

Wave of Activity in Civic Circles

Parks Superintendent Dilger is given notice that when his term expires he will not be re-engaged.

Union meeting of North, South, East and West London Progressives last night results in formation of London Progressive Association.

Board of works receives estimates from engineer indicating that \$140,000 will be required this year. More than twice amount asked last year.

SUPT. DILGER GETS DISMISSAL NOTICE FROM WATER COM'S

Mayor Introduces Motion That Board Will Not Re-engage Him.

Commissioner Hamilton Mentioned as Capable to Take Vacated Post.

Superintendent Dilger, of the parks department, will not be asked to remain with the city, and it has been proposed to offer his position to one of the members of the parks board.

To put it more bluntly, on motion of Mayor Graham, the water commissioners passed a resolution that General Manager Glaubitz be authorized to notify Mr. Dilger that it was not the intention of the board to re-engage him on the expiration of his present term of office, and Chairman Wyatt, of the parks commission, said right out in meeting that there were good men on the parks board who would serve the city equally as well as Mr. Dilger, and he mentioned in particular the name of Commissioner Hamilton.

How About Dilger?

"How about Dilger?" asked the mayor. Someone replied that Mr. Dilger did not intend to remain in London, but his worthship thought it might be well to notify him in any case that his services would not be required after the close of his present year. "Unless," added the mayor, "the board is anxious to retain Mr. Dilger's services, and I haven't heard that they are."

Question of Advisability.

"He is a very good man," said Chairman Pocock. "It is a question of whether it would be advisable to pass such a resolution."

General Manager Glaubitz ventured that it might be well to have Mr. Dilger come down to London for a day or so, when his advice on park matters was needed. "There is no possibility of any need of that kind," said the mayor. "We will never get the money to carry out his plans. He has a \$35,000 concrete bridge across the Thames planned that will never be built."

W. Walker Named For Street Watering Supervision Job

Ald. Stein and Ald. Rose, of No. 3 committee, recommended the appointment of a street-watering and street-cleaning inspector to the board of works Thursday. Chairman Bennett thought the ward foremen ought to look after this work, but the committee decided to appoint W. Walker to the position, at a salary of \$19.50 a week.

The increase over \$18 was not asked for, and Chairman Bennett thought the board ought to wait until it was. It was granted on the ground that the ward foremen had received increases and the street inspector was also to be appointed. Permission was granted to the W. C. T. U. to erect an illuminated sign on Park avenue.

Will Modify Tests Required for Sewers

F. J. Hardy, of the Hardy Construction Co., objected, before the board of works on Thursday, to the hydraulic test required for sewers. A watertight joint could not be made with the materials at hand. A percentage of loss to be allowed will be fixed by the engineer, chairman and contractor.

STREET RAILWAY COMPANY MUST FIX UP THE STREET.

The city engineer has been instructed by the board of works to order the London Street Railway Company to put Wellington street in shape where they have torn up their rails.

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LONDON PROGRESSIVE ASSOCIATION GIVES BUILDERS CONSIDERABLE TROUBLE AT LAUNCHING CEREMONY

After several times being on the verge of disaster, the London Progressive Association was successfully launched at a meeting held in Society Hall, East London, on Thursday evening. The federation combines the West End Progressives, the East London Progressives, South London Progressives, North End Progressives and the Trades and Labor Council.

The London Board of Trade, having done nothing for the city for the past 28 years, according to statistics supplied by a representative of the East London Progressives, could not be rated as a progressive association, and was therefore not admitted to membership in the federation.

The Real Estate Owners' Association also failed to find a place on the roll, some doubt being expressed as to its status as a progressive body. Moreover, the real estate men, at a recent meeting, said they didn't want to belong to the federation. Their wish in the matter was respected.

Elected President.

Mr. J. Charles Mottashew was elected president; Mr. E. A. Pocock, vice-president; Mr. F. Watkinson, secretary, and ex-Ald. Wm. Gerry, treasurer.

The new federation stands for civic righteousness at all costs, no politics, no graft, and a better system of garbage collection for the city of London.

The meeting was preceded by a brief session of the East End Association, at which Mr. Wakeling reported for the committee appointed to wait upon No. 3 committee regarding the proposed new market. The interview was apparently unsatisfactory. Mr. Wakeling stating that he had been left in some doubt as to which way the wind was blowing, and called upon the meeting to witness his perplexity.

Not From the West.

Mr. E. A. Pocock hastened to assure him that at all events the wind was not coming from West London. Shortly after, however, a strong breeze set in from that direction, and increasing at times almost to a gale, made the task of the fathers of the federation a difficult one. Several times it looked as though the good ship would be

wrecked before she could be launched from the skidways.

An Explanation.

The first puff of wind came when Mr. E. A. Pocock rose to explain the shortcomings of a certain organization which he did not name, but which he said was decidedly unworthy of being affiliated with the progressive associations. Mr. R. A. Y. Stinchcombe drew the inference that he meant the Real Estate Owners' Association, and proceeded to show his colleague where he was wrong. Mr. W. Churchill supplemented Mr. Pocock's statements as false, the information, he said, having been obtained from a disgruntled member of the real estate men, but for whom the association might have been included in the federation. Mr. Mottashew, who acted as chairman, introduced the closure at this juncture, and a tense situation was temporarily relieved.

Was a Threat.

A dire threat by Mr. Reginald Christian regarding the board of trade caused again a ripple of excitement.

"If you can show me anything that the board of trade has done for the city of London in the last 28 years," he said, "I'll take a bath."

The same applied to the R. E. O. A., except that in their case it might be necessary for him to "take a dive."

But the real difficulties did not begin to arise until it became time formally to christen the new civic Dreadnought about to be launched. A string of motions, moving at the rate of about two motions a minute, set in, conditions being aggravated by a cross-current of amendments.

Speed Four Knots.

Proceedings took on a speed of fully four knots to the minute—knots which the chairman found exceedingly difficult to unravel.

Finally the delegates were asked to choose from the following titles: Central Progressive Federation, London Civic Progressive Association, London Central Civic Progressive Federation, Central Civic Council, London Progressive City Council, Central Executive Committee. A poetic contribution was

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PUBLIC WORKS' ESTIMATES FOR IMPROVEMENTS THIS YEAR DOUBLE LAST YEAR'S

City Engineer Presents Board of Works With Figures Totalling \$140,000—Aldermen Appear to Think Reduction Is Necessary—Last Year \$68,000.

Estimates totalling \$140,000 were submitted to the board of works by the city engineer Thursday night. Last year the estimates were only \$68,000. Although the estimates were only placed in the hands of the members of the board to be considered later, the voice of the aldermen present informally expressed, was to the effect that the estimates would have to be cut down.

The city engineer explained that a very large proportion of the total was required to render the city streets passable.

ELECTRICAL UNION SUBMITS ITS WAGE SCALE PROPAGANDA

The Water Commissioners Defer Signing Until Investigation Is Made.

Will Ascertain the Agreements Made With Brotherhood in Other Places.

Terms under which the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers will recognize the city hydro-electric department as a union concern, were submitted to the board of water commissioners on Thursday, but were not signed by the commission, pending the receipt of information in regard to the terms being effected between other Ontario municipalities and the International union.

The Wage Scale.

The wage scale submitted provided that foremen should receive \$80 a month, trouble men \$80 a month, journeymen \$24 a day, apprentices \$25.50 a day, foremen cable splicers \$100 a month, cable splicers \$3.50 a day; each day to be nine hours, with half holiday on Saturday and one day off in seven, with time and a half allowed for overtime up to midnight, and after that hour and on Sundays and holidays, double time. Precautions of the safety of the workers is secured, no man is to work alone on wires carrying a voltage of 600 or more, and when possible wires are to be killed while linemen are working on them.

The Present Rate.

At the present time the city pays 27 1/2 and 30 an hour, while Hamilton pays 31 and 34 cents.

General Manager Glaubitz thought that the different municipalities ought to make terms with the international union, for the different municipalities. He thought the department ought also to protect non-union men as well as union men, both of whom are found among the city's employees.

The tender for 30,000 pounds of pig lead for soldering was awarded to the Empire Manufacturing Company, at \$5 per 100 pounds.

EXTRA AMOUNT DUE HON. ADAM BECK FOR WELLS IS \$3,844.90

Engineer F. W. Farncombe Estimates Total Extra Charges by Contractors.

General Manager Glaubitz Has Seven Per Cent Coming to Him.

Engineer F. W. Farncombe estimates the amount due Hon. Adam Beck for extra charges made by the contractors for the Beck wells scheme at \$3,844.90. To this must be added 7 per cent for the services of the consulting engineer who at that time happened to be Engineer Glaubitz.

General Manager Glaubitz thought Mr. Farncombe's estimate was fair, but Mayor Graham pointed out at the meeting of the water commissioners on Thursday that the account should be passed on Engineer Farncombe's own recommendation inasmuch as Mr. Glaubitz would be personally interested in the amount.

Otherwise, said his worship, the critics of the department would have ground for criticism.

It was also made clear that the time the wells were constructed, was previous to Mr. Glaubitz's employment by the city. The account was passed.

Another Account.

An account of \$59.31 for work done by Mr. Beck's men for the city hydro department was submitted by General Manager Glaubitz, who explained that it was for laying the foundations of the transformers and other original construction work. Commissioner Stevenson said he thought that had all been paid for.

Will Try to Settle Electrolysis Matter on Amicable Basis

The London Street Railway Company wrote the water commissioners at Thursday's meeting, offering to pay \$140 on the original bill of the city for electrolysis to water mains amounting to \$1,200. The company claimed that it was not quite demonstrated that the injuries to the water mains was due to electrolysis and if it was electrolysis it was not proved that the street railway poles were responsible for it.

An Amicable Settlement.

Chairman Pocock, Commissioner Wyatt and Mayor Graham favored taking legal action at once, but Commissioner Chapman declared in favor of an amicable settlement if at all possible. Chairman Pocock and Commissioner Chapman will see the directors of the company and try and arrange satisfactory terms of settlement.

To Purchase Pulmotor.

The board decided to purchase a pulmotor for the resuscitation of victims of electric shocks. The pulmotor will be kept at the Horton street station. It was suggested that the police and fire departments ought also to purchase machines.

Mayor Graham declared that the fire department would not have much use for one, but Commissioner Stevenson pointed out that it would be of great service in drowning accidents.

Storm Sewers Not to Drain Private Land Says City Engineer

J. T. Snider and Mr. Eckert, of Emery street, waited upon the board of works Thursday evening, asking that something be done to relieve the flooding of their properties, on which stagnant water lay in the summer, creating a nuisance.

Engineer Brazier, who, at a previous meeting of the committee, had been instructed to relieve, if possible, this condition, reported that it was inadvisable, as the storm sewer on the street had been laid for the purpose of carrying away only water from the street.

Ald. Glass also thought it might be a dangerous precedent for the city to undertake to drain private property into sewers constructed out of the general rate.

Chairman Bennett and the city engineer will investigate the conditions.

No Tenders Received For New Garbage Collection in City

Engineer Brazier reported to the board of works on Thursday that he had received no tenders for garbage wagons. The mayor thought that too much time was being taken in getting the wagons, and he moved that he, himself, with the chairman of the board, be a committee to get prices. Tenders for horses and men for garbage collection will also be called for.

DENNIS COMPANY AWARDED INCINERATOR APPROACH JOB

The tender for a steel approach to the new incinerator was awarded to the Dennis Wire and Iron Works, Limited, for \$1,085, by the board of works Thursday.

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Will Permit Erection of Abattoirs in City

The abattoir bylaw will be altered to allow the Dominion Abattoir Company's territory to come into the city. Hereafter abattoirs may be built in the city east of Hybury avenue and north of Dundas street, nearly all of the city territory at this point being comprised by the grounds of the Hospital for the Insane.



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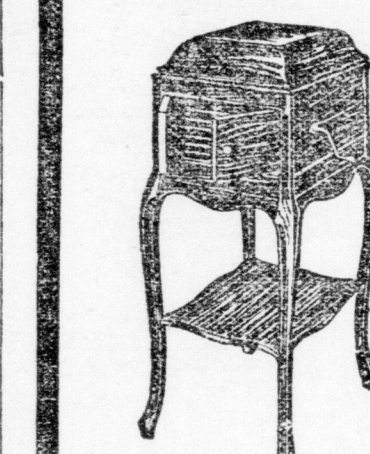
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