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MOTOR FOR FIREMEN IS STILL ISSUE

Paving and Other Big Subjects Occupy Time of City Council.

The motorization of the fire department will be reconsidered by the City Council. The recommendation that the fire fighting apparatus at present in use be continued this year was referred back to the committee on motor of Mayor Haines last evening. "Do you think it advisable to pave any cross streets," asked Ald. Adams, "beyond those petitioned for last year?"

"I want it understood, I've about decided on Section 9 of the Local Improvement Act," declared Ald. Woodley. "I as to prefer the petition form."

Ald. Adams did not object to Cedar street being paved, but he thought other streets required pavements more. "The only improvements we are trying to put through under Section 9 this year will be on those streets on which they would never be made," said the council taking the initiative.

Ald. Woodley and Ald. Ostrom strongly favored the paving of Cedar Street, as the petition was fully signed.

The petition was referred to the engineer and assessor. If the petition is popularly signed, the assessor is to be prepared to issue the warrants for the paving of the street.

"Nothing has yet been decided," said the Mayor.

Debt Issue By Instalments

Ald. Ostrom pointed out to the Council the merits of the instalment plan of issue of debentures. There will be a saving of over \$25,000 in the twenty years term in the issue of \$305,500 of bonds. One twentieth is retired every year.

This will give a citizen an opportunity to purchase debenture bonds, said Ald. Woodley.

Five hundred bonds will be the smallest denomination to be issued, Ald. Ostrom stated.

Ald. Ostrom moved, seconded by Ald. Woodley this resolution which was adopted that owing to the saving to be made by the city in the issue of debentures on the instalment plan, the fourth coming issue of debentures for the paving of asphaltic concrete pavements be issued in the instalment plan.

Cost of New Sewers.

Commercial Street sewer from Dundas to Burton Street will cost it is estimated \$16,339.00. The frontage is 2,504 feet and the rate per foot frontage \$2.45.

City Engineer Mill's estimates on the proposed Dundas Street sewer from Commercial Street to the River Moira total \$10,275.20. The total frontage is 3,900 feet, the rate per foot frontage \$1.74.

Rate of Interest Raised.

Motions were passed authorizing the construction of a shed for city machinery, the purchase of a car of road oil at 12 1/2 cents f.o.b. Montreal and a special meeting on Thursday night for the public works department.

Firms dealing with the city will be asked to render their accounts on a month.

Trees trimming will be taken over by the park department, by a by-law to be introduced.

The rate of interest on certain pavement by-laws was changed by by-law from 5 1/2 to 6%.

All city employees will hereafter be paid by the city treasurer at his office.

The city engineer was empowered to prepare plans, estimates and specifications for the construction of sanitary sewers on Commercial, Dundas West, Dunbar and Pinnacle Streets.

HOCKEY SCORES.

Allan Cup, Final.
Toronto Varsity 8 Brandon . . . 1
Varsity wins round 8 to 3.
Stanley Cup.
Vancouver . . . 3 Ottawa . . . 1

What the Council Did

Ordered reconsideration of question of motorization of fire department.

Seemed agreed to construct no road pavements without petitions.

Decided to issue over \$300,000 of debentures on instalment plan, saving city \$25,000 over the sinking fund plan.

Raised rate of interest in pavement debenture by-laws passed last year for 1/2 to 6 per cent.

Promised journeymen and master plumbers a plumbing by-law.

EXPECT DECLINE IN COAL PRICES LOCAL MEN SAY

Belleville dealers anticipate a Spring drop in coal prices in the very near future. The decline generally comes about the first of April.

In Toronto the drop has already been made by the merchants who anticipate the announcement of reduced prices to dealers following the period conference between mine officials and representatives of the Canadian and U.S. Governments.

Prices prevailing in Toronto now are about \$15.50 per ton, the drop having taken place from \$16.50 to \$16.25 per ton. Belleville merchants pay about 55c per ton freight over Toronto prices. Since January most of the local coalmen have been selling on a smaller margin than the Toronto men.

These are the usual seasonal reductions when the drop takes place. Lower anthracite prices will herald a decline in manufacturing coal prices.

Local dealers hope for lower prices than last season. "Nothing has yet been decided," said the Mayor.

School Will Close Six Glorious Days

The school boys and school girls of Belleville are feeling the urge of Spring, particularly on the arrival of robins and other feathered songsters coincides with the Easter vacation. Thursday afternoon, March 24th will see about 2,500 high and middle and separate school pupils leaving their desks until April 4th.

The new term will see a big increase in the school population in the kindergarten and low grades. Easter examinations are in progress this week.

PLUMBING BYLAW UNDER WAY COUNCIL HEARS LOCAL EXPERTS

Because they want the property owners of Belleville to get a square deal and one hundred cents on the dollar when they put in plumbing, the members of Local Union No. 811, Journeymen Plumbers have asked the City Council to pass a by-law regulating plumbing and appoint an inspector.

That Belleville had the poorest samples of plumbing in Canada and that this condition was due to the lack of a by-law requiring a standard of workmanship and material was the claim of a representative of the union who appeared before the council last evening.

Conditions Disgraceful
Mr. George Duesberry referred to the disgraceful conditions prevailing here. The journeymen plumbers are often ashamed of the work they are compelled to put in. The citizen is in the hands of the plumber. He related how improper materials were often put in.

Many citizens had not connected up their properties with the sewers, was another complaint.

He suggested the appointment of a plumbing inspector and the passing of a by-law.

Ald. Bellingier declared that he had in preparation a by-law.

Ald. Woodley declared that he last year with the Manager of Waterworks, Mr. E. T. Austin, took up the question of a plumbing by-law.

To Ald. Fisher, the speaker said a plumbing inspector would be worth his

URGE THAT WOMEN BE IN POLITICS

Prior to Elections Lady Voters Should be Aroused, Says List of Recommendations.

Recommendations based on the open forum meeting in the City Hall on Feb. 23rd were read last evening by Miss Falkner. They were in respect to "The People of Belleville" and were:

1. We would suggest that prior to elections some women's organization of the city would arrange a series of talks for women on citizenship in order that they may be brought to a realization of a voter's responsibility. Probably this would awaken a greater interest in municipal affairs and thus overcome the present situation where we find instances of over 50 per cent. of the voters not casting their ballot.

2. That some special provision be made for backward pupils in the public schools.

3. That the schools, lighted and equipped as they are, be used as community centres.

4. (a) We would recommend that these be stricter supervision of the school playgrounds; (b) That steps be taken by the authorities to prevent the meeting of boys and girls in the grounds after school hours, evenings and on Sundays; (c) That teachers be asked to take measures to prevent the obscene language and indecent exposure of which some pupils are guilty.

5. That the police be encouraged to enforce section 17, 1, 2, 3, of the Children's Protection Act which says that children must be off the streets by 9 o'clock.

6. That the Rotary Club be given encouragement to continue the Big Brother work which was begun a few months ago.

7. That some women's organization of the city interest itself in the Big Sister movement.

8. That a suitable ball ground, conveniently situated, be procured and kept in condition.

9. That the women of Belleville be asked to patronize Belleville shops for clothing and other supplies instead of buying in outside cities.

A pure bred stock club was organized among pupils of Locke's school, Yarmouth, Elgin County.

BURNS FATAL AS BATH TROBE TAKES FIRE

Rev. W. R. Howells, Once of Belleville Dies in Seattle Friends Here Get Word.

Word was received in the city today of the death in Seattle, Wash., of Rev. W. R. Howells, a native of Trenton, N. B. He has many relatives and friends in this county and he formerly resided here. His nephew Stanley was once a news writer on "The Ontario."

According to word received by friends here today, Rev. Howells got up between 6 and 7 o'clock one morning, and after heating water went to the bathroom to take a bath. A few moments later Mrs. Howells heard him moaning and rushed to the bathroom to find him enveloped in flames. She wrapped him in a blanket, but was too late to prevent him from being fatally burned.

Born in Trenton, Ont., July 9, 1856, Rev. Mr. Howells entered the Baptist ministry in Michigan when twenty-four years old. He was pastor of several different churches in Michigan, after which he went to Wyoming fourteen years ago to do frontier missionary work. He remained in Wyoming six years, coming from there to Seattle to take charge of the construction of the mission boat, Robert G. Seymour, which was built for the Baptist Missionary Society. He then spent five years at Vancouver on Hood Canal, using the mission boat.

Three years ago Rev. Mr. Howells went to Seattle to become manager of the American Baptist Publishing Society's book room in the Burke Building. He served as temporary pastor of Immanuel Baptist Church for six months in the last year, continuing his work as manager of the book room at the same time.

Besides his widow, Rev. Mr. Howells is survived by five brothers, Henry, James, Edgar, Arthur and Kenneth, all residing in or near Flint, Mich.

THREE MILLION WAR ORPHANS
PHANS IN GERMANY

BERLIN, March 22.—There are 3,000,000 war orphans according to official figures. They are being given state and local care but it is said they form a large percentage of more than 1,000,000 children in Germany being aided by foreign relief workers.

MEATS HERE WELL INSPECTED CIVIC OFFICIAL TELLS COUNCIL

"All meats brought on the market for sale have been thoroughly inspected all through year," states Sanitary Inspector T. F. Willis in a report to the City Council, "and to the best of my judgment I have not allowed a pound of meat to be sold that I did not think was in the best condition and which I would not be quite willing to use in my own home."

"Owing to the fact that there is a large amount of manure and other refuse collected on the market grounds during the winter and at this season when it is freezing, it would suggest that as early each spring as it is possible the scrapers and sweepers be put over the grounds."

and that during the whole summer season they be used on the market grounds every week and that on market mornings the grounds and streets adjoining the market be sprinkled to keep the dust and dirt from being blown over the produce offered for sale.

"If, as I suggest, the sweeper was used on the market once a week, the refuse would then be in a position to gather and dispose of all of the refuse which at the present time it is impossible for him to do owing to it being scattered over such a wide area and he is now only able to collect and dispose of the waste paper and hay that is found there."

LEAVE DEBT TO AMERICA ALONE SAYS FINANCIER

LEEDS, Eng., Mar. 22.—Sir Algeron Firth, President of the Association of British Chambers of Commerce, who has recently been in the United States, says the policy of Great Britain should be left to carry out arrangements for a cancellation of debts between the European Allies without seeking to drive any bargain with the United States. "The question of a cancellation of this country's debt to America can best be settled by

OCEAN MAIL SERVICES

Following is a list of proposed sailings from Canadian ports:—
Str. Empress of France from St. John, N.B., on March 24th for United Kingdom and other countries via United Kingdom.

Str. Melita, from St. John, N.B., on March 26th for United Kingdom and other countries via United Kingdom.

Str. Santee from St. John, N.B., on March 28th for Union of South Africa.

Str. Chaleur from Halifax, N.S., on April 1st for Bermuda, Leeward Is., St. Lucia, Barbados, St. Vincent, Grenada, Trinidad, British Guiana.

Str. Canadian Forester from Halifax, N.S., on April 13th for Bahamas, Jamaica, British Honduras.

Str. Canadian Kaiser from Halifax, N.S., on April 20th for Argentine Republic. (parcel post only)

GETS LONG TERM FOR ROBE THEFT

Two years less one day in the Ontario Reformatory will George Smith, a well-known local character, serve for stealing a robe, the property of George McDonald of Thurlov. Today the young man, appeared before County Judge Deroche and pleaded guilty.

Smith will be remembered as arrested one morning some weeks ago looking to sell a coat and robe at a second-hand shop. He was arrested for vagrancy and held on suspicion. Investigation brought out Mr. McDonald as the owner of the robe.

The prisoner not many months ago was sent up the hill for breaking into a poultry shed in Thurlov along with a gal.

Daughter of 9 Months Dies From Pneumonia

With sincere sympathy residents of Tweed and the neighbors of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Elliott heard of the death of their nine months old daughter Muriel Marie which occurred on March 8. The little one had recovered from the effects of scarlet fever and bronchitis but later pneumonia set in. In spite of skilful treatment and careful nursing she passed away. She was born on May 14th, 1920. The parents have the sympathy of their many friends in their great loss. Rev. A. L. Brown performed the service at the funeral which was held at their home in Hungerford Township, burial being made in Thomsburg cemetery.

Mrs. E. C. Sprague of this city, who is in the Toronto General Hospital, is in a very low condition. Mr. Sprague has been summoned to Toronto.

Fruit growers of Essex County are well satisfied with wintering of peach orchards this year.

BUSINESS CONDITIONS HERE 71% GOOD EXPERTS FOUND; CITY HALL AGAIN THROGGED

Six Speakers Search for Faults or Else Declare There Are None in This Fair City—Suggestions for Improvements Are Made.

Belleville business men—and women—saw themselves as others see them last night in the fourth open forum meeting under Chamber of Commerce auspices held in the City Hall.

They heard the good and the well, the unfortunate, sides of themselves laid bare in debate by experts in that kind of thing and either smiled outwardly or squirmed inwardly at all the good-natured things—bouquets or bricks—which issued forth and have now passed into history.

Finally, just before they sang God Save the King—the majority saying "the" as distinguished from "our"—the judges found Belleville to be 70.5% the ideal business city. In detail they—Mr. T. Blackburn, Mr. F. B. Smith and Mr. W. H. Lattimer—declared conditions locally to stand as follows:

	Ideal	Actual
Industrial	150	125
Financial	100	150
Maritime	250	175
Market	100	150
Country Trade	25	20
Employment	75	20
Wages	50	40
Methods	100	20
Salesmanship	50	70
Other conditions	175	125

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Previous to the opening of the debate Mr. A. O. Herity explained very lucidly the object not only of this particular meeting but of the series of "Know Belleville" debates. It was, he said, to get people to think. By that means only could Belleville progress and he warned them that thinking was a difficult and important progress. "Some people believe they're thinking when all they are doing is re-arranging their prejudices," he declared.

Mr. F. S. Deacon made a very happy chairman. This meeting also was favored with a number of selections from the Bridge Street Methodist Church symphony orchestra, an organization mainly of young musicians, who play well and for whom a successful career is anticipated. Mr. Sandy Burrows was again leader of community singing.

Also previous to the debate proper the recommendations resulting from the last forum meeting on "The People" of Belleville were read by Miss Falkner.

The Debate

The first gun in the war of words was fired by Ex-Mayor H. F. Ketcheson. His faith in Belleville and its business institutions was made plainly manifest in his 18-minute speech—they were all limited to that length of time—and he submitted that Belleville industrially was as near the ideal as was possible, or at any rate was to be found in this part of the known world. He sketched the history of the city from its naming in 1816, after the wife of the governor of that time, Lady Bella Gore. Its growth had not been enormously big but it had been substantial; there were some 30 splendid industries here, most of them following different lines of work so that the recent depression was not found weighing so heavily on one spot as in the case of one town where "all the eggs were in one basket." In other words where there was one main industry which if shut down meant a big slump to the masses. The industries here were mainly of home origin and had been developed by Belleville brains and money. They were in the main housed in plants modern in construction and equipment. Raw materials were hauled by "in the great county of Hastings"—and when forests had given out and the mills had vanished something else had been found to replace them.

Labor, he declared, was well housed here, and therefore lacked one of the great causes of discontent; wages were well up to the average and living conditions highly favorable, with entire absence of tenements or slums.

Mr. A. B. Collins, formerly of Tweed who took the negative side, wasted no time in finding defects in conditions and at the same time put forward some suggestions for improvement—the time constructive criticism. He said there were three kinds of industries here: "Those that were, those that are and those that are to be." He found a lot of the latter kind here and the crowd laughed with him. He declared the chief trouble here, as in many other communities, was a lack of co-ordination and co-operation, although the present meeting was a proof that people were becoming alive to the necessity for both. He admitted vast improvement recently respecting a very important point, a matter respecting the good name of the city and that was that until recently new industries were not welcomed. There had been, of course, not now the case. He charged that in the past the products of local industries had been boycotted locally and the assessments increased if they had shown promise of making good. That manifestly had been a bad thing, but today, however, the sign "Made in Belleville" was to be seen in front Street store windows and this he considered a very good thing.

He found market conditions not what they should be, with an unpaved square and very poor accommodation for vendors of produce. There should be a first room and for that matter a proper market building with all conveniences.

In Hastings County there were iron, lead, zinc, gold, silver and Fluorspar. But not a single refinery. Why not refined as well as mined, at home?

There was pulpwood, tamarac, poplar, birch, spruce, but not a single paper-mill, why?

Years ago there were several flourishing industries here which had disappeared. Why?

Regarding Local Banks.

Mr. John Elliott, local manager of The Standard Bank, followed. His duty was to show the splendid position of Belleville with respect to her banking institutions. He declared this to be known to everyone in the city. "Leaving out the speaker where could you find seven finer managers than you have in Belleville?" and the crowd laughed once more. The eight branches here were representative of two-thirds of the banking wealth of the country. The banking premises would be a credit to any city and the clerks and staffs courteous and anxious to please. Incidentally Mr. Elliott paid a tribute to the excellent work of the commercial department of the High School and to the Ontario Business College, both of which institutions turned out graduates well qualified for business careers. He said:

"For the excellence of its work, the latter has a reputation which extends far beyond the Dominion of Canada, and is a splendid advertisement for

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COMING EVENTS

HEAR DABOIS' BEAUTIFUL CANтата, "The Seven Last Words of Christ," in John St. Church, Wednesday evening, March 23, and in Holloway St. Church, Good Friday evening. Soloists, Miss Yeoman, Miss Walton, Mr. Staples, Mr. Booth and Mr. Anglin. Large chorus. Tickets 35 cents. m19-3rd

EMMANUEL CHURCH HOLY Week Services—Monday and Wednesday at 8 p.m. in the school-room. Good Friday, Litany and Holy Communion at 11 a.m. Special Services on Easter Day. m19