

RESIDENTS ASK REDUCTIONS IN SEWER TAXES

Ratepayers in Three Sections
Present Petitions to Court
of Revision.

CLAIM COSTS EXCESSIVE

Ask Similar Consideration to
That Shown Knollwood
Park Citizens.

While Mayor Wilson emphasized the fact that the Knollwood Park sewer settlement, whereby the council made a cash grant and extended the sewer debentures from 10 to 30 years, was not to be taken as a precedent, there is abundance of evidence that residents of other sections are taking the move as a precedent, and are demanding similar treatment. These are:

Residents of Dundas street, Oakland avenue to the city limits; Resident of Huron, Regent and St.

200 Jobless Will March On City Hall To Ask "Work For All."

KITCHENER, Jan. 31.—"Work for all or none," will be the slogan of 200 unemployed of the city, when they parade to the city hall at 10 o'clock Wednesday morning. In the event of immediate work not being given by the council the men will ask for compensation until work is provided. These decisions were unanimously made at a meeting held in Community Hall tonight.

George streets:

Residents of Pipe Line road.

In the three above instances similar demands for concessions to those granted the Knollwood Park residents are in the making. The first two apply to sewers, the latter to a pavement.

All three cases were before the court of revision on Tuesday afternoon. Unlike the previous court, the new court ruled that it had no jurisdiction, and referred the cases to the city council.

U. A. Buchner appeared for the

residents of Dundas street, east of Oakland. He said that he doubted the jurisdiction of the court in this case, but wanted a ruling to that effect, if such was the case, so that the council would not send him back to the court.

Costs \$940 Per Lot.

His contention was that the cost of the sewer would mean a tax of 94 cents a foot per year for ten years, or \$940 for the whole period on a 100-foot lot. The land was not worth the money. He contended that the cost of the sewer was considerably in excess of the estimates.

"Not very much," said Engineer Brazier, who explained that the high cost of the sewer was due to the depth at which it was necessary to lay the sewer.

Mr. Buchner intimated that he would ask the council for relief for his clients.

H. M. Peterman presented a petition along similar lines signed by the residents of Richmond, Regent, Huron and St. George streets.

The petition set forth that the estimated cost of the sewer was nearly 50 per cent less than the actual cost; that proper notices were not served on the property owners; that the work was undertaken at the most unfavorable time and increased the cost; that only five houses will be served by the sewer, and none are connected with it.

After reciting the above, the petitioners ask that their assessment on the sewer be cut, and that the de-

betures be extended from 10 to 30 years.

Appeals Individually.

William Brennan, Victoria street, also made an individual appeal. He said that quite a portion of his mother's land on St. George street was swampy, and yet the cost to this land for the sewer would be \$2,045 in ten years. They would sell the land today for that amount. Mr. Brennan said that it seemed out of the question. He also contended that a result of the work done on the sewer the home of his widowed mother has been placed in a hollow, and the value of it thus reduced by about \$2,000.

The court thought that his complaint was one worth looking into and will visit the property.

The Pipe Line road residents want the city to assist in paying for the pavement, which was laid on their street. This application refers to the lower part of the street. Ald. May said that the upper part of the street, just off Wharncliffe, will need repairs in the spring, as the pavement has heaved with the frost and split down the center.

City Clerk Baker has warned the members of the council of the demands that are coming in regard to the above.

Mayor Wilson said that the city was practically committed to the Knollwood Park settlement by a promise made in 1919, and a promise made last year by Mayor Little. In face of these promises of assistance the present council felt bound to help the park ratepayers.

RATEPAYERS TO RECEIVE NOTICE

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Wilson was over the ground and said the street was as pictured. An effort will be made to relieve the situation.

Objection was raised to a Wharncliffe road resident cutting in on the Brazier street sewer without paying. The resident in question is a Mr. Moore. The committee promised to see that he shouldered his share of the cost.

J. Autram, Briscoe street, gave a vivid picture of desolation in describing the area in his vicinity during flood time or after a storm. He had his piece well put together, describing the water as 8 to 10 inches deep and covering 74 feet of sidewalk. The worst part was that it carried refuse from other backyards and planted it on his, and the odor when it dried up he described as terrible.

Ald. Drake suggested that the committee should go over and see the property, and it was agreed to do so.

Once again the Wellington road residents were up for a sewer. They prefaced their remarks with the statement that they have been after this sewer for 16 years, and stated that they were given to understand by last year's council that the 1922 body would grant their request.

Ald. Drake said that he thought

something would be done in the spring, and the deputation went away happy.

Engineer Brazier rather startled the committee with recommendations for storm water sewer system for South London. They were up in 1921 and laid over. The cost will be \$189,000, and \$50,000 has been already authorized.

Protests Against Expenditure.

Ald. Drake said that the city would have to cut down on some of the storm sewers.

Mayor Wilson said that the city could not stand such sewer appropriations.

Engineer Brazier said that pavements could not be laid until the storm sewers were down.

"Why not?" asked the mayor. The engineer's reply was that the gutters would not carry the water away.

On the recommendation of the engineer, the Front street residents who complain of the low walk along the north side of their street, will get their walk raised, if they petition for it.

Residents of East street protested against the fertilizer plant, which is located in their vicinity, and the committee will recommend to the board of health that it have the plant moved.

The Grand Trunk, in a communication to the city, says that if the municipality is desirous of enforcing its bylaw against the railway ringing bells and blowing whistles in the

city, it will have to get the permission of the Dominion Railway Board. "In other words telling us to get to hell," said the mayor.

City Clerk Baker stated that the Pleadings street residents contended that the council had promised that their pavement charge would be held up for 1922. He had contended that the council had agreed to have the pavement inspected before the first instalment was due.

This was the view held by members of the committee, and the clerk's minutes will be carried out.

The board of works is to act as a special committee, to be called by Ald. Douglass, to go into the matter of garbage collection. The question of whether it is advisable to continue the civic system of collecting or of letting a contract for collection will be gone into.

Will Inspect Pavement.

Ald. Douglass, who is fathering the matter wanted a small committee, but the mayor objected to small committees or the naming of a special committee.

Ald. May called the attention of the engineer to the fact that the Pipe Line road pavement has raised up in the center, and there is a large crack down the center, so wide that in some places a man can put his hand into it.

The engineer said he would look into it. He said the winter was a hard one on pavements, there being no snow to protect them.

Engineer Brazier and Ald. Childs were authorized to attend the town

planning convention to be held in Toronto.

Engineer Brazier said that he was running shy of work, and would soon have to cut down on the gangs of workers if he was not authorized to go on with some other work. The matter was left in the hands of the mayor and Chairman Ashton.



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