

BOARD OF TRADE WRITES MAJOR  
URGING THE CONSIDERATION OF  
OUTSIDE ENGINEERS FOR PLACE

President Foster Also Interviews Ald. Kelley—What Chairman of Reform Committee Has to Say—Belief in Many Quarters That Proposed Reforms Will Fizzle Out—Who the Different Aldermen Favored.

Speculation as to the probable end of the reform movement is rife with the opinion steadily becoming more general that nothing is to be accomplished of any magnitude and that the agitation will simmer down for the time at least to a re-statement of the old order of things. The debate is not without its interesting features.

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Yesterday his worship the mayor was in receipt of a communication from the council of the Board of Trade urging that time be taken in the appointment of city engineers and protesting that the outside applications be considered in the making of a final decision. It is also learned that Mr. Foster, president of the Board of Trade, interviewed Ald. Kelley, chairman of the reorganization committee in the matter. He was told that Ald. Kelley had advocated the appointment of Mr. Blanchard, assistant city engineer of Toronto, and that it was only some decision in the matter might be arrived at that he had consented to give way.

hands of the city council Ald. Frink will come out in favor of keeping intact the identity of the Water and Sewerage Board and that he will urge that it be not combined with the other departments. He will moreover advocate the retention of Wm. Murdoch's services as director.

This it is thought will most likely result in the death of the reform movement for the present year and that the chief duties of the newly created city engineer will centre round about the administration of the Board of Public Works.

COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

The following is the report of the reform committee to be submitted at Wednesday's meeting of the Common Council: 1. Your committee recommended that the Common Council appoint a city engineer who shall hold office during the pleasure of the council. 2. That such engineer when appointed have charge of the harbor, ferries, streets and water and sewerage services. 3. That such city engineer be also appointed city surveyor under the charter. 4. That such engineer have power of appointment, suspension and dismissal of the subordinate officials employed in the services supervised by him, and that he be held responsible for the efficient performance of all duties and that his decision in all cases of appointment, suspension and dismissal, shall be final and that he be required to report all such appointments, suspensions and dismissals to the Common Council from time to time, together with his reasons therefor. 5. That such engineer shall not create any new office without having first obtained the sanction of the Common Council therefor. 6. That such city engineer be required to report to the different boards all their monthly meetings. 7. That Wm. Z. Earle, C.E., be appointed city engineer at annual salary of \$2,000, to hold office during the pleasure of the Common Council. 8. Your committee recommend that he be granted further time to complete and report on the matter of reorganization, etc.

MATTER IS SENT BACK

Water Extension on Adelaide Road  
BUSY SESSION  
Discussion on Plebiscite Puts a Crimp in Council's Routine Business

Yesterday's meeting of the Common Council was largely taken up with a discussion of the issues involved in the matter of fixing the date for the holding of the temperance plebiscite. Little progress had, therefore, been made with the order of business when an adjournment was taken until Wednesday afternoon.

The matter of granting full pay to sick policemen, as recommended by the Board of Public Safety, was sent back for further consideration. The costs in the Dobson case were ordered paid by the city on the recommendation of the Treasury Board and a lease of two harbor lots to Frances Kerr for term of ten years subject to certain restrictions. The matter of water extension on Adelaide road was referred back to the committee on water and sewerage for further consideration.

MET AT 3 O'CLOCK.

The council met at 3 o'clock. The mayor and all the aldermen were present with the exception of Ald. Christie. The first matter taken up was the report of the Treasury Board. In moving its adoption Ald. Baxter dwelt at length upon the showing of last year, a detailed account of which will be found elsewhere. The report was read section by section and adopted as read. In order that the work of the city might be carried out until the appropriations for the present year are expended in advance and to arrange for the necessary funds, namely: Streets department.....\$15,000 Fire department.....14,000 Police department.....10,000 Lamp department.....12,500 Salvage corps department.....500 In all.....\$53,500 The Board of Public Works reported the appointment of Hurd Peters as

director until the 1st of February next. The following important recommendation was also approved after considerable discussion. Ald. Frink stoutly opposing the proposition on the grounds that in the light of past experience the city could ill afford to lease its harbor holdings.

Your board have had under consideration a communication from Francis Kerr asking that the city will, in view of the opinion of the recorder that the city cannot grant a lease or portion of the Sydney Market wharf, as ordered by this council on the 6th day of January last, will grant him a lease of lots Nos. 3 and 4 in Block A, fronting on Charlotte street extension instead thereof, and they recommend that a lease be given to Mr. Kerr for a term of ten years from the first day of May next, the said lots having a front of 150 feet on Charlotte street extension and running back to a prolongation southerly of the western line of the Sydney Market wharf as recently widened, the rent to be the same as that offered in the order above mentioned and lease to be on the new form with covenant to renew and improvements at the end of the term, and also to contain a special covenant that the city may purchase the improvements and buildings at any time at appraised value upon giving six months' previous notice.

The Board of Public Safety reported recommending that policemen be granted full pay during absence through sickness. Ald. Vanwart stated that he was not in favor of this recommendation and it was sent back for further consideration. The matter of placing additional lights at Reed's Point and in Carleton was also referred back. The communication of John M. Jenkins asking for the appointment of chief of the fire department was ordered laid on the table. The Water and Sewerage Board reported recommending that the water system be extended along Adelaide road at a cost of \$1,000. This was referred back for further consideration. The matter of the Bentley street sewer was ordered deferred until the May meeting and the deposits accompanying the tenders considered returned. The clause recommending civic inspection of private fire hydrants was sent back for further consideration. The ferry committee's report recommended that a set of blocks be laid down for the use of the city only and that the director of the department of public works be instructed to select a site for the same and proceed with the work forthwith. This was adopted. Capt. John McCaffrey was granted half pay for eight months and 22 days, the period of his leave of absence on account of sickness. The Board of Public Safety submitted a supplementary report recommending that the heating apparatus of the council chamber be repaired. It was referred back for further consideration.

NOT IN FAVOR OF IT.

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EXPECTED HAPPENS;  
COUNCIL REBERS IT  
TO THE RECORDED

Stuck on a Phrase in the Act, Council Dare Not Decide on Date for Holding Plebiscite and Refers the Ponderous Question to the Recorder—A Neat Way of Dodging Issue, Say Some.

As generally anticipated the Common Council, acting in the matter of determining a date for the holding of a local option plebiscite in certain of the wards of the city, has appealed to the recorder for light and guidance and in the shadow of the legalities concerned promptly awaits the subiding of a storm that has darkened, it is said, the political horizon of a number of those who go to constitute the aldermanic body.

ON ONE SIDE.

On the one side are the liquor interests of the city clamoring for a literal interpretation of the license act. On the other is the temperance party which is active in demanding that a secret ballot be assured by conducting the plebiscite simultaneously with the civic elections. The point at issue centres about the phrase "as early as may reasonably be fixed," referring to the date to be set for the holding of the plebiscite in its relation to the fixing of the petitions. As the petitions have already been fixed the Licensed Victuallers' Association claim that the date of the civic election is the only one reasonably to be fixed. The temperance party, however, contends that the Common Council is the sole interpreter of this, and as such their decision, whatever it may be, would of necessity be sustained by the courts. Yesterday's meeting had been in progress for some time, the adjournment was in sight and it was only at the instance of Ald. Baskin that the matter was considered at all. He moved that the order of business be suspended to allow of its disposal.

Mayor Bullock stated the receipt of the petitions praying for a plebiscite and of the communications received from the temperance party and the Licensed Victuallers' Association, and for and opposing respectively the date of the civic elections as that upon which the plebiscite should be held.

READ THE RESOLUTION.

The common clerk then read the formal resolution providing for the plebiscite, the dates of which, however, had been left to the recorder. On motion of Ald. Baxter this was adopted, the matter of dates being left for the further consideration of the board. Ald. Baskin moved that the date upon which the plebiscite be held be fixed as that of the civic election. Ald. Holder seconded the motion. Ald. McCordick thought that the recorder's opinion should be obtained in the matter. He held that certain legal technicalities were involved and he considered it unwise for the city to proceed without a clear conception of the act's meaning. Personally he was in favor of the date of the civic election, but he did not think it fair to put the recorder in a position to be asked to decide whether or not the city could fix the date of civic elections as that upon which the plebiscite might be held.

SHOULD BE APPEALED TO.

Ald. Frink in seconding the amendment, stated that by reason of there being a legal question involved, the recorder should be appealed to. Again, consideration. The report of the appeals committee was ordered approved. The matter of fixing a date for the holding of a liquor license plebiscite was next taken up, at the disposal of which the council adjourned.

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is generally the result of a cold caused by exposure to wet and inclement weather, and is a very dangerous inflammatory affection of the bronchial tubes. The symptoms are tightness across the chest, sharp pains and a difficulty in breathing, and a secretion of thick phlegm, at first white, but later of a greenish or yellowish color. Neglected Bronchitis is one of the most general causes of Consumption. Cure it at once by the use of Dr. Wood's Norway Pine Syrup. Mrs. D. D. Miller, Allagade, Ont., writes: "My husband got a bottle of Dr. Wood's Norway Pine Syrup for my little girl who had Bronchitis. She wheezed so badly you could hear her from one room to the other, but it was not long until we could see the effect your medicine had on her. That was last winter when we lived in Toronto. "She had a bad cold this winter, but instead of getting another bottle of Dr. Wood's Norway Pine Syrup, I tried a home-made receipt which I got from a neighbor but found that her cold lasted about twice as long. My husband highly praises "Dr. Wood's," and says he will see that a bottle of it is always kept in the house." It is put up in a yellow wrapper, three pine trees the trade mark, the price 50 cts. Be sure and accept none of the many substitutes.

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GROWTH OF SENTIMENT.

Ald. Baxter remarked that the growth of temperance sentiment throughout the province and stated his belief in its final overthrow of the obstacle lying within its path. Ald. Kelley stated that as far as he was concerned his sentiment was in favor of temperance. The Victuallers' Association had, however, raised a hue and cry, and as there was a legal point involved he did not think the council should be called upon to judge of its merits without legal advice. It had been urged that the recorder was qualified to act as counsel for the liquor interests on several previous occasions. He thought that it was up to no one to say that the recorder was so corrupt as to allow this to enter into any decision that he might make. He thought, however, that a satisfactory opinion be obtained and that no one interest could fault a grievance would move as an amendment to the amendment that Mr. Teed be retained as assistant counsel.

Ald. Elkin held that the council was alone competent to deal in the matter. Ald. Pickett thought it was the duty of the city to stand by the recorder. He thought, however, that the council could fix whatever date it chose and was sustained by the courts. Ald. Baskin held that however qualified the recorder was to give an opinion his past connection with the liquor interests should bar him from a participation in the present discussion.

Ald. Kelley's amendment to the amendment was then put and carried. Ald. Frink, Holder, McGowan, Kelley and Baskin voting against.

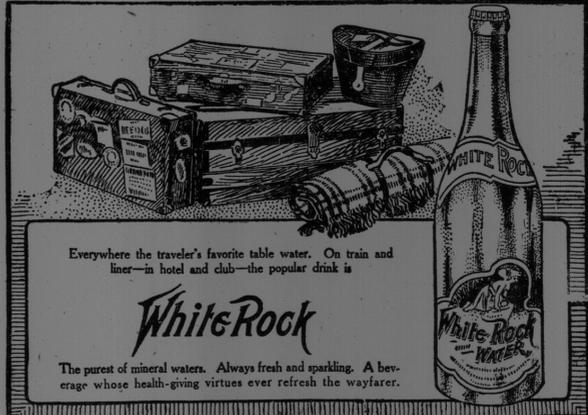
EARTHQUAKE SHOCKS FELT IN THE WEST

Tremors at Vancouver, Victoria, Sumas, Tacoma and Bellingham

SEATTLE, Wn., Jan. 11.—Reports of a slight earthquake shock came to-night from Vancouver, Victoria, Sumas, Tacoma and Bellingham. The same shock was felt here at 3:44 o'clock and lasted several seconds. No damage was done, but persons rushed from buildings.

AT BELLINGHAM.

BELLINGHAM, Wn., Jan. 11.—Bellingham was shaken by an earthquake at 3:45 o'clock this afternoon. Buildings in all parts of the town were jarred, but no damage was done. People rushed into the streets. The duration of the shock was about two seconds. Brick buildings were so badly shaken that the plaster fell to the floor and there was a panic. Only one person was put in a hospital. VICTORIA, B. C., Jan. 11.—Considerable excitement was caused here at four o'clock this afternoon by a supposed shock of earthquakes. Walls of buildings wavered and rocked. Excitement in the business section was keen.



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He said in part: A comparison of the assessed values of 1907 and 1908 shows an increase in the latter year which is about equally distributed among the three divisions of taxable property, real estate being valued at \$32,500 more, personal at \$40,800 more and income at \$368,000 more. The total values are: R. E. \$14,474,700 P. P. \$4,941,000 Income \$5,200,000 \$28,615,700

The rate of \$1.86 made a levy of \$538,432.54 as against one of \$30,692.10 in 1907 under a rate of \$1.93 on a valuation of \$27,497,000. Besides the rate a poll tax of \$2 was borne by 10,558 persons as against 10,228 in the previous year, making a levy of \$21,116, or an increase of \$40. In addition to these the usual levies were made on insurance companies and banks, the former being taxed \$8,425, or an increase of \$225, while the latter showed a decrease of \$32,025, the levy for 1907 being \$18,090.90 as against \$16,173.35 for the past year. It therefore appears that the volume of business for 1907, the year for which the returns were made, was slightly less than in 1906.

The total amount to be raised was \$750,225.09, as against \$775,710.10 in 1907, an increase of \$25,523.01, but it will be remembered that sewerage maintenance, which was expected to cost about \$3,000 or \$10,000, was charged to the water account instead of being put in the general assessment. Had the change not been made, the tax rate would have been about 4 cents higher to have produced the expenditure anticipated for this service and yet it would have been less than the previous year. The work of the assessors had been performed with dispatch and with as

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A total of \$531,025.46 or within 8 3/4 per cent of the amount of the levy, the best record ever made in the chamberlain's office. This, in the face of the tightness of the money market and the prevalent opinion as to slowness of collections, reflects the highest credit upon the chamberlain and his efficient staff. Credit also due to the present mayor for his efforts while chairman of the Treasury Board to reorganize the system of collection, and I think, perhaps, a word may be said for the members of the Common Council, who at least have not hindered the chamberlain in his efforts to do his duty.

While I do not desire to go into the water and sewerage accounts today, the board may be gratified to learn that the receipts for the year have totalled \$118,575.35. The total receipts from the whole harbor have amounted to \$82,327.77. The ferry has been kept almost square with the assistance of about \$7,000 taxation, and the only accounts which show any falling off are the receipts from the police court and from licenses.

ROME, Jan. 11.—General Marza, the commander at Messina in a dispatch to Premier Giolitti, said that another man had been extricated alive from the ruins and that he had ordered that the excavating be continued until hope no longer remained of saving the victims.