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City Council Will Talk of Salaries
Some Other Day.

Board of Education Will "Come
Again" for Its \$24,000.

Lively Discussion on Union Label—
Will Not Be Demanded Upon the
Firemen's Clothing—Other Matters.

The city council side-tracked the board of education's request for \$24,000 and the whole salary question last night, gave Ald. Jolly's motion, re permanent improvements a formal welcome—it will be discussed in a business way later, sent a small number of unimportant communications to committee, disposed itself individually in various ways, and ratified the contracts let by No. 3 committee. The latter were chiefly for fire department supplies, and included 600 feet of hose from the Guttapercha Rubber Company, of Toronto, although friends of the Canadian Rubber Company made an interesting attempt to upset it.

The mayor presided, and the others present were Ald. Parnell, Greenlees, McCallum, Plant, Dreaney, Graham, Malloch, Garratt, Winnett, Reed, Carrothers, Jolly, Douglass, O'Meara, Rumball, Pritchard and McPhillips, and Acting City Clerk Bell.

The meeting adjourned at 11:57. Among the communications were requests from the Toronto Union, Typographical Union, Cigar-makers' Union, Boot and Shoe Workers' Union, Metal Polishers' Union that the union label be demanded upon the firemen's clothing; a request for a grant to the Convalescent Home; several applications for positions as street watering inspectors and firemen; petition from architect Heaks to connect the Normal School with the Wortley road drain; from R. J. Wood, et al., for a tile sewer on Grey street, between Simcoe and West streets, and from Wm. Traflet, et al., for a tile sewer on Maple street. These were sent to the proper committees.

Ald. Dreaney moved, contrary to the committee's report. One clause recommended that tenders for the relief work be called for in wards. Cheaper prices would be received for in bulk, he thought. Discussion followed.

Tenders will be called for a tile sewer for the city, north and south of Dundas street, as well as by wards.

The committee will again consider the advisability of buying a drop net for the fire department.

ABOUT THE UNION LABEL.

Ald. Dreaney moved, contrary to the committee's decision that the union label be upon the firemen's clothing. Ald. Plant seconded. Ald. Jolly said that would bring the competition down to two shops. To Ald. O'Meara, the chairman said the tender of Galpin & Jones was recommended by the committee for acceptance.

Ald. Greenlees said: "If this is a move to restrict competition to union offices, it is illegal." He had no objection to union labels.

Ald. Plant said the president of the Tailors' Union was present, and should be heard.

Ald. Malloch thought the council knew all that was required about the matter.

Mr. James was heard. He paid union wages, he said, but could not get label on work he or Mr. Galpin did themselves because they were not members of the union.

This was a "pretty time of day," said Ald. Douglass, when the employees deprived a man from working. Were these men not to do anything but look on, while others worked?

Ald. O'Meara decried the union because they debarred a poor man (the employer) from the privilege of working on the bench.

At Ald. Carrothers' suggestion, Mr.

Andrew Johnston, president of the Tailors' Union, was heard. He said that any employer who paid his men \$1.25 a day could get the label put on the work of their employees. Employers who were members of the union, and afterwards started in business for themselves could also get the label. They had no vote on local affairs, but less by invitation, but retained their membership, as the union carried their insurance. "The prices at which that contract was taken are too low," he said. "No man could pay the union wages, \$1.25 a day, and make money at it."

Ald. Plant spoke at some length in favor of the label. It was simply a guarantee that \$1.25 a day would be paid for the work, he said. Some contractors would take the job and get girls to work for them at \$2, or \$2.50 per week, if the label were not demanded. He placed no dependence in the clause in the specifications that union wages must be paid, and cited the case of a workman who, a couple of years ago, was engaged on similar work, and unsuccessfully tried to collect, by law, union wages.

Ald. Parnell believed \$1.25 a day was too little to be paid for such work. The men who drive his wagons get \$1.50 a day, but he was not willing to place any impediment in the way of the employer. It was by work the employers rose.

Ald. Winnett stood out for the label. The motion to demand the union label was lost, Ald. Graham, Garratt, Winnett, Dreaney and Plant voting "yea."

WHOSE HOSE TO BUY.

A clause recommending the purchase of the Guttapercha Company's hose was then read.

Ald. Garratt wanted to know if the length of hose left at the fire hall last year had been tested.

Chairman Dreaney answered by saying that a length of the Canada Rubber Company's hose had been in use with the other hose at the fire hall, but that the other hose was not long enough, the chief said, in which to test it. He talked of "guarantees," and said the council should buy the cheapest hose.

Ald. Winnett explained the difference between a ply hose and a jacket hose. Ald. Parnell said, sometimes guarantees amounted to something and sometimes they didn't. The Paragon was known to be a good brand of hose. The council had experimented enough.

Ald. Parnell said the hose the Canadian Rubber Company was offering this year was precisely the same kind of hose as the city got last year, under a different name, he said. Chief Roe had recommended "Paragon," and the city should get it.

Ald. O'Meara said the chief should be present. Ald. McCallum moved to lay the matter over, and the chief was summoned. Carried. The chief recommended the Paragon hose made by the Guttapercha Company, and the clause was adopted.

SCHOOL BOARD'S NEEDS.

The board of education asked the council to provide by the issue of debentures, \$24,000, for expenditure, as follows:

Victoria school, four rooms, rebuilding portion of present structure \$7,500

Rebuilding and enlarging Park street school 8,500

West London, two-room building, and purchase of lot 4,500

Queen's avenue, rebuild and enlarge present school 2,500

Total \$24,000

Dr. Teasdale, chairman of the board, informed the council that the interests of the members of the board in the matter of taxation was considerable.

The board had given the matter very careful attention, he said, and discussed the merits, individually, of the claims.

Trustee Macpherson strongly urged the necessity of the proposed improvement to Victoria school.

Dr. English presented a petition with 150 signatures asking for better accommodation than the Chesley avenue school. Dr. Ziegler said the change in the Queen's avenue kindergarten would effect a saving of \$600. Trustees Bayly and Hamilton spoke of the lack of accommodation of West London schools.

Ald. quoted the M. H. O. as condemning the present schools to which they referred.

On motion of Ald. Parnell the matter was sent to No. 1 committee.

OFFICIALS' SALARIES.

The finance committee's salary slate was read by Ald. Rumball.

The move that the whole matter be laid over until the estimates come in, said Ald. McCallum, and he brought his hand down upon the desk emphatically. "We can't vote away money tonight, when we don't know where it is coming from. We don't want a 23 or 24 mill raise this year."

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Ald. McPhillips thought there was less glory for the committee than there would have been if some of the officials had been given a greater increase.

Ald. Parnell believed no city in the Dominion had a better set of officials than London. Yet, he supported Ald. McCallum's motion. Presently, the council would be twisting about in every conceivable shape to keep the rate of taxation down to a normal figure.

Ald. O'Meara wanted to know why the salaries of the "poor workmen" were not to be raised.

Ald. Greenlees and Ald. Rumball intimated that Ald. O'Meara was insincere, and the repartee was lively and good-natured.

The vote to lay the matter over was: Yeas—Ald. Pritchard, O'Meara, Winnett, Reed, Malloch, Dreaney, Plant, Parnell, McCallum—9. Nays—Ald. McPhillips, Rumball, Carrothers, Graham, Garratt and Greenlees—6. Ald. Jolly was excused from voting.

FIXED ASSESSMENTS.

When the recommendation to fix the assessment of D. S. Perrin & Co. was read, Ald. Plant objected. He held that fixed assessments were not in the interest of the city as a whole. The manufacturer did not enlarge his factory until there was a demand for it. He did not employ labor for fun. When he provided employment it was for his own gain, and he should pay his taxes as anyone else did.

Exemptions were against Ald. Greenlees' principles, but on the ground of fair play he supported the bylaw. If the council was starting from the first only a short time ago the council had granted to a rival firm, whose assessment was \$71,000, a fixed assessment of \$50,000.

Ald. O'Meara also spoke in favor of the motion.

Ald. Graham said the manufacturing committee was holding out an assessment on land only as an inducement to manufacturers to "come and play in our yard." The custom of "fixed assessments" and "exemptions" had arisen out of the up-to-date competition of rival cities in bidding for industries.

The motion to introduce a bylaw carried, Ald. Pritchard, Plant and McCallum voting nay.

Ald. Pritchard moved to rescind the \$50 fine imposed upon John Cambridge for selling cider. Ald. Garratt seconded.

Ald. Greenlees and others objected to the council being a court of appeal, and no action was taken.

Ald. Garratt asked if anything had been done about his motion regarding the election of aldermen.

The mayor replied that it had been heard of it since.

Ald. McPhillips asked for the report of the chief of police re the payment of the reward for Brown. It was not forthcoming, and Ald. McPhillips was angry. He'd get the report next week, when it would be no use to him, he said.

Ald. Jolly read his motion to encourage the building of permanent sidewalks, and pointed out that to abandon plank walks altogether would mean a saving of \$10,000 in 30 years. The question was referred to No. 2 committee at Ald. Parnell's suggestion to be fully discussed.

On the strength of Ald. O'Meara's notice of motion, the contract let to Harding & Leathorne for some filling in at the coves may be cancelled. The sewer committee will reconsider it.

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CAUGHT BY THE CLICKER

Dr. Sirols, sheriff of Fraserville, died on Saturday.

At Winnipeg, the thermometer marked 34° below zero Sunday night.

Wm. Veitch, who went to British Columbia in 1833 for the Hudson Bay Company, is dead, aged 84 years.

Harrow Methodists are offering a reward of \$500 for information that will locate the parties who recently set fire to the church.

Peace negotiations have ended abruptly and the Bolivian revolution goes on, with President Alonzo apparently losing ground.

Wilson's livery stable, a public hall and a blacksmith shop at Altamont, Man., were destroyed by fire on Saturday. Little insurance.

John M. Downey, "The Apple King," one of the proprietors of the largest orchards in the country, died Monday at Sugar Lake, Mo., aged 60.

At Laredo, Texas, two men were killed and a captain of the State Rangers was wounded in a fight with Mexicans over smallpox, Monday morning.

The new cab regulations in London, it is said, mean at the very least, £2,300 a day, or nearly £14,000 in a working week.

Dr. Laberge, medical health officer of Montreal, wants the lumpy-jaw cattle that are stopped from going on ship-board not only stopped, but destroyed.

King's Ferry school house, near Dresden, was burned Thursday night. This is the third time this school house has been destroyed, and incendiaries are suspected.

James G. Newk, a molder at the Owen Sound Iron works, fell into a tank of hot water and was so badly scalded

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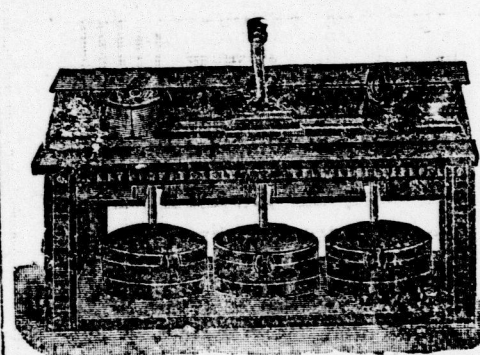
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