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COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVED

Many Petitions Presented
Before the Council
Last Evening

THE ROUTINE BUSINESS

The City Council meeting last evening was a very busy one. Many matters were brought up for consideration, the most of them being of minor importance. The routine work was quite heavy. There were many communications, and several accounts were passed. There were present at the meeting Mayor Marshall, and Ald. Austin, Stone, Scullard, Bensen, Edmondson, Radley, Massey, Potter and Thompson.

The bowling club asked permission to build a fence around their grounds on the Park. Referred to Parks and Cemetery.

J. R. Morton asked remittance of dog tax. Fyied.

The plans for strengthening the bridge were placed before the Council. The company asked as quick and amicable statement as possible. A letter to this effect was read from Manager Warburton.

General Manager Warburton of the C. W. & L. E. in his letter urged that the Council take some action with regard to Third street bridge at once. As the loan owing to the company is now due, the letter stated that unless the \$35,000 were paid over at once, it would be impossible for the company to further finance extensions to the road this year. Reference was also made to the fact that generous offers of financial assistance had been made for extension north from Wallaceburg to Petrolia. Jas. Dunn asked for a position as inspector on some public work. Fyied.

Several petitions to cut down trees were referred to the Chief of Police. A petition was received for a granite walk on the west side of William street. Referred to the Clerk.

Ald. Massey reported that he had heard several complaints about a pole over the sidewalk on William street. Property committee.

J. W. Mitton was recommended as an inspector on the school street pavement. Referred.

Ald. Edmondson said Mr. Jones will submit certain questions to all of the applicants and thus the best one would be chosen.

The Mayor—We will not have the same kind of inspectors that we have had in previous years. There are men who have applied whom I would not have appointed inspector on any public work.

Ald. Potter put in a good word for Mr. Mitton.

Ald. Edmondson thought that Mr. Jones had to face the music and is responsible and thus the matter should be left largely to him.

Ald. Potter thought the matter should go farther and the names of inspectors should come before the Council before the men are appointed.

Ald. Edmondson—That is the intention.

The Mayor—We all know that inspectors have been appointed who are no good. We cannot be too careful. Some of the ratepayers on Patterson avenue hearing that there was a movement on foot to move the sidewalk, petitioned the Council to have the walk remain where it is. Other petitions were received also.

The matter of certain cemetery deeds was left to the committee with power.

E. J. Auvache's dog tax for last year was remitted.

A petition was received from the residents of Park avenue, west of Queen street, praying for a glazed pipe sewer.

Ald. Potter thought the residents there were in need of a sewer. The only outlet is Queen street. It is now either overtaxed or in poor condition. The Queen street sewer might be improved by the addition of two more manholes.

Ald. Edmondson—Why not petition the Board of Health?

The Clerk—It was and it was never reported upon.

Ald. Potter wanted it referred to the Board of Works.

Ald. Edmondson—The only remedy is to petition the Board of Health. The matter was then referred again to the Board of Health.

The auditors' report was received and it was decided to get the same printed.

The Mayor asked the chairmen of the different committees to make up their estimates as soon as possible so that the rate may be struck early in the year.

A petition was received for an electric light on Thames street some place between Victoria avenue and Head street. Referred to the Property committee.

M. Thompson asked for a raised crossing on the Wellington street pavement at the market square. Board of Works.

The Keystone Sugar Company asked the Council as to what the chances are for securing contracts for beets in Kent County. Industrial committee.

J. F. Liddy applied for the position as general inspector on the public works going on in Chatham this year. Board of Works.

A communication from the City Clerk of Niagara Falls was referred.

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EDITORIAL

SHOULD BE RESCINDED.

By what process of reasoning the aldermen consented to pass a resolution at last evening's meeting of the Council to exclude the public from a portion of Tecumseh Park for the benefit of any body of citizens The Planet is unable to understand, and it would suggest that at the next meeting this resolution be rescinded.

When the Government upon petition of the Council consented to place the control of the Park in the city's hands with the reservation of the centre for military purposes, many of our citizens applauded the action of the Mayor, but if the Council secured the ground with a view to handing it over to private parties for their exclusive use, the sooner it reverts to the Military Department, the better. The Park is one of the most beautiful spots in Western Canada, and the intention of the Government in granting the request of the Council undoubtedly was that the citizens as a whole should have access to every part of it.

The members of the bowling club are amongst our most estimable and enterprising citizens, but they have no right to exceptional privileges.

If it is necessary, as it undoubtedly appears to be, that great care has to be taken in keeping their grounds up to a certain state of perfection, they should purchase or lease land that they can absolutely control.

The lawn tennis club, and others that might be mentioned, have surely as good a claim for the partitioning off of a portion of the Park as the bowling club, and doubtless would prefer playing on Tecumseh Park than upon the leased land they have occupied for years on King street west.

For a number of years the cricket club has kept up an excellent crease in the centre of the Park. This has not been without overcoming many difficulties, yet when they petitioned the Council last year, that body of men could afford them no protection.

One peculiar circumstance in connection with last night's extraordinary action was that the matter was not sanctioned by the city solicitor, and every member of the Parks committee—Ald. Stone, Potter, Scullard and Thompson—voted against it.

The Planet is surprised that five members of the Council could be secured to vote for a motion that in every way is wrong and prejudicial to the best interests of our citizens.

MESSRS RUTLEY AND CARSWELL TALK ABOUT THE MARKET

Contractor and Architect Brought up on the Carpet to Explain Their Position in Reference to Defective Building

BOTH ADMIT THAT CITIZENS ARE DISSATISFIED

The architect and the contractor who had charge of the construction of the new market building, were last night brought up on the carpet before the members of the City Council, and given a chance to vindicate themselves with regard to the many rumors about defects in the building. According to the statement of Ald. Potter, both had been asked to bring in a written statement regarding the matter, but neither did so. They made their reports verbally, contradicting some of the rumors, and apparently admitting some of them to be true.

Contractor Carswell was first given permission to address the Council. He said that he had been asked by the City Clerk to present a written statement to the Council with regard to the matter, and remarked that he was at a loss as to how to answer many of the rumors about defects in the building. The authors of the rumors had been the citizens and the press. He failed to find wherein he was asked in his agreement with the city to suit the citizens and the press, and it was only in courtesy to the Council, who had asked him, that he made his appearance at the meeting. In Chatham there were certain citizens who took a delight in criticizing every public work, and he admitted there were many who were dissatisfied with the layout and the utility of the building since it had been constructed.

Regarding the shrinkage in the floors, he said that the reason for this was that kiln-dried lumber is susceptible to the atmospheric conditions in its vicinity. The building had been used three months before the heat had been applied.

The radiators had been placed up close to the flooring, and the heat suddenly turned on full blast, and the flooring had naturally shrunk as a result. Then as to the strength of the floors complained of, he wished to contradict any statements on this question. The floors had been constructed strictly as per the specifications, and he was of the opinion that they would carry anything put on them. He admitted that the floor could be made to vibrate by stamping violently upon it, but this was the case in many public buildings and could not be classed as a defect. He had honestly tried to carry out what was called for in the specifications. The defects in the plastering of the Police Court, according to Mr. Carswell, were due to the fact that the plans for this part of the work had been changed after he had commenced operations as per original specifications. He thought it was unjust that he should be held responsible for defects that were no fault of his.

Ald. Edmondson thought it was only right that Contractor Carswell should not be made to suffer through the damaging reports which had got in circulation, and which had finally become the property of the press. The statements made by Judge Houston and other prominent citizens in the G. H. J., some weeks ago, Ald.

Edmondson seemed to think, were unjust to Mr. Carswell, who had honestly tried to construct the building according to the specifications placed before him.

Ald. Scullard felt called upon, by reason of Ald. Edmondson's remarks, to repeat what he had said with reference to the matter at a previous meeting; that the floors shook and that they had shrunk so much that the daylight could be seen through them. He did not know much about the building business, but he did not think the floor was what it should have been from what he had seen of it. Though he had not been approached by any representative of this journal, he said that The Planet had published just what he had remarked about the building at the time he had paid a visit to it with Judge Houston. If The Planet reporters had approached him on the matter he would have given them exactly the same statement as was published by the paper.

Architect T. J. Rutley was next brought up on the carpet. He said that he did not read the report in The Planet—but he had been told about it. He was of the belief that The Planet was after him ever since the work on the building had been commenced, and that it had been looking for a chance to criticize the work. He claimed that the floors of the market were stronger than any floor in Chatham to-day. The Police Magistrate had been making complaints and The Planet had got hold of him. A complaint had been made about the ventilation of the Police Court. The ventilation had been stuffed up with old newspapers, and then the Magistrate had put a kick in The Planet, saying that the ventilation of the building was no good. The building had been criticized by persons who did not know anything whatever about what a building should be. The architect said that the verandahs had also been criticized. They had been built to withstand anything but a heavy fall of snow, and this had been overlooked.

Ald. Austin remarked that numerous complaints had been made because of the fact that no eave-troughs had been placed along the verandahs, and vendors who sold their wares close to the eaving were thus subjected to the drippings from the roof.

Ald. Edmondson said that though the reports, as presented by the architect and the contractor, might satisfy the members of the Council that the former had honestly tried to build the market as per the specifications, he was sure that the statements would not be satisfactory to the citizens. The charges had been made by a newspaper which was read by almost everyone in the city and all over the county. He thought that the best way to handle the matter would be to have an expert examine the building and make a report to the Council.

Ald. Potter said that he had become tired of having people come to him, asking about the shape the market building was in, and he had concluded that the wisest plan would be to have the contractor and

THE THIRD ST. BRIDGE

Question is Laid Over Until
Special Meeting Wednesday Night

RAISED ST. CROSSINGS

At last night's meeting of the City Council the question of raised pavements at street crossings came in for considerable discussion. The matter was brought up by Ald. Edmondson, who referred to the communication with reference to the matter from a resident of Wellington street.

City Engineer Jones when asked his opinion, gave it in favor of the lowered crossing. He said that the level crossing was a menace as it encouraged drivers to make short cuts at corners, thus endangering the safety of pedestrians, and wearing away the walks.

Ald. Stone thought that the crossings would be better if they were all constructed so as to be perfectly level.

Ald. Potter favored the raised crossing, nicely crowned off.

Ald. Austin could not see how a level crossing could be dangerous or a menace in any way.

Ald. Potter moved, seconded by Ald. Massey, that the Wellington Wellington street crossing referred to, be built level with the pavement.—Carried.

THIRD STREET BRIDGE.

Ald. Bensen reported that with regard to the Third street bridge matter, his committee could not make any long report. They had received many plans proposed by the railway people, but could not see their way clear to accept any one of them. The Railway committee felt that the matter was one that should be discussed by the whole Council. He moved that an adjourned meeting of the Council be held next Wednesday evening to consider the matter.—Carried.

Several other matters were left over, which will also come up at Wednesday evening's meeting.

MATINEE TO-MORROW

Leslie's Vaudeville and Trained Animals will give a matinee performance at the Grand to-morrow afternoon, commencing at 2.30 o'clock. Every person who has seen this most wonderful and astounding attraction are anxious that their friends should not miss it and particularly request them to attend. Matinee prices—children 10c., adults 25c. The performance is an education, and shows what really can be done with the wildest of wild animals. The other features of the performance are excellent.

The architect give an account of the work and vindicate themselves if the reports which had got around were not true. He was sorry, but he was sure that the reports made by the gentlemen who had the work in hand would not prove satisfactory to the ratepayers. He had asked for a written statement from report to the Council at their next meeting. Carried.

It was moved by Ald. Potter, seconded by Ald. Edmondson, that an outside expert be employed to examine and inspect the building, and report to the Council at their next meeting. Carried.

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