

SAT TILL AFTER MIDNIGHT TO LAND HEAD ST. SPUR

Council Rescinds Old By-law and Orders Pere Marquette Removed Within Two Weeks—Mr. Faxon puts Some Straight Railroad Questions for Harvey St. Residents—Other Matters

The clock tolled the midnight hour, but the members of the City Council sat on, and on—and on!

Finally they reached it, and the by-law rescinding the old by-law giving the Pere Marquette running privileges on Head street was passed and two weeks given for the removal of the tracks.

There were other railroad matters of interest. The Harvey street residents protested vigorously against the proposed tracks of the Windsor and Essex road and R. M. Paxton on their behalf put a series of energetic questions to his worship.

"The first question I want to ask the Mayor," said Mr. Paxton, "is why this railway, which I am led to understand is only a railway on paper, changed its first-proposed route from King street west so as to come down Harvey instead?"

The Mayor—The route was changed before the Council had an opportunity to deal with the first proposition.

Mr. Paxton—Why were Lacroix and Harvey chosen, when the company could have secured running powers over the present road on Raleigh street?

The Mayor—They'd have to make terms with the other road.

Mr. Paxton—Have they a charter from any Government into the city?

The Mayor—I don't know about a charter.

C. J. Leggett, of Windsor, solicitor for the road—We have a charter from the Government.

Mr. Paxton—The Council is here surely to look after the city's interests and there should surely be no manipulation about a matter like this. I do not believe this Council has any moral right to deal with the matter. They were not elected to do so—and they have no right to consider their individual ends.

The Mayor—You have a mistaken idea.

Mr. Paxton—You have your hands full already with railroad matters, and I don't believe these things should be rushed into recklessly.

The Mayor—Confine your attention to the subject.

Mr. Paxton—The Harvey street residents want to be consulted ere they are tied up in the manner proposed.

W. H. Carswell and D. Jordan also spoke. "We have a railroad behind us," declared the latter, "and a railroad at the side of us and now you want to put a railroad in front of us. We better quit paying taxes and let our property go. We elected the Council to protect us."

Mr. Leggett, of Windsor, said the road was bona fide and, if the necessary franchises were obtained, work would be commenced by October 1.

The Mayor—I want to ask a question, Mr. Leggett. Parties have been kind enough to circulate the report that Ald. Austin and Mayor Cowan got you to change your first idea of coming in by King street west, because they had property there. Is it true?

Mr. Leggett—I can deny it absolutely.

All the members of the Council were in their places promptly on time.

The usual routine accounts were presented and referred to their respective committees.

Ald. Marshall presented a letter from Henry Terrington complaining that the pound-keeper was not performing his duties; also drawing attention to work which he claimed had been promised for his property by the city last spring.—Referred to Board of Works.

Several requests to trim trees were referred to the Chief of Police with power.

Ald. Marshall presented a report from the City Treasurer, as to the way in which the various departments were keeping within their estimates. The cemetery was the only institution overdrawn and that by reason of special work done.

Ald. Dunn presented a petition for

three-foot sidewalk on south side McKee street.

The Mayor said the sidewalk was below regular width and referred it to Board of Works.

Ald. Dunn presented petition for electric light at corner of Head and James streets and earnestly advocated the granting of it. Ald. Edmondson seconded Ald. Dunn's motion that the petition be granted as soon as the new dynamo was put in.—Carried.

Ald. Dunn presented a petition from Head street residents asking for the removal of the P. M. tracks on Head street. Ald. Dunn gave notice of motion in the matter.

W. E. Risin called attention to the needed raising of pavement in front of Eberts building. Ald. O'Keefe said the matter would be attended to.

Ald. O'Keefe moved that the Council take the initiative on new pavement on Wellington street east of market.—Carried.

Ald. Potter presented petition from Lacroix street residents against the laying of electric railway tracks.—Referred to Railroad committee.

A. H. White and J. P. Dunn asked for insurance of market building.—Referred to Market committee.

The Chatham Gas Co. wrote asking that the city consent to negotiations for lighting the city.

Chris. Farrell asked consent to remove porous tile on Sheldon avenue. Ald. Edmondson moved that the request be granted.—Carried.

Barrister Geo. G. Martin wrote submitting petition of retail grocers for repeal of early closing by-law, signed by a majority of retail grocers as requested by the Council, and asked for action.

The Firewriters Association wrote enclosing report of fire department.—Property.

Sir C. West for Raleigh street residents wrote asking that all earth excavated be turned over to ratepayers on the street, who paid for excavation.—Board of Works.

E. B. Jones withdrew his resignation in consideration of grant of \$200 man him.

The Canadian Woodman asked for photos of the city for souvenir number.—Industrial.

A. T. Mounter called attention to certain sewers needing flushing.—Board of Works.

Norris & Rowe wrote asking reduction in circus license.

A delegation from the Peninsular Fair, consisting of A. D. Westman, J. H. Glassford, and others, asked for the grant of \$300 as was granted last year. Both Messrs. Westman and Glassford made short and earnest addresses.

Ald. Edmondson and Westman moved the grant, which was carried.

John Pleasance asked for reduction in taxes commensurate with absence of license.—Finance.

On motion of Ald. King the Harvey street residents were heard.

Ald. Marshall for Finance reported that a portion of the City Solicitor's bill had not yet been paid in connection with the Labombard case.

Ald. King for Market committee reported in favor of concrete floor under open market shed and tenders asked for; that a "gas main be put in building; that architect get 3-1-2 per cent. of plans accepted and work under construction.—Report adopted.

Ald. Potter for Parks and Cemeteries reported that requests of H. B. Darr and Thos. McCrossin be allowed.—Adopted.

Ald. Westman for Property reported that Mr. Moffat's offer for plates for Mayors be accepted; that better fire protection be given Sheldon avenue; that city electric plant was examined and recommendation was made for purchase of new dynamo.

With the exception of the last clause the report was adopted. The last clause was amended empowering the committee to go ahead to secure prices, etc., while opportunity was given for a consideration of the proposition of the Gas Co.

Ald. Dunn said the Underwriters were calling for improvements in the waterworks plant and it would be best to consider that point before taking action.

The yeas and nays were taken on the amendment.—

Yeas—Austin, Marshall, Dunn, King, O'Keefe, Ainsworth and the Mayor.—7.

Nays—Potter, Westman, Edmondson.—3.

Ald. Dunn reported in favor of the sale of the property on the corner of Head and Barthe Sts. for \$75. Carried.

Ald. Edmondson drew attention to "dangerous spots" on VanAllen Ave. and Joseph St.

Ald. Dunn drew attention to a similar state on Selkirk St.

John Whalen, Park St. West, was heard in connection with the trunk sewer needed and promised in that district. Board of Works.

Ald. Westman moved that the Gas Co. be asked to make their proposition in reference to civic lighting. Ald. Austin seconded and the motion carried.

Ald. Potter pointed out that he thought if a little more firmness and accuracy had been displayed by the Supt. better results would have been secured in the past. He did not favor the Chatham Gas Co.'s proposition, being in favor of municipal ownership as far as possible.

After the Mayor had declared the motion lost the yeas and nays were called for and resulted as follows:—

Yeas—Austin, Marshall, King, O'Keefe, Ainsworth.—6.

Nays—Potter, Westman, Edmondson and the Mayor.—4.

The circumstances of the rescinding of the Mayor's declaration and Ald.

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Westman voting against his own motion caused considerable amusement.

Ald. Westman gave notice of by-law to repeal early closing grocers' by-law in response to ex-Ald. Martin's letter.

Ald. Austin moved that the matter be referred to a committee to consider the premises and the facts submitted in the petition.

Ald. Edmondson and Marshall opposed further procrastination. A by-law had been prepared annulling the existing by-law and it should be dealt with.

Ald. Austin withdrew his motion, saying Ald. Marshall had requested it. Ald. Marshall denied it, and a somewhat warm series of lively contradictions amused the Council for some moments.

Ald. Potter drew attention to several names on the petition of people who did not keep grocery stores, and made an earnest plea for an investigation of the whole circumstances.

Ald. Potter moved that the matter be referred to Finance committee for investigation of both sides of the question. Again the Mayor declared it lost, and the yeas and nays rescinded his declaration.

Yeas—Austin, King, O'Keefe, Ainsworth, Potter, Mayor.—6.

Nays—Marshall, Dunn, Westman, Edmondson.—4.

Ald. Austin submitted his resolution for the formation of a Board of Education.

The Mayor suggested that a meeting be called to consider the matter.

Ald. King asked what provision was made for county representatives.

Ald. Austin said their position was just the same as at present.

Ald. Westman said that the act did not provide for a High School district such as ours.

The Mayor said that this was not the case.

Ald. Westman said that the Attorney-General should be consulted as to the meaning of the act. He asked Ald. Austin to get both city solicitors and Attorney-General's opinion.

The Mayor said the whole thing was as clear as the nose on a man's face.

The Mayor said he believed the new regime would improve the management of school affairs.

The Mayor then read The Planet's report of the School Board trustees' comments on his suggestion, and comments thereon as elsewhere reported.

Ald. Austin's motion then carried.

Ald. Westman reported that he had received a bona fide offer of \$12,000 for the front of the market, 40 feet and the old building, and spend \$8,000 or \$9,000 at once upon the building. He moved that the Council ask for legislation to sell. Ald. Ainsworth seconded.

Ald. Edmondson said he could not support the resolution unless the matter were laid before the electors and their endorsement secured.

Ald. Potter also took the same view of the matter in a strong and vigorous address. He thought the various propositions should be submitted to the ratepayers. He gave notice of a by-law to that effect.

Ald. Austin moved in amendment that the Property committee devise ways and means of improving the market property with a view to retaining ownership, and report. The amendment carried.

On motion of Ald. Westman, Sam. Moore was allowed two weeks' holidays.

Ald. Dunn and Edmondson moved that the initiative be taken to pave Head St. Carried.

The by-law giving the Pere Marquette permission to place a track on Head St. was then repealed by by-law. This means the beginning of the end of the Head St. track, the city engineer being instructed to tear up the track at the end of two weeks if not removed by the company.

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THAMESVILLE

Sept. 15.—The special train leaving London at 8.30 p. m. gave many the opportunity of spending the day in London to enjoy the fair.

Will De Pencier is at Dr. Stewart's to-day.

Dan Stewart goes to London to-day for the closing of the fair.

Mrs. Davies and Master Reford Davies returned yesterday from London, where they were the guests of Mrs. Homer Black.

W. B. Albertson returned to his duties, after a few days' absence.

Several from our village attended the State Fair in Detroit.

George Weekes, from Btany, is spending the fall in the west.

Sept. 18.—Jack Stewart, arrived at his home here from Berlin. He will spend his two weeks' vacation at his home.

Norman Willson gives up his position as teacher at the end of this month. He leaves early in October for Winnipeg, where he will begin the study of law. We shall miss an excellent teacher, but wish him all success in his profession.

A number left this morning to attend the fair at Stratford.

The stock attraction there is an attraction for those interested in it.

Russell Platt, from Detroit, came to Thamesville on Saturday, a guest of Mrs. Stewart.

One of the most severe storms of the season swept over the village Friday about four o'clock in the afternoon. The lightning was very sharp, and the rain came down in torrents.

It is rumored in town that the large white hotel will be fitted up for a boarding house. Such a place is much needed.

BLENHEIM

Sept. 18.—Hon. A. C. Rutherford, of Stratthona, Alberta, who has been appointed the first Premier of the New Province of Alberta, is a brother of our townsman, Mr. James Rutherford.

Mr. Nellie Forbes has taken a situation at Mr. A. Bell's store.

Neil Finlay, of Kalamazoo, Mich., is visiting relatives in town.

The Methodist church choir went to Zion church last evening to take part in the entertainment held there last evening.

Miss Nettie Walker is visiting friends in Detroit and Cleveland.

David Clark, who has been working at Moosejaw, N. W. T., and vicinity, returned home last week.

He will spend the winter here but expects to return again in the spring.

Robert E. Wodehouse and J. G. Crookshank are spending a few weeks here with their parents prior to returning to their respective colleges for the winter term.

The annual harvest home services in connection with the Presbyterian church were held on Sunday last. The attendance at each service was as good as could be expected owing to the inclemency of the weather. The Rev. A. H. Hare, of Kent Bridge, preached at both services.

Mrs. John Ward, milliner, will move into J. F. Titus' old store as soon as it is renovated.

THE STAGE

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

At The Grand—

Florodora—Sept. 22.

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This body wound up their business Sunday evening at First Baptist church. Sunday was devoted to covenant meeting and preaching of memorial, doctrinal and closing sermons. The Lord's Supper was administered in the afternoon. Supply speakers were furnished for several churches in the city for both services during the day. Financial committee reported that the total amount raised from the several departments was \$330.40.

The executive board met Saturday at three p. m. and reported the missionary work of the past year to have been good and productive of much advancement.

The following officers were appointed for ensuing year: President—A. S. Shreeve.

Secretary—M. C. Green.

Treasurer—J. G. Brown.

The Women's Home Mission met at 2.30 p. m. Saturday, presided over by Mrs. J. Saunders. The address of welcome and response were given by Miss M. Hammond, and the president respectively followed by devotional exercises. The regular business was then entered into. Funds collected, amounting to \$154, were used for the upbuilding of churches throughout the district, besides the starting of a foreign mission fund. Secretary, Mrs. I. Small.

The place of next meeting for the Association will be with the Queen street Baptist church, Dresden, in September, 1906.

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