

ALDERMEN DELAY ACTION ON EARLY CLOSING BY-LAW, DUE TO SOLICITOR'S OPINION

**Attorney's View Is That All
Grocers Would Have To Abide
By the By-Law, While Butch-
ers and Fruit Men Could Re-
main Open and Sell Groceries.**

The early closing by-law proposed by the grocers of the city was again laid over by No. 1 committee last night after the opinion of City Solicitor Meredith was read, in which it was stated that if the by-law is passed every grocer must close within the hours specified, but butchers, fruit vendors and others carrying groceries as a side line could remain open as long as they wished and they could not be prevented from selling groceries at any hour.

Ald. Drake will take this up with the grocers' association, and in the meantime nothing will be done. What action will be taken later remains to be seen. The committee recommended that a by-law be introduced to regulate the presentation of petitions to the Council on similar questions. This action was taken because of the confusion arising from the presentation of a petition and counter petition, both of which were signed by quite a number of grocers.

About 40 grocers were present at the meeting to present their case, some for and others against the early closing. The discussion among the grocers was quite warm, and Chairman Douglass could scarcely keep order when Mrs. Bird, on the opposing side, charged that there were bogus names placed on the petition for early closing by others than the grocers designated by those names. She also contended that one grocer whose place of business is outside of the city had signed the petition. This latter charge was admitted by the petitioners, but it was later shown that this name was crossed out in the examination of the petition for report. President Kananan and Secretary Pierce, of the Retail Grocers' Association, emphatically denied that any names were on the petition except those which were placed there by the petitioners themselves.

THE PETITIONERS.
There were 170 names on the petition for early closing, while a petition against, presented on behalf of the opponents by J. M. Donahue, contained 110 names. City Clerk Baker reported 226 grocers in the city and that 170 names were sufficient to warrant the grocers in demanding that the by-law be passed under the statutes governing such matters.

In presenting the petition against early closing J. M. Donahue suggested

that the Council, before considering the by-law, should pass regulations to determine just what is a grocery store. He also declared that he had the word of some of the grocers whose names appear on the closing petition that they did not sign it.

"There are a lot of bogus names on that early closing petition and some of these who actually did sign it live in the country," Mrs. Bird declared. "Those rich grocers who want the early closing do not know the conditions that exist among the working class. I have had people tell me lately that their children would have gone to bed hungry if I had not kept my store open in the evening. Women go out to scrub offices to earn some money in the late afternoon and they come in and buy a bit of food for their kiddies after they have received their pay. If those rich grocers are able to make enough during the day let them close up when they wish and leave the little ones alone."

LONG HOURS.

Harry Kananan submitted that from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. every day and till 9 p.m. on Saturdays was long enough for any grocer to remain open.

"That is plenty long enough to give the public service," he thought. "The practice of sending children to the grocery at 8 or 9 o'clock in the evening is a bad one anyway. It is training the girls to be bad housekeepers."

"The charge that there are bogus names on that petition is absolutely false," Secretary Pierce, of the Grocers' Association declared. "Every name there is a bona fide signature by the man whose name it is signed."

"Is Mr. Adams' name on that petition?" Mrs. Bird questioned.

"Yes, it is," Mr. Pierce replied.

"Yes, and he is in the country, why should he sign it?" Mrs. Bird retorted, amid Chairman Douglass' efforts to maintain some semblance of order.

"The early closing might be a hardship on a few, but that is not the class we want to get after," Mr. Pierce continued. "The foreigners are working into the grocery business, and it will not be long until there will not be a white man left in the business."

The deputations then retired only to continue the argument among themselves in the hall, but they were ordered downstairs by the chairman. The argument continued on the sidewalk for a long time.

SIGNED BOTH.

"There are 170 names on one petition and 110 on the opposing petition, while Mr. Baker reports there are only 226 grocers in the city. How is that?" Ald. Smith inquired, taking up the discussion in committee.

It was explained that apparently a number of grocers had signed both petitions.

"I found out recently that Toronto had passed an early closing by-law, but it could not be enforced," Ald. Smith submitted. "One was passed here some

years ago and some of those now demanding the measure were the first to break it at that time."

Chairman Douglass pointed out that the Council must pass the by-law on petition of two thirds of the grocers, but it can be repealed on petition of more than one-third.

"How are we going to prove how many grocers there are in the city?" Ald. Douglass read an opinion from City Solicitor Meredith to the effect that the Council can decide for itself as to whether the petition has been properly signed or not, and that if the by-law is passed every grocer must abide by the provisions therein while butchers, fruit dealers, etc., who carry groceries as a side line could remain open and sell groceries as long as they wished.

"That last is the important question," Ald. Douglass suggested. "I believe the grocers will not want the by-law under those conditions."

It was finally decided on motion of Ald. Smith that action be deferred for the time. City Clerk Baker cautioned that action must be taken within one month if anything is to be done on the present petition.

PROBE SITUATION AT PETITE COTE

**Investigate Conditions At Border
Town As "Wet" Shipping Base**

REPORT NOT RECEIVED

OTTAWA, Jan. 30. — Until Hon. Jacques Bureau, minister of customs, has had an opportunity to consider the report submitted to-day by the departmental inspector sent to Windsor to investigate conditions there no official announcement regarding the refusal to grant beer clearances from Petite Cote will be made.

It was stated at the department on Tuesday that an official had been sent to Windsor to investigate the situation there and that his report was expected to-day. When asked if this report had been received departmental heads refused to say.

Dispatches from Sandwich indicate that the deputy collector of customs there has refused several applications for beer clearances at Petite Cote. Federal officials say that the order was issued by the special official who investigated conditions on the border. Up to the present time no official statement dealing with the incident has been issued by the minister. Hon. Jacques Bureau.

CLERGYMAN DROPS DEAD.
PORT PERRY, Ont., Jan. 30. — While shopping at Uxbridge yesterday Rev. J. C. Bell, of Port Perry, dropped dead of apoplexy. He was born near 18 years ago and spent 50 years in the Methodist ministry.

STUDENTS MUST PAY CITY'S TAX

**General Exemption From Statute
Labor Levy Opposed**

DECISION OF COMMITTEE

**Printers Ask That the Council
Minutes Be Printed**

No action was taken by the finance committee of the City Council last night on the request of Majors T. J. Murphy, K. C., and Gordon Ingram that the students of Western University be relieved of paying the statute labor tax. It was decided that any student can obtain relief through the court of revision if necessary.

Major Murphy pointed out that the taxing of those students is detrimental to the university. This is the only university among several competitors where such tax is imposed.

Major Ingram also argued along similar lines, and urged that action be taken in the interests of the city as well as of the university.

After listening to a deputation of printers, of which Joseph Holaday was spokesman, the committee decided to call for tenders again for the printing of the City Council minutes. Mr. Baker, answering a question, explained that the cost of printing these minutes last year was \$1,586, while having them printed in the clerk's department in 1922 cost \$220.

THE FIRE DEPARTMENT.

It was decided to call a special meeting on February 14 to consider the British request that it be granted the fire department, and one on February 15 to deal with the estimates.

A communication from the City of Toronto requesting to act with London and other municipalities in an effort to have the Western coal rates case brought before the railway board again was received and action deferred temporarily.

Tax Collector Turner's resignation was filed and Treasurer Bell was instructed to bring in a recommendation regarding the appointment of an assistant collector.

Tenders for the printing of assessment forms were considered and the contract was awarded to Hayden Press for \$102. It was first proposed that A. A. Langford Company be given the work, as their tender was \$95.50, but Ald. McKay objected they did not pay union wages altogether.

On the suggestion of Chairman Douglass, City Clerk Baker was instructed to bring in a report on the city-county agreement whereby the city pays \$5 per cent. of the upkeep of the jail.

A request, which was refused, from the assessment department for money for street car tickets caused some discussion.

"I do not see why we should provide any employee with \$5 worth of street car tickets," the mayor objected.

WOULD PROHIBIT PASSES.
"Some employees ride on a pass," Ald. Smith stated.

"That should be cut out, too," the mayor insisted. "The city should not be obligated to the Street Railway Company in this manner."

At the chairman's request it was decided that every department head under the jurisdiction of No. 1 committee should attend every meeting of this body.

A proposal from St. Thomas that steps be taken to ask for legislation to increase the exemption on income assessment of householders was laid over pending a report from Assessment Commissioner Bennett as to what effect this would have on the local tax rate.

**GEODETIC SURVEY
TO BE CONTINUED**

**Town-Planning Commission Will
Complete Work In Two Years**

TO COST ABOUT \$28,000

**City Will Be Asked For \$10,000
In Two Yearly Installments**

Geodetic survey work, commenced three years ago, but dropped last year, will be continued now and it will be completed in two years. This was the decision reached by the town planning commission at a special meeting called yesterday afternoon to meet with D. H. Nelles, supervisor of topography of the Dominion surveys department. A sum of \$5,000 will be asked for this year to carry on and a recommendation will be passed on to the Council of 1925 that a similar sum be spent to complete the work. The Public Works Commission will be asked to bear a portion of the expense. Manager Buchanan, being consulted, promised to recommend it to the commission.

Incidentally it was divulged that two of the members of the geodetic survey department at Ottawa, who were let out because of the action of the City Council of 1923 in refusing to proceed with the plan, are grateful to the city now because they have both bettered themselves considerably. The one has trebled his salary and the other has also found a position at a large advance.

Major Nelles explained that the geodetic survey itself pays three-fifths of the total cost of the work in London under a contract made three years ago. The cost of the work done to the present totals \$8,000 for the city's share, and \$27,000 for the department at Ottawa. The cost of completing the work will be practically \$28,000, of which the city will pay \$10,000, one-half this year and the remainder in 1925.

Prior to the meeting a survey of the River Heights subdivision was made.

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AGED KINGSTON WOMAN PERISHED IN STORM

Special To The Free Press.

KINGSTON, Jan. 30.—The dead body of Miss Ada Strachan, aged 70, who has been missing from her home since the afternoon of January 21, was found at 2.30 this afternoon on Division street about half a mile from the point where she got off a sleigh near McAdoo's Corner.

Her body was found hanging against a fence and it is believed she was endeavoring to climb over it when death overtook her. Miss Strachan left her home in a blinding snowstorm and constant search has been made for her.

The search was made difficult with the heavy snowfall, but to-day's mild weather made it possible for the body to be seen from the roadway.

N. S. LEGISLATURE FEBRUARY 14.
HALIFAX, Jan. 30.—Announcement was made yesterday that the Nova Scotia Legislature would assemble at Halifax on February 14.

THOROLD THOROUGHLY CLEANED UP BY POLICE

THOROLD, Jan. 30.—The clean-up of this place started a few months ago by the Ontario police, assisted by the local force, is complete. January closes without one police court case during the month.

If the judgment of the court is in favor of the directors, it will mean that they can go directly before Judge Coatsworth, but if not, it will mean that the crown will have to wait 10 days before laying any new conspiracy charges and proceeding to trial at the assizes. During argument this afternoon, Mr. Justice Hodgins remarked

**STOP for DOMINION
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TABLETS**

STOP A COLD IN A FEW HOURS

WILL APPEAL IN HOME BANK TRIAL

**Judgment Will Be Handed Down
To-Day Affecting Directors**

TORONTO, Jan. 30.—First divisional court will give judgment to-morrow on the attorney-general's appeal from the mandamus of Mr. Justice Middleton, which in effect gave the directors of the Home Bank the opportunity of going before Judge Coatsworth and electing to be tried without a jury.

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that whatever the result, he supposed an appeal would be inevitable.

BANKER FATALLY INJURED.

BERLIN, Jan. 30.—A telegram from Speyer, the Bavarian palatinate, says a bank official named Grieser was so severely maltreated while in a separatist jail that he died of concussion of the brain.

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80c Danderine	49c
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