

COUNCIL OPPOSED TO INCREASE IN CITY STREET LIGHTING BILL

Proposal to Add a Dozen Lamps Laid Over for Estimates—Tenders Wanted for Paving Dundas Street—G. T. R. Petitions Against Permanent Improvements.

The city council held a meeting last night which was extremely lively at times, but it managed to conclude the business before it by 10:30. Mayor Judd and all the aldermen, save Ald. Gillean, who is away in the south, were present.

As was predicted some days ago, No. 3 committee's recommendation re the placing of twelve new lights on the streets came to grief, for the present, at least, as the council, almost to a man, barring the members of No. 3, were of the opinion that the street-lighting bill is growing altogether too fast, and that in the interests of a low tax rate, the recommendations should stand over until the estimates are taken up. If the city then finds it has the money, the lights will be put up. If not, there will be no extra lighting this year.

A Peculiar Report.

The report of No. 3 committee proved somewhat of a surprise to the council, as it recommended that lights be put up this year, but that such lights should not be lighted until the 1st of October next.

Ald. Garratt declared the clause was designed to humiliate the people.

"If the lights are needed, put them up and light them now," he said.

Ald. Greenleaf moved that the whole list of lights be laid over until the estimates are considered, when the council will be able to say whether it can afford the extra expenditure.

Ald. Armstrong said the people are satisfied to have the lights next fall, and the city should be willing to save the cost of lighting the lamps until next October.

Ald. Cooper declared the civic expenditure is so heavy, the extra lights should be laid over until the estimates are taken up.

As to Cost.

Ald. Matthews said the additional lights would only mean \$200 this year. "But they will be able to say whether it is worth it," he said.

Next year, and every year afterward," remarked Ald. Greenleaf.

Ald. Forristal said it was time to stop this "kite-flying." Last year the city spent \$38,000 in street-lighting. The bill is growing too large, he said.

"If the lights are needed at all they are needed in the summer, when the trees are covered with foliage. The additional lamps mean another \$1,300 a year for lighting."

"We should remember, too," said the alderman, "that the London Electric Company's contract expires in a couple of years, and when we make a new contract, the company will not secure the fancy price it now enjoys."

Favors Civic Plant.

"And I am one of those who believe that, if necessary, we should have our own lighting plant. I would favor lighting the streets by gas rather than pay such prices," continued Ald. Forristal.

"What is good enough for Philadelphia and other large cities should be good enough for us. Gas wouldn't cost a fraction of what the electric light costs."

Ald. Matthews defended the action of the committee in recommending the lights.

"The lights are about all the taxpayers in certain districts will get for what we tax them," he said. "This year we have saved \$750 on moonlight nights, because of the open winter, and we should give the people the benefit of the saving."

It was then decided, however, to lay the whole list of lights over until the estimates are considered.

The list of changes in the location of certain lights as recommended by No. 3 was adopted by the council.

That Fence Again.

Ald. Cooper objected to the clause of No. 2 committee's report which recommended that the sum of \$500 be given W. J. Reid in full of his claim for damages to a fence through the construction of the breakwater at the east side of the baseball park.

The alderman claimed Mr. Reid has no claim against the city.

"Reid's a rich man and you all want to push this thing through," said Ald. Cooper. "Why don't you give the man on Front street, whose land has been washed away, a few hundred dollars? I move that the city solicitor be empowered to fight the Reid claim."

Ald. Armstrong said that while Mr. Reid had profited by the building of the breakwater, he felt that it is always wise to keep out of a lawsuit. Consequently he would move that the

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mayor and No. 2 committee be empowered to settle the case.

Ald. Greenleaf said that despite the opinions of his learned friend, Ald. Cooper, he felt Mr. Reid has a case against the city, and he advised a settlement.

Some Byplay.

Ald. Cooper didn't like Ald. Greenleaf's reference and he shouted:

"Ald. Cooper knows more than you think he does." (Laughter.)

Ald. Forristal said if it wasn't for the breakwater, Mr. Reid wouldn't have a fence at all. He moved that Ald. Matthews and Armstrong be added to the committee named by Ald. Armstrong to settle the case.

Mr. Reid will accept \$500 for his claim, as he asked \$1,000 some time ago. The mayor also stated that it is the opinion of the city solicitor that Mr. Reid has a claim against the city.

Ald. Cooper again waxed eloquent, and began to elaborate upon the merits of the case.

"Say," interrupted his worship, "are you making another speech or are you asking a question?"

Ald. Cooper sat down.

The amendment of Ald. Armstrong was carried and the special committee will now try to settle the claim.

Paving Dundas Street.

The recommendation of No. 2 committee that prices for different classes of pavement for Dundas street, between Colborne and Adelaide, be asked for, aroused Ald. Cooper.

"What do you want to get prices for until you have the sewer fixed?" he asked.

Mayor Judd then left the chair and explained that he proposed getting the prices, so as to afford the city and the people the benefits of completion. If the prices are right, the best and cheapest class of pavement will be initiated.

"It will cost us very little to secure the prices," he said, "and for this very little we will be able to know exactly what we are doing."

The three classes of pavement it is proposed to secure prices on were asphalt, asphalt block and bitulithic.

"Why not have vitrified brick?" Ald. Matthews asked.

"Because we have asphalt on the west end, and asphalt and bitulithic on the east end," said the mayor.

Ald. Forristal said to not figure too much on what competition will do.

"We tried that before and we didn't do much," said the alderman.

"We got the cheapest pavement in London," replied his worship, "and it is now to be seen on Queen's avenue. If you had done as well on Richmond street last year, you would be all right."

The committee's recommendation was then carried, bituminous macadam being added to the list of pavements it is proposed to ask for prices on.

G. T. R. Changes.

General Manager Hays, of the Grand Trunk Railway, petitioned against the construction of the following works, as the company proposes to make changes in London, as will probably render all such improvements useless.

Against a 6-foot cement walk on the Wortley road, from Beaconsfield avenue to Stanley street.

Against a 5-foot cement walk on the north side of Bathurst street, between William and Adelaide.

Against a 6-foot cement walk on the North Bathurst, from Clarence to Wellington street. Referred to No. 2 committee.

The following communications were sent to No. 3 committee. From Col. J. C. McDougall for an electric light on Oxford street, between Adelaide and Elgin; streets; from John Mann & Sons, requesting rebate on street watering.

The London Trades and Labor Council asked for the usual grant of \$100. The Convalescent Home and the Charity Organization Society also asked for grants. All were sent to No. 1 committee.

City Clerk Baker presented a report of the workings of the civic offices in other cities, as observed by him on his recent trip east. No. 1.

Elijah Bavin, owner of lot No. 43, on North Regent street, asked the city, under the ditches and watercourses act, to construct a drain on Regent street, so as to benefit his and other properties. No. 2.

A Grievance.

The property-owners of the north side of Horton street, between Waterloo and Colborne, complained that a huge pile of telephone poles is allowed to pile up year after year on the street near the M. C. R. roundhouse.

In their communication to the council the people declare that they have suffered greatly through the presence of the Michigan Central yards, and they think the company is going too far when it occupies the streets. They asked that the pile of poles be removed at once. Referred to No. 2.

City Engineer Graydon wrote that he had, in accordance with instructions received from the council, ordered the fence taken down around the Imperial Bank, but that he thought in the interests of the citizens it should be allowed to remain up. No. 2.

Dugald Campbell, of 44 Egerton street, asked to be appointed inspector of sewers. Referred to the board of works.

Frank Leven, of London, asked to be appointed on the city hall staff if there is a vacancy in the near future. No. 1.

The Rambler Pleasure Club asked for the use of the city hall for an assembly on Friday, March 16. Granted on the usual terms.

The trustees of the Protestant Orphans' Home asked for the annual grant of \$500. No. 1.

St. Paul's United Evangelical Church, which is about to erect a new church on the northeast corner of Wellington and Grey streets, asked that the

taxes of last year be remitted. They are now charged against the property. No. 1.

Local Improvements.

The following local improvement petitions were received and referred to the board of works and assessment commissioner. Against a cement walk on North Tecumseh avenue, High street to west limits of the city;

against a cement walk on Carfrae street; against a cement walk on West Maitland street, Huron to Regent streets; against a cement walk on East Maitland street, Grosvenor to Cheapside; against a cement walk on the east side of William street, Oxford to Piccadilly street; against a cement walk on West Park avenue, from Central avenue to Kent street;

against a cement walk on the east side of Maitland street, Nelson street to Philip; against cement walk on west Edward street, Langarth to Wray street;

against cement walk on East Colborne street, Cheapside to Victoria street; against a cement walk on East Edith street, Mount Pleasant avenue to Charles street; against a cement walk on North Victoria street, Wellington to Waterloo street; against a cement walk on the south side of Bent street, Wellington road east to the river; for a cement walk on East Orchard street, for a cement walk on Central avenue, English to Ontario street; for a cement walk on South Empress avenue, between a point opposite the east limits of lot 89, South Argyle street, and Argyle street; for a cement walk on Colborne street, both sides, between Horton and Simcoe.

Street Railway Service.

Ald. Cooper gave notice of motion to have the city solicitor deal with the London Street Railway, which he alleges is giving the people a miserable service, especially on the Hamilton road and Oxford street line.

The council accepted the recommendation of No. 1 committee against the allowance of income taxes under five dollars, be collected in one installment and at the time when the first payment is due.

Ald. Wyatt read the report of the manufacturers committee, in which it was stated that the American editors will be invited here in June, and he asked that the sum of \$500 be granted the committee for entertainment purposes. It was decided to allow this matter to stand over until the estimates are taken up.

Illuminated Signs.

On motion of Ald. Matthews, the council put through a resolution compelling the merchants who have illuminated signs to keep them lighted only until 10 o'clock each night, instead of 12 o'clock, as formerly demanded by the city.

The alderman explained that some of the merchants pay as much as \$3.50 a night to keep their signs lighted until midnight, and this was considered a hardship.

Ald. Booth gave notice of motion to have the city engineer attend all meetings of the council in the future.

The council allowed the proposed construction of the new trunk sewers in the southeast end of the city, and in South London to remain over until the estimates are taken up.

Ald. Booth gave notice of motion to compel the Masonic Temple Company to place fire escapes on the building forthwith. If the company does not comply with the order, the officers are to be prosecuted.

WANT COMPANY TO WATER STREETS

Council Think the Street Railway way Can Do the Work Satisfactorily.

The city council last night again took up the matter of awarding a tender to the London Street Railway Company to water the streets traversed by the company's tracks, and after a quarter of an hour's discussion, concluded to have a special committee wait upon Manager King and come to an agreement whereby the company will do the work this year.

Ald. Matthews, chairman of No. 3 committee, has all along opposed the giving of the contract to the company, raising various objections to the work being taken out of the hands of the contractors of past years, and last night he spoke against the proposal, which was originated by Ald. Gillean. However, he consented to act on the committee named by the council to meet Mr. King.

Ald. Garratt brought the matter up by asking what No. 2 committee had done in regard to street watering this year.

Ald. Matthews replied that the committee had done nothing save to instruct the city engineer to call for tenders for the work for the coming year. This, of course, meant that the street railway proposition was to be shut out and the council did not like the idea.

Ald. Garratt then moved, seconded by Ald. Wyatt, that the tender of the London street railway be accepted, for a term of one year, instead of ten years, as the council has not the power to make an agreement for more than one year.

The company's offer is for \$100 a mile, three waterings a day, for the season, the work to be done in accordance with the wishes of No. 2 committee, and the city engineer.

"This is a tremendous saving," said Ald. Garratt. "Sometimes it has cost the city as high as \$300 a mile."

Ald. Matthews said No. 3 committee will oppose the giving of the contract to the street railway unless the company agrees to pay for any extra cost incurred by the city for watering, if the sprinkler should be smashed or put out of business.

Finally, it was decided to have the chairman of No. 3, the city engineer and city solicitor meet Mr. King and come to an agreement, when they will report back to the council.

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