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Tax Rate Will Likely Be 22 Mills Meeting To Be Held Tuesday Night

When the Matter Will Be Finally Settled—Last Night's Jarring.

The tax rate was not struck last night, although No. 1 committee wrestled with the problem for some hours. The estimates for the finance committee were the chief consideration, and they were found to be but little higher than last year.

Both Mayor Stevely and Ald. Beattie, chairman of No. 1 committee, are now hopeful of a 22-mill rate.

"We have done well so far," said Mayor Stevely at the conclusion of the session. "If we can get out of raising the \$7,000 for sinking fund and interest for the Niagara power plant, I think we can get a 22-mill rate. That is, of course, provided the council does not put some extra expense on us at the meeting."

The figures were handed to Auditor Jewell, who will strike the rate at a special meeting to be held on Tuesday night before the council meeting.

Number One's Estimates.

The estimates for No. 1 committee were not much higher than last year, the increases being small. The figures are as follows:

Law expenses	\$1,500
Printing	4,250
Election expenses	1,250
Insurance	1,000
Police force benefit fund	500
Refund taxes	2,000
Incidentals	1,250
Compensation for injuries	2,000
Salaries	25,200
Coroners' inquests	600
Debiture expenses	200
Band concerts	700
London and Port Stanley, current expenses	500
Election expenses, waterworks by-law	1,300
Total	\$42,950

The Water Vote.

There were no marked increases in any of the items over the past year, and the majority of them were considerably lower. The only large item to be noted was that of \$1,300, which was placed in the estimates for the vote to be taken on the waterworks by-law.

Ald. Beattie declared that it was practically certain that since the vote on the waterworks by-law, the council had to prepare for it.

Middlesex Lady Dies in the West

The Osnabrock, Dakota Independent of April 9th says: This week we are called upon to record the death of an old-time resident, Mrs. Mott, widow of the late Enoch Mott. Death occurred on Tuesday afternoon, but a week after a second stroke of paralysis. In July last the deceased suffered a paralytic stroke, from which she never fully recovered, affecting the use of speech and the use of the right hand, but regaining strength physically and mentally otherwise. Since that time a second attack completely paralyzed the entire right side, nevertheless leaving the intellect as bright as ever and only the lack of speech noticeable in her expressive countenance. Twelve or four hours previous to her death she relapsed into unconsciousness and at last passed peacefully into the great beyond.

Deceased, who was born in Oxford County, Ont., in 1837, removed at an early age to Middlesex County, in the vicinity of Parkhill. At the age of 18 she married a neighbor boy, Enoch Mott. For fifteen years she has been a resident of the Soper district, and for miles around many are found to-day paying tribute to the memory of one who made time to minister to the wants of those afflicted or in distress. Always most hospitably inclined it was indeed a pleasure to be associated with her in the comfortable home, participating in the pleasures of one who felt it "more pleasure to give than receive." Following her husband to the everlasting home after a brief interval of five months again emphasizes the fact that "leaf by leaf we drop and die." Deceased was a consistent member of the Baptist Church, with most liberal views, and, as should be said, the evidence of faith in the living of it.

The family now here is composed of the following: Mrs. Geo. A. Sprout, Edwin D. and Ernest C., with a son Ezra living in Ontario. We are requested to herewith express thanks for the manifold acts of kindness so sensibly appreciated by the doubly bereaved ones, so soon called upon to sever the ties of both father and mother's thoughtfulness.

The funeral will take place from the Mt. Zion Church this Thursday at 2 p.m. Interment at the Soper cemetery.

DESTRUCTIVE FIRE IN ST. CATHERINES

Estimated Loss Over \$150,000—A Hundred Men Thrown Out of Work.

St. Catharines, April 16.—The big plant of the Whitman Barnes Manufacturing Company, situated on the Welland Canal between this city and Merriton, was completely destroyed by fire at one o'clock this morning. The loss will run over one hundred thousand dollars.

The burned factory was the Canadian branch of the firm of that name, and was the smallest of three branches. The cause of the fire, which is believed to have started in the boiler-room, is a mystery. Two men were at work in the building at the time, and so quickly did the fire spread that they had to run for their lives.

One hundred men are thrown out of work by the fire. General Manager Elliott says the loss may run up to \$150,000, the insurance carried totals \$105,000.

The Rev. John Schaeffer, said to be the oldest minister in the world, celebrated his 102nd birthday anniversary on Nov. 22 at his home, near North Brenton, Ohio.

The estimate for coroners' inquests was increased \$100, as the expenses on that account had been heavy already.

Salary Increases.

The salary increase amounted to \$515. City Clerk Baker was raised from \$1,750 to \$1,900. Assessment Commissioner Grant was raised from \$1,750 to \$1,800. Parks Commissioner Pearce from \$850 to \$900. Police Court Clerk John Monte from \$800 to \$850. City Auditor Jewell from \$1,100 to \$1,200. Assistant Auditor A. Dale from \$550 to \$600. Inspector McCallum from \$900 to \$1,000. Miss Nora Toll from \$450 to \$500. H. A. Bennett from \$400 to \$425. A. E. Carrothers from \$75 to \$100 and George Tambling from \$125 to \$150. The two latter also receive salaries from the water commission.

Grants to Charity.

The grant to charitable objects was increased \$450.

Of this sum \$200 was allotted to the Victorian Order of Nurses, a new grant, and \$250 to the Home for Incurables.

This was due to the fact that the cost of maintenance per week had been raised from \$2 per patient to \$2.50 per patient. The grants were as follows:

W. C. A.	\$200
Home for Incurables	1,500
Infants' Home	100
St. Joseph's Home	300
Y. M. C. A.	150
St. Vincent's Home	100
Convalescent Home	100
Salvation Army Rescue Home	200
Victorian Order of Nurses	200
Children's Aid	750
Charity Organization	200
Protestant Orphans' Home	500
Aged Women's Home	1,500
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\$1,000 for Aid Boys.

The Old Boys' Association was granted \$1,000.

The sum of \$5,000 was placed in the estimates for the Western University.

The sum of \$100 was granted to the Trades and Labor Council for the Labor Day.

The sum set apart for the band concerts was \$700, the same as last year.

A sum of \$1,000 was struck off. This was for a new system of lavatories for the city hall.

The Seventh Regiment Rifle Association was granted \$250, the same as last year. Those present were: Ald. Beattie, Ald. Ferguson, Ald. Parsons, Ald. Stevenson, Mayor Stevely and City Auditor Jewell.

CREW SAVED VILLAGE

Puce Residents Awakened in Time by Shrieks of Locomotive.

Windsor, April 16.—The village of Puce, situated on the Grand Trunk, about 20 miles east of here, narrowly escaped being wiped off the map this morning.

Fire broke out in the general store of Capt. John Stone, who also has the post-office, and but for the timely warning by the crew of a passing train, the whole community would have been laid low.

Capt. Stone and his family, together with Miss Henry, a school teacher, barely got out of the burning building in time. The store, contents and household effects were destroyed, with a loss of \$3,000.

The residents heard repeated shrieks of the locomotive whistle, and formed themselves into a volunteer bucket brigade and did heroic work.

SENSATIONAL MURDER

Hungarian Miner Kills Companion in Front of a Church.

Pittsburg, April 16.—During services at the Hope Church, between Hays and Willock Station, near here, last night a Hungarian miner shot and killed a companion in front of the edifice. The dying man's cries attracted the congregation, which rushed from the church greatly alarmed. The horrified churchgoers ministered to the victim and captured the murderer.

The Grand Duke Alexis, the Czar's son, now in his fourth year, is one of the handsomest of the royal children in Europe.

THREE DUMPS FOR THE CITY

Board of Works Recommends Them—Nelson Street Not To Be Opened.

City Engineer Graydon, at the meeting of the board of works last night, reported on suitable sites for dumps, as requested by the board of health.

A dump could be located at the foot of Adelaide street, on the McClary property. Another dump could be made on the property of Thomas Fox, at the corner of Trafalgar and Rectory streets.

A dump could also be made on the city property on Douglass avenue, near the river.

Another dump could be located on the Collins lot near the Saunby dam, and still another on the gravel pit at Cheap-side and Wellington streets.

Mr. Graydon thought that a man could be got to look after the dumps for \$1 a day.

Important Matter.

Ald. Rose said that the matter of dumps was of great importance, and that there should be three dumps. One of these dumps should be so located that objectionable material might be dumped in it, as there would certainly be objections to the dumping of such refuse near residences. There should be a dump in the north, one in the west, and one in the eastern part of the city. A man should be employed to look after the dumps and keep them in order.

He moved that the city engineer and Ald. Gerry choose three dumps out of the number suggested by Mr. Graydon, and employ men to supervise them.

The motion carried.

Nelson Street.

The Nelson street opening was again before the committee, and it was decided to employ a man to level the street off from time to time as required. City Engineer Graydon will dump the street sweepings into the holes to give the residents of that street a way out, but it will not be opened through to Wellington street.

Queen's Place.

The petition for a sidewalk on Queen's place was discussed. City Engineer Graydon reported that the street had not been registered, but was still private property. He advised the committee not to lay the sidewalk, but would suggest a grant of half the cost, the residents to undertake the work. If the city maintained the street it would be liable in case of accident.

Mayor Stevely thought that the council would be liable for accident in case a grant was made, as that could be construed to mean maintenance. The status of the city in this matter was not very clear, and the city engineer was asked to report on the matter at the next meeting.

Proposed Lavatories.

The tenders for the new lavatories for the city hall, were opened, but as they were considerably higher than the estimated cost, \$1,000, it was decided to leave this matter over until another year. In the meantime improvements to cost \$200 will be made to them.

Parks Commissioner Pearce applied for a roller for the new lavatories, but it was decided to use the roller owned by Mr. W. J. Reid, and to pay \$10 towards repairing it.

City Engineer Graydon reported that he had written the London Electric Company regarding the condition of Thames street, and also to the Kingston Electric Company, asking them to raise the street railway tracks on Thames street one foot.

Those present were: Ald. Gerry, chairman; Ald. Stewart, Ald. Rose, Ald. Saunders, Mayor Stevely and City Engineer Graydon.

City Hall Lighting.

The report of City Engineer Graydon on the lighting of the city hall was read. He pointed out that a very considerable amount of money was spent by the city for lighting the hall for concerts and entertainments, and suggested that all parties for the lighting in this way the city would save at least \$250 a year.

Ald. Ferguson thought that the expense of lighting the hall should at least be paid, and he moved that all parties using the city hall be compelled to pay for the lighting.

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COLLAPSE OF DAM

LOSS \$500,000

Schoolhouse, Railway Station and Other Structures Carried Away.

Butte, Mont., April 16.—Late estimates of the loss occasioned by the bursting of the Hauser Lake dam, north of Helena, based upon reports received by the mines from various points in the flood district, place the amount at about \$500,000, though this may be exceeded by about \$100,000 when a more detailed report is had from the more remote sections.

Early today the Missouri River at Great Falls was about three and the river would indicate that the flood had practically spent its force and the copper smelters of the Amalgamated at this point are not considered in any danger.

The greatest damage outside of the destruction of the dam was done at Craig, 40 miles north of Helena, where the school house, the railroad station, two general stores, two saloons and several residences were torn up and wrecked. Losses of herds of cattle are also reported by stockmen.

Union Wages.

The communication from the Trades and Labor Council asking that the city bylaw which calls for the union scale of wages on all city contracts be enforced, was read.

The committee was of the opinion that the bylaw should be enforced, and if it could not be enforced, it should be done away with.

Ald. Ferguson thought the bylaw a good one, and moved that the city engineer be instructed to see that it is enforced in all city contracts. The motion was adopted.

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