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## RAILROAD WILL SPEND \$350,000 ON WORK IN KENT COUNTY

Splendid Enterprise Practically Secured by the City  
Council—Busy Session of the City Fathers Last  
Evening.

Three hundred and twenty-five thousand dollars will be spent in Chatham and Kent County this spring in the work of the construction of the new electric railroad and its equipment.

This important announcement by Ald. Austin, at the City Council meeting last evening, will be received with satisfaction by all citizens—artisans, laborers and business men. In addition to the securing of the road with its many advantages and facilities, it will put this large sum of money in instant circulation throughout the county and doubtless do much to bring up good wages all spring.

The motion as passed unanimously by the City Council last night was as follows:—

"Moved by Ald. Bell, seconded by Ald. Austin, that in the opinion of this Council, the power house, freight sheds, track and plant to be erected and built within the limits of the city by the Wallaseburg and Lake Erie Railway Company should be exempted from taxes, except school taxes for local improvements, for a period of five years, and that the taxes to be levied on the property of the said company for the further period of five years thereafter should be upon a fixed assessment of \$10,000, no reduction being made in the present rate of taxation on the lands to be occupied by the said company, and that the said exemptions be validated by an act of the Legislature to be procured by the company and at their expense."

In making the motion, Ald. Bell briefly alluded to the many advantages that would result to city and county by the building of the road.

Ald. Austin, in seconding, said the enterprise was one that deserved and would receive the hearty support of every patriotic citizen. The city was losing nothing, as there was no reduction in the present value of the land. The building of the road, the erection of the works, etc., meant a splendid stimulus to all trades. He had looked into the matter and found that \$250,000 would be spent in labor in Chatham and vicinity. It would mean immense industrial development to the whole county.

Ald. O'Keefe said he had also looked into the matter thoroughly. The gentlemen in charge were taking hold of the enterprise in the right spirit and building on first-class business principles.

Ald. Westman said he understood that the road would supply electric power to manufacturing concerns in the city. This was the greatest acquisition the city could have and would prove a great inducement in getting factories.

Ald. Edmondson thought the Council should do all in their power to encourage the enterprise.

The aldermen all spoke enthusiastically of the project.

There were present at the meeting Mayor Cowan and Ald. Austin, Bell, King, Marshall, O'Keefe, Ainsworth, Potter, Westman and Edmondson. A petition was received from the Bricklayers' Association, notifying the Council of the hours they intend to work on the new market building and their scale of wages. Received.

The residents of the East side of Lacroix street, from Harvey St. to the Grand Trunk, asked permission to trim trees. Referred to Chief of Police.

Job Moore, of the Electric Light Department, asked for an increase in salary, as he has to keep a horse. Referred to Property Com.

Lewis & Richards, for the S. Hadley Company, called attention to the bad condition of the pavement on Wellington street, from the Market Square to William St. They threatened to take action if the matter is not attended to at once. Referred to Board of Works.

The Electric Railway Company asked for a fixed assessment on their power house and properties. Referred to Finance Com.

The Canadian Fire Underwriters' Association asked for information re the water supply pumps. Referred to the Property Com.

A communication from a St. Catharines Trade Journal, soliciting a subscription, was referred to the Industrial Com.

The Council asked for information re asphalt block pavement—if the Council liked it and would use it this year. Mayor Cowan said he had replied to the letter, stating the facts that some streets in Chatham had been paved with asphalt block.

A letter from Dr. Ludlow, a former Chatham resident, was referred to the Finance Com.

A communication from Toronto, soliciting public subscriptions for a monument which it is proposed to erect in memory of the Canadian soldiers who fought and died in South Africa, was referred to Finance.

G. B. Atkinson, for the Chaplin Wheel Works, laid a complaint against the account from the Water Works Department against the

Chaplin Wheel Works for laying a water main on Scane street. The company thought the expense should be borne by the city. Referred to the Industrial Com.

The permanent firemen, F. A. Ryall, R. Coyle, A. Holmes and H. Johnson, asked for increases in salary. Referred to Property.

A communication from the Toronto Council, in reference to adding the names of married women to the voters' lists, was referred to the Finance Com.

The City Council of St. Thomas asked the Chatham Council if they would co-operate with St. Thomas in trying to secure legislation for doing away with Police Commissioners' Boards in cities of less than 20,000 inhabitants. Referred to Finance.

J. B. O'Riynn, acting for a resident on Murray street, protested against the putting down of a bitulithic pavement on Murray St. Received.

C. B. Atkinson wrote a lengthy letter saying that he would enter a strong protest against fixed assessments, and particularly the granting of a fixed assessment for the Electric Railway Company. He threatened to file a lawsuit. Received.

A statement from the Piggott Industry was received.

Chas. Barclay, Mrs. Amanda Brown, Ida Brown and Mrs. Anna Hicks asked their names to be reinstated on a petition for an asphalt block pavement on Murray St. Received.

A petition was received from J. M. Pike, Mr. Barclay, Mrs. Reeves, Mr. Kemp and Wm. Hamill asked for an asphalt block pavement on Murray street. Referred to Board of Works.

Ald. Austin, for the Industrial Committee, said he had communicated with H. S. Clements, M. P., regarding the river ice, and had received a reply that the Acting Minister of Public Works was looking into the matter. The matter of an ice crusher was in abeyance owing to the cost being \$300 per day.

Ald. Bell, for Finance, moved that Chatham Navigation Co. be relieved from wharfage charges. Alderman O'Keefe seconded.

Ald. Westman opposed the motion. The city, he said, did enough for the Navigation Co., without relieving them of taxes, he believed were due from the Navigation Co. to the public.

Ald. Potter expressed disappointment that Ald. Bell had not ascertained the facts before agitating the matter. He thought the city should be looked into thoroughly before any action was taken.

Ald. Austin agreed with Ald. Potter. He was on the Finance committee, but Ald. Bell had never consulted him in the matter of his motion.

Ald. Potter and King moved in amendment that the matter be referred back to ascertain the facts. Amended.

Ald. King, for the Building committee, reported that the plans would be ready for Saturday. He was hastening the work as much as possible, and as soon as plans were ready would proceed.

Ald. O'Keefe, for the Board of Works, reported as follows:—

Re advice of City Engineer as to action on Murray St. pavement as to putting down intakes at an early date, and as per request of ratemakers to proceed with bitulithic pavement, as the matter is entirely in the hands of the Council to proceed with the work, we advise to proceed with said bitulithic pavement at as early a date as possible, the price to be the same as named in their tender of last year, \$2.19 per sq. yard.

2. Re account of William Drader, for wind-breakers on 5th St. bridge, the work being completed according to contract, we advise payment of the bill \$248.

The Mayor ruled, on the advice of the City Solicitor, that the first motion was out of order.

Ald. O'Keefe was afraid his motion's action would open the way for more difficulty, such as was experienced last year. The chairman of the Board of Works was anxious to have the matter closed as the price was some \$2.19 per yard cheaper than could be secured this year.

The Mayor asked if the Finance committee had made any enquiries in reference to the Government's share of the William street pavement.

Ald. Bell—I believe I did make enquiries.

The Mayor—What was the result?

Ald. Bell—I forget now what the result was.

The Mayor, smiling—Probably you had better enquire again.

The Mayor asked the Property committee if they had made any arrangements for a market during the time the new building is being built.

Ald. Westman said that such arrangements are now being made.

Ald. Ainsworth moved, seconded by Ald. Edmondson, that the request from the bricklayers union in connection with wages on the new market building be granted. Carried.

It was decided to purchase for civic purposes 200 copies of the Souvenir and Industrial edition of The Planet.

## WHERE IS LINEVITCH

Report Suggests Probably Further North Than Supposed.

London Puzzles Over the Question Where the Newly-Arrived Troops Came From—Retreat from Tie Pass Wends Weary Way—Gen. Kuropatkin Offered to Stay Under His One-Time Subordinate.

London, March 21.—Gen. Linevitch's report to the Emperor, that he had inspected newly-arrived troops, causes considerable speculation in London, indicating that the commander-in-chief of the Russian army in Manchuria either has gone much farther north than had been supposed or that Russian reinforcements are still being sent south from Harbin. The latter hypothesis is considered hardly likely in view of the fact that the Russians are trying to effect the speediest possible retirement to Harbin.

Kuro Offered to Stay.  
Gunshu Pass, March 21.—The last two days have been utterly without incident, except for the removal of the censor to Kudzu Pass. The Russian rearguard is retreating slowly and engaging in occasional skirmishes. It has now reached a position twenty-seven miles north of Tie Pass. The Japanese are slowly advancing, without pausing the Russians.

The Russians are destroying bridges, the railways, roadbeds and highways, and carrying off stores and demolishing buildings and everything not portable. Reports of a wide turning movement by the Japanese are no longer being received.

The troops parted in sadness with Gen. Kuropatkin, whose labors in shaping the army are recognized, and who was ever attentive to the wants of the soldiers. Regardless of the fact that he had been commander-in-chief, Gen. Kuropatkin offered to remain here as a subordinate to Gen. Linevitch, and as commander of a corps.

On the Weary Way.  
St. Petersburg, March 21.—The latest despatches from Manchuria indicate that the retreat of the Russian army is being conducted uneventfully. The last few days were unmarked by fighting of a serious nature. The Russians, however, are neglecting no precautions to impede pursuit, and hamper the construction of permanent Japanese lines of supply.

Russ Admits 120,000 Lost.

St. Petersburg, March 21.—Complete details of the losses at the battle of Mukden are not yet available at the war office, but the reports thus far received indicate that 120,000 men were killed, wounded or made prisoners and that about eighty field guns were captured. Almost every siege gun, it is affirmed, was removed.

No Further Fights.

St. Petersburg, March 21.—A despatch from Gen. Linevitch, dated March 19, 3 p. m., says:

"The commander of the second army reports that he has had no further fighting. No reports have been received from the first or third armies. I have inspected the troops which have arrived from Russia. They are in excellent spirits and good health."

Kuropatkin Goes Home.

St. Petersburg, March 21.—The story that Gen. Kuropatkin remained at the front in command of Gen. Linevitch's old first army is untrue. He is proceeding to Chong, where he may stop a short time to recuperate before returning to St. Petersburg. His nerves are said to be badly shattered. It is again being positively affirmed that Kuropatkin requested the Emperor to relieve him.

Fighting Heard Of.

St. Petersburg, March 21.—A despatch from Gunshu Pass, dated yesterday, says that since yesterday morning artillery fire has been going on about seven miles south of Tie Pass.

Strike on Railway.

Chita, Eastern Siberia, March 21.—Through the railroad men's strike on the section of the Siberian line east of Lake Balkat has ceased the telegraph operators have now stopped work, demanding an increase of wages. Policemen and other state employees are being engaged to replace the strikers.

## LAD SHOTS GOVERNOR.

When Captured Said Police Knew His Name, His Motive and the Governor's Record.

Viborg, European Russia, March 21.—Gov. Masorodoff was shot and seriously wounded yesterday by a lad. The assassin, who is about 15 years old, obtained an entrance to the governor's office and fired three times at him, one bullet inflicting a serious wound and the others slightly wounding the governor's legs. The governor's clerks and secretary were unable to stop the would-be assassin, who reached the street where, however, he was arrested without a struggle. The governor's condition is critical.

The youth who shot the governor has been identified as Matti Hjalmar Reinikka, who admits that he is a revolutionist. Gov. Masorodoff has been most energetic in the Russification of Finland.

Reinikka, who had lost one of his arms recently in a railway accident, when asked if his name was Reinikka, replied, "The police of Helsingfors know me, my motive and the governor's record."

Jews Kill Police Chief.

Boris, European Russia, March 21.—Three squadrons of dragoons have started for Borisina, where armed Jews are reported to have killed the chief of police and a number of his assistants.

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