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REMNANTS

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Chatham's Famous Sanitarium and Mineral Baths

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Open from 9 a.m. until 1 o'clock. Go early and get the full benefit of these refreshing baths.

CIVIC MINISTER OF FINANCE MAKES A STARTLING STATEMENT

Ald. Bell Gives Some Facts Which Must Cause Serious Reflection and Couples his Statement with an Economic Suggestion—Rutley's Plan Declared Adopted—A Misunderstanding in the Vote—To be Considered on Monday.

From eight o'clock till nearly midnight last evening the members of the City Council in committee of the whole wrestled with the new market building problem, the whole discussion culminating in an interesting complication which practically leaves matters as they were. A motion was made by Ald. Westman and Edmondson for the accepting of the Rutley plan.

"All in favor," quoth the Mayor. Four hands went up, viz. those of Ald. Austin, Ainsworth, Westman and Edmondson.

"Contra," asked the Mayor. No one moved.

"Then it is carried," commented his worship.

"Did you vote for it, Mr. Mayor?" questioned Ald. King, coming forward.

"No," replied the chief magistrate. "Then how can four aldermen be considered a majority?"

Mayor Cowan, at once suggested that the committee should reassemble and come to a decision, but the hour was then late and the majority spoke in favor of concluding the matter at Monday night's Council meeting.

Ald. O'Keefe was called away shortly after ten o'clock. All the other members being present.

But far more important than the misunderstanding that "carried" a minority vote was the serious and startling announcement of the civic Minister of Finance, Ald. Edwin Bell, which he coupled with a business-like and economic suggestion to curtail a large and practically needless portion of the expense on the new building.

Ald. Bell's statement and suggestion was emphasized and endorsed as his predecessor as chairman of Finance, Ald. Marshall, and must create a profound anxiety and desire for strict economy in the mind of every patriotic citizen.

Ald. Marshall said he did not approve of the proposition to build a police court with a new market building. The citizens were not pleased with this proposal.

He did not believe the project was advisable for many reasons, and an abandonment of the police court building would cut off some \$4,000 in the expense. The people should be saved this great inadvisable and unnecessary cost.

Mayor Cowan endorsed Ald. Marshall's suggestion. With Ald. Bell, he had visited the Police Station, and they thought the conclusion that it should be destroyed as unfit for use was a great mistake, particularly in view of the serious condition of the city's finances. He would like to hear from the chairman of Finance and an anxious silence awaited one of the most startling announcements from the Finance Minister. He said he agreed absolutely with the proposition of Ald. Marshall. He was not an alarmist, but in justice to the people he must make clear the facts and look them in the face. He had specially visited the Police Station and had an interview with the Police Magistrate. The latter gentleman was of the opinion that the Police Station should remain where it was. Several good reasons—even apart from the great financial saving—were given. The noise on the market square, particularly in the summer, would be very annoying to those who were attending the sittings of court; loafers about the collected largely at the market and having nothing to do, would congregated at the Police Court, particularly when dirty cases might be going on. Occasionally the police were called on to arrest a drunken man for using bad language, or women of loose character and intemperate habits who did not attempt to control their language. This would be something disgusting to the people who went to market, and Mr. Houston had given the speaker some illustrations from past experience in Chatham which had opened his eyes. The present Police Court building needed comparatively little repairing, the main essential, as the Chief pointed out, being a new drain and separate sewer to the river.

"As chairman of your Finance committee," continued Ald. Bell, "I feel it my duty to the people to speak plainly. For the past four days I have been making an examination of our financial condition, and I am simply making every saving in our power. To tell the truth I don't think the ratepayers had any idea of our financial condition when they voted for the by-law. Gentlemen of the Council, I must give you the serious news that the time is fast approaching when our bonds and debentures will not be saleable. Some time ago two-thirds of the property of Toronto Junction was offered for sale for taxes and people wouldn't buy for the taxes. Chatham's condition is very like it. I read by The Planet from the files of fifty years ago that Chatham then had a population of between 4,000 and 5,000 people. Does the growth of our city

justify our financial condition? Twelve years ago Chatham's indebtedness was \$330,000. Despite the fact that we have been paying between \$17,000 and \$18,000 every year in principal and interest, the debt is \$380,000 to-day. We have been going on increasing our spending \$50,000 and \$60,000 a year. If we go on at this rate it will not be long ere we have crossed the mark. We're on the danger line now. During this time our assessment has remained practically unchanged. I bring these matters before you now because I deem it my duty to do it. Men to-day pay more taxes for their houses than the tenants pay rent. I know a man whose house cost \$7,000 who can't sell it to-day, with the land, for \$3,000. Look seriously at our present tax rate and the future. I confess I am skeptical as to whether our revenue will pay out. Let us do whatever we can to save money."

Ald. Marshall—I move that we discard the Police Station building on the rear end of the market plan, as it is not really necessary and we will thereby save the people \$3,000 to \$4,000.

Ald. Bell—I earnestly second that motion.

Ald. Westman said he had visited the Police Station and found the plumbing and heating in a bad state. It was a regular death trap and it would cost \$1,800 to put it in proper shape. The cells and cages were bad. Two or three prisoners had already got out.

Ald. Bell—Any prisoners who escaped from the Police Station jumped from the window in the officers' room.

Ald. Westman—Oh, no. They escaped at night, and they wouldn't be left outside the cells at night. I'd rather pay \$3,500 for a new building. We could get something for the old building.

Mayor Cowan—If the School Board could only get \$300 for the old Central School, how much could we get for the Police Station?

Ald. Marshall—Practically nothing.

Ald. Westman—Why, we realize \$1,000 anyway and that would make up a good deal of the difference, as to the objections raised. Noisy or drunken prisoners couldn't be heard inside.

Ald. Bell—An instance was given me of one vociferous woman who was locked up in the present police station and whose language therein was heard in the street.

Ald. Westman—But that would be in summer with the windows open.

Ald. Bell—Summer will come round just the same with the police cells on the market.

Ald. Edmondson made an eloquent plea for the plans as they stood. "I am going to talk plainly," he declared, "because we have the voice of the people. I don't think we have any right to open up this matter to-night. Last year I notified Rutley & Son that their plans were accepted, and we drafted a letter in accordance to every ratepayer in Chatham. The citizens understood that the building would be as stated and we are meddling with the voice of the people. I don't think cutting off the police station is wise. Two deaths are traceable to the present station. The people are the only authorities—even kings must bow to them. Is it right or fair to take this matter out of the hands of the people and change these things. The vote of the people is sacred. On it governments are made and doomed. I supported the Wilson plans. I liked them best, but I am not going to put up my judgment against the will of the people."

Ald. Austin asked what was to be done with the weigh scales on the Rutley plan.

Ald. Edmondson—Room is arranged for the weigh scales.

Ald. King said it looked like a bad arrangement with the police station built as proposed.

Ald. Bell said Ald. Westman's estimate of \$1,800 for repairs to the police station wasn't near the mark; \$200 to \$500 was the estimate.

Ald. Westman said the plumbing alone would cost nearly \$500.

Ald. Edmondson said it was false economy. Better build the new police station.

The vote on Ald. Marshall and Bell's motion was then taken and resulted as follows:

Yeas—Ald. Bell, Marshall, King and Potter—4.

Nays—Ald. Ainsworth, Austin, Westman and Edmondson—4.

On assembling at eight o'clock the Council decided to hear all the architects.

Architect Rutley explained his plans fully and agreed to forfeit his commission if they were not carried through for \$25,000 or less.

Architect Piper also went into his plans and placed his estimate at \$29,000.

Architect Wilson followed with explanations and placed his estimate at \$35,500.

W. H. Goane repeated his statement that Architect Rutley's building was the cheapest and the best

EX-M.P.P. DIES OF BURNS

Got Two Warnings to Escape But Fire Bewildered Him.

W. R. Beatty, Ex-M.P.P. For Parry Sound, Succumbs to Burns Received At Revelstoke, B.C.—Jumped to the Ground Ten Feet Below With His Night Clothes On Fire—A Gentle, Large-Hearted and Generous Man Gone.

Revelstoke, B. C., Feb. 9.—W. R. Beatty died in the hospital of this city yesterday morning at 1 o'clock from the effects of burns on his head, shoulders and hands, just 24 hours after receiving injuries in the fire at the Arrow Head Lumber Co.'s boarding house.

Fire was discovered in the building at 1 o'clock Tuesday morning. It was caused by an exploding lamp. Five men, including Mr. Beatty, were in the building asleep at the time. All were aroused and three escaped without injury. Robert Taggart was burned to death after saving the life of one of the employees and trying to save another man.

Beatty Was Bewildered.

Mr. Beatty was aroused and could have escaped with the company's foreman, A. Edgar, whose room adjoined Beatty's, had he followed him through the rear, as he was requested by the foreman to do. Twice Edgar returned to Beatty's room after him and twice Beatty started to follow Edgar to safety, but became apparently bewildered, and turning back, made a rush through his room to the verandah and through the flames. He jumped to the ground ten feet below with his night clothes on fire.

Represented Parry Sound.

W. R. Beatty represented Parry Sound for two years in the Ontario Legislature, being first elected as a Conservative and afterwards as an Independent. He was widely known in lumbering circles by his varied interests, being engaged alternately in Ontario, Nova Scotia and British Columbia. His sudden death created widespread sorrow at Parry Sound, where his personality was well known. By his geniality, his large-hearted sympathies and generosity he was without doubt the most popular man in the Parry Sound district. W. R. Beatty was elected to the Legislature in the general elections in 1894 and 1898.

Switzerland Run Down.

Toronto, Feb. 9.—Struggling with a gang of section men in an attempt to combat yesterday's blizzard and keep the snowplows at the Bathurst Street junction clear, Jesse Rockover, struck by a train and so badly injured that he died in the Emergency Hospital within a couple of hours. Rockover was a married man with a wife and family in the city. He was 40 years of age.

Toronto Man Dies in New York.

New York, Feb. 9.—J. G. Strohmayer, a furrier of Toronto, was found dead in his room at the Hotel St. George, Broadway and Eleventh street, yesterday afternoon from gas asphyxiation. The police believe death was accidental. Strohmayer, who was about 60 years old, came here to purchase furs.

Falls to Her Death.

Toronto, Feb. 9.—Mrs. Mary McMillan, aged 45, who lived in the upper flat of 82 Elm street, fell and killed herself last night. Chas. Colby, who occupied rooms on the same floor, found her lying at the foot of the stairs. Dr. J. M. Johnston was summoned, but the woman died before she could be removed in the ambulance. The neighbors know little about her. She was supposed to have a couple of children living in New York. The body was removed to Stone's undertaking rooms.

STRIKERS PROMISE VIOLENCE.

Situation At Lodz Remains Uncertain and Masters Inactive.

Lodz, Feb. 9.—The situation here remains uncertain, and nothing definite will be known until Friday, when some of the largest manufacturers have decided, after paying off to-day, to open their mills and give the men a last chance to return to work. The masters say that if there is no response they will close their mills indefinitely.

Little hope is expressed that the strike will be settled, though the men apparently are frightened by the violence of the agitators. Many of the masters oppose concessions, fearing that it will handicap them in competition with Moscow and St. Petersburg, where wages already are lower than here and the hours of work longer.

It is reported that the strikers have decided to resort to serious violence in case the mills are closed down.

Russians Shelling.

Tokio, Feb. 9.—Reports from the Manchurian army headquarters say that the Russians shelled various parts of the Japanese lines last Monday and Monday night. Small forces of Russian infantry attacked at various points, but all were repulsed. It is further reported that the Russians continue to entrench in the vicinity of Litalentun, Chenchichpao and Heikoutai.

To Secure Peace.

Tokio, Feb. 9.—A report emanating from London to the effect that the Grand Duke of Russia, determined to secure peace, had asked the friendly offices of Great Britain, was published in Tokio yesterday. The Foreign Office denied having any knowledge of the matter.

Valentines

That time honored day, celebrated in different manners from the time of Valentinus of Terin in the dark ages down to our own times, has a greater hold on the masses to-day than ever before. Thanks to the postal service, we can now send greetings to our friends from one end of the world to the other.

You must not be behind the times. Send a Valentine to your lover and if you have no lover, send one to a friend, a little remembrance that will be appreciated.

Our stock of these beautiful love tokens is complete, priced from 1c to \$1.00. We can suit the most fastidious.

We have all kinds of ugly ones, too.

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