

Members of the City Council Indulge in a Wordy Warfare and the Lie is Flung Around

Battle of the Fire Hall Was Re-fought By the Members of the City Council Last Evening

Warm Engagement While It Lasted, and the Lie Was Flung About in Promiscuous Manner—Ald. Avery Comes in For Blame For the Trouble and Resents the Insinuation.

The City Council fought the battle of the Fire Halls all over again last night and it was a snappy engagement while it lasted. The lie was flung around promiscuously and there was give and take pretty much around the council board.

The row started when Ald. Rose reported on the situation of the fire brigade and moved the council committee of the whole on it. The report was as follows:—

Under authority given to the committee by the Council at the last regular meeting in view of the threatened resignations of the members of the Fire Department, the Committee at once proceeded to take steps necessary to meet the situation.

The Committee met on the next day, the 8th inst. and having the report of the Chief that verbal notice of the resignations had been received the Committee arranged for advertisements to appear in the press for applicants for positions on the Brigade and also calling for voluntary assistance.

On the 7th inst. the Committee proceeded with its preparations and commenced to receive applications. The Great War Veterans Association were notified through their Secretary, that applications were being received and that Returned Soldiers applying would receive the preference, and the Secretary was asked to notify the members accordingly. The Committee on the same day through the Mayor received notice that the Deputy Minister of Labour at Ottawa was prepared to assist, but the Committee, being of opinion that no labor trouble or strike was impending, did not feel it necessary to call themselves of his services. The Returned Soldiers Association were also notified that ample steps were being taken to protect property and man the department.

The steps taken by the Committee resulted to them being in a position to completely man the Department with new firemen and volunteers at 12 noon on Thursday 8th inst. When the Committee were given to understand the threatened resignations were to take effect.

The written resignations of eighteen members were not received until 10 a.m. on the 8th inst., two hours before taking effect and it was fortunate the Committee had proceeded to act meanwhile, and these arrangements themselves were entirely up to the Mayor and the Committee agreed to meet the local firemen only (the others) at 2 p.m., the resignations were to be suspended until 6 p.m.

The Committee attended at the Fire Hall at noon to notify these reporting the duty of the delay, where they found that attempts were being made to picket and prevent new firemen entering the Hall.

At 2 p.m. the Committee met at the City Hall, when instead of the local firemen attending to confer, they were accompanied by a stranger, and not being in keeping with the arrangements made, no conference resulted as the local firemen refused to deal with the Committee alone. A special meeting of the Council ensued at 3 p.m. and did not conclude until 5 p.m. with the Committee only remaining an hour to make new arrangements to man the Fire Halls at 6 p.m. when the resigning firemen left.

From the time the resignations finally took effect, the Central and Lake Street Fire Halls have been completely manned by new firemen and

volunteer assistance under charge of the Chief and Assistant Chief and the Committee.

During the night of the 8th inst., some fifteen alarms were given to the Department, thirteen of which were false alarms and two of them were fires, one the Grand Stand at the Lacrosse Grounds and the other a barn on Westchester avenue, both of which were undoubtedly of incendiary origin.

In view of this the Committee decided to supplement the special police assistance already provided, and for the next four days in addition to special constabulary being on duty, some fifty other volunteers and constables were on duty and a motor patrol organized. These extra services were dispensed with on Tuesday the 13th inst., as the danger of false alarms had materially disappeared.

During this time the Committee have also been engaged in securing new firemen, and no difficulty was experienced in receiving applications, and at the present time the Brigade consists as follows:—Chief Early, Assistant Chief O'Brien and 22 firemen (including 4 of the former members) and the Brigade is fully manned. All new firemen engaged have been taken on as first year men at the rate provided in the estimates, and those with previous experience in the Brigade have been re-instated at their rating as provided in the estimates.

The Committee were also prepared to re-engage some of the former firemen whose services had been satisfactory, and they were notified to apply, but only one did apply, and the Committee could not postpone completing the Brigade.

The Committee has held innumerable meetings during the past two weeks, and have been unanimous in their actions and are now proceeding to complete the re-organization of the Brigade, and expect to complete their work before the next regular meeting of the Council.

Your Committee also recommends that all citizens carry out a thorough CLEAN-UP campaign between the present time and the first of May and have all rubbish and refuse destroyed to lessen the fire risk, and the Committee further recommend that the Chief of the Fire Department be authorized to insert notices in the press requesting the co-operation of the citizens.

The Committee desires to thank all who have assisted during the past two weeks in helping to provide protection of property in the City, and expresses its appreciation of the co-operation of the Police Commission and Police Department, Special Constabulary and also the volunteers who served in various capacities during that time.

The Committee recommends that its actions during the past two weeks be and the same are hereby approved and confirmed.

Alderman Waxed Wrathly
Ald. Rose moved the Council into Committee of the whole on the Fire and Light report, with Ald. McLean in the chair.

When Is or Isn't a Dog a Vicious Dog?

Magistrate Campbell today in police court spoke learnedly on the subject of whether or not a dog is vicious. To begin with the law allows every dog his first bite. Prior to that his reputation is unblemished. After the first bite, look out doggie!

A foreign woman in whose home there is a dog faced an accusation by a neighbor of keeping a vicious canine. It had bitten her boy. True the boy had thrown stones at the dog, but then all the children did because it chased all of them, those on roller skates being its particular delight. The magistrate went on the point whether a dog is vicious or only playful when with children, talking in a way as if he liked dogs and was willing to give the under dog a show. The complainant was very positive as to the wickedness of the canine and in the end the magistrate settled the matter by ordering the dog tied up for fourteen days to see if it develops any signs of rabies. Because, naturally the old superstition about killing a dog, and thus stopping hydrophobia, if it bites one, persisted also in this case.

Family Feud Reaches the Police Court, Youth Accusing His Sister of Assaulting Him

Magistrate Campbell today charged his sister, Mrs. Lily Bradley with hitting him with the stove lifter. She retorted that it was only the potato masher and he deserved all he got and more, too. The father of both agreed with the daughter.

It has been a family feud. The Hutt senior, are separated, and Hutt pater, dwells with the daughter, the mother having the younger children with her.

Italian Resented Interference By His Foreman and Hit Him on Head With Shovel

Dominick Garitone of Latin origin objected this morning to interference by his foreman John J. Manly as to the manner in which he performed his duties at the In-Orlake Tissue Paper Mills at Thorold. So Dominick took the weapon handiest—to wit a spade—and opened Manly's head with it.

Manly was rushed off to the hospital and Dominick was rushed off to St. Catharines police headquarters by Chief Sam Moffat.

Appeal in Liquor Case From Which Some Hope Was Expected Dismissed

The appeal made by L. B. Spencer of Welland on behalf of his client Charles Hagen of Welland, against conviction of having liquor illegally in his possession at his home, has been dismissed by Justice Orde in the Court of Appeal.

Hagen's cellar was found to contain a large quantity of liquor and his lawyer brought appeal on the ground that the law can only seize that liquor and not impose any penalty.

SUNDAY BLIZZARD HITS HALIFAX—WINTER RETURNS

HALIFAX, April 20—Halifax today experienced an unusual storm for this season of the year. Snow began falling early in the morning and by noon the storm had reached the proportions of a blizzard. There was a gale of wind blowing, and with a decided drop in the temperature winter conditions prevailed again. The tram company's snowplow which had been stored away had to be brought out again to keep the tracks clear. The attendance at the churches was light, and the streets were practically deserted all day.

FIRST CASE OF JANITOR ACCUSED OF PROFITTEERING

WINNIPEG, April 20—When C. Smith, janitor of the Bartelle Apartments, Home street, appeared in court charged with violating the Securities Commission's Act. Yesterday, he was convicted and fined \$10 and costs.

DAYLIGHT SAVING SECOND OF MAY

The City Council last night passed a resolution that Daylight Saving be enforced Sunday night, May 2nd.

DAYLIGHT ROBBERY TO-DAY

There was a daring daylight robbery at 11 o'clock this morning. B. Mazurick, who works at the Steel & Radiation went to the bank and drew \$200.

At the corner of Church and King Streets, two men walked up to him stuck a gun into his stomach then one of them got his roll out of his trouser pocket.

The two men then disappeared along Church Street. Mazurick came to police headquarters and reported the robbery. The men were strangers he said. Evidently they knew he had drawn the money.

INSURANCE TANGLE FINALLY ADJUSTED

Court Orders Money Held for Missing Heir.
The Judge has just handed down a ruling in connection with the Strathern case, which has attracted considerable attention.

The father died at Port Colborne last summer from hydrophobia, leaving a wife and six months' old baby. Deceased was insured in a Roman Catholic institution to the extent of \$2,000 which had not been claimed by his wife and which is in the hands of the government.

The case in court was caused by the application of Strathern's mother for the \$2,000, as the whereabouts of the wife and child are unknown. The court decided that the money must not be paid, but must be kept by the court for the child, who is the lawful heir.

THE WEATHER

TORONTO, April 20—The Atlantic coast storm has passed eastward and an extensive area of low pressure is now spreading over the Great Lakes from the southwest. Rain is falling in southwestern Ontario and in Northern Alberta, elsewhere the weather is fair.

NATIONAL AND AMERICAN LEAGUES

Results of Yesterdays Games. NATIONAL: Boston 5, Brooklyn 2. New York 2, Philadelphia 1. Chicago 9, St. Louis 6 (2 innings). Pittsburgh at Cincinnati (rain). Standing of Clubs: Club Won Lost Pct. Pittsburgh 4 1 .699. Cincinnati 3 1 .750. Brooklyn 3 1 .750. Boston 2 2 .500. Philadelphia 2 2 .500. St. Louis 2 4 .333. New York 1 3 .250. Chicago 1 4 .200.

Games Scheduled for Today: Pittsburgh at Cincinnati. Boston at Brooklyn. Philadelphia at New York. Chicago at St. Louis.

AMERICAN: Boston 6, New York 0 (first). Boston 8, New York 3 (second). Washington 7, Philadelphia 0. Cleveland 7, Detroit 6. St. Louis at Chicago, (rain).

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Games Scheduled for Today: Detroit at Cleveland. St. Louis at Chicago. Washington at Philadelphia. New York at Boston, a.m. and p.m.

New Industry For the City Will Be a Large One Committee Says

Reports Received at the Meeting of City Council Last Night—Putting New Sports Grounds in Shape—Works Committee Program—Recommendations by Finance Committee.

At the City Council meeting last night Ald. Graves in his Finance report recommended:

Your committee would report that the Trustee Board of the Children's Shelter has reported that the present advance of three hundred dollars to the treasurer of the Children's Aid Society in accordance with agreement between this city and the Council of Lincoln, is now insufficient to meet the expenses of the Children's Shelter for the period of one month and have requested that the advance be increased to Five Hundred Dollars. Your committee would recommend that the approval of the County of Lincoln be obtained in this matter and pending the receipt of the same would recommend that the city treasurer be hereby authorized to increase the advance to the treasurer of the Children's Aid Society to five hundred dollars.

The request of the Canadian Deep Waterways and Power Association for a contribution to assist the Association in the expense of carrying on its campaign for the improvement of the Great Lakes, St. Lawrence Navigation order, having been given careful consideration, your committee would recommend that a grant of one hundred and fifty dollars be hereby authorized to said association.

Board of Works

Ald. Dakers reported for the Works Committee:

We recommend that the Bell Telephone Company be and is hereby granted permission, without prejudice to the city's interests, to erect poles on the following streets: Corner Thomas St. and Louisa St. one pole; Lake St. between Wellington St. and Welland Ave., three poles; St. Patrick St. between Kerahan St. and Geneva St., two poles; Ida St., three poles; Herrick Ave. and Buckland St., two poles.

Your committee further recommend the following list of streets be oiled as a local improvement and that the rate of eight cents per foot be levied on the frontage abutting on the work. Schedule of streets attached.

Your committee further recommends that, pursuant to report adopted by this council at their meeting on Sept. 22nd, 1919, giving approval to the registration of the Race Course extension plan provided the district being sub-divided be restricted for residential uses and that the building line be fixed twenty feet back from the street line, that a by-law be prepared and submitted to this council putting these restrictions into effect.

Your committee further recommend that the city engineer be authorized to proceed with surveys and plans and the calling for tenders for the construction of the following sewers: Geneva St. south from Ontario St. south to Glenridge Ave; Moore St. off Catharine St; Thomas St. from N. S. & T. track to Dufferin St. Lowell Ave. from end of pavement to Thomas St.

Your committee further recommend that the report of the city engineer attached herewith re the opening of Brock Ave. from Taylor Ave. to York St. as a local improvement be and is hereby received and adopted. St. Catharines, Ont., April 19, 1920. His Worship the Mayor and Council Assembled Gentlemen.

Pursuant to your request to report on and estimate the cost of the opening of Brock Ave. from Taylor Ave. to York St., I beg to report as follows: The two lots necessary for the opening of said street may be purchased for the sum of One Thousand Dollars. I find the area to be direct-

ly benefited by the opening of this portion of street to be comprised as follows: Brock Ave. from Ontario Street to York St. save and except the corner lots facing Ontario St. and Thomas St., Brock Ave. extension from Taylor Ave. to York St. Pleasant Ave. from Lake St. to York St. save and except the corner lots facing Lake St. and York St. The rates to be levied should extend over a term of three years the annual rate per foot frontage is estimated to be eight cents.

W. P. Near, City Engineer

Schedule of Streets to be Oiled, 1920
Albert St. from Henry St. to Catharine St. Clark St. from Church St. to Welland Ave; Dufferin St. from York St. to George St.; Division St. Geneva St. to Frank St.; Elizabeth St. from Lake St. to George St.; Edmund St. from Henry St. to Catharine St.; George St. from Welland Ave. to Russell Ave; Henry St. from Welland Ave. to Russell Ave; Louisa St. from Thomas St. to Catharine St.; Market St. Hellwell's Lane to James St.; Market Grounds Kin St. to Church St. North St. Geneva St. to Niagara St.; Raymond St. James St. to Clark St.; St. Paul St. West, from Lisgar St. to Ontario St.; Thorold Road from Queenston St. to Lincoln Ave; Welland Ave. from Lock 2 Hill at Mrs. Shea's lot to Ontario St.

Railway and Industrial

Ald. Riffer reported for the Railway and Industrial Committee: We report that this committee has been successful in securing for St. Catharines a new industry known as the "Ajax Wire Wheel Corporation of America," with head offices in New York City. This is by no means a new departure as this concern's product is now well known in the Canadian market, the sales having been carried on through the Dunlop Tire Co. of Toronto.

The new industry will be located at 64 Niagara St. in a new building 200 ft. by 50 feet, of brick and concrete construction, to be erected by F. W. Wilson of the Lincoln Construction Co. of this city. The company will commence operations at once, equipped with the most modern machinery and will start a vigorous campaign for additional Canadian business which should not be difficult to obtain, owing to the immense and growing popularity of wire wheels with Canadian automobile manufacturers.

St. Catharines is extremely fortunate in securing this industry, particularly when the company received some very attractive propositions from other cities in the Niagara Peninsula. Much credit is due Mr. F. W. Wilson for his efforts in assisting the committee in inducing the industry to locate here. Mr. Wilson volunteered to build the company a building with a lease of the property and an option to purchase, thereby relieving the city from making any concessions.

Your committee would also report that the Power Specialty Co., manufacturers of Superheaters for locomotive and marine boilers, with head offices in New York City, has purchased the two acres of land on Berryman Ave. adjoining the Tudrull Electro Metals. The company will commence operations this year, with a building about 6000 feet square of floor space and will erect foundry department later. Preliminary payroll will be \$25,000 per year. This company is at present time operating plants in Dansville, N. Y., Bloomfield, N. Y., and St. Albans, Eng.

Your committee would further report that it has under consideration the matter of furnishing the northern (Continued on page four)

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