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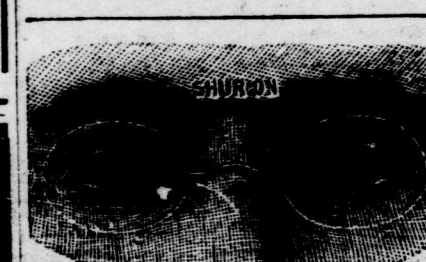
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COUNTY WILL WITHHOLD MONEY; BRIDGES SAID TO BE DEFECTIVE

Concrete Used in Foundation Alleged to Have Been of Inferior Quality.

The members of the Middlesex County Council were in a very talkative mood yesterday afternoon, and they were consequently in session from 2 until 6 o'clock. The well-known fact that three of a section of Engineer Talbot's report, which stated that several bridges built in different sections of the county within the past few months were resting on defective foundations, and that full payment on the contracts had been withheld.

Councillor Robotham remarked that somebody evidently had not understood their business or had been negligent. Councillor McCallum took exception to the remark and said that the previous speaker owed the council an apology, as it was the present members had acted as overseers on the disputed jobs.

No Apology

"I have nothing to apologize for," retorted Mr. Robotham. "I intended no insult, and am sure none was inferred."

"Well, I happen to have been one of the overseers mentioned," broke in Councillor McCallum, "and I want to say that, in so far as I could see, the material used was first-class, and properly mixed. If there was anything wrong about the job, the contractor is to blame, not I."

Councillor Robotham arose to say that he was of the opinion that when an overseer was placed over a job it let the contractor out. "If," said he, "the contractor is allowed to proceed with a piece of work on his merits, without an inspector, and he fails to come up to the specifications, he is a rogue. On the other hand, if the material and the methods utilized in handling it meet the approval of the overseer, the contractor should be paid full at the conclusion of the contract."

Councillor Lewis coincided with the previous speaker.

"I claim that the overseer's duty is to see that the material is properly mixed and put together," answered Councillor McCallum. "If a company doing the work uses inferior materials, then it certainly should not be paid until it makes good the deficiency."

Councillors Piper, Westman, Hutchinson, Lewis, Cousins, Turnbull and McDonald all had something to offer up on the question, and then Engineer Talbot was called upon to explain matters.

Cause of the Trouble

The county engineer stated the chief cause of the trouble was the inferior grade of gravel used in their construction. The gravel was covered with a light and almost invisible crust of clay, and that caused spots to form in the concrete. In his opinion it was a very easy matter for an inspector to be deceived in the quality of such material. "It would be a very good idea," said he, "to withhold part of the money on the contracts until spring, and then if the foundations are in fair condition, which I think they will be, we can pay over the balance of the money."

The council adjourned at 6 to again meet at 7:30 to discuss the alteration of bylaws regulating the order of business.

THE POWER UNION BACKS COMMISSION

Delegates Meet at Berlin and Pass a Resolution of Indorsement.

Berlin, Dec. 5. — Delegates from Galt, Guelph, Stratford, Mount Forest, Waterloo, Preston and Hespeler attended the meeting called by the Western Ontario Municipalities Power Union.

President Fryer said that the meeting was called for the purpose of discussing Niagara power and its delivery to the various municipalities. It was open to the public and anyone was at liberty to ask questions.

Secretary J. W. Lyons, of Guelph, read his report, which outlined the work done so far by the union. The meeting was then thrown open to the public.

The question that was asked by Berlin was: Can Niagara power be furnished to Berlin consumers at a cheaper rate than electric power is sold to consumers at the present time?

The light commission is furnishing power to consumers at the present time at an average of 25 per horsepower for a ten-hour service. For the next three years the city will only require 1,000-horsepower to supply the demand.

The result of the meeting is found in the following resolution passed unanimously:

"Whereas in Ontario there are no developed coal mines, with the result that this province must depend not only on a foreign country, but on a monopoly trust in a foreign country for its coal;

"And whereas the water powers of Ontario commercially used are worth only millions, the value of Niagara Falls alone being estimated at two billions of dollars, a sum greater than the present assessable value of the whole Province;

"And whereas monopoly interests are endeavoring to obtain control of their own benefit of these great sources of natural wealth;

"And whereas experience shows that monopoly control means charging the consumer all the traffic will bear, hampering our industries and robbing the people of this Province of untold millions rightfully theirs; and whereas at the last session of the Ontario Legislature an act was passed, entitled 'An Act to Provide for the Transmission of Electrical Power to Municipalities,' and the hydro-electric power commission was appointed to carry out the provisions of the act;

"And whereas, as provided in the

forementioned act, it is proposed to submit bylaws in the various municipalities at the forthcoming elections to secure the transmission to the various municipalities of electric energy free from monopoly prices or monopoly control;

"Therefore, this meeting indorses the work that has been done by the hydro-electric power commission, and by the Western Ontario Municipalities Niagara Power Union, and pledges itself to do all in its power to secure the submission of the necessary bylaws in the largest possible number of municipalities at the forthcoming municipal elections."

Ald. Campbell, as a representative of the town, wanted to know if there were anything to be gained by taking this Niagara power as offered by the commission. Hon. Mr. Beck was certain there would be a saving.

Mayor Sleeman, of Guelph, intimated that this city expected to save 2 mills on the tax rate by using Niagara power, they having a municipal plant similar to Berlin.

BRIDGE TO VANCOUVER
British Columbia Engineer Wants to Join the Island and Mainland.

Ottawa, Dec. 5.—H. P. Bell, a British Columbia engineer, has just prepared a report for the department of railways and canals in Ottawa on the feasibility of building a bridge from the mainland to Vancouver Island. Bell calculates that such a bridge would cost at least \$35,000,000, and says the work would be of a formidable character. By crossing the Seymour narrows and taking advantage of the Valdes Islands, the distance could be spanned by seven bridges of about 1,200 feet each, but the channels between the islands are of immense depth, with tides running at from four to nine miles an hour. The difficulties of the work would be further increased by the fact that the islands are very rocky, and would prove most difficult places for railway laying. A number of tunnels would be required, while the bridges would have to be strung 150 feet above the ocean.

Winter Fair, Guelph.
Do not forget that there will be a rate of single fare for the round trip to this famous fair via Grand Trunk. Tickets good going Dec. 8 to 14, returning until 17th. For tickets and information call on E. de la Hooke, C. P. and T. A.

The first report of the board of road directors was then read. The report contained recommendations to the effect that \$20 be retained from Hill & Co. for defective work on the Wau-buno bridge; \$87 from Contractor Ferguson, and \$100 from D. Wetherpoon's contract for using inferior cement on the new bridge on Center road, between East and West Williams, and the matters be taken up in June and final payment made if work is in good condition after the winter's test. It was also recommended that the money on the Delaware breakwater contract be retained until spring on account of pockets having formed in the concrete owing to poor gravel.

The House of Refuge committee report was also received and accepted.

Bridges To Be Renewed.

County Engineer Talbot recommended the renewal of the following bridges next year: Aux Sabie River bridge, one between Stephen and McGillivray, two structures between Moss and Brooke, the Metcalfe-Ekfrid and the McFarland bridges, one on the Wharfcliffe road between London and Westminster at the city limits, and two bridges in Adelaide and West Williams, respectively. It was also recommended that the House of Refuge committee report be taken up in June and final payment made if work is in good condition after the winter's test.

The second report of the finance committee, which contained an account of minor expenditures was received and filed.

A communication and report from the Collegiate Institute showed that there had been an aggregate attendance of 120,159 pupils, including 20,838 less \$127 fees by pupils from Middlesex. The maximum grant was \$1,200.

The board of road directors recommended that the warden and county commissioners safeguard the interests of the county in regard to the contract of the Plover Mills bridge, that concrete floors be laid on the Plover Mills bridge, and that the old Sylvan bridge be sold, the purchaser to remove same from the road within a given time after purchase.

Jail for a Lockup.

It was recommended by the lockup-house special committee that the county council use the jail for a lockup-house, as occasion demanded. Carried.

The finance committee recommended a grant of \$125 to Wardsville in connection with the smallpox outbreak.

The Women's Christian Association also received a grant of \$20.

Reeve Mitchell and Clerk Ward, of Metcalfe, were allowed to explain the question of the town line road repairing dispute between Metcalfe and Carleton Place. They stated that the town line was in bad shape near Carleton Place, and that, although they had repeatedly notified the Carleton authorities that they desired to arrange a meeting, they had been ignored entirely.

A petition from Metcalfe asking for assistance in the matter was then read and discussed.

Councillor Lewis, seconded by Councillor McDonald, moved that the petition be referred to the road directors, and that the reeve of Carleton be notified of the action.

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