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Blonde Bros. Receive Contract For Work At The Collegiate

Board Of Education Decide Upon Several Improvements To The City Schools—Matter Of Fire Escapes Taken Up

A special meeting of the Board of Education was held last evening in Harrison Hall, for the purpose of considering the recommendations made in the reports of the Finance and Internal Management committees. Those present at the meeting were, Dr. Geo. T. McKee, chairman, and Messrs. Richards, Morley, McLachlan, McArthur, McCorvie, Somerville, Brackin and Secretary Macnabb.

Mr. Morley read the report of the Finance committee, which recommended that the tender of the Blonde Lumber Company for all the work and material renovations to be made at the Collegiate Institute, be accepted. The price mentioned in the Blonde Company's tender was \$1,889. The Blonde Company recommended that for a finished and satisfactory job the building should receive two coats of paint instead of one. The second coat of paint would cost \$75 extra.

Clause two of this report recommended that the tender of Robert Riddell & Son, for the placing of fire escapes on the Central School and the Collegiate, be accepted, at \$537 for the Central and \$375 for the Collegiate.

Mr. Morley stated that the Blonde Company had recommended that two extra blackboards be replaced at the Collegiate. These were badly needed, and the company had offered to install them for \$60. The rooms in which these boards are required are

room 1 A and room 3 C. It was moved by Mr. McCorvie, seconded by Mr. Somerville, that the Collegiate building be given a second coat of paint, as recommended in the Blonde tender, at a cost of \$75 extra.—Carried.

Mr. Brackin moved, seconded by Mr. Richards, that two extra blackboards be replaced with new ones at the Collegiate, as per the recommendation of the Blonde tender, at a cost of \$60.—Carried.

Mr. Morley, seconded by Mr. Richards, recommended that the report as a whole be adopted.—Carried.

Mr. Morley stated that only one tender for new desks at the Collegiate had been received. This was from Coltart & Wilson, and the prices were as follows:—desks number one, \$3.85; desks number two, \$2.95; desks number three, \$3.60.

It was moved by Mr. Morley, seconded by Mr. McArthur, that fifty number one desks, with as many rear desks as may be required, be ordered from Coltart & Wilson.—Carried.

On Mr. Morley stating that no tenders had been received for the wiring of the building, Mr. Brackin moved, seconded by Mr. Richards, that the Finance committee be empowered to ask for tenders, accept which they think proper and award the contract.—Carried.

The committee were also empowered to look after the plumbing ar-

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MORE TALES OF DISTRESS

Two Immigrant Families Living In One Small House

Misrepresentations Made In Order To Get Them To This Country

The Planet was informed this morning that four of the English families who recently arrived here from London, Eng., were crowded into a small house on King St. East. Scenes of squalor were described that made the report worthy of investigation.

A reporter located the house and the families shortly after the noon hour to-day. The people are crowded up in a little frame dwelling on the right hand side as you go out King street, about four doors this side of the P. M. R. R. tracks. Immediately after the reporter's arrival he was surrounded by a small troupe of scantily clad children with unwashed faces. Two grimy faced men, with short clay dabs in their mouths, came to the door in answer to the knock. They did not ask the visitor inside, but the view from the doorway was sufficient. The walls and floors were bare, and there were no signs of furniture or other comforts of home in the place. A solitary face curtain, or rather the remains of what was once apparently a curtain, hung in one of the side windows was the only outward sign that the place was inhabited by human beings.

Whoever told you that there were four families in here was mistaken," said one of the men. "There are only two families in here. There are two married men, their wives and children, and two single men stopping here. Yes, we've got work. Two of us are working with Blight & Fielder over near the Aberdeen bridge."

They told the reporter that they were given \$5 each on their arrival in this country, and that they were expected to pay back \$5, or in Canadian money about \$40. They said that they were told that they would get the kind of jobs that they wanted when they got here, but they found out that they had to take any old job that was handed out to them or starve.

About this time they got wise to the fact that they were talking to a reporter, and suddenly remembered that they must get back to work. One thing appears to be certain, and that is that the house is not large enough to accommodate so many people. An outbreak of disease is almost sure to be the result of crowding so many persons together in such a small place. On Sunday the new arrivals held high carnival, and were singing and dancing all day.

Some citizens are of the belief that the result of this wholesale dumping of immigrants in Chatham will mean that the city will have a few hundred people to feed and keep during the coming winter months.

Alderman William Potter Tells It To The Banner

In A Very Clever Speech, He Defends His Character Against A Recent Scurrilous Attack—Banner Once More Humiliated

The recent supremely ridiculous, slanderous and entirely uncalculated article which appeared in the Banner relative to the Council's action in accepting the tender of the Colonial Engineering Company for the new electric light plant, was the subject of a few remarks from Ald. Potter at last evening's meeting of the City Council.

After the by-law was passed and the whole matter was settled up, the chairman of Property arose to his feet and it was felt that something was going to drop. Something did drop, and it lit on the head of the Banner with stinging force. A few of the aldermen's unmanly, insinuating and cowardly tactics were exposed, and it is sincerely hoped that the incident will serve as a lesson to them in the future to think twice before they either unthinkingly or intentionally assail men's characters, directly or indirectly. As one of the aldermen said after the meeting, it was too bad that the editor of the Banner was not there himself to hear personally what the aldermen thought of such yellow journalism.

Ald. Potter—Now that the whole business is through, the aldermen have every reason to feel very satisfied. It has been a long and tedious struggle, but as we have proceeded I have laid before you every detail of every step taken. We have been most successful and I think you will all agree with me that we are in good hands. We are with a company that will give us one of the best plants in the Dominion. I wish to refer to a matter which I would not notice were I not so sensitive and thin-skinned, probably. I want to take exception to what was said by the News in reference to the Council. One of our newspapers—indicating the desk where the Banner reporter was sitting—has taken up on itself to publish some flying rumors, when they probably just heard them from a very few people. They seem to want to publish stuff without considering a man's reputation. In this case they have seen fit to publish what they call a rumor, which insinuates against the character of every man at this Council Board with the exception of one. It is insinuated in the article that something shady might have been done in reference to the contract just closed. I have been in public life for five years, and I can say to-night that during all that time I have yet to have a man offer me five cents for support in any transaction. It is a scandalous thing to cast aspersions on a man's reputation when he is working in the best interests of the city. I have even sacrificed my own interests to serve the city, and in this matter I did the same thing. I have made public every move as it has been made, and hid nothing. I have to say with due deference to Mr. Read, I have not taken his word solely for any one thing, and I have laid every paper before you at this board. When we received tenders, it was through the information received from Mr. Read

that we were able to do so. He helped us draft the letter sent to the different concerns. The result was that we got seven tenders out of 24 or 25 communications. All of these were without a dynamo. Some offered more power than we asked for. We went through the tenders several times and each time came to the conclusion that Mr. Read's tender was the lowest. I asked Jones twice to be at the meetings, but he told me each time that he had an engagement with Mrs. Jones at the Eau and could not be present. I tried this evening to get him, but was unable to do so. In defense of my own character, I defy any man to say that I was ever unduly influenced in any way in any contract that I have had anything to do with. I am sorry that one of our papers has seen fit to publish such an article. Several ratepayers have come to me quite annoyed and indignant with the newspaper that has been unwise enough to publish this thing. If that newspaper wants to keep good honest men out of the Council, that is the way to do it. Just keep on and soon there will not be an honest man at the Board. They will not come here to have their characters assailed in this way.—Hear! Hear!

Ald. Kerr evidently felt sorry for the Banner. He got up and tried to make a few excuses for that paper. He was sure that they did not mean anything serious. From the way Mr. Kerr talked, he evidently never takes the Banner seriously and was surprised that anyone else should.

Mayor Stone said that when he first read the article he felt much like Ald. Potter does. He felt that Woodward had jumped on a big bubble and it had exploded sooner than he thought it would. He was not at all pleased to think that it all originated on the Eau train one morning when some fellows were having some fun with Ald. Westman, and instead of taking it as a joke, Westman took it seriously, and he held a consultation with Woodward, and the article is the whole result of a little joshing on the Eau train.

Ald. Potter—It is a pretty serious joke. Ald. Westman admitted that he was taken up on the Eau train, and he had gone to Ald. Potter with the yarn. He admitted he was interviewed by the News and the information he gave to the paper he claimed was perfectly correct. He would not say as to the statements in the article from the paper itself. He did not think the paper should have suggested crookedness on the Aldermen's part. He did not think that they intended to do so.

The Mayor—What I objected to was the head line, "What caused the Council to flip-flop." When Mr. Cornelius was here last he complimented me on the excellent men who sat at this Board. He thought that there was not a man at the Board

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Contract Is Signed For New Electric Light Plant

The Colonial Engineering Company Will Give Chatham The Finest Plant In The Dominion—Good Bargain For The City

The City Council held a special meeting last evening for the purpose of passing a by-law authorizing the signing and executing of the contract with the Colonial Engineering Company of Montreal for the installation of a complete new electric light station. The by-law was given its different readings and finally passed, and all that remains now is for the company to come on and erect the plant.

The contract as read at the meeting, is one of the best contracts that any municipality ever secured from any concern for any kind of municipal work. The city is indeed fortunate in securing this agreement, for it is complete in every detail. Nothing has been overlooked, and in fact the agreement is so binding that none but the most reliable kind of a concern could dare to sign it. The city's interests have been guarded in a most scrupulous manner, and in fact to the average observer, it seems that the Council has gone extremely far to be on the safe side. This, it will be agreed, however, is good policy in any event, and the citizens can rest assured that they are getting the very best that is procurable. One matter which should be made mention of, is the thoroughly gentlemanly manner in which Mr. Read, the representative of the Colonial Engineering Company, has acted ever since he first started negotiations with the city. Mr. Read is a true

type of a perfect and straightforward gentleman and business man. He has gone much out of his way to assist the aldermen in solving the electric light question, and has given information of a very valuable character which he was by no means obliged to supply. His tender was very reasonable, and apart from this he has since, in the negotiations in connection with the drawing up of the contract, made concessions in the city's favor which are, to say the least, very generous. In every point brought up in dispute even since his tender was accepted, he has not stopped at going half way, but he has gone the whole distance in meeting the city, in arriving at an amicable settlement. The city has not given in to him on any one point under discussion. This is indeed exceptional courtesy, and it is only possible with Mr. Read because he realizes that he has a good thing, and is prepared to carry out everything that he promises. He knows what his machinery will do, and he is prepared to back up his statements with any reasonable guarantee, and he is also ready to accept all obligations and restrictions imposed upon him. Those who have met Mr. Read since he first came to Chatham are unanimous in their opinion of him that he is honest, conscientious and above board in all of his dealings. Besides this he is primarily an engineer of the highest

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SAW THE MAN ON THE TRACK

Walter Young Was Talking to man Killed Near Dresden

He Was Asked To Get Him Water—Was Lying On The Track

Dresden, July 22.—According to the story told by a young man giving his name as O. Young, and his home at Port Huron, the man found dead beside the Pere Marquette tracks on Sunday is Ed. Hefferman, and he was formerly employed in the Wallaceburg sugar works.

According to Young's story, he found the man lying beside the track and calling for water. Young searched for a long time to try to find some water, but was unable to do so. Then he went into Dresden and informed some citizens.

Young swore to the following statement in this city this morning: Walter Young, age 19, address 2307 Seventh street, Port Huron, says as follows: Last Saturday night about 12:06 as I was walking the track from Port Lambton to Dresden, and when within about two miles of Dresden I came across a man lying in the centre of the P. M. track. He was on his stomach with his feet toward Tupperville. He was alive. First I said to him, "Are you drunk?" and he said "No." I asked him what was the matter, and he said his toes were cut off and he was hurt in several places. I asked him to let me help him get off the track as a train might come along. He told me to leave him lay right between the rails, but asked me to get him a drink of water. I could not get any water in the ditch as it was all dried up. Then he told me to go to Pat Gilroy, an old man living in Dresden, and tell him to come down to him and to bring some water or beer. I then left him in middle of track and went on to Dresden. The man said just before I left that he was "all in," and that he was badly hurt. I went to Dresden and got there about 1:30 Sunday morning. In the meantime I went to sleep myself alongside the track. I was so tucked out I could hardly move, that is the reason I did not hurry to Dresden to get help for the man. Although he said he was "all in," I made no attempt to go to any farm house for help as I was scared of the dogs. When I got to Dresden I did not go to any person and inform them of the man being on track. I did not go to Pat Gilroy as asked all Sunday, and only saw him for a few seconds this morning, when he told me he did not know the man at all.

I went to Art Ribbles as soon as I arrived at Dresden Sunday morning, 4:30, and stayed there all day with him. I told him about the man being on track. I did not tell anyone else until I came up town at night and heard a man had been run over, then I told Chief of Police right away what I had seen. The reason I was coming to Dresden was

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OUR ANNUAL SALE OF HAIR BRUSHES

WILL COMMENCE Tuesday, July 2nd AND LAST FOR TEN DAYS

We will give Hair Brushes at one half their value for these ten days and we want every one of our customers to come and get at least one of these bargains. Nothing but good reliable brushes will be put in this sale.

Prices: 17c, 19c, 22c, 33c, 79c.

Those who bought last year know the excellent value we give. Those who did not come and get an idea of what a bargain in hair brushes is. We have 5000 to sell and we want to sell them all in ten days.

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We regret being unable to wait on all our customers Saturday. We will have an extra staff to wait on the crowds Saturday next. Don't wait. Come in during the week. You will be interested. We cannot show you our bargains on paper. You must come and see. A visit will repay you.

Men's Clothing, Boys' Clothing, 2-pc. Suits, Pants of all description. Men's Pants at 99c. that are winners. Boys' Caps, 10c., 50c. Neckwear, 39c. Children's Overalls, 25c. Alterations will not last long. Alterations will commence as soon as possible.

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