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That is the Question That Was Discussed by the Island Association Yesterday.

PEARSON SAID PLANT OR NOTHING,

But a Committee Was Appointed to Talk Him Over to Pipes.

The Island Association met at the Rossin House yesterday afternoon to decide what it would do with the gas question. President Wade occupied the chair, and there were present: J. T. Small, N. Weatherston, A. L. Goldman, F. O. Cayley, H. C. Maclean, R. O. Martin, J. Pearson, R. N. Gooch, F. Gooch, Lockhart Gordon, R. Dennis, L. Eastmure, W. K. McNaught, R. Donald, B. Robins, W. Galt, Ald. Hanlan, Burns, Hubbard and others.

The members sat round the walls of the room with Christie hats perched on one knee, and conducted the discussion in the most harmonious fashion, in spite of the fact that one faction wanted the gas piped to the island and the other would agree to nothing but a plant at the south end of Mugg's Landing.

Objected to a Plant.

Lawyer Small, who represented the pipe Islanders, didn't want to go past a plant where he had to hold his nose. He wanted to see the pipe one or a double arrangement, so that in case of leak no water would find its way in their light or cooking apparatus.

Lockhart Gordon wanted gas in any shape, and Prof. Shuttleworth quoted science to show what remedies it could provide against health-killing smells.

A Vigorous Speech.

Perhaps the most vigorous speech was made by Contractor R. Dennis, who declared: "If the Gas Company gets a looking on the Island at Mugg's Landing we are a lot of mugs to allow it." He declared he would sell out and quit in that case; but when, a little later, Promoter W. O. Bemaire offered to put up a gas plant at the island on the cheapest rates, Mr. Dennis switched around and said he would like a chance to tender.

Plant or Nothing.

Mr. Pearson spoke from the Gas Company's standpoint. He was against the suggested double-pipe system. If the outside pipe was big enough to admit a man, it would be more than his life was worth, if gas was leaking, and in a smaller pipe they couldn't find the leak. It was a case of plant or nothing.

Foreman Laxton, the expert of the Gas Company, declared the pipe scheme perfectly feasible, and the association thought it queer that the man the company has employed in all its works should recommend the project while the company took the other side.

A Committee's Work.

It was finally decided that a committee wait on Superintendent Pearson of the Gas Company until he agreed to pipes, and the members chosen, who will report at the next meeting, Dec. 18, 4.30, are: Messrs. J. T. Small, R. N. Gooch, Lockhart Gordon, R. Donald, R. Dennis, H. Wade.

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Against Deputy Fire Chief Davis—Was His Talk Simply Wind?—Clarke a Mayoralty Candidate.

In order to throw some light upon the variation in the number of hospital patients admitted at various seasons of the year, Dr. Sheard, in his usual monthly report to the Local Board of Health, submits a statement of the monthly payments from the hospital appropriation for hospital patients, and also of the number admitted.

The total amount expended for the maintenance of hospital patients in the various city hospitals, for the years 1894 to 1898 inclusive, was as follows: 1894, $24,714.35; 1895, $28,163.30; 1896, $32,858.75; 1897, $36,428.60; 1898, $34,816.50; 1899 (nine months), $26,969.50. These sums were divided among the following hospitals: Toronto General Hospital, $103,809; St. Michael's Hospital, $43,164; Grace Hospital, $25,841; St. John's Hospital, $3270; Convalescent Home, $5875; Western Hospital, $8686.

The Average Cost.

Further on in the report, Dr. Sheard gives the average cost of patients as follows: General, 1895, $14.48; 1896, $13.81; 1897, $15.60; 1898, $14.49; 1899 (nine months), $13.54. St. Michael's, 1896, $13.41; 1897, $12.92; 1898, $14.97; 1899 (nine months), $15. Grace, 1895, $14.40; 1896, $13.92; 1897, $16.24; 1898, $15.14; 1899 (nine months), $13.49. Western, 1897, $14.34; 1898, $22.91; 1899, (nine months), $21.22.

The Number Admitted.

The number admitted to the different hospitals during the years 1895 to 1899 was: 1895—General, 1343; St. Michael's, allowance cut off by order of Council; Grace, 301. 1896—General, 1342; St. Michael's, 637; Grace, 288. 1897—General, 1271; St. Michael's, 684; Grace, 328; Western, 60. 1898—General, 1157; St. Michael's, 701; Grace, 285; Western, 43. 1899 (nine months, Jan. 1 to Sept. 30)—General, 926; St. Michael's, 588; Grace, 265; Western, 40.

Typhoid Fever Decreasing.

Referring to the general health of the city, Dr. Sheard says: "I would draw the attention of the board to the marked diminution in the number of typhoid cases, there being only 17 cases reported, which is the same number as last year, and, inasmuch as we have had 57 cases reported last month, this decline is satisfactory. The dairy premises which were under discussion at the last board meeting have been closed up, and the milk route transferred to the premises of another dealer in the North End of the city, with the result that we have no typhoid cases reported from amongst the customers, and the recommendations of the board having been carried out I have no doubt had contributed materially to the fall of typhoid."

The Other Side Heard From.

A few days ago the Ministerial Association forwarded a communication to the Mayor, protesting against the Pavilion being used as a place to announce the progress and results of prize fights. In reply to this, Mr. John Brennan, who engineered the last entertainment there, has written to His Worship and propounded several questions, which he asks the eminent divines belonging to the association to think over. He first contends that the Pavilion is the property of the people, and they insist that it must be a paying investment. As to the entertainment objected to, he says: "I venture to remark that every member of the Ministerial Association knew at least 24 hours before the contest came off that the pugilists were to meet. Knowing, therefore, that the papers would contain an account of what had transpired at the encounter, how many members of the Ministerial Association declined to accept their papers that day? Do you, sir, think there will be one who can honestly say 'I did'?

Not Even a Peep.

"So far as I am concerned, the Sodom of Unbelief will be saved if there be even one member of the Ministerial Association who is prepared to admit over his signature that, in regard to that Pavilion entertainment, he practised in private what he preached in public; in other words, that he did not even take a peep at the paper to see who the victor at that boxing match was."

The letter was received as so much wind.

A Bylaw is Necessary.

The Mayor received a letter yesterday from Mr. S. H. Janes, protesting against the hauling of dead horses, etc., through the principal streets of the city at all hours of the day. Dr. Sheard, to whom the letter was handed, recommended that the City Solicitor be instructed to prepare a bylaw to secure the necessary legislation to control such traffic.

Grace Church Objects.

On behalf of Grace Church, Messrs. Carscallen, Hall & Payne wrote to the Mayor objecting to the church being assessed for a sidewalk. They claim the church authorities were not notified about the matter, and as the act says notice must be given, they, therefore, argue that they are not responsible. An interview is requested with the Board of Control.

Building Permits.

The City Commissioner issued the following building permits yesterday: S. J. Graydon, 79 Madison-avenue, two-storey and attic brick residence, 51 Madison-avenue, near Lowther, $8000; O. Newcombe, one-storey brick and roughcast addition to kiln on Bellwoods-avenue, $2000.

Another Secret Conference.

In the Mayor's office yesterday a private conference was held between Mayor Shaw, Architect Lennox, Ald. Woods and the City Commissioner. It is understood that the four talked over the appointment of a permanent staff.

Clarke in the Field.

It is now almost an assured fact that E. F. Clarke, M.P., will be a candidate for the mayoralty. In all probability he will publicly proclaim his intention of entering the fight to-day.

The Chief's First Recommendation.

The first recommendation from Chief Thompson was made to the Fire and Light Committee at their meeting yesterday afternoon. It was that a relief engineer be appointed to take the place of the men on their days off. The Chief pointed out that it was absolutely necessary to always have a competent man in charge of the engine. As it now is, when the engineers go to their meals, the engines are left in the hands of the stokers, and he thought that it would be a great deal better to have a fully qualified man in charge, who thoroughly understood his business.

The recommendation was referred to Council.

Demanded an Investigation.

Ald. Sheppard moved that in view of the charges publicly made by the Mayor and Ald. Hanlan against District Chief Davis Chief Thompson be instructed to bring in a report on the question as early as possible.

Chairman Frankland thought that that would hardly be the proper thing to do. The Mayor and Ald. Hanlan had not appeared before the committee or formally laid charges.

Ald. Sheppard insisted that charges had been made in a most public manner, and demanded that the motion be put.

No Evidence, Just Hearsay.

Ald. Hubbard said he had asked Ald. Hanlan if he had any evidence against Davis, and was told that friends of his (Hanlan) had informed him what the district chief had said. Ald. Hubbard also thought it would be better not to take any steps until the committee had the charges laid before them. For his part he knew that some, if not all, of them were perfectly true.

Ald. Lynd: The Mayor did not make any charges. He simply made a statement.

Refused to Deal With It.

The committee, with the exception of Ald. Sheppard, looked at it in this light, and refused to deal with the matter until definite charges were made.

On motion of Ald. Sheppard, Chief Thompson will report upon the advisability of having the fire alarms rung in the fire halls only.

Ald. Hubbard moved that the secretary of the Brigade be instructed to report as to whether it would not be in the best interests to place two large electric lights at the Queen's Wharf, and also that the Chief be instructed to report upon the question of removing one of the fire engines from Ray-street to the Portland-street hall.

Lack of Accommodation.

The Chief explained that he would have placed the engine at Portland-street long ago had there been accommodation for one. Both motions carried.

It was decided to ask permission from the railway companies to allow fire engines to cross the tracks at Lansdowne-avenue in case of fire.

Ald. Davies and Hubbard were appointed to look into the revised constitution of the Firemen's Benefit Association and report upon it.

Will Report Next Week.

Ald. Sheppard: Will there be a report from the Chief on the reorganization of the brigade before the next meeting?

The Chief replied that he would have one ready a week from Wednesday.

Does He Need a Deputy?

On Ald. Lynd's suggestion we will also report whether it will be necessary for him to have a deputy or not.

Before adjourning several members of the committee pledged themselves to assist the Chief as far as possible in his work of reorganization.

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