

CITY COUNCIL HAS DECIDED TO RE-WIRE FIRE ALARM SYSTEM AND WILL ALSO EXTEND IT

Money to Build This Will Come From Proceeds of the Watrous Property Sale, and There Will be No Extra Mills Tacked on to the Tax Rate—No Passes to Aldermen From Railway—Quiet Session, But Important Reports Received.

Receiving reports was the most important item at last night's Council meeting. The Municipal Railway System presented its annual report, the Hydro Electric System presented its annual report, and the Finance Committee presented a quite lengthy report on the matter of the \$30,000 coming from the L. E. and N. sale and other financial arrangements for the present and the future entered into between the city and the Railway Commissioners.

The Commissioners have definitely refused passes on the lines to the Aldermen, and the aldermen filed the letter of refusal. Most of the Aldermen seemed to consider the original request rather in the part of a joke, and were not disturbed by the refusal. The Acting Mayor, however, said he thought it might be looked on otherwise. The Commissioners, he said, were very anxious to keep down expense when the city wanted favors from them, but when the shoe was on the other foot, when the Commissioners wanted something from the city their plea was, the money all belonged to a common fund anyway.

The alarm system of the fire department will be re-wired, and also extended, more boxes being put in. It was impossible to extend the system without re-wiring. The cost will be met from proceeds of the Watrous property sale, no extra mills will be put on the tax rate. A motor car, if possible, a new one, if not second hand, will be purchased for Chief Lewis.

Ald. Dowling was formally asked to be acting mayor by the council and assumed Mr. Bowley's place in the chair. He went through his duties in apparently a satisfactory way, although Ald. Bragg said on one occasion he asked too many questions for a new man.

Besides the mayor, there were two absentees, Ald. P. H. Secord is still holidaying in the Southern States, and Ald. Mellen is not present.

THE PASS QUESTION. Ald. Bragg read a letter from the Railway Commissioners turning down the request of the aldermen for passes. What was the council going to do about the matter.

Ald. Minshall thought that by taking up the matter a rather good effect had been produced. One man had handed in his pass with a nice letter, but he thought it had been held by him for two months before he did so. On that score alone the Railway Committee deserved congratulations. The Railway Committee had cut out all passes for the rest of the year, said Ald. Bragg. All civic employees would have to walk.

Acting Mayor Dowling questioned whether it would pay to send some employees on foot when cars were available for long distances. Too much time would be lost. Ald. Ward thought the Railway Commissioners had acted rightly. The council should not receive serious consideration when it came up in council. He had always felt proud that Brantford aldermen had given their services freely, the council may have been cheaper by the request. The pass business was now eliminated. In Guelph, even the commissioners had to pay. He would throw that out as a suggestion to the local commissioners.

Ald. Pitcher said when the matter came before the council at the last meeting it was more or less of a joke. He felt that it passes had been granted Ald. Ward would not have refused one.

The Acting Mayor declared that the whole affair was not a matter of levity. He was rather surprised at the attitude of the commissioners. Ald. Ward, for instance, as chairman of the Board of Works, travelled more than any commissioner. Had the commissioners considered the city's interest they would have granted that the chief be provided with a motor car not to exceed \$375.00 in cost, the money in this case also to be provided from the Watrous property sale as there is sufficient to pay for the building (on the Market), the fire alarm system and the car.

Ald. Pitcher in moving the adoption of the report stated the re-wiring had to be done. It would not take one dollar from the taxes to do it, all would come from the Watrous property sale proceeds.

Ald. Minshall admitted the need of the re-wiring. Last year the request had come in after the appropriations had been struck, so no money was available. He was against paying for it, however, out of the Watrous site.

Ald. Ward was quite in favor of the resolution. As to how it was paid it was as broad as it was long, the city had to foot the bill. Regarding the purchase of the motor car, beyond question there was an absolute necessity for one. He had investigated that matter very carefully.

In reply to Acting Mayor Dowling's suggestion made last week that half should be done this year and half next, Ald. Pitcher said it was much cheaper to do it all at once.

Ald. Bragg was against buying a second hand car. Buy a new one.

Ald. Pitcher said that if there was enough left over a new one would be second hand. That was Chief Lewis' one suggestion.

There was some further discussion on the purchase of the car. Ald. Minshall said he was not in favor of "hoodwinking" the people as to where the money was coming from to pay for all this. This sort of system was only putting off the evil day. There would be a day of reckoning.

Ald. Pitcher took exception to the word "hoodwinking." The whole transaction was good business. The report was adopted.

MISCELLANEOUS. The usual time lists were confirmed. Twelve loads of coal were weighed in February all being over weight, except one which was fifty pounds short.

The draft resolutions sent from Galt recently in the matter of memorializing the Ontario Government to take some action to abate the flood nuisance on the Grand River was adopted. A committee was appointed to meet representatives of other municipalities affected. The Mayor, Ald. Ward, chairman of the Board of Works; Ald. A. O. Secord, and City Engineer Jones constitute this committee. There was some discussion on this whole matter. Ald. Minshall being opposed to an expense for the Board of Works.

The Soldiers' Aid Commission received a grant of \$25. The bill sent to the municipality of the city of Montreal being the funeral expenses of Hector Aslakson of that place, who was employed here and who was asphyxiated in his own room, was returned unpaid. The city solicitor will try to devise an effective method of making Montreal foot the bill.

The petition of the ratepayers of Grandview asking that when the extension of the Street Railway system was carried out on Terrace Hill that Grandview be included, was referred to the Railway Committee.

Chief Slein wrote about the dog nuisance. The dog wagon lacks a horse, also a net to capture the animal. The chief recommended that one of the city horses not now in use be put between the shafts of the wagon, and a net be obtained. The Building and Grounds committee will mediate upon the request.

Colonel Muir claims damages on behalf of two clients. The damages claimed by Mr. Killilea, and the \$200 claimed by Taylor and Bodley for drawing city hall plans, also came before the council and all were referred to the Board of Works.

The Board of Works will consider the application of Mr. R. H. Martin, 66 Erie Avenue, to install a gasoline tank and pump before his house. Somebody must have got wise that the city was going to purchase a second hand motor car, as Mr. Lingard in a letter offers two. Burford asked a price on an old city watering cart. The neighboring municipality wishes to use it to sprinkle oil on the streets.

A letter will be sent to the Mayor and extended the sympathy and best wishes of the session a discussion arose over Brewster and Heyd being assistants to Wilkes and Henderson as city solicitors. It was felt that the aldermen that they might be put to additional expense. The acting mayor promised Henderson an undertaking from Mayor Secord, that no extra cost would fall against the city.

The council adjourned at 10:30 to meet March 20th.

Serbian Refugees. Their cause will be presented by Mrs. Fankhurst, whose war time activities have won the admiration of the Allies, and by His Excellency Mr. Cheddoui Mijatovich, minister at the courts of Great Britain, Holland, Roumania and Turkey, Victoria Hall, March 10th.

Wood's Phosphodine. The Great English Remedy. Cures and prevents all forms of Rheumatism, Gout, Neuralgia, Sciatica, Headache, Migraine, Stomach Disorders, Indigestion, Constipation, and all other ailments arising from impure blood. Price 81 per box, 61 per dozen. Sold by all druggists. Write for particulars to WOOD'S MEDICINE CO., 1028 W. 2ND ST., (Formerly Walker).

TEMPERANCE UP AT OTTAWA

Parliament Debates Prohibition Measure on Resolution of B. C. Man.

Ottawa, March 7.—The House of Commons yesterday talked prohibition, but failed to conclude the debate.

Mr. H. H. Stevens, of Vancouver, moved the resolution, which has been standing on the order paper in his name, calling for Federal prohibitory legislation. It became apparent early in the discussion that the House could not finish the consideration of the resolution at one sitting, particularly as the debate was widened at the outset to include the motion of Mr. J. Hughes, of Prince Edward Island, that the British North America Act be amended to empower the provinces to prohibit the importation and manufacture of intoxicating liquors.

The discussion revealed a wide divergence of opinion, in the expression of which party lines disappeared. Supporters and opponents of the resolution were found on both sides of the House. Mr. Stevens spoke forcefully in support of his resolution, advancing weighty arguments and well-known arguments in favor of prohibition; while the Hon. Charles Macle, the seconder of the resolution, proclaimed himself to be well-versed in the subject, and converted anxious to refer a vote cast in 1895.

Mr. C. J. Thornton, of Durham, and Mr. William Wright, of Muskoka, also supported the resolution. On the other side were Mr. W. G. Weichel, of North Waterloo, and Mr. L. Jennings, of Hyancine, who, J. Gauthier, of Montreal, who argued that prohibition was an interference with individual liberty and an attempt to make men good by law.

The debate was adjourned at midnight. When it is resumed there will be, it is understood, an amendment by Mr. R. B. Bennett, of Calgary, proposing auxiliary legislation by the Dominion, prohibiting the importation of liquor into provinces which have already adopted prohibition. The whole matter is of a nature which will probably be accepted.

FRESNES TAKEN BY GERMANS SAYS BERLIN

Paris Also Admits That Enemy is Progressing Near Verdun.

HILL 265 IS LOST Huns Now Driving Furiously at Positions West of the Meuse.

Berlin, March 7, via London.—The war office announced to-day that the highest heights along the crest, southeast of Verdun, was captured this morning by Germans.

PARIS ADMITS LOSS Paris, March 7.—Via London.—Further progress has been made by the Germans in the Verdun region, to the west of the Meuse. Announcement was made here officially to-day that they had succeeded, by means of violent bombardment, in pushing along the railroad in the neighborhood of Regneville.

The war office announced to-day that a division of German troops, advancing to the attack, has captured Hill No. 265.

DRIVING WEST OF MEUSE Paris, March 7.—Foiled in their attempts to carry Douaumont plateau, the Germans are now turning their attention to other parts of the front and are pushing the French west of the Meuse, while the artillery kept the French busy elsewhere, and their infantry has been making attacks in the Woivreux district in the vicinity of Fresnes.

As the first result of their drive to the west of the Meuse, the Germans took the town of Forges and since have advanced further to the south and southeast. The capture of Forges which was only an advance post and not strongly held, was apparently the first step to a serious effort to storm the long crest extending from the Meuse to Forges brook. The fire from the highest heights along this crest, the Morl Homme and Oie hills, took the Germans in the rear, when they were attacking Douaumont by way of Vacheraville, and was partly responsible for their failure Sunday, while the violent and persistent bombardment of the German artillery had little effect on the fire of the French batteries.

It would be natural then for the Germans, according to their known methods, to turn to the alternative of trying to storm the crest by a direct frontal attack. The desire of the Germans to reduce the awkward salient formed by the Meuse north of Verdun, was anticipated by the French, who were fully prepared for their defence with every confidence that the German attempt would only result in heavy losses for the attacking forces.

Eleven hundred residents of Hudson County, N. J., have been officially notified that they are liable to a fine of \$30 or six months imprisonment for not placing Federal revenue stamps on deeds they have filed.

Hood's Pills

The painless, purely vegetable cathartic; cures biliousness, constipation, all liver ills. Pleasant to take. Work every time. 25c.

Inspector's Report For Last Month

Table with columns: School, Enrolment, Average, P.C. Lists schools like Central, Alexander, Victoria, King Edward, Ryerson, Dufferin, King George.

13 DEATHS FORM A ZEPPELIN RAID

Ninety Bombs Were Dropped—What Official Statement Says.

By Special Wire to the Courier. London, March 7.—The total number of deaths from Sunday night's Zeppelin raid was 13 according to an official announcement made to-day.

Ninety bombs were dropped. The official statement follows: It is ascertained that at least 90 bombs were dropped by enemy airships during the raid of March 5-6. The bombs appear to have been dropped indiscriminately over rural districts. This may have been due to the fact that owing to the rough weather, the Zeppelins were uncertain as to their whereabouts and were anxious to rid themselves of their bombs before escaping under cover of the night.

No military damage of any description was caused. The casualties were entirely confined to the civil population and of those previously reported injured one has since died in a village in Lincolnshire, bringing up the total killed to thirteen.

LA SALETTE

(From our own Correspondent.) Chas. Davis of Detroit, spent a few days last week with Mr. and Mrs. B. Dertinger.

Leaving this morning for Detroit on friends in this vicinity one night last week.

Miss Foe Augot of Detroit, is returning acquaintances here after which she will take a trip West. James Butler and bride of St. Thomas spent Sunday under the parental roof.

Mr. Vincent Foley of Toronto is the guest of his parents. Miss Anna McCreary left for Detroit on Monday last, where she will take up nursing in St. Mary's hospital.

Joseph Dertinger has moved into their new house in the village. Miss Vince Dertinger returned to Detroit on Monday last.

Many attended the basket social on Thursday evening last in St. Mary's Hall.

The soldiers of the 133rd Battalion stationed at Delhi, spent Thursday last marching to La Salette, where the ladies of St. Mary's Church prepared a delicious dinner and then they departed for their home town.

Serbian Refugees

Their cause will be presented by Mrs. Fankhurst whose war time activities have won the admiration of the Allies, and by His Excellency Mr. Cheddoui Mijatovich, minister at the courts of Great Britain, Holland, Roumania and Turkey, Victoria Hall, March 10th.

New Freight Line

Petrograd, March 5.—The Russian Minister of Ways and Communications has announced plans for moving direct freight traffic facilities between Russia and Canada by way of Vladivostok and Vancouver.

Rev. John Coburn of Euclid Avenue Methodist Church, was appointed Chaplain of the 90th Battalion (Toronto Light Infantry).

The New York offices of the Canadian Line were notified yesterday by a cablegram from the home office in Liverpool to stop the loading of the California, and to cancel all passages.

Senator Hitchcock of Nebraska introduced a bill appropriating \$20,000,000 to the President to procure and distribute provisions among the suffering and destitute people of Poland.

Catarth Cannot be Cured

With LOCAL APPLICATIONS, as they cannot reach the seat of the disease. Catarth is a blood or constitutional disease which is not cured by internal remedies. Halls' Catarth Cure is the only remedy that reaches the seat of the disease and cures it.

Halls' Catarth Cure is not a quack medicine. It is prescribed by one of the best physicians in the country for years and is the best tonic known combined with the most potent purifiers. It is a safe and reliable remedy for all cases of catarth. The perfect combination of the two ingredients is what produces such wonderful results in curing catarth. Read testimonials from the following: Take Halls' Family Pills for constipation. Sold by Druggists, price 75c. E. J. CHENEY & CO., Props., Toledo, O.

J. M. YOUNG & CO. "QUALITY FIRST"

Spring Millinery Opening

Will Take Place Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Following Days



When we will show all the newest and latest spring styles in MILLINERY, READY-TO-WEAR SUITS, COATS, SKIRTS and DRESSES, also a grand display of DRESS GOODS, SUITINGS, SILKS, WASH GOODS, WAISTS, etc. for the coming Spring

We Invite You to Come and See Our Display!

J. M. Young & Co.

DEFICIT IN CITY STREET RAILWAY SYSTEM FOR 1915 WIPED OUT BY SURPLUS FOR JAN. OF THIS YEAR

Annual Report Presented Last Night to City Council, in Which Commissioners State That the Days of Running the System at a Loss Are Over, and That From Now on Railway Will Pay Its Way.

The report for the year 1915 on the Brantford Municipal Railway was received and filed at last night's council meeting. The most noticeable thing about it was the statement of the Commissioners, that the day of deficits is over. For the first half of 1915, there was a surplus, but not large enough to overcome the deficit of January-June, for the month of January, 1916, the surplus was sufficient to wipe out the deficit of the whole of last year.

Balance sheet as of December 31, 1915. Assets: Property Acct. \$306,613.00; Betterments to June 30, '15 140,554.34; Betterments to July 1, Dec. 31, 1915 6,038.95. Total assets \$453,206.29.

Liabilities: Capital and bonds \$395,000.00; City current account 39,121.27; City deferred account 32,997.47; Mortgage 1,500.00; Contingent 9,752.65; Presently payable 8,184.93. Total liabilities \$485,956.32.

Operating statement for 6 months ending Dec. 31, 1915: Earnings—passenger earnings, city lines \$25,899.20; Grand Valley line 24,492.10; Freight 1,704.91; Miscellaneous 1,356.67. Total earnings \$53,392.97.

Operating statement for 1916: Gross Revenue \$925,400.00; Operating Expense 822,637.50; Gross Surplus 102,762.50; Operating Ratio 91.17. Section Car mileage: Pass carried, Pass. earn. per car mile 86,609.5, 126,898; Grand Valley 24,248.20, 28.6 cents; City Lines 161,242.9, 554.97.

Operating statement for 6 months ending Dec. 31, 1915: Earnings—passenger earnings, city lines \$25,899.20; Grand Valley line 24,492.10; Freight 1,704.91; Miscellaneous 1,356.67. Total earnings \$53,392.97.

Operating statement for 1916: Gross Revenue \$925,400.00; Operating Expense 822,637.50; Gross Surplus 102,762.50; Operating Ratio 91.17. Section Car mileage: Pass carried, Pass. earn. per car mile 86,609.5, 126,898; Grand Valley 24,248.20, 28.6 cents; City Lines 161,242.9, 554.97.

Operating statement for 6 months ending Dec. 31, 1915: Earnings—passenger earnings, city lines \$25,899.20; Grand Valley line 24,492.10; Freight 1,704.91; Miscellaneous 1,356.67. Total earnings \$53,392.97.

Operating statement for 1916: Gross Revenue \$925,400.00; Operating Expense 822,637.50; Gross Surplus 102,762.50; Operating Ratio 91.17. Section Car mileage: Pass carried, Pass. earn. per car mile 86,609.5, 126,898; Grand Valley 24,248.20, 28.6 cents; City Lines 161,242.9, 554.97.

ECHO PLACE NEWS

Mrs. M. Warner and daughter, Miss Edna Warner, who have been spending a few days with Mrs. Wm. Woyner, Hamilton Road, have gone to London to spend a few days ere returning to their home in Vinland.

We are sorry to report Miss Jennie Smith quite ill with pneumonia. Miss Deagle's class of girls and Mrs. Douglas' class of boys enjoyed a sleigh ride to the home of Miss Muriel Westbrook, Langford, last Friday night.

Miss Miner is the guest of her friend, Mrs. S. Flick, Lock Road. Mrs. J. Burk entertained the ladies of the institute Thursday afternoon. Mr. Courtland Culp of Campden visited his cousin, Miss Leta Moyser, last week.

Elm Avenue church people are having a congregational supper Tuesday March 7th. Echo Place Ladies' Institute will journey to Moyie-Tranquility Wednesday, March 8th. Mr. Geo. Davison, junior, who has been on the sick list, is able to be around again. Mrs. M. Myers, Hamilton Road has kindly asked the Institute to have their next meeting at her home 11 March 16th. Henry Morgenthau says Americans should inoculate themselves with the serum of sanity to cure the war fever.

Various small advertisements on the right margin, including '3 ACRES on Tutela house, nice Price \$1200', 'AUCTION Real Estate', 'T.H. THE Buffalo racuse York, Throu ton to York G.C. MA G.P.A.', 'CO SH Se send ship of I save case Jno.', 'THE so over quarter- in Mantle elegant in the Distr. in any L. Sub Agen Duties-cultivated also mlti- sound in habitable residence in cer good location \$2.00 per