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THIRTY-SIXTH YEAR

## COUNCIL NOT YET THROUGH WITH THE YEAR'S BUSINESS

Grist of Business For Last Regular Meeting Made a Lengthy Session. Council Takes Action to Have Buildings Removed From Public Alleys.

The City Council is not yet through with its year's business although the meeting last evening was scheduled to be the last regular session of the year. There was a grist of business to be transacted and it was 11:30 when the greater portion of it had been disposed of. It was decided to adjourn until Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock, when the remaining business will be cleaned up. All the aldermen were in their places. The Mayor announced that the Mayor's supper will be held next Monday or Tuesday evening, more likely on Monday.

There was a long list of communications to be dealt with, which with the discussion the committee reports occasioned together with the reading of by-laws and other matters, made a lengthy session.

The by-law fixing the polling places and deputy returning officers, for the municipal elections was passed. The nominations take place at St. Mary's hall on December 29th, and the voting a week later, Monday, January 5th.

The by-law appointing H. C. Fischer, electrical inspector at \$75 a month, was given two readings. The third and final reading was deferred until the meeting of the 12th inst. The regulations of electrical inspection, passed. The by-law was considered last evening but its passing was held over until the next meeting for further consideration.

A by-law drafted after the Municipal Act to provide for the removal of trees on private property and public highways, where the municipality deems it necessary, was passed. A fourth by-law for construction work was also passed.

Use of An Alley. When the report of the Finance Committee was presented by Chairman Brethaupt, there was a lengthy discussion before it was adopted. Ald. Hett called attention to clause 3, which provided that Mr. H. L. Janzen be notified to open a public alley, which he has been occupying from King to Canton streets, between Wellington and Louisa streets. The time given was one year.

Ald. Hett said he had looked into this matter and had been surprised to learn that a public alley was being occupied by a citizen. The municipality has been paying taxes on this property amounting to \$37.32 a year and next year there would be \$17 more to pay in taxes. In addition to this, Ald. Hett said he had discovered that the same citizen had overstepped the line in the erection of the New Grand Opera House. On request the City Engineer made a survey and reported that on the west side the building infringed ten inches on the public alley, and on the east side fifteen inches. He did not think it was time the Council looked into this matter. Ald. Hett then moved and Ald. Pieper seconded the following amendment to the Finance Committee report: "That clause 3 on Finance Committee report be amended to read: 'That Mr. H. L. Janzen be charged \$15 a month beginning Jan. 1, 1914, for occupying the alley in dealing with the matter. Other citizens have had use of alleys and streets. If Mr. Janzen was given ample time, the building would be removed from the alley. He did not think the Council should stoop to an act of demanding a rental for the use of the alley, when nobody was seriously affected by it being closed. Ald. Rumpel said the occupant should be obliged to pay the taxes. Pure Spite Work. Mr. H. L. Janzen was present at

the meeting and at his request was given an explanation. He said he had been surprised to learn of the Council's action, and he attributed it to "pure spite work." He pointed to Assessment Commissioner Rumpel and said it was that official who had to thank for it. The issue in question has been enclosed for about 60 years and for 35 years he had utilized the property. Nobody had been prejudicially injured by the closing of the alley, he pointed out. There were other alleys being closed, he said, but he had not the property closed to him. He had at that time been advised to do so, but had said "no." Mr. Janzen said he had held the land for a special purpose and it was his intention to donate it to the municipality for a public park. He referred to the fact that he had always worked in the interests of the city. It was his intention to have the buildings removed some day. Other alleys and streets he said, were used by different parties.

Ald. DeVries said it was not spite work in which the Council was indulging.

Ald. Gallagher and Ald. Rumpel thought it would be unreasonable to have the municipality bear the taxes on the public property which was used for a private purpose.

Ald. Hagen also assented Mr. Janzen that there was no spite work. He said that the property was occupied the same way the occupants should be obliged to pay the taxes or a rental.

Ald. Hahn could not see when the Council was acting so strictly. Nobody was affected by the closing of the alley. If the Assessment Commissioner looked it up, he was content he would find that there were many other alleys being used by private interests, including manufacturers.

"I can show you a dozen alleys that are costing the city more than this one," he said.

Ald. Gallagher said if the alley was of no use to the city it would be better to deed over the property and thus the municipality would escape the burden of the taxes.

Ald. Schwartz said if the Council made a start to get after all persons occupying public alleys there would be quite a number found. It was not fair to single out one man. He believed if Mr. Janzen was approached, he would willingly pay the taxes on the property.

The Mayor suggested that the taxes be paid in lieu of rental. Mr. Janzen asked that the matter be held in abeyance so as to give him an opportunity of considering the matter. Ald. Hett replied "do it now." When the vote was taken on Ald. Hett's amendment only the mover and seconder supported it.

The other Alley. Ald. Hett continued to worry about the alley. Later in the evening, he brought up the matter of the other alley in the rear of the New Grand Opera House, on which he claimed the owner of the building was occupying the alley. He submitted the following resolution, which was carried after some discussion: "That Mr. H. L. Janzen be notified to remove, within 90 days, the part of the rear of the New Grand Opera House, which has been built on the alley, and that Mr. Janzen be requested to sign an undertaking holding the request of all inhabitants of the city to be removed by the reason of his building on the said alley."

The mover's original motion called for the building to be removed within 90 days, but this time was extended to 90 days.

Committee Reports. The reports of the various committees were adopted as follows: Finance Committee. That Mr. H. C. Fischer be appointed electrical inspector for the city at the pleasure of the Council at a salary of \$75 per month. That Messrs. Plummer and Brown be paid \$450 and Mr. G. P. Weber be paid \$40 on account of contract on certificate of architect. That Mr. H. L. Janzen be notified to open up the public alley running from King street to Canton street, midway between Louisa and Wellington streets for public use as soon as possible and not later than one year from date. That Alderman DeVries be appointed a Commissioner for a period of three years to carry forward any further organization proceedings in connection with the prison farm scheme, as requested by the Industrial Farm Committee. That the communication from the Protestant Benevolent Federation of Peterboro be filed. That the request of A. B. Campbell to use Duke street as a cab stand be not granted. That the account from the Water Commission of \$50 for water for flushing and building sewers be paid. That the account from the Water Commission for \$2103.90 for services on improved streets be paid. That the Board of Works be instructed to build a sewer path to the plant of the Buffalo Forge Company. That the claim of Mr. L. Schellhaas for \$65 for loss of cow be laid over for further consideration. (Continued on page 4.)

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BERLIN, ONTARIO, TUESDAY, DEC. 16th, 1913.

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## VICTORIAN ORDER TAKE CHARGE OF SEAGEL FUND

At the Victorian Order of Nurses' meeting held in the Public Library Hall yesterday afternoon the Order consented to take charge of the News-Record Seagel fund. Over \$80 will be placed with the Order for Mrs. Seagel and children. Mrs. Alex Eby, Mrs. W. C. Boese and Mrs. J. Kaufman were appointed a committee from the Order to look into the present needs of the family, and they will decide how best to give her the money.

## SUCCESSFUL IN THEIR EXAMINATIONS

Among the list of those who have been successful in their examinations at the third examinations in the Royal Canadian engineers at Ottawa, is the name of Mr. Hugh A. F. Bowman. Mr. Bowman's name was in the honor class, showing the excellent work he has been doing during the past term. His next examination, which takes place in March, if successfully passed will admit him to the Department of the Interior.

He is a graduate of the Berlin Collegiate and Technical Institute and a son of Mrs. H. M. F. Bowman of the Berlin and Waterloo Hospital. His many Berlin friends will be pleased to hear of his success, and will congratulate him on his splendid standing.

## SKATING ON THE LAKE AND FIRST COLD BATH

About one hundred young people enjoyed skating on the ice at the Victoria park lake last night. The ice was in splendid condition. As is the case in all out door skating, the ice was a little rough in places, but for the most part was excellent. It was safe for the young people who skated and as far back as the two small bridges behind the island. Beyond that only the most daring would venture.

One small boy ventured too near one of the bridges, and went through there were many willing hands to take him out, and he was hustled off home by his companions. No bad effects are anticipated for his little bath.

As long as the ice is good, and there is as little snow, the park lake promises to be the attractive spot in the city for the young people who enjoy the popular winter pastime. It has the advantage of having no rules against small boys playing hockey fast or fancy skating, and while all these can be indulged in, those so inclined can enjoy a quiet skate.

## FUNERAL OF MRS. OPELT WAS LARGELY ATTENDED

The funeral service was conducted this afternoon at 2 o'clock at her late residence, 170 S. H. street, of Mrs. Orval Opelet, who died in the B. and W. Hospital on Saturday, after a very short illness. Mr. Gerald Barry, late of London England, now of London, Ontario, conducted the service. He was lecturer at the International Bible Students' Association, of which Mrs. Opelet was a member. His sermon was in 1st Cor. 15th chap., the resurrection of the dead. A sad feature of the death was that deceased's mother died less than a year ago in Toronto.

The funeral was very largely attended by friends from Toronto, where she formerly lived, and from Berlin. Numerous flowers were sent from the friends she had made during her residence of one year, and a half, in Berlin, some coming also from Toronto.

Interment was made at Mount Hope cemetery.

## Eight More Days to Help Swell the Good Fellows' Fund

This is the last whole week before Christmas, Goodfellows and it is here, the time when you should get in your best work for the children. Already lists have been coming in telling of children whose Christmas outlook is not very bright, and as the lists are being made up, the funds too, must come in, so that none of the children need be omitted.

All children, no matter to what family they belong, are entitled to a merry Christmas. If you have not sent in your Christmas list for this season of the year, belongs to the children. There may be children who do not know what a real Christmas is, and this is your chance to help them. Mr. Goodfellow, End the old year of 1913 with some act that you will remember with pleasure through all the year 1914.

In order to swell the Goodfellow's fund, Mr. Beckerich, manager of the New Grand Opera House, has decided to give a matinee on Tuesday afternoon the proceeds to go to making the children happy. If you have not sent in your donation, patronize the matinee on Tuesday afternoon, and that will do something towards helping.

Mr. Beckerich is looking for a full house, and considering the worthy object and the excellent work he is preparing to put on, he should

## COST \$8,149 FOR WIDENING QUEEN STREET

Estimated Cost to Acquire Six Foot Strip on the West Side

City Engineer H. Johnston, last night submitted his report on the widening of North Queen street, on the west side, from King to Weber streets, which the Council decided to proceed with early in the year. The report shows that the estimated cost to widen the street six feet is \$8,149.20. Of this amount \$2,455.20 is borne by the property owners and \$5,694 by the city. The report in detail showing the amount property owners are paid for the six foot strip, and the assessment, is as follows.

According to your instructions I submit herewith an estimate of the cost and an assessment for the widening of North Queen street, six feet on the west side, from King street to Weber street.

I would recommend that the present buildings be allowed to remain on this six foot strip of land until such time as the residences are changed to business places but that all buildings and obstructions shall be removed within ten years.

The following is an estimate of the cost of the work, and the frontage of the properties affected.

Merchants' Block, frontage 105.5 feet, \$4991.88; W. G. Bernhardt, frontage 22.6 feet, \$739.36; Merchants' Block, frontage 14.7 feet, \$322.92; J. H. Quirin, frontage 70 feet, \$252.00; Economical Fire Insurance Co., frontage 51.5 feet, \$185.40; J. E. Wiegand & Co., frontage 28.5 feet, \$102.00; L. J. Brethaupt, frontage 34.5 feet, \$124.20; C. Brethaupt, frontage 60.4 feet, \$217.44; Duke St.—H. G. Lackner, frontage 163.7 feet, \$589.32; English Lutheran church, frontage 110.8 feet, \$398.88; Carnegie Library Board, frontage 132 feet, \$475.20. Total \$8,149.20.

The following is an assessment for the cost of the work:

Merchants Block, exempt \$3.3, \$191.88, annual payment \$25.07; W. G. Bernhardt, \$81.36, annual payment \$11.06; Merchants' Block, \$52.92, annual payment \$7.19; John Quirin, \$252.00, annual payment \$34.25; Economical Fire Insurance Co., \$185.40, annual payment \$25.26; J. E. Wiegand Co., \$102.00, annual payment \$13.94; L. J. Brethaupt, \$124.20, annual payment \$16.88; C. Brethaupt, \$217.44, annual payment \$29.55; H. G. Lackner, \$60.7, \$373.32, annual payment \$50.73; English Lutheran Church, \$398.88, annual payment \$54.21; Carnegie Library Board, \$475.20, annual payment \$64.58. Total frontage 795.5 feet, exempt 113.3 feet, assessed 682.2 feet, Total \$2455.20. Annual payment \$332.66. City of Berlin's share, \$5694.00. City's annual payment \$773.32. Total \$8149.20.

The assessments are made payable in ten equal annual installments calculated at 6 per cent interest. Rate \$3.60 per foot frontage.

W. C. Smith, who has for twenty-five years been town clerk of Ingolf, has been recommended for a \$300 honorarium and \$220 increase in salary.

The export of butter and eggs from Canada to Great Britain has entirely stopped, and the export of live cattle from Canada to Britain is decreasing.

It is stated that a royal commission will be appointed to investigate the high cost of living in collaboration with labor department officials.

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## EXCITING EXPERIENCE FOR HOTEL BOARDER

The story is told at a local hotel of an exciting incident that occurred in one of the hotel bedrooms at midnight Sunday. The room was not as comfortably heated as it might have been, and the occupant, who happened to be a street pencil vendor, the man who is becoming a familiar figure on King street, and who unfortunately lost his two legs some time ago. In order to make the bed more comfortable he unfastened the electric wiring from which was suspended the electric light globe. The globe he placed under the bed clothing and then proceeded to fall into slumberland, highly satisfied with his improvised bed warmer. His slumber, however, did not go long undisturbed. The housemaid of the hotel soon started to burn the clothing and it was not long before he was aroused from his sleep by the odor of smoke and excessive heat. He discovered the bed clothing burning, quite briskly. He quickly summoned a number of boarders from other rooms and the fire was extinguished by throwing the burning clothing out of the window.

There will be no more such experiments at this hotel.

## SEEKING LOW TARIFF

Grain Growers of West to Wait on Premier To-day.

Demands Include a Fifty Per Cent Increase in the British Preference, Removal of Wheat Duty in Order to Secure Free Entry into the U. S., and Free Admission of Implements.

OTTAWA, Dec. 16.—Representatives of the Western Grain Growers, together with Ontario delegates to the National Council of Agriculture, arrived in Ottawa last night to-day by the Prime Minister and the Cabinet. They are here to demand the removal of the duties upon wheat, flour and wheat products, from agricultural implements; a reduction in, or removal of the duties upon farm products, lumber and cement, and an immediate increase in the British preference.

A number of the matters to be dealt with to-day in respect of the tariff are to be found in the resolutions passed by the Western Grain Growers at Brandon last October, which declared as follows:

"1. That we urge the Parliament of Canada to increase at its first session, the British preference to at least 50 per cent, and to provide for a gradual increase from year to year until we have free trade with Great Britain in five years."

"2. That the Parliament accept the offer of the United States of a free interchange of all agricultural and animal products between Canada and the United States."

"3. That all foodstuffs not provided for in the above offer of the United States be transferred to the free list."

"4. That agricultural implements, lumber and cement be transferred to the free list."

"5. That, pending the passage of legislation asked for herein, any duties now imposed under the Canadian customs tariff, which are the means of countervailing duties being imposed against any food products of the country by any foreign country, be immediately removed."

"6. That any tariff or trade concession granted to any other country be immediately extended to Great Britain."

Among the delegates are: C. E. Platt, Tynanston, Sask.; J. A. Maharg, Moose Jaw, and F. W. Green, Moose Jaw, representing the Saskatchewan Grain Growers' Association; E. Carwell, Red Deer; Rice Sheppard, Ed. (not representing the United Farmers of Alberta; R. C. Henderson, Winnipeg; Roderick Mackenzie, Winnipeg, representing the Manitoba Grain Growers' Association; James McEwing, Drayton, and V. S. Good, Brandon, representing the Ontario Grange.

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## PROCEED WITH ORGANIZATION

Milk Producers Name a Committee to Start Association

Farmers of this vicinity who supply milk to the dealers in Berlin and Waterloo, held another meeting last evening to discuss the milk situation and to consider the advisability of forming a milk Producers Association. The meeting was held in the Grand Central Hotel Block. There were fewer farmers present than at the first meeting held a week ago. About two score turned out the meeting. Mr. Ephraim Ernst acted as chairman.

When asked what was done at the meeting, Mr. J. S. Woolner, one of the leading milk producers, informed the record that it was decided to proceed with the formation of an association and a committee of five farmers was appointed to proceed with the organization proceedings. The aim of the association will be to protect the interest of the milk producers.

Mr. Ellis of Galt, whom it was stated was an Ontario Government official, addressed the meeting and was appointed to proceed with the formation of the Association along the lines of the Toronto Milk Producers Association.

Respectfully Submitted

A news despatch says that Galt folks are still cutting hay. Berhmer is the slow and sure method of their Galt friends but say that their being six months behind time in this matter is just a trifle too deliberate.

A big hearted citizen said to the Record to-day: "Put the following ad in your columns: Wanted 25 citizens to undertake to pay \$1 a month each for one year from Jan. 1st, next in support of the Seagel family." Good idea!

It is not flattering to the race to be told by a big steamship company that Chinese sailors are more reliable than white men.

Mild, milder and mildest December on record.

Is the council trying to break the news gently?

## CHRISTMAS STAMPS ARE SELLING WELL

The time has come when parcels and Christmas mail matter leaves the hands of the giver, to go to friends living in other parts of the country. This then is the time to purchase a good supply of the Tuberculosis Sanatorium stamps with which to seal them, and by so doing help the local institution that is expected to do so much good in the days to come.

The stamps are selling encouragingly. Out of the 50,000 some 35,000 have already been disposed of. Not only in Berlin are they purchased, but in many villages and towns surrounding Elmira, New Hamburg, Galt, Preston, Hespler, and other places, are helping willingly with the distribution of the stamps, which means money as well as advertising for the institution. If with every letter or parcel that left the Berlin station, a small Sanatorium stamp left too, the money coming in for the Sanatorium would be a sum worth considering. "The pennies make the dollars," is worth remembering when it comes to paying a cent for a Sanatorium stamp. To a person whose gift list is large, sheets could be purchased, and used.

Former City Works Superintendent Thomas Donovan of Victoria was burned to death Saturday when at Elk Lake, B.C., was destroyed by fire.

Building Inspector J. Cook submitted his annual report to the council last evening which showed that during the year, 271 building permits were issued. Of this number 189 were houses, and three were factories. The total amount for the year was \$647.37. There were three large additions to factories.

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PHILIX and PHERDINAND

TAINT MUCH, PHERD, BUT IT'S A WELL-COME CHANGE FROM THAT EVER-LASTIN' TURKEY!

The annual meeting of the Baptist Young People's Union of King Street Baptist Church was held last evening when the annual reports showed the society to be in a flourishing condition. The membership has reached 50, and an active interest is taken in all the meetings of the Society.

The Young People are supporting a native pastor among the Tulus of India, as their mission work.

Following are the officers for the coming year: Hon. Pres.—Mr. Geo. Clark. President—Mr. L. G. Lecuyer. Vice Pres.—Miss Sylvia Shelley. Secretary—Mr. Horace Holmes, B. A. Treasurer—Mr. U. Ritchie. Usher—Messrs. E. Monner, W. C. Figures, P. Shelley and H. Lang. Pianist—Miss Lillian Mitchell. Asst. Pianist—Miss Erma Betzner.

Wm. McIntosh, an automobile machinist, was killed when a borrowed car was driving, ran through crossing gates and was struck by a Belaire and Hudson train at Montreal.

Alex. McNeill, chief of the fruit division of the Federal Department of Agriculture since 1904, is dead at Ottawa.

Fresh southerly to westerly winds, generally fair and mild today and on Wednesday.

## SOME LATE DESPATCHES

FIREMAN LOSSES LIFE ON HOLIDAY.

NEW YORK.—Thomas McManus, a fireman on twenty-four hour leave, his mother and sister Mary were burned to death in a fire which destroyed a five story apartment house at 366 Amsterdam avenue. Flames shot up from the basement and fifty inmates found the exits cut off. Seven were seriously injured. The McManus family were trapped in their apartment and fireman Michael Sullivan was fatally injured by a fall from a ladder while trying to reach his mate.

REPUBLICAN PARTY TO RE-ORGANIZE.

WASHINGTON.—Two proposals for the re-organization of the Republican party and to find basis upon which discordant elements can unite confronted the Republican National Committee to-day. Foremost was a proposal for a special national convention to re-adjust the system of delegate representation. Another was that no convention be called but that the national committee fix upon plan of reapportionment for ratification by Republican state conventions.

BIG REAL ESTATE DEAL.

LONDON.—What is believed to be the biggest private real estate deal on record was completed to-day by the purchase of the Duke of Bedford's block of freehold property, covering about nineteen acres in vicinity of Covent Garden in the center of London by Harry Mallaby Decker, a Unionist member of parliament. Figures were withheld, agents vouchsafing the information that the price paid exceeds by several million pounds any sum paid for any other single property. It includes Royal Opera, Drury Lane, Aldwych, Strand and Lyceum theatres, several hotels, Covent Garden market, Bow Street police court, National sporting club and a number of great printing establishments.

TURNER HALL BURNED IN CINCINNATI.

CINCINNATI.—Fire last night destroyed the west