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COUNCIL ONCE MORE AGITATED OVER RAILWAY SWITCHES— CONCESSIONS TO MINERAL WELL PROMOTERS GRANTED.

With the gentle patter of the rain making music on the roof of the city hall, the municipal legislators, to the number of six, assembled shortly after eight o'clock last night in fortnightly session. Those present when the proceedings opened were, Ald. Sulman, Stephens, McKeough, Marshall, Liddy and the Mayor. Ald. Fleming came in shortly after. Although the august body sat until nearly 10:30 o'clock there was little done that could not have been accomplished in less than an hour.

For not the first time this year the session was prolonged by the more or less heated discussion of the differences which exist between the city and the Lake Erie & Detroit River Railway Company. The majority of these differences, apparently, exist for the most part in the minds of certain aldermen. However, in spite of this, the wrongs, real or fancied, were dragged forth again last night and paraded before the eyes of the aldermen, while Mr. Tilson, the local agent, and Ald. Liddy kept the fun going. Mr. Tilson is by no means deficient in debating powers and he seized the opportunity last night to as far as possible place his company, its actions and intentions in a favorable light before the council. He held up his end of the argument well and several of the aldermen were visibly impressed by the different points which he threw out for their consideration.

COMMUNICATIONS.
The real business of the council opened with the presentation of communications.

Albert Sheldrick and S. E. Dennis asked for permission to call down town. Referred to Chief of Police.

Arthur Bedford asked for a reduction in taxes on a house lately purchased by him. Referred to finance.

A petition was received for a sidewalk on the east side of Prince street. Referred to City Clerk.

A petition for the removal of a plank sidewalk on the south side of Bond St., outside the city limits, was referred to the City Clerk, as was also a petition for a plank walk on the north side of Forest street, from Victoria to Delaware avenues.

The intention of the city to take the initiative in laying a granite sidewalk here was duly advertised in the papers, but the property owners do not read the papers and consequently did not know that a granite sidewalk was to be laid until the workmen began. According to the by-law the work on the granite sidewalk should have proceeded, and the Mayor was afraid that the council could not now change the walk.

Ald. McKeough assured His Worship that it would be all right, as the property was not valuable enough to warrant a granite sidewalk being put down.

The applications of Joseph Westmore and Wm. Fisher, for inspectorships on the King street pavement, were referred to the board of works.

Chief Jacques wrote, stating that the brake on the hook and ladder wagon was useless and that its present condition was dangerous. Referred to property committee.

Heretofore the phone in the City Clerk's office has been free, but now that one has been placed on his desk a rental of \$3.50 per year will be charged.

P. C. Dezella was ill three nights last week and Harry Dagneau filled his place. Dr. Holmes certified that Mr. Dezella was unable to fulfill his

duties and therefore Mr. Dagneau was paid \$3 for his services.

AN EVAPORATING FACTORY.

The following self-explanatory communication, which is of importance in view of the desire of the council that industries shall locate here, was received from R. J. Graham, who is at present running a large cheese manufacturing and evaporating factory in Belleville.

Belleville, Aug. 16, 1900.

Corporation of Chatham,

Dear Sir,—Some time ago, I applied for certain concessions for an evaporating plant which were not granted as originally proposed, but instead, exemption from taxes was granted only on account of another concern being prepared to do business in your town. I understand they have gone out of business and the property is offered for sale by the Bank of Montreal. I have moved my steam plant away from your place, but would be glad to fit up the Tighe property, purchase it, and operate it, provided you would be willing to do something to assist me in the matter. I presume you have no objection to exempting the premises from taxes under the old arrangement, but I would like a grant of \$200 per year for five years on condition that we pay out \$5,000 per annum for fruit and labor for this purpose.

I enclose an agreement recently made with the village of North Branch, Mich., in which they make us a better proposition, and which we have completed as you can see. The village of Norwich gave us the same kind of an arrangement. Stratford gave us a grant of \$400 straight for five years, and we are offered a free site, building and boiler at Port Burwell this season if we establish a plant there. Arkona also gave us \$400 and a free site. Let us know at the earliest possible date your decision in the matter. Yours truly,

R. J. GRAHAM.

His Worship referred this letter to the finance committee with a request for immediate action.

The Municipal Association will meet this year at London on September 11th and 12th. As several matters of vital interest to cities will be discussed it was decided that Chatham should honor the assembly by sending the Mayor down to assist the association in its deliberations. All his expenses will be paid.

BOARD OF WORKS.

Chairman McKeough of the board of works is reported as follows:

That we recommended no action in regard to the applications of H. Gonne and Hugh McKay for inspectorships of work on King street pavement.

That only remedy we know of to relieve the nuisance complained of by Jas. V. Rosworth is to have the Queen street sewer thoroughly flushed which will be done at once.—Carried.

Ald. Fleming read the following report from the property committee:—Re the C. P. R. and G. T. R. hog pens, we recommend that the matter be referred back to the city board of health with the suggestion that they consult the provincial board of health whose powers will enable them to adjust the difficulty.—Carried.

A SIDING DISPUTE.
When the time for notices of motion came round Ald. Fleming arose and stated that he had found on his desk a by-law to allow the L. E. & D. R. Ry. to run a siding across Prince street into their new yard on the south side of Colborne street. He did not know anything about such a by-law and he would like considerably more information upon the subject before introducing it.

"This matter has not come up before in the council in the regular way," said the alderman, "the company should have seen the council with regard to it first and then the by-law could have been drawn up."

L. E. Tilson, the local agent, was called to the railing and said:—We have done nothing as yet on Prince street. We wish the by-law to be passed & we lay a rail.

Ald. Fleming—I do not wish to obstruct the company but this thing should be seriously considered before anything is done. Who drew up that by-law?

City Clerk Merritt—I drew it up under the instruction of the city solicitor.

Mayor Smith—Now, Mr. Tilson, while your company is asking favors from the city, we are going to come back at you with a request for reciprocity. Would it be possible for you to take up the blind spur on Colborne street east of the C. P. R. track?

Mr. Tilson—I think it could be done. The Mayor—The Lake Erie Co. is asking for privileges from us and should therefore give us what we ask. Mr. Tilson—I am almost certain the track could be torn up as far as J. J. Cousens's line fence.

Ald. Liddy—That track does no good there, except to one man who unloads logs on the street.

The Mayor—Just as soon as the tracks have been placed in the new yards, I will take it upon myself to stop all unloading and loading on the street.

Mr. Tilson—The cars do not stand on the siding after they are loaded.

Ald. Liddy—Maybe Mr. Tilson is not just on the spot all the time and so does not know exactly whether the cars stand there or not. I know what I am talking about, because I have seen the cars myself.

Ald. Sulman finally moved, seconded by Ald. Marshall, that, if the track on Colborne street from the C. P. R. track, to Cousens's ashery be taken up, then the council will pass the by-law.

Ald. McKeough to Mr. Tilson—Should the company run a spur across William street into the city's yard on Colborne street?

Mr. Tilson—I think it could be done. Ald. Sulman—Every street across a street lessens the value of that street. I don't approve of it.

Mr. Tilson—If the city would assist us and make reasonable concessions, I verily believe that we are obliged to use any street in the city for our tracks.

Ald. Liddy—I move in amendment to Ald. Sulman's motion, that the company be asked to take up all the dead end on Colborne street, east of the main line.

Ald. Fleming—I second that. After more argument, questioning and cross-questioning, Ald. Fleming said:—We are none of us familiar with the circumstances. I think it would be better to appoint a committee to look over the ground before anything is done.

The Mayor—After viewing the premises we could have a special meeting and decide whether or not we will make any concessions.

Ald. Fleming named as his committee, the Mayor, Ald. Sulman, McKeough, and the property committee.

Ald. Stephens—There is no use in postponing this question. The majority of us are thoroughly conversant with the situation.

Ald. Fleming—If you know all about it you needn't go.

Mr. Tilson—Every hour wasted means an expensive delay to us. If the by-law were passed, we could go ahead to-morrow morning, and lay the track into our yards.

The Mayor—I will never sign the by-law until the dead end on Colborne street is torn up.

Ald. Sulman—I will vote for the by-law, as soon as the company does that.

Ald. Marshall—The L. E. & D. R. want to put in this siding at once, I believe that Mr. Woollett will give the city anything in reason. These special meetings are rather dubious, and only cause delay.

Ald. Fleming's amendment was put and lost, only Ald. Liddy and himself voting for it.

Ald. Sulman's original motion carried the year being, Sulman, Stephens, McKeough and Marshall, and the Mayor, Fleming and Liddy. The Mayor did not vote on either the amendment or the motion.

CAUSES OF COMPLAINT.
Ald. Sulman called the attention of the board of works to a bad crossing at the corner of Grey and Lacroix streets.

Ald. Stephens asked the chairman of parks and cemeteries when the grass on the park was to be cut.

Ald. Sulman promised to have it done at once.

Ald. McKeough enquired from Ald. Sulman as to whether it was not possible to have the paths in the cemetery, under which the drains were laid last year, levelled and made fit to walk upon.

Ald. Sulman—It shall be done at once.

Ald. Liddy—I would like to inform the board of works that some person has broken the granite sidewalk at the corner of Prince and Murray Sts., by moving a house over it.

Everyone looked at Ald. Marshall, and a laugh went round at his expense.

The Mayor—Ald. Liddy is perfectly right.

Ald. Marshall—If any of our fellows broke that pavement it shall be settled for.

Ald. Liddy also recommended to the board of works, for their earnest consideration, the fact that the ditches at the east end of King street were being filled up with earth and that thus when heavy rain falls the road-bed is converted into a lake.

Ald. McKeough promised that all these matters should be attended to.

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Yarker, Ont., and a carriage spring manufactory, of Owen Sound, are leaving their present places of abode and are coming west. They would like to know what inducements Chatham can offer. The finance committee will communicate with them.

Ald. Stephens and Sulman had been considering the Graham letter and now recommended that the finance committee be empowered to ask Mr. Graham to come here and see the council or the committee.

TENDERS RECEIVED.
The following tenders for the Wellington street sewer were received:

Lynch & Lynch—Sewer proper, 35 cents per foot, house connections 35 cents, catch basins 35 cents, drain tile sewer 20 cents, catch basins \$5 apiece, manholes \$5 apiece.

John Bosant—The whole work, \$98. C. Hill, \$90. Richard Stevens, \$85.50. Light & Fielder, \$83. Thomas Martin, \$85.

These tenders were all referred to the board of works with power.

The tenders for cleaning out manholes were not opened, as there is one tender to come in yet. There are about 70 catch basins to be cleaned.

THE MINERAL BATHS.
The by-law to authorize the making of an agreement between the city of Chatham and the Chatham Mineral Water Company, Limited, provoked considerable discussion. There was no exemption from taxation on clause in the by-law, as the City Solicitor says that it would be illegal. The proposals simply provide for the granting of a corner of Victoria Park for bath houses and the exclusive right to pipe water along the street thence to the well.

Ald. Marshall was in favor of making the agreement provided that any of the citizens may walk on the grounds situated on Victoria Park without being in danger of arrest for trespassing.

Ald. Stephens thought that the council should be careful in giving the exclusive right to pipe the street.

Ald. Liddy—You did the same thing just now when you voted for Ald. Sulman's motion on the railway question.

When all the objections had been disposed of, the by-law was successfully passed.

A by-law to adopt the engineer's report to the city macadam road on Colborne street and another authorizing the construction of a plank sidewalk on the North side of King street, easterly to the city limits, were put through the necessary stages with Ald. Marshall in the chair.

ACCOUNTS PASSED.
Water account, police cost, \$7.50. George Lamperd, \$4.00.

John McKay, \$1.50. Fay sheets, \$28.45. Backus & Dennis, \$7.58.

J. & J. Odershaw, \$102.78. Edward Kemp, \$21. G. T. R. freight, \$60. G. T. R. freight, \$109.92.

John Piggott & Sons, \$69.50. One half cost of cement, tester, \$65. Bell Telephone Co., \$3.15. Dominion Express Co., 60 cents. Hay for fire department, \$12.84. Erecting electric light poles, \$3.75. Moses Robinson, \$30.

Hill Telephone Co., \$16.43. McCorvie & McKerrall, \$3.97. Union Electric Co., \$3. Park Bros., 77c. Diamond Glass Co., \$12. Water for fire hall, \$10. C. P. Ry., freight on bricks, \$553.04.

ACCOUNTS REFERRED.
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