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VITRIFIED BRICK PAVEMENT FOR VICTORIA AVENUE

Such was Council's Decision as Result of Big Petition from Residents—Ald. Westman Relates Experiences—The Mayor as a Linguist Surprises Ald. Martin

The people of Victoria avenue will have a brick pavement. This was the decision arrived at by the City Council last evening.

The matter of pavements was first brought up by the Mayor, who read the report of the delegation who went to Baltimore through the courtesy of the Asphalt Block Co. The following was the report as read:

Chatham, Ont., March 21, '04.
To the Aldermen of the City of Chatham:

Gentlemen,—The Ontario Asphalt Block Company have stated their blocks would last fifteen years and have represented them to remain sound and not rot or disintegrate after twenty years service.

Deputations of our citizens have examined the blocks in neighboring cities which have been laid for three or four years only which they found in first class condition, but the statement as to their lasting qualities for twenty years being contradicted, and the company wishing to prove beyond doubt the veracity of their statements invited the Board of Works and myself to go to Washington and Baltimore at their expense and examine the pavements laid in those cities. In accepting the invitation we were to be under no obligation to them to report favorably, but on the contrary the company was to be under obligation to us for giving our time for the purpose and we were to report simply upon what we saw.

The deputation consisted of Ald. men Mounbret, Piggott and myself. The information obtained was of a most independent and undoubted source.

We found numerous streets in Washington laid with asphalt block five inches thick on gravel which had been laid in 1887, in splendid condition still, and the best of reports were on hand as to the fact that no record had been kept of same by the corps of engineers of whom we met. Mayor John Riddle, who very willingly gave us all information we asked respecting the pavements in the city, and the fact that he had been down the streets was not regarded necessary by the asphalt block, having worn out or disintegrated, but by the different cuttings into same for sewer and other connections and the foundations being gravel and not asphalt, the result of our observations is that the best pavements are now constructed on a three-inch concrete foundation with three-inch asphalt block set in a motor bed with cement filler, and for residential streets where traffic is not heavy a four-inch foundation of concrete with a two-inch asphalt block set in motor with cement filler is ample and less expensive.

We beg to acknowledge courtesies extended to us by Mayor John Riddle, engineer commissioner of Washington, D. C., and Mr. Walter S. Wilkinson, president of the Maryland Paving Company of Baltimore.

Ald. McCoy then brought up the matter of the Victoria avenue pavement. It was the present intention of the Council to put down an asphalt block pavement, but he understood that the people now wanted a vitrified brick pavement and that a petition was in for this kind of a pavement. He had his report ready to accept pavement tenders and wished to know whether or not he should read his report.

The Mayor—I have two petitions there—one from the Victoria avenue residents and the other from the St. Clair street residents. Both ask for brick pavements.

The Clerk—I have gone over the Victoria avenue petition and can report on it. I have not seen the St. Clair street pavement one.

Ald. McCoy—There is, I understand, a deputation of Victoria avenue residents here. We might hear them. I am prepared to go on to-night.

The Mayor—I do not think it is necessary to hear the deputation, but I regret the residents have seen fit to put down what I consider an inferior pavement to what the vitrified brick pavement is. The people of the Victoria avenue are of age and know their own minds and their wishes should be paramount in a matter of this kind.

The Clerk then reported that the petition was sufficiently signed, 41 out of 51 of the residents having their names to the petition.

A motion for the resumption of the vitrified brick pavement was then made.

Ald. Marshall—We have no other alternative than to accept the prayer of the petition. I go with the majority. We must now not with out fear or favor and do what the majority are asking for. I am not speaking for or against any pavement.

Ald. Martin—I endorse all that Ald. Marshall has said. I do not advance my own private opinion. If the people wanted a roadway with sawdust and refuse on it I would give it to them. The brick pavement is a good one and here are the people (indicating the Victoria avenue residents) the "creme de la creme" of the Chatham society and the high monkey-mucks of the town, the people who are paying for the pavement. I have no interest in it personally except to ride on it.

The motion for resumption of the vitrified brick pavement was then put and carried. Ald. Piggott and Edmondson did not vote for it. Ald. Marshall asked for the years and years but the Mayor thought it was unnecessary. It was then decided to accept the prayer of the petition for a brick pavement.

The contract will be awarded after the engineer brings in his report.

All of the members of the Council were present at last night's meeting. Ald. Tye arrived a little late. Mayor McKeough called the attention of the aldermen to the new report books which were supplied by The Planet, and complimented The Planet on their excellent work.

John Welch asked permission to cut down trees. Referred to Chief Holmes.

D. L. VanVlack wrote, asking about the contracts for pavements.

Requests were received from residents of Murray St., asking permission to withdraw their names from a petition for a bitulithic pavement. The petition has not yet been received by the Council.

In passing the Board of Works pay sheets, Ald. McCoy objected to certain items, which should not be charged to the Board of Works, and which would amount much larger than it should be.

The Mayor—I am glad to see the chairman of the Board of Works so anxious to keep down the expenditure of the city.

Edward Barr and Mrs. Butler asked permission to cut down trees. Referred to Chief Holmes.

John G. Kerr, a local solicitor, acting for Messrs. D. Jordan, A. H. White, Chas. Scott, Geo. W. Cowan and Geo. Massey, gave notice of an appeal against their assessment on a sewer on King St. West. Referred to Finance committee.

It was found that the resolution passed at the last meeting for a sewer on Emma St. was not full enough. A joint report from the Board of Works and Board of Health was received, and the resolution was passed again.

T. A. Morrison & Co., of Montreal, wrote on road machinery. The communication was in French, and the Mayor, with his extensive knowledge of foreign languages, fluently read the letter as it was written.

Ald. Martin, who was resting easily in his seat on the end, was aroused by the unusual sounds coming from the Mayor, and, bracing himself up and leaning forward in his seat, he he gasped—

"What's that?"

There was no cause for alarm, however, and the Mayor promptly translated the letter for the little alderman's benefit.

The Ontario Fruit Growers' Association were granted the use of the Council Chambers for the purpose of holding their meeting.

The Mayor advised the purchase of street signs from Joe Tilt.

ORGANIZE FOR COMING SEASON

Splendid Meeting of Association Football Enthusiasts Last Evening

Officers Elected and General Business Conducted—Good Financial Report

The organization of the local league football club for the coming spring season was held last evening in the parlors of the Rankin House, with a large attendance of members of the club and supporters.

President John Piggott, Sr., occupied the chair, and in a splendid address gave the club many good words of advice. He spoke of the necessity of encouraging young clubs, watching their players closely and trying them out occasionally. Young blood, he said, must be looked after, because players are continually dropping out and that is the one way of keeping up a team. There is no reason why Chatham should not have a first-class team, the same as Galt. In conclusion, Mr. Piggott said he thought Chatham had the material, and he could see no reason why Chatham should not win the trophy and retain it.

Mr. Piggott's address met with much applause.

The financial statement, read in detail by Treasurer W. A. Coltart, showed a cash balance of \$22.66 on hand.

F. D. Laurie, in moving the adoption of the report, said it was one of the most satisfactory reports he had heard. The accounts were kept in the best shape they had ever been kept. Jos. Tilt seconded the motion.

President Piggott said that arrangements should be made now for more funds, and suggested some excursion or entertainment.

The election of officers for the ensuing year followed and resulted as follows:

Honorary President—Robert Gray.
Honorary Vice-President—John Piggott, Sr.

Second Hon. Vice—J. G. Kerr.
Third Hon. Vice—Dr. Thompson.

President—Frank D. Laurie.
First Vice-Pres.—H. W. Anderson.
Second Vice-Pres.—A. I. McCall.

Manager—J. W. Plewes.
Assistant Manager—A. Ellison.
Secretary—Perry G. Piggott.

Treasurer—W. A. Coltart.
Executive Committee—Lindsay Parrott, C. B. Sissons and Jos. Tilt.

Captain—Harry Flowers.
Vice Captain—Max Fraser.
Team Committee—Captain, Vice Captain and C. B. Sissons.

Auditor—L. Fead.
It was decided to leave the fees the same as last year.

Those present at the meeting were E. D. Laurie, John Piggott, Sr., J. B. Sissons, Harry Flowers, W. A. Coltart, L. Parrott, L. Fead, Perry Piggott, Harry Massey, Reg. Plewes, Tom Fairbanks, Joseph Tilt, A. B. Hutchinson, Fred Cowan, Chas. Donovan and others.

INSPECTOR'S VISIT

James T. Burke, of Toronto, Inspector of Factories and Shops, Department of Agriculture, Ontario, made a hurried visit to many shops and factories about town yesterday afternoon, inspecting the sanitary arrangements, properly protected machinery, also in regard to the Sunday by-law in connection with bake shops and barber shops. Mr. Burke has had 19 years experience and says he finds it best to make his visits on the shortest possible notice. He dropped off at London on his way to the Maple City and did a little work there. Mr. Burke was here partly on his own account and the request of the local Board of Health.

SACRED CONCERT

A sacred concert, to conclude with the production of Stainer's beautiful passion cantata, "The Crucifixion," will be given in St. Andrew's Church on the evening of March 30th. The choir, in their work, will be assisted by Mr. Arthur Blight, of Toronto, Canada's greatest Baritone, and Mr. Samuel Comport, tenor soloist of St. Paul's Church, Detroit. These two gentlemen will give program numbers besides taking the solo parts in the cantata.

Miss H. Edythe Hill, the popular contralto, and directress of Park St. Methodist Choir, will also appear on the program, singing Gounod's beautiful solo, "There is a Green Hill Far Away."

Miss Ada F. Ross and Miss Gertrude Somerville, soloists of the church, will also contribute excellent numbers. The whole concert is under the direction of Wm. H. Brackin, musical director of the church, and no effort is being spared to give the people of Chatham a rare treat in music. The admission will be twenty-five cents.

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The Shoe Man.