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LABOR REPORT FOR BRANTFORD

Correspondent Deals With Conditions in General as Found.

The following is the report in the Dominion Labor Gazette from Brantford for February:

Labor was not better employed here this month than last. A large number of foreigners were unemployed. The factories have not shown any signs of further activity, and the continued spell of hard weather prevented some outside work being done

A number of men have found employment harvesting ice, but at rather low wages.

Work has been continued on the Lake Erie & Northern Railway, the rails being laid between Paris and Brantford, and preparations being carried on at Lorne bridge for the roadbed.

Other parts of the city have been lighted by Hydro-Electric power during the month ,and it is estimated that the street lighting will be compleed in about two weeks. A large number of residences are being prepared for lighting with the same power.

During the month the coremakers of Massey-Harris Company went on strike against a readjustment of prices, the men claiming that it meant a heavy cut in wages for them. On the fourth day the men went back at terms which were not made public. The sewer work is being arranged, and the gangs of men employed arranged so as to give as many as possible a chance to earn some money.

The customs returns for the month were $43,231.26, being a decrease of $19,730.03 against last year's returns for the same month.

Paris—Conditions in this town were quiet. Factories were working short time and but little outside work was done. The customs receipts for the month were $5,600.14, being a decrease of $1,396.39 from the same month of last year.

ACTIVITY OF THE LOCAL UNIONS

Is Dealt With in the February Labour Report from Ottawa Labor Bureau.

Out of the eighteen principal trades of Brantford eleven had a quiet month during February according to the Labor Gazette, issued by the Government Department of Labor, whilst seven were reported to be actively busy. Confectioners and food producers generally were among the busiest section. Railway workers were busy especially those employed about the electric street railways. Furriers and tanners went well although leather-workers were slack. Cigarmakers felt no relaxation. Tailors and garment workers have had a quiet time as has also the boot and shoe worker. Indoor workers, such as barbers and hotelmen found things below the average. Laundrymen likewise. Retail clerks were not busy during the month. Expressmen and transfer workers having got over the holiday rush quieted somewhat, and unskilled labor of all descriptions was not in demand. From this it will be seen that Brantford has not yet recovered from the effects of the winter which has lately crippled trade conditions. With the return of spring, however, all trades are expecting a boom in their various lines with the possible exception of book makers and workers.

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CITY COUNCIL IN SESSION

(Continued from Page 1.)

Roller Rink.

At the City Council meeting last night ratepayers near the Alfred St. Rink petitioned to the council that a rolling skating licence be withheld from the rink as it would be adding insult to injury to district as the building has been a very unsightly one. The petition was signed by J. J Quirk and 32 others.

A representative of the owner of the rink, Mr. Birdsall and a deputation were present and on a motion of Ald. Charlton, both sides were heard. Mr. Trench said Mr. Birdsall had spent from 20,000 to $30,000 and should be allowed to get some return for it. Out of 28 houses canvased, 27 signatures favorable to the rink. Other towns gave bonuses, free water, etc, for such amusements, and young people went out of the city for rolling staking. The council was asked to consider the matter in this way.

Mayor Spence said that the license was withheld pending action of the council. Personally he was opposed to the license, as he thought vested interests in that vicinity had been injured enough. The Mayor said he could not understand how any sane official ever issued a permit for a building such as that of the Alfred Street Rink. It was a disgrace to the city.

Mr. Thomas Logan speaking against the license said a roller skating rink was a nuisance to the surrounding houses. He was sorry Mr. Trench had spent so much money on the rink as it had decreased the value of property surrounding it by 15 per cent. The rink looked like a root house. The residents were sincere when they said that it would be adding insult to injury, as roller skating doubtless would be an annoyance. It was no place to plant a roller skating rink in the midst of a number of good residents.

Mr. Birdsall said the floor of the rink would be built over asphalt, which would deaden the sound. The rollers of the skate would be rubber and the rink would close at ten.

Ex. Ald. Levi Fisher thought that Mr. Logan had been reasonable in estimating the decrease in property value at 15 per cent, due to the rink. There was no doubt that a roller rink to many people would be considered a nuisance. The depreciation of surrounding property would equal the amount invested by the rink owner

The Mayor asured those present that the license committee would act on the recommendation of the council. In Atlantic City on the beach, there was an up-to-date rink and when a number of people got on it the vibration was terrific.

Ald. Ryerson said he would object very strongly if anyone wanted to start a roller rink in his district. He sympathized with the rink owners, but at the same time thought the kick of the owners was legitimate.

Ald. Sutch remarked that several thousands of dollars had not been spent but misspent on the Alfred St. Rink. The appearance of the building was awful and when it came to roller skating vibrations the tin roof would be as bad as the floor for noise. The mistake was made in ever allowing the rink to be built there and he was opposed to the license.

Ald Broadbent opposed the license.

The matter was settled by a resolution moved by Ald. Robinson, seconded by Ald. Quinlan, referring the matter to the finance committee.

From the opinions expresed it did not look last night as if a roller skating license will be granted. It costs $2.00.

Board of Works.

The Board o fWorks reported as follows:

That the Board of Works be authorized to purchase a street flusher.

That the application of Wm. G. Oxtaby of March 11th, 1914, for sewer connection for part of his premises in the Township of Brantford, on the westerly side of Abigail Ave. consisting of the southerly 68 feet of Lot No. 175, be granted on the condition that before this connection is made that Mr. Oxtaby pay to the City Treasurer the sum of $2.00 per foot of assessable frontage of the property to be connected as estimated by the City Engineer.

Mayor Spence wanted to know what good a street flusher would be if the city didn't have a sweeper.

Ald. Ward said it would do the same work and the machine would pay for itself the first season. It had been recommended strongly by the two overseers.

Ald. Sutch said the flusher was no "Squeeger" but a real up-to-date affair. It was claimed that it was a labor saver and worked very satisfactorily in other cities.

Ald. Bragg wanted to know the price of the flusher.

Ald. Sutch said the one decided on would cost between $800 and $900.

Ald. Ward said it had been demonstrated that excessive water on Brantford streets was reducing the life of the pavements by one third.

The Mayor thought they were buying the cart without the horse, unless a sweeper was bought. His Worship believed strongly that a sweeper was necessary.

Ald. Ward assured the Mayor that a sweeper would be bought in due time.

Ald. Broadbent thought street cleaning now was very inadequately carried out. He favored anything tending to abate the dust nuisance.

Ald. Bragg "All we want now is a duster."

The Tax Rate.

The city will have to raise $539,465 this year, which on the present assessment means a rate of 22 1-2 mills on the dollar. The by-law was passed with Ald. Charlton in the chair.

Budget of News From Council

The third reading of the Street Railway by-law will be given at the next council meeting.

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The City Engineer's time list was $400 for streets; $1,217 for sewers; $48.60 for cemeteries.

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It was genera y conceded that the majority for the Street Railway purchase was big enough to carry the by-law.

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The Trades and Labor Council objected in a letter to the granting of concessions for the operation of a private market enterprise.

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Hydro-Electric wages for two weeks amounted to $1092. An account for repairing trees on Brant Avenue was included in the amount.

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The quorum present was as follows: Mayor Spence, Ald. Ward, Bragg, Ryerson, Woolams, Sutch, Charlton, Sigman, Quinlan, Robinson, Broadbent, Wood, Calbeck, English, Pitcher.

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The Horticultural society wants a grant of $1.00 per member from the city to carry out its work. The expenses of the society are $3 per member.

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A legal account from W. A. Hollinrake of $10 for defending Hydro tree butchers was not allowed to go through. The commission agreed to pay Mr. Hollinrake for his services.

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The auditors Messrs. Seago and Thompson will receive $175 for services, on an order passed. An extra account will be submitted by them for work on the House of Refuge books

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The Lake Erie and Northern Railway doesn't want to pay taxes on houses torn down on right of way and Messrs. Brewster and Heyd will meet the committee any time to make an adjustment.

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John F. Schultz, through his solicitors, Harley and Sweet, will sue the city for injuries sustained from a Hydro wire across the street. The city is doubly protected by guarantee insurance companies

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Owing to the fact that James O'Reilly is a Separate school supporter, it has been asked that the Brant Theatre assessment be placed on the Separate School list. The matter has been referred to the City Solicitor. The theatre is now in the hands of a joint stock company.

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Ald. Charlton was informed by the Mayor that there as no smoke nuisance by-law existent at present. He thought, however, the damage reported from the Y.M.C.A. smoke should not be allowed. Ald. Charlton said he would be satisfied if the buildings and grounds committee brought in a by-law. Ald. Ryerson, a Y. M. C. A. director said the matter would be brought up speedily before the directorate.

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A. Wilson and T. Pendlebury, union moulders of the Hartley Foundry Company, wrote, objecting to the council's action in calling for new tenders for civic castings on the ground that in the old tenders it was not stipulated that union wages be paid. They pointed out that the Hartley Company paid higher than the union scale for much work, and the employees of the company were vitally interested in the action of the city. The communication was referred to the Board of Works.

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The Brant Sanitarium by-law was amended as a matter of form so that payments due the trustees could be made in a more satisfactory way. Mr. A. E. Watts of the trustee board explained the situation to the council. The different municipalities paid on the basis of the number of patients kept during the year and it was months after the money had been actually spent on maintenance before the proper amount due the institution could be arrived at. The change in the by-law aimed merely to give the trustees authority to borrow the amount pending payment.

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Ald. Ward as the Old Home Week President wanted the buildings and grounds committee to fix up the old City Hall and time honored clock. He thought the clock could be repaired and made to run all year. It might cost about $50 yearly. Instead of the janitor going up the tower and jabbing the clock when it stopped with the end of a scantling, an expert should be secured. The clock was of a famous make, said Ald. Ward, who believed that it had been maligned. The chairman of the buildings and grounds committee said the council could not remember half what Ald Ward said. The clock was a goner, he said and could not be repaired. If the council wanted a new coat of paint on the City Hall, the committee would do so.

Ald. Ryerson said the wall for the new vault in the city hall destroyed the tower clock.

Ald. Ward; "I wasn't in the council then."

Ald. Bragg sugested cleaning the hall by the sanding process. It would mean a new building on the outside.

The chairman of the buildings and grounds committee was not sure how such a process could work, but would enquire.

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It was almost impossible in the big rotunda of the Laurier where the delegates ed to prepare the memorials where in the great surging were pennants with the slog every lake port a sea port."

The most optimistic portio great delegation, however, t ers who styled the propose electric railway throughout the the greatest back-to land movement ever started were nearly 1,000 strong a lending their support to th ways delegation they wanted to overshadow the railway qu

An outstanding feature of army as it paraded from the to the Parliament Hill to b graphed and meet the govern noon was the fusion of city farming men lending suppor another's schemes for the welfare of the province.

The Resolutions

The resolutions presented government, which were dra the recent radial field day tion, read:

"Whereas the construction network of electric radials province makes possible th sion of the benefits of cheap power to the farmers, reduc cost of production, and of t ation and thereby lowering of living to all the people, a

"Whereas, the introduction tric power and of radials w farm life more attractive a fortable and will increase population, and

"Whereas electric roads furtherance of commercia prise in cities, towns and owing to the cheap trans afforded, and

"Whereas the Dominion ment has in the past grante to private corporations in tion with the construction and electric roads.

"Be it resolved that the Government be requested t subsidy of $6,400 per mile t tric radials which will be ed by any municipal corpo corporations.

"Whereas, improved trans for the people and by the the most important econom tion before the Canadian day; in view of the fact th can be transported by about one mill per mile, by at approximately one cent against an estimated cost per mile by wagon road.

"Whereas an ocean wate the Great Lakes to Port A Fort William would ma ports of all the cities and route and would at once difficult question of the o freight combine now serio turbing the Dominion G and

"Whereas, the Dominion ment is building an impro land canal and are about contract for an adequate Sault Ste Marie, and

"Whereas it is believed United States Government able to the development o erway in their own territo

"And, whereas, the pri maining link to be complet improvement of the St and whereas the improvem St. Lawrence will produce of horsepower of electric e

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