

NEW COUNCIL GIVEN LEGACY

Council of 1912 Sends Over to 1913 Report on Condition of the Cement Walks.

ALD. BENNETT OBJECTED

Wanted the Matter Dealt With at Once—Last Regular Meeting of Council of 1912.

The investigation into the condition of the sidewalks laid this year was sent on as a legacy to the council of 1913 by the council of 1912, at the last regular meeting of the latter body, held Monday evening, in spite of the protest of Ald. Bennett, who wanted to know why the board of works had not dealt more effectively with this serious problem. A recommendation was forwarded to the incoming aldermen that the question be dealt with in a proper manner.

The board of works, in their report, submitted a statement from City Engineer Brazier on the question. He condemned some walks on William, Colborne, Adelaide and Emery streets, laid in 1907, and on which the guarantee expires this year, and recommended that City Solicitor, who had prepared the necessary notices to the contractors to repair them, Three were laid by Contractor Anthistle, and the other by the Silica-Barytic Company, of Ingersoll. As for the walks on Dundas and Richmond streets, they were undoubtedly bad, but he had been unable to properly investigate, owing to the frost and the pressure of work. Mr. Brazier asked for instructions.

Not Satisfactory. "This is not at all satisfactory to me," declared Ald. Bennett. "There is no question in the minds of any citizen that these walks were badly laid, and that the city was not given square deal. We all knew this some time ago, after a committee of this council had gone over them, and inspected them. These walks were laid under our authority, and we should have seen to it that they were properly constructed before sending them as a legacy to the incoming council. This was our work. We were not given all the facts. We should have seen to it that the walks were made good. This is one of the difficulties with municipal management. We keep passing things on from year to year, and as a result the contractors have been getting the best of this city for years. I do not think this a proper way of doing business. We should have cleaned up this scandal, and that before the end of our term."

"As for the walks laid in 1907, we should see that the city is protected. We should give the city value for its money at all times and we have not this year. The responsibility is ours, and we should have met it."

Mayor Satisfied. Mayor Graham thought the report

TASTES AS WHISKY OUGHT TO TASTE

was satisfactory in every way. It protected the citizens in the case of the walks laid in 1907. The change in the engineer's department, the difficulty over the breakwater, and the great amount of business made it impossible to cover the ground, and accomplish what had been the purpose of the council.

Ald. Richter also expressed his opinion that the report was not to be condemned, as conditions made it practically impossible to repair the walks. "I do not agree with that," said Ald. Bennett. "This is one of the most important matters we have ever had to deal with."

ALD. JOHNSTON PROPOSES INDEPENDENT PHONE SYSTEM

Gives Notice of Motion to Have the City Go Into Matter at Once.

Ald. E. H. Johnston is in favor of an independent telephone system for the city, and at the meeting of the city council held last evening, took the preliminary step towards securing one for London.

His motion followed a discussion on the communication received from the Bell Telephone Company that they did not desire that their application for an exclusive franchise should be submitted to a vote of the ratepayers in January. According to a recent act passed by the Legislature, exclusive franchises must be submitted to a vote of the electors, and this the company would not agree to. They requested severing what had been pleasant relations with the city, but it was inevitable under the circumstances. "Does that mean that we receive no rental whatever from the company?" asked Ald. Wright.

City Loses \$4,000 a Year. "It simply means that the company will not make any terms with the city for an exclusive franchise," explained Ald. Richter. "We will receive no rental whatever. The Legislature passed the law compelling the companies to go to a vote of the people. The Bell Company, operating under a franchise, claim that the Legislature has no jurisdiction in the matter, and the case is in the courts."

deal with, and we should have dealt with it earnestly and sincerely."

Must Make Repairs. After some further discussion, the portion of the report condemning the walks laid in 1907, and recommending that Mr. Meredith notify the contractors to repair them, was accepted, while the remainder was sent on to the incoming council.

"We want to impress upon the new aldermen that they must take up the work where we left off," said Ald. Bennett. "They must protect the citizens and see that the taxpayers get a square deal."

Independent Phones.

Then Ald. Johnston came along with his motion, that the water commissioners be requested to procure estimates for, and to inquire into, the feasibility of installing an independent telephone system in this city, owned by the city, and operated in connection with the hydro-electric system.

Ald. Murphy seconded the motion. "I think we should begin a telephone system of our own," declared Ald. Johnston. "The Bell Company will give us no rental, so it is up to us to get what we can to protect ourselves and our citizens."

"I would like to point out that this is new business," interposed his worship. "It is out of order, if any person desires to object."

The motion was withdrawn, and will stand as a notice of motion to be considered at a subsequent meeting of the council, if one is held this year.

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DIED ON WAY TO VISIT HER SISTER

Miss Berthena McLachlan, of Alvinston, Had Undergone Operation.

(Special to The Advertiser.) Alvinston, Dec. 17.—Word has just been received of the very sudden death of Miss Berthena McLachlan, aged 25 years, youngest daughter of Mr. D. A. McLachlan, who died after undergoing an operation in Windsor two weeks ago. She was on her way from the hospital to the home of her sister, Mrs. Wm. Vernon, who lives for sisters; Mrs. Wm. Vernon, Windsor; Mrs. T. A. G. Gordon, Dryden; Mrs. Houston, of Strathburn, and Mrs. John Irving, of Alvinston, Alexander and Archibald McLachlan, of Alvinston, are brothers. Deceased was an accomplished musician. She was on the local postoffice staff three years, and had been organist in the Presbyterian Church for years. The funeral arrangements have not been completed.

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REV. JOHN COLLIVER DEAD. Chicago, Dec. 17.—Rev. John Colliver, a noted circuit rider of the early days of the Methodist Church in Illinois, is dead at his home in Aurora, aged 93 years. He was the oldest member of the Rock River Methodist Episcopal Conference. He was born in England.

"KNOCKING" THE WEST. Prince Albert, Sask., Dec. 16.—J. Bruce Walker, chief immigration agent at Winnipeg, is taking up the question of the letters written by Rev. J. Hines, of Prince Albert, to English papers telling of "torrential rains and floods" at Prince Albert and insinuating that even the Government reports on the West this year are of a boosting character and exaggerated. Walker has written to Hines asking for an explanation. The local board of trade is determined to stop the publication of such false reports.

DR. KITTERIDGE DEAD. New York, Dec. 17.—The Rev. Abbott Kitteridge, D. D., for more than 25 years pastor and pastor emeritus of the Madison Avenue Reformed Church, died here today at the age of 79 years.

ALD. RICHTER WANTS INDEPENDENT ADVICE

Mayor Says Nothing Has Been Done Regarding L. and P. S. R. Report.

Nothing has been done to secure the advice of an independent expert to investigate the report presented by Hon. Adam Beck on the electrification of the London and Port Stanley.

At the meeting of the city council last evening Ald. Richter brought the question to the attention of the mayor and aldermen.

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Depart for the East—*12:19 a.m., *2:48 a.m., 7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m., *12:30 p.m., 2:05 p.m., *4:25 p.m., *6:53 p.m.
Depart for the West—*3:57 a.m., 7:40 a.m., *11:18 a.m., *11:35 a.m., 1:40 p.m., 8:20 p.m.

LONDON AND WINDSOR.
Arrive—10:25 a.m., *4:30 p.m., 8:50 p.m., 11:05 p.m.
Depart—8:35 a.m., *11:43 a.m., 2:05 p.m., 8:35 p.m.

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Arrive—11:15 a.m., 1:39 p.m., 6:45 p.m., 11:25 p.m.
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Depart for the East—*4:35 a.m., 7:00 a.m., *12:25 p.m., *5:55 p.m.
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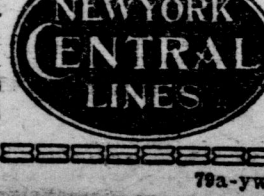
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