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ABOUT THE

Some Things that the Electors Want Cleared Up In Reference to the By-Law.

Why Did "Experts" and Aldermen Favor a More Expensive and Smaller Building?

The action of the City Council in ccepting plans for the new market building solely upon the recommenda-tion of Eng.neer Jones and W. H. Gonne and, knowing as a body prac-tically nothing about the building they accepted, and nothing about the other buildings which were tendered by the other architects, has been the subject of much adverse criticism on the street this morning.

The competition was recognized be-The competition was recognized between Rutley & Son and Wilson & Son. The point which seemed to settle the question was the cost of the differint buildings. Mr. Rutley's estimate was about \$25,800, while Mr. Wilson's terms was about \$25,800. Jones and Gonne conceded Messrs. Jones and conne coneeded that either building would be suitable, but they ran Mr. Wilson's estimates up to \$31,192.00 and said the building could not be built for less money. At the same time Mr. Jones building could not be built for less money. At the same time Mr. Jones intimated to Mr. Wilson that it would take two days longer to go over his estimates thoroughly and that he and Mr. Gonne would have to guess at some of the figures. This statement was before the Council when they made their decision.

On the other hand Mr. Wilson explained how he got at his estimate of \$25,800. He had figures from the Maple City's leading contractors in

of \$25,800. He had figures from the Maple City's leading contractors in all lines of the work and the contractors who figured were in a position to do the work for the amounts handed in, so that Mr. Wilson was in a position last evening to sign a contract for his building at \$25,900 in spite of Messis. Jones and Gonne's report and he also intimated this to the aldermen.

Further than this, if the Rutley Further than this, if the Rutley building is gone on with the figures of Jones and Gonne will not and can not be the estimates on which the building will be built. The contractors will have to figure on Mr. Rutley's plans and the real estimates will have to be made up from the tenders of the contractors. This, of course, makes it very uncertain as te what the cost of the Rutley building may be, and there is a chance of it running over the estimate of Gonne and Jones. Mr. Wilson's estimates, however, were definite and conclusive being arrived at from contractors' being arrived at from contractors' tenders already received. Mr. Wil-son's estimate of \$25,701 included the whole building complete in every de-

Owing to the public opinion exressed along these lines the contractors who figured on Mr. Wilson's clans were interviewed this morning and each one of them stated that they would be anxious to receive the work at the tenders they supplied to Mr. Wilson. In every case the esti-mates of the contractors were placed on the safe side at a good reasonable figure for the amount of work required and several of the contract-ors intimated the fact that they had no doubt the oulding could be put up even cheaper than Mr. Wilson's estimate. As Messrs. Jones and Gonne put Mr. Wilson's estimate up, it is their word against the word of contractors who are all experts in their own line of work and wh in their own fine of work and who have been established in Chatham for years and figuring on jobs,—some of them much larger than the market building.

Much was made of the supposition

Much was made of the supposition that Jones and Gonne were practical men and competent to figure out the estimates. They claim that Mr. Wilson's specifications and estimates did not come in until late. Mr. Wilson gives the information that the specifications that were figured on by the contractors, and successfully so, were furnished Messrs. Gonne and Jones last Wednesday and still

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THE CONTROL OF THE CO

CRASHED INTO WHEAT CAR

Ugly Railroad Accident at the Cemetery Siding-Fireman Gouth Injured.

Engineer Burwell Escapes With Bruises-Passenger Train Fortunately Did Not Leave Track.

Conductor Sam. Pierce's passenger rain from the south last night rashed into a big C. P. R. freight ear laden with wheat, which was lying foul of the main line at the Cem-etery siding on the Pere Marquette railroad. A freight from Sarnia came down ahead of Conductor Whiteley's passenger train from the north. The C. P. R. diamond, wait till Conductor Whiteley went into the C. P. R. station, then back across the C. P. R. diamond. The freight attempted to take the long siding across the G. in the siding and the freight had to back out and take the position originally proposed. In going into the siding the freight pushed the wheat-laden box car out on the far end of the siding, far enough to foul the main line, there being no stop block on the siding. It was very dark and

the dangerous position of the car was not noticed. Yesterday was the first day for the Yesterday was the interest of the new schedule. Conductor Pierce's train was given the fatal number 13. The was given the fatal number 13. The side of the freight car projected far enough to collide with the side of the engine. The result was that the pas-senger train was ripped up the side. The side of the engine was disman-tled, but she didn't leave the rails. tled, but she didn't leave the rails. The piston was torn off, and the side of the cab wrecked. Every window in the passenger coach was smashed and the wheat poured from the broken car over the rails. The track was literally buried in the wheat. Fireman Gouth, of Port Stanley, was on the side of the engine that was struck, and he was quite badly injured. Fortunately all the passengers escaped.

gers escaped.

General Agent Tillson was early on the scene and had a wrecking crew at work. No part of the passenger train left the track, but the wheat piled on the track blocked traffic. A gers escaped.

piled on the track blooked traffic. A gang was soon at work shovelling wheat and clearing the track, and by 11.30 the road was clear.

This is the same spot at which the fatal collision occurred a year ago last October, when Brakeman Hutchison was killed and a couple of other train hands injured. Twice before has this siding been the scene of accidents. There is a sharp curve at the cemetery and the accident last fall was caused by the train taking the siding not protecting the yard by the siding not protecting the yard by the board at the curve. The accident last night was caused by the freight car being so near the end of the sid-ing as to foul the main line.

Pere Marquette Physician Dr. R. V. Bray was called to attend Alfred Gouth, the fireman. He was badly cut and bruised Yout the head, and it required several stitches to dress his wounds. He was removed to St. Joseph's Hospital and to-day was resting easy. Engineer David Bur-well was badly shaken up, but escap-od sorious finium. ed serious injury.

MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATION

The Ministerial Association met esterday morning at the Park street take place on Tuesday evening, Dec. 27th.

LATE LOCAL NEWS.

J. C. Stokes of the S. Hadley Lumber Co., who has been on a business ness trip to Brantford and Woodstockreturned for the city last evening.

The I. O. F. play against the Sons of Scotland in the latter's hall this evening at 9.15. This is one of the many games to be played in the City Carpet Ball Bowling League.

THE ROSS GOVERNMENT AND

would and I wouldn't if I could.

could."-A. B. McCOIG, November, 19, 1904.

THE MAN WHO SUPPORTS IT

"Definitely and positively I will not be the candidate. I couldn't if I.

"What use would it be to me to go down to the Legislature and sit in

"No; I tell you solemnly and honestly, I wouldn't be their candidate if I-

some back bench in opposition? And what use would it be to my constituents to have me there?"

"I think the Ross government is a goner. They've been there altogether too long and they've got too many heelers and hangers-on." "The whole thing is corrupt and rotten, and I believe they should be

CLUB ROOMS ARE SECURED

And the Young Men Will Elect their Officers at To-Morrow Night's Meeting.

Rousing Rally Last Night-Young Men are Enthusiastic in the Cause of James Clancy.

Despite the short notice, there was splendid attendance at the in auguration of the Young Men's Lib eral-Conservative Club last night. By eight o'clock the commodous By eight o'clock the commod ous rooms above Grey's China Store were filled to overflowing, not only the old fighters of the party being present, but a large gathering of the younger supporters of good and progressive Government. Among those present were S. B. Arnold, Secretary of the Liberal-Conservative Association; A. J. Dunn, Treasurer; G. S. Heyward, Fred. Goodland, John C. Stewart. Fred Stephens, John McCor-Stewart, Fred Stephens, John McCorvie, F. H. Brisco, A. A. Hicks, W. C. McArthur, Milton Shaw, W. Wilson,

and many others.

S. B. Arnold addressed the meeting. He was pleased to see so large a number present, especially in view of the fact that the committee rooms being engaged only that afternoon, merely a brief notice could be given. This meeting was called to consider the steps to be taken for the or-ganization of the Young Men's Lib-eral-Conservative Club, which he felt would be a strong accession to the ranks of the fighters on behalf of clean and honest Government. He suggested the appointment of a good, strong committee to have charge of the fitting out of the rooms and the organization of the club. For this committee he suggested Messrs, Fred. Stephens, Wendell Wilson, John C. Slewart and Milton Shaw. The suggestion was unanimously approved, and the committee instructed to get

and the committee instructed to get to work at once.

Arthur J. Dunn urged an early meeting for the election of officers.

After considerable discussion it was decided to call this meeting for the everyone here come." said Mr. Arn-old, "and bring a friend with him" —'or two friends," added A. J. Dunn. It was unan mously decided that

It was unan mously decided that no expense should be spared in the equipment of the club rooms, so that they would be in every way an attractive resort for the young men.

ELECTED OFFICERS

Wellington Lodge, No. 46, A. F. & A. M., G. R. C., held a splendid meeting last evening, the occasion being the annual election of efficers. following was the result of the ele-

I. P. M.-Geo. Massey. W. M.-A. E. fewett. S. W.-W. A. Hadley. J. W.-Dr. Musson. Chaplain—Dr. Battisby.
Treasurer—Geo. Crumb.
Secretary—Alex. Gregory.
S. D.—W. W. Turner. J. D.-W A Stevens S. S.—Ernest French.
J. S.—O. L. Lewis.
I. G.—A. C. Woodward. T.-F. Bates.

Auditors-M. Houston and J. P. Rutherford. Judge Houston and Dr. J. P. Rutherord acted as scrutineers

take place on Tuesday evening, Dec.

TROUBLE OVER **NEW MARKET**

Some Strong Discrepancies In Estimates Cause Unpleasantness and Uncertainty.

Plans of Rutley & Son Favored By the Experts and Finally Accepted -Ald. Marshall Talks Piainly.

Alderman Edmondson's new marke

Alderman Edmondson's new market scheme assumed a very unpleasant aspect at the meeting of the council held last evening.

It appears that the aldermen now are of the opinion that they have been going a little too fast with their scheme, and they arrived as a point at last night's meeting where they were very much in doubt as to what they really should do. A conclusion was finally settled upon after much discussion but it was not unanimous, and, it is questionable whether the aldermen who voted for the motion which settled upon the plaus of tion which settled upon the plans of the new market building, were as-sured in their own minds that they were acting in the best interests of the city. They had not much time the city. They had not much time to deliberate over their actions, however, and they were forced to come to a hasty settlement of the question before them.

As Alderman W. S. Marshall tersely put it—and Alderman Marshall is looked upon by his fellow aldermen

as a good portion of the brains of the council—when he declared:— "Gentlemen, you are voting to ac-cept something, and you don't know what you are going to get. I am not satisfied with this business and I would like to see the matter laid over for one more night until we can come to a definite conclusion

as to what we really want. This would still give us time to have the by-law voted upon at this election."

The trouble arose over the question as to which set of plans should be accepted. There were three arbe accepted. There were three ar-chitects in the competition, Wilson & Son, Rutley & Son, and Piper. It was generally conceded that the race was between Wilson & Son and Rut-ley & Son. Two men supposed to be practical builders, E. B. Jones and W. H. Gonne, were appointed to ex-amine the estimates of the archi-

amine the estimates of the architects, and they brought in a report
us follows on the cost of each building-Rutley & Son, \$26,851.61, Wilson,
& Son, \$31,192.00; and Piper, \$29,360,05. They also said that any one of
the buildings would be quite suitable
for the market building and then it
seemed to be a matter of cost.

According to the experts' Mr. Rutlev's estimates were the lowest buyers. hey's estimates were the lowest, building a council with his own original estimates of the cost of his building a little over \$25,0000. Thus, according to his figures his estimates were the lowest. Mr. Wilson's figures were some \$5,500 lower than the estimates

of Messrs. Jones and Gonne, who fig-ures his building at \$31,192.00. More-over Mr. Wilson was prepared to sig-a contract for his building at his own estimates upon tenders handed in to him by Maple City contractors who figured on his building and specifcations,
Ald. Marshall could not understand how there was such a difference in the estimates made by Jones and Gonne, and those made by Mr. Wilson, on the same building. Mr. Wilson explained that Mr. Jones had stated

to him that the experts (Jones and Gonne) would not have time to fully go into the figures, and they would have to guess at some of them. No doubt they made a mistake in the A grant of \$5 was made to the innates of the Home.

The installation of the officers will

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This did not seem to meet with the approval of the most of the council but in the face of it all they went according to the recommendations of Jones and Gonne and accepted the plans of Rutley & Son at a figure, \$26,951.60. Before the motion was carried, it was also explained that Mr. Wilson's building was some 20 feet longer than Mr. Rutley's and that he had provided more market stalls and offices, so that a much greater revenue could be obtained by the city from a building such as Mr. Wilson exhibited.

Alderman Edmondson brought the matter up. He presented the report

and the matter up. He presented the report of Messrs. Jones and Gonne on the estimates as mentioned above, but they did not recommend any particular building.

Alds. Scullard, Westman and Pig-

gott wanted the report comparing the different buildings in writing, but this was not forthcoming. Mr. Gonne was asked to address the coun-

cil.

He explained how he had not had the opportunity of examining Wilson's plans as closely as he had examined Mr. Rutley's. He had just finished Mr. Wilson's estimates at 8 o'clook last evening and he thought his figures were correct. He did not recommend any plan.

Ald. McCoig—It is unfortunate that the Property committee has spent so much time without bringing in a report.

much time without bringing in a report.

Ald. Soullard thought that Gonne and Jones should have brought in a written report recommending some one building. Alds. Westman, Mounteer, Piggott and McCoig were of the same orinion.

Messrs. Jones and Gonne then retired and came back a few minutes later with a report that the plans of Rutley & Son be accepted.

Alderman Edmondson said he was

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