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GOOD SUGGESTION

"There is one thing which the papers of this city should advocate," said a local ambulance owner to The Planet this morning, "and that is, good roads leading to the two hospitals. This is a matter which is greatly neglected in Chatham, and it is very important in the matter of removing patients to the hospital."

"Now, I had a trip in the country last night, and the patient actually suffered more going over the road from the foot of Aberdeen bridge to the General Hospital than she did during the whole ten mile drive in the country."

"Both the road leading to the General Hospital and the one leading to St. Joseph's Hospital are in an awful state. The matter should be attended to, I think, by the City Engineer."

WILL DISCUSS POSSIBLE PEACE

Schalkburger Granted Safe Conduct Through British Lines to see Steyn.

Rumored Concession to Boers—Kitchener Said to Have Withdrawn Proclaim.

London, March 24.—The Associated Press has good reason to believe that Lord Kitchener in his interview with Mr. Schalkburger, agreed to withdraw the banishment proclamation issued in September by General De Wet and the other Boer leaders surrenders.

A CONSENTING PARTY.
In the House of Commons to-day the War Secretary, Mr. Brodrick, announced that a fortnight ago Mr. Schalkburger intimated to Lord Kitchener his desire to be granted a safe conduct through the British lines and back, in order to see Mr. Steyn with reference to the possibility of peace proposals. Lord Kitchener, with the consent of the government, had acceded to the request. The announcement of the war secretary was received with cheers.

NOT VERY HOPEFUL.
There is little disposition in London to regard the news of the Boer government's visit to Pretoria any too hopefully. Official circles express the doubts, held throughout, of the ability of Acting President Schalkburger and the other civilian leaders of the Boers to induce such men as Gens. De Wet and Delarey to surrender. Possibly they think the representatives of the Transvaal government are desirous of suing for peace, but there is nothing to show that they have any authority to impose submission on the commanders in the field.

MOST HOPEFUL SIGN.
The most hopeful sign they see is the announcement that Lord Kitchener permitted Mr. Schalkburger and his companions to proceed to the Orange River Colony, the contention being that unless the British commander-in-chief in South Africa, who is on the spot, and therefore, most conversant with the situation, recognized the possibility of a fruitful result, and believed in the good faith of the Transvaalers, he would not have permitted the visitors to continue their pilgrimage to the headquarters of their Orange River Colony allies. The same cautious reserve permeates the newspaper utterances and the comment in well-informed circles.

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The flag is flying at half-mast over the Standard Bank of Canada in consequence of the death of James Scott, of Parkdale, one of the directors of that institution, and President of the Northern Navigation Company.

Success comes to those who wait, provided they hustle while waiting.

COUNCIL ASK LIBRARY BOARD TO RECONSIDER THEIR SITE

Busy Session of Civic Fathers Last Night—Engineer McNab Engaged—Many Minor Matters Dealt With.

Sewer intakes to be all properly tapped.

The city is going to have a dog catcher.

J. J. Couzens asks for a switch into his property.

Humane Officer McGregor to have a new uniform.

An electric light is wanted at the corner of Prince and Colborne streets.

J. D. Chaplin is anxious to sign the agreement between the city and himself.

The City Engineer has been hired for this year. Ald. McCoig alone opposed the appointment.

Wm. Douglas presents his bill in the Atkinson vs. city of Chatham suit. The bill amounts to \$1,110.73.

Felix Carey, Wm. Hackett, Isaac Rutland, Julian, and a Syrian woman were granted the privilege of peddling without a license.

The library site was referred back to the Board for further consideration. A. McDonnell offered \$250 if the Queen street site were chosen.

Geo. Stephens will be instructed to represent the city when delegations from all over Ontario meet the Ministers of Justice on Wednesday to oppose the bill now before the House of Commons, granting telegraph and telephone lines permission to erect poles without the permission of the municipality.

The Mayor and all the aldermen attended the meeting of the City Council last evening. Ald. McCoig complained that the papers hadn't given him credit for seconding Ald. O'Brien's amendment asking that the prayer of the petitioners re fruit licenses be granted.

The Mayor said that the minutes of the council gave Ald. McCoig the credit he desired.

A petition was presented from nearly all the fruit dealers and grocers in Chatham asking that Felix Carey and Wm. Hackett be permitted to sell fruit without a license.

The Mayor asked that this matter be brought up under the head of new business, as he had something to say.

James McMahon wrote asking for the position of caretaker of Tecumseh Park at a dollar a day.—Referred to Parks and Cemetery committee.

Messrs. O'Neil & Drew wrote stating that the sewer from the market running through the property they had bought to the Creek, was only a wooden box. They asked that a sewer be put in proper shape.—Referred to Board of Works.

J. J. Couzens asked permission to run the track on Colborne street into his residence.

The Mayor—he was stopped loading and unloading cars on the street. He should either be allowed to run the track into his place or else this dead end of track on Colborne street should be taken up. The matter was referred to the Board of Works.

J. H. Fields request for permission to trim trees on Head street was referred to the Chief of Police.

A similar request from W. B. Wells was similarly disposed of.

A petition was received asking for an electric light at the corner of Prince and Baxter streets.—Referred to the Property committee.

Wm. Douglas sent his account in the case of Atkinson vs. Chatham, amounting to \$1,110.73, and in the case of Robinson vs. the city \$450. He offered to take \$1,000 in settlement of the Atkinson case.—Referred to Finance.

Atkinson & Atkinson wrote offering the lot next the post office for a library site for \$2,000.—Received.

The resolution of the Library Board re the purchase of the Martin property was also read and received.

The city solicitor wrote advising that he had searched the title of the Martin property and that there would be no trouble to get a deed.—Received.

The Free Library Board wrote that they would require \$1,125 for 1902.—Referred to Finance.

The city solicitor wrote that the appeal in the case of Stephens vs. Chatham had been dismissed with costs.—Received.

T. J. Rutley wrote that the Woodburn Sawmill Co. desired to connect with the sewer at the corner of Grey and Balch streets.—Referred to the Board of Works.

Mr. Rutley also asked that the 6-inch main on Raleigh street be extended to the site of the new factory.—Referred to the Water Commissioners.

O. A. Howland, Mayor of Toronto, wrote that Justice Street, having held that the telephone and telegraph companies had no right to put their poles on the street without the con-

sent of the City Council, a bill had been introduced into the House of Commons to override this decision.

The Minister of Justice had granted Wednesday, March 26th, as a day on which he would receive representatives from the different municipalities.

The Mayor said that it was important that the bill shouldn't pass. If the aldermen wished to take action they should do so at once as the meeting in Ottawa was on Wednesday.

If the bill passed, telephone and telegraph companies could construct their lines without consulting the municipality at all.

Ald. Marshall moved that George Stephens, M. P., be instructed to attend the meeting and represent the city.

Ald. Marshall provoked a laugh by saying that the city ought to be able to make some use of their member.

Ald. Fleming seconded the motion.

Ald. Taylor thought that a representative from the council would have more weight. He moved in amendment, seconded by Ald. O'Brien, that the council send the Mayor. The original motion carried and George Stephens will represent the city.

The request of Mrs. Robinson, La-grah street, to trim trees was referred to the Chief of Police.

J. D. Chaplin wrote asking that the agreement, in accordance with the by-law passed, be drawn up and sent him to sign.—Referred to Finance committee.

The request of the Board of Health for permission to store their isolation tent in the Old Town Hall was granted.

The Board of Health wrote stating that they saw no reason to change their mind in regard to ordering a sewer down on Emma street.—Referred to Board of Works.

The Board of Health wrote asking that the sewer intakes be properly trapped.—Referred to Board of Works.

Ald. Marshall said that the Board of Works last year had had to re-trap about 40 sewers. The sewers had been trapped but the work was improperly done.

Ald. Fleming asked when the Board of Works intended to begin scraping the roads. The chairman of the Board of Works said that they had already made a beginning on the Cemetery road.

Ald. Marshall asked if it was the intention of the city to donate a lot to the late W. E. Hamilton.

The Clerk explained that a lot had already been purchased and paid for.

BOARD OF WORKS.

Chairman W. E. McKeough, of the Board of Works, reported as follows:

We recommend the acceptance of the following tenders:

Street sprinkling, John Bowe, at 2 cents per ft., King St., and 1-1/2 cents for balance of streets.

J. & J. Oldershaw's tender for glazed sewer pipe and sand.

James Cornhill's tender for porous tile.

Park Bros' tender for castings at \$2.30 per cwt.

John Piggott & Sons' tender for lumber (pine and cedar) provided the words "the proportions of 8-inch, 10-inch and 12-inch to be the same as the wholesalers receive in purchasing the stock from the mills," be struck out from their tender.

Messrs. Quinn & Patterson's tender for nails and hardware.

D. R. McGarvie's tender for white oak, it being the only one.

Blight & Fielder's tender for cement walks at 12 cents per square foot and granolithic crossings at 15 cents per foot.

J. J. Couzens' tender for asbestos stone sidewalks.

That, after careful consideration, we deem it advisable to retain the services of the city engineer at a salary of \$75 per month.

The report was adopted.

The Chairman of the Board of Works said that he had at first been prejudiced, but he had found Mr. McNab's skill as an engineer excellent. He had some objectionable qualities which, in his own words, he had promised to "cut out." Ald. McKeough said that he didn't think that the city could find an engineer at the salary who was at all competent. He, however, would like to hear an expression of opinion from the Council.

Ald. McCoig said that it was a little late in the season to open up this discussion. He was opposed to retaining the services of Engineer McNab.

Ald. McCoig asked for the year and says on the clause of the report, engaging the city engineer, and the minister of Finance alone voted nay.

PROPERTY.

Chairman Taylor, of the Property committee, reported:

That the account of the City Gas Co., \$42.50, was correct and the committee recommended payment.

That no action be taken re request of Moore Bros. linemen for an increase in salary.

The report was adopted.

Ald. McCoig said that while he was opposed to raising salaries still he understood that Moore Bros. had additional work.

Ald. Taylor asked if Ald. McCoig had ever investigated what the Moore Bros. had to do, and ended the discussion.

THE LIBRARY SITE.

Ald. McCoig read a letter from A. McDonnell, offering to contribute \$250 to the library fund if the site at the

corner of Cross and Queen streets were purchased.

Ald. McKeough—I hardly think that the Library Board knew the size of the Martin lot when they made their selection of library site. I think that we would show a greater appreciation of the gift if a much larger lot were purchased. The site chosen would be central and that is all that recommends it. Take a map of this place and you will find that the Roman Catholic Church is the hub of the city, and any lot, selected within a couple of blocks of the church would be central enough for a public library. A library should be placed in a secluded spot, where students may study as well as read. I am not an advocate of any particular lot. The Knight property, the McDonnell property and several others would make much better sites than the Martin lot.

Ald. McKeough moved that the question of the purchase of the Martin lot be referred back to the Library Board to be reconsidered.

Ald. Marshall seconded because he understood the Martin property was too small, but he withdrew his seconding of the motion when the Mayor explained the size of the lot.

Ald. Waddell thought the site chosen a good one provided it was large enough.

Ald. Mounceer wanted to know if the Library Board had made any estimate as to the size of the building.

Ald. Marshall, at this stage, seconded Ald. McKeough's motion so that the discussion would be in order.

Ald. McCoig said that central location was not the only thing to be considered. The small-pox had already cost \$4,000. There was also the new Indian creek bridge, the Old Boys' Reunion and the Howsley debentures, all new expenses, to be met this year. When the city could get a lot within a stone's throw of the one selected at about half the cost, he thought that the city should take the cheaper lot. The Queen St. site would only cost \$1,450. Then the latter site was the better one because the hot sun of the day would shine on the back of the building.

Ald. Fleming moved that the members of the Library Board present be heard.

Mr. Humfrey said that the Library Board hadn't considered the plan of the building.

Ald. McKeough explained that the Library Board could go on and purchase the lot whether the council gave their consent or not.

Dr. Charteris was heard. He said that the Library Board were still in favor of the Martin site.

Ald. Cowan said he would vote against the proposed site. The trouble was that all public buildings in Chatham were crowded on lots far too small. The effect of the buildings were spoiled on putting them on small sites. He instanced Harrison Hall. Ald. Cowan complained that it

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