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Municipal Council

WEEKLY MEETING.

The weekly meeting of the Municipal Council was held yesterday afternoon. Mayor Cook presided and Councillors Martin, Outerbridge, Collier, Ryan and Dowden were present. The Minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed and the usual preliminary business disposed of. The following matters then received attention:

Communication of the Newfoundland Tourist & Publicity Association with regard to an interview recently held with the General Manager of the Furness Withy Company, Limited, as to the encouragement of tourist traffic in this country, and at which matters generally in connection with road conditions were discussed. A summary of the General Manager's remarks was submitted for the information of the Council.

The City Clerk tabled statements of Revenue and Expenditure to August 31st, and pointed out that the several allocations for roads were now exhausted, and it would be necessary to avoid any heavy expenditure in this connection. It was therefore decided that the Government be asked for a decision as regards the several applications for increased road grants recently made by the Council.

Medical Officer of Health Brehm, in reply to the Council's enquiry as to the cause of several cases of typhoid fever reported of late, stated there is no cause for anxiety, and there is no reason to suspect contamination of the water supply. The outbreak was of a very mild type, there being no mortality.

The President of the Newfoundland Highlanders' Association applied for renewal of lease of the property on which their present Armoury is situated. A Committee of Council are to take up this matter and report.

The residents of City Terrace, Duckworth Street, complained of inadequate water supply to their respective dwellings, which they thought due to the fact that they

were supplied by a lead pipe from the main on Henry Street. They requested that a four inch main be extended to their vicinity, which would save the Council considerable trouble in opening up services for repairs during the winter season, and at the same time would relieve the residents of the present inconvenience. The City Engineer will see what can be done.

Messrs. W. J. Dowden, Thomas Murphy, William Heston and other truckmen petitioned for the placing of a watering trough for horses on Signal Hill Road. The City Engineer was asked to report as also to submit estimate of cost of such installation.

P. C. Taylor called attention to the need of repairs being made to the retaining wall at corner of John and Dunford Streets. This will be attended to by the Roads Department.

Messrs. W. Lockyer and J. Williams applied for permission to erect dwellings on Blatch Avenue. The plans submitted by them were passed subject to the approval of the City Engineer, but the applicants will be required before permits are issued, to pay proportion of cost for water and sewerage extension according to frontage of their respective properties, the mains having recently been placed in this street at considerable expense to the Council.

James Murdoch, on behalf of Messrs. James, Hutchings and Anstey, asked approval of plans submitted some time ago for erection of dwellings on the Cockpit Road. At the time the plans referred to were held over because of the fact that no water and sewerage connections were available in that section. However, as the mains are now being laid there, the applicants are to be informed if they will again submit plans and undertake to pay proportion of cost towards the improvements which are at present being made, permits will no doubt be issued.

The application of F. Andrews for water and sewerage connections to his dwelling, Sudbury Street, was referred to the Engineering Department.

The following matters are to be given attention by the City Engineer:

(1) Repairing of bridges at head of Quidi Vidi Lake and west of St. Clare's Hospital.
(2) To erect in Victoria Park the playground apparatus recently imported by the Recreation Association.
(3) Notification is to be served on the Newfoundland Clothing factory, as also residents of Adelaide Street, to immediately repair or remove the plank sidewalks fronting their premises.

The application of the Star of the Sea Association for boathouse site, Quidi Vidi lakeside, was granted, as per plan submitted by the City Engineer. Agreement is to be signed and a nominal rental will be charged for the occupancy of the land.

Mr. T. J. Foran, Supervisor of Enumerators, submitted a report on the work performed to date in connection with the taking of Voters' Lists, etc., for the forthcoming Municipal Election.

The Medical Officer of Health reported three new cases of Scarlet Fever in the city during the past week.

The City Engineer tabled his weekly report on the work of the Water, Sewerage and Roads Departments. He stated that the laying of mains, Hamilton Avenue, was now nearly finished; that the extension of water and sewer mains to the Cockpit Road had commenced, and it was hoped to have same completed within a very short time.

The Sanitary Supervisor reported that the cleaning of streets, flushing drains, gullies, etc., had been given special attention by his Department during the past week.

With the granting of requisitions and passing of weekly accounts the meeting adjourned.

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One case which occurred during the war seems to suggest that, in such circumstances, some special instinct keeps the sleeper tight. An Engineer who was driving for the General Staff was ordered out with a big car after a heavy day. He found it difficult to keep awake, and finally succumbed to sleep. He was unconscious for about ten minutes, when he suddenly woke to find that he had brought his car correctly to a standstill in front of a closed level-crossing.

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London, Sept. 1.—Scotland Yard officials have been asked by government representatives to ascertain the whereabouts of Prince Ahmed Seffeddin, brother-in-law of King Fuad of Egypt. The Prince is believed to have been kidnapped from an attendant of a private asylum in England, of which he has been an inmate for the past 24 years. Prince Ahmed disappeared from Hastings, where he was visiting with an attendant. It is believed that relatives were at the bottom of his disappearance. They had been making efforts recently to obtain his release.

In 1898, the Prince fired upon and wounded the present king, Kuad, who, it was alleged, had mistreated his wife, Princess Chivekiar, a sister Ahmed. After a long trial Ahmed was found to be insane and was brought to England and placed in an asylum. His mother, who is now in France, last week instituted a suit for £4,500,000 against the British Government of which £2,000,000 were claimed as damages and the remainder on account of sequestrated revenue alleged to be due the prince. The latter's income is about £200,000 annually.

Shakespeare to Order

W. S. Gilbert, of light opera fame, was always full of whimsies. We quote a story about him from a recent English publication: At the Garrick Club, one evening, he made the astounding statement that Shakespeare was a very obscure writer. His statement was immediately protested by most of those present, and he was asked to prove it.

"Well," said Gilbert, "what do you make of this passage: 'I would as lief be thrust through a quickset hedge as cry 'plish' to a callow throstle.'"

"There's nothing obscure in that," said one member. "It's perfectly clear. Here's a man, a great lover of the feathered songsters, who, rather than disturb the carolling of the little warbler, prefers to go through the intense pain of thrusting himself through a thorny hedge. But I don't know that passage; in what play does it occur?"

"In no play," said Gilbert. "I've just invented it. And jolly good Shakespeare, too."—Boston Transcript.

Poor German Goods

NEW ZEALAND'S REFUSAL TO BUY THEM.

CHRISTCHURCH. — Considerable quantities of German electrical material of very inferior quality are getting into use in New Zealand.

One electric power board has firmly determined to have nothing whatever to do with German goods, even if they are cheaper than the British.

Instances are given where German motors have been sold with the name-plates removed.

Britain's Biggest Business

The most remarkable business in Britain, and one of the fastest undertakings in the whole world, is also one of the most fiercely criticised. But whatever private grievances we may have against the Post Office, we might be a little more charitable towards it if we realised the volume of business that it handles.

The Postmaster-General has recently given some really astounding figures regarding the work of the Post Office. Its gross revenue, or the total takings, for last year amounted to the huge sum of £55,000,000, or more than £1 per head of our total population. After deducting all expenses, the net profit amounted to between £8,500,000 and £7,000,000.

There were 6,000,000,000 postal parcels handled during the year, of which 3,500,000,000 were letters. This is an average of roughly eighty-five letters per person throughout the kingdom in one year.

They All Mean Work. Last year there were 115,000 new telephones "laid on," and the number of calls reached the stupendous total of 1,000,000,000. Of this number 80,000,000 were trunk calls.

Just think what this means—nearly 3,000,000 calls per day. Anyone with a mathematical disposition can work out from this the number of calls per second. Then he might also begin to realise what the work of the exchange staff must be.

In addition to this, the main work of the Post Office, there must also be remembered its many other activities, such as the issuing of postal orders, saving bank transactions, issue of stamps for insurance, etc., the control of wireless licences in itself developing into a great undertaking, the telegraph system, the payment of old age pensions, and so on.

Roman Women's Scent

MORE FINDS AT RICHBOROUGH CASTLE.

With the resumption of excavations on the site of the Roman settlement at Richborough Castle, near Sandwich, Kent, further discoveries have been made.

They include a bone hairpin; a pointed piece of bone, believed to have been used by fair Romans for dipping into their scent bottles; a bronze seal, a pair of tweezers, a small disc of well preserved, and several dice. Since the resumption of the excavations, which are under the direction of Mr. W. G. Klein, the work has been confined mostly to removing large quantities of surface earth from the northeast corner near the houses discovered last year.

Thames visitors are beginning to take an interest in the work, and small parties visit the camp daily.

Sleep Sickness and Sleeping Sickness

In the minds of most people there is a very natural confusion between the two very different diseases which are known respectively under the names of sleep sickness and sleeping sickness. The last named, sleeping sickness, holds but an academic interest for the little Englander, though of great moment to the Imperialist. It is a disease endemic to different parts of equatorial Africa, notably Uganda. It is characterized by a gradually increasing somnolence, together with mental and physical degeneration, and so far as is known at present, it invariably terminates fatally. About twenty years ago there was an epidemic of this disease in Uganda which brought death to about one-tenth of the inhabitants. The disease was, until quite recently, considered to be due to a parasite conveyed into the body by the bite of the tsetse fly just as malaria is caused by a parasite conveyed by the bite of a mosquito. It now looks, however, as though the true tsetse (glossina palpalis) were not the only delinquent, for a cousin of his, glossina morsitans, is, on good evidence, believed to be a participant criminal. However that may be, the fact that the bite of certain kinds of fly gives rise to the disease in human beings and deals death broadcast is undoubted. The problem then is, clearly, how to eradicate the said flies. That it is a problem of overwhelming importance to all colonising nations is evident from the fact that it has come into the purview of the League of Nations. Our own Colonial Office recently inaugurated an international conference on the subject which was held in London in May. In opening the proceedings, Mr. Ormsby-Gore gave a very interesting and lucid history of the whole matter, and ended by saying that the crux of the problem resided in the tsetse fly, the extermination of which was essential to any real progress in controlling the disease. Inasmuch as the fly is found in belts of varying sizes throughout the whole of tropical Africa from Senegal on the Northwest to Zululand, on the Southwest, the magnitude of the task of its extermination can well be imagined. As many nations are interested, and as they have all combined to seek for a scientific solution of the great dif-

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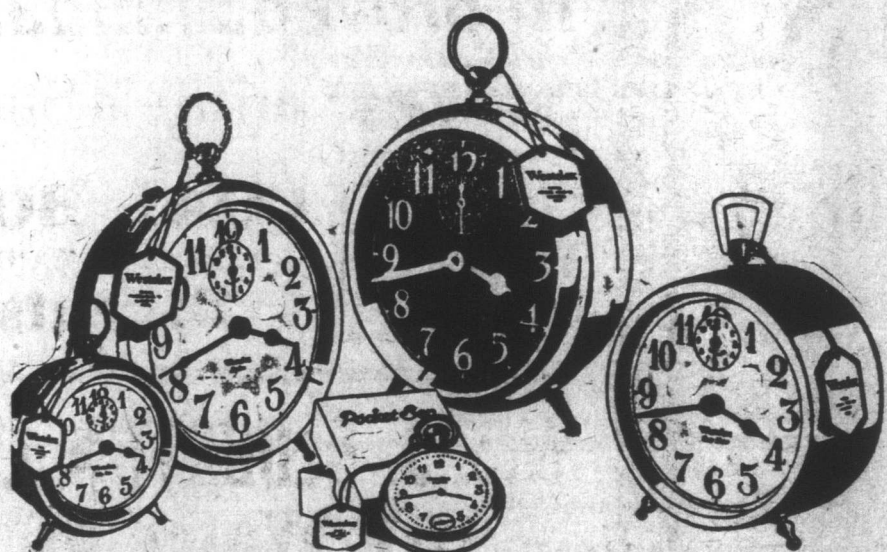
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