

WILL GO TO THE PEOPLE

A \$75,000 Breakwater Will Be Voted On.

The Bell Company Granted an Exclusive Franchise.

Ald. Gerry's Proposal to Purchase the Street Railway Company

Advanced a Step—Attack on the Police Department by Ald. McPhillips—Polling Places and Deputy Returning Officers Appointed.

The city council met last night with all the members present. Many matters of importance were dealt with, and the discussion of them kept the council chamber animated until shortly after midnight. As a result of one step taken, the electors, when they mark their ballots in the coming municipal election, will be called upon to say whether or not a \$75,000 breakwater is to be built to protect West London. Another move made was in the direction of improved street car service. A new schedule to be followed by the street railway company and effecting a two-way service on the Hamilton road was passed. It is estimated that 20 cars will be needed to carry out the new schedule, which is to be put in force on Dec. 12. The council rescinded the franchise granted to the People's Telephone Company and granted an exclusive five-year franchise to the Bell Telephone Company. A motion re the police commissioners called forth some strong criticism of the police department. County Auditor Stanley and County Councillor McLeod were silent spectators during the evening.

COMMUNICATIONS.

Several communications relative to tax payments were referred to committee.

Mr. Isaac Sargent, of King street east, whose sash and door factory was burned recently, asked an exemption of taxes. No 1 committee.

Mrs. Mary Saunders asked for damages, on account of injuries received through an alleged defective sidewalk. No. 2 committee.

Mr. Cormack gave notice of a suit against the city for damages. He was injured by an electric light pole and a street car at the corner of Adelaide and Dundas streets. The city solicitor was instructed to defend the suit.

No. 3 committee recommended that an electric lamp be placed at the corner of Carling and Richmond streets, and objection was raised on the ground that the lamp should have been provided out of the recent addition to the city's supply; but the lamp was ordered to be put up on a vote of 8 to 7.

BOARD OF WORKS.

Chairman Douglass read the report of No. 2 committee.

The complaint of Mr. W. H. Bartrum against the city engineer was filed.

A recommendation that storm water drains be constructed in all cases where feasible and where deemed necessary by the city engineer, in conjunction with all the sewers hereafter constructed at the same time and under the same bylaw as the tile sewers are built, came up.

Ald. Douglas moved to refer this back to the committee. Ald. O'Meara seconded. Lost, and clause adopted, on motion of Ald. Carrothers.

NEW STREET RAILWAY TIME TABLE.

The last clause of the report contained a recommendation passed at a special meeting of the board of works held yesterday afternoon to consider street railway matters. The clause set forth the route to be added by the street railway company. Three routes only are to be changed. A new belt line is to be established, the cars to run east on Dundas street to Rectory street, south on Rectory street to the Hamilton road, and returning to the corner of Dundas and Richmond streets by way of Hamilton road, Horton and Richmond streets.

The belt line is to be changed, the cars to run east on Dundas street, completing the belt on Adelaide street, Central avenue and Richmond street in the opposite direction to which they now run. No change is to be made in the South London section of the belt line.

The route of the Oxford street and the Hamilton road is to be reversed, so that instead of running east on Dundas street from the corner of Dundas and Richmond streets, they will continue south on Richmond street to Horton street, then by Rectory street on Horton street and the Hamilton road, and returning to the corner of Dundas and Richmond streets by way of Rectory and Dundas streets.

The clause was adopted on motion of Ald. Carrothers without opposition. There were 13 yeas.

The following schedule suggested by the engineer and approved by the city solicitor was adopted: It provides for

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NO. 1 COMMITTEE. The committee recommended that the construction of the butchers' pavilion be paid for out of the general fund, there having been no provision made for it in the estimates for the year.

NO. 2 COMMITTEE. "No. 2 is overdrawn, and No. 1 will have all it can do to struggle along till the end of the year."

Ald. Gerry objected to the payment of an extra \$8.80, which, he said, the engineer had refused to certify.

Ald. Taylor gave an explanation, and the council ordered the accounts paid. Aside from the extra due Mr. George Lightheart, the accounts included \$13.50 due the Hamilton Bridge Works Company.

The taxes of the Kensington Methodist Mission were remitted.

A PROPERTY PROBLEM.

Mr. George Taylor, a boiler-maker, formerly of London, but now of St. Thomas, will be allowed a refund of \$30 on his producing the deed of re-purchase of his Florence street property. Mr. Taylor's case is peculiar. He inadvertently missed payment of the taxes on his property on Florence street in 1889. In 1890 and 1891 he paid the current year's taxes, but in the meantime a portion of his property was sold to Mr. Henry Macdonald for \$7.

To recover the property, some years afterwards, when he learned of the sale, Mr. Taylor had to pay more than the amount of his refund.

THE BOODLING INVESTIGATION.

Ald. Jolly asked by whose order the cobblestone walk in the center of the butchers' pavilion had not been held.

Ald. Wilkey wanted to know why the boodling investigation had not been held.

Ald. Taylor said he had made the motion, and it was the duty of the council to carry it out.

TO PURCHASE THE STREET RAILWAY.

Ald. Gerry's motion that Ald. McPhillips, Jolly, Carrothers, Hunt, Nutkins, and the mayor, be appointed a committee to take into consideration the advisability of purchasing the franchise of the street railway, and report to the council, was considered.

Ald. O'Meara wanted the matter referred to next year's council.

Ald. Taylor slighted ridiculed the motion. Ald. Gerry should be appointed a committee to report to next year's council, he said.

Ald. Graham carried on the joke by seconding the motion.

Ald. MacCallum hit out from the shoulder with a characteristic drive.

Ald. Taylor said he had some friends who might lose their jobs if this idea were carried into effect, he said, that was no reason for treating it in that manner.

Ald. Gerry should be treated with more respect.

Ald. Graham added that the council

would be placing great confidence in Ald. Gerry.

Ald. Gerry's motion carried.

WEST LONDON BREAKWATER.

Ald. Douglas again brought up his motion to submit a bylaw for \$75,000 for a breakwater in West London. He argued that in justice to the former villagers it was the council's duty to give the citizens a chance to say what should be done.

Ald. Jolly agreed with Ald. Douglas, and in referring to the popularity of West London he said there was hardly a vacant house in the suburb.

"That's not a good argument for the bylaw," said Ald. Wilkey. "That shows that the people there have confidence in the present breakwater."

Ald. O'Meara saw evidence of ward-grabbing in the attitude of the aldermen who opposed the motion.

What harm could there be in submitting the matter for the people to decide? The speaker then eloquently recalled the horrors of the past floods, and said that not to vote for the motion would be to the guilty of murder through negligence.

Ald. Hunt said anyone who would vote against the motion after the previous speaker's impassioned appeal could have no conscience. The speaker favored the motion on the ground that it would be cheaper in the long run.

Ald. McPhillips was also in favor of the motion. He did not think it was being put forward for election purposes.

Ald. McCallum quoted from the by-law re amalgamation of London West

to emphasize the terms the residents there have in the matter of taxes.

Ald. Douglas' motion passed, and the people will vote on the question in January.

CHANGE RE POLICE COMMISSIONERS.

Ald. Carrothers pressed his motion to obtain special legislation, so that two members of the council, in addition to the mayor, may be added to the police commissioners. At present the commissioners are Judge William Elliot, Police Magistrate Parke (both government appointees) and the mayor.

"We have nothing to say," said Ald. Carrothers, "but we have to settle." Continuing, he referred to the promotion of officers and the addition of men to the force without the aldermen having any say in the matter.

CAUSTIC CRITICISM.

Ald. McPhillips said this was one of the best motions of the year. "The police department is practically controlled by our big long-legged friend," he said.

Ald. O'Meara had nothing to say against the commissioners. There were no better men in their individual capacities to be found anywhere, but both Judge Elliot and the police magistrate were far advanced in years, and the mayor's time was too much engrossed with other municipal matters to give the police department the attention it required.

It was Chief Williams who ran it. At the police court every morning what did they find? The chief did not go in the witness box and give evidence, but stood at the police magistrate's ears. There were many things about the department that were not as they should be. It should be renovated from the ground floor up. It was

ROTTEN TO THE CORE.

The sooner the people knew what was going on there the better. There should be an investigation in connection with the whole force.

Ald. O'Meara said the police board was just about as economical as any in the city. As for advances that were made, he did not think there was any reason to find fault. Considering the length of their hours, the nature of their work, and the danger they were in, they were not paid too much. If they were not worth \$1.50 or \$1.40 a day they were not worth anything.

Ald. O'Meara believed that Judge William Elliot and Police Magistrate Parke were two as shrewd men as there were in the city. As for Chief Williams, he said, he was a man who would do his duty independently of any man. It was not to be expected that a chief of police or detective would have many friends. It was an easy matter to find a crowd who would not have a good word for any police officer.

ADIEU! PEOPLE'S TELEPHONE COMPANY!

A motion was made by Ald. Graham, and seconded by Ald. Cooper, to rescind the franchise to the People's Telephone Company.

Ald. O'Meara feared the city might be liable to the company for damages by such action. Was there any intimation that the company would not exercise its right?

The mayor said he could assure him that the company had decided not to go on. The city solicitor had told the a crowd who would not have a good word for any police officer.

The motion carried on a vote of 13 to 1.

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The over-curious are not over wise.—Massinger.

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