

CITY TO ASK POWER TO BUY ST. RAILWAY AND OPERATE BUSESSES

Legislature Will Be Asked To Sanction \$30,000 Deben-ture Issue For Latter Pro-ject — Franchise Debars Private Companies.

An appeal to the legislature for wider powers in dealing with the street railway was approved by the city council last night. Permission will be asked for the council, with the consent of the electors, to purchase the road, if a price satisfactory to the council can be secured, or, as an alternative, for the operation of the road on a cost basis, subject to a satisfactory agreement between the city and the company in the matter of service. Provision will be made that bylaw 916, respecting capital expenditure for pavement construction and operation generally, shall not become void.

Permission to issue \$30,000 debentures to purchase four motor buses will be asked, on motion of Ald. F. E. Harley and G. L. Drake. There was little discussion on the first suggestion, but the latter resulted in a warm debate.

In making the motion Ald. Harley stated that the initial cost of each bus would be about \$7,500. Allowing for depreciation at 20 per cent per annum interest on the investment at 7 per cent, license, insurance, gasoline, oil, repairs and wages, an average load of ten passengers at 4 cents would pay for the proposition. One man would pay 40 cents to operate a bus. Ald. Harley asserted that this was the only way to get transportation service, and that the only way to avoid litigation for the use of the streets was for the city to undertake the proposal. The street railway franchise prevented a private company from taking this action. Bus systems were operating satisfactorily in other cities. Miami, with 10,000 population, supplied its entire transportation needs with buses.

COUNCIL TURNS BACK MOTION TO INCREASE L. AN. P. S. CREDIT

Chairman of Committee Making Recommendation Believes Move Would Be Illegal — New Items For City of London Bill.

A motion to increase a line of credit for the London and Port Stanley Railway Commission was defeated last night. The committee by the city council last night, Ald. O. L. Cullen, chairman of the No. 1 committee, would not move the adoption of the clause, declaring it was illegal.

"No more credit could be obtained than could be covered by the revenue at night this year," he asserted, and added that no authority could be obtained to extend credit for expenditure such as was proposed. Authority to issue debentures must be obtained in the London bill to meet the proposed expenditure for a new locomotive.

Five more items were recommended for inclusion in the London bill. A suggested request for permission to erect a new fire alarm system was eliminated. The majority of the council thought a new central fire alarm system was necessary within a short time, and that provision for an alarm system should be made at the same time. Approval of a \$15,000 debenture issue for a combination fire truck and pump, and \$1,600 for four fire alarm boxes in the central districts will be asked.

Authority for a debenture issue of \$10,000 to erect a new fire alarm system will be asked on condition that the Women's Christian Association give the city a mortgage on the property and agree to pay the annual sinking fund and interest charges.

Another clause will ask that the date of nomination for municipal officers be changed from the first of January to the first of December. The request specifies that such a change be put in effect in event the government refuses to change the date of municipal election to a Monday earlier in December. Application has already been made to give commercial travelers the same privileges as the railwaymen.

Power will be asked to submit the question of commission form of government to a vote of the electors. The request specifies that such a commission will determine the policies and tax rate of the city for the purposes, excepting the electrical department and the public utilities commission and the police commission and that the new form may become operative if approved by the ratepayers.

Another clause will ask power for the council, with the consent of the electors, to purchase the London Street Railway as a private satisfactory to the council can be obtained or to operate the road on cost principles subject to a satisfactory agreement between the city and the company covering service. It is specified that the provisions of bylaw 916, which governs the street railway operation, shall not be made invalid under a proposed agreement.

The clause respecting commission form of government evoked discussion. Ald. C. C. Drake, who moved no action taken on it, and declared that

INLAND REVENUE SHOWS INCREASE

War Tax Totals \$28,679.85, While Excise Receipts Are \$40,859.35.

Inland revenue returns for the month of February show an increase of \$23,527 over the same period of last year. The excise receipts for last month total \$40,859.35. The war tax receipts total \$28,679.85. The grand total for the month was \$69,539.20. The report of taxable articles and the amount they were taxed for is as follows:

Spirits	1,077.46
Malt	3,416.25
Foreign raw leaf tobacco	5,960.40
Foreign raw leaf tobacco	472.70
Cigars, ex-factory	11,634.33
Cigars, ex-warehouse	2,549.70
Methylated Spirits	581.21
Other receipts	28.50
Total excise receipts	\$40,859.35
War tax stamps	2,888.39
Automobiles	21,298.92
Jewelry	3,577.89
Pianos	309.20
Phonographs	165.90
Moving picture films	440.55
Total war tax receipts	\$28,679.85

FALLS FROM LADDER AND FRACTURES LEG

Western "U" Benefactor Lay Helpless for an Hour Before Discovery.

While arranging the thousands of volumes which he had donated to the Western University, Dr. J. D. Barnett, formerly of Stratford, fell from a step at the old Chapel street school and sustained a fractured leg on Monday afternoon. The fall was from the ladder giving way under him.

For nearly an hour the injured man lay helpless, and suffering considerable pain, until a lady who had come to inspect the library found him. Dr. Joseph's Hospital, where Dr. F. W. Hughes attended him. Today it was reported that the fracture had been reduced, and that Dr. Barnett had rested easily during the night. He is progressing favorably.

STITCH IN TIME SURELY SAVES NINE

Fire Inspections Help To Reduce Loss in Business Districts.

The firemen, although they are employed to fight fires, are also called upon to eliminate the deadly enemy from the precincts of the business district. The inspection system that has been in force for some time, and was started by Fire Chief John Aitken, is beginning to show its value, for there have been no fires of any importance in the business district for some time. The firemen have their regular bases to cover in the business district. They make an inspection of the stores from top to bottom, and if any waste material is found that is a menace either to fire-fighting or is liable at any time to burst into flames from any causes, it is ordered to be removed to a safer place.

The chief believes that this inspection system is what has eliminated many fires in the business district. The firemen, however, do not stop with inspection to the up-town district alone, but make inspection of big business firms in different portions of the city.

BOARD OF WORKS GETTING READY FOR SPRING WORK

Will Purchase Stone Excavator Among Other Road Supplies.

Preparation for extensive operations this spring and summer is being made by the works department of the city. Authority has been given to purchase a model 4 Keystone excavator at St. Catharines for \$5,650. This will be used for grading the streets on which paving is being done. A new Ford runabout will be purchased for the general use of the department. The place of the one which has been in use since 1916.

Four new sand drums for the paving plant will be another purchase. They will cost about \$5,000. The cost of brick work for supporting the estimated at \$5,000, but City Engineer H. A. Brazier thinks he can reduce this sum substantially.

In addition to this new equipment plenty of material has also been purchased. Tenders have been invited to accept for 6,500 tons of crushed stone, 800 tons of refined asphalt, and cement as required. The engineer has been authorized to purchase road oil and limestone dust on the open market.

CENTRAL AVENUE WILL RECEIVE IMPROVEMENTS

Motion Before Council To Pave Street From Richmond To Adelaide.

Central avenue is likely to receive considerable attention from the city works department this year. A bylaw has already been passed for paving the block between Richmond and Wellington streets, and a motion was brought before the council last night to pave the remainder of the thoroughfare to Adelaide street on a two-thirds vote of the council. This will be given further consideration.

Changes in the position of the car tracks between Richmond and Wellington are also contemplated. At present the track runs along the south side of the street, close to the boulevard of Victoria Park. The council thinks that it should be placed in the centre of the street, and that when the paving is being done, it would be a good time to carry out this project.

Mayor Little expresses the opinion that the company will be responsible for its share of paving the street, but that the city would have to pay the additional cost of shifting the track. It is estimated that this would be comparatively small, as most of the necessary work would have to be done in event of the street being paved whether the position of the track was changed or not.

MISSIONARY ADDRESS

W. H. Brockenshire of Can. McCall Mission Gives Interesting Talk.

W. H. Brockenshire, field secretary of the Canadian Mission, was present at a meeting of the local branch of that society on Monday afternoon, giving a most inspiring address on the work of the mission. His talk referred especially to his visit in France and the magnificent building in Paris built by the American McCall Mission, and used now for the comfort of disabled soldiers.

The meeting was held in the home of Mrs. McMechan, and a great many of the members availed themselves of this opportunity of hearing the secretary's address.

MILK PRODUCERS COMPLETE BANQUET ARRANGEMENTS

Premier Drury to Address Gathering on March 4.

The Middlesex County milk producers have about completed arrangements for the holding of their first annual banquet in the Masinoc Temple on Thursday, March 4, and from present indications it is to be an event of unusual interest. The speaker of the evening is to be Premier E. C. Drury, who will undoubtedly outline his policy relating to both city and country. This will be his first appearance in this vicinity, and affords a splendid opportunity for all interested in the affairs of the province to get first-hand information.

E. H. Stonehouse, president of the Canadian Dairy Council, will be present, and Professor Leitch of Guelph is expected to deliver an address on the cost of milk production. Other prominent men from city and country are stumped to the banquet, and the musical entertainment provided, insures an enjoyable and profitable evening for all who attend. The London Chamber of Commerce is co-operating with the milk producers in putting on the banquet and bringing the Premier to the city. Tickets may be secured at their offices, or from directors of the Milk Producers' association.

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Gratuity Petition to Remain Open Another Week.

J. Fred Marsh, organizer of the Grand Army of Canada, left last night for Sarnia, after spending a day in St. Thomas in which city he has arranged for a mass meeting of regiments at the city hall on Saturday next. Mayor F. Brinkman will preside.

Organizer Marsh will return to London for the G. W. V. A. meeting on Friday night and will go to St. Thomas on Saturday, returning to London on Sunday. On Monday, March 8, he has been instructed to go to Welland.

In conversation with The Advertiser last night, Mr. Marsh stated that Capt. J. P. Tupper, better known as "the Fighting Parson," would visit the city on Saturday next. The local membership drive, he reports, is doing well, and the gratuity petitions will remain open for another week. G. A. C. headquarters report that some 800 signatures have been attached to these petitions to date.

VICTIMS OF INFLUENZA.

PARKHILL, March 1.—Two children have died from pneumonia following flu, John Douglas, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Glybert, aged 7 years, and Ross Sheppard, son of Mr. and Mrs. David Sheppard, of the North-western.

John McLeish, son of Angus McLeish of West Williams, died at Edmonstone hospital from pneumonia. He had been in the West from his home in West Williams, where he had been recovering from his illness.

AFTER INFLUENZA

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The New Blouses Are Extremely Youthful

The blouse department offers many delightful new styles for March opening, and the blouses of georgette, featuring the short and three-quarter sleeves, are attracting much attention. Long sleeves, too, are not overlooked in this collection. A beautiful collection of novelty blouses will be found displayed in this section this week. There are many styles, but their simplicity makes every one distinctive.



Beautiful Blouse Models In Georgette

Lace-Trimmed Model

Dainty Lace-Trimmed Blouse of fine georgette, with three-quarter set-in sleeve, trimmed at edge with fillet lace, front has vestee and shawl collar, also lace trimmed, white and flesh. Price\$12.75

Elbow Sleeve Model

Another georgette has elbow sleeve trimmed with hemstitching and black beading, front and back of garment has black-beaded motifs, neck is cut round; colors, flesh, white or navy. Price....\$12.75

Kimono Sleeve Model

Dainty model of fine georgette, front and back has deep hemstitched tucks, the vestee and short kimono sleeves have clusters of pin tucks, the cuffs and collar are of deep fillet lace; colors, flesh and white. Price\$17.50

Round Collar Model

Another very smart model of georgette crepe is cut round-shaped collar in front with large collar at back, piped with contrasting shade of georgette; front of garment and sleeves is trimmed with fine pin tucks, colored stitching, also button trimmed; colors are white, flesh, rose, navy, sand, also taupe. Price\$12.75

Silk Braid and Jet

Navy Georgette Blouse, with silk under bodice, vestee and collar of flesh georgette, pin tucks trim the back while the front is beautifully trimmed with navy silk braid and jet beads. Price\$29.00

Panel Front and Back

Very smart model is the combination of fawn and brown georgette featuring, panel front and back of brown trimmed with bronze beads; sleeves of fawn georgette, has loose deep cuff of brown georgette finished with pin tucks and beading. Price....\$25.00

Long Front Collar

Georgette Blouse, dainty collar extending down front, trimmed with pin tucks and fine lace, full length set-in sleeve, trimmed at top and bottom of cuff with deep lace; colors, white or flesh. Price\$11.50

Another Panel Model

Another Smart Blouse of Georgette has foundation of grey, front and back panel of black, very beautifully trimmed in bright blue; the three-quarter sleeve has deep cuff of black trimmed blue. Price\$22.50

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