-assessed. I would like more details given."

Ald. Smith—"We can give you instances. We have a large number of names and are ready to give them. We have taken into consideration the land, the outside appearance and interior appointments of houses. It is not our duty to make public the properties under-assessed. We find that in the great majority of cases it is the poor that are assessed and in these days we ought to place the burden where it can best be borne. I must say I did not enter into this investigation with any idea of criticizing the assessor. I know it is difficult to give an equitable assessment."

Ald. Duckworth quoted instances on the west side of the city where unimproved buildings are heavily assessed.

"Our assessment compared with that of other towns is very low," declared Ald. Smith. "Our assessment were raised in places the tax rate could be lowered."

"I think the whole city is under-assessed," stated the mayor who showed that Belleville was very low in assessment. "People here have an idea whether rightly or wrongly that every time the assessment is increased, the tax rate is increased." (laughter)

To Prevent Waste of Water

City Engineer Evans drew council's attention to the following, the communication being referred to the waterworks committee:

"I find that there are a great many washing machines run by water motor in the city and I would like to call the attention of the members of the waterworks committee to the advisability of making a charge for these motors, as they consume a large quantity of water and it might also be advisable to instruct the storekeepers who sell these machines that they are required to notify the city to notify the city waterworks department, furnishing the name of the purchaser, the machine number and the date when it was purchased."

"I think also it would be wise to have an inspector this winter to watch for taps running during the cold weather. Last year we had enormous losses which undoubtedly were due to this cause. We should have an inspector to go on any time day or night—take the week about and he could easily locate the taps that are running by using an ear 'phone on the lawn service or the nearest hydrant. I think we could save a good many hundred dollars by taking this matter up."

"I also think that a bylaw should be prepared appointing such an inspector, if this has not already been done, and requiring all plumbers to

report service connections and additional taps installed in houses. I am satisfied that many have more taps in their houses than they are paying for."

Ald. Woodley, when the recommendation was considered to increase Manager Gardiner's salary by \$100 per annum, said he did not like advancing the salary of one without that of others, and moved that the recommendation be referred back to the committee to deal with at next committee meeting.

The city decided to forward a directory of Belleville to the Royal Colonial Institute, London, England, on the request of that body.

C. N. R. To Cross Wharf Street

The following order of the Board of Railway Commissioners for Canada was received and filed:

"Upon the Chief Engineer of the Board and hearing the application at the sitting of the Board at Belleville on November 14, 1916, the C.N.R. the city and the Belleville Board of Trade, being represented at the hearing, and what was alleged:—

"It is ordered that the applicant company (applying for authority to construct its proposed connection between the passing track and the spur to the rolling mills, across Wharf street), be and it is hereby authorized to cross Wharf street with its proposed connection between the passing siding and the spur to the rolling mills: the said crossing to be constructed in accordance with 'The Standard Regulations of the Board' and the authority herein granted to be without prejudice to the location of the interchange tracks between the C.N.R., C.P.R. and G.T.R. at Belleville, now under the consideration of the board."

Mayor Ketcheson explained that this did not prejudice the city's rights or claims in the matter of the inter-switching problem as discussed when the commission met here.

\$1,000 Grant to British Red Cross

Ald. Whelan moved, seconded by Ald. Duckworth that the thanks of council be tendered to His Honor Judge Willis and staff for the very able and efficient manner in which they conducted the British Red Cross campaign, which was adopted.

On motion of Ald. Woodley, seconded by Ald. Smith, council voted to supplement out of its patriotic fund the subscriptions of the public for the British Red Cross by \$1,000.

Major Ketcheson introduced the problem facing the gas department of getting a new outlet for refuse from the gas works, as there was the possibility of trouble if the present drain is used. The corporation had lost in the case in which Mr. Harry Smith was the plaintiff. A small committee said the mayor should be appointed to go into the problem.

There was a suggestion thrown out to utilize the old drain running down into the harbor.

That would not do as the refuse tar got all over the boats in the harbor.

Ald. Woodley suggested a disposal plant to destroy the refuse "washings."

City Solicitor Masson's letter to council on the matter was read, dealing with the proposition of the plaintiff's lawyers of rental for six or eight months for a house for Mr. Smith while the present condition was being remedied. Mr. Masson had been able to get 15 days' stay for appeal, and he urged council if any definite course were to be taken, to deal at once.

Manager Gardiner outlined the situation and finally it was decided to have the Mayor, Ald. Platt, City Engineer Evans and Manager Gardiner comprise a committee of investigation with power to act.

Ald. Smith inquired about the planing on Great St. James street crossing, and secured the promise of Ald. Whelan that the G.T.R. would be instructed to remedy the situation.

Tax Collections

Tax Collector Wm. L. Doyle has collected since Nov. 18th as follows:

1915 Account
Uncollected Nov. 18.\$40,649.33
Collected since\$11,406.88

1916 Account
Nov. 13 uncollected\$61,904.33
Collected since\$ 5,407.02

Balance\$29,242.45

1916 Account
Nov. 13 uncollected\$61,904.33
Collected since\$ 5,407.02

Balance\$56,497.31

"Tomorrow I am commencing to issue distress warrants for taxes owing for 1915, and will start with the largest tax delinquents and work downward."

Municipal nominations will be held on Friday, Dec. 22nd and elections on New Year's Day. Deputy returning officers and poll clerks were appointed as follows:

Foster ward 1—Thos. Blaind, M. Callaghan.

Samson 2—J. D. Clarke, J. Davis.

Samson 3—W. B. Moore, J. M. Farley.

Ketcheson 4—W. B. Walker, T. E. Ketcheson.

Ketcheson 5—R. H. Ketcheson, C.

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Parisis, Ivory 25c each.

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Manicure Sets, reg. 50c Set for 35c, reg. 75c Set for 50c.

Manicure Sets in beautiful Cases, special values at \$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.50, \$2.25 up to \$12.50.

Brush, Com and Minor Set, special one at \$1.00.

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