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RATE WAS NOT STRUCK

Many Small Matters, However, Dealt With By Council

Traction Engines are Doing
Damage To City
Pavements

The regular meeting of the City Council last evening was attended by all the aldermen with the exception of Ald. Austin, who left a communication to Mayor Stone, in which he stated that it was impossible for him to be present, and that it would not be possible to strike the civic rate last night anyway, but that everything would be ready by the next regular meeting or a special meeting could be called for the purpose between now and that time.

THE LICENSE MONEY.
A communication was received from the License Inspector, certifying that the city's share from the licenses is \$1,515.47.

Residents in North Chatham wrote, asking the Council to have debris removed off Emma street.—Board of Works.

The City Engineer's report on a sewer on Jahnke street, was received.

SERIOUS NOISANCE.
A letter was received from City Engineer E. B. Jones, calling the attention of the Council to the fact that traction engines passing through the city are injuring the bitulithic pavements, and that the owners of the machines should be forced to take the cleats off the tires of the engines before they pass over paved streets. Mr. Jones advised that the Council should pass a traction engine by-law similar to the one in force in London, Ont. The Mayor referred the matter to the Board of Works, and the chairman of that committee will bring in a by-law on the matter at the next meeting of the Council.

FIREMEN APPOINTED.
Fire Chief Richard Pritchard recommended the appointment of Geo. Pritchard, Theo. Banks and Wm. Roberts as call firemen. The Fire Chief's recommendation was approved by the Council.

The Mayor stated that he had received two communications regarding the new gas engine plant which the city is purchasing for the electric light department, but as the matter is now all settled, he said it would not be necessary to read the letters.

THE ACCOUNTS.
The following accounts were ordered paid:

Con. Shea, \$4.50.
Chatham Gas Co., \$45.
Cemetery pay sheets, \$45, \$35.25.
Geo. Stephens & Co., 60c.
David Lee, \$3.75.
Mr. Church, 90c.
R. Riddle & Son, \$15.15, \$12.55, \$7.05.
Board of Works, Market and Local Improvement pay sheets, \$222.25, \$265.59, \$219.23.
J. & J. Oldershaw, \$50.14.
Park Bros., \$85.35, \$2.15.
Warren Bituminous Co., \$806.10, \$2,844.03.
G. T. R. Co., \$25.46.
Geo. Stephens & Co., \$3.60.
Hadley Lumber Co., \$64.29.
E. J. MacIntyre, \$550.
Chatham Gas Co., \$5.53.
McCall Bros. & Co., \$28.80.
National Carbon Co., \$240.
Park Bros., \$2.34.
Albert Bechard, \$3.50.
Moses Robinson, \$1.50.

ON A LONG TOUR

Mr. and Mrs. "Mac" Gardiner and daughter, Ed. Massey and Miss Fannie Massey have returned from a twelve days' tour in Mr. Gardiner's Chatham touring car. Some of the places visited during their trip were—Wardville, London, Brantford, Hamilton, St. Catharines, Buffalo, Rochester, and Syracuse. They returned by way of Port Huron and Detroit, arriving back in the Maple City last night.

The party had some novel experiences en route. While speeding through a rural section near Hamilton a county constable took occasion to use the telephone to advantage on them, sending on word that an auto was coming in at the rate of 50 miles an hour. At the next village they were met by an excited and motley-looking band of natives, armed with brooms, hay-forks, hoes, bad eggs and every other emergency weapon they could seemingly gather up. However, though they made a great deal of noise, they did not attempt to molest the party from Chatham, who were called to appear before the village "beak" and whizzed up an exorbitant fine. But autoists have no chance to appeal cases. They have to put up with whatever treatment they receive, and travel on.

At Niagara they put up at one hotel, where they were charged the enormous fee of \$27 for the party's lodging over night. This is practically daylight robbery, but autoists say that that sort of thing is by no means rare during a tour.

Despite these few harrowing incidents, the party enjoyed the trip very much, and the run was made without a hitch.

COUNCIL TO INVESTIGATE THE IMMIGRATION PERIL

Ald. Bullis Takes a Commendable Stand and Finance Committee will now make Inquiries—Serious Problem for City.

Only one alderman seemed to care to have anything to say about the immigration peril at last night's meeting of the City Council. He was Ald. S. Bullis, who thought that the Council should take some steps to prevent the wholesale dumping of these English people into Chatham. He thought that if these people did not get employment for the winter, as is evidently going to be the case, the city would have a serious problem to face.

Mayor Stone in reply, said that he would ask the Finance committee to make inquiries of Immigration Agent James Waugh about the matter.

Ald. J. G. Kerr wanted to know when the Council were going to take some steps towards bettering conditions at the Maple Leaf Cemetery.

The Mayor said that he was waiting for a chance to secure automobiles to take the aldermen out to the cemetery to look into the matter. In the meantime arrangements will be made for a trip to the cemetery before the next meeting of the Council.

ANOTHER PARK.
Reference was made by the Mayor to the fact that residents had been asking him to have the Council consider the matter of making a little park at the gore of Victoria avenue and Grant street.

Works favored this scheme, but he did not think it advisable that the Council should take it up this year.

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TWENTY LIVES WERE LOST

New York Tenement proves
An Awful Death
Trap

Majority Of Victims Are
Women and Children—
Fire and Explosion

New York, July 30.—After an all-night search of the ruins of the six-story tenement at No. 222 Christie street, which was burned shortly after midnight, the police announced that there were twenty victims of the fire.

The bodies of the dead were found in all sorts of unexpected places, in which persons had died after the fire broke out. Almost all of the bodies were burned beyond recognition, many to such an extent that it was impossible to distinguish the sex. A majority of the victims, the police believed, were women and children.

The burned building was one of those old-fashioned tenements common to the east side, with a store on the ground floor and the apartments upstairs crowded with tenants, mainly Italians.

The fire started in the store and swept through the building with such rapidity that a fifth of the 100 tenants in the place met a horrible death.

Another score, though they escaped with their lives, were more or less burned or otherwise injured.

A passer-by was attracted by the explosion, which apparently occurred on the basement floor. As he turned toward the building the whole front, with its flimsy fire-escapes, fell into the street and from the sagging floors a score of half-awakened persons dropped into the street.

Many of these were badly hurt, but they proved to be the more fortunate of the tenants, for in another moment the building was wrapped in flames and the cries of the persons burning to death rent the air.

In the wild panic that followed many suffered mortal injury. The police and firemen, who soon reached the scene, attempted to take the imperiled tenants from the side and rear windows, but few who were free to act did not wait for assistance, but jumped into the street.

Several who sought escape by a rear stairway were driven back by choking smoke. Some of these made their way through the fire to other exits, but more fell, overcome in the hall, to be dragged out insensible.

Of the dead and dying the larger part were women and children.

In the mad scramble for exit and safety, the stronger in most cases survived. The flames were not controlled until the building was practically in ashes, when the search for the bodies began.

PAINFUL ACCIDENT

Ridgetown, July 29.—Master Jack Mayhew had a narrow escape from serious injury Saturday night, and as it was had his face considerably cut and was badly shaken up.

He was in Paddy's ice cream parlors and passed through the door to the chemical laboratory of the drug store adjoining, where a trap-door was open, and through which he fell to the cellar floor, eight feet below. He was picked up by the clerk, who had just gone into the cellar, and while his injuries were found to be severe they were not of a fatal nature.

A widow says a husband is better late than never.

There's no love so expensive as that of a mother.

Some girls build romantic figures out of men who are exceedingly common place.

APPROACH IS TO BE PAVED

Cobblestone Between King
Street And Fifth St.
Bridge to be Torn Up

Ald. Stephens Objects To
Transient Trader Appeal
—C. W. & L. E. Trouble

The cobblestone pavement from King St. to Fifth St. bridge will be shortly torn up and replaced with bitulithic. The by-law authorizing this work was passed by a unanimous vote at last night's meeting of the City Council. This will much improve the appearance of that portion of the city, and will be a great boon to traffic. The total cost of the this work will be \$1,465.58, of which \$477 will come out of the general assessment.

The motion to have the by-law passed was moved by Ald. Benson, seconded by Ald. Stephens.

THE QUEEN ST. TROUBLE.
Ald. Massey, chairman of the Railway committee, drew attention to the fact that the C. W. & L. E. Company have been blocked in their extension to the lake by the Robertson-of-Inches appeal. The C. W. & L. E. now want permission to lay temporary tracks along the roadbed of Queen St. for use for construction purposes only, until such time as the litigation with the Robertson-of-Inches people is settled. He moved that the company be allowed to lay temporary tracks along the roadbed, subject to the approval of a committee composed of the City Solicitor, the City Engineer and the Chairman of the Board of Works.

Ald. Kerr at first objected to the name of the Chairman of the Board of Works being added to the committee, but Ald. Benson held that he had a right to be on the committee, as the responsibility for the condition of the roadbed laid with the Board of Works.

After a great deal of discussion the resolution was finally carried. The by-law authorizing the paving of the approach to Fifth street bridge and the construction of a sewer on Jahnke St. were put through their various readings and passed.

TRANSIENT TRADER CASE.
The Mayor presented a bill from Officer McGror for \$8.25 for expenses in connection with serving a summons on Jos. Brodie, the alleged transient trader. According to the Mayor, Brodie does not reside in Chatham, but has his home in Windsor. He explained that the case against Brodie, which had been thrown out by Judge Houston, was to be appealed before Judge Dowlin in Division Court.

Ald. Stephens—Was the appeal ordered by the Council?

Mayor Stone—It was ordered by the Chairman of Finance and myself.

Ald. Stephens—Have you the power to order this appeal without the sanction of the Council? I would like to have the opportunity to object to this appeal.

Mayor Stone—You certainly have the privilege of doing so.

Ald. Potter thought that the action of the Mayor and the Finance chairman should be approved of by the Council. He was of the opinion that the Council should have an opportunity of finding out where they were at with the transient traders by-law. If it is no good they should know it. Ald. Potter moved, seconded by Ald. Westman, that the action of the Mayor and Ald. Austin be approved of by the Council.

—Carried.

A well known local young bank clerk left his new Brantford wheel in front of the Dominion Bank building for a short time this morning. When he returned the wheel was gone. He thinks that possibly it has been taken by mistake. The case was reported to the police to-day.

CONGO IN STATE OF TYRANNY

Lords Condemn the Government In The Congo

Archbishop Of Canterbury
Regards It As Most
Humiliating

London, July 30.—"The system of government in the Congo Independent State is one of unrestrained tyranny enforced by the lash and the bullet, by cruelty and by murder."

These words were spoken by Lord Monckswell, who raised the Congo question in the House of Lords yesterday, and moved for the papers. The attendance in the House was slight.

Lord Monckswell said that the Congo Government was a powerful engine of greed, which impudently and insolently violated the limitations and restrictions under which its rights over this territory had been granted. The speaker quoted authorities to support his statements, and added that an especial responsibility attached to Great Britain, because, except for her determined action, the King of Portugal and not the King of the Belgians, would at this moment have been the ruler of the Congo.

The Archbishop of Canterbury declared that the Congo was one of the

most disheartening and humiliating of contemporary questions. He said it was a ghastly irony to read to-day the words of the address presented to King Leopold by the City of London in 1884, congratulating His Majesty upon his "bloodless victory." He declared the British Government should be regarded of the sense of responsibility of all Englishmen in this matter.

A general debate on the Congo question followed, and a number of bishops were among the speakers. The Earl of Mayo advocated another international convention in the matter of the Congo, and failing that, the appointment of more British consuls in the upper Congo. Lord Fitzmaurice, Under Secretary for Foreign Affairs, speaking for the Government, said they were not blind to the fact that this matter was surrounded with grave difficulties. The Government had asked the Congo state, he said, not to disregard the experiences of previous governments of native states, and had instanced the early history of British East India. The present system, the speaker said, was certain to have evil consequences.

Lord Fitzmaurice admitted that the House of Lords had a right to ask what progress had been made, but he said it was an international question, and if the House took any sudden, rash action, it would run the risk of injuring the cause it had at heart.

At the conclusion of Lord Fitzmaurice's address Lord Monckswell withdrew his motion.

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