

Local Option Contest to be Held in January Report Received on Grand Valley Railway Greece Has Satisfied Britain's Demands

LOCAL OPTION BY-LAW WILL BE PASSED ON BY PEOPLE

At Last Night's Council Session, the Local Option By-laws Went Through Without Dissent.

The local option by-law will go to the people. The City Council decided that at last night's Extraordinary session...

The first act took place upon the reading of the petition of G. Philip Buck and 1500 others protesting against the proposed by-law.

The Mayor wanted to know what that meant. Ald. Ryerson explained that he was ready to present a by-law on the matter...

"You can put it on your own or mine," returned Alderman Ryerson. "I am assured I am quite correct in this mission."

THE RECOMMENDATION. A few minutes later Ald. Ryerson brought in the Finance Committee's report...

THE BY-LAW. Later still Ald. Ryerson introduced the by-law proper, seconded by Ald. Mellen.

MR. MANN. Mr. Fred Mann on behalf of the temperance workers stated that he had nothing to say.

MR. HAVERSON. Mr. James Haverson K.C., of Toronto, spoke on behalf of the anti-liquorists.

The question had already been voted on. At no time in the history of Brantford had the hotels been run better than they were now.

SOLDIERS HAD A FINE OUTING BY MARCH TO PARIS YESTERDAY

84th Battalion Received by People of Paris With Acclaim—Splendid Supper Served by Ladies to Soldiers—Banquet by Town to Officers.

After leaving the city shortly after ten o'clock yesterday morning, the 84th Battalion struck out into their marching pace and covered the seven miles to Paris in commendable time.

A ROYAL SPREAD. When the soldiers entered the rink they found the tables fairly groaning under great plates of tempting sandwiches, cake and pies.

the question now, it was not because of any complaint against the hotel-keepers.

Why did not the temperance people place this matter before the council by petition? It was true that they were not precluded from coming before the council...

INTERFERED WITH VOTERS' LISTS.

The introduction of the question at this late season interfered with the preparation of the voters' lists, since the beginning of the war any question causing discussion had been shelved.

A matter like this which affected the whole community is one on which the whole of the electorate should pronounce. There was a tacit agreement between political parties...

There is no room on mine, so you'd better lay it on yours," said the Mayor and laid before Alderman Ryerson it was accordingly.

The whole liquor supervision was now in the hands of a commission. This commission was working with the Militia authorities to control the traffic during the war...

Mr. Haverson also pointed to the huge petition, and referred to the useless cost an election would entail.

"QUESTION" Mr. Haverson sat down and somebody called, "Question" The first reading went through unanimously...

No amplification of the Foreign Office statement is obtainable in official quarters. The universal deduction is that the Greek Government has satisfied the British demands...

After this lunch, the men had two hours at their leisure and it was not until three o'clock that the order was given to fall in.

BIG VICTORY. PARIS, Nov. 23, 5 p.m.—A defeat of Bulgarians by the Serbians in a battle in central Serbia is announced in an official communication given out at the Serbian legation here.

Paul Daeché, in the Hudson County (N.J.) jail on a charge of conspiring to blow up liners, intends to make a vigorous fight against removal to New York state.

ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND QUARTERS WANTED for gifts for the soldiers. Will you give one?

OFFICERS ENTERTAINED Lt. Colonel Stewart and his staff and the guests from the city, were entertained at a banquet.

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Brantford's Bright Pupils

Have Been Photographed

RYERSON SCHOOL—DIVISION FOUR



BACK ROW—Irene Summerhayes, May Gard, Mary Fraser, Florence Walton, Louise Greenwood, Mazie Jones, Margaret Croun, Fern Foster, Essie Pettit. SECOND ROW—Matilda LeConte, Eileen Skillings, Hazel McGibbon, Ivy King, Mildred McGibbon, Irma Shawcross, Nellie Gard, Brenda Smith, Violet Wood, Harry Hewson. THIRD ROW—Harold Gardner, Gordon Shawcross, Grant Jarvis, Jack Healey, Teddy LeConte, James McClelland, George Knight, Herbert Cleator, Sidney Amos, Wilfred Cooper, Walter Cronk, Willie Knight, Ernest Craig. BOTTOM ROW—Willie Gardener, Arthur Smith, Cameron Bean, Clarence Winter, Arthur Cook, Lloyd Book, Fred Tomlin.

GREECE HAS GIVEN BRITAIN ASSURANCE OF GOOD INTENTIONS

Belief in London From Foreign Office Report That No Blockade is in Force is That Greece Has Complied With Allied Demands.

Recent despatches from the Near East have stated the British Government had inaugurated a peaceful blockade of Greece.

The purpose of these measures, it was said, was to induce Greece to guarantee immunity to Serbian, French and British troops which might be forced in Greek territory from hostile action by the Greeks.

THE CAUSE DISCOVERED. The cause of the flooding of the elevator pit in the new public building was located yesterday.

THE JUDGES ARE ALREADY HARD AT WORK. They are: H. W. Partlo, Woodstock; A. H. Switzer, St. Mary's; A. W. Tyson, Guelph; Geo. Jackson, Brantford.

At the annual meeting of the Grand Lodge of Oddfellows in Trenton, N. J., it was stated that this is still the largest fraternal organization in existence, having a membership of 2,194,773.

Married in a dare at Elkton, Md. on October 12, 1914, Albert Michaels of Philadelphia, and his Reading bride never lived together, the woman says in a suit of divorce heard there on Saturday.

A MILLION FROM CITY AND COUNTY

Response From This District Has Been Wonderful—Amounts of All Sizes.

Brantford brokers handling the war loan, report a very brisk demand and equities from all over the county.

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The whole property was bought for a lump sum, and there were no records to show what values accrued to any particular portion of it, but the Commission after most careful consideration and examination, adopted the following as a division of values between the Brantford Street section proper, and that known as the Grand Valley.

Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. Includes Grand Valley permanent way (\$172,000), Grand Valley permanent way Brantford-Paris (\$50,000), Paris-Galt (20,000), Power plant at Galt and Blue Lake (70,000), Brantford Real Property (4,600), used for both sections (37,950), Rolling Stock, used for both sections (15,500), Tools, appliances and stores (9,250), Total (\$309,500).

POULTRY SHOW

Is the Best Ever Witnessed in Brantford.

The poultry show opened to-day in the new and commodious building on Colborne street, formerly occupied by the Gem theatre.

GRAND VALLEY REPORT IS PLACED BEFORE COUNCIL

Thorough Statement of Receipts and Running Expenditures of Two Sections of Radial Road.

To the Chairman and Members of the Railway Committee of the City Council:

Gentlemen,—The members of this Commission when instructing the Manager to forward to the Mayor certain communications, viz.: That of L. G. Ireland, manager, dated October 13th, 1915; report re Paris-Galt operations Jan. 1st to June 30th, 1915; that of J. B. Royce, consulting engineer, dated November 12th, 1915; report re Paris-Galt line; that of Martin N. Todd, manager Lake Erie and Northern Railway, Nov. 5th, re taking over of Paris-Galt line, agreed among themselves, that any explanation or comment thereon by the Commissioners should be at the meeting which would be called by your committee for the consideration of the matters referred to in these communications.

I prefer to reduce to writing anything I have at present to say, leaving my brother commissioners to act as they see fit.

Your Commissioners while acting in concert in all the duties and responsibilities imposed under the by-law appointing them, divided the details of the work for more convenience of administration, Messrs Hartman and Turnbull looking after those directly connected with the betterment of the property and its physical operation, and those connected with accounting and financing were delegated to me.

I shall, therefore, confine my explanations to the financial issues involved in the ownership of the property, and more particularly in connection with the Grand Valley division of the railway, and the section from Paris to Galt.

The City of Brantford is now interested to the extent of about \$400,000 in the Street Railway Department of its Municipal utilities.

\$70,000 by debentures of the city, payable in thirty years. \$125,000 by the underlying bonds originally issued to the Canadian General Electric Company.

\$55,000 by the value of work and material for road paving which was to have been paid by the Street Railway Company, and in which retent was made.

These several liabilities involve the annual payment of twenty-seven thousand and eight hundred dollars per annum, which must be either collected through the working of the property, or any deficit in such working made good through an addition to the tax rate from time to time.

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FEATURES OF COUNCIL MEETING

1. Decided to submit Local Option By-law to the people. 2. Received lengthy report on the Grand Valley Railway. 3. Made provision for the election of three Municipal Railway Commissioners in January.

4. Appointed all returning officers and deputy-returning officers for municipal elections. 5. Authorized contact with Schultz Bros. to build public waiting room on Market Square.

6. Passed a vote of condolence and sympathy to relatives of Brantford soldiers killed at the Front. 7. Authorized contract to repair sluiceway dam. 8. Heard Mr. Haverson, K. C., speak on behalf of the license-holders against proposed Local Option By-law.

Note—Blue Lake Power plan, since sold for \$600,000.

Since the city took possession about \$25,000 has been spent on the Grand Valley Division, exclusive of expenditure on Rolling Stock, and principally for power plant at Paris, station at Paris, repairs and improvements to permanent way, so that the present amount involved in that division may be placed at one hundred thousand dollars.

This may be further divided, Brantford-Paris, \$70,000; Paris-Galt, \$50,000.

The Grand Valley service consists of the operation of three passenger, and one freight car, running between Mohawk Park, Brantford, and the City of Galt, entrance into the latter place is over the lines of the Galt, Preston and Hespeler Railway.

The Revenue—Consists of all the receipts from "ticket sales" at points along the line, "Cash Fares" both outside and inside the city, together with freight earnings, City tickets, the cash payment of which accrues to the city lines, are honored on the Grand Valley cars within the limits of the city, and as an off-set to this service no charge is made to the Grand Valley for electric power from Mohawk Park to Armstrong's Crossing, some miles north of the city. The total cost of all the power used by the city or the Grand Valley from Mohawk Park to Armstrong's Crossing is met by the Brantford City Division.

The value of the power used over this portion of the line by the Grand Valley is estimated at about ten dollars per day.

The operating expenditure is separated from that of the city lines, and is allotted to each division of the service by the accounting department on the certificate and voucher of the manager.

Report No. 2 of the Commission to the city council, dated August 4th, 1915, and covering a period of six months ended June 30th, 1915, shows: Revenue of Grand Valley lines \$21,561 Operating expenditure

Leaving a surplus of \$3,271 without consideration of interest, sinking fund or depreciation. These latter may be calculated as follows for that period:

Interest and sinking fund on \$100,000

Depreciation as fixed by the manager on three cars

Thus resulting in a deficit for the six months of \$1,021 Now let me separate this division into two sections, viz: Brantford-Paris, and Paris-Galt.

Brantford-Paris, 7.68 miles: Value. Revenue Oper. Exp. or deficit Surplus—

\$30,000 \$14,687 \$10,000 \$4,627 Deduct interest and sinking fund

Depreciation on two cars 600 \$2,973 Surplus—

Profit for six months

Paris-Galt, 13.08 miles: Value. Revenue Oper. Exp. or deficit Surplus—

\$30,000 \$ 6,875 \$ 8,230 \$ 1,355 Interest and sinking fund on

Depreciation one car

Deficit for six months

The two sections act as feed-ers of each of the other, and some revenue would be lost to the Brantford-Paris section.

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