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Mrs. E. Clegg, returned home yesterday.

—Miss Robinson, Orillia, is visiting with friends here.

—The meeting of the hospital trust, called for this afternoon, has been postponed until tomorrow.

—City Editor Ranton, of the Stratford Beacon, has resigned and will be succeeded by Mr. T. J. Tobin.

—The local Ladies' Orange Lodge spent a pleasant social time together in the Albion Club building last evening.

—The London police have been asked to look for a Toronto boy named Fletcher, who was last seen here at exhibition time.

—Major Layborn, of Wolseley Barracks, recently inspected the armories of the two Guelph companies of the Thirtieth Regiment.

—Mrs. Kaye (nee Buchan), wife of Captain John D. Kaye, held a reception at Wolseley Barracks yesterday, and will receive again today.

—Mr. James Hand, C. P. R. engineer, formerly of this city, but who for several months has had his headquarters at Calgary, has been transferred to London.

—The annual meeting of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew of St. Paul's Cathedral was held Sunday night after service, and the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Director, Mr. Oswald Smith; assistant director, Mr. Blandford; secretary and treasurer, Mr. Brown; assistant secretary, Mr. H. Starck.

—The ladies of the Shelter Home committee of the Children's Aid Society beg to gratefully acknowledge the following donations for the month of November: Mrs. H. E. Gates, clothing; Foresters' Lodge, basket sandwiches; Mrs. Bentley, apples; Mrs. F. O. Toon, clothing and Sunday school papers; Mrs. Wm. Davidson, game; Mrs. A. St. L. Mackintosh, apples; Mrs. Yarker, clothing; Mrs. Sayer, clothing; Mrs. A. M. Smart, meat, pickles and sugar; Mrs. G. R. Hamilton, clothing; First Methodist Church, bread; Miss Leghe, boy's overcoat; Mrs. (Dr.) Hueston, bag potatoes, bag turnips and two bags apples; Mrs. J. Marshall, two stoves, two hammocks, sofa cushion, curtains, shoes and toys; St. Andrew's Society, provisions; Mrs. J. Callard, jelly, etc.; Mrs. E. Ryder, hats and clothing; Ancient Order of Foresters, No. 5744 (W. Richards), bread and cakes; Mrs. Henry Hussey and Mrs. T. Cox, clothing, quilts and sheets; Mrs. J. I. A. Hunt, two jars fruit and magazines; Mrs. Brophy, preserves; a friend, 50 pounds of flour; Northwestern Cereal Company, London, three bixes Force, box breakfast food, box Malta Vita, biscuits, raisins, and jelly; Mrs. James Stewart, preserves; James Morrison, drygoods, 21 new pairs children's hose, 5 caps, etc. Several donations in cash were also received during the month.

SPEAKER AND SINGERS.

Thursday evening an important affair will be given in the Auditorium. Rev. R. E. Knowles, of Galt, is to deliver his lecture "Our Relations," and Miss Edna Mortimore, of this city, will make her debut on the concert platform. Mrs. Mackelcan, of Hamilton, will also sing. Mr. Knowles is one of the acknowledged great speakers of Canada, and his lecture promises to be of great interest.

CALLS FROM CHINA AND INDIA.

Tonight at Huron College several addresses will be given. Rev. W. C. White will speak on "China's Appeal to the Christian Student;" Miss McKinney on "India's Call for Help," and Rev. L. M. Tucker on "The Call for Volunteers." The public are invited.

LIBERAL GIFTS.

Liberal donations were made on Sunday at the Christian Workers' Church, the collections for the day amounting to $507 46 or $150 more than a year ago. The services were the most successful in the history of the church, not only from the financial standpoint, but from point of attendance. The meetings were addressed by Mrs. E. Serle, the first member of the local church to become a missionary.

GRADUATING RECITAL.

Miss May Shoebottom, A. L. C. M., of Virden, Man., gave her graduating recital at the Conservatory of Music, last night, and her piano playing was a credit alike to herself and to her tutor, Mr. W. Caven Barron. She was ably assisted by Miss Pauline Mowat. Miss Shoebottom showed careful training and all her numbers were received most enthusiastically. Many of the members were exceedingly difficult, but were capably handled. The programme was as follows:

Scherzo, from Concerto, op. 32.....Scharwenka
Miss Shoebottom.
(Accompanied on second piano by Mr. W. Caven Barron.
Daffodils a-Blowing.....German
Miss Mowat.
Sonata, op. 10, No. 3.....Beethoven
Presto, Largo e mesto, Allegro.
Miss Shoebottom.
Good-Bye.....Tosti
Miss Mowat.
(a) Venezia Gondoliera.....Liszt
(b) Invitation a la Valse....Weber-Tausig
Miss Shoebottom.
(a) Song of a Heart.....Tunison
(b) I'm Wearin' Awa'.....Foote
Miss Mowat.
Scherzo, op. 20.....Chopin
Miss Shoebottom.
Ballade, op. 23.....Chopin
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WAS A VETERAN FIREMAN

Death of Mr. George Gibson, of West London.

The death of Mr. George Gibson, 36 Walnut street, took place yesterday at Victoria Hospital. Mr. Gibson, who had been a long time ill, was 69 years of age, and was one of the best-known of London's citizens. For many years he belonged to the firm of Screaton & Gibson, bricklayers, and was a leading contractor. He was also a member of the Veteran Firemen's Association. He was a brother of Mrs. Pringe, of Detroit; Mrs. Thos. Pellow, of Walkerton, and Mrs. William Loughrey, of this city, and also of Messrs. Charles Gibson, of this city, and Robert Gibson, Elgin county. He is survived by five sons and three daughters. The latter are Mrs. R. H. Williams and Mrs. G. C. Stevens, of this city, and Miss Matilda, at home. The sons are Messrs. Edward, Henry, William and Robert, all at home, and George, jun., also of this city. The funeral will take place tomorrow afternoon at 2:30 o'clock.

THE CASE FELL THROUGH

Milkman Berry Failed in Charge Against Wm. O'Brien.

Last week Mr. T. Berry, a milkman, was summoned to court to tell why it was that samples of milk sold by him were found to contain a too large percentage of water. He claimed that he bought the milk complained of from Mr. Wm. O'Brien, a farmer, of London Township, and the magistrate adjourned the case to give Berry a chance to bring O'Brien before the court, as he said someone should be punished.

Yesterday O'Brien was charged before Squire Smyth with selling milk adulterated with water, and the chief witness was Berry. Evidence was taken, but the charge was dismissed, and the plaintiff ordered to pay costs.

Rake-Off Said to Have Been Paid on Pavement

Ald. Matthews Tells the Council of Things He Heard.

The Aldermen, However, Do Not Handle the Matter.

Polling Places Named for the Election—King Street Pavement Bylaw Rescinded.

A savoring of sensationalism was added to the proceedings of last night's council meeting by Ald. Matthews, when prominent matters were being discussed. For some days there have been rumors going the rounds that certain people knew certain things about certain pavements which would be made known one of these days, and that when these things were made known—well, something would be heard to fall. Last night Ald. Matthews sprung a portion of these rumors, to the astonishment of his brother aldermen and the mayor, but as far as the council was concerned nothing very heavy was heard to fall.

There was much talk at the meeting, but nevertheless a large amount of business was transacted. The petition of the Clarence street property owners for an asphalt pavement on that street between Dundas and the G. T. R. was sent to the board of works; the bylaw which had been drawn up for a Trinidad asphalt pavement on King street between Wellington and Maitland was rescinded, and the pavement will be proceeded with in the spring on the initiative plan, a deputation will be sent to Toronto to see what can be done to secure a lowering of insurance rates, the polling sub-divisions and deputy returning officers for the approaching municipal elections were appointed, Ald. Campbell's scheme for the grading of civic salaries was advanced a stage, and a grist of other business was attended to.

CLARENCE STREET PAVEMENT.

Just as soon as the matter of the proposed pavement on Clarence street came up, a wrangle was engendered. A petition from W. E. Saunders and 23 others was received, praying that the city should not lay a macadam pavement on Clarence street between Dundas street and the G. T. R., but that the city lay a Trinidad Pitch Lake asphalt pavement on the street the gutter to be in the center instead of at each side.

The petition was signed by W. E. Saunders, John McNee, James McNee, T. Fox, Robert Reid, George M. Reid, James C. Duffield, A. Talbot, E. C. Booth, W. McDonough, S. A. Smyth, Lawson & Jones, Frank Lawson, H. J. Jones, Gorman, Eckert & Co., T. Ingram, George Gray, C. Ayers, P. N. Williams, Alfred Tyler, John M. Moore, John Shopland.

Ald. Matthews announced that a deputation was on hand, and should be heard in support of the petition. Ald. Forristal seconded.

Ald. Cooper, however, promptly moved that the petition be sent to No. 2 committee, and Ald. Gerry moved in amendment that it be sent to the assessment commissioner. After an argument of some minutes, Mayor Beck decided to hear the deputation and the argument dropped.

Mr. W. E. Saunders then addressed the council and stated every property owner on Clarence street except two was against the proposed macadam pavement, and he asked that the council grant the prayer of the petition. Referring to the peculiar specifications laid down in the petition for asphalt, Mr. Saunders said they were all modern and were worthy of a trial.

The petition was then referred to the board of works to deal with.

THE OLD SQUABBLE.

Pavement squabbles, as usual, also characterized No. 2 committee's report, two clauses of which dealt with King street.

A deputation waited on the council, and desired to address the aldermen re the proposed roadway between Maitland and Wellington streets. Ald. Cooper, however, in a perverse manner, objected to the deputation being heard by the council. They should have come before the board of works and would now only waste the council's time, he said.

Ald. Forristal intimated that this country was not Russia, and that the deputation should be heard.

The wrangle dragged along, Ald. Cooper appearing to feel that his committee (No. 2) was being snubbed by the deputation. Finally Mr. Wm. Heaman, one of the deputation, got a hearing.

Mr. Heaman spoke but a minute or two, and said that there was competition to be obtained in Trinidad asphalt; that the people of King street wanted Trinidad asphalt and should be given what they wanted. In conclusion he asked that the council let the tender for the pavement to the Barber Company, whose pavement and prices suited the people interested on the street.

A SENSATION.

Ald. Matthews, who had hitherto, taken little part in the discussion, sprung a sensation. He stated that he had a painful duty to perform, but he intended to perform it. The other day, he said, a man came into his office and told the alderman that he (the citizen) was getting a rake-off of 5 cents a yard from the Warren Company on the King street pavement.

Ald. Matthews went on to say that the man quoted had named another man whom he (Ald. Matthew) did not care to name, as sharing in the deal; and the statement was made before three witnesses, the man adding that he had documents in his pocket which would prove what he said.

"It's no wonder the Warren's want us to give them back the money they were fined on King street, if they're paying out money like this," concluded Ald. Matthews.

Mayor Beck took the matter up, and said it was one the council could not deal with. And anyway the discussion of the subject would not elevate the dignity of the council.

SAID IT WAS "OUTRAGEOUS."

Ald. Cooper characterized the statement of Ald. Matthews as outrageous, and an insinuation that some of the aldermen had been bought. If Ald. Matthews knew of anyone who had been bribed he should name him.

Mayor Beck again reminded Ald. Matthews that it was a dirty subject and should not be discussed in the council chamber.

Ald. Matthews replied that if the mayor did not want to hear of dirty work being exposed, he did, and he intended to expose it.

Ald. Cooper said if a man worked and pushed ahead a pavement for the Barbers or the Warrens, he should be paid for it, and the man was doing nothing wrong.

The debate went on rather warmly for some time, the mayor and Ald. Matthews exchanging courtesies, until at last, his worship squelched the alderman, and ended his share in the debate.

"The men who are making all the trouble are the men who got the money," said the alderman, as he subsided into silence.

Clauses 9 and 10 of the committee's report were then carried as follows:

ALD. MATTHEWS VOTED ALONE.

Clause 9 of the committee's report recommended that in view of the city solicitor's opinion, re proposed King street pavement, between Wellington and Maitland streets, that the bylaw to provide for construction of a Trinidad pitch lake asphalt pavement on said street be repealed and that the proposed construction of an asphalt pavement (without specifying any particular class of asphalt) on said street be advertised under local improvement clauses of municipal act, on the initiative.

Clause 10 was as follows: That the request of W. J. Thomson et al., for awarding of contract to lowest tenderer for asphalt pavement on King street, between Wellington and Maitland streets; that of Warren Bituminous Paving Company, for California asphalt, although the petitioners asked for Trinidad asphalt, be filed, the city solicitor's opinion being that the city cannot accept a tender for any different kind of pavement than that petitioned for.

On clause 9, a vote was taken, and the yeas and nays called for, Ald. Matthews voting nay alone.

The fifth clause of the committee's report recommended that the petition of the McClary Manufacturing Company for an asphalt block pavement on Wellington street, from Dundas to Grand Trunk Railway, be laid over, and that the engineer be instructed to call for tenders for construction on said street of various kinds of pavements, viz.: asphalt block, sheet asphalt, brick and bitulithic pavements.

The report was not accepted, however, and on motion of Ald. Matthews, seconded by Ald. Campbell, it was decided to give the people what they petitioned for—asphalt block—and the engineer will be instructed to call for tenders for that class of a roadway at once.

The other clauses of No. 2's report were accepted without discussion.

WOULD GO TO LAW.

Mr. R. K. Cowan wrote that the city engineer would not allow his clients, Messrs. Malloch and Trebilcock, of Clarence street, to erect wooden buildings, sheeted with iron, inside the fire limits, as such buildings were declared to be infractions of the bylaw, and that as his clients had already spent much money in the erection of such buildings when stopped by the engineer, he asked that the council take such action as would not compel them to tear their buildings down.

The point in the matter was that the fire limits bylaw calls for brick, stone or iron buildings, and the city engineer does not consider a wooden building covered with sheet iron as coming within the law.

Mr. Cowan was present, and in the course of a speech made things sizzle. He informed the mayor right away that the city had permitted similar buildings to those of his clients to be erected without a murmur within the fire limits section of the city and had said nothing, and he considered the present prosecution of his clients out and out persecution. The city, he said, had put up just such a building on the market. Mayor Beck himself had erected just such a building at his factory. And if the prosecution of his clients was not called off, he would begin prosecutions against the city and against the mayor for infractions of the fire limit bylaw. Mr. Cowan added that if the city wanted fight, he was prepared to carry the question of a fire proof building and what it meant under the London bylaw, to the court of appeal.

All things being considered it was decided on motion of Ald. Greenlees, seconded by Ald. Becher, to refer the matter back to No. 3 committee, and the city solicitor will be instructed to call off the prosecutions of the Clarence street business men for the time being.

INSURANCE RATES.

The letter from the underwriters to the city being read, and which states that the local key rate may be reduced by adopting certain suggestions made by the underwriters, Ald. Matthews moved that the city appoint another fireman and thereby obtain a lowering of the rate to the extent of 5 cents. The city now has 29 firemen, and if the number is brought up to 30 the reduction in the key rate will take place.

Mayor Beck said that it would be better to allow the matter to rest a while, as when he was in Toronto he had made arrangements for a conference today with the underwriters to ascertain just what the city can obtain from the underwriters in the way of easing the unusual burden of local business men, and he proposed that the council send a deputation to Toronto today to confer with the underwriters.

On motion of Ald. Forristal, it was decided to send Mayor Beck, who also has to attend the Niagara power conference, Ald. Greenlees, and a business man who is affected by the increase in insurance rates, to be selected by the mayor.

WANT FINE REMITTED.

A communication was received from the Warren Paving Company, asking for the remission of the penalty imposed by the city for the failure of the company to complete the pavement on King street, between Maitland and William streets, within the time specified in the contract.

Mayor Beck and several of the aldermen were in favor of granting the request, as it was felt the Warren Company had been singled out for severe treatment, and a motion to send the request to No. 2 committee carried on the following vote.

Yeas—Ald. Campbell, Greenlees, Gerry, Abram, Cooper, Wyatt and Mayor Beck—7.

Nays—Ald. Forristal, Stevenson, Becher and Matthews—4.

WHERE TO VOTE.

Polling subdivisions and deputy returning officers for the approaching municipal election were then appointed as follows:

WARD ONE.

Subdivision No. 1—City Hall; J. B. Smith.
Subdivision No. 2—268 King street; Jas. C. Grant.
Subdivision No. 3—347 Ridout street—William Roe.
Subdivision No. 4—264 Bathurst street; Joseph Graham.
Subdivision No. 5—236 Talbot street; Thomas Cousins.
Subdivision No. 6—230 Grey street; John C. Williams.
Subdivision No. 7—145 Clarence street; Alfred Hale.
Subdivision No. 8—Mrs. Walton's house, High street; Alex. Atcheson.
Subdivision No. 9—191 Bruce street; R. J. Hennessey.
Subdivision No. 10—36 Euclid avenue; William A. Reid.
Subdivision No. 11—Trebilcock's Hall; George C. Young.
Subdivision No. 12—91 Stanley street; George Fitchett.

WARD TWO.

Subdivision No. 1—70 Carling street; W. H. Galbraith.
Subdivision No. 2—237 Queen's avenue; A. Dawson.
Subdivision No. 3—565 Richmond street; Chauncey G. Jarvis.
Subdivision No. 4—192 John street; H. B. Gahan.
Subdivision No. 5—715 Richmond street; Sam Friendship.
Subdivision No. 6—37 Grosvenor street; W. H. Smith.
Subdivision No. 7—St. George's Church school; Levi Hammond.
Subdivision No. 8—R. A. Jones' store, Wharncliffe road; W. G. R. Bartram.

WARD THREE.

Subdivision No. 1—346 Colborne street; William Wilson.
Subdivision No. 2—510 King street; John Whittaker.
Subdivision No. 3—T. A. Atkinson's house, corner Burwell and Simcoe streets; J. G. Bradley.
Subdivision No. 4—118 Hamilton road; Samuel J. Bell.
Subdivision No. 5—364 Grey street; Jas. M. Pirie.
Subdivision No. 6—470 Hill street; Thos. Cole.
Subdivision No. 7—337 Hill street; Frank Wright.
Subdivision No. 8—518 Hamilton road; William Develin.
Subdivision No. 9—East End Hall; Robert Bonney.
Subdivision No. 10—356 Egerton street; Charles W. McKerlie.

WARD FOUR.

Subdivision No. 1—380 Dufferin avenue; W. H. Irvine.
Subdivision No. 2—518 Maitland street; W. Howie, jun.
Subdivision No. 3—350 Central avenue; William J. Johnston.
Subdivision No. 4—647 Maitland street; Henry Pratt.
Subdivision No. 5—698 Colborne street; Charles Webster.
Subdivision No. 6—779 Colborne street; W. R. Garner.
Subdivision No. 7—818 Maitland street; George Geoghegan.
Subdivision No. 8—480 Elizabeth street; Henry Coberick.
Subdivision No. 9—733 Princess avenue; Alex. Jackson.
Subdivision No. 10—921 Dufferin avenue; Thomas Tuxford.

GRADING SALARIES.

Upon Ald. Campbell's salary schedule for civic employes being read, by its author, Mayor Beck stated that he was opposed to the adoption of the schedule for several reasons, one of which was that it would not do justice to a man of the stamp and ability of Assessment Commisioner Grant, who was now underpaid and would be underpaid under the proposed schedule.

Ald. Campbell replied to the mayor and said that its object was to deal fairly by the employes and also by the people. A new alderman, for example, came into the council. He knew nothing about who was deserving and who was not deserving, but he was approached by a friend who worked in the city hall, and who wanted an increase in salary, and the green alderman swallowed his scruples and voted for the increase. He thought the maximum salary was fair to the heads of departments, and he also thought the council would do well to lay down a scale of wages to be paid civic officials, and thereby place the aldermen beyond the reach of salary wire-pullers.

The motion to have the bylaw for the schedule prepared was finally carried.

Regarding the difference between City Engineer Graydon and Manager Carr in regard to Park Commissioner Pearce's right to ride free on street cars, the solicitor's opinion will be sought before anything is done. It is Mr. Graydon's opinion that under the company's charter they are compelled to carry the park commissioner free.

No. 3 committee's report went through with a jump. The first clause recommended that Geo. Leadbitter be given permission to run a shooting gallery in this city free of license fee; the second clause related to the purchasing of certain supplies for the fire department, and the third was for the adoption of the rag and bone area as drafted by City Engineer Graydon and as published some days ago.

THE GARBAGE CANS.

City Solicitor Meredith wrote that he had been instructed to prepare a bylaw for the granting of a ten year exclusive franchise to St. Clair Balfour for the placing of garbage cans on the street, but that he had not prepared the bylaw, because the city had no power to grant the exclusive franchise asked.

The solicitor's letter was sent to No. 2 committee, who had recommended that the council grant the franchise.

Ald. Matthews gave notice of motion that at the next meeting of the council, he will move that a bylaw be prepared and submitted to the electors of the city of London at the approaching elections on the questions of the establishing of a municipal telephone system for the city of London, as provided by section 576 of the municipal act.

A communication from J. H. McMechan, regarding the proposed King street pavement was filed.

No. 1 committee's report carried without debate.

BYLAW RESCINDED.

The bylaw which had been passed for a Trinidad asphalt pavement on King street was rescinded; the bylaw for a cement curb and gutter on Becher street, from the Ridgeway to King street bridge, was deferred, as was also that for a macadam pavement on Clarence street. The bylaw to prohibit the sale of hay and straw on the market on Saturdays was given two readings.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS.

A number of communications and petitions were received, and were dealt with as follows:

From W. C. Fitzgerald, on behalf of Uniform Rank of Pine Grove Camp, No. 2, Woodmen of the World, for the use of the East London Town Hall, for one hour each week during the winter months, for drill purposes. Granted.

From S. Jones, asking for the use of the city hall on the evening of Jan. 22 next, for the purpose of holding the Lotos Club ball. Granted.

From Baldwin & Baldwin, asking for pay for sweeping Richmond street previous to the visit of Lord and Lady Minto, and presenting an account of $12. Referred to No. 2 committee.

From W. T. Devlin, and others, asking that the electric light at the corner of the Hamilton road and Pegler street, be raised so as to light the adjacent property. Referred to No. 3 committee.

From R. H. Chowen, et. al., for an electric light on the corner of King and Ontario streets. Referred to No. 3 committee.

From George Lane, asking for free use of the city hall, for the Broommakers on Dec. 18, for an assembly. As the hall is already engaged for that date, the application was left in the hands of the treasurer.

Those present were Mayor Beck, Alds. Campbell, Greenlees, Becher, Forristal, Gerry, Stevenson, Abram, Cooper, Matthews, Wyatt, and City Clerk Edwards.

WATER REPORT PRESENTED.

The water commissioners met yesterday afternoon, those present being Chairman William Jones, Commissioner J. W. Jones, Mayor Beck, Superintendent Moore and Secretary Ellwood. The report of Engineer Chipman was presented, but was too large to be discussed then. It will receive due consideration in the course of the next week or two.

LONDONER IN TROUBLE.

The Hamilton Spectator's police court man says: Thomas Connors, of London, the next to face the music, asked the magistrate "to hear a few remarks in extenuation of the charge." All the court stared to hear such phraseology from a vag. He claimed he was in hard luck and that it was dire necessity which had compelled him to steal a ride on the train. "We can't look into your past life," remarked the magistrate, as he administered the usual dose—$5 or 21 days."

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