

HOSPITAL AND GAS BY-LAWS

Class Meeting Discusses the By-Laws--Alderman Ball Presents Gas Case--Woods Against

A mass meeting was held in the city hall last evening to discuss the hospital and gas by-laws which are to be voted on in this city tomorrow. The chair was taken by Ald. Thomson, acting mayor.

Ald. Ball

As chairman of the fire, water and light committee of the council Ald. Ball was called upon to present the gas proposal to the meeting. He thought that the first question confronting the electors was whether Regina needs a gas plant. The second is whether we should grant a franchise to a private concern or install a municipal plant. Personally he thought that the city ought to have gas and he was in favor of a municipal scheme, but there are at present difficulties in the way of immediately accomplishing this and he thought after mature deliberation that a limited franchise such as was proposed which could be taken over at the end of fifteen years would be a good thing for the ratepayers and would not prejudice Regina's position as a municipal ownership city. The present council had its hands full with public improvements and this must continue for some years. The gas plant installed by a private concern with the city's rights well guarded will not work to the disadvantage of the city. The gas is needed for cooking purposes and when there is a shortage of fuel the gas will be very serviceable. The gas for lighting purposes will not come into serious competition with the power plant. He was desirous of placing this matter fairly and intelligently before the ratepayers and he hoped they would vote on the by-laws in the best interests of the city.

Hospital Scheme

C. E. D. Wood, vice-president of the hospital board next presented on behalf of the board of managers the proposal to transfer the Victoria hospital to the city and operate a large municipal institution. The proposal is to raise \$100,000 on debentures and supplement this by giving the city the present property which will net them about \$50,000. The provincial government will be asked for a donation and he will be surprised if they gave less than \$50,000. This institution will be as much provincial as municipal and it would know neither creed or nationality. Last year there were about one hundred and fifty patients whom the hospital could not accommodate. It is a pitiable thing to turn away the sick and suffering, but they have to do it at present. All other institutions in the city have prospered and are well financed but the greatest charity of them all has gone behind because of want of public support. He appealed to the ratepayers to support the bylaw enthusiastically and get out and vote for the municipal hospital.

Ald. Thompson said that it was very sad to see so many people turned away because of lack of accommodation. The hospital is badly needed and he will be surprised if there are five votes in the city against the bylaw.

Wood and Gas.

Speaking to the gas proposal C. E. D. Wood stated that as a ratepayer he was opposed to the Springer-Eaton franchise. His clients had made a proposition to the city be-

cause they thought, if the council was bound to grant a franchise, a local concern should get a look in, but they were not treated as they should have been in this matter. He believes that the city can put in a municipal plant and save money for the ratepayers. We have nearly a million dollars in assets and which at present are not producing revenue. The gas plant would be revenue producing and there would be as much money in the proposal for the city as for Springer and Eaton. Under any circumstances he considers that the Marshall-Young proposal has saved the city twenty-five cents a thousand feet as they brought down the Springer-Eaton that amount from their original price. He would like Regina to be in fact as well as in name a municipal ownership city.

Gas in Glasgow

Mr. Summers spoke as a resident of Glasgow, the home of gas, and as a practical man. Inferior gas can be used for heating and gas will give satisfaction for light, heat and power.

Mr. Mytton's Views

H. F. Mytton favored the proposed franchise. He stated that Mr. Wood came with a case prepared against the Springer-Eaton contract. Street improvements are an absolute necessity at present and must go ahead. Those who do not need gas do not have to use it if the price does not suit them, but if they do not use it they do not have to pay for it. The city can take over the plant at the end of fifteen years when it is in good running order. This looks to him like a good financial proposition.

Expert Evidence

Dr. Charlton, bacteriologist, gave as his opinion that gas can not be used for heating profitably at \$1.75 per thousand feet.

In Glasgow gas is produced at 25 cents, or equal to coal at 7 1/2 per ton. In his experiments as reported already in the West, Dr. Charlton found that coal from the Dirt Hills, south of Rouleau, the same as the Souris lignite, produces 8000 feet to the ton. The bi-product of this will produce cheap gas which can be used for heating purposes. There is coal in the mountains just as good for gas purposes as the Pittsburgh coal.

D. S. McCannel asked if the Springer-Eaton contract were not acted on in a year, what would be the result.

Ald. Ball answered that the franchise would lapse.

Ex-Ald. Balfour stated that this contract was nothing better than an option on a franchise for a year and the company would have that long to exploit this franchise.

C. C. Knight said that in his opinion that the company must go on with the work, is an obligation on them.

Geo. Mollard thought there should be a cash deposit.

D. A. McDonald favored the franchise.

Mr. Allan criticised the wording of the contract, as also did Mr. Thomson. Ald. Wilkinson defended the proposal, not because the city is not able to go ahead with the work, but this is a good proposition to get work done, and after it is done to take it over at a fair valuation by which the city will make money on the project.

CONGRATULATIONS TO JUDGE JOHNSTONE

Yorkton, May 10.—On Tuesday morning Hon. Mr. Justice Johnstone of Regina, opened the last session of the supreme court of the North-West Territories in the Judicial District of Northern Saskatchewan here. When the next session of the court takes place this will have become the Yorkton Judicial District and the judge will be of the supreme court of Saskatchewan.

Before the session commenced, Mr. W. R. Parsons, senior member present of the Yorkton bar, congratulated his Lordship on his appointment to the position of judge of the supreme court and welcomed him on behalf of the members of the legal profession here. His Lordship made a suitable reply, thanking the members for their good wishes.

LAURIER MAKES GOOD

London, May 14.—The Imperial Conference at its closing session today adopted the motion of Sir Wilfrid Laurier in favor of an all-British subsidized steamship route from the United Kingdom to Australia by way of Canada. A committee is to be appointed to enquire into the cost of such a route and draw up a definite proposition on the subject. The motion of Sir Wilfrid Laurier is designed to bring about a reduction in freight charges, thus giving an indirect form of preference to the British colonies, reducing the time from England to Australia to twenty instead of thirty days and in the end diverting some of the traffic now going by way of New York.

DIED

JONES—At Saranac Lake, N.Y. on Monday, 13th inst., Ford Jones, of Regina, aged 41 years.

REGINA MARKETS

WHEAT—
No. 1 Northern 74
No. 2 Northern 71
No. 3 Northern 68
No. 4 Northern 63

OATS—
Oats 29

Butter 30-35
Eggs 30
Potatoes 75

BORN

JONES—At Saranac Lake, N.Y. on April 23rd to the wife of Ford Jones, a son.

Additional Locals

D. J. Thom retiring superintendent of the Rae street Methodist Sunday school, was presented with a leather travelling companion by the school.

Norman S. Edgar who has been suffering from a fractured limb is able to take driving exercises and will soon be able to resume business duties.

Mr. Knight, father of W. A. and C. C. Knight of this city has come here from Newfoundland to make his home. He has been in the contracting business and did a lot of work at the big iron mines on the Island.

The case of R. F. Schroder prosecuted for theft by the Independent Lumber Co., whose agent he was at Bethune is proceeding today. There are more than a dozen witnesses. Jones, Gordon & Bryant for the prosecution and Embury, Carman & Watkins for the defendant.

Fred S. Pingle the well known real estate dealer of Medicine Hat was in the city this week renewing acquaintances and looking after business interests.

Ely-Blain & Co. wholesale grocers of Toronto, are in the city today in connection with the establishment of their branch here. They will erect a business block this summer.

The C.N.R. wrecking train came down from Warman Monday and cleaned up the remains of the freight smashup which took place just north of the city about three weeks ago.

Owing to the illness of Hon. Walter Scott the government will not do anything toward the construction of the capital buildings this year, except to arrange for plans.

W. Allis a young man without known relatives in or near the city died at the Victoria hospital on Sunday. The remains were removed to Wright Bros. undertaking parlors.

The funeral of the late Mrs. A. Wells who passed away on Saturday took place on Monday afternoon from the English church. The funeral arrangements were in charge of Messrs. Speers, Marshall & Boyd.

Norman S. Edgar, of Chatham, N. B., son of Lieut.-Gov. Tweedie of New Brunswick, is in the city the guest of Norman S. Edgar. Mr. Tweedie will probably locate in the west.

Through Mayor Smith and Ald. Pevelev, Regina has received assurances that the Brandon-Regina line will be constructed this season. The C.N.R. officials will be here shortly as they are making a daylight trip over their western lines. Mr. Hanna of the C.N.R. and Mr. Whyte of the C.P.R. were interviewed respecting the war-house trackage and the plans of the city were acceptable to them.

L. T. McDonald, chairman of the Markets and Parks Committee, in-

tends to hit an American-Abell engine to a big gang-breaker and plow up the whole of Victoria Park. This is practical service which will save the city money.

The 13th was the first anniversary of the Saskatoon Daily Capital. That enterprising paper experienced a bad fire last winter but it has come through unscathed and is today in the front ranks of western journalism.

T. H. Masterson and N. B. McInnis of the Municipal Construction Co. Ltd., Regina, have returned from Battleford where they secured the sewerage contract in that town. The amount of the contract is over \$50,000.

There was a small wreck on the north line Friday about three miles south of Hanley. The rails spread where water is lying on both sides of the track. The engine was very slight and all cars were taken over in safety.

A Saskatchewan lacrosse league will be formed with North Battleford, Saskatoon, Rosetown, Humboldt, Regina and Moose Jaw. North Battleford is very enthusiastic they having many of the fastest players in the west.

Wheat went to a dollar a bushel in Chicago and Minneapolis on Monday and Liverpool market was very sympathetic. The fall was caused in America by the bad reports from the Canadian west and the wheat states to the south while the Liverpool markets went up over the gloomy reports from Russia. At the close of the market on Monday in Chicago, Jas. A. Parten, the chief bull of the Chicago market, said that the crops the world over are short and the conditions warranted the sensational advance. He predicted a further rise of 25 or even 50 cents a bushel in this market!

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35c HOSIERY for 25c.
15 doz. Ladies' ribbed or plain cashmere hose, our 35c line we put on sale Saturday at 25c.
75c and \$1 BELTS AND COLLARS 50c.
5 doz. Ladies' fancy Collars and Ties, new effects, we make a clearing line Saturday up to \$1 for 50c.
\$1 and \$1.25 SATCHELS AT 75c.
3 doz. Ladies' Hand Satchels in different sizes, to clear, our \$1 and \$1.25 lines go at 75c.
\$1 CORSETS AT 50c.
4 doz. Corsets, lines we are clearing out and we sold these up to \$1, sale Saturday 50c.
Ladies' Wear
10 doz. Ladies' Summer vests clearing at 3 for 25c.
\$7.50 SILK SKIRTS AT \$5
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CHILDREN'S DRESSES
Children's fancy White Dresses to suit all ages from 0 to 15 years for \$1.50 to \$6.50.
Millinery
LADIES' TRIMMED HATS AT \$3 TO \$4.50.
29 only ladies' fancy trimmed hats our special designs worth \$6 some clearing at \$3 to \$4.50.
UNTRIMMED SPECIAL \$2
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