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CITY COUNCIL PAYS TRIBUTE TO GOOD WORK OF H. S. CLEMENTS

Mayor Cowan and Ald. Edmondson Pin Their Faith to his Good Offices With the Government—Matters Discussed at Last Night's Council Session.

Discussion was the chief feature of last night's Council meeting. At times there were some sharp passages between the aldermen and they said things that ruffled plumage a little. The market and the charge of wharfage for the use of the Rankin dock by the Chatham Navigation Co., were two subjects that were pretty well thrashed out, and then left over to be thrashed again.

Edwin Bell, for the Finance Committee, recommended the payment of a number of accounts referred to them. That the by-law requiring \$100 wharfage dues for the use of the Rankin dock be amended so as not to charge for wharfage.

The report was adopted with the exception of the last clause. Ald. Bell said the Navigation Co. had written Owen Sound, Sarnia, Meaford, Collingwood, Goderich and other places, and none of these cities charged for the landing of passenger boats at their docks. The company had always paid taxes upon their boats. About \$90 had been paid per annum. Other boats had used this dock and had not been charged.

N. H. Stevens addressed the Council in regard to the matter. Owen Sound put up wharfs and invited boats to come. They neither assessed the boats nor charged them wharfage. The SS. City of Chatham carried excursions to the city every Friday and Saturday during July and August. There was no objection to paying the taxes and the company felt that that was all that should be required of them. He thought that the "City" was the only boat on the river paying taxes. The by-law was a good one, as it provided that the boats that damaged the dock should pay for the damage done.

Ald. Westman said that this agreement was made with the Chatham Navigation Co. at the time the dock was built. He didn't think that the city would have spent \$1,200 on the dock if they hadn't expected a share. There was no comparison between Chatham and such places as Sarnia, Collingwood, etc. There was an electric light at the dock and a man was kept to swing the bridges.

Ald. Austin felt that Mr. Stevens' argument was very plausible. He didn't think that the company would be willing to remove that amount. Sentiment shouldn't carry weight. If the City of Chatham was not running, some other boat would be. The Opera House, a somewhat similar case, brought a large number of people to the city, but no one would consider for a moment that this would be reasonable grounds for granting a rebate in the taxes on the Opera House.

Ald. O'Keefe said that the dock was built for the people of Chatham more than for the boat. It was in the interests of all business men that there should be a competition in freight rates. Mr. O'Keefe said that in regard to shipments he paid \$2.50 to the City of Chatham, freight from Windsor, and he had paid \$19 to the railroad for an identical shipment.

Ald. Marshall thought that the City of Chatham was an advantage to the workmen of the city, as they could by means of the boat get a cheap outfit.

Ald. Potter understood from Ald. Westman that the agreement had been entered into with the Chatham Navigation Co. He didn't know how much the last clause had been added to the last clause. Had there been no agreement he would have supported the report.

Ald. Edmondson thought that it was not fair to discriminate against the Chatham Navigation Co.

Ald. Ainsworth agreed with Ald. Potter and couldn't support the motion.

Ald. Bell asked Mr. Stevens if any agreement had been made.

Mr. Stevens had enquired about such an agreement, but could learn nothing about it. As far as Mr. Bell, the president, and Thomas Scullard, the secretary of the company, were concerned, they knew nothing about any such agreement.

Ald. Bell pointed out that Ald. Westman's statement was based on hearsay evidence and the reputable officers of the company knew nothing about it. The SS. City of Chatham could be assessed in any municipality the company desired. They were paying their taxes without a murmur.

Ald. Westman said it was amusing to see Ald. Bell standing up for the SS. City of Chatham against the city. The agreement had been entered into. It was of more interest to workmen to have their taxes reduced than to give free dockage to the boats.

Ald. Bell asked that the clause in the report be withdrawn until the next meeting, so that Ald. Mounteer could be interviewed, and the report was so adopted.

Fred Farley's request for permission to cut a tree was referred to the Property Committee. The Mayor explained that this matter had been referred to the Chief of Police before, and he had reported against it. More damage could be done in a few minutes with the axe than it would take 25 years to undo.

R. G. Fleming, City Treasurer, wrote stating that he had tendered the County Treasurer \$550, being the

city's share of the administration of justice, but the amount had been refused unless paid with interest. The interest was about \$5. Referred to Finance with power.

Ald. Marshall said that the expenses of the Board of Works for the months of January and February had been the lightest of any year since he had been at the Council Board.

When Sterling & Kovinski's account for \$14 for two tons of coal for the Fire Department was presented, the Mayor enquired if it wouldn't be better to buy all the coal earlier in the season. This coal had been purchased at \$7 a ton. He wasn't paying that price.

Chris Garret wrote asking an investigation of the sewer on Brock St. He said the sewer had only been put down last year but he couldn't get any fall. Referred to the Board of Works.

A request was received from the retail grocers of the city, asking the Council to pass a by-law closing all stores at seven o'clock. Referred to Finance.

Frank Nagle, of St. Louis, wrote, enquiring about his grandmother, Mrs. Margaret McCue, who lived here in 1853 and owned a couple of horses. Referred to Finance.

R. Beaume wrote objecting to the market building as proposed. Referred to Market Committee.

A petition for a bitulithic pavement on Murray St. was referred to the Board of Works.

J. P. Sivewright, M. D., wrote stating that the house at the cemetery was 40 years old and the sills were rotten and the house unhealthy. He blamed the sickness in Mr. Turner's family to the condition of the house. Referred to Parks and Cemetery.

The City Solicitor wrote in reference to the case of Labombard vs. the City, now on trial at the court house. Received.

George S. Sherman, Kingsville, wrote offering to trim trees and shrubs. Received.

Robt. Coyle wrote in regard to putting out the lights in Tecumseh Park. Received.

J. C. Fleming requested permission to cut trees. Referred to Chief of Police.

Engineer McDonnell, Queen St., wrote stating that the exact measurement of Mrs. Hector Dezelie's lot on Lacombe St. was 48 ft. 6 inches. The city has different measurements for this lot for the sidewalk and for the pavement. Referred to Finance.

Ald. King for the market building committee reported that the market building be 175 feet instead of 165 feet, and that two meat stalls be placed in the front part of the building.

That there be two entrances instead of one at the front of the shed.

That the police station and weigh scales be annexed and the space between it and the market shed be roofed over.

That the entrance to the police station be changed to open on Wellington street.

That a basement be excavated in the police station.

That galvanized shingles be used in place of slate and tenders be asked for on a new sketch furnished by Mr. Rutley. With the exception of the last clause the report was adopted.

Ald. Westman moved in amendment to the last clause that tenders be asked for both the new sketch and also for the old front as voted on by the people. Carried.

Ald. Edmondson said that the saving between slate and galvanized iron shingles would be \$600. This would pay for the roofing in of the space between the market building and the police station.

Ald. Edmondson couldn't agree with his colleagues because the people's money would be squandered.

Mayor Cowan—Speak to the motion.

Ald. Edmondson—I am here on behalf of the people who elect me and I want to state my case.

Mayor Cowan—The people are not so much interested in your case as they are in the business before the Council.

Ald. Edmondson—I think I'm in order but if your worship rules me out I'll abide by your decision.

The Mayor—You're in order if you don't go too far back.

Ald. Edmondson continued.

Ald. Austin asked if Ald. Edmondson wasn't out of order.

The Mayor—He is, but he promised to cut it short.

Ald. Edmondson sat down.

Ald. Bell—I think Ald. Edmondson has a perfect right to state his objections and I gathered from what he has already said that he has several.

Ald. Marshall asked what the tenders were being asked for.

Ald. King said that the sketch of the changed building had been shown at the last meeting of the Council.

Ald. Austin moved, seconded by Ald. Potter, that tenders be asked for the revised plan of the market sheds and police court alone.

This was the second amendment. It was lost.

Ald. Edmondson endeavored to interject.

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PETITIONS PRESENTED

Many Against Separate Schools Handed in to the House.

Protests of Constituents of Liberal and Conservative Members Against Education Clauses of the Autonomy Bills—Sir William Mulock Promises Report of Investigation of the United States Rural Mail Delivery.

Ottawa, March 7.—A score of members were ready with petitions against the Separate Schools proposal of the autonomy bills when the House opened yesterday. Mr. Haggart was first with petitions from Lanark, and he was followed by Henderson of Halton. Then came Liberal members with similar petitions to present, Mr. Dymont of Algoma, Walter Scott and Mr. Belcourt, Mr. Bole, Mr. Clarke of Essex, Mr. McKenzie of Bruce, Mr. Martin of Wellington, Messrs. Lancaster, Northrup, Schaffner, Blain, Dr. Roche and others of the opposition also presented petitions against the Separate School clause. R. L. Borden presented the petitions of his constituents of Carlton.

Put it Off Till Second Reading. The leader of the opposition then alluded to the practice recently followed by the Government of precipitating the debate of an important measure upon its first reading, when the House is without a printed copy of the bill. This was done in the case of the autonomy bills. He believed it had been intended that he should receive an advance copy of the bill, but even if this intention could have been carried out, said Mr. Borden, it would have been no advantage to the House, generally. He suggested that the practice be returned to, of having the debate upon a measure postponed until the second reading, when the printed bill would be in the hands of every member of the House.

Changes in the Bill. Mr. Borden also suggested that it would be in the interests of members and of the country as a whole if the Prime Minister would acquaint the House of changes which were to be made in the bill, a reasonable time before the second reading.

The leader of the opposition alluded, further, to certain untrue comments upon his recent absence from the House. The Montreal Herald, referring to it as "tactful," Mr. Borden explained that up to 4 o'clock on the afternoon of last Wednesday week he had no intention of leaving Ottawa, but at that hour he received a telegram announcing the very sudden death of a near and dear relative under distressing circumstances. He referred to the delay caused by the great snow blockade, which accounted for his prolonged absence. Mr. Borden asked that certain returns bearing upon the autonomy bill be brought up before the debate.

Victims of the Press. Sir Wilfrid Laurier reminded the leader of the opposition that, "We are all victims of the press," but the newspapers had pretty generally printed the facts about his absence so that everybody knew it was the result of domestic affliction.

He denuded the policy of making a full statement upon a measure at its introduction as being according to British practice. As to changes in the bill, if any were made, they would be communicated to the House in good time.

Telephone Discussion. There was a long discussion in committee over the bill to incorporate the Northwest Telephone Company. When the first clause was read Mr. Bole of Winnipeg moved that the bill be referred back to the Railway Committee. Mr. Bole said it was time for the Government to announce a policy looking towards the taking over of the telephones by the Dominion.

Mr. Foster did not agree that independent telephone companies fared so badly. He said they had risen from zero ten years ago to an importance very closely approaching that of the Bell Telephone Company.

Mr. Turin, the mover of the bill, pointed out that all the municipalities affected by the Northwest Telephone Company had been consulted, so that municipal rights would be fully protected.

The clause giving the Government control over rates, etc., was criticized by Mr. Borden, who argued that such control should be vested in the Railway Commission.

Mr. Turin replied that while there was a good deal to be said in support of this amendment it should be given effect in a general act, and not in a private bill.

The committee rose and reported progress, Mr. Hyman desiring that the Minister of Justice should examine the workings of certain clauses.

Rural Mail Delivery. Mr. Lacombe moved for copies of the Postoffice Department, in reference to the question of establishing rural mail delivery in Canada, the probable cost, including any information in the possession of the department as to the working of the United States system, or such a service or system elsewhere, and the annual expense and other particulars.

Sir William Mulock said that when the rural delivery service was established first in the United States the revenue of the Postoffice Department about balanced the expenditure. Then the deficit began to increase, and in four years it grew from \$2,000,000 to \$14,000,000. Sir William promised, however, that he would send an officer to Washington to get a report on the whole subject.

The motion for the return then carried. Mr. German moved for a return showing the lease of water power on the Welland Canal, the names of the lessees and other information.

Provincial Subsidies. Mr. Carville moved for copies of pa-

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The motion carried and the House adjourned at 10 o'clock.

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