

NO SPECIAL MEETING TO CONSIDER REPORT ON PLANT

Most of the Members of Council Speak Against Controller Foster's Motion Regarding Filtration Plant's Condition, Characterizing Request as a Want of Confidence Motion—Vote to Force Controller's Hand.

"Unlimited call." "Playing to the gallery." "A direct insult to his worth," and cries of "No! No! No!" greeted Controller Foster's request, seconded by Ald. Yeomans, which to the effect was a vote of want of confidence in Mayor Hocken under the guise of a resolution asking the mayor to call a special meeting of the new board of control for the purpose of dealing with Commissioner Harris' report on the filtration plant.

At the commencement of yesterday's council meeting, Controller Foster fired his much-heralded bombshell at the mayor, which, much to the former's chagrin, refused to explode. The little attention paid to it by the rest of the council members did not improve matters for the economic controller, who had as much as said that he was actuated by reports which had no virtuous origin.

He commenced by asking the mayor what information he had regarding the report. This elicited the reply that his worship had heard from Commissioner Harris that more water was leaking from the filtration plant than was estimated in the county judge's report, and he suggested that a private investigation should be held. As to the results of this investigation, he knew no more than the questioner, and was waiting for the report to arrive.

This apparently did not satisfy the controller, who effected, just what he had so severely criticized while on the hustings, namely, a "saw off" with Ald. Yeomans, who seconded his motion for a similar action on the controller's part.

Yeoman's Withdrawal. The mayor rose to read the motion which intimated that he was withdrawing the information, but suggested that it was a knock at himself. "Withdraw it?" asked some of the aldermen. The controller reddened a little, but stuck to his guns.

"This is a direct insult to yourself and to the city as a whole," declared Ald. Anderson with some heat, "and should the controller be allowed to hold a club over your head. Council possesses confidence in you, as you have always done, and you are afraid to do your duty. We know different, and we would ask the controller to withdraw it."

"Reports have said that a serious leakage exists, and I want to know, therefore I would like to see the motion," declared Controller Foster.

"No Vaudeville Here. When Controller Foster gets up to speak," said Ald. Sam McBride, "he must remember that he hasn't his drum and fife band here to drown the applause, or a man to jump to the piano and sing, 'He's a Daisy.' (Loud laughter.) He has got to stand by his own guns. His motives are not sincere. He just simply wants to take a crack at the mayor."

"The mayor has never withheld information from council since I have been here," said Controller Maguire, "and I am sorry that this resolution has been brought forward."

"Using a term of the street," put in Alderman Dunn, "I think the Controller has a lot of 'gall' for bringing forward such a motion. He has nothing to offer for it. He is just looking for cheap publicity. He wants the press to say that the great Thomas Fox or is looking after the people's interests."

Amendment Disappeared. Alderman Fred McBride thought he had come to the mayor's assistance when he brought forward an amendment asking that the information be sent on to the next meeting of council, but this was snuffed under. Practically the whole of council spoke on the motion, and everyone had good things to say about the mayor, even the second, Alderman Yeomans, who said: "This resolution does not cast any reflection upon the mayor, but when I find some official around the city hall telling candidates for the election not to speak in favor of the filtration plant, there is some reason for suspicion, and I would like to know the truth."

"I am not unduly sensitive over such a question as this," said the mayor, "but there have been many reports current, which I know nothing about, and his motion seems to be directed at me. Personally I don't want of confidence in me, and have it placed in the minutes of council at its last meeting."

Ready for Service. "I never felt more ready for service to the city than I do at this moment," he continued, "and I entered into the work this year full of hope. I had more confidence in a board of control than I have in the newly elected. I have a great deal of regard for Alderman Yeomans, as he was one of the hardest workers during the past year, but I would feel very much hurt if this council for no reason whatever should pass on such a resolution. Had he told him all I know, which would have been more than I have appreciated, and have in mind that I have no knowledge of the contents of the report."

The surprising large vote for the resolution was explained by some of the aldermen, that while they had every confidence in the mayor, they wanted the controller to "show his hand." The vote stood as follows: For—Controllers Church, McCarthy, Foster, Maguire, Aldermen Graham, Yeomans, McBride, Robbins, Rydman, Sanderson, May—11. Against—Mayor Hocken, Alderman Wanless, Dunn, O'Neill, Anderson, McMurrich, Spence, Rawlinson, Austin, Weston, McBride, Rowland, Hilton—15.

Report on Hamilton Highway Will Not be Submitted in Time for Government to Make Appropriation. It does not seem likely that the Ontario Government will make an appropriation for the construction of the Lake Shore road from Toronto to Hamilton at the session which opens in a short time. A report expressing the attitude of the municipalities interested as to what share they will give towards laying the expensive piece of roadway will not be submitted to the government before the end of January, and by that time it will be practically too late for the government, supposing the report is looked on favorably, to make an appropriation this year.

At the present time the committee working on the proposal are getting in touch with the municipalities which will benefit by the improved Lake Shore road, to find out how much money they will contribute.

GENERAL DRURY DEAD. Well-known Military Man Passes at Montreal. MONTREAL, Jan. 6.—(Can. Press).—The death took place here this morning of Brigadier-General Charles William Drury, C.B., A.D.C., a well-known Maritime Province soldier, the officer commanding the six division, and a Fenian raid and South African veteran.

Brigadier-General Drury was on a visit to friends here. He was the late brigadier was the son of W. C. Drury, Newfoundland, and St. John, N.B., was born in 1856, and was lieutenant of the local militia in 1874, captain in 1881, major in 1883, lieutenant colonel in 1889, colonel in 1891, and commandant of the R.S.A., Kingston, in 1893.

CITY WILL STILL IMPORT EXPERTS

Dying Day of the Old Council Went Out Along With Move to Shut Out American Engineers.

MOTION WAS LOST

Ex-Alderman Yeomans Fails in His Attempt to Commit New Council to His Idea—Stirred Up Discussion.

The obsequies over the 1912 council were performed with all due ceremony at the city hall yesterday afternoon, and the new council takes its place and commences operations next Monday.

After the business for the day had been transacted encomiums for the retired, forced and voluntary, were in order, and many were the good things said by the new council members. The "ball a-rolling" by moving that Messrs. Maguire, Graham, Austin, Yeomans and Sanderson be presented with an illuminated address conveying council's appreciation of services rendered.

The legacious Sam rather overdid things by saying too much. He was not only content with speaking of the good points in the records of the ex-members, but would up his oration by giving himself a little puff on his alleged relations with the press, but was good enough to add that the lack of support from the source which he personally spurned, was the cause of the other fellow's defeat. He inferred that he is the only man in Toronto that can afford to follow the policy adopted by Sam McBride.

Ald. Yeomans, who is now an ex-member of council, endeavored to force the council to tie the hands of future councils in the matter of employing experts. This move gave rise to a lot of talk about one's love of country, and some members adjured the others to stand by the old flag, and other such sentiments all right in their place.

"So-called Experts." The motion read: "Whereas, in view of the developments in connection with some of the more recent works planned for Toronto by experts from the United States, and acting in accordance with the policy of the city council of Toronto for 1912 hereby places itself on record as being opposed to any further employment of such experts from the United States, and the attention of the council for 1913 is respectfully directed to this resolution."

While on the hustings, the erstwhile alderman had given a lot of attention to this matter, and it was one of his pre-election promises, but his defeat caused this endeavor to make hay while the sun yet shone, thus the effort, but it proved to be a failure.

Ald. Sam McBride was surprised at the audacity of a defeated member in trying to tie the hands of council to such a narrow policy, and he said: "I do not intend to exclude good men, but when we cannot get them here, we must get the best of what we can get."

Such a move should be beneath the dignity of a city of this size. The heads of departments will always look for capable men in Canada first, and failing success here, they will be forced to go elsewhere.

Civic Abattoir. Controller Foster started a lengthy argument on the progress of the civic abattoir, and said that he had a number of what an American expert will do. He accused Mr. Perrin of having to go to the old country to educate Torontonians in the art of building.

Controller McCarthy hotly challenged the statement. He stated that the architect had prepared plans, but they were not complete, and he could not eventually supply with a copy, because only one existed. Therefore, the plans had to be changed, and Mr. Perrin left plans for the excavations in the city when he departed for the old country. "He travels largely in search of new ideas," said Ald. Dunn.

Ald. Dunn claimed credit at the Ward Five nomination meeting for saving the city the enormous sum of \$1,000,000 by knocking the civic abattoir project, thus causing the delay. Yesterday he had many questions to ask Controller McCarthy as to why the delay, and inferred that the present state of affairs was solely due to Controller McCarthy's actions.

"We are not going to the council's hands by such a foolish proposition," said Controller-elect O'Neill. "Admitting that it is only right and proper to give Canadian engineers the first chance, such a move would be wholly unfair. Nobody would serve the interests of the city with greater devotion than I would, but I am not in favor of reaching down to such a level. If we cannot go abroad to seek information and improve upon ours, then we are going to be in a pretty pickle."

"I cannot for the life of me see why this motion should come up at all," declared Ald. Anderson. "The passing of this resolution will make us little Torontonians believe Canadians have as much ability as anybody else, but why should we spurn good advice, and by doing so, give Toronto such a bad advertisement?"

"Loyalty that doesn't cost anything is a pretty cheap kind, and this resolution indicates the wisdom of last year's council in placing a department in the hands of a first-class head," said Controller McCarthy. "We appointed an American expert to construct the filtration plant, and he had to employ Canadian engineers to say that his work was O.K. American contractors will employ foreign labor to work for them. I wish the mover of this resolution had made it more comprehensive, so that we could keep such work for Canadian always, and then I would have supported it."

The words "so-called experts" gave rise to a deal of criticism, but Ald. Yeomans stated that he had purposely used those words, because these men had not proved their ability. The motion was lost.

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According to the annual report of the Toronto Railway Company, which was issued yesterday, there was an increase of 10 per cent. in the number of passengers handled last year over 1911 and an increase in receipts amounting to over half a million dollars. The passenger earnings for last year were \$5,373,874.65, an increase of \$572,558.08 over 1911. From the figures it is calculated that about 132,000,000 people were carried by street cars, as compared with slightly over 120,000,000 during the previous year. The city receives \$798,958.56, as its share of the company's receipts for the year. Besides this the city receives \$90,950 as a mileage rental, making a total of \$889,908.56.

DOUBLES HIS MONEY.

James McGamney, who bought the northeast corner of Teraulay and Walton street, 32 by 66 feet, 15 months ago, is selling at \$14,000, doubling his money in that time.

Welcome League Service.

Str John Gibson will preside at the British Welcome League service next Sunday night at 7 o'clock. Dr. J. A. Macdonald, L.L.D., will give an address.

RAILWAYS SCORE WIN.

Contracts Limiting Liability for Lost Shipments Legal.

WASHINGTON, D.C., Jan. 6.—Railroads and express companies today won a revolutionary decision in the Supreme Court when it was held that contracts which limited to small sums their liability for loss of shipments were not subject to state laws, but to interstate laws.

Dr. C. J. S. Bethune President.

At the annual meeting of the Entomological Society of America, held last week at Cleveland, Dr. C. J. S. Bethune, professor of entomology at the Ontario Agricultural College, Guelph, was elected president for the present year. Dr. Bethune and Dr. William Saunders of London, Ont., are the only two surviving charter members of the Ontario Entomological Society, which was organized in 1863. This society will hold its semi-centennial meeting at the Agricultural College in August of this year.

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GARDEN SUBURB SCHEME IN COURT

Justice Middleton Reserves Decision on Deviation of Bain and Sparkhall Aves.

The Toronto Garden Suburb Co.'s application for permission to deviate Sparkhall and Bain avenues was heard by Justice Middleton in the size court yesterday, but owing to strong protests which were filed by property owners in the district, devision was reserved.

Mr. R. H. Greer, county crown attorney, gave evidence in his capacity as a Bain avenue property owner. "This company's houses are to be close to the street line," said Mr. Greer, "and on the curve their backyards are open to my view. They claim to be a philanthropic institution, but here they are trying to expropriate without giving compensation."

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HON. MR. ROGERS CENSURED.

Government of Saskatchewan Will Consider Turgeon's Resolution.

REGINA, Sask., Jan. 6.—(Can. Press).—Failing to secure a response from Hon. Robert Rogers, Dominion Minister of Public Works, to the invitation extended to him to appear before a select committee of the Saskatchewan Legislature to substantiate the charges made by him in Montreal with re-

Report of the Judging Committee

in The World's Proverb Contest who secured the correct answers from the Sterling Bank and authorized the examination of the Proverb sets.

Toronto, Jan. 4th, 1913.

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