

Board of Works Had Its Troubles Rival Deputations Air Grievances

Many Petitions for Local Improvements Found To Be Sufficiently Signed.

There were many complaints at the meeting of the board of works last night, several deputations addressing the committee on their grievances. There was also considerable routine work.

Two deputations on the Eva street sewer were on hand. One was in favor of the sewer, and was supported by a petition, which the assessment commissioner had said was sufficiently signed, and upon which a bylaw had been prepared. Messrs. Udy and Oates represented this side of the question, and stated to the board that the sewer was a necessity, and that they were willing to pay their share of it. Their property had been damaged considerably by flooding, and if the sewer were constructed they would be saved such damage in the future.

Opposed the Sewer.

Messrs. W. Mahon and G. Cole opposed the sewer. They declared that they represented the larger part of the ratepayers of the street, and insisted that the sewer was not a necessity. Their property was not damaged by flooding, and they thought the damage alleged to have been done was much exaggerated. None of them had been asked to sign the petition, and the first they knew that such a petition was presented was when the assessment slips had been sent to them. Mr. Cole alleged that the people had not been given a square deal, and that the petition had been faked through. He declared that the name of Mrs. Delton was on the petition wrongfully, as she was out of the city. Mr. Cole also asserted that other names were on the petition and they had no right to be there. He wanted a square deal from the committee, and asked that the bylaw be laid over.

The Legal Aspect.

Ald. Saunders pointed out that the petition was sufficiently signed, and the bylaw prepared. The committee could do nothing further and the bylaw must be passed. However, if there were any objections to the petition that had no right to be there, the petition would be thrown out, if sufficient proof were adduced. The only thing left for those opposed to the sewer was to prove that names were illegitimate on the petition, if that was not done the bylaw must pass.

The members of the deputation opposed to the sewer said that they could prove their point, but unless that is done before the next meeting of the council, the bylaw will go through.

Front Street Breakwater.

The front street breakwater also came up. A report from City Engineer Graydon was read, in which he opposed the breakwater. He pointed out that he had opposed the first strip of breakwater built there, claiming that it had been built on the edge of the wedge, and that a breakwater would have to be constructed the whole length of front street. This was proving to be correct. First one piece had been built and then another until there had been three parts constructed. Now, however, the committee asked for, and it would soon reach Wellington street bridge. Mr. Graydon declared that he was utterly opposed to building a breakwater to cost \$5 a foot to protect land that was worth 10 cents a foot. It was not needed. The Wellington street bridge was perfectly safe without it.

Citizens' Side of It.

Mr. A. J. Wall, of front street, spoke on behalf of the residents of that street. He declared that they were entitled to protection. The residents of any other portion of the city, in similar difficulties as they were, would apply for relief also. He declared that the water had done him \$100 damage this year, and had also damaged his neighbors' property. There would be no difficulty if the water would keep its proper channel, but it would not, unless there was a breakwater constructed. In a couple of years, if something is not done, the river will cross the property on front street, and not follow its regular course. When the residents of this street were in the county, a breakwater was built at the city promenade to keep it up when they drained the city. This had not been done. There was need of only 100 feet of breakwater, and ample protection would be afforded.

Mr. H. L. Smith represented the residents of the west end of the street, and declared that a strip of breakwater just east of the bridge would protect them all right.

On motion of Ald. Stewart, the matter was laid over until the committee visited the spot on Monday evening next.

Opening of Nelson Street.

The opening up of Nelson street to Waterloo and Wellington streets was again before the committee, and it was not settled. Messrs. R. Lucas and A. E. Davis, of Nelson street, again appeared before the committee, and urged their claims. Mr. Lucas declared that a man in two weeks could level up that street and it could be opened. He said that there were six houses on the street now to one there was ten years ago. The dumps were rapidly getting filled up, and if the city only did a little for them there would be no difficulty.

City Engineer Graydon advised that the street sweepings be dumped into the two large holes in the street, and that would fill them up in short order. In this way the street to Waterloo street would be opened up. It was absolutely necessary to the question of opening up Nelson street, as the largest portion of Nelson street at this point was in the river. As for the suggestion that an overhead foot-walk be erected to give the residents of Nelson street an outlet on Wellington street, that was out of the question, as there was not enough room on city property for that.

The matter could not be settled last

night, so the committee decided to visit the place on Monday evening next and see what can be done.

Rector's Street Crossing.

William Mars, 66 Rector's street, applied for damages for injuries received by falling on the street at the Rector's street crossing of the Grand Trunk Railway. The sidewalk there was very defective, causing him to fall.

Ald. Rose pointed out that the walk was in bad condition, but he thought it was the fault of the Grand Trunk Railway. Since the report of the accident the company had repaired the walk. He thought that the only way to settle the matter was to defend the suit, making the Grand Trunk co-defendants. There was no doubt in his mind that Mr. Mars had a good case.

On motion of Ald. Stewart, it was laid over until the next meeting, and in the meantime Ald. Rose will see Mr. Mars as to his intentions regarding a suit.

Thames Street.

The complaint of L. K. Jones and others regarding the bad condition of the walk on Thames street, and the dust and coal nuisance caused by the London Electric Company, was considered and referred to the city engineer to report on.

Ald. Saunders thought the condition of the street was disgraceful, and that the electric company should be compelled to remedy the evil. City Engineer Graydon informed the board that he will raise the walk six inches, and also raise the street car tracks. This, he thought, would improve matters considerably.

The opinion of City Solicitor Meredith regarding the opening of streets less than 66 feet wide was filed for reference. Mr. Meredith advised the committee against opening any street less than 66 feet unless it was specified in the bylaw that the sidewalks and roads should be laid out according to the plans furnished by the city engineer.

Meredith, Judd & Meredith wrote, asking for damages for the flooding of the barn of W. Robinson, Rector's street. The communication was filed.

New Dumps.

The recommendation from the board of health, asking the committee to pick out two dumps, one in the northwestern part, and another in the southeastern part of the city, was referred to the city engineer to report on.

The suggestion that the diamond in Queen's Park be rolled for the baseball league was agreed to, and City Engineer Graydon will have the work done immediately.

The claim of Stuart Dobbinson for injuries received by falling on a slippery sidewalk was referred to Inspector McCallum to report on.

The matter of a stand for the baseball grounds in Queen's Park was referred to Ald. Rose and Mayor Stevely, who will confer with Col. Little, regarding it on Saturday, and report at the next meeting.

Recommendations.

City Engineer Graydon recommended that a sewer be initiated on Maitland street, between Grosvenor and Cheapside streets. Adopted.

Mr. Graydon also recommended the initiation of a cement block pavement on Carling street, between Talbot and Ridout streets. He explained that a petition was already in for such a pavement on Carling street, between Richmond and Talbot streets, and he continued through to Ridout street. Adopted.

The following petitions for cement walks were found to be sufficiently signed and will take usual course:

East Carfrae street to Grand

West Wootley road, Duchess avenue

to Tecumseh avenue.

West Ridout street, Duchess avenue

to Elmwood avenue.

East Carfrae street, St. James

to Grosvenor street.

East Maitland street, Philip street

to a point 136 feet south.

East Johnstone street, Railway

street to Pipe Line road.

East Carling street, Oxford street

to northern end of street.

East Adelaide street, Bathurst

street to Horton street.

Layard street, Dreaney avenue

to Inkermar street.

The petition for a cement walk on

Queen's Place was left to the engineer

to keep it up when they drained the

city. This had not been done. There

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The Toronto Globe says:

The congregation of Bloor Street Baptist Church last night decided to call to the pastorate Rev. William A. Cameron, B. A., who is in his final year in theology at McMaster University. Rev. Mr. Cameron supplied at the Talbot Street Baptist Church in London all last summer, previous to Rev. Mr. Vining's pastorate.

Mr. Cameron's home is in Palmyra, Ont. He is in his 27th year, is a graduate of Woodstock College of 1902, and of McMaster in arts of 1905. He has taken his B. A. in the general course with special political economy. He is one of the leading debaters of the college, having been on the championship team several years in the intercollegiate debates. For several years he has been leader of regard to the offer of the Evangelistic Band, which has conducted meetings with great success all over Ontario, so that Mr. Cameron is better known in the Province than almost any other Baptist minister. He is a very effective speaker and an enthusiastic worker, and is held in high esteem by his fellow-colleagues. He has not only been much sought for in connection with evangelistic work, but has at the present time the reputation of a high-salaried Y. M. C. A. traveling secretaryship, to work either in Massachusetts or in Canada. He has spoken before the Young Men's Association in Philadelphia, New York and Boston, and it was in the latter place that the offer was made him.

Mr. Cameron is to preach in Bloor Street Church next Sunday morning. He will probably make known his decision with regard to the offer of the pastorate in a few days.

MAYOR PROPOSES NEW SCHEME

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This will give a purely spring water scheme, the mayor said, using the White-Cronyn springs in the north, and the Hobbs, Kilworth and Blizard springs near Kilworth. It will be so arranged that if at any time in the future a filtration plant must be established, it can be done without difficulty.

These figures were not exact, however, and it was thought wiser to get an estimate of the cost in more exact figures.

The meeting was opened with a discussion on the meter scheme, Mayor Stevely being anxious to know how much water would be saved by the installation of meters throughout the city.

Commissioner Darch thought that the meter scheme would not save more than half a million gallons, if it would save that much. This he pointed out was only enough to supply present needs, no more. He would prefer to spend an equal sum of money and get more water.

Chairman's Opinion.

Chairman Jones then got into the argument and declared that the meter system itself would not solve the problem, it would merely put it over for a time. It was the duty of the commission to solve the problem for a long time. He thought the Maury scheme was the most feasible. Mr. Jones advocated that the Maury system be installed, and then meters could be put in. He would not advise more than \$10,000 a year in meters.

By this means it would be very many years before filtration would be put in, as there was one million gallons of the best spring water in sight in the Cronyn and White Springs, and the saving by the meters would give any quantity of water to London for many years, during his life-time at least. It insured absolute safety as regards water and would completely satisfy the underwriters.

"If we were convinced that metering would save enough water to tide the city over for ten years, I would vote for it," said Commissioner Darch. "But I would prefer to give the people more water at the

same price than less water at the same price."

Mayor for Spring Water.

"I am in favor of spring water out and out," said Mayor Stevely. "I am convinced that the people of London prefer limited supply of spring water rather than an unlimited supply of filtered water." He favored sending the filtration scheme to the north end, Mr. Darch declared that the immediate demands of the city required that quantity, and in a few years, if the probability next year this supply of spring water would be exhausted, and then the filtered water would have to be pumped into the mains. He favored sending the filtration scheme to the people, however. The Komoka scheme, the only feasible spring water scheme, had been turned down, and he thought the second choice, the Maury scheme, should be submitted. He was not in favor of it, and would not endorse it, but he thought it should be sent to the people.

The Maury Figures.

Chairman Jones thought that the opinion of Mr. Maury, being that of an expert, was worthy of the utmost consideration.

"Mr. Maury based his calculations on the figures submitted by Mr. Moore, that there were 30,000,000 gallons of water in the north branch," said Mr. Darch. "Mr. Moore's figures were hardly correct, as it has been shown that there is just about one-third of that quantity in sight. If the filtration scheme is to be advocated, the north branch should be considered, as there is an unlimited supply of water there."

A Combined Scheme.

Mayor Stevely endeavored to get a spring water scheme through, and suggested that some sort of amalgamation of the schemes be attempted. He pointed out that there was at least half a million gallons of water at Kilworth. That could be collected for \$125,000. He would like to know what it would cost to bring the Kilworth and the Cronyn and White Springs together into one scheme. With the installation of meters every year, he thought the water supply would be solved for many years to come.

He thought that the filtration part be cut out of Maury's scheme. This would allow for a pumping station in the north end, and the saving by the meters would give any quantity of water to London for many years, during his life-time at least. It insured absolute safety as regards water and would completely satisfy the underwriters.

Engineer Moore thought this scheme would cost \$20,000.

Mr. Darch Opposed It.

Commissioner Darch opposed this, as he did not think it would carry. He pointed out that the people had turned down the Komoka scheme, which called for an expenditure of only \$25,000, and showed two

and a half million gallons of water, while this scheme showed only 1,200,000 gallons. In brief the commissioners had three definite ideas before them.

Three Schemes.

Commissioner Darch wanted the filtration scheme submitted in its entirety. Chairman Jones wanted the filtration scheme, minus the filtration part of it, with meters.

Mayor Stevely was in favor of Chairman Jones' plan, with the addition of Kilworth.

A referendum vote was also suggested, but as it was thought that this would not result satisfactorily, it was dropped.

Mayor Stevely's plan seemed to meet with the most favor, and it is expected that it will be put.

Another meeting will be held as soon as the figures can be obtained, when a scheme will be brought down for the consideration of the electors.

Those present were Chairman Jones, Commissioner Darch, Mayor Stevely, Secretary Ellwood and Engineer Moore.

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papers are signed by the authorities at Washington, Mme. Stein will be sent back at once to Russia.

The warrant charges her with having raised a certificate for 100 roubles issued by the Russian Bank of Russia to 100,000 roubles. She is alleged to have succeeded in cashing the raised certificates.

William Ellis, of Toronto, was found dead near the C. P. R. tracks in the west end. There is considerable mystery in his death.

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