

A Double-Header.

Two Sessions Held by the City Council.

Tenders of Various Electric Light Companies.

Wordy War Between the Mayor and Ald. Taylor.

The Sum in the Electric Light Bylaw Increased from \$65,000 to \$66,000.

Citizens Will Vote on a \$75,000 Waterworks Main—Legislation for the Issue of \$125,000 Worth of Debentures Will Be Sought—Assessors' Salaries Raised—The Street Railway Company's Offer May Be Referred to the People.

The council at a special meeting yesterday afternoon heard what the representatives of the different companies tendering on the city's proposed electric plant and equipment had to say for their respective systems, and after submitting \$66,000 in the bylaw increased to \$65,000, passed the second reading of the bylaw, and adjourned after 6 o'clock. The change was necessary to include one of the tenders which was higher than the others.

It was 20 minutes to 9 o'clock before a quorum was announced. Ald. F. J. Fitzgerald, chairman of No. 3 committee, read a report submitting the different tenders. The engineer read the schedule prepared by him showing the relative prices of the different tenders. He mentioned that in the original tender of the Royal Company a mistake of \$3 a pole had been made. This made a total difference in their tender of \$6,000, reducing it to \$51,350.

The mayor called the attention of the council to the fact that one of the tenders, that of Siemens & Halske, Chicago, exceeded the appropriation of \$65,000 by \$900. What were they going to do about it?

Ald. F. J. Fitzgerald moved that in the meantime the bylaw be given its second reading and in the interim the aldermen be supplied with a copy of the figures. Carried.

After the bylaw was read Ald. Parnell said that he thought it would be best to hear the representative of the Siemens & Halske Company before shutting them out by passing the bylaw for a second time. By mutual consent the passage of the bylaw was laid over until the different electric men were heard.

E. T. Perry, representing the Anderson-Robinson Company, Toronto, and the Standard Company, Chicago, was the first to take the floor. His bid was well known all over the States; would burn from dusk to dawn and was weatherproof. He pointed out the economy of maintenance of the apparatus. They would put in a 2,000 candle power light on seven-tenths of a horse power. The tender called for 10 amperes of current and a 50 volt lamp, but a seven ampere light was quite popular and in proportion as they dropped on the amperes they dropped on the cost bill. They would make any repairs free of cost for the first twelve months and if their plant did not give satisfaction they wanted no pay. His company found, since tendering, that they could save down \$500 in the price of wire. Should their tender be accepted he would give them that reduction. A cheaper switch board could also be put in.

Ald. Parnell—What is the cost of wear and tear on your lamp?

Mr. Perry—It amounts to \$200 on year lamps.

Ald. Parnell—What would be the cost of each light per annum?

Mr. Perry—What is the price of coal? Engineer Graydon—\$4.20 a ton.

Mr. Perry—The cost would be in that case about \$48 for each light.

The figures in the Standard's tender were \$43,130 for electric light and \$57,830 including steam power.

Mr. Armstrong, of the Canadian General Electric Company, next addressed the council. Their figures, \$36,300 for electrical equipment and \$51,000 including steam plant, were the second lowest. Their system was the Wood. He guaranteed the absolute simplicity of their dynamo and pointed out the feature of automatic regulation. Both St. Louis and Detroit were satisfactorily equipped with the Wood system. By patronizing their company the city would patronize home industry and patronize a company paying \$1,000 a year in taxes. Mr. Armstrong could not state definitely the life of his plant, but he thought the figures given in wear and tear by Mr. Perry would be about right.

The Fort Wayne Electric Company was unrepresented. Their figures are \$42,224 for electrical equipment and \$59,924 including steam plant.

James W. Easton represented the Reliance Company, of Waterloo, whose tender of \$52,990 for electrical equipment—\$47,690, including steam plant—was the lowest of the lot. Mr. Easton read about a dozen telegrams from municipalities and private companies in different parts of Canada who were pleased with the Reliance equipment. They were filed with the clerk. Mr. Easton gave the following figures as the estimated cost of running power for a year: One engineer, who is also an electrician, \$1,200; assistant, \$720; one line-man and repairer, \$720; two firemen, \$600; two trimmers, \$720; horses and carted coal (estimated), \$300; oil (estimated), \$250; waste, \$50; carbons, 75,000 pairs, 2 cents a pair, \$1,500; coal, 1,200 tons at \$3.50 per ton, \$4,200; interest at 4 1/2 per cent., \$2,250; depreciation at 5 per cent., \$2,500; total, \$15,570.

Some of the members were dubious about the estimated price of coal as given by Mr. Easton at \$3.50 per ton. It costs \$4.20 in London, but Mr. Easton assured the members that coal could be laid down in Waterloo, Ont., at \$3.35 a ton, and he thought London could surely do as well as \$3.50.

David Starr spoke on behalf of the Royal Company, of Montreal. Their system was used extensively in the vicinity of Montreal and Quebec and gave good satisfaction. Mr. Starr estimated the wear and tear on steam plant, dynamo and line at possibly 1 per cent. The life of a plant would vary, some parts wearing out quicker than others. The Royal's tender was, for electrical equipment, \$42,650; including steam plant, \$57,350. Mr. Starr stated that there had been a misunderstanding in figuring on poles and they found that they could do it for \$6,000 less than the figures given.

The Western Electric Company, of Chicago, figured at \$42,274.59 for electrical equipment and \$58,974.59 for steam plant. They were represented by Mr. J. George Kaelber, who has several times been before the council on the same business. He went over the different points of their system,

and stated that they had never had their plants replaced where they had once been used. He figured the depreciation at 5 per cent. The average cost of a "Western" light was from 12 to 15 to 18 cents per light a night, not including the interest on the money invested, but including depreciation. If awarded the contract they would run the plant and pay all expenses for 30 days.

A. M. Stuart spoke on behalf of the Siemens & Halske Company, Chicago, whose tender, with steam plant, of \$65,600 exceeded the appropriation. Their system is low pressure one, such as is in use in nine-tenths of the arc lights on the continent of Europe, and is in use on Fifth Avenue, New York. They did not believe that any rod light could be run for five consecutive minutes without noise or hissing, consequently they use phosphoric ribbon which gave a brilliant noiseless light.

He quoted many authorities in favor of a low tension system, which he said would save money alongside of a high tension plant, and would not slaughter anyone if it fell down at a wet night. They used only one large dynamo and the superior efficiency of that dynamo with the direct connection with the engine would save the city \$2,200 a year.

Ald. Taylor—Where is this system in operation, so that we can visit it?

Mr. Stuart—In Europe and—

Ald. Taylor—Oh, in Europe! (Laughter.) The mayor protested against any "indiscretion" or disorder from the English street lighting. In ordering the removal of same he confirmed. 2. That the communication of Mr. Evans re chimneys on kitchen of Mr. Pigott's house be filed. 3. That Wm. Hayman's request for the English street drain to be continued easterly along Dundas street about 30 feet be granted. Mr. Hayman to pay all costs in connection therewith. 4. Your committee begs to progress on the communication of W. W. Hart re opening of John street, William to Adelaide street.

The report was adopted.

Ald. Parnell, in the absence of Ald. No. 1, read No. 1 committee's report. It recommended: 1. On the communication amounting to \$3,425.86. 2. Your committee begs to submit proposed bylaw and draft of agreement between the county and city, re administration of criminal justice, and recommend the council to pass the proposed bylaw authorizing the mayor to execute the said agreement. 3. Your committee recommends payment of the accounts of the Free Library Board, amounting to \$34.30, submitted by C. E. Keene, secretary of the Free Library Board. 4. Your committee recommends for payment the account of W. A. Westcott (\$10) and Peter Toll (\$10) for special services re maintenance of the 1893 taxes, by Ald. T. Jones, seconded by Ald. Welford, re additional allowance for 1894 assessment, your committee recommends that in view of the estimates having been passed on the question of the 1893 taxes, be granted. 5. On the petition of the petition of Doe, Hunter your committee recommends no action, the matter having been settled as provided by bylaw. 7. That the petition of Mrs. Arlett and S. W. Arlett, re petition of 1893 taxes, be granted. 8. Your committee begs to submit the auditors' report for September quarter and the police court clerk's report for November. 9. Your committee begs to report progress re school, re school, re school account, and the petition of Mrs. Fitzgerald.

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the citizens voted nay it was their lookout.

Ald. J. W. Jones moved that the prayer of the petition be granted on the understanding that the whole question of \$200,000 be submitted to the people. Ald. Parnell seconded.

Ald. Garratt moved in amendment that the prayer of the petition be granted, namely, that the city endeavor to obtain the necessary legislation to issue \$125,000 in debentures for the use of the water commissioners, and that the matter of a new main only, to cost \$75,000, be submitted to the people in January. Ald. Pritchett seconded. The amendment carried on the following division: Yeas—Ald. Garratt, Ald. Heaman, Ald. Cox, Ald. Thos. Jones, Ald. Stevely, Ald. James Fitzgerald, Ald. Welford, Ald. Shaw, Ald. Pritchett, Ald. Carrothers—10. Nays—Ald. Taylor, Ald. J. W. Jones, Ald. Esery, Ald. Parnell, Mayor Esery—5.

COMMITTEE REPORTS.

There was no report from No. 3 committee.

SUMMER TWO COMMITTEE.

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