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DIFFER ABOUT BOULEVARD

Question of Opening Street is Discussed—Who Owns It?

The Lewis boulevard matter was given a thorough airing before the City Council this morning and after citizens representing those who wished the street opened up and those opposed to it had been heard it was decided to get a report from the road engineer on whether the city really owned the street or not before taking any further action.

Abner Secord was heard in connection with his request that the boulevard be opened again. He said the fence obstructed his property. He also asked that the fence along the south side of the Exhibition Building be moved back to its former position to allow of the drive around to Wentworth street.

J. B. Jones said his recollection of the matter went back to 1909 when he was alderman for Sydney ward at which time a driveway was constructed around the Exhibition grounds. At that time the fence was taken down after an exhibition and he saw no reason why the same could not be done now.

S. B. Bustin, acting for Mr. Secord in the absence of S. W. Palmer, said his client had put up with the fence during the war because the grounds were used for soldiers. The fence was not only an obstruction but it was a menace to the public health as blind alleys were a breeder of tuberculosis. This obstruction was as much a damage to all citizens as it was to Mr. Secord and should be removed.

Thomas Killen said the commissioner of safety should have the street opened in the interests of public safety. Commissioner Thornton said this was not in his department.

Mr. Killen said he thought it was all right to close the street for a month for the Exhibition and if the military wanted it they would have to have it. E. J. Terry, president of the Exhibition association, speaking for his firm, who did business in the vicinity, said they had not been inconvenienced by the closing of the street and the Canadian Oil Co. said the opening of the street would be a detriment to them.

It would cost from \$500 to \$1,000 a year to take this fence down and put it up again and make good the damage done by opening the street. The directors had considered the opening of a picket fence in place of the present one.

Exhibition Manager. H. A. Porter said the whole question hinged on whether it was a public street or not. The information he had gathered was shown that all these streets, Wentworth, Cornacation and Pitt, stopped 100 feet from the south side of the Exhibition.

The objection placed there was put up by permission of the City Council and was to be maintained at the will of the council. The main worry of the Exhibition Association was the fire hazard, and the objection complained of was a protection in this respect. The opening up of this would also mean increased police protection.

Military View. Col. John Houston said the military authorities objected to a public street because of the public access to the stores building.

S. B. Bustin said the Canadian Oil Co. was the very company which gave the boulevard in consideration of their lease to the shore lots.

Mayor Fisher said the matter would be taken under consideration, and the first thing to ascertain was the ownership of the street.

G. N. Hatfield said he was convinced this was a continuation of Wentworth street and had always been open to the public. He suggested that a picket fence be built along the south side of the grounds and a wire fence on the western side of Wentworth street, with several large gates in it.

Commissioner Thornton said he did not think it necessary to discuss the matter at the present time, as the ownership of the street must be first determined.

Commissioner Frink moved that further consideration be deferred until a report had been submitted by the engineer on the ownership of the street.

Commissioner Bullock said the agreement spoken of for an expenditure of \$100 a year on the boulevard was only a verbal understanding.

JENNINGS NOT COMING TO N. B. Hughie Lured by an Invitation to Tour Europe With McGraw.

Hughie Jennings is not coming to New Brunswick to hunt moose with Babe Ruth. Hugh had passed up this pleasant vacation in favor of a European tour with John J. McGraw, manager of the New York Giants. This news came in a Canadian Press despatch today.

Jennings had intended to accompany Ruth and others to the Miramichi, but changed at McGraw's invitation. Though he is going mainly for pleasure, McGraw may arrange a tour for his team.

FELLOW OFFICERS DINE GROOM-ELECT

Captain Kenneth Linton of the 7th Canadian Machine Gun Brigade, was the guest of honor at a dinner given last evening by the officers of that unit. Captain Linton is to be married in the near future. At a smoker after dinner, Major B. Smith, the commanding officer, on behalf of the company, presented to the groom-elect a handsome chest of silver along with the best wishes of all. The other officers present included Captain H. Cunningham, Captain W. S. Nelson, Lieut. V. Markham, H. Ward, O. J. Lawson, G. Heveaar and Orle Reid.

LOCAL NEWS

INSPECTING SHORE LINE

J. H. Boyle, who is acting general superintendent of this district of the C. P. R. during the absence on holiday of J. Woodman, is carrying out an inspection of the Shore Line today.

TWO ARE FINED

Two men, charged with drunkenness, were fined \$8 each, or two months in jail when they appeared before Magistrate Henderson in the police court this morning.

FINISH CONCRETE POURING

The pouring of concrete on the Log Falls dam will be completed today, it was announced at the office of the New Brunswick Electric Power Commission this morning.

STOWAWAY RETURNED

Robert Lewis, who was arrested as a stowaway on the arrival of the steamer Jersey-moor here last week, was this morning taken aboard the steamer and returned to the Old Country where the vessel sails.

BURIED TODAY

The funeral of Mrs. Martha Hunter was held this afternoon from her late residence, Upper Golden Grove, at 2:30 o'clock. Service was conducted by Rev. Moorhead Legate and interment was made in the family lot at Upper Golden Grove.

ALL AWAY FROM WRECK

The Government steamer Laurentian arrived in port yesterday afternoon about five o'clock and she brought all the movables from the wrecked Aberdeen and the members of the crew who had stayed by the boat to assist in the work of salvage.

PRESENTATION

The officers and teachers of the Sunday school of the Church of the Good Shepherd, Fairville, met last evening at the home of Mrs. James Miller, teacher of the boys' primary class, and in appreciation of her services, Rev. W. P. Dunham, on behalf of those present, presented to Mrs. Miller a silver spoon.

LAST CAR CLUB

The members of the Last Car Club had a pleasant time last evening at the home of Mr. Crane, Charlotte street, when he was host at the weekly gathering of the club. What was enjoyed and Mr. and Mrs. Mofford proved winners of the first prizes. Congratulations were to Mrs. Wrench and Mr. McClean. Refreshments were served and Auld Lang Syne brought the pleasant proceedings to a close.

HAVE TEA AND SALE

Under the auspices of the Lend-Hand Circle of the King's Daughters, a tea and sale is being held this afternoon at the guild. Mrs. J. S. Frost, president of the circle, is general convenor for this evening. The tea is under the charge of Mrs. B. C. Waring and Mrs. Fred McAlary, and those serving are Mrs. H. Black, Mrs. G. Greig, Mrs. E. M. Smith, Mrs. C. Cosman, Mrs. E. Kincaid and Mrs. F. Belyea. Mrs. J. Frost and Mrs. G. B. Taylor were in charge of the pouring. Mrs. C. T. Green and Mrs. G. D. Jones were convenors of the home-cooking table. Mrs. H. Everett, candy, and Mrs. J. A. McKinney, apron table.

POWER CO. HAS TAKEN OVER LOAD

All Runs Smoothly in Lighting Service—Preference for Customers.

The customers of the hydro development at Musquash are being served today by the New Brunswick Power Company. The connections were completed at 2 o'clock this morning, and the Power Company took over the load.

About 11 o'clock last night the start to hook up was made and everything went like clock-work, the wires tuning in at the first attempt.

Preference for Customers. In connection with the linking up of the two systems it was pointed out this morning by M. A. Poole, manager of the New Brunswick Power Company, that he had informed the engineers of the Power Commission on more than one occasion that the power given them must not interfere with the service of the company to its customers, who were entitled to preferential treatment and would be looked after by the company.

He had also warned them that it did not think it would be possible for the Power Company to supply any current during December and January, as that was their heaviest season, and it was the intention of the company to keep a certain amount of equipment in reserve for emergencies which might arise, as they did not propose to place themselves in a position where they could not serve their customers.

The Times has been given to understand from a reliable source that the agreement arrived at between the New Brunswick Electric Power Commission and the New Brunswick Power Company provides that the latter will supply current to the commission up to the limit that they can spare; that no definite period for the termination of the contract has been fixed, but that the Power Company will supply current so long as the hydro commission requires it, the agreement, however, being subject to cancellation by either party on giving seven days' notice.

It is understood the hydro commission members do not expect to be able to use Musquash power exclusively before the month of February or March unless weather conditions will bring sufficient water to permit them to do so before that date, as they desire to bring the storage up to tide them over the dry period of the winter.

DOUBT STABILITY OF BELL TOWER

Commissioner Frink to Report on Market Square Structure.

At a meeting of the City Commissioners today Commissioner Thornton said his attention had been called to the bell tower on Market Square which was reported to be in dangerous condition. Commissioner Frink said he would bring in a report on the matter.

Tenders Opened

Tenders for cloth for uniforms for the police and fire departments were opened this morning by the City Council, tenders were asked for uniforms for the fire street sewer; a recommendation for several retaining walls was submitted to the council for adoption, and it was decided to have a report on the safety of the bell tower on Market Square. Commissioner Wigmore reported that he had asked for bids for the timber for the Forest street sewer and the lowest offer received was that of J. A. Gregory of \$44 a thousand feet for pine timber. His motion that the offer of Mr. Gregory be accepted was adopted.

On motion of Commissioner Thornton tenders for 475 yards of blue cord for police, fire and ferry uniforms were opened as follows: Manchester, Robertson, Allison, Ltd., \$3.35 to \$3.45; Starrett & Co., \$4.01; Scovill Brothers & Co., \$4.45 to \$5.50. The tenders were referred to the Commissioner of Safety for a report.

Commissioner Frink presented a report of the road engineer recommending the following retaining walls: 68 Clarence street, in front of the property of William Reid, cost \$225; 168 Water street, West, A. Cunningham, cost \$50; 806 Main street, Mrs. John Kane, cost \$170; 116 Prince street, West, John O'Brien, cost \$80; 183 Prince street, West, Mr. Boeunce, cost \$120; corner of Guilford street, West, James Carleton, cost \$111; 7 Long Wharf, Mr. Selick, cost \$204; 18 Long Wharf, cost \$209; 56 Portland street, Miss A. Gane, cost \$209; a total cost of \$1,420, and he moved the report be received and the work carried out, payment to be by bond issue. In making the motion he explained that in three of the cases it was proposed to make them party walls and the owner of the property would pay half the cost and sign a release to the city from all liability.

Object to Party Walls

Mayor Fisher objected to the policy of joint walls, and said he would have to oppose the motion unless it could be shown there were special reasons for making such an agreement aside from the saving in cost. Commissioner Thornton also objected to the principle of party walls.

The motion to recommend to council was adopted.

FLAG RAISING AT EAST ST. JOHN

Ceremony at County Hospital on Day of Dry Dock Opening.

The St. John County Hospital Board in session this morning decided to carry out a flag raising ceremony at the hospital on October 29, co-incident with the opening of the big new St. John Dry Dock. A new flagpole is now in the course of erection and is expected to be completed before that day.

Matters of routine business were also discussed at the meeting, which was postponed from last Thursday. H. B. Scheldt, the chairman, presided and others present were Mrs. E. Atherton Smith, Dr. S. H. McDonald, Dr. H. A. Ferris, William Dean and J. King Kelly, the county secretary.

PRISONER TAKES INSPECTORS ON A WILD GOOSE CHASE

One of the two men who were fined for drunkenness in the police court this morning was given a free automobile tour about the city today at the expense of the Provincial Government.

After his session in the court he volunteered to show the liquor inspectors the place where he got his liquor, describing it as a beer shop in Prince Edward street, with a kitchen in the rear, and stairs leading to the upper floor. The inspectors got a car and took him to every beer shop in the street, but he was unable to say which one was the place. He was returned to the jail to start on his two months' sentence.

As Hiram Sees It

"Well, sir," said Mr. Hiram Hornbeam to the Times reporter, "you folks here in town orto be perkin' up some now."

"You're gonto git that there breaker—an' you're gonto open that big dry-dock, an' you may 'git that there grain conveyor—an' the plans has been made fer wharves an' an elevator in Courtenay Bay. That ain't so awful bad. Looks like you was gonto git some wharves after a spell—don't it? An' you got that there hydro fixed up so's the lights won't be shet off. Things is never to had but they might be wuss—what? I was talkin' to a feller from out west yesterday, an' the things he said about dull times made me mighty glad I got a good stake out to the Settlement. If we all lay hold an' take a fresh grip we'll be feelin' better in the spring. That's the way I size it up—an' you'll find I ain't fer wrong—nuthin'."

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