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## AFTER THE GRAND TRUNK

City Council Will Assist  
C. W. & L. E. In Fighting  
Subway

### SOME STRONG OPINIONS

Ald. James Massey, chairman of the Railway committee of the City Council, last night brought up the matter of the G. T. R. Company's appeal on the recent decision of the Railway Commission with regard to the union crossing of the C. W. & L. E. and Grand Trunk on Queen street. Ald. Massey moved, seconded by Ald. Benson, that the Council pass a resolution informing the Governor-in-Council that the action of the G. T. R. Company is seriously interfering with the extension of the C. W. & L. E. to Lake Erie, thereby interfering with both the interests of the city and the electric road, and imposing a hardship on both; and that the Railway committee be empowered to instruct the City Solicitor to attend the hearing of the appeal, and assist the electric road in making their representations before the Governor-in-Council.

Ald. Massey added that according to their agreement with the electric road the city was duty bound to assist the company in such matters as this. "If the Grand Trunk were to win out in their appeal," continued Ald. Massey, "it would simply mean that our road would be blocked in its extension to the lake, which we all know means so much to this city. I would like to hear the expressions of the other aldermen on the subject, and as to whether the Council think the city should foot the bill for our solicitor's expenses while down at Ottawa."

The Mayor—Our agreement with the road says that we shall assist, but it does not specify that we shall foot the expenses in a case of this kind.

Ald. Potter was in accord with the resolution. The extension of the electric road to the lake meant a great deal to the citizens of Chatham. Furthermore a point which should be drawn attention to was the fact that the G. T. R. is now illegally using Chatham's streets for shunting purposes. The Queen street and William street crossings were continually blocked by G. T. R. freight trains. He didn't think the city should stop at the expenditure of a little money to aid in defeating the corporation's unpopular purpose.

Ald. Westman didn't think the resolution was quite strong enough, and he suggested that the committee get in touch with the City Solicitor and draft up a stronger resolution, setting forth all the city's opposition to the Grand Trunk's appeal.

Ald. Kerr made a scathing arraignment of the plea which the Grand Trunk was trying to put up in their appeal. It was simply preposterous to read the hypocritical spiel the corporation was making to the Governor-in-Council. The Grand Trunk claimed that they were endeavoring to get legislation for public safety, and that the corporation was so fond of looking after public safety when it came to doing so at their own expense! If the history of the Grand Trunk was looked up, it would probably be found out that they had not heretofore been so deeply interested in public safety. They merely wanted the subway because it would give them additional shunting privileges. There was not a day in the year, Ald. Kerr went on to say, that the G. T. R. did not violate the law with regard to shunting on Queen street. Chatham had put up with the Grand Trunk's overbearing attitude long enough. Ald. Kerr favored the idea of sending the Solicitor to Ottawa, as he could present the city's representations more forcibly than they could be presented by a resolution.

Ald. Austin thought that the committee should confer with the C. W. & L. E. officials as to the expenses of the Solicitor, but he thought that if the city became responsible for \$100 of the expense, the electric road officials should have no objection coming.

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## McCoig Advertises Chatham As A Contagious Disease Centre

City Council Is Duped Into Passing Resolution Which Will Only Prove Disastrous Publicity For The Maple City—Can Only Be Political Dodge

It was not enough for Archibald Blake McCoig, representative for West Kent in the Ontario Legislature, and aspirant to the Dominion House, to advertise Chatham as a small-pox centre before all the members of the first named body, but it remained for the members of the City Council at their meeting last night to be drawn into a political scheme, even at the cost of the Maple City's reputation as regards health, by further emphasizing Mr. McCoig's claims that Chatham is a small-pox and contagious disease centre, in passing a resolution to strengthen his hand in proposed legislation so absurd that it can hardly be expected to get a hearing from the Government.

Ald. Kerr arose at last night's meeting to state that Mr. McCoig was going to ask the Government to assist municipalities afflicted with small-pox outbreaks in a financial way while the epidemic is on. Ald. Kerr said that Mr. McCoig wants to bring in a bill to this effect, and he was looking for the support of the Council in the matter. It was claimed that Chatham would be benefited because there are so many outbreaks of small-pox here.

Ald. Kerr moved that the Council pass a resolution to the effect that the city request the Government to pass legislation to give Government assistance to municipalities afflicted with small-pox outbreaks, and that the Mayor, Ald. Austin and Ald. Kerr be appointed as a deputation to wait on the Government, and make representations for such legislation.

The motion was seconded by Ald. Westman, and though a number of the aldermen indulged in broad smiles at the transparency of this scheme for political capital on Mr. McCoig's part, the motion was allowed to pass without a dissenting voice.

Ald. Potter afterwards, however, drew attention to the fact that such a resolution coming from the Council was the worst kind of advertising for Chatham. Undoubtedly the great haste with which the resolution was rushed through Council was the cause of no opposition being raised.

Mayor Stone pre-emptorily dismissed Ald. Potter's objection and hastily suggested adjournment, which was forthwith put and carried. Mayor Stone is one of the most active Liberal workers in the city and an ardent McCoig supporter. He is also a member of the committee appointed to go to Toronto.

## THEY WANT PROTECTION

North Chatham Residents  
Petition Council For  
Policeman

### WESTMAN AND HOTELS

A deputation from North Chatham, composed of ex-Ald. John Edmondson, Corey Purser, Galt, Bechard and others, waited on the City Council at their meeting last night, and petitioned that honorable body for better police protection in their section of the city.

Mr. Purser, who spoke first, said that North Chathamites hardly ever see a policeman in their locality, and they were in great need of having the patrol their streets every night. North Chatham is at present overrun, said Mr. Purser, with a crowd of young men and boys, who spit on the sidewalks and use insulting language to women passing along the streets. It was a great nuisance for residents to get up in the mornings and find their sidewalks covered with tobacco spits. As soon as the warm weather commenced these young men commenced loafing on the corners again, and though they always scolded the police, they were generally offensive.

Ex-Ald. Edmondson made statements similar to those made by Mr. Purser, and he said he was of the opinion that the Council should appoint a North Chatham policeman. Mr. Bechard, of the Aberdeen House, had practically no police protection, and he was thus placed at a great disadvantage as well as the rest of the residents over there. He thought that the people on the north side were as much entitled to police protection as those living on the south side.

The Mayor promised to bring the matter before the Police Commissioners. Says Hotels Break The Law. Ald. Westman said he would like to know from Mayor Stone as to what instructions the police had with regard to watching hotels around the

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### GRAND OPENING

Wonderland, Saturday March 16: refined entertainment for ladies, gentlemen and children. Admission 5c.

## DEFENSE IS A STONE WALL

Questions As To Thaw's  
Cruel Treatment  
Admitted

### ATTACKS WIFE'S STORY

New York, March 11.—Yesterday, the first day of the state's rebuttal in the trial of Harry K. Thaw, District Attorney Jerome came to a temporary standstill against a practically solid wall, the rules of evidence built around the story of Evelyn Nesbit Thaw.

Jerome began to attack this story as soon as court opened. There ensued a well-nigh incessant fight between the prosecutor and Delphin M. Delmas, leading counsel for the defense, at the end of which Justice Fitzgerald upheld the rule laid down at the beginning of the trial—the story is admissible only as tending to show the effect it might have had in unbalancing the defendant's mind, its truth or falsity being immaterial.

Although he doubtless will be blocked by the same rule when the time comes, it is said he may attempt in the same way to prove an alibi for Stanford White as to the events testified to by the wife of the defendant.

Ten Witnesses Called. The district attorney called ten witnesses during the day, but, aside from obtaining from the state's eye-witnesses as to the tragedy the opinions that Thaw seemed rational the night he shot and killed Stanford White, little real headway was made.

Lining up all his forces in rebuttal, Jerome decided to open his fight upon the defense by attacking the story told by Evelyn Nesbit Thaw. He called to the stand Frederick Longfellow, and asked him first about the case in which Ethel Thomas is alleged to have sued Thaw for damages because of cruel treatment.

Delmas objected to questions along this line under the professional privilege of lawyer and client, but before Justice Fitzgerald sustained the objection and ruled out the evidence Jerome declared:

"The story of the girl tied to a post and whipped by Thaw is the story of Ethel Thomas. This poor girl is dead."

Jerome showed Mr. Longfellow the photographic copy of the affidavit Evelyn Nesbit is said to have signed in the office of Abraham Hummel, which alleged Thaw used her cruelly while abroad in 1903, "because she would not tell lies against Stanford White."

Dispute Over Papers. Jerome followed this up by asking

## SUPT. IS APPOINTED

Richard M. Paxton Will  
Enter Employment Of  
Board Of Works

### ROUTINE OF COUNCIL

Richard Paxton has been appointed Superintendent of the Chatham Public Works Department at a salary of \$900 per annum. The appointment was made through a by-law introduced at last night's meeting of the Council, by Ald. Wm. H. Benson.

Ald. Benson, in his introductory remarks, said that this important matter had been carefully considered in committee, and it was concluded that the best manner of preventing the present laxity in the local public works department would be to appoint a superintendent of the department, who would be under the supervision of the City Engineer. He believed that this would mean a great saving to the city in time, and the work would be done in more satisfactory style.

The Mayor and the balance of the aldermen seemed to be in accord with Ald. Benson's views, and the by-law was given its various readings and finally passed without any objections being raised.

On the suggestion of Ald. Austin, a clause was also added specifying that Mr. Paxton also supervise the trimming of trees around the city.

TREASURER'S STATEMENT. Ald. Austin, the chairman of Finance, brought in a comparative statement from the City Treasurer, showing that during January and February of this year there has been a saving of \$736 in expenditures over those of last year, while the receipts show an increase of \$319, making a total saving of \$1,055.

Ald. Austin remarked that this statement was especially gratifying in view of the fact that the city had this year to stand for \$750 extra expense from the Health department in stamping out the recent epidemic.

### THE CEMETERY BRIDGE.

Chairman Kerr, of the Cemetery committee, reported that the bridge at the Maple Leaf Cemetery had been repaired by Mr. Spencer, and had since been examined by the Cemetery committee, and the work found to be perfectly satisfactory. As Ald. Bullis and Ald. Stevens were both contractors, he believed that their judgment in matters of this kind could meet with the approval of the Council. Ald. Kerr moved that Mr. Spencer's bill for \$49 be paid.

Ald. Westman objected, on the ground that the City Engineer had been ignored in the examination of the bridge, and he moved that the Engineer be instructed to inspect the bridge and report to the Council.

As Mr. Spencer's contract did not state that his work should be satisfactory to the City Engineer, it was decided that he should be paid on the recommendation of the committee, while Mr. Jones will be instructed to make an inspection of the bridge and report to the Council at a later date as to its safety.

### A PITTABLE CASE.

The Mayor drew attention to a communication he had received from Mrs. J. A. Bell, wife of the former local cabman, in which Mrs. Bell stated that they had disposed of their property to W. A. Needham, the latter knowing that the property was subject to unpaid taxes. Mr. Needham afterwards re-rented the house to Mrs. Bell, whereupon he notified the City Tax Collector to seize all the furniture and household effects for arrears of taxes.

The Mayor said that it was a case where it would be difficult for the city to do anything for the poor woman, but he thought if there was anything that could be done to help her in her distress the city should take action. She has three children to support, and if she is turned out

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