

EDMONTON IRON WORKS GETS STEEL CONTRACT

Local Firm Will Supply the Material for the Framework of the New Power House—Little New Business at Session of City Council.

Practically no new business from that under consideration on Monday evening came up before the city council on their regular weekly meeting on Tuesday night. In the absence of Mayor Lee who is visiting at the Coast, Alderman McNis is acting as chairman. All the aldermen but W. Garney, were present.

The council took up the matters under discussion on Monday night, and then, at first, decided to go into committee of the whole on the C.P.R. agreement, but afterwards adjourned till Thursday night to further discuss the agreement.

The request of A. J. Latourne, acting city engineer, for a horse and light rig to be used in connection with the stores and works departments and engineering department was granted.

The city solicitor and the health department were given power to prosecute J. Gainer & Co., for keeping hogs within the city limits in the Great East.

G. W. Leonard was given permission to construct window blocks and coal chutes in a building on Norwood boulevard according to plans which he submitted to the council.

Tender for Railway Grading.

The recommendation of Superintendent Taylor that the contract for grading five and one-half miles of streets for street car line be awarded to Lubbock and Matheson, whose tender was the lowest, was accepted.

The tender was Lubbock & Matheson \$1,925 per mile; Manders & Miller \$1,950 per mile; S. E. Patton \$2,985 per mile. The specifications call for the grading of the roadbed, laying of ties and steel ready for the rolling stock.

The tender of the Globe Lumber Co., Rollstone, B.C., for three cars of 30-foot poles and a double car of 40-foot poles was accepted on recommendation of the superintendent of the electric light and telephone departments.

The other tenders were Lindsey Bros., Fernie Lumber Co., and Clarkson Bros., Ymir, B.C.

The application of E. G. Oakshott of the water works department for an increase in salary was filed and he was ordered to be informed that all recommendations should come through the superintendent of the department.

The request of the Edmonton band for a weekly grant of \$45 for band concerts each week during the summer was referred to a special committee composed of Aldermen McNis, McKimley and Fraser.

The letter of Chief of the Fire Department R. G. Davidson, recommending that sties for sub-fire stations be procured near First street and near Newwood Boulevard and near Sixteenth street and Jasper Avenue was left over till next week in order that the commissioners procure options on suitable lots.

The communication of City Solicitor Brown asking whether he should defend the suit for \$400 damages against Chief of Police Lacey by Ex-Constable Howey was referred to city solicitor and the commissioners for a report.

Alderman Manson submitted the financial report for the week showing the expenditures to be \$13,046.01.

Steel Structural Contract.

The contract for the steel structure work in the new power house was awarded to the Edmonton Iron Works.

Through their tender was slightly higher than two others it was felt that it would be preferable to give the business to a local firm if possible.

Following is the report of the commissioners in full:

Attached you will find the result of tenders on the structural steel for the new power house extension, also a separate price for the elevated coils of 30 tons capacity. The prices are for completed steelwork i.e. b. b. and girders, etc., and are as follows:

Can Bridge Co. \$14,423 \$3,198 \$17,621

Ed'n Iron Works 14,404 2,365 16,769

Wisconsin Bldg Co. 16,460

North Supply Co. 13,419 4,600 18,019

Dom Bridge Co. 16,200

Ed'n Dia. Co. 14,988 2,400 17,388

From the above you will see that the Wisconsin Bridge & Iron Co. are the lowest tenderers. The Manitoba Ironworks are \$308 higher than the Wisconsin Bridge Co. and the Edmonton Ironworks \$309 higher than the same company. If the practice is followed of favoring the lowest tenderer this work should go to the Wisconsin Bridge Co. but if there is a feeling in favor of our own manufacturers it can be given to the Edmonton Ironworks at an increase in price of \$309, they being the only local manufacturer bidding. Any of the above companies are quite able to fulfill their contract in the time stated in their bids.

The purchase of a street railway water sprinkler from the Preston Car Co., Preston, Ont., for \$2,740, was ordered. This will cover all the street on which the rails run and allow the cars to be used in the residential parts of the city. The commissioners will ask for the delivery of the new sprinkler before the first of July.

Alderman Mawson suggested that the roof of the city hall should be repaired and the council chamber tiled and made more presentable.

Acting Mayor McNis asked what was being done with the earth taken from Fraser Avenue where the paving was to take place. He suggested that it be used on Jasper Avenue east. The acting city engineer stated that the earth was in part being stored and the remainder was

being used on the cross streets between Fraser and Namoy.

Want Better Building.

Acting Mayor McNis asked if it were not possible to make Mr. Watt, who was erecting a two-story wooden building at the corner of Rice and Queens Avenue, conform with the building by-law. Mr. Watt received his permit under the old by-law but did not start work till after the new by-law was passed which put the area in the first-class fire limits.

The city solicitor was instructed to give a written opinion on the question of whether or not the building was in violation of the by-law. Mr. Watt if he could be held liable.

Filters Ready in Two Weeks.

Alderman Armstrong inquired when the filtration system would be ready and commissioner McNaughton replied that it would be ready within two weeks. The river was not bad at present and the filter would be ready before the flood water came.

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MICHIGAN LEGISLATOR ATTACKED BY RUFFIAN

Wm. N. Shantz Victim of Murderous Assault—Five Slashes Inflicted With Razor—The Alleged Assailant Captured—Shantz May Die.

Lansing, Mich., May 11.—Representative Wm. N. Shantz, of Parry Co., was attacked on the street here tonight by an unknown man. Four slashes were inflicted in his throat. At the time of attack Mr. Shantz was going to his home on Lenawee street and met his assailant several blocks from the business part of the city.

As the man came up with Mr. Shantz he grasped him by the arm and said: "Here, I want you," at the same time beginning to cut with a razor. The razor was not bad at present and the filter would be ready before the flood water came.

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