

PAVE WAY FOR NEW CITY HALL

No. 1 Committee Recommends Erection of Civic Building on Present Site.

Backs Bylaw Authorizing Debentures of \$300,000 for Nurses' Home.

Taking a definite step in the way of providing a new city hall for London, No. 1 committee in session Wednesday night decided to recommend to the city council that authority be granted to erect new civic buildings on the present site, and to dispose of the proposed Federal Square property now held by the city for the purpose of erecting a city hall thereon.

The committee also recommended that a bylaw authorizing debentures of \$300,000 for a new nurses' home at Victoria Hospital, be submitted to the ratepayers at the next municipal election, that motor buses be charged a license fee of \$150 per year each, and the owners put up an indemnifying bond of \$5,000, and referred the request of the board of education for debentures totalling about \$130,000 to the civic commission which meets Friday morning.

Boost Salaries of Two.
Other business transacted at the meeting included recommendations that the salaries of Sanitary Inspector Richard Sanders and Plumbing Inspector J. Young be increased, that ornamental lights be continued along Dundas street to Waterloo street, and appointment of Mayor J. Cameron Wilson and Alderman H. J. Childs to represent the city council at a conference with members of the chamber of commerce and coal dealers of London, with a view to obtaining a supply of coal for citizens this winter.

City Clerk S. Baker presented a request from Superintendent Thomas Heard of Victoria Hospital, on behalf of the hospital trust, for a vote to be taken on erecting a new nurses' home on Ottawa avenue to cost \$300,000. Superintendent Heard pointed out that the present nurses' quarters are overcrowded and that forty pupil nurses are now being accommodated in hospital quarters. The new home would relieve the situation, and provide one hundred extra hospital beds which are urgently needed.

In concluding, the hospital superintendent pointed out that the present nurses' home could be added to the hospital proper, thereby maintaining the standard of this institution. The committee recommended to the city council that the request be granted.

Calls Coal Parley.
Mayor Wilson informed the committee that, acting on his own initiative, in his official capacity, he had called a conference of chamber of commerce, city council and coal merchant representatives for the purpose of insuring a coal supply next winter, despite the strike of miners in the United States. He asked the committee to endorse his action, which was done.

"We want no panic, but we want to be prepared," said the mayor. "We want to forestall a coal famine and famine prices. We may be able to get coal from Europe or the United States." Ald. H. J. Childs was named to accompany the mayor to represent the council at the conference.

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Youth Has Miraculous Escape When Lightning Bolt Kills Horse He Rides

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ST. MARYS, Aug. 2.—In the terrific storm which raged over the St. Marys district on Wednesday afternoon, Vernon Murray had a miraculous escape from death, and two horses, owned by his mother, who resides on a farm about six miles north of the town, were struck by a bolt of lightning, and instantly killed.

The loss is estimated at \$400, as one of the horses was a very valuable animal.

Vernon, who was riding one of the animals at the time, was thrown to the ground but escaped with only a slight shock, and was able to walk home and inform his mother of the accident.

Finds Fee Too High.

The clerk informed the committee that Chief of Police Birrell considered that \$150 license fee too high, and the present \$15 fee too low. The bylaw provides that the buses be operated under the regulation of the police commission and City Engineer H. A. Brazier. The city council is to be provided with a schedule by bus owners, outlining the routes to be covered.

With reference to the statement of Chief Birrell that the proposed license fee is too high, Mayor Wilson observed that the bus owners of Woodstock offered to pay that municipality a fee of \$300.

"There is a war on here," commented Ald. Albert Judd.

"There is a war on here," added Ald. Watkinson.

"On their own admission each bus owner is taking in \$2,000 a year," declared Chairman H. J. Childs.

"Is it fair?" asked Ald. Watkinson.

"Certainly," responded the mayor. "I pay for the pavement that they use in front of my house."

"Well, the street railway company pays no license fee," continued Ald. Watkinson.

"That was because they agreed to give us seven and nine tickets for a quarter," said the mayor, to which Ald. Childs added the caution that one had bargain does not warrant another.

Company Has Assets.

When the \$3,000 indemnity fee for accidents was discussed, Ald. Watkinson questioned why the London Street Railway Company does not have to put up such a bond, to which the mayor replied that the company has assets.

"They were no good when we got judgment against them," said Ald. Albert Judd.

"Their assets are pretty hard," declared Ald. Childs, "I rode in one today."

Other provisions in the proposed bylaw which will go to the city council stipulate that the bylaw can be cancelled on purchase of the London Street Railway Company by the city, and that no compensation be granted bus owners for their license or withdrawal of same.

Ald. Watkinson asked why the city's paving program had been halted and several employees laid off by Engineer Brazier?

"You should read the daily papers," advised Mayor Wilson. "The explanation has been there on several occasions."

The committee then decided to authorize all paving that can be done this season to relieve this unemployment. This includes the paving of Carfax Crescent.

Rails Practically New.

Ald. Drake, who was present as a spectator, stated that the rails of the London Street Railway on Hamilton road east are practically new, and that the paving of these tracks would cost \$7,000. He saw no reason why the company should hold up the paving program because of this expenditure.

"They are going to pay their share," said Mayor Wilson, referring to the London Street Railway Company.

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Mrs. Murray feared that something would happen to the horses when the storm came up, and sent her son to the pasture to bring them into the barn.

He secured the animals and was coming up the lane to the barn when there was a vivid flash of lightning. The bolt appeared to strike a post in the fence which borders the lane, and ran along the wire on top of the fence. The horse nearest the fence suddenly plunged against the other animal, and both fell to the ground, dead.

The boy, although stunned by the fall and a slight shock, was not seriously hurt.

"President Currie is coming here from Cleveland for a conference this week."

Dr. W. S. Downham, medical officer of health, reported that since the bylaw prohibiting the admittance of city indigents to Victoria Hospital without examination by him was put into effect eighteen patients had been brought to his attention, of which number eleven were placed in hospital. Three county sick came to him expecting to get into the hospital as city indigents, but were disappointed.

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KIWANIANS OF 2 CITIES PICNIC

London and St. Thomas Clubs Hold Annual Outing at Port Stanley.

Sports Committee Provides Lengthy Program of Interesting Contests.

Another firm tie was formed in the already strong bond of friendship between London and St. Thomas Kiwanians, when the two clubs joined in the annual Kiwanian picnic, held at Port Stanley, Wednesday.

Although the number expected was set at two hundred, members surprised even themselves, and three hundred was set as the lowest estimate of those who were in attendance. The keen enthusiasm of Kiwanians, coupled with a sport committee who had brought to his attention, of which number eleven were placed in hospital. Three county sick came to him expecting to get into the hospital as city indigents, but were disappointed.

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GREEKS RECALL 30,000 TROOPS

Government Is Recruiting Natives of Asia Minor To Fill Gaps.

Turks Protest Ionian Move in Opposition To Allied Propositions.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Aug. 2.—A large party of Greek newspapermen arrived in Constantinople last Saturday to report the Greek entry into the city, but finding little to occupy their attention since their arrival, they are now planning to return to Athens.

With the proclamation of autonomy for Smyrna by the governor-general, new complications have arisen with the Entente, in the opinion of officials here. The effect of the proclamation upon allied and Turkish quarters has been most startling.

The Turks maintain that the decision of the Greek government making Ionian an autonomous state is in opposition to the allied propositions of March 26, and to the provisions of the treaty of Sevres.

In some allied and political circles it is asserted that this step by the Greek government is the forerunner of the transference of Ionian to the sultan's government.

In execution of the new policy, the Greek government is recruiting natives of Asia Minor for replacing Greek troops, who will be withdrawn gradually, 30,000 having already been moved to Rodosto.

The Ankara government has declared the Greek proclamation null and void, and the sublime porte is expected to make an official protest tomorrow.

Wine Boxing Bout.
Featuring the sporting contests was the well-known and always amusing "boxing in barrels," a feat in which Paul Quick showed himself able to defeat all comers. Running a close second to the boxing contest in point of interest was the tug-of-war. Here Londoners manifested their hotness and to use the slightly extravagant language of one bystander, carried St. Thomas Kiwanians "as the wind before the chaff."

A St. Thomas baby won premier honors in the baby show. Patricia Anne Carter, a granddaughter of Dr. Bennett, president of the St. Thomas Horticultural Society, not only won the gold locket and chain for the best baby under six months, but also won the silver cup awarded to the best baby on the grounds.

London Scores Victory.
The ball game which opened the day's proceedings, and in which St. Thomas Kiwanians wrestled vainly with Londoners, finished with a score of 15 to 2, and a victory for London. The batteries were the following: St. Thomas, Doan, Holcombe and College; London, Taylor and Arthur.

An added feature of the day's races was a special race for doctors, undertakers and insurance men, a rather morbid tribe, but one which made a good showing on the green sward of Inverleith Heights. Winners were W. Forbes, Ed. Cairns and Morris Abbott.

The appreciation of Kiwanians went to Mrs. A. M. Heaman, who ably convened the supper committee, and to Dr. Bennett of the Horticultural Society, who saw to it that the tables were prettily decorated with the choicest St. Thomas flowers.

Forming the Kiwanian general committee were the following: Fred Lawrance, Jos. Hickey, Cliff Mann, Cecil Shorten, Frank Gray, Cy Edy, Colin French, Roy Williams, George Arthur. On the sports committee were John A. Nash, convener, Harry Morgan, C. L. Eddy, A. T. Taylor, W. B. Wortman, Ken Casselman and Roy Williams.

Win Racing Events.

The following were the winners in other racing events:
Boys, 10 years and under—Tom Johnston, Bobby Weir, Hugh Douglas, Girls, 8 years and under—Lorna Nash, Marion Douglas, Anna Peel.

Boys, 10 years and under—Jack Nash, Harold Betts, Kenneth Hodgins.
Boys, 12 years and under—Albert Taylor, Kenneth Hodgins, Jack Nash.

Girls, 12 years and under—Helen Nash, Margaret Taylor, Lillian Hayden.
Boys, 15 and under—Howard Pollock, John Nash, Wilfred Noonan.

Girls, 15 and under—Ruth Barbour, Evelyn Trudell, Eleanor Graham.
Ladies' plate race—Mrs. J. Nash, Mrs. K. Murray, Mrs. B. Heaman.

Men's cane race—Sid Jones, Charles Way, J. Tennant.
Married Ladies' race—Mrs. J. Nash, Mrs. C. Smith, Mrs. J. G. Thompson.

Men's 100 yards dash—George Arthur, A. Taylor, W. Whitehall.
Fat man's race—Walter Hodgins, George Chantler, Neal Strayer.

Backward race—A. T. Taylor, E. Knowles, Jack Nash.

Too Much Paternalism Is Spoiling World Today, Says Alberta Minister

WINNIPEG, Aug. 2.—"Too much paternalism is spoiling us today," declared Hon. W. Vernon Smith, minister of railways and telephones in the Alberta government, dealing with the unemployment situation in Western Canada. "There's work for all married men in good health, and why shouldn't they work?"

Mr. Smith said relief was all right when it was properly claimed; it was necessary; married men were

able to have sickness in their families and were liable to all kinds of setbacks. The trouble with employing healthy single men at present unemployed, he said, was that they want their own price, which often cannot be paid.

"I worked for far less when I began. So did thousands of other men like me, who were here in the pioneer days," he said. "We worked because we wouldn't beg."

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REPORT DISCOVERY OF NEW GOLD BELT IN TRANSVAAL

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LONDON, Aug. 2.—(Canadian Press Cable.)—A sensation has been caused by the reported discovery of a new gold belt in the Transvaal stretching from the border of Bechuanaland to Nylstroom.

A storekeeper in a lonely part near Bechuanaland has sent indications of gold and sent samples to the assay office. Something like a rush is proceeding. The operations are being kept in the dark, but it is stated that gold has been found in a number of places. Options have already been secured on several big groups of claims.

WILL OPERATE FACTORY AT STRATFORD ONLY

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