

CITY COUNCIL MOVED RESOLUTION TO SERVE NOTICE ON GAS COMPANY DEMANDING PURE GAS FORTHWITH

After Hot Discussion on the Subject Marked by a Wordy Warfare Between the Mayor and Ald. Pitcher, and by a Statement From City Solicitor Henderson Advising What He Thought Should be Done, It Was Decided to Make Fight Immediately For Pure Gas.

COMMITTEES RE-ARRANGED AFTER SOME DEBATE

Quite a Time Over Railway By-Law, Which Was Postponed for Two Weeks—City Solicitor Held By-Law Legal, While the Mayor Said It Was "Legal But Outside the Law."

Tilbury gas is going to be put out of the gas mains and pipes of the city of Brantford if the courts can do it. The resolution passed last night at the City Council instructed the City Clerk to notify the Gas Company that unless pure gas is restored to the citizens of Brantford forthwith, immediate action will be taken. All the necessary steps to be taken by the Medical Health Officer and the City Solicitor to prepare a case against the Gas Company were authorized in the resolution, and City Solicitor Henderson to-day starts the fight to restore matters to the status before the day the Tilbury supply was authorized to be turned on.

There were three questions of importance that came up last night at the City Council meeting, which, though stormy, concluded at 10 o'clock. There was the matter of a pure gas supply, the matter of the Grand Valley railway by-law, which was laid over for two weeks, and the matter of the filing of the Board of Works vacated by the resignation of Ald. Ward.

Mayor Bowby and Pitcher Tiff. In each question that came up there arose some disturbing element. The gas question caused the affair of the evening, when Ald. Pitcher, who moved the resolution dealing with the matter, inserted the phrase "authorized by Mayor Bowby" in describing the turning on of Tilbury gas. The Mayor termed the phrase an insult, and he and Ald. Pitcher complimented each other for five minutes, rather to the diversion of the onlookers, though the language was warm. The matter was finally straightened away, chiefly by the good graces of City Solicitor Henderson, who was present and gave lengthy statements on the railway by-law and the gas middle.

"Illegal" and "Outside the Law." The railway by-law caused further division. The Mayor opposed it and gave some aldermen the idea that it was illegal, so Mr. Henderson was called upon to explain. Mr. Henderson held it was quite legal, while Mayor Bowby maintained it was outside the intention of the municipal statutes. This, Mr. Henderson said, would not make it illegal. The Mayor stuck to the point, and finally the aldermen decided that to play safe in the matter the by-law should be postponed until the next session. In the meantime, Mayor Bowby will continue his authority on the subject, to see whether the submission of the by-law was legal or not.

Ald. Minshall Not Yet Satisfied. The re-arrangement of the committees consequent upon Ald. Ward's resignation of the chairmanship of the Board of Works also caused trouble. Ald. Minshall was given his place and flatly refused to take it, while the Mayor said the committee was to be re-arranged to adopt the minority amendment of two weeks ago, which the majority members of the Council could not see fit to do. In spite of Ald. Minshall's objections, the changes went through, and unless he alters his decision, another chairman of the Board of Works will have to be appointed next meeting.

Standing Room Only. The sign hung out, the number of spectators far exceeding the seating capacity of the chamber. Everybody stayed until the finish, and by their occasional applause and hearty laughter from time to time, the outsiders enjoyed the session to the utmost.

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the Manufacturers' Committee. Ald. Mellen to be chairman of the Manufacturers' Committee. Ald. A. O. Secord to be a member of the Manufacturers' committee.

At this point Ald. Minshall explained in defence of the Mayor that the gas had been taken care of after consultation with a committee of which Ald. Pitcher was a member.

THE RESOLUTION (1) That this Council express its strong disapproval of the use of Tilbury gas by the Brantford Gas Co. in our city this week, for domestic use.

MR. HENDERSON'S VIEW. At this stage City Solicitor Henderson was asked to give his whole question. The fight for pure gas, he stated, had been the hardest fight he had ever handled.

Grand Valley By-law is Now Held Over. Decided Not to Vote on Third Reading Until Next Meeting.

Re-Shuffling of Committees. Changes Caused by Ald. Ward's Resignation Make Trouble.

extracts from a letter which he said was from one of the keenest and cleverest men in the city. The letter was private, so he could not divulge the name. The extracts read, showed that the writer opposed the sale.

MR. HENDERSON'S OPINION. Mr. Henderson then went over the by-law carefully to the whole council. He gave it as his opinion that the city could compel the L. E. and N. to electrify their line from Port Dover to Galt.

Two Weeks' Delay. Ald. Ward moved an amendment, seconded by Ald. Freeborn that the by-law be postponed, until the next meeting of the council.

Discussion on Gas Question. Mayor Bowby and Ald. Pitcher Exchange Hot Repartee.

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