Strathcona

OUTLINE FARE ALARM SYSTEM

(Thursday's Daily)

While in Red Deer several weeks ago attending the convention of Alberta municipalities, Mayor Mills of Strathcona, had a consultation with the representative of the Northern Electric & Manufacturing Co., Ltd., with reference to the cost of installation of a fire alarm system in the town.

Since that time the company has forwarded to him data as to the necessary equipment and the cost of a complete plant for the town.

It was at first thought that ten boxes would be sufficient, but later it has been decided that owing to the extended nature of the town, it would require twelve to give a satisfactory service.

For the central station equipment the company advises installation of a 15-inch electro mechanical gong and indicator combined. This gong strikes a number of blows corresponding to the box that has been pulled and the indicator shows in plain figures the number of this box. The object of putting on an indicator is due to the fact that when an alarm is sounded on the gong the firemen sometimes get the signal mixed, where with an indicator there can be absolutely no mistake as to the exact number of the box as the indicator shows the number. This latter fixture is not absolutely necessary as there are a number of cities without such an appliance.

The town would also require a 5-inch electro mechanical gong switches, line galvanometer and 50 gravity cell batteries. This is what the central station would consist of. Practically no attention is required to operate this system successfully as the batteries will last for eight months without recharging and then the cost for each one will be no more than seven cents a pound, two pounds being required for each.

The company would not advocate installing a tower striker at present, as this outfit would cost approximately $300. This could be added at any time without rearrangement of the original wiring.

The company suggests a non-interference weight movement type of box, its characteristic being that when one is pulled for an alarm it is impossible to send in an alarm from another, thus confusing the signals. The plain door with this costs $75 and the keyless $85. With the plain type of door a standard key box complete with key and chain will cost 75 cents each. More of this type of box is being sold than any other, but a quotation is made of $5 for the ecclor type, which is in use in parts of Montreal.

The installation of a 12-inch electro mechanical gong in the pumping station would be necessary, so that when an alarm is sounded the attendant could start the pumps at once.

All that is necessary for the outside wiring of this system is to run one No. 9 galvanized iron wire from the central station, and on to the first box, through the same in series, and on to the next box, etc., and then back again to the central.

The cost of the above apparatus approximately would be $350 f. o. b. at Montreal, but a somewhat similar system could be obtained for $100 and a third at $300.

No action has yet been taken by the town.

The Strathcona town council had an informal committee meeting yesterday afternoon with Mr. A. E. Morrison, the Edmonton city electrician in charge of the installation of the automatic telephone system. The question was fully discussed and much valuable information obtained from the Edmonton expert.

NEW SITE FOR THE HOSPITAL

The new site for the Strathcona municipal hospital just purchased for $10,000 from John Walter has much to commend it to those who take an interest in the public institutions of the town.

It is situated on the high ground just south west of the road leading up from the brewery and faces Anderson avenue and is between West and Walter streets.

The lots are on the high ground and command an excellent view of the river and valley.

The reasons urged by the medical fraternity composed of Drs. P. A. McDonald, S. Archibald, L. W. May, Evan Greene, R. Collison, J. M. Hobson, and W. H. Larell in favor of this selection are as follows—

1) The grounds are adequate in area to meet the present and future needs for hospital building for many years to come and the area will permit of beautifying the grounds with gardens, walks &c., thereby enhancing the value and usefulness of the institution in many ways.

2) The site itself according to all present indications will become greatly enhanced in value in the very near future and be a most important asset of the municipality. The price quoted of $400 per lot being decidedly below the present market price of land anywhere in the vicinity.

3) The prospect of high level communication between the two cities in the near future places this within easy reaching distance of a large population in both Edmonton and Strathcona, whereas if a site were selected any great distance from this it would render large and up-to-date hospitals of Edmonton easily accessible from the south over the bridge.

4) All parts of the building from the elevation of this site would command a good view of Strathcona and Edmonton and the river.

LOCALS.

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—The town council meet this evening to consider the draft of the proposed city charter and other matters.

—At a meeting of the Baptist church last night Misses Kempton, Ritchie and Grant were appointed to arrange for the collection of the last payment on the new church organ.

—E. J. Rowley is supplying temporarily as night police officer in the absence of Officer Harris who is detained at his home, owing to the serious illness of his little son.

—Mr. A. T. Mode of Rutherford, Jamieson and Mode, with Mrs. Mode who have been on their honeymoon trip to the former's home in Vankleek Hill, Ont., have returned to Strathcona.

—The fancy dress carnival tomorrow night in the Strathcona rink gives promise of being a highly successful affair. In addition to the prizes for best fancy and comical costumes for ladies and gentlemen and boys and girls, there are also liberal amounts for the races, four in all, for men, boys, ladies and gentlemen pair each and boys and girls a pair each. The amounts to be awarded total upwards of $50.

(Wednesday's Daily)

The town council was in regular weekly session last night with the mayor in the chair, and a full council board besides a number of spectators. After the reading of the minutes, etc., communications were reached.

A report from the General Electric Fire Alarm Company regarding the cost of fire alarms, was referred to the fire and light committee.

Dr. Archibald, medical health officer, wrote suggesting that the isolation hospital be accessible to waterworks and sewerage and suggesting that it be in the same block as the other hospital. He pointed out that there was no danger from contagion and outlined the custom followed in the large cities where brick or stone buildings were erected in close proximity to other buildings. His suggestions were filed for future reference.

A letter from the Leduc treasurer asking for information regarding the chemical engine and another from the North Saskatchewan treasurer re the town hall were referred to the engineer.

Mr. Robert W. Lundrum asked that his property, N.E., sec. 19, be not included in the extended city limits. The letter was filed.

Henry Wapshott reported on recent sales of impounded animals.

Messrs. Beck, Emory, Newell & Bolton, of Edmonton, wrote regarding the building on Whyte avenue, of Constable Frank Harris, recently stopped by the town. They contended it was not an infraction of the new fire limit by-law, as it was in course of erection before it was passed and asked if the town thought it was a violation that action be taken at once and a test case made in order that the matter might be settled, the letter was referred to the solicitor.

Frank Parker, local manager of the the telephone system in Rossland, applied for a position if telephone construction work were begun here soon.

The local medical fraternity in a letter endorsed the hospital site offered by John Walter.

Messrs. Rutherford, Jamieson & Moore, on behalf of Jos. Hehscorfer, asking for electric power to run a chopper near the Saskatchewan bridge. The letter was referred to the fire, water and light committee.

Dr. Archibald reported on the Alexander, where it is reported that manure and other refuse is being dumped on one end and ice for refrigerator purposes taken out of the other. The matter was referred to the Provincial health officer. Mr. Jeremiah Daly addressed the council, stating Mr. Alex. was not to blame as he had frequently forbidden the dumping of refuse.

Progress was reported in a number of questions that had been referred to various committees.

The town solicitor reported that the draft of the city charter would be ready for consideration of the council on Thursday.

The petition of a number of grocers asking that the early closing bylaw be repealed, was considered. On its behalf Mr. McKey and Mr. Jeremiah Daly spoke briefly. The petition was referred to the bylaws committee for consideration and report.

The bylaw with reference to the Canadian Bank of Commerce, asked for by the local manager at the last meeting, was given its first reading.

Councillor Rankin submitted a number of questions with reference to the waterworks and sewerage, as to their time of completion, where material is,

HOSPITAL SITE SELECTED.

The town of Strathcona has accepted the offer of John Walter for the site composed of thirty lots in the west end at a cost of $10,000. The property was held by Mr. Walter at $14,000, but on consideration of the town creating a suitable building he offered it at the above price. The site was strongly endorsed by the local physicians, should a site directly on the river bank be unavailable.

FANCY DRESS CARNIVAL.

A fancy dress carnival will be given in the Strathcona rink next Friday night, Feb. 1st. Prizes of $5 each are to be awarded for the best ladies' and gents' fancy costume; of $4 each for the best ladies' and gents' comic costume and for the best fancy costumes for boys and girls between 12 and 16; $3 each for the best comic costume for boys and girls 12 years and under and $3 for the best costume for boys and girls under 15 years. The Strathcona Fire Brigade band will be in attendance and judging will commence at 8.45.

HOCKEY PROSPECTS.

Strathcona Intermediate Hockey Club were informed yesterday through Mr. V. T. Richards that the City League series between the Strathcona and Edmonton Intermediates and Alberta College and the High School for which Dr. Reid had given medals was called off, owing to the withdrawal of the Edmonton Intermediates. The Strathcona people are naturally much disappointed as they had given considerable attention to their intermediate team and hoped with the line up that they intended putting on the ice to have the best aggregation of that class in the two towns. They have however arranged for a game next Tuesday night with Revillon's in Strathcona and will play the return the following Friday.

STRATHCONA CURLERS SHOW.

At least two of the rinks from Strathcona get on the honor roll at the Calgary bonspiel, and although they are not listed with the top notchers, the prizes they bring home will come in very useful for the club's annual banquet.

Skip Sheppard landed fourth prize in the Brewery Cup competition, and thereby wins a case of Kilmarnock Scotch whiskey, valued at $3.

Skip Weir got away in fourth place in the Consolidation Cup series, and brings home four bottles of champagne for his prize.

Mr. Weir also ran up a score of 25 in the Points Competition, securing twelfth place on the list and a pair of ladies shoes valued at $5.

MORAL REFORM PETITION.

At the meeting of the Strathcona town council last night Mr. J. D. Blayney, Edmonton, appeared in support of a letter from the Temperance and Moral Reform Committee of which he is the secretary. He urged that the council pass a resolution as the letter asked, endorsing the petition now before the legislature for the closing of the bars at 7 p.m. o'clock and the passing of other amendments to the license law. He argued that a great deal of the drinking among the foreign as among the native population. He made a plea on behalf of the young men from the eastern provinces who were being exposed to the dangers of this evil.

A CASE FOR ASSISTANCE.

Rev. Mr. Corey spoke at the Strathcona council last night on behalf of the Petition of Dr. Collison, asking that some assistance be given Mrs. McLeod, whose husband died recently.

The husband was a hard-working man, the reverend gentleman said, who labored in the coal mine. He first took pneumonia and later fever, from which he died.

She was left with three little children the youngest two and the oldest five and has no means of being returned to her home in Nova Scotia. The husband mortgaged a farm in the east to come west for his wife's health. Her health improved, but unfortunately the husband succumbed.

The question was referred to the finance committee with power to act.

SOMETHING NEW IN HOCKEY.

The C. P. R. Hockeyists and the Printers lined up in battle array at the rink last night and give an exhibition of the great Canadian winter sport such as has never been seen before in this northern clime. There was a big attendance of supporters of either team and no one regretted having seen the mirth provoking contest. The referee was V. T. Richards and he liberally dealt out the penalties to the offenders.

At one time there was considerable confusion when a second puck made its appearance on the ice and diverted the attention of a large part of the contestants. The teams lined out as follows:

C. P. R.		PRINTERS
Sharples	goal	Biggs
Olson	point	Flemming
Church	cover	Purdy
Clarke	rover	Davidson
Shields	centre	McKeown
Clarke	r. wing	Brown
Alexander	l. wing	Lynn

After the game it was learned that the printers had won by a score of 2 to 1.

LOCALS.

—Mr. Robert Cook has left for his home in Caledonia, Mich., after spending several months in Strathcona.

—Abe Kent, the well known Strathcona hockey player, is again in the game and will be with the team in the next contest.

—Friends will greatly regret to learn of the serious illness from appendicitis of Alfred Harris, eldest son of Constable Frank Harris.

—The Anglican Young People's Association has been re-organized and will hold its first regular meeting this evening at which officers will be elected for the coming year.

—Mr. T. E. Powers has been appointed traveller and expert of the J. I. Case Harvesting Machine Co for the district north of Red Deer with headquarters at Strathcona.

—The new city charter for Strathcona, which is to be asked for from the provincial legislature, is now in form for submission to that body. It has been finally revised by Town Solicitor Jamieson and City Solicitor Beck of Edmonton.

—An assault case which has been pending before Magistrate Tipton for several weeks came up again Monday and was further adjourned for a week. The prosecutor is represented by J. R. Lavell and the defendant by Rutherford, Jamieson and Mode.

TOWN MUST BEAR RESPONSIBILITY

The Goldie McCulloch Company Only Responsible in That Their Agents Might Have Advised Town of Condition of Footings Before Installation

The announcement published in the Bulletin on Wednesday that the new engine in the Strathcona electric power house was in a dangerous condition and could not be used with safety has been the subject of considerable discussion during the past two days.

The matter has been investigated thoroughly by the Fire and Light committee of the town council and after careful consideration they have brought in the following report:—

"Your committee reports having gone fully into the terms of the agreement or contract between the town and the Goldie & McCulloch Co. of Galt and finds that the whole question hinges on the footings which should have been placed under the concrete base specified by the company.

It is certain the present footings are inadequate considering the nature of the soil and the only way in which we can find the company responsible is that their agents who installed the machinery might have advised the town officials before they consented to install the engines.

"After visiting the plant we can only suggest two ways of remedying the faulty construction. Either by reinforcing the present foundation or by erecting a new foundation on proper footings. As it is an important matter, to decide we leave it to the full council to say how or in what manner the work shall be carried out.

To erect a new foundation and put in new fixtures, south of the present bed would cost about $8,000.

The town engineer is confident that a first class job could be made by cutting in re-inforcements with a heavy bed of concrete at each end, then build up and re-inforce all through. He could not however, give the cost of this undertaking off hand.

The Strathcona Town Council

There was a full attendance at the council board last night with Mayor Mills in the chair.

It was ordered that the mayor and secretary treasurer be authorized to sign the necessary petition for the city charter, and also to issue a cheque for $100 to be deposited with the provincial treasurer to pay for printing, etc.

The mayor suggested that each committee have a file in the office of the secretary treasurer on which the documents referred to the several committees be placed. Each committee will then see what work is to be done and nothing will be neglected.

The question of the foundation of the engine at the power house was discussed at some length and the chairman of the fire and light committee and the town engineer were appointed to confer with any engineers or other practical men with power to act in case re-inforcement be deemed advisible.

The payment was discussed at some length of $500 for the option on the new hospital site for three months till the by-law be passed by the ratepayers. Mr. Walter asks that buildings to the cost of at least $50,000 be erected within two years and the property be not used for any other purpose but for an hospital. The matter was left over for the present.

The council went into committee with Councillor McFarland in the chair, on the Webster proposition. The feeling of the board was in favor of a definite proposition from Mr. Webster, such not yet having been obtained. The industrial committee again took the matter in hand after the council had discussed it for some time.

The by law re the Canadian Bank of Commerce overdraft was given its third reading and passed.

The question of procedure at meetings of the council and the petition re early closing of the saloons were considered for some time but no action taken after which the board adjourned.

MR. DALY BEFORE THE COUNCIL

He Offers a New Site at Lesser Cost For the New Hospital---His Advice on the Engines Defective Footings

A familiar face and a voice frequently heard at recent meetings of the Strathcona town council are those of Mr. Jeremiah Daly, a well-known citizen who took a prominent part in the recent civic meetings and subsequent campaign. Mr. Daly has pronounced ideas on many of the questions that come up for consideration and very often favors the council with his views.

Last night he was heard on a number of occasions, the first being on the new power house engine discussion.

"Excuse me, gentlemen" he said in eloquent tones, "for breaking in on your noble council, but don't go to law in any case, avoid it at all costs, brace her up, east, west, north and south although she is in a sand bed,—but don't go to law."

When the Walter's site for the hospital was up later Mr. Daly came forward with a proposition to give the same space, just as near the centre of the town and more elevated not for $10,000 but for $6,000.

"Be careful gentlemen," he exclaimed in hushed tones, "be careful and do your business on the square."

The mayor stated in reply that at one time he had looked with favor on the part of Allendale referred to by Mr. Daly, and even now admitted it was a good site but it has no sewer connection and at present the town has no jurisdiction to extend to that distance. While authority was being obtained and the work being done the hospital would lose its best customer—the C.P.R.

Mr. Daly further urged his proposition and after considerable desultory discussion the incident closed with his last warning.

"Don't accept it, gentlemen, don't accept it, for you may get a free site for nothing within the next twenty-four hours.

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The city of Port Arthur owns its own light plant and made $8,835 last year. It owns its own telephone plant and is in competition with the Bell system and made $3,055.

The telephones are $24 for business telephones and $12 for house 'phones. The cost of installation was $50.00.

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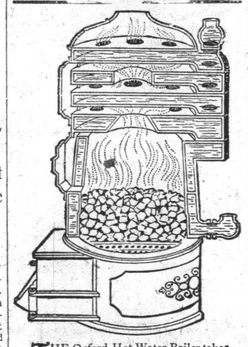

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