

# MIDNIGHT OIL BURNED BY CITY COUNCIL AT ROUTINE MEETING

## Council Voices Its Approval of Equal Suffrage; Debate on Tender For Firemen's Uniforms; Fair Play For Garbage Collectors; The Billiard Question

Ambitious to set a high record for themselves early in the course of the year, the city fathers sat last night in solemn conclave until the hour of 11.30 in the venerable precincts of the council chamber, and had much more discussion ensued upon the routine business disposed of they would probably be sitting there yet, as at 11.30 only Ald. Bragg's motion for adjournment disposed of the question of an appointment to the park's board, which had once more been cited by the Mayor as requiring a settlement. The council last evening appeared to be in a conversational and critical humor, for little that was done was allowed to pass without its round of comment from the board.

On the motion of Ald. Mellen, the minutes of the last regular meeting were taken and read and adopted, as were also those of the special meeting held since the last regular meeting.

**Communications.**  
The customary time lists and other reports were submitted and placed on file. The annual reports of Chief of Police Slemin and Fire Chief D. J. Lewis, were submitted. The park's board submitted its estimates for 1917, totalling \$7,800. Ald. J. S. Dowling suggested in a letter to the Mayor, that efforts be taken to have the annual convention of Canadian Dairy men held in Brantford this year. An invitation to this effect has been forwarded by the Mayor to the secretary of the association.

**Want Statement.**  
To the resolution of the council for a detailed statement of the costs of the Meredith case, A. J. Wilkes replied that he could furnish no information, and that the city must await the return from overseas of former city solicitor T. W. Henderson. Ald. Hollinrake censured the reply of Mr. Wilkes, stating that the latter could have obtained a statement from the county registrar, insisting that the city solicitor should do the business for which he was paid. Ald. Hollinrake was supported by Ald. MacBride, who considered that Mr. Wilkes was hiding behind the khaki of Mr. Henderson. Ald. MacBride had moved the original resolution that the expenditure might be intelligently criticized as he considered that the sum in question was too great to be paid blindly. On the motion of Ald. Hollinrake, the city solicitor was instructed to furnish at once the detailed statement already asked.

**Women's Suffrage.**  
Ald. Jones introduced the following motion, of which he had given notice at the last meeting: "Whereas the franchise has been granted to women by several of the provinces of Canada and the women in Ontario and other provinces in which the women are deprived of the full franchise are equally entitled to the vote with other women of other provinces. "And whereas in view of the wonderful work accomplished and sacrifices made by the women of the Empire during the Empire's great conflict in behalf of the liberty of the world it is fitting that the recognition of their rights should no longer be delayed. "Therefore be it resolved that the Dominion government be memorialized by this council requesting that legislation be enacted this year granting to women the vote and placing them on political equality with men."

A deputation of ladies from the Equal Franchise Club waited upon the council in this matter. Ald. Jones cited the instances of the Isle of Man, New Zealand and Australia,

where the women had intelligently exercised the franchise for some years; coming nearer home, a wave of women suffrage had spread over the western half of Canada, British Columbia, Alberta and Manitoba. "Is not the question unanswerable?" demanded the speaker. "Are not the women of Ontario as capable and as deserving to exercise their vote as their western sisters?"

He pressed the part played in the war by the women of Ontario and England, urging that his resolution was based upon the spirit of fair play which dominates the British Empire.

**Ald. MacBride.**  
Seconding the motion of Ald. Jones, Ald. MacBride took exception to the term granting the franchise. The women of Canada had a right to the franchise, they were our equal in citizenship, and we had not the right to withhold from them the right to vote.

Ald. MacBride told of the part played in the war by the women of the empire, who gained no plaudits for their useful services.

"Have you a right to withhold this privilege," he demanded. "Let us pass this resolution and get into the line of progress."

**Mrs. Secord.**  
Mrs. S. W. Secord answered the question: "Why do women want the vote now?" addressing the council briefly upon the subject. The principal reason was their desire to vote upon the reconstruction problems to follow the war, particularly the temperance referendum. The women of Canada believed that if given the vote, they could assist the work of the government.

**Mrs. Read.**  
Mrs. S. G. Read could not see how the government could much longer withhold the vote of woman suffrage coming over the Dominion. As president of the local W. C. T. U., the speaker was deeply interested in the temperance question, and was exceedingly anxious to have a vote in the referendum to come upon that question following the war. As an intelligent woman and a life-long resident of Canada, Mrs. Read maintained that she had a right to the vote than the alien of a few months' residence here. The problems of reconstruction to follow the war would require the consultation of the women of Canada, the temperance referendum being the most vital question.

Ald. Symons favored the resolution and the cause toward which it tended. In spite of all the progress made by democracy in the British Empire, nearly fifty per cent of the adult population of the empire were deprived of the franchise. It was only British fair play to give the women a vote in the making of the laws of the country in which they lived, the laws which they must obey. Women were entering into almost every walk of life in competition with men and better laws were needed for the protection of working women and children forced into the workshop. The foreigner in our midst was allowed a vote while the native-born Canadian woman was barred, which condition of affairs, the speaker designated as disgraceful.

**All in Favor.**  
Ald. English strongly favored the extension of the franchise, approving the sentiment that the moral and the spiritual power of the British Empire was vested to-day in the women of the empire. Ald. Hollinrake recalled a visit of a similar deputation to the city council of several years ago, and was pleased to greet the present deputa-

tion. He had given the question considerable thought, and failed to find one tangible argument against the rights of women to the franchise. The women of the empire had sacrificed themselves heroically during the war, yet they had not the voting privilege accorded to young men of military age who should be wearing the khaki and who shirked their duty, yet held the vote. Ald. Hollinrake voiced the sentiment that such slackers should be disfranchised, and urged that Ontario should not prove itself behind the provinces of the West.

**Except Ald. Mellen.**  
To the mind of Ald. Mellen, politics were a debarred thing, which he considered too contaminated to allow the ladies full political privileges of office holding. The granting of the vote he had always supported, but considered that anything further might prove detrimental.

"Let all Irishmen," commented Ald. MacBride, "Ald. Mellen is ag'in the government." If the men had made a mess of politics, let the women clear them up, once more. The country of women into the field of politics would not cause the desertion of the home any more than the men of the country to-day deserted their business for politics.

Ald. Wiley expressed his hearty support of the motion, which he voiced the principles he had held for years.

Put to the vote, the motion carried unanimously.

**Certificate of Honor.**  
Ald. MacBride, seconded by All. Mellen, moved that the matter of preparing a certificate of honor for Brantford soldiers be immediately proceeded with by the finance committee.

**The motion carried.**  
**Finance Committee.**  
The Finance Committee reported as follows: That a petition similar to that referred to in the letter from the City Clerk of the City of London, dated January 22nd, 1917, be forwarded by this council to the Ontario Legislature.

This Council place on record its disapproval of any attempt to change the bread by-law and that the Ontario Legislature be so advised.

That the loan of Five Hundred Dollars be made to the Brantford Semi-Centennial Association and that the Council approve of a small balance in the hands of A. K. Bunnell here in August, the City provide a banquet for the visiting delegates.

That the Ancient Order of Foresters having accepted the invitation of this city to hold its annual meeting here in August, the City provide a banquet for the visiting delegates.

The petition referred to in the first paragraph of the finance committee report be referred to the extending to the city councils the power of amending and revising the estimates submitted to it by the various civic boards deriving their finances from the city.

**Board of Works.**  
The Board of Works submitted the following report:

1. By resolution of the Council passed of January 22nd, your committee was asked to consider the advisability of laying a permanent sidewalk on the north side of Burford St., between Brant St. and the City limits. As there are no residences fronting on Burford Street, the block in question and there is a crossing at Brant Street making the walk on the south side of Burford Street available for the residents in the Township you committee cannot at the present time recommend the construction of this walk.

2. That E. A. Ferguson having moved a frame shed on 118 Market St. which is within the size allowed to be constructed under the building by-law and which in the opinion of the Chief of Fire Department does not increase the fire risk, permission be given for it to remain, and that his letter of Dec. 18th, 1916 be filed.

3. That the following contracts be awarded for supplies: Cement, The Ontario Portland Cement Company Limited, Lumber, The Ingleby-Taylor Co., Limited, Sewer Pipe, The Hamilton and Toronto Sewer Pipe Company.

That the city Solicitors be instructed to prepare the necessary agreements and on the completion of the same the cheques of the unsuccessful bidders be returned.

4. That this Council approve of the action of the London Council in endeavoring to have the Provincial Government amend the Highways Act so as to extend the payment of the Good Roads Grant to include a proportion of the cost of pavement of City Streets connected with suburban roads. That Ald. English and the City Engineer be a deputation to act with London or other municipalities in waiting upon the Government and that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the City Clerk, London and his communication of January 20th be filed.

5. That when Street Railway tickets are required for the officials of the City Engineer's Department, they be purchased from the Railway Commission on an order from him the amount to be approved by the Board of Works.

**Orders for Tickets.**  
Ald. Bragg objected to the last clause in the report of the board of works, considering that the question of issuing orders for tickets rested with Ald. Dowling, chairman of the railway committee, who was absent from the meeting. Ald. Wiley supported the contention of Ald. Bragg. Ald. English urged that the recommendation had been made only as a

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matter of convenience to officials who were obliged to travel about the city considerably.

Ald. MacBride considered that the board of works should be boss of its own department, and should control the purchase of tickets for its department without outside interference.

A hot debate ensued between Ald. Bragg and MacBride, the former urging that the chairman of the railway committee had always issued the orders for the tickets in the past, while Ald. MacBride submitted that a precedent might well be set in the future.

Ald. Jones saw no reason why the chairman of the railway committee should issue orders for tickets upon the municipal railway, which was controlled not by the railway committee but by a commission. He considered that the recommendation of the board of works was a wise one, being supported by Ald. Jennings, who regarded it as the only proper way for the board of works to handle the matter.

Ald. Kelly, a member of the railway committee, heartily endorsed the suggestion of the board of works, that the issuing of tickets be placed under the control of that board.

**Mayor's Report.**  
Mayor Bowley considered that he should be represented upon the deputation named in clause 4 of the board of works report.

Mayor Bowley replied to his Worship's claim, that the board of works should practice the utmost economy, and explained that it was only deference to the age and health of the Mayor that he had not been in attendance upon the deputation. In policy of economy, he regarded the sending of the city engineer and the chairman of works was a good stroke of business. A small deputation of two would accomplish just as much as a larger one.

Ald. MacBride considered that the Mayor should be included in the deputation, as the expense entailed would be a large one. Mayor Bowley might be of great service to the city if he made the trip.

Ald. Bragg failed to see benefit accruing from the sending of a deputation, and urged the policy of rigid economy laid down by the council for the year. He was opposed to the sending of any such deputation even to Toronto.

Ald. English explained to the council the benefit of the information would be derived from information upon street paving to be gained by the deputation. Unless he could be of benefit to the city, the speaker did not desire to go upon the deputation, but considered the sending of a deputation essential in the interests of the city.

Ald. Wiley supported the demand for a deputation, as it would benefit the city, and had no objection to the Mayor being added.

Ald. Jennings was equally willing, but explained that the board of works had endeavored to economize as sharply as possible, for which reason the chairman of that board had been named as he might acquire the knowledge to be gained and impart it to the other members.

Ald. Jones moved that the name of the Mayor be added to that of Ald. English and the city engineer.

Ald. MacBride failed to see that the criticism passed by Ald. Bragg upon the sending of the deputation had any firm foundation, and filed an objection to groundless arguments such as he considered that to act with London or other municipalities in waiting upon the Government and that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the City Clerk, London and his communication of January 20th be filed.

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question, which resulted in himself alone voting "nay."

**Fire and Light Committee.**  
The fire and light committee recommended the awarding of the contract for the firemen's uniforms to Mr. Chris. Sutherland. Ald. Symons enquired whether the union label would be placed upon the uniform, his question being answered in the affirmative.

**Contract Passed Over.**  
Mayor Bowley made the statement that a tender from the Lyons Tailoring Company had not been opened by the committee, and demanded to know the reason for this.

Ald. Wiley explained that the reason the tender had not been considered was because the company in question did not manufacture its uniforms in Brantford. The committee was in accord with former precedent in its action.

The Mayor insisted that the matter should have been reported to the council, claiming that though he was present at the meeting of the committee meeting after the departure of the mayor, he submitted that the work of the Lyons' Co. was neither done in Brantford nor by union workers.

Ald. Jennings stated that a resolution in the past provided that all uniforms for the city firemen should be made by union labor.

Ald. Jones supported the position of the Mayor, considering that the reason for setting aside the contract in question should have been explicitly set forth to the council. The report was then passed.

**Buildings and Grounds Committee.**  
The Buildings and Grounds Com-

mittee had received long and careful attention at the hands of the fire and light committee, and thought the work had been done admirably. The tender which had received the contract was not the lowest, but it was the most economical considering the grades of cloth submitted. He believed that the action of the committee was wise and expedient.

Ald. MacBride voiced the sentiment that the city could afford to pay well for good material and union work. He considered that the fire and light committee had done its work well, and that the report should not receive so much criticism at the hands of aldermen who were more or less ignorant of the affairs in question.

Ald. Hess pointed out the fact that the contract had been awarded by number only, no names being used and the name of the tenderer receiving the contract being unknown to the committee until after it had been awarded.

Ald. Jennings explained that the color, weight and price of the cloth had all been taken into consideration before the contract was awarded.

The Mayor reiterated that the tenders should have been submitted to the council before being awarded. This was derided by Ald. Hollinrake, who emphasized the need of awarding a contract to a union firm.

Ald. English thought that the price paid for the cloth was a fairly high one.

Mayor Bowley explained that he had no criticism with the award of the committee, but merely desired that the question should be explicitly set forth to the council. The report was then passed.

**Re Cemetery Employees.**  
Ald. English took the stand that superintendents of civic departments should have the power to employ their own help and to fix their salaries without submitting the question to the council.

Ald. Hollinrake thought the matter should be laid over until the striking of the estimates. Ald. Bragg stated that Mr. Thresher had power to employ and discharge his workmen, but the by-law sanctioning his appointment did not permit him to raise their salaries. The men in question had threatened to leave the city's employment at short notice, and only agreed to

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The Tigers have captured from Scranton; Jones, from (La.), Conech, from San H Woods and Auten from P. Flanagan, from Muscatine; from Denison (Tex.), and of young semi-pro hurlers Acton and Swarts. Ed McCouch are expected to ma- and if reports Jennings get of his remaining youngsters he may have abundance of means. Much to Hug-

Developing the young cessfully will mean much. ings. He has the foundat good staff in his veterans can get two more caping major league batting d recruits he will be satisfi- ten some.

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