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CITY COUNCIL'S LONG SESSION

Clarence Barfoot Gets \$50
—House Numbering Is
Considered

THIRD STREET BRIDGE

Free Market Wednesdays
—Favorable Statement
Of Expenditures

The Council meeting last evening was a long one—somewhat longer than the nature and amount of the business transacted would warrant. Some of the aldermen succumbed to the chronic complaint of talking at considerable length without saying very much upon the subject under discussion, but the Mayor allowed generous latitude in order that no light should be spared the aldermen in arriving at intelligent conclusions. The routine business brought up was not of a very important character and very little action of vital interest was taken.

Several Board of Health accounts were presented and passed. These were all previously passed by the Board of Health.

John Burns complained of his assessment last year. He was assessed for \$700 on the roll, but the amended assessment with which he was not credited was only \$600. The error will be rectified.

SINNER'S TROUBLES.

The matter of Mr. Sinner's income tax came up for discussion. Mr. Sinner came to this country from Germany. He was assessed on his income on the \$300 tax, before his family came to this country. When his family came he rented a house, and a demand had been made by the collectors, for income tax during nine months when he was paying rent. This was unjust, and he wished a rebate. It will be granted.

FAVORABLE STATEMENT.

The Finance Committee brought in a statement of the expenditures of the year so far, with a comparative statement of what the expenditures were last year. The statement showed that the expenditures in the Board of Health were \$525 more than last year; in the Bridges account, \$436 more; in the Board of Works, \$802 less; Administration of Justice, \$30 more; Cemetery, \$548 less; Contingencies, \$38 less; C. C. I., \$468 less; Election expenses, \$42 more; Electric Light, \$408 less; Fire Department, \$191 less; Harrison Hall, \$470 less; Market, \$41 more; Pounds, \$12 less; Police, \$103 less; Public Schools, \$1,250 less; Printing and Stationery, \$20 more; and Salaries, \$136 more. This shows that the different departments are being run this year much cheaper than they were last year, which was considered a very satisfactory state of affairs. The Council of this year is doing its best to curtail expenses in every possible way and in this they are to be encouraged. It was a matter of congratulation among the aldermen that they were succeeding so well so far at least.

A petition was received from 21 of the residents of Queen St. South, asking that their street be sprinkled this year. The petition was referred to the Clerk in the usual order of things.

WILL PAINT BRIDGE.

It was pointed out that the Aberdeen bridge is very much in need of paint. Before the paint is put on, it will be necessary for the iron work to be scraped and brushed with steel brushes. The City Engineer said that now, while the bridge is being overhauled, it would be a good time to have this work done. It would be done much easier and more cheaply before the planks are put down. He suggested that the scraping and brushing might be done by the city workmen, and thus save money on the cost of painting.

It was also pointed out that at present there is no agreement between the city and the company as to keeping the bridge in repair, although there was a mutual understanding that the company should have to pay half the cost of repairs. The matter of painting the bridge was left with the Board of Works and the Railway Committee to investigate and report on at the next meeting of the Council. They will

A Live Board Of Trade Will Assist In Booming Chatham

—Meeting Friday Night

Chatham will have a Board of Trade is at last in sight for Chatham.

This was the interesting and welcome news handed out by Ald. Westman, chairman of the Industrial committee, at the meeting of the City Council last evening. In speaking of the matter Mr. Westman said:

"Chatham's great need of a Board of Trade has been felt for a number of years. The Industrial committee has been working on the case for the last week or two, and we have been in touch with the present officers of the Board of Trade, trying to arrange for an annual meeting. There is but one opinion, and that is that a Board of Trade should be organized and placed upon a working basis at once. The Industrial committee has made arrangements to call a meeting for Friday, April 12, in Harrison Hall, for the purpose of re-organization.

We hope that the Council will give us their support in this matter, and we are assured that the citizens will give every assistance. A Board

Sudden Sensation Is Sprung By The Maple City Auditors

—Water Coms Attacked

Mayor Stone created a small sensation at the Council meeting, last night, when he read the report of the Municipal Auditors, Messrs. Wilson Taylor and W. T. Campbell.

Besides reporting on their work of auditing, they called the attention of the Council to a few matters which have come before their attention in the course of their work.

They pointed out that one of their recommendations made last year, re the payment of wages, had not been carried out, and that large sums had been laid out without adequate vouchers.

They recommended that the Assessors make valuations of city property so that the auditors will be in a position to arrive at the proper value of the city's assets.

They pointed out that the Water Commissioners had allowed N. Mas-

sey's account to run from December, 1901 to June, 1906, and had then allowed a rebate of \$40. They had also allowed Dr. J. L. Bray's account to run from December, 1898, to December, 1905, and had then allowed a rebate of \$37.93. Water had been turned on in Dr. Hall's office and the account had run up to \$78.93, and \$25 had been taken in settlement. The Commissioners had also granted free water to the Law Tennis Club.

Mayor Stone said that all this had happened last year, but he would take the matter up at the next meeting of the Commissioners.

The chief feature of the report showed that the City Council last year had a surplus of \$6,328.45 and all the floating debt had been practically wiped off.

The Auditor's report will be printed, and 200 copies will be made.

also look into the matter of an agreement between the city and the railway company as to future repairs. Tenders will be asked for the work.

The Mayor also asked if the city did not own the steel which has been taken out of the bridge, and if they were not entitled to dispose of it as they saw fit.

The Engineer replied that there was not much steel over, and most of it in repairing the bridge.

The Mayor also brought up another matter in connection with the bridge. He said that the specifications called for white oak planks. He was down at the bridge the other day and he saw among the lumber to be used for planking, a number of pieces of red oak, which kind of timber is not suitable for this purpose.

Ald. Massey—I spoke to the Engineer about that and he was under the impression that all of the lumber there was white oak. He said, however, that it is all inspected by the specifications call for white oak, and the rest would be thrown out.

This was satisfactory.

TO WIDEN APPROACH.

The matter of widening the approach to the Third St. bridge from the north side was left with the Board of Works and the Railway Committee. It was pointed out that this is at present considered advisable, and there is a resolution on the minutes which reserved the right of the Council to decide upon a wider approach any time after the fourth day of May of this year. The present idea is to erect a sidewalk 41-2 feet wide on the East side of the approach on brackets extending out over the present walk.

This will be considered between the Railway Company and the Council. In the meantime the Board of Works were instructed to bring in an estimate of the probable cost of such work.

It was brought out that the caretaker of the cemetery has a man

NORTH BAY COLLISION

Ope Killed And Two Injured Near Huntsville

G. T. R. EXPRESS WRECK

Crashes Into Stalled Freight—Wreckers Work Five Hours

Huntsville, April 9.—The North Bay express, which left Toronto at 11:30 Sunday night, crashed into the rear of a stalled freight train three miles north of Huntsville early yesterday morning, killing the brakeman of the freight and seriously injuring his assistant and the conductor.

When the collision occurred the three men were in the van, the escaping steam from the express locomotive causing the death of Richardson and the injury to the other two.

The van and several other cars were smashed to pieces, and the scattered ashes from the stove set fire to the debris. The engineer of the express, J. Firman, and his fireman, jumped from the cab of the engine just in time.

A few passengers in the smoking car were given a shaking up, one man having his face cut with the glass from a broken window.

Richardson leaves a widow and child in Midland where he was a member of the L. O. T., and his widow will receive \$1,500 from the society. The two other injured men were conveyed to the General Hospital at Huntsville, and latest reports ensure their recovery.

A miscalculation on the part of the officials is held as being responsible for the smash. The express was 10 minutes behind when the freight left Huntsville, and it was thought that the latter could reach the siding at Novar in time to give the passenger train a clear right of way.

The wrecking crew from Allandale had five hours good work in clearing away the tracks.

Dead: Brakeman Nelson Richardson, Midland.

Injured: Duke Wellington, Allandale, conductor, badly scalded. Brakeman T. Myers, Allandale, seriously injured.

than he could endure. His case was silently and solemnly handed over to the Finance Committee.

A resolution from the Board of Health, recommending the construction of a sewer as a sanitary measure, was referred to the Board of Works.

THE PRINTING TENDERS.

Ald. Austin, for the Finance Committee, recommended that the Council get out a list of the printing supplies which will be required during the coming year, and that tenders be asked for from the city offices. Carried.

BARFOOT GETS \$50.

Ald. Austin also recommended, in reference to the claim of Clarence Barfoot for damages caused him through being confined in the Isolation Hospital, that while the Council acknowledges no liability in the matter, they agree to give Mr. Barfoot \$50 in full of all claim he might have in the matter. The City Solicitor had advised them that the city was in no way liable, but the Finance Committee thought that there was a moral claim which the city should try and live up to. It was claimed by Mr. Barfoot that it was on account of neglect during his first confinement in the Hospital which caused him to have to go back the second time. He wanted \$100 at first, but to-day had agreed to take \$50. He was supported in his claim by a physician who was acquainted with the full particulars in connection with the matter.

The Mayor said that while there might be a moral right, it was establishing a very bad precedent. He understood that the Board of Health had made a demand for the payment of his board while he was in the hospital, and the Mayor thought that if he were freed from this it should be sufficient.

Ald. Potter agreed that it was a bad precedent, but it would at least be cheaper than a law suit.

The Mayor—When Mr. Barfoot left

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