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Coun. Belle-Isle Defends Action of Town Council

Some Highest Tender Was Not Accepted—Says Council's Action Taken to Safeguard Town's Best Interests.

Campbellton, N. B., 7th June, 1923.

H. B. Anshry, Esq., Editor, "Campbellton Graphic," Campbellton, N. B.

With reference to your article headed "Cannot Agree on Paving Tenders," the majority of the Council favour the highest tender. Councilor Moore is a member of the Council.

It is not this heading intended by someone to again mislead the public. In the first place, it is not necessary to always agree. Is not a majority of four out of eight councillors a conclusive one? If eight councillors always agreed on every question, they would soon all pass for a bunch of fools.

With regard to the second part of your heading. It is not true that the majority of the Council have favoured the highest tender as the Warren Company's tender was the highest.

If my memory serves me right, Mr. Editor, you were not present at that meeting, and you certainly got the wrong information from a biased party. Now I am sure, Mr. Editor, to be fair with everybody you should have ascertained the nature and purpose of every tender before drawing the conclusions that you do and making a eulogy of this minority of two.

I say two because there was only one extra, and the second of the secondment to Councilor Graham's motion. Councilors Graham, Duncan, Giller, St. Onge, Belle-Isle voting against the Warren Company's tender, and Councilor Moore voting for it.

The granting of the contract to the Stephen Construction Company, was taken, Councilors Moore and Marquis voted "nay" and Councilors Graham, Goham, Duncan, Giller, St. Onge and Belle-Isle voted "yes."

Now why did this vast majority of the Council favour the Stephen Construction Company's tender? Just simply to protect the Town's best interests—to protect our town against paying possibly thousands of dollars of extras—to get the maximum amount of paving finished complete for the money that we have for that purpose.

The tenders, as prepared by our engineer, were full of loopholes, opening the way for thousands of dollars of extras if anyone wanted to bless us with them, and the Lord knows that when there is a possibility of getting extras, very few contractors will turn their backs on them. These tenders, as prepared by the engineer, were examined by our Town Solicitor, and his opinion was that they were full of loopholes and that we would be exposed to a lot of extras.

One of the many vicious parts of these tenders was that the contractor was undertaking to do the work for a certain amount of money in a lump sum, but dependent upon the engineer's estimates so far as how much excavating, back-filling with stone and Telford Base, etc., and these were all priced separately per cubic yard, so that if our engineer happened to have made a mistake in his estimates, short estimating the quantities, there would be the possibility of a good bunch of extras. After the paving was all finished and set, who could tell us that there were only five hundred yards of back-filling instead of five thousand yards? Who could tell us how much excavating was really done in cubic yards? How much Telford Base was used, etc? No-one could ever make it out, hence the great danger for a good deal of money of extras, which the great majority of the Town Council have been willing to safeguard our town against.

The Warren Company's tender, as well as the Warren & Company's were made out on these vicious terms, while the tender that we have accepted from the Stephen Construction Company was simple, clear and concise on one

LESS VOTES FOR SUBSCRIPTIONS AFTER SATURDAY NIGHT; HELP YOUR FAVORITE CANDIDATE THIS WEEK

The First Period of The Graphic's Big Prize Contest Closes at 11 P.M. of This Week—Now is the Time to Get the Most of Your Efforts—If You Are Thinking of Entering Competition for One of the Free Prizes, You Should Do So This Week—Don't Wait Until Next Week—Make This Your Banner Week.

The list of those nominated in the Graphic's Big Prize Contest is published for the first time today. Is your favourite's name there? If not, why not? Every one who makes an earnest effort and continues actively to the end will win a prize or cash commission award. You cannot afford to let this opportunity pass you by. If you intend entering and competing for one of the Graphic's Prizes, why not make your start now? Every day lost now means that you will have to work that much harder later on to make up for the lost time. Make your start this week, before the vote schedules are decreased.

Clip out the nomination blank which you will find on the page advertisement in this issue and send it or bring it to the Campaign Dept., of the Graphic. The Campaign Department will send one of the organizers to help you in getting started. Begin an aggressive campaign for one of the Big Prizes at once. Don't let a little timidity or feeling of false pride cause you to lose out when prizes of such exceptional value can be easily won one cent of cost to you.

The most exceptional feature about this big campaign is its brief duration. Most campaigns of its kind last many weeks but this one will close on June 23. Just think someone will win a nice new Durant "Sport" Touring Car. Someone else will win a Durant "Star" Touring Car and there are several other valuable prizes. Did you ever have such a wonderful opportunity presented to you before? It costs nothing to try and should you fail to win one of the regular prizes you are sure to be rewarded for your efforts if you remain active to the end. If you are figuring on entering the big race, if you intend to compete for one of the big prizes you should start immediately. However, if you are not figuring on entering the Grand Drive, if you do not intend taking an active part in the campaign yourself, look over the list carefully and determine which aspirant you wish to vote for. All are hustling candidates and will be glad of your support. Give them a year or two this week. The longer the term of subscription the more free votes your subscription will give.

VOTE IN FAVOR OF CHURCH UNION

Action of General Assembly Taken After Several Days' Debate.

Port Arthur, Ont., June 11.—The Presbyterian General Assembly definitely settled the church union question here today. Closure was approved and the debate, which opened on Thursday afternoon, was abruptly closed today. The struggle to reach the platform was exceedingly keen all through the day and there were many undelivered speeches when the hour set for the vote arrived.

Two votes were taken, and the difference in the results was not so great as was expected. On both votes the Assembly divided on the straight issue of union. The first vote was taken on the question of an amendment involving a halting of the negotiations which was proposed by Rev. Dr. Drummond, of Hamilton. This was defeated by 116 to 137. The second vote, on the main motion to adopt the report of the union committee, was carried by a vote of 426 to 129.

The Better Plan.
"Don't you think she should have her voice cultivated?"
"Yes, plowed under."

ESTIMATES SHOW SOME INCREASES

More Money Needed to Run Town Business—The Estimates.

A meeting of the Town Council was held Monday evening. There were present His Worship Mayor McKay, Couns. Belle-Isle, St. Onge, Duncan, Goham and Graham.

The matter of estimates was the only matter taken up and these were agreed to as follows:

Assessment 1923.	
Public Property & Streets	\$17,200
Schools	36,000
Fire Protection	10,000
Hospitals	2,000
Police Force	4,500
Salaries & Contingencies	4,000
Public Charities	5,000
Sewer Bond Interest	2,510
School Bond Interest	1,200
Water Bond Interest	3,600
Sinking Fund	14,150
Sea Wall	4,000
Sugar Leaf Park	400
Total	\$109,000

This shows a total increase of \$14,000 over the amount assessed for last year. The tax rate of assessment this year is 2 per cent.

TRAFFIC RULES ARE EVADED

Cars and Teams Stop on Wrong Side of Street—Other Matters.

While the new rule "turn to the right" is working out well, and auto drivers so far have had no difficulty in remembering the change, but a lot of them persist in stopping their car on the wrong side of the street, and also of cutting around the wrong side of a corner. This applies also to teamsters.

The Graphic understands that the police have been instructed to notify all such that they are not obeying the law, and will be dealt with by His Honor if they persist.

The Town Council should have the By Law revised and printed for general distribution.

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