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THE FIREMEN'S DISPUTE

In reaching the conclusion on which the report was based and passed at its meeting last night, the City Council conceded to the firemen the right the latter claim to organize. There can be no other interpretation and the men may, therefore, be said to have won the principle for which they contended. At the same time it is not evident that the Council would have been justified in continuing to hold arbitrary ground when the position they first took was not legally tenable. In other words what The Journal has pointed out before still seems to be the case that while it is legal and legitimate for civic employees to organize into a close society the necessity and wisdom of such a course is not apparent.

However as the men had the ruling of the Bench in their favor to the effect that they are entitled to organize a union if they wish to do so, there was little to be gained by the Council in insisting on the enforcement of a resolution requiring disorganization. To have demanded that such resolution be carried out might have created an embarrassment which is not welcomed and which would cause much more feeling among citizens than has already found expression. It must be evident now that new Councilors "going" into public office

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should exercise much caution and fore-sight in dealing with such problems. There is a great deal to learn in the transaction of municipal business and those who move slowly are likely to move wisely. Many rules and practices permissible in private business are inexpedient in public administration, as all must admit who have had any considerable experience in office. The whole incident will serve to teach, not only those who represent organized bodies, but members of the Council as well, that the best way to settle many of these knotty problems is to keep them away from open Council till they are amicably arranged, and if a word of advice will not be spurned it may be said to the three men who were elected on the soldier-labor ticket that the less they endeavor to appear as class representatives in the Council the more likely they are to get measures through and keep the good will and respect of all tax payers. The suggestion of a separate political force in a municipal Council, however sincere its advocates may be, is usually irritating to others who go in without being under political or partisan obligation.

Another feature of the settlement may be regarded as an important one, namely that the men have signed pledges not to go out on strike. It was the fear, no doubt, that such a thing might happen that probably actuated the majority of the Council in taking the position that they would not stand for a union. Any occurrence of this nature might jeopardize the lives and property of citizens who are paying to maintain the fire department. The policy of the Council not to recognize the union as such is consistent with the rights of an administrative body, even though on the other hand it has no legal power to enforce disorganization. The firemen are citizens and taxpayers. They are entitled to a living wage and to fair conditions and now that the union controversy has been disposed of no doubt they will try to measure up to the best standards set by the organization to which they belong and, also, keep aloof from any entanglements that might cost them public confidence.

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Thos. Nihan, Jr., hot bed sash and frames \$105. For the horses and harness \$300.

Your Committee therefore recommend that the tender of L. C. Gray in the sum of \$1650 for the rental of Elmwood Cemetery farm for the year following March 1st, 1920, be accepted with the following provisions.

- 1—Rent is payable in three equal instalments due on July 1st, September 1st and December 1st.
- 2—The lessee agrees to replace one half acre of strawberries with another half acre of strawberries for the following year.
- 3—The lessee further agrees to fall plow the land and leave same in the condition he finds same on taking possession.
- 4—The City will pay taxes which may be levied on the farm.

The City Solicitor was requested to draw a bylaw to authorize the execution of this lease. Your Committee further recommend that the tender of Thos. Nihan, Jr., in the sum of \$105 for twenty hot bed sash and four frames be and is hereby accepted and that the tenders for the remaining chattels be not accepted but that the team, harness and two wagons be transferred to the Works Department for the sum of \$450.

Your Committee considered the communication from the Secretary of the Park Board of Waterloo, Ont., asking that a delegation be organized to meet a Committee of the Provincial Government, to secure legislation to have the rate for Park purposes increased beyond the present rate of one half mill and Your Committee recommend that they be authorized to appoint a delegate to attend such conference and that the expenses incurred be and are hereby authorized to be paid by the Treasurer.

Your Committee report that the estimates for the year are completed and ready for submission to the Finance Committee.

All the reports were passed.

W. G. Jamieson, the city auditor, wrote asking for an increase in salary.

The G.W.V.A. requested appointment of a returned soldier on the Housing Committee.

A letter came from the Electrical Workers protesting against the Council's action with reference to the firemen and their union.

Charles T. McBride sent in his resignation as assistant City Clerk.

John Morrison, city clerk of Woodstock, Ont., wrote suggesting that municipalities try to have the 25 mill limit raised.

Residents of the Western Hill to the number of 27 asked to have Lisgar Street extended from St. Paul St. to Hainer Street.

Ald. Dakers tendered his resignation as a member of the Fire and Light Committee.

William Elliott was appointed tree inspector at a salary of \$300 a year. A resolution by Ald. Riffer and Rose asked the Hydro for a report on the taking over of the N. S. and T. R. It passed unanimously. W. D. Graham was appointed to the Court of Revision. Mayor Lovelace and Ald. Dakers were named as delegates to see Premier Drury Wednesday of next week.

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with reference to the Provincial Highway. The St. Catharines delegation will join one from Hamilton.

The appointment to the Housing Commission will be made at the next meeting.

Ald. Dakers spoke with reference to his resignation from the Fire and Light Committee. He said he didn't think the Committee as at present formed would accomplish anything.

He referred to the gentlemen's agreement made at the conference in the fire hall not to give out anything regarding the meeting, yet next day The Standard came out with a full report. He wished to say that he had not given the information and he would like it put up to every member of the Council.

The Mayor said as there was no resolution he could not allow discussion.

Ald. Dakers individually asked each Alderman if he had given out the information. They all denied giving out anything but Ald. Avery and Graves who said what they had said was in The Journal. As for what appeared in The Standard every Alderman denied it positively.

Ald. Dakers wished to question the



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reporters but the Mayor said that would not be in order.

So after questioning the aldermen the matter dropped.

Ald. Veale wished to move that Ald. Dakers withdraw his resolution and this was the general sentiment of the members of the Council.

Ald. Rose moved Ald. Riffer seconding that Ald. Daker's resignation be laid over for further consideration.

The Mayor thought it better for Ald. Dakers to withdraw his resolution.

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