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COMMON COUNCIL AGAIN DISCUSSES STREET PAVING Mr. Fisher Challenges Resolution of Board of Trade

NO ACTION TAKEN

Hint of New Industry for the City—Mr. Thornton Talks of Campaign Against Smoke—Citizens Want Check on Coal Weights

A rather informal discussion of street paving problems occupied the time of the city commissioners at a committee meeting of the common council this morning.

Mr. Fisher reported that the lowest tender for grooved granite blocks for use in paving in Union street was that of the Granite Street Paving and Construction Company.

Mr. Fisher said that the cost of pipes was so high that he would not like to go ahead with the expenditure this year unless assured that the paving was to be done next year.

The mayor suggested this was a matter which might be left to the decision of the council.

Mr. Thornton, when asked about progress regarding the smoke nuisance, said that the Royal Hotel was adding a section to its chimney stack.

Mr. Fisher said that he had received complaints from citizens who believed they were not getting full weight in coal.

The common clerk presented a letter from Kenneth A. Wilson, claiming damages for Viola Davis for injuries received when his client fell on some ice in Main street.

A resolution of the Board of Trade regarding street conditions, upholding the local improvements act, and urging more paving, as already published, was read.

Mr. Fisher said he had prepared a resolution on the subject as follows: That the receipt of the letter from the Board of Trade upholding local taxes for street paving be acknowledged and that an opinion be expressed that the attitude of the Board of Trade on this question does not reflect public opinion in this city.

If the action of the board was having any effect whatever, he said, it was to cause delay. Regarding another letter, suggesting a change in the act to make contributions by property owners compulsory, he said that he was sure they could not secure legislation of that kind.

Mr. Fisher said he could not support the proposal to revise the local improvements act.

The mayor said that it would take more than \$100,000 to put Douglas avenue in good condition. The interest on that amount spent annually would make a pretty good road.

Mr. Fisher said that to keep a good surface a cement foundation was necessary. He considered that the city would be justified in issuing bonds for paving of the type laid in Rotherly avenue by the provincial government.

Mr. Bullock asked why the same type of work could not be used in Douglas avenue.

Mr. Fisher said he believed asphalt from their own plant would be more satisfactory. Such would cost about \$80,000, with no concrete base.

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No Peace Reply Till Late Saturday Night

Plebiscite in Upper Silesia Under Certain Conditions—Turkish Delegation Reaches Paris

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There was no official reception. The party remains in its car, which was sent to Vincennes, in the suburbs.

An official statement issued by Admiral Kolschak, head of the all-Russian government of Omsk, regarding his negotiations with the peace conference, was received here yesterday. It states that he has appointed a commission to make a study of constitutional questions, preparatory to the framing of a constitution which will be submitted to the proposed constituent assembly.

Brussels, June 12.—The peace conference will invite Belgium and Holland to submit their differences as to waterways to a commission composed of representatives of France, the Netherlands, Italy and Japan, but no suggestion for a transfer of territorial sovereignty nor the creation of new international obligations will be considered.

Paris, June 11.—The Council of Four has decided that the boundaries between Hungary and Roumania and between Hungary and Czechoslovakia must be positively determined in order that Bela Kun may be told specifically to what points his troops must be withdrawn, if he desires to avoid a clash with the five great powers and win a hearing from the peace conference.

High street to the end of the street overlooking the old mill pond and, taking a winding, steeply ascending path, was precipitated down the steep incline to the bottom of the hill, a distance of fifty feet.

The fall was too great for the animal and it fell, breaking its neck. A throng of people gathered along Hilliard street to see the animal being taken to the slaughter house.

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As Hiram Sees It

"Did you walk in from the settlement this morning?" the Times reporter asked Mr. Hiram Hornbuckle.

"No, sir, I was in town all night. Your boots," said the reporter, "are all wet."

"Yes, that's right, I must get a shine. I was down last night to that south end playground where the boys fix up the baseball diamond. We done a lot of work."

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Railway Board Makes Offer

Communication to Shopmen Met by Counter Proposal; Difference in Statements as to Telegraphers; Western Strike Situation

Montreal, June 12.—The Canadian Railway Board this morning sent a communication to the officials of the union of No. 1 division Canadian Railway Shopmen offering to re-open negotiations.

The officials were in session several hours discussing the offer, but it is understood that they have countered the proposition by offering to negotiate if it is clearly understood that when negotiations are re-opened the question of wages will be discussed.

If they are simply going to discuss shop conditions, then we are wasting our time in re-opening negotiations," said one of the union officials. If the board's this afternoon decides to agree to discuss wages and wage schedules in any new negotiations then in all probability the immediate danger of a strike will be removed and the two factions will "carry on" in their consideration of the question. If not the officials of the union state that the decision to go out on strike next Wednesday morning all over Canada will stand as ordered.

General Secretary Nell, of the war board, will return to the city this afternoon and will take a hand in the matter.

For Strikers. Victoria, B. C., June 12.—Resolutions favoring a general strike here in sympathy with Winnipeg and in support of the right of collective bargaining and condemning the dominion government for provoking widespread industrial war in Canada, were passed by a standing vote last night at an open air meeting held in the Royal Athletic Park.

Montreal, June 12.—A despatch to the Gazette from Ottawa says that the government has been considering agitation for an industrial conflict, thoroughly representative of capital and labor, to meet immediately and have a frank discussion on the situation. It is understood that one of the recommendations of the general industrial commission will be along this line.

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Fair and Cool. Maritime.—Fresh northeast winds, mostly fair and cool today and on Friday.

Lower St. Lawrence, Gulf and North Shore.—Moderate winds, mild and moderately warm today and on Friday.

New England.—Fair tonight and Friday; moderate northeast winds, except fresh over extreme southeast portion, for the defendant.

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SAYS 'PHONE ONE CAUSE OF HIGH LIVING COST

Butcher Tells Commons Committee What "Cash and Carry" Meant in His Business

Ottawa, June 12.—I. A. Lodge, M. P. for Westmount-St. Henry, told the cost of living committee of the commons this morning that by conducting a "cash and carry" business and owning a grain shatter, he was able to sell beef at a reduction from thirty to thirty-five per cent.

On other provisions, by the "cash and carry" system, he was able to sell at from twenty per cent to twenty-five per cent cheaper.

For the best roasts of beef in small cuts, he said, he had not yet charged more than thirty cents a pound. He had only done so this year.

Asked who his customers were, he said there were all classes. They had the laboring class and the "millionaires who are still willing to save money."

One of the greatest causes of the high cost of living, he said, was the telephone. Most people seemed to think that the highest price meat was the best and thus ordered over the telephone for the highest price. They did not know that as good a roast could be got for eighteen cents as for thirty cents. Then there was the expense of delivering following the telephone order. He had only to keep three rigs instead of from twenty to twenty-two if he did a delivery business.

Local News. DEATH OF BOY. Early this morning the death of Ronald Scott, son of William Scott, of 22 Edin street, took place. The funeral will be on Saturday afternoon at 2.30, old time, from his father's residence. Many friends will sympathize with the bereaved ones.

HERE ON LEAVE. Lieut.-Colonel Walker Bell, D. S. O., son of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Bell, West Leighton, came to the city today on leave. He went with the Royal Canadian Dragoons to France and served with that unit throughout the war, returning as commanding officer.

WANT SAFETY APPLIANCE. Complaint was made by a citizen this morning concerning the lack of a safety device on the trucks in the C. G. R. freight shed in Pond street where the cars are pulled in for loading. It is said that there is a danger of cars going out on the crossing.

A CHALLENGE. The Martellois of West St. John wish to challenge any team in the St. Peter's, East or South End leagues to a game to be played on the West End diamond any Saturday or Wednesday night. Return game guaranteed. Answers to be made through the columns of this paper.

AT THE HOSPITAL. It was reported from the General Public Hospital today that the condition of Abdul Akin, who had his leg cut off by being caught in a sawmill working on a steamer at Sand Point, is improved. It was also reported that Stephen Pappas, who fell off the end of the breakwater in Courtney Bay, is steadily improving.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY. A very pleasant surprise party was tendered Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Thomson, 81 Douglas avenue, on last Saturday evening, on their 25th wedding anniversary. About thirty friends gathered at their home and a delightful evening was enjoyed in games and music, after which daily refreshments were served. Mr. and Mrs. Thomson received many beautiful gifts as evidence of their popularity.

DEATH OF FRANK STONE. Many friends, especially in the south end of the city, learned with regret of the sudden death last night of Frank Stone, of 99 British street. Mr. Stone had been an excellent swimmer with George E. Holder for the last thirty years. He was a brother of Pilot Thomas Stone. Besides his wife, he was survived by four sons and four daughters. The sons are Frank and Joseph, recently returned from overseas and Sumner and Thomas. The daughters are Mrs. James Hurley and Mrs. Herbert Phipps of this city, Mrs. George McCarthy of Fredericton and Mrs. William Carson of Bangor. The bereaved family have the sincere sympathy of a wide circle of friends.

NEW PARTNERSHIPS. Fredericton, N. B., June 12.—Godfrey P. Newnam of Woodstock and George Wendell Slipp of St. John, have formed a co-partnership under the name of Newnam and Slipp to carry on a retail drug business in Woodstock.

Farmer Says Lower Tariff Would Cut Living Cost. Ottawa, June 12.—Declaring that a very marked decrease in the cost of living would result from a reduction of the tariff, E. C. Drury of Barrie, representing the United Farmers of Ontario, told the cost of living committee of the house of commons yesterday afternoon that the situation with regard to the farmer was that while the selling end operated under world conditions the buying end worked under high protection.

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