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The Pavement Question Disposed of by Council

Ratepayers Must Not Specify Brand of Roadway Wanted.

Ald. Cooper Says Some Local Churches Are Death-Traps.

Suggestions Made By the Canadian Fire Underwriters—Claims For Damages—A Brief Meeting.

The city council of 1904 is making a record for itself in the matter of expediting business. Last night it again had its hustling habits on, and the city fathers found it possible to quit the city hall at a quarter of 10. To be sure, the business was somewhat light, but it doesn't always follow that because there is a dearth of business there will be a dearth of eloquence or aldermanic oratorical flights in the council chamber.

The most important act of last night's meeting was the ratification by the council of the recommendation of No. 2 committee that ratepayers be allowed to say what kind of pavement they wish to be put down, but they must not specify any particular brand. Some discussion was engendered before the action was taken by the council, but it was over minor matters, for the most part, that the few verbal battles of the evening were waged.

TOOK UP A SUBSCRIPTION.

A lively tilt took place over a motion made by Ald. Cooper to remit the taxes of a widow who resides on the south side of the city. The lady in question is paralyzed, but owns her own little home. Something like \$30 back taxes are owing on the place, and Ald. Cooper asked that a portion of this sum be remitted.

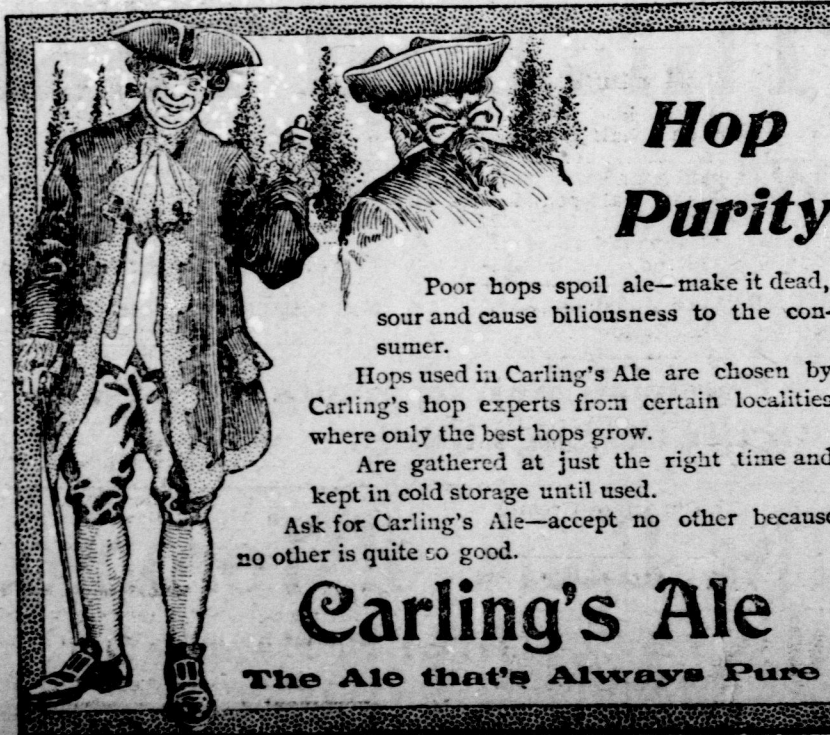
The mayor, however, objected, and asked that inspector McCallum's report on the case be read. The report stated that the case was not one for charity. The lady had an income of \$5 a week, and had a lodger who paid \$1 a month rent. She had also a piano and a nicely furnished house.

Ald. Cooper explained that the piano belonged to the niece, who was taking care of the old lady, and that in such weather as this \$5 a week did not go very far. Nevertheless, the council refused to grant the exemption of taxes, and Ald. Cooper grew wrathful. The mayor then said that he would sooner take the money out of his own pocket than grant the exemption, and, suitably to the words, started a subscription. In a minute or two \$14 was raised, and this would be paid the tax collector on the widow's back taxes.

FIRE BRIGADE MATTERS.

Mr. J. H. Bascom, secretary of the Canadian Underwriters' Association, wrote the council as follows: "The Fire Brigade—Our association desires to extend their sorrow over the death of your chief, while on duty. We would be glad to learn of the appointment of an efficient and energetic successor, as it is of the utmost importance in your city, where your fire-extinguishing appliances are limited and water pressure is low, that the brigade make the very best possible use of the means at their disposal. We would like to know if any regulations have been made for the inspection of the business blocks in the center of your city so that the foremen and chief of the brigade may become thoroughly familiar with them."

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WANTS HIS MONEY BACK.

A point of law which is sure to have some effect on the city's tax account was brought to light by a letter received from Bucke & Bucke, of Sarnia, a legal firm acting on behalf of Mr. P. E. Bucke, a former Londoner. The communication explains itself and as follows:

Sarnia, Feb. 15, 1904.
Mr. P. E. Bucke, formerly of London, a supernumerary civil servant, from whom during the years 1898-1903 inclusive, you have wrongfully collected an assessment upon his supernumerary allowance (paid under protest) now, in view of the decision of Judge Liddell, sitting at Ottawa, a summary of which is as follows: "Held, that the supernumerary allowance of a civil servant of the Federal Government is not taxable for any local municipal purposes, by any act or authority of the Legislature of the Dominion."—demands that you refund him the money so wrongfully collected from him, with interest, amounting to \$143 10.

MEDAL FOR A FIREMAN.

Ald. Cooper brought up the matter of presenting a medal to Fireman Robinson, who, it is said, saved the life of Fireman Robinson at the Sterling fire by catching the latter when he was falling down a ladder. It was referred to No. 1 committee.

On motion of Ald. Forrester it was decided to have the fire bylaw amended so as to give the fire chief greater powers, necessary for the proper discipline of the fire department.

It was also decided to advertise for streets which residents desired to be sprinkled this year, outside the regular area which is watered each year, the names of the streets to be in the council's hands not later than March 1. The council ratified the action of the manufacturers' committee in offering the American china factory, of Youngstown, Ohio, exemption from taxation for five years if they establish a factory in London.

CLAIM FOR DAMAGES.

E. W. Scatterer, on behalf of Geo. Hart, put down a motion for damages alleged to have been sustained by him through a fall occasioned by the snow piled up at the sides of the street railway tracks at Horton and Richmond streets. Mr. Hart claims the city is liable. Referred to No. 2 committee.

Mary Helen Parke asked for permission to open up a street 50 feet wide on her property on Ridout street south of the law courts. No objection shall be opened up on private property of less width than 66 feet. Referred to No. 2 committee.

Sheriff Cameron wrote to say he was glad the city appreciated the work performed on the breakwater by the prisoners at the Central Prison, and that he thought it might be possible to keep some of the prisoners in London, who are now sent to the Central Prison, and that he would be put to work on the breakwater. The letter was filed for reference.

OTHER MATTERS.

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An electric light on the Ridgeway in South London. Referred to No. 3 committee.

The application of C. G. Morehead and others for an electric light at the corner of Dufferin avenue and Elizabeth street, was also referred to No. 3 committee.

F. W. Fortner asked to be appointed second engineer at the central fire hall. Referred to No. 2.

George B. Nash asked for the free use of the city hall on the evening of March 1 for an entertainment of the Chosen Friends, and the request was granted.

Thomas J. Le Secler and others petitioned to have Dufferin avenue opened up from its present termination at English street, through to Ontario street. The petition will be dealt with by the board of works.

With the exception of Ald. Judd, all the aldermen were present.

THE OFFER MADE BY THE BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY IS FINAL

So Says the District Superintendent—Canadian Offer Fully Explained—Action Deferred.

The special meeting of the finance committee of the city council, called to consider the offer for a franchise received from the Bell Telephone Company and the Canadian Telephone and Telegraph Company, last evening decided to postpone action on both offers for some time, in order that the proposals made by the city of Toronto to the Bell Telephone Company may be thoroughly investigated, and if possible an offer secured from the same company for London.

Ald. Judd was in the chair, and Mayor Beck, Alds. Stevely, Cooper and Becher, Mr. E. T. Smith, or Toronto, the superintendent of the Bell Telephone Company, Mr. J. L. Richmond, local manager of the Bell, and Mr. P. J. Leonard, the general manager of the Canadian company, were present.

The chairman read the offers of both companies. The Canadian concern offered to pay \$1,000 for a competitive franchise, and to fix a rate of 22¢ a year for residence 'phones and 35¢ a year for business 'phones, or both for \$50.

The Bell Company asked an exclusive franchise, for which they were prepared to pay \$250, the rate to be the same as now charged—\$20 for a house 'phone, \$40 for a Blake transmitter business 'phone, and \$45 for long distance equipment.

After some preliminary discussion as to the offer made Toronto by the Stark Company, in which the aldermen seemed to take a great interest, it was decided to hear the representatives of the rival companies, the Canadian Telephone and Telegraph Company's representative speaking first.

MR. LEONARD EXPLAINS.

Mr. Leonard stated that though he had not made any comparisons himself, he could not but admit the statement of the Bell Company, the figures of his company were really lower than the Bell's. If his company were asking for an exclusive franchise they might be expected to offer London more money, but for a competitive franchise he thought the offer a good figure. All over the United States the dual system of 'phones had been found to be satisfactory. In some cities of the United States the dual system had saved the subscriber \$50 a year. Ottawa had sent a deputation to many places to study the dual system, and the deputation had reported in favor of it. He was prepared to go ahead and demonstrate to the people of London that they could get a first-class service at a cheaper rate.

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charged \$48 50 for a 'phone. He said also that at one time he had a 'phone upstairs in his factory, connected with the one downstairs, but now he could not get such a 'phone put in. He was told he would have to pay for another complete circuit.

Mr. Richmond said the reason for this was that a new switchboard arrangement had been put in by the Bell Company.

Ald. Stevely wanted to know why the veterinary surgeons were made to pay \$40 for a 'phone, which was given to a doctor or a dentist for \$25?

Mr. Smith's answer to this was that he never could see why the doctors and dentists were accorded special favors anyway.

Ald. Judd—How would Mr. Smith like to consider an agreement with London similar to what Mr. Stark has offered Toronto?

Mr. Smith—Not at all. We wouldn't do so. And as regards the rate charged veterinary surgeons, that is a matter for the head office to deal with.

Mr. Richmond explained that one-third, or about 500 of the subscribers in the city had 'phones, and some of them paid the company less than \$18 a year.

In reply to Ald. Judd, Mr. Smith said that the offer the company had made the city was the best the company could do. This was absolute.

THE STARK OFFER.

During the discussion which followed the hearing of the representatives of the telephone companies, it was brought out by Mr. Smith that the Stark Company were able to offer such low figures to Toronto as that the company proposed to use the same wires for lighting the city and for telephone service.

In some quarters there was a disposition to force Mr. Leonard to commit himself as to whether his offer was final, but the Ottawa man refused to be cornered. He maintained a silence until the mayor proposed to allow both offers to lay over until the Stark Company could be heard from.

Mr. Leonard hereupon remarked that he didn't think it would be fair for the city to use his company as a means to pull a better offer out of the Bell people, and then throw the Canadian Company overboard.

Mr. Leonard was assured, however, that his company would receive fair treatment at the hands of the city. It was then decided to report progress to the council, and to secure all the information possible before granting a franchise to any company.

TORONTO'S BIG FRAUD

Court Drops the Assessment Scandal for Election Inquiry.

Toronto, Feb. 16.—The investigation into the assessment rolls was continued yesterday morning before Judge Morgan. The new feature of the morning was the recital of a dialogue which took place a year ago between Chief Clerk J. C. Forman and City Clerk Littlejohn. Forman said that a year ago Littlejohn had told him that there would perhaps be a row over the padded list and gave Ald. Starr as the name of the one who knew of it and might begin the investigation into the municipal election frauds today and continue it every day until March 1, when the sessions will open. As a consequence the assessment roll investigation was adjourned at 1 o'clock yesterday until some date in March.

Judge Morgan said it was highly important that the more serious inquiry, that into the election frauds, should proceed at once. Already death had diminished the evidence by removing one material witness, Judge Winchester pointed out that if his recommendations, as a result of the investigation, were to be effective they should be supported by all the evidence available and should be made before the Legislature rises.

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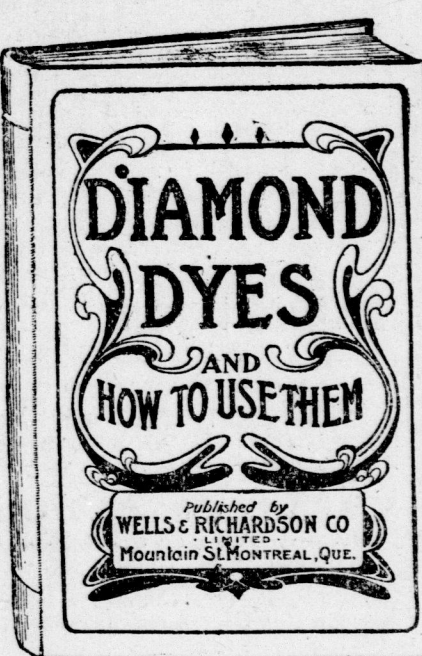
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At Acamouth—Montfort, from St. John; At Liverpool—Canadian, from Boston; Canada, from Portland.

At Glasgow—Carthagenian, from Philadelphia; Albatross, from Portland.

At Bremen—Frankfurt, from New York.

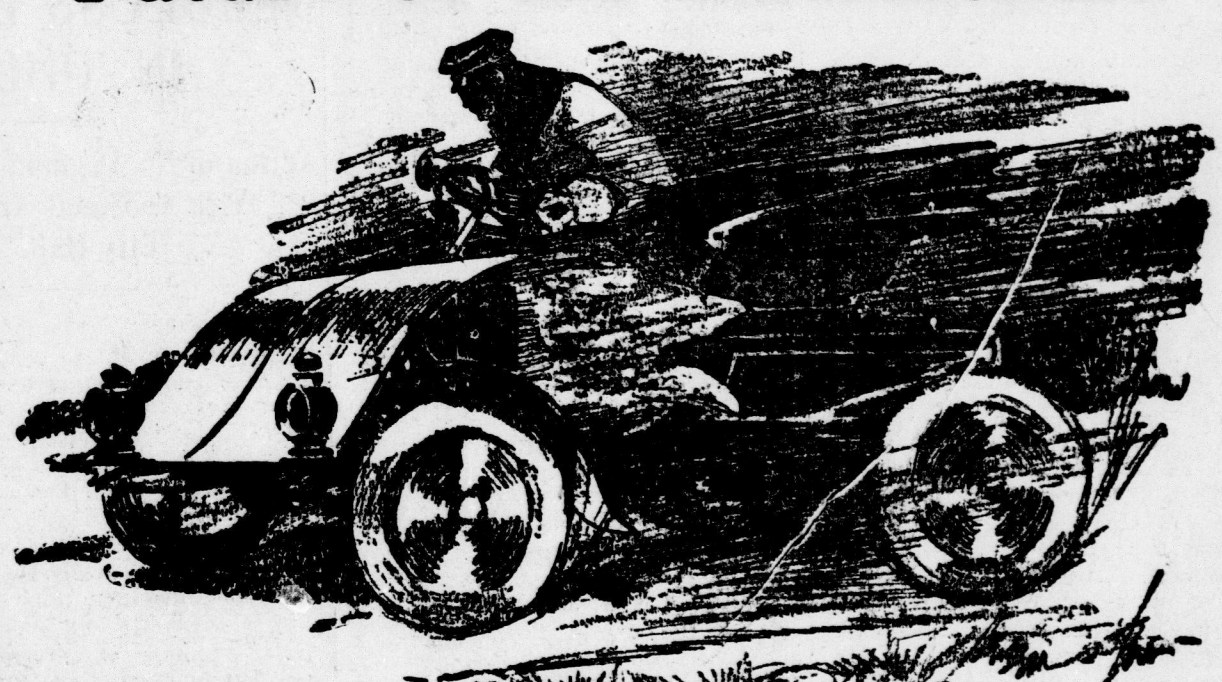
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