

CITY COUNCIL TO ASK AGREEMENT FROM FIRM TO REMAIN IN LONDON

Property of the McCormick Biscuit Works Appears To Have Been Favored at the Meeting Held To Select Site for a New City Hall.

COMPANY TO BE ASKED TO PLEDGE ITSELF TO EMPLOY 800 HANDS

Ald. Coles, Chairman of the Special Building Committee, Was Deputed to Approach the Company and Make the Arrangements.

After debating for two hours last night, the city council did not decide where the new city hall is to be built. The announcement was made after the meeting that another session would be held on Friday at noon, when the selection would possibly be made. In the meantime, Ald. Coles, chairman of the committee, was instructed to obtain further information regarding two Dundas street sites, and report to the committee.

According to information secured from the members of the council, six sites were placed before the meeting—the Spencer Block, the McCormick, property, the Eccles site, the southeast corner of Waterloo and Dundas streets, the southwest corner of Maple and Richmond streets, and the "V," Richmond street north.

The latter was bowled out early in the evening, none of the members considering it very seriously. It was found impossible to secure the Christian Science Church without expropriation proceedings, and these would be so expensive that the committee did not think it worth while to seriously consider it.

MOST FAVORED SITE.

Of the other five, the McCormick property was the one most favored. In fact, it was chiefly because of it that the committee adjourned until Friday. Ald. Coles announced that the company were willing to sell at a reasonable figure. They would agree to remain in the city, he stated.

However, the committee thought that something more definite should be obtained. The property at the present time is unsuited to the needs of the firm, and they are desirous of obtaining more ground room elsewhere.

AGREEMENT IS ASKED.

It was decided that Ald. Coles should obtain from the McCormick Company a definite agreement; to remain in the city, erect a modern plant, and employ 800 people. If they would agree to this, the council would purchase the property.

In the meantime, he is to obtain information regarding the Spencer Block, and the Waterloo and Dundas streets site. The prices and dimensions were not altogether clear to the committee, and further information was desirable, in the opinion of the aldermen.

OPTION EXPIRES FRIDAY.

One of the options secured expires on Friday night, and the committee will make an attempt to decide, so far as that site is concerned at least, what location shall be selected.

"We laid the various propositions before the council," said Ald. Coles. "We adjourned until Friday noon, when further information will be presented to the aldermen. We did not do anything more than discuss the matter informally. We hope to make a selection on Friday."

Further than that he would not commit himself. What site would be eventually selected he would not say.

Those present at the meeting were Ald. Coles, chairman; Ald. Richter, Ald. Spittal, Ald. Johnston, Ald. Bennett, Ald. Ashplant, Ald. Murphy, Ald. Rose, Ald. Moore, Ald. Blandford and Mayor Graham.

DIFFICULTIES MULTIPLYING FOR CITY HALL COMMITTEE

It Is Said To Be a Certainty That the Members Will Not Select a Site For New Structure at Meeting Tomorrow.

Difficulties are multiplying for the city hall committee, and it can be said with all assurance that the city council will not select a site on Friday at noon, when the next session is to be held.

It is true that the McCormick Company will listen to a proposition to sell the property now occupied by them at the corner of Wellington and Dundas streets. The price fixed upon is \$100,000. The city, of course, will ask the company to sign an agreement to build a new modern factory in the city, and employ 800 people.

The first difficulty in the way is that of the fixed assessment. At the present time, the company enjoy an assessment of \$45,000. The opinion of City Solicitor Meredith was obtained today, and he states that the exemption applies only to the premises now occupied by the company. Were a change to be made another bylaw would have to be submitted to the ratepayers for their approval.

Wording of the Bylaw. The wording of the bylaw raising \$75,000 for city hall purposes is causing no little uneasiness among the aldermen at the present time. The document explicitly states, that the bylaw is passed to raise \$75,000 to "complete" the city hall. If the sum of \$100,000 is expended for a site alone, \$75,000 will not go very far towards completing the building, and further money will have to be secured. The claim is made that it will be illegal for the council to expend a very large sum of money on the choice of a location for the city hall.

These matters are creating no end of interest, and while the solution is to be rather hard to discover at the present time. In any event, it does not appear likely that the choice of a site will be made within a day or two.

Wednesday's Meeting. The meeting of the city hall committee Wednesday evening produced a very great deal of conversation, but not much action. The various locations were looked over, but in many the data was not forthcoming to make a choice an easy matter.

It has developed that the Eccles property is the only site not entangled with difficulties. The price named for

that, \$35,000, covers all the land owned by Dr. Eccles.

In all the others, there is some drawback. While some of the property has been bonded, not all has, and it is stated that expensive expropriation proceedings will have to be taken in the majority of cases to secure the land necessary for the erection of a suitable building. The McCormick property is in one block, but other matters interfere with the transfer. Ald. Coles, chairman of the special committee, was busy engaged this morning in securing information regarding the various propositions. He had an interview with City Solicitor Meredith regarding the exemption bylaw for the McCormick Manufacturing Company, and endeavored to clear up other matters to be discussed later.

McCormicks Silent.

Mr. Thomas McCormick, manager of the company, was seen by The Advertiser, but stated emphatically that no statement could be made at the present time.

"We have nothing whatever to say," was the substance of the interview with him.

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THE WEATHER.

TOMORROW—FAIR.

Forecasts.

Toronto, Sept. 19.—8 a.m. Today—Fresh to strong southerly with westerly winds; some showers and local thunderstorms.

Friday—For the most part fair.

Temperatures.

The following were the highest and lowest temperatures during the 24 hours previous to 8 a.m. today:

Stations. High. Low. Weather.
LONDON..... 51.5 48 Fair
Victoria..... 66 48 Clear
Calgary..... 64 36 Cloudy
Port Arthur..... 68 44 Cloudy
Port Sound..... 64 58 Cloudy
Toronto..... 68 58 Cloudy
Ottawa..... 62 52 Cloudy
Montreal..... 58 58 Fair
Quebec..... 56 52 Cloudy
Bathurst..... 58 48 Fair

Weather Notes.

Several shallow depressions exist over the continent this morning while the weather in Canada is more or less unsettled generally, rain having fallen in nearly all localities.

M. C. R. TEAMSTER FATALLY CRUSHED UNDER A LORRIE

Oscar Hall, 138 Bathurst St., in Dying Condition in Hospital.

WAGON SLEWED AND THE LOAD SHIFTED

Big Cases of Glass Fell On Top of the Driver and He Was Pinned Under Load.

Oscar Hall, aged 26 years, who resides at 138 Bathurst street, was so badly injured Wednesday afternoon when the lorry he was driving toppled over and buried him under a heavy load of glass, that he is lying in Victoria Hospital at present at the point of death. His injuries are of such a serious nature that no hope is held out for his recovery, and it is only a matter of hours, according to the attending physician, when death will come.

The Accident.

Hall is a teamster for the M. C. R. Cartage Company, and Wednesday afternoon he pulled the Hobbs' Glass Works on York street, near Ridout, for a load of freight. The load was a large and heavy one, and when Hall was driving out onto the street from the warehouse, the lorry slewed a trifle on the pavement, and the load, becoming unbalanced, toppled over, burying Hall underneath the huge cases.

Dr. Haags, whose office is nearby, was summoned quickly, and he ordered the injured man taken to the hospital as soon as possible.

Very Badly Injured.

Hall was suffering from injuries about the head, a deep scalp wound having been inflicted, besides numerous abrasions. He was unconscious, and it was later discovered that his skull had been fractured, and he was suffering from internal injuries.

Since being in the hospital, Hall has lain in a comatose condition. He was only married a short time ago, his wife being, it is alleged, only 14 years of age.

TWO NEW SCHOOLS MAY BE ERECTED BY BOARD IN 1913

Question of Additional Accommodation Will Be Taken Up at Once.

ABERDEEN SCHOOL AND ONE IN SOUTH LONDON

Latter Depends Upon Whether or Not the Bridge to Connect West London Is Built.

The question of additional school accommodation will be grappled with by the board of education at once.

From present indications, one, probably two, new schools will be constructed next year. The board of education have declared themselves in favor of a new school to replace Aberdeen school. If the West London bridge is built next spring, another school will be erected in South London, in the northwest section. A new building at Aberdeen would relieve the congestion in the southeast section. The South London building would relieve West London and South London, leaving matters in a fairly good condition for a year.

A Large Problem.

"The problem of more accommodation in the large school report will be to face it at once," said Rev. J. Gibson Inkster, who has taken a deep interest in this matter. "In the first place, we must have a new school to replace the Aberdeen school. That is essential, and it is too bad that we have not got it started this year. I have been in favor of doing this all the time, but we could not get started. We hope to have this matter settled right away. This would relieve that section, by a readjustment of the school boundaries a little."

"We did also talk of a new school for South London. The bridge connecting that portion of the city with West London was not constructed, and he plans for a new building there fell to the ground. That will have to be attended to, and that very soon. We have a number of other buildings, not equal to the needs of the city, but a thorough report will have to be made on these matters. We should erect a new modern school a year, the same as they have been doing in Hamilton and other cities, and we will soon have London in good shape."

The Collegiate, Too.

"And while we are talking of problems, we have the Collegiate to think of. It has been condemned, and in a short time will have to be replaced. We will, I anticipate, lay out a plan for the betterment of school conditions throughout the city. It will be scientific, based on accurate knowledge of conditions. We will then carry it out in its entirety."

WANT LOCAL OPTION.

Wingham, Sept. 19.—Petitions are in circulation here asking the council to take a vote on local option at the January elections. The petitions are being largely signed.

CANADIAN BANK STATEMENT BIG INCREASE IN DEPOSITS

[Canadian Press.] Ottawa, Sept. 19.—Marked increases in deposits and circulation, a decline in call loans outside Canada, and a growth of those in Canada are conspicuous features of the August bank statement, issued today.

Current loans are about stationary in Canada, but those outside declined by two millions.

The principle figures follow:	August.	July.
Circulation	\$101,501,270	\$ 95,827,534
Demand deposits	360,575,425	372,012,431
Notice deposits	643,993,596	640,592,345
Deposits elsewhere	78,147,556	77,838,807
Liabilities	1,266,956,609	1,264,541,837
Call loans, Canada	25,199,735	20,407,734
Call loans, outside	14,347,864	17,361,437
Current loans, Canada	852,045,624	852,256,651
Current loans, elsewhere	37,846,222	35,741,998
Assets	1,560,817,795	1,496,623,542

LONDON TOWNSHIP WILL GO TO THE LT. GOVERNOR

Strong Opposition to the Annexation of the Suburbs of London Develops in Township Council—A Series of Public Meetings To Be Called.

At a special meeting of London Township Council held in the townships offices, 110 Dundas street, when a deputation of ratepayers of Pottersburg, who are opposed to annexation of the district to the city of London, was present to ask the council to take some steps to explain to the ratepayers the advantages to be derived from remaining in the township.

The members of the deputation suggested that meetings in the districts proposed to be annexed be held, at which both sides of the question could be thoroughly explained and discussed.

Wants To Be Heard.

It was moved by James Barter, seconded by George E. Hudson, that in

the event of petitions opposing annexation of proposed districts to the city being received the reeve be empowered to call meetings in Pottersburg schoolhouse, Knollwood Park Presbyterian Church, and Ealing schoolhouse, fixing time and dates, the signers of the petitions and the councillors to be notified by postal card. This was carried.

George E. Hudson moved, seconded by W. A. Roberts that the township solicitor be instructed to notify the Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council that this council desires to be heard in opposition to the annexation of part of the township to the city of London before any definite steps be taken by him. Carried.

1,900 OUT OF 2,000 MEN OPPOSED TO THE AWARD

Successful Result of Negotiations Stopped a Serious Strike of Operators on the Canadian Pacific Railway—All Is Harmony Now.

That a serious strike was averted by the amicable adjustment of the trouble between the Winnipeg telegraphers and dispatchers employed by the Canadian Pacific Railway and the company became known today, when it was learned that a vote of the men taken by the union a few days ago on the entire system showed that over 1,900 out of 2,000 men were willing to quit rather than accept the award of the conciliation board.

The announcement that the employees' committee and the company had gotten together was consequently received with the greatest enthusiasm, as it was recognized that a strike would mean much hardship for both parties.

The telegraphers have had a committee negotiating both in Winnipeg and Montreal for the past three months, and for a time it appeared that there was no possibility of a settlement being arrived at. The strike vote was consequently quietly taken two weeks ago, and for the past three days the operators have been expecting an order to abandon their keys.

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