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DESTRUCTION OF BOULEVARDS SHOULD BE PUNISHED

Decision of City Council at Their Meeting Last Evening—
—Lighting the Park for Militia Drills—
Busy Session of Aldermen.

A busy routine night was put in by the aldermen last night and many matters of more or less moment were dealt with. The Council, however, took occasion to declare itself averse to the boulevard destruction.

There were present at the meeting Mayor McKeough and Ald. Marshall, Scullard, Mounteer, McCoig, Westman, Edmondson and Piggott.

The Ontario Asphalt Block Company asked for their check of \$1,500. This matter was referred to the Finance committee and never reported on. Their agreement and guarantee was read by Ald. Marshall and he saw no reason why the check should be held longer. This was not a personal guarantee from Messrs. Fleming and Davis, but a guarantee of the company. In his opinion it was sufficient but Ald. Marshall thought the Council should also have a personal guarantee. The matter was again referred to the Finance committee this time with power.

A petition was received for a granolithic walk on the alleyway at the rear of King street and was sufficiently signed.—Referred to the Engineer to report.

A petition for a granolithic walk on Delaware avenue was also sufficiently signed and also referred to the Engineer.

Gilbert Primeau and O. B. Hulin asked permission to cut down trees.—Referred to the Chief of Police.

Dr. Bray asked the use of the Council Chambers for the holding of an inquest.—Granted.

H. W. Crossan, of the Underwriters Association, advised that the Council should have 3,500 feet of hose in the fire hall capable of standing 300 lbs. pressure.

G. H. Tyrrell informed the Council that he would hold them liable for an accident which was sustained by him owing to a defective road on the corner of Amelia and Joseph streets. He was driving home one night when he ran into a pile of earth and was thrown from his buggy.

The Mayor wanted to refer the matter to the Board of Works, but Ald. McCoig said he had investigated the matter and the earth was put there by Blight & Fielder, who put a cross-ing down there and failed to put a light there. It was, therefore, a matter of Finance. Thus it was referred to Finance.

A communication from Adam Beck, Mayor of London, asked for delegates from Chatham to the Ontario Municipal Councils convention was received.

Messrs. Austin, Westman, Stone and Cowan, of the West Kent Agricultural Society, asked for a grant of \$300 towards the Peninsula Fair. Mr. Austin addressed the Council and put his case so forcibly that the request was granted immediately afterwards on motion of Ald. Marshall and Edmondson.

Ald. Marshall, in making the motion, drew attention to the fact that the County Council do not give as much as the city and the county really gets more benefit from the Fair than does the city. The grant would be given with better grace if the Society got their just share from the County Council.

Ald. Marshall, for the Finance committee, reported as follows:

1. That the Planet's account of \$50.31 be paid.

2. Re communication of John Simonton as to surplus mud and Indian Creek drains, Raleigh Township, we advise Clerk to ask the Clerk of Raleigh what has been done with surplus belonging to Chatham in this case.

3. Re account A. W. Merritt, \$20, for extra attendance at the Council Chambers, we advise payment and in future all societies using the Chambers must pay these bills themselves. This clause caused considerable discussion and Mayor McKeough thought the Finance committee were too liberal in granting \$2.00 per night, as the price was too high and the rate will be high anyway.

Ald. Westman thought there should be a fixed rate of \$1.00 per night so that societies will know that this has to be paid to Mr. Merritt before the Chambers can be used. The original recommendation carried.

4. Re the city's share of the Registry Office account, \$180, we recommend be paid and in future the County Council shall advise the City Council when such expenditures are made.

The report was adopted. Ald. Tye asked if the block pavement on King street west could not be repaired now. It could be done at a very small expenditure.

Ald. McCoig said this was in view when the estimates were put in. These estimates were cut down and now it was a question if we have enough money after the necessary work is done.

Ald. Mounteer asked if the Government's portion of the William street pavement near the Park had been paid. The Clerk promised that the matter would be attended to soon. The account was given to Mr. Stephens some time ago.

McCoig—Mounteer—That the residents of Wellington street, between Centre street and the switch at the William Gray & Co.'s factory, be notified that the Council will, at the next meeting, take into consideration the construction of a granolithic walk on Wellington street between the places named, except in front of Mr. Carswell's residence, and to decide whether or not the construction of such a walk would be in the public interest.

Mrs. Charles, Lansdowne avenue, asked for recompensation for a sewer outlet for Mrs. Sloan. Mrs. Charles says that Mrs. Sloan tapped into sewer.

The Engineer reported against the request.

Mr. Shackleton says that Mrs. Sloan did tap into Mrs. Charles' sewer, while Mrs. Sloan claims that the outlet of her sewer is in the main sewer on the street.

Ald. Tye thought that both sides should be heard, although the matter is a trivial one. He and Mr. Scullard understood that Mrs. Charles' sewer was tapped by Mrs. Sloan. The Engineer had evidently just heard one side of the question.

The Clerk—How could we make Mrs. Sloan pay the money?

Ald. Scullard—We couldn't make Mrs. Sloan pay any money, but that does not say that Mrs. Charles might not have a claim against us. It is a mere trifle, \$10, and I think she ought to be paid, and should not be defeated on technical grounds, if she really has a claim.

The Council gave Mrs. Sloan permission to tap the sewer, but according to the Engineer's report he tapped into the main sewer.

Ald. Marshall—It is not a matter that the Council can decide.

Ald. Westman—It is quite evident to me that Mrs. Charles is not suffering any, and I move the Engineer's report be adopted.

Ald. Piggott seconded it and it carried.

Ald. Edmondson asked if it was his duty to light up the Park on moonlight nights for the benefit of the militia. The Regiment wanted to hold a drill on Friday night. It was moonlight and the lights were not lit on the streets, but the moonlight was not sufficient to drill by. Col. Rankin thought the Council were bound to provide light.

Ald. Westman thought that the city's agreement called for light in the park whenever the lights on the street were burning, and the Colonel would not ask the city to run the plant for the park alone.

Ald. Edmondson—That is not the Colonel's idea, and I suppose that we should give them light for their annual drills. They cannot hold regiment drills without proper light.

Ald. Piggott—I don't think the Colonel is asking too much.

Ald. Edmondson—We should not quarrel with the regiment. We enjoy the park and if they have been under the impression that they were to have the light whenever they wanted it, the matter should be left to some committee to make an amicable settlement.

The Mayor—That is a good suggestion.

Ald. Scullard—Col. Rankin is under

the impression that we should supply lights for the annual drills.

Ald. Marshall—There is a resolution on the books that the Regiment should be supplied with light for their annual drills, and I suppose that is what the Colonel is asking for.

Ald. Westman—I yet believe that the Colonel would not ask us to run the largest circuit in the city if he understood the matter. He would change his night.

Ald. Marshall moved it be left with the Property Committee with power.

Ald. Edmondson—I am in favor now of granting the request. We ought to deal with it to-night. They want the lights for two hours only.

The Mayor—Now that the elections are coming on you might get a graft from the Government for lighting the park.

Ald. Scullard—We recently accepted an invitation from Pt. Huron to visit that city as a Council and we did not go. I move we explain that we were not able to go.—Carried.

Col. Rankin explains it that the aldermen were so well entertained by another American town that when they wrote to their wives they could not address the envelopes plainly and they all went to the dead letter office, and thus their wives will not allow them to go to an American town again.—Laughter.

The communication from L. J. Marshall, asking permission to run a shooting gallery was referred to the Property committee to investigate and report on.

Ald. Mounteer moved that the G. T. R. and C. P. R. be notified to complete the granolithic walks and pavements on Lavoie St. over their tracks.—Carried.

Ald. Westman again brought the matter of Mr. Marshall's shooting gallery and moved that the Council charge Mr. Marshall a license of \$50 a year, payable monthly for the privilege of establishing a permanent shooting gallery in Chatham, and that this be a permanent license for this kind of an establishment.

This was carried and Mr. Westman was instructed to prepare a by-law to this effect.

The Mayor drew attention to several bad spots in granolithic sidewalks through the city.

Ald. Edmondson asked if there was not a by-law protecting lawns and boulevards.

The Mayor—Yes.

Ald. Piggott said he had previously moved that the Chief of Police act in the matter.

The clerk pointed out that the by-law had been broken.

Ald. Edmondson—Then the people of King Street West should take action. It would be impossible to prevent driving cattle through the city they ought to make the damage good.

The Mayor—That is no good. You work for months on your boulevard and a few dollars does not suffice. The by-law should be rigidly enforced.

Ald. Piggott—Well, our lawn was totally ruined.

The Mayor—All I can say, then, is that you're foolish if you don't prosecute.

Ald. Edmondson advised the citizens to take Police Court action.

The Mayor—There is no encouragement to citizens to improve their boulevards and beautify their homes if action is not taken.

Several local improvement by-laws were then passed.

The following were the accounts:—Chatham Advt. Agency, \$3.75. Knight & Co., \$2.40. Geo. Harris, \$6.00. Mr. Reaume, \$4.50. Geo. White, \$6.75. Pay sheets, \$437.62. Wm. Neff, 65c. Blight & Fielder, \$473.00. Blight & Fielder, \$4,379.88. S. Hadley Lumber Co., \$49.37. Park Bros., \$2.20. G. T. Guttridge & Son, Ref., \$7.90. Geo. Lamphard, \$1.50. McCall & Co., \$2.25. G. T. Guttridge & Son, \$3.60. Freight, \$1.49. City Treas., \$14.85. Thibodeau & Jacques, 50c. Canada Flour Mills Co., \$3.60. John McKay, \$3.40. Gutta Percha Rubber Co., \$45.00. Gutta Percha Rubber Co., \$226.10. S. Hadley Co., \$2.90.

TREATY WITH THIBET.
Three Markets For Mutual Trading Will Be Established.

London, Sept. 19.—The Times' Pekin correspondent gives at length the text of the draft of the treaty between Thibet and Great Britain, which has been sent to Pekin by the Amban (the Chinese representative at Lhasa) and which the correspondent believes to be practically identical with the treaty actually signed, which China is almost certain to ratify. It contains a preamble and 10 articles, the most important of which bind the Thibetans to establish three markets for mutual trading between British and Thibet merchants, to allow traffic along existing routes and others which may be opened in future between India and Thibet, Thibet to pay an indemnity of \$2,500,000 in yearly instalments. It is stipulated as security for the performance of the conditions of the treaty that British troops shall occupy the Chumtsi Valley for three years and until the indemnity is paid. One article provides that without Great Britain's consent no Thibetan territory shall be sold or leased to any foreign power, and no foreign power shall be permitted to concern itself with affairs of Thibet or to construct roads, railways or telegraphs or open mines in the country.

The British Departure.
Lhasa, Sept. 19.—The departure of the British expedition has been fixed for Sept. 23. The weather is already cold, and there has been hard freezing. The men are ill-supplied with winter clothing and are likely to suffer in crossing the passes on the way to Gyantse, where are some stores of warm clothing.

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