

GROCCERS OBJECT TO SALE OF GROCERIES BY MARKET BUTCHERS

No. 1 Committee Decides to Lay Matter Over.

DENIAL MADE OF COMBINE

Abuses of Local Market Non-Existent in Other Cities.

After listening to two large deputations, one from the grocers, and the other from the butchers, relating to the contentious bylaw regarding the sale of groceries on the market, No. 1 committee decided to lay the matter over. The mayor suggested that the original deed of gift of the market be looked into to find out the original intention for the market. This was agreed on.

Major T. J. Murphy, in presenting the case of the grocers, pointed to the fact that the market house was the busiest place on the street. There were 10,000 people there to 1,000 elsewhere. The butchers paid a low rental. He instanced one butcher paying tax on \$3 feet. They had to pay business tax on a \$600 basis instead of a \$10,000 basis. They paid no insurance, and they did not pay taxes. He pointed out that the retail grocers are the taxpayers, and the largest taxpayers in the city.

Denies a Combine.

President McLeod of the grocers said they were seeking simple justice. He said that the abuses that exist at the market do not exist at Hamilton or Guelph. He emphatically denied the allegation made of a combine. He said he had looked into prices, and quoted several comparative charts to show that the market house butchers charge higher than butchers in the East End.

Ex-Ald. Palmer said the butchers sold third-rate butter to the grocers at a higher price than the grocers got for first-class butter.

Mr. McLeod, for the butchers, said that the city cost \$3,000 in rental from the market. He thought that as a flat rate was paid to the grocers, it was fair. He said that the butchers were getting the business. The farmers and grocers were getting the business. He said that the butchers were getting the business. He said that the butchers were getting the business.

Would Mean Jail.

Mr. McLeod was not surprised at the statement that the grocers do not combine. Such an admission would mean jail.

Ald. Manness questioned the statement to show that the prices charged for groceries on the market were higher than elsewhere.

R. H. Hessel and Charles Scoville opposed the bylaws as representatives of labor and in support of community action.

T. Blanchard, a fish dealer, said that he had been refused permission to rent stalls in the market. He would like to know when the old fish market started selling fish. He moved why the city should not start selling fish.

Ald. Ashplant and others spoke. The former opposed the bylaw. Ald. Wilson supported it.

Ald. Merrifield suggested that the market stalls be rented to the highest bidder at the first of each year.

It was pointed out that the bylaw would be unfair to the present tenants, who spent money fixing up their stalls.

More than 100 people were present.

Ald. Ashplant thought the grocers made a mistake by irritating public opinion.

Alu. Wilson said there was not near the profit in groceries that there was in meat.

Ald. Manness wanted to know if the market was ever intended to be a department store.

"Unfortunately no postmaster has been appointed," wrote Hume Cronyn, M.P., to the city clerk, Mr. Hume Cronyn, and post office, so nothing has been done. Mr. Cronyn said he had taken the matter up with the department a couple of times, but had not had the requested reply.

The expenses for the passing of the city of London have been divided as follows: Port of London, \$154.75; utilities, \$167.89; city, \$201.14.

Engineer Brazier said the utilities charged for the lights were a great deal more than the city should pay.

He said that the utilities should make an agreement with the city of the year. The committee decided it would be better to have it now.

Mr. Baker presented a copy of the statute law amendment act. He said that it allowed the city to take over the commission property. They would also have to pay school taxes.

"We will take some of the surplus if there is any. I still think there is some," Mr. Baker said that he had a card that he intended to use in the act out to him. "It means we will be able to take about \$1,000 of that surplus," he said.

The dog tax bylaw will be amended in accordance with the recent Provincial Legislation. The present charge is \$2 for males and \$3 for females. The cost for the dog tax will be \$1 and \$2 for males and \$3 for females. The committee decided the bylaw should be changed.

Ald. Manness said the city will lose the dog tax as the people will do away with the dogs.

Mayor Somerville—All the better.

New Fire Call System.

"Fire Chief Allen may have to get a new system of ringing alarms over the phone. The Bell Telephone Company does not want to continue the present system by which it transmits the calls."

Chief Tremblay, Hamilton, says they have a phone system of their own, and it costs but little.

The chief will make a report on the matter.

The committee accepted and sent on to the council the charge to the Bell Telephone Company to install their phone poles and conduits.

The committee also received communication asking that it be given permission to lay a conduit in a lane near the market. As they thought a rental should be charged, Ald. Ashplant thought the committee should give permission that the company's Dominion charter did not give it the authority to go where it wants to.

He suggested that a charge of \$10 for conduits and \$10 for poles be made. The chairman and mayor will take the matter up and may ask an agreement.

Trades and Labor Protest.

Ald. Ashplant said that he understood that there would be further protests from other bodies.

Ald. Merrifield said that other cities had dropped the scheme.

Ald. Ashplant said he would support the protest to distinction, he said.

should be made between men who go to the defence of their country, yet the recent decision does so. He said a volunteer before January 1st, insurance, a volunteer in December, a girl of the same family enlisting in January was not. He thought this was detrimental to recruiting. The protest goes on to the council.

Distribution of Coal.

The council will call a meeting of the committee and the coal dealers at some early date to discuss the distribution of coal during the summer and for the coming winter.

The matter was discussed in a letter from City Fuel Controller McCullum. He said that some of the coal dealers were not doing their duty.

They looked for another acute situation during the coming winter. They said no insurance, and they did not pay taxes. He pointed out that the retail grocers are the taxpayers, and the largest taxpayers in the city.

The mayor said that the coal men, perhaps rather selfishly, wanted the city to take charge of the delivery and relieve them of the responsibility of delivering.

Mr. McCullum pointed out that it would take inspectors some time to take charge of the delivery and relieve them of the responsibility of delivering.

Ald. Ashplant criticized the federal fuel controller. He said that they know what coal comes in and the price. He said that the city should take charge of the delivery and relieve them of the responsibility of delivering.

Mayor Somerville said that the people are not doing their duty. He said that the city should take charge of the delivery and relieve them of the responsibility of delivering.

It was decided to lay the matter over until the next meeting.

Municipal Fish Market IS FACING DIFFICULTIES

Buyers Don't Appreciate Frozen Fish While Fresh is Obtainable.

London's municipal fish market is facing a serious crisis. The fish-buying public, Ald. Manness is worried over this fact. The reason is that while fresh fish is available, the frozen fish is not appreciated.

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GEORGE'S NEW CONSCRIPTION ACT MOVES UP

Gets Second Reading by Vote of 323 to 100.

IRELAND IS RED-HOT ISSUE

Dillon Suggests County Option Has Fears of Revolution.

LONDON, April 10.—The House of Commons tonight passed the new conscription bill, the vote was 323 to 100. The measure was introduced by Mr. George Carson, and was supported by the Government.

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