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THE SNOW CLEANING BY-LAW REPORTED INVALID—GENERAL COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS.

The city council stayed the regulation limit last evening and adjourned at eleven o'clock.

The meeting was a very busy one and a large amount of important business was transacted. Messrs. Bailey & Wigle, the representatives of the Kingsville tobacco firm who are anxious to locate in this city, were present and submitted their proposals to the council, which were transferred by that body to the finance committee for consideration. During the evening, too, His Worship took occasion to submit several pertinent suggestions to the committee and a large amount of routine work was also accomplished.

Not the least important feature of the session was the unanimous passing of a resolution prepared by Ald. Sullivan and McCog, to the effect that the young of Mr. John A. Donegan, the young Chathamite who fell in the South African war.

There were present, the Mayor and Ald. Sullivan, Stephens, McCog, McKeough, Marshall and Fleming. Applications to cut and trim trees were referred to Chief of Police, with power.

A MODEST ACCOUNT.

Ald. Stephens presented the account of the Mayor for expenses on deputation to Toronto on matters laid before the council at their last meeting. The account, amounting to \$9.75, was unanimously passed. Ald. Sullivan requested the council to pass a resolution that it was somewhat less than \$85.

When the order for the C. C. I. Board was passed, His Worship asked the chairman of the board to the fact that the drafts were considerably larger than this year last.

Ald. W. H. Robinson wrote, asking an increase of \$2 in his pay, owing to the fact that he had not the assistance he expected.

The Mayor referred the question to the finance committee, and in so doing expressed the opinion that the request was perfectly justifiable and hoped the council would take some action.

Ald. McCog said he had received a communication from Wells & Murdock, asking what the council was going to do in the matter of the C. C. I. assessments. The matter was referred to the finance committee.

Norman B. Gash wrote, asking the council to pass a strong resolution favoring a grant by the Government to the sugar beet industry. The finance committee was authorized to present the same and forward it to the Government.

Ald. Fleming, in presenting a number of accounts from the property committee, complained that there were a great number from last year. "I don't know whether the chairman of the committee last year has put on a practical joke on this year's committee," said Ald. Fleming, "for whether he wanted to make a specially good showing, but you see the fact."

The Mayor said he was anxious to cut off the committee's money and will pay their own way.

THE TOBACCO FACTORY.

Messrs. Bailey & Wigle, of Kingsville, were heard relative to the establishment of a tobacco factory here. They had formed a company and had over \$5,000 subscribed. They asked free water and exemption from taxation and a bonus of \$5,000. With- in three months the factory would be built and would set with 30 to 40 hands, which would be expected to increase to 125 to 200 hands by next January. The pay-roll for 40 hands would be \$1,000 every three months. The matter was referred to the finance committee.

The army and veterans wrote, asking for a grant. Finance committee reported against the verified brick payment on King St. was submitted and reported sufficiently signed. Received.

The following motion was carried unanimously.

COUNCIL'S CONDOLENCE.

Moved by Ald. Sullivan, seconded by Ald. McCog, that the following resolution be engrossed and sent to Ed. Donegan, C. P. R. offices, city.

Whereas your loving brother and our honored fellow citizen has been called to the great beyond through the misfortunes of war, we, the city council of the city of Chatham, wish to convey to you and your afflicted parents our heartfelt sympathy in your bereavement and we hope that the fact of his sudden summons will be somewhat mitigated by the thought that he went fighting and gave his life for the cause of liberty and equality, while enrolled in the army of our glorious mother country as no nobler or grander ending to the life of any Canadian could be wished than to say he fought, bled and died for the British Empire and our beloved Queen.

PROPERTY REPORT.

Ald. Fleming reported for property.

Your committee on public property, to whom was referred the case of Fireman Robt. Coyle, beg to report that after much deliberation upon the circumstances of the case, decided to reimburse him for the last time. Your committee are disposed to take a lenient view of his past offense from the fact that for services rendered by him in 1898, when our country was threatened by invasion, for which he had recently received a medal, at a time when excitement was great over existing in South Africa, in events which Canadian soldiers figured so conspicuously, his last offense was committed. In presenting the report of the property committee, Ald. Fleming said

the committee were reminded that at the time of the offense, other gentlemen were drinking the health of Her Majesty. Coyle was a good useful man when sober, his family needed his wages, and he was in a very penitent frame of mind.

FINANCE REPORT.

Ald. Stephens reported for Finance. That account of Sawyer-Massey Co., \$8 be paid.

In answer to Mrs. Etches' appeal, your committee have an offer from her solicitor if \$20 reduction is made in her assessment and recommend settlement on this basis.

That there is an error in the assessment of S. Lusty, as the slip left by the assessors calls for \$150 and on the assessment roll the amount is \$1,500. He would recommend the collector's roll be changed to read \$150.

That the request of J. M. Park for a blanket of 30 feet on the granolithic sidewalk built by him on the north side of Dalhousie street be granted as recommended by the court of revision.

That the auditor's report of the Collegiate Institute Board for 1899 be received.

SNOW BY-LAW NOT VALID.

Ald. Sullivan asked why the snow by-law was not enforced. The city solicitor had ruled it was not valid.

Ald. Sullivan said the chairman should then give notice of another by-law.

Ald. McCog asked concerning the leasing of the spaces on the market square.

The mayor asked the property committee to look into the matter.

The mayor asked concerning the collection of the Chatham costs.

Ald. Stephens said if the matter was not attended to before next meeting of council, it would be placed in the hands of the city solicitor.

A GOOD SUGGESTION.

The mayor suggested the advisability of the finance committee being entrusted with \$200 or \$300, with which to solicit the effort and influence of some competent person with a view to starting a pork factory in Chatham. He believed it would be money well spent.

At present representatives of the Ingersoll company bought up the produce of this district and shipped it from Ingersoll to the east country. His Worship thought the establishment of such a factory would be invaluable to Chatham, would give employment to many of its citizens and profit to the farmers of the county. The matter was referred to Finance.

TENDERS RECEIVED.

Tenders for supplies were then opened and referred in bulk to the board of works for consideration.

The tenders were as follows:

Brick—R. J. & Sons.
Brick—J. D. & Sons.
Brick—D. Jordan and Thos. E. Field.
Sand—D. W. Gray and Victor Robinson.
Lumber—S. Hadley & Co., J. Pigott & Sons, and J. G. G. & Sons.
Abolish street bridge—Wm. Blight, Robert Wilson and Jno. Nelson.
Earth and gravel—J. G. G. & Sons.
Prepared by the clerk, were put through their various stages before adjournment.

ACCOUNTS PASSED.

John A. Martin, \$130.
Chas. Dingman (Ref.), \$5.
Mayor E. A. Smith, \$9.75.
R. H. Blackburn, \$2.
Banner Printing Co., \$16.14.
Registrar, \$10.
Baker Printing Co., \$1.25.
Shea's Pig. Office, \$1.35.
Nagle & Co., \$1.00.
Baxter Pig. Co., \$3.10.
C. C. I. Board, \$706.
W. H. Gonne, \$25.
R. C. Separate School Board, \$300.
J. E. Robinson, \$30.
J. A. Martin, \$2.15.
Westman Bros., \$15.58.
Pay sheets (2 weeks), \$125.93.
Miss Douglas, \$6.
S. Hadley & Co., \$19.
E. & D. R., \$12.
Hay for fire hall, \$13.12.
Laundry for fire hall, \$1.75.
Wood for fire hall, \$18.
Bell Telephone Co., \$7.50.
Nagle & Co., \$1.00.
Fred. Woods, \$3.40.
Electric department (cash), \$106.91.
McKeough & Trotter, \$106.44.
McKeough & Trotter, \$14.90.
C. E. H. H. H., \$9.04.
Canadian Gas Co., \$34.10.
Canadian General Carbon Co., \$69.

THAMESVILLE.

March 6.—Rev. Mr. Munro, of Ridgeway, exchanged pulpits on Sunday with Rev. John McInnis, pastor of the Presbyterian church here, for both morning and evening services.

That we will now have a food spring is almost certain. The snow is over two feet deep on the average and being so late in the season it is almost sure to melt with a rush.

J. Duncan has now a gas street light burning in front of the postoffice and is quite a success.

Our local commission men are shipping large quantities of eggs and poultry to Montreal and other eastern points these days.

Miss Maria Kerr, who has been indisposed, is able to be around again.

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Rejoicings in the future great city of Chatham, over the relief of Ladysmith.

As the poet through the city went, The ringing of the bells, And that lovely flag that always waves

In hundreds unfurled to the breeze, Hoisted everywhere, From loving hands of loyal citizens, In grand rejoicings, Brave Britons fighting foot by foot To meet her friends, Relieved brave White And entered Ladysmith.

Oh, these brave hearts, Once so sad, Pinned up in Ladysmith's stronghold, The booming guns draw near, It is Butler that we hear, The Briton lassie Cries with joy, To our speedy relief comes

Our brave laddie, From that lovely Maple City Dear old Chatham, Died bravely on Africa's bloody field, We know now that he is here, And has that lovely reward, That Poet wishes him, And to him God gave, When we meet him at Heaven's gate With other brave ones, In his hands he will carry That lovely flag, Protector of our homes and Christian- ity.

Chatham, Ont., March 1, 1900.

THE PEAT FUEL CO.

Provisional Directors Have Now Been Appointed

And a Charter Will be Secured at Once—All the Capital Subscribed.

Through the efforts of J. L. Scott \$30,000 has been subscribed for the formation of a peat fuel company to develop the bog at the Eau. The \$30,000 is controlled by forty subscribers. A meeting was called in Mr. Scott's new and commodious offices, Fifth street, yesterday afternoon for the purpose of electing a provisional board of directors to procure a charter.

There were present Judge Bell, J. L. Scott, J. M. Wilson, Q. C. Walter O'Hara, T. L. Pardo, M. P. P. Jones, Geo. H. H. H., W. D. Samson, Blenheim; Wm. Irwin, Toronto; E. R. Smith, J. P. O'Keefe, F. D. Laurie, John Pigott, Chris. Smith, J. M. Park, A. Park, J. Carewell, Thos. Sainsbury, A. Sheldrick, H. P. Taylor, J. Wiley, C. D. Dredon; R. Aitken, Dredon; L. B. Cronk, Dredon; George T. Mann, London; Neil Sinclair, Blenheim, and Jacob Colby, Chatham.

On motion Judge Bell took the chair and Ald. Sheldrick was appointed secretary. Mr. Scott stated the purpose of the meeting was to appoint provisional directors and to ask for a charter.

Mr. Irwin then addressed the meeting and gave a history of the peat fuel in Ontario. There are plants in Picton and Waind and also one near Stratford and one near Peterborough.

J. L. Scott said he had visited a number of plants and watched the machines running.

Mr. Wilson asked about the patents covering the manufacture of peat fuel.

Mr. Irwin answered that the production was protected first by patent on the method of processing the peat, secondly on the process used and third on the manufactured peat itself. When these patents ceased to hold the company could stop paying royalties.

Judge Bell in calling for a provisional board suggested that not more than nine be nominated to that board.

Mr. Wilson suggested that the different districts be represented on the board but that a quorum come from the city as there were often little details to be handled and these could be then attended to without summoning members from a distance.

It was moved by R. Aitken, seconded by John Pigott, that nine directors be a provisional board.

On motion of Mr. Wilson, seconded by R. Aitken, a committee composed of John Pigott, W. D. Samson, Jonas Gonnell and J. L. Scott was appointed to nominate a board of Provisional directors. The committee retired and after a few minutes John Pigott reported for them that the provisional directors be as follows: Judge Bell, chairman; Dr. S. A. King, Kingsville; M. Wilson, Q. C., Chatham; T. L. Pardo, M. P. P.; D. Samson, Blenheim; R. Aitken, Dredon; E. R. Smith, Chatham. The report was adopted.

On motion of Dr. Wiley, seconded by A. Park, Wilson, Kerr & Pike were appointed solicitors for the company.

It was moved by Geo. Mann, seconded by R. Aitken that Wilson, Kerr & Pike be trustees of the money for the shareholders and that all funds be deposited in the Canadian Bank of Commerce.

Carried. Moved by E. R. Smith seconded by W. F. O'Hara that the subscribers approve of the option taken for the benefit of the company by J. L. Scott from Philander Crawford, Mary Jane Crawford and Neil Sinclair dated 13th Dec. 1899, as mentioned in the prospectus issued by Mr. Scott, and that the provisional directors and the solicitors do what may be necessary or expedient—Carried.

This option gives the company the peat land at \$10 an acre.

The meeting throughout was most enthusiastic. The shareholders think they have a good thing in the development of Ontario's peat fields, and expect that in a year or two instead of our people importing their fuel from the coal fields of the States we will be exporting our peat to the other side.

ONE OF SOTHERN'S JOKES.

How He Entertained Himself and Mrs. John Wood in a Spare Moment.

Mrs. John Wood appeared with the older Sothern in the same company for several seasons. On one occasion, while the company was playing in Birmingham, Mrs. Wood met Mr. Sothern in the street. They were near an ironmonger's shop, when he shook hands with her and bade her good morning.

"Would you mind going in here with me? I want to make some small purchases," he said.

She accompanied him. He went up to the counter and said: "I want some Macaulay's History of England."

The assistant said: "We do not sell books sir; this is an ironmonger's shop."

"Well, I'm not particular," said Sothern, pretending to be deaf. "I don't care whether it is bound in calf or Russian."

"But this is not a bookseller's!" shouted the assistant.

"All right," said Sothern. "Wrap it up neatly. Want to have it sent down to the hotel. It's for a present I wish to make to a relative. Put it up nicely."

"We don't keep it!" shouted the assistant, getting red in the face, while Mrs. Wood stepped aside and took a chair in another part of the shop, almost overcome with suppressed laughter at the cheerful, frank expression on Sothern's face and the mad, puzzled look on the shopkeeper's assistant.

"Do it up as if it were for your own mother. I don't want anything better than that," said Sothern. "I would like to write my name on the fly leaf."

"Sir," bawled the assistant at the top of his voice, "we do not keep books."

"Very well," said the actor, quite undisturbed at the emotion he was creating. "I will wait for it."

Under the impression that his customer was either stone deaf or a lunatic, the assistant bounced off to the lower end of the shop and asked his master to come, saying: "I can do nothing with the man. I think he must be off his head." Whereupon the principal marched up to the spot where Sothern was standing and asked very loudly: "What is it, sir? What do you desire?"

"I want to buy a file," returned Sothern quietly, "a plain file about four or five inches in length."

"Certainly," said the principal, with a wondering look at his assistant, and nodding at once the article which had been asked for.—Boston Journal.

Love's Signature in the Wrong Place.

A short time since the daughter of a Hull millionaire drove up to the door of a jeweler's shop, went in and selected a turquoise and diamond ring valued at £50. She made out her check for that sum and passed it to the assistant. The alert young man glanced at it and then looked inquiringly up at the young lady and said: "There is some mistake here I think."

"The young lady flushed and asked if the check was not for the right amount. She was told it was not.

"But what?" she exclaimed frigidly. "Do you mean that my check is not acceptable?"

The assistant acknowledged that he knew who the young lady was, but explained that the check was not made out just as it should be. And he handed it back. The girl ran her eye over it and then turned a deep crimson.

"Oh," she exclaimed. "see!" And then she proceeded to make out another check. She had signed the first one, "Your own sweetheart, Jessie."

WHEN EXTREMES MEET.

Whose Luck Will it be to Wear the Symphony.

In the downtown portion of our busy shopping district there is displayed an evening hat, and way up at the other end of the town an evening bodice, which if brought into contact with each other would prove a perfect match, and if worn by a black-haired, dark-eyed girl would turn her into a perfect symphony in mauve.

The hat was one of those small, close affairs of the loveliest shade of mauve velvet, with crown of gold spangled tulle. The brim turned back over the face, was a trifle narrower on the right side than the left, and the very odd trimming consisted of six small bows of black-and-white velvet, each caught in the centre by a bit of steel buckle. These were sewed on the very edge of the brim, beginning at the front and extending all around to the back and looked, in very truth, like butterflies just alighting, as every motion of the wearer's head would set them quiver. On the left side two beautifully shaped mauve ostrich feathers rested against the hair.

The waist seen was of mauve mouseline de soie shirred quite full over a lining of the same shade of satin, with sleeves shirred lengthwise. Yoke, collar and belt were of heavy white corded satin. A narrow ruffle of the mouseline, embroidered in a trailing vine of silk flowers with a tiny white lace edge outlined the pointed yoke and extended in a jabot to the waist. A narrow ruffle of the same formed a dainty finish at neck and wrists. Whose luck will it be to wear the "symphony" New York Herald.

GOOD THOUGHTS.

Only the home can found a state.—Joseph Cook.

Cheerfulness is health; its opposite, melancholy, is disease.—Halliburton.

Happiness is a roadside flower, blooming on the highway of usefulness.—Anon.

He that has never known ill fortune has never known himself or his virtue.—Mallet.

To be good and disagreeable is high treason against the royalty of virtue.—Hannah Moore.

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