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PRETTY SHARPLY

He Declares He Will Resign Before Taking Any Snubs From the Minister of Public Works—Insists on the Bar at the Mouth of the River Being Dredged—How Tarte Has Acted in the Matter—A Sensation in the House.

Ottawa, April 12.—Mr. Stephens, the Liberal member for Kent, created a sensation in the House yesterday by threatening to resign on account of discourtesy shown to him and his constituents by the government. The member for Kent was flushed with indignation when he arose to put his case before the House. He said that while in Chatham during the Easter holidays he wired to the Minister of Public Works that the steam barge Ireland was ashore on the bar between Chatham and mouth of the Thames, and as there was only seven feet of water on the bar the entire fleet was tied up at Chatham. His telegram asked the Minister of Public Works to order a dredge, which was ready on the spot, to go to work and dredge the bar so that vessels could get through. The dredge could be had at the usual rate of \$3 per working hour. To that telegram he could get no reply. Since he returned to Ottawa he had received several messages from prominent people in Chatham about the matter. Lumber had to be brought by rail at an additional cost of \$2 to \$3 per thousand feet. Stone for building could not be had, and business generally was suffering, all because Mr. Tarte would not order the dredge to open the channel. But he couldn't get Mr. Tarte to attend to the matter at all. Twice he had tried to approach him on the subject, but Mr. Tarte was too busy to talk. So he did not know what reply to make to his constituents. He was not going to submit to such treatment and if it

was persisted in he would resign his seat. If Mr. Tarte was too busy to attend to such matters he ought to get help; if not he ought to show more courtesy when such matters were brought to his attention. (Hear, hear.) Mr. Clancy quite agreed with what the honorable member had said about the importance of this work being done without delay. There was a capital dredging plant on the spot and all the Minister of Public Works had to do was to order it to be put at work immediately. Mr. Tarte's reply was that his department had nothing to do with floating barges that go ashore. That was a matter for the marine department to deal with. The reason he didn't order dredging to be started at once was that he had not a dollar available for the purpose. Parliament would have to vote the money first. As for not answering the honorable member's telegram, the fact was that at the moment he received it he had laid up all year because there is no money to open the bar, this Canada is a poorer country than I ever thought it was," said Mr. Stephens, resuming his seat. This closed the incident and the House proceeded to business of the day.

THE DOWSLEY BY-LAW GOES THROUGH UNANIMOUSLY

Alderman Do not Even Discuss it—A Lucknow Man Offered the Position of City Engineer—Kick Against Tree Butchering—General City Business.

The crepe-veiled photo of the late Queen Victoria, which has hitherto hung upon the walls of the City Council chambers over the Mayor's desk, has been removed, and last evening his worship took his seat under a handsomely framed and life-sized representation of King Edward VII. The civic session was inaugurated sharp on time and the adjournment stage was reached ere the hour of ten tolled. All the members of council were present and business was transacted promptly and with a unique absence of long and useless discussion. The main features of the meeting were doubtless the recommendation by the board of works of J. D. McNabb, of Lucknow, as city engineer at a remuneration of \$900 per annum, which was adopted, and the final passing of the Dowsley by-law, upon the legal advice of City Solicitor Wilson and Bruce, Burton & Bruce. A communication was read by Ald. Strathairn, Pa., volunteering to erect a sugar beet factory in this city, employing over 100 hands, upon condition of the subscription of a \$50,000 bonus by the city and \$100,000 of six per cent. preferred stock by citizens and farmers. Referred to industrial committee.

Applications from Alex. McDougall, Jas. Richards, County Council and Milton Kelly, for trimming trees, were referred to the Chief of Police. Homer Turner, caretaker of Maple Leaf Cemetery, asked the privilege of hiring an assistant during the time of the spring grass cutting. Parks and cemeteries. E. J. Willard asked permission to move stones in asbestos sidewalk in order to cut tree. Board of works. Petition from John Glassford and others, asking that earth be filled in alley to the rear of their premises. Board of works. Fire Chief Pritchard reported that the department could furnish 500 or 600 feet of hose for flushing purposes. The Mayor read a communication, stating that he would visit this city shortly to look into the matter of establishing a sugar beet factory here. Industrial committee. D. Blackburn, of Milton, wrote, asking privilege to tender stone curbing work. Board of works. THE DOWSLEY BY-LAW. The Mayor read the statement of the clerk on the result of the Dowsley By-law vote, as published in yesterday's Planet. Also the following communication from the legal firm of Bruce, Burton & Bruce, Hamilton:— W. G. Merritt, City Clerk, Chatham, Ont.: Dear Sir:—You have consulted us as to what course the city of Chatham should pursue in the case of the by-law to authorize the aid to the Dowsley Spring & Ice Co., Ltd., by the issue of debentures to the amount of \$20,000, it appearing that the number of electors voting in favor of the by-law is less than three-fifths of all the rate-payers whose names appear on the voters' list and assessment roll, but that if the names of those who, as appears from the record of your office, had died prior to the date of polling, were struck out, then the number of those voting in favor of the by-law would be three-fifths of such rate-payers. The Municipal Act appears to be clear enough as to who is entitled to vote on such a by-law (see Sec. 353) and a person who had been rated as freeholder, if he ceased to be such at the time of tendering his vote, is not entitled to vote, and it seems to us clear that if a living person who has ceased to be a freeholder is not entitled to vote, much more a dead person, who certainly has ceased to be a freeholder, cannot be entitled to vote, and as the real test of whether or not the by-law has been carried depends upon the assent or otherwise of those entitled to vote, we advise you to give the certificate in the form which you have submitted to us with the few words interlined by us in pencil in the fourth paragraph, and upon that certificate being given we consider that the council ought to pass the by-law, and assuming the facts to be as stated in the certificate, we think the by-law will hold good against any question as to the number voting upon it. Yours truly, BRUCE, BURTON & BRUCE.

FINANCE REPORT. Ald. Scamro reported for finance:— In reference to the communication of O. A. Howland, Mayor of Toronto, re Bell Telephone Co.'s rates, your committee recommend that petition be signed and forwarded as requested.—Report adopted. BOARD OF WORKS. Ald. Marshall reported:— Re petition from Jas. Brackin and others asking the city to purchase a point of land in North Chatham known as Sides Point, lying at the intersection of Joseph, Head and Barthe streets, so that Joseph street may run across Head street to Barthe in a straight line, after carefully considering the matter we recommend purchasing the point for \$50 and in so doing that the prayer of the petitioners be granted by opening up of said intersection. Re letter of F. Stone, barrister, on behalf of his client, W. J. Canady, as to damage inflicted on his property on King street by reason of the manner in which a granite walk was laid in front of his property, we recommend no action and advise Mr. Canady to properly drain his lot. Re complaint of Martin Kennedy re cleaning bridge approaches we recommend that he is to comply with by law specifying that he clean bridge approaches north and south as this was the intention, when he was granted the extra \$1 per week. We recommend the appointment of J. D. McNab as engineer of the city at \$900 per year, providing references are satisfactory.

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and that after meeting the applicants if board of works are pleased with him that they have the power to engage him.—Report adopted.

PROPERTY REPORT.

Ald. Taylor reported:— Re petition of B. K. Harper to erect a frame stable on King St. within the fire limits, we recommend no action. Re the purchasing of an exercise wagon for the fire department, we recommend the tender of Wm. Gray & Sons be accepted at \$125 in money and the old wagon.

Re petition of W. G. Colles and thirteen other ratepayers, asking that an electric light be placed on Queen St., between Mercer St. and southern limit of city, we recommend that the prayer of the petition be granted and the light placed about 1,200 ft. south of the light at the fair ground entrance. Report adopted.

PARKS AND CEMETERY.

Ald. McCole reported:— That the request of Eleanor Lennox, to have half a lot in Maple Leaf Cemetery deeded to Miss Ella M. Arnold, be granted, providing she pays all costs in connection with same.

Re removing powder from powder house, we have notified all parties having powder there, and same has all been removed. Report adopted.

In answer to enquiry, Ald. Marshall said the Board of Works had received the following tenders for city engineer and mechanical superintendent, from which they had made their selection: W. P. Morrison, Sydney, Cape Breton, \$1,500.

J. D. McNabb, Lucknow, \$750 with privilege of doing outside work \$1,100 without that privilege.

W. T. Ashbridge, Toronto, \$1,500.

Lennox T. Bray, Berlin, \$1,000 with privilege of doing outside work.

J. W. Shackleton, city, \$1,000.

Jas. L. Oldershaw, city, \$800.

Jas. LeBer, city, \$1.25 per day in winter months, \$1.50 per day in summer.

Gordon Botes, city, \$95 per month.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Ald. Taylor reported that F. Judson would do the required repairs on the market for \$220. Adopted.

Ald. Cowan asked the Board of Works what they intended to do concerning the cleaning of King street.

Ald. Marshall said they were considering the advisability of washing the street each night during the summer months.

Ald. Taylor asked what right the electric light workmen had in trimming trees. A tree the Alderman valued in front of his residence had been shamefully cut.

The Mayor said he had seen the tree and advised Alderman Taylor to prosecute the men who had no authority for their action. "If I'd a tree that was so damaged, I'd prosecute in a minute," said His Worship.

On motion of Ald. Scamro the chairman of Property was authorized to see the City Solicitor and take action.

Ald. McCole asked concerning the payment for street sprinkling.

Ald. Marshall said the present contract did not run out until May 1st.

Ald. Fleming drew attention to the bad sidewalk on Park street.

Ald. Marshall said it would be attended to.

Ald. Cowan asked the Board of Works to grade up street opposite his residence on Inches avenue at the corner of King. "I'm not asking you to fill in a boulevard," said Ald. Cowan. "You wouldn't get it if you did," quoth the chairman of the Board of Works.

The Mayor asked if the light had been put in on St. George street.

Ald. Taylor said tree trimming had delayed the work.

The Mayor asked concerning the putting in of the two alarm boxes directed by council.

Ald. Taylor said the matter was being attended to.

Jas. L. Oldershaw wrote that his cellar was flooded and asked relief by tapping in to intake at head of Grant street.—Board of works.

M. Wilson and A. McLean asked permission to plant trees on east side Lacrosse street.—Granted.

On motion of Ald. Cowan the Dowsley Continued on Fifth Page.