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Routine Work in the City Council

(Continued from Page 1)

Ald McEwen—"I'm surprised Ald. Ward didn't insist upon that a year ago."

Ald Ward— "I've asked a question and insist upon an answer."

Ald. McFarland said that the City Treasurer every two weeks had sent statements of Hydro disbursements to the Council. If Ald Ward went to Mr. Ireland's office he would be more than satisfied with the information aailable. Ald. McFarland said he didn't pretend to be able to carry a lot of figures in his head.

Ald. McFarland— "I am not afraid to face any situation, and I don't come here to make belee to anybody. The Hydro expenditure thus far is absolutely O.K., but I don't propose to be a chartered accountant even to suit Ald Ward."

Ald Ward —"Why don't you bring the stuff here then?" (Laughter.)

Buildings and Grounds.

The Buildings and Grounds committee recommended:

1. The securing of plans for the erection of a new city hall on Darling street.

2. That action be taken against the Brantford Gas Company for destruction of trees by gas leakage throughout the city.

3. That a gas expert be employed to make an examination of all gas mains in the city.

Ald. McEwen speaking for Dufferin avenue shade trees, said that for two years residents had complained to the gas company that both trees and grass were burned up. A foreman was sent up there and found mains broken. A test was made and gas was ignited on the boulevard. The gas in fact was killing all vegetation. The residents wanted the council to take action and he believed an expert should be employed. After careful investigation the committee believed the proper site for a new city hall was on Darling street—the city's own property. If the site is agreed upon the plans will be drafted suitable to the location. An estimate can then be secured and a by-law submitted.

Ald Suddaby thought the latter part of the report was alright, but the Council should first agree on a site for a new city hall. He thought the market square was the place for a new city hall.

Ald. Charlton said he favored putting the city hall where the present fire hall now stood, but the financial market at present was not good enough for the undertaking. The fire hall was not good for many years more and it could be removed to Darling street. The city hall on Dalhousie street would greatly enhance the beauty of the street. Other clauses in the committee's report, Ald. Charlton heartily supported.

Ald. Spence agreed with the report in reference to the gas damage, and suggested that Ald. McEwen visit Northumberland street, where a beautiful row of trees were now dead wood as a result of gas leaking. In reference to a new city hall, Ald. Spence did not believe that the present was an opportune time from a financial view point. The board of works had a long list of local improvements and he believed that it would pay to leave a lot of this work over for another year. Ald. Spence read an excerpt from the Financial Post stating that sacrcely any relief could be expected for ten months. Brantford with $70,000 available was in a somewhat unique position. It was not necessary to sell Hydro-Electric debentures until the market was better. There was no harm in securing plans for a new city hall. Ald. Spence said that the city of Berlin was in the hole with a deficit of $200,000 which the banks were calling for and it was not desirable to have Brantford in this predicament.

Ald Suddaby said no paving could be proceeded with this year because the Board of Works was fully alive to the situation.

Ald. Hollinrake favored getting the plans.

Ald. Minshall said it was blue ruin talk to mention the tight money market. He favored going ahead.

Ald. Broadbent thought the money market would be easier by the time the city would be ready to commence building operations. He did not favor Darling street as a site. The market square was the proper place as the hall would be more central and would be where everybody could see it.

Ald. Minshll objected to Dalhousie street being called a back street.

Mayor Hartman said in his experience every time a new city hall had ever been mentioned hard times was always put up as an excuse for delay. If the city did not get busy soon, employees would have to be provided for in rented quarters and the rent would be greater than the interest on debentures. The Mayor did think that city halls were built in the most central places. He did not favor Dalhousie street for the fire hall, but thought the city hall and post office in the same block would be very handy. A city hall on the present fire hall site would not look good, because there would be no land in front. All the committee wanted was draft plans. It would be more than a year before any money would be required and the matter could be taken up now. The Mayor in consultation with many citizens had been advised to leave the market alone and he thought that was the only basis for the solution of the problem.

Ald. Charlton pointed out that on the fire hall site there would be 82 x 162 feet, big enough for any city hall. The report was carried.

Land Values in Holmedale.

Mr. W. S. Brewster appearing for the Lake Erie and Northern Railway said that the city's price $1,350 for the four and a half lots in the Holmedale was unfair. The city a few years ago paid $500 for eight lots. Mr. Brewster asked for fair treatment, the same as other places were giving the railway. Galt gave half a street for $1,000. The company had paid $3,500 for the Morrell street school which was a good price, considering the fact that the building was to be torn anyway and had only brought $300. It really was not worth the money paid for it. The gravel pit in the Holmedale was no good to the city except to sell. If it was fully realized what good the railway would do the city, the land would be handed over gratis. Every dollar the city had put in the railway was available from saleable bonds which the city held, and the common stock bonus was in addition to the investment.

Ald. Suddaby said he believed the lots were worth worth $5 a fot frontage. The lots had a frontage of 270 feet o nYorkshire street.

Ald. Minshall held out for the money.

Ald. Gillingwater thought the price decidedly high.

Ald Pitcher said $800 or $1,000 was a high price, more than the land was worth from his knowledge of real estate values. That was his opinion, and he was not connected in any way with the railway.

Ald. Broadbent supported Ald. Pitcher's view of matters.

Ald. Ward with considerable suavity, assured everybody that there was no intention to be unfair to the company. The board of works had whittled the price down. He suggested that the matter be referred back to the Board of works.

Ald. Spence supported Ald. Ward's suggestion to send it back to committee. He did not think that the city should exact the last pound of flesh from the L. E. and N. What was wanted was a satisfactory solution both ways.

Ald. Minshall stepped up again and said he at first believed the price was too high.

Mr. W. P. Kellett said he did not want any alderman to think that the company was asking for generosity. They wanted a fair value for the land which was 3 1-2 feet below flood level and would require 6 1-2 feet of filling in for railway purposes.

Ald. Suddaby said $12 to $15 per foot was secured for West Mill street land.

Ald. Charlton said he knew the spot, and believed the price asked by the city was high.

On Ald. Ward's resolution the matter was placed back in the hands of the Board of Works with power to act. The resolution was carried.

A Common Mistake

By RUTH CAMERON

THE other day I heard a self-sufficient young man calmly announce that all this classical music which people make such a fuss about is stuff and nonsense. "Most people just pretend to like it," he said. "There is no real music to it."

Now, as I believe I have said in a previous talk, I have all respect in the world for anyone who will be honest about his preferences in such matters, even when they differ from those of the majority. I like the honest man who admits he prefers Conan Doyle to Shakespeare, and "Row, row, row" to a selection by Wagner; but I don't like the man who insists that he is right in his preferences, and that all the cultured and educated people who think differently from him are fools.

And yet this is the attitude a great many people take in many matters.

Now of course each of us must do his own thinking for himself, and make up his mind what he believes and what he likes, for himself, if his beliefs and preferences are to have any real weight and value. Nevertheless it behooves all of us to have due respect for any opinion which a large number of educated and cultured people hold. Even though we cannot share it, we ought to admit that there is probably some good in it or else they would not hold it.

Of course the world would never progress at all unless people thought for themselves and had the courage to question the established order, but there is a big difference between the attitude of intelligent inquiry and the attitude of ignorant contempt which the young man I quoted and a great many people, young and old, assume.

Personally I must say I like the simpler melodies, and would infinitely rather hear a good singer sing some simple old folk song like "Coming Through the Rye" than an aria from an opera. But I believe that this is simply because I haven't sufficient musical knowledge to appreciate the more wonderful music, and I take every opportunity to hear it in the hope that some day I may understand it and enjoy it as I should.

It is not right to pretend to like anything or believe in anything just because other people like it or believe in it. But neither is it right to entirely ignore the opinion of any large class, especially when they are educated and intelligent people.

Spencer, himself one of the most independent thinkers of the world, says that when any idea or custom has persisted for centuries you can be sure there must be some good at the root of it, no matter how foolish it may appear. And so when any idea or custom is approved by millions, beware how you set yourself against it. There is one chance that you are right and the rest of the world wrong. There are about nine million, nine hundred and ninety-nine thousand, nine hundred and ninety-nine chances that the shoe's on the other foot.

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"This agreement of the of Canada with the Im ernment was submitted to ian Parliament, and, after of fierce and determined on the part of the Libe Sir Wilfrid Laurier, the a of the $35,000,000 was t large majority of the bill is now before the Ca ate, and, by constitution ought to pass. But the C ators are chosen for lif are created not by the the premier for the time during Sir Wilfrid Lauri of power he packed House with his own faith est believers. They are men, and they are as fa chief as the Highlander Stuart kings.

A Slap in the Face o Government.

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CANADIAN TE HAS SC

Dominion Bowlers a Great Time Old Land

[Canadian Press De

TORONTO, May 29.— ments have now been c the Canadian Lawn Bo Great Britain this summ erary of the team is b by the international bo in London and includes England, five in Wales Scotland and five in Ire

The schedule of game and Wales is as follow

Saturday, June 14th county association at rinks.

Monday June 16th— reception at 10.30. In play, six rink game County association at Thames.

Tuesday, June 17. county association five Wood Green.

Wednesday, June County association a Wells, six rinks.

Thursday, June 19 Bowling association rinks.

Friday, June 20th— association at Torquay

The team will leav for Wales, playing in June 21, 23, 24, 25 and

Friday June 27—Glo association at Glouces

Saturday June 27— County association at rinks.

Monday, June 30t County association at rinks.

Tuesday July 1st. County association borough, five rinks.

Wednesday, July ern Counties Associa head, five rinks.

Owing to the large in England, it was range all the games against the executive, sociations.

The itinerary for E land has not yet arriv