

BRIDGE REPAIRING

Again the Subject for Discussion by the Members of the Council.

Last Year's City Representatives on the Jubilee Hospital Board Reappointed.

A short business session of the council was held last evening. All the members with the exception of Ald. Marchant were present.

Ald. Partridge rose to a question of privilege. He referred to the Times report of Monday's meeting of the council, in which he was reported as stating that Mr. Templeman had promised him he would not make the Duncan matter public.

From conversation with other aldermen he was sure that he had been reported accurately, but he had inadvertently said something he did not intend to say.

What Ald. Partridge intended to say was that he had asked Mr. Templeman not to make the matter public. Mr. Templeman had told him he had all the facts and was going to publish them.

Ald. Partridge told Mr. Templeman he regretted this. The rates on a tax-by-law was considered and finally passed. Ald. Partridge's bicycle by-law was read a third time.

Mr. Wilnot, city engineer, reported on the James Bay bridge as follows: "With regard to Mr. Bell's report to the Consolidated Railway and Light Co. (with plan attached), relative to using James Bay bridge for car traffic, in which he suggested certain improvements to be made, within, say twelve months, as shown on the plan, I have the honor to report that as previously stated, I consider the bridge at present safe for ordinary traffic and also for tramcar traffic, conducted under the conditions stipulated, viz., to a loaded car of 8-12 tons at a speed not exceeding 4 miles per hour, cars not to be nearer than 200 feet, and it probably will, in any event, say within a year, be necessary to repair the bridge, and as making the repairs about on the lines suggested by Mr. Bell would enable the company to increase the loaded tramcar limit, I would recommend that the repairs approximately as suggested be carried out at once on condition that the Consolidated Railway Company contribute an amount which under the circumstances would be a reasonable proportion of the cost. The city to be held absolved from any liability or loss that might be claimed through making said repairs. The estimated cost of the repairs is \$775.

E. A. WILNOT. Mr. Wilnot also reported that Rock Bay bridge is safe for ordinary traffic, but he would not recommend its use for tramcar traffic unless a number of additional stringers are put in.

The tramway company will be informed that the city council do not intend to spend the money on the bridge, as the engineer had reported the bridge safe for ordinary traffic, but that the repairs would be made if the tramway company would furnish the necessary stringers.

The portion of the engineer's report referring to the strengthening of Rock Bay bridge was referred to the street committee and the engineer for an estimate of the cost and to see if the tramway company will furnish the stringers.

Then came another report from the city engineer. It read: "With regard to cleaning out the muck at Beaver Lake between the coffer dam and main dam, I refer to in communication to the council from Mr. Bell and myself on the 10th ult., I beg to state that the contractors for the water works improvements wish to have a definite answer as to whether the corporation wishes to purchase or hire their pumping plant, consisting of boiler, piping, hose, etc., as in the event of the city not desiring to purchase or hire, they will immediately taken down and ship the machinery elsewhere. As the greater part of the work of cleaning out the site referred to can be done much more economically by pumping and hydranting than by any other method, I consider that if reasonable arrangements can be made for doing the work with the machinery at present on the ground, that it would be in the interests of the city to have it so done."

Alderman Macmillan moved that the matter be left in abeyance until the contract is terminated and that for the present the city council does not require the plant.

J. R. Anderson, deputy minister of agriculture, drew attention to the large amount of thistles growing on the Finlayson estate. The communication was referred to the chief of police with instructions to get them out.

Messrs. Charles Hayward, W. J. Dwyer, J. L. Crimp, F. B. Pemberton and H. D. Helmcken were re-appointed the city's representatives on the board of the Jubilee Hospital.

Mr. R. S. Day wrote on behalf of Mr. Earle with reference to a condemned building situated on Government street, and suggesting that they be allowed to strengthen the structure. Referred to

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BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Messrs. Spragge and Sheridan Interview the Board Regarding Improvements.

Supply Committee Recommend the Payment of \$15 a month for secretary's Office.

The board of school trustees met last evening. Chairman Hayward presided, and all the members were present.

Miss Cameron, principal of the South Park school, asked for more desks for the chart class. The matter was referred to the alteration and repairs committee.

Mr. Wriglesworth complained that his daughter was not allowed to leave school for an afternoon, although he had so requested. The communication was received and Trustee Mrs. Grant was appointed a committee of one to inquire into the matter.

A. B. McNeill, secretary of the principals of the different schools, reported that Miss Brown and Miss Grant, pupil teachers, had successfully passed the usual examination and had been granted second class certificates. Received and filed.

Miss Carmichael, seventh assistant in the South Park school, and Miss Arrowsmith, fifth assistant of the Girl's Central School, tendered their resignations. The resignations were accepted with regret.

Mr. Sheridan, representing a manufacturer of liquid slating, appeared before the board and explained the merits of his product. He guaranteed to make a perfectly smooth board, without any gloss at a cost of 5 cents a square foot. Mr. Sheridan's statements favorably impressed the board and the supply committee will supervise the slating of the blackboards by Mr. Sheridan.

Mr. D. Spragge then appeared before the board and explained the benefits of a certain oil for floors which when once put on practically prohibits any dust from arising from floors, making a great saving for sweeping and cleaning.

The alteration and repairs committee will also deal with this matter.

Several applications for positions on the teaching staff were tabled for future consideration.

Several necessary repairs and alterations to the different schools will be attended to during vacation.

The supply committee reported as follows: Your committee to whom was referred the matter of arranging the amount to be paid for the use of the secretary's office for the purposes of the board, beg to recommend that the sum of \$15 per month be paid for the use of the office from the commencement of the present year, and that this amount be continued until other suitable quarters are decided upon, and in view of the necessity of keeping current expenses at the lowest amount consistent with the efficient and convenient discharge of the duties of the secretary's office and the safe custody of the records and property of the board, your committee recommends that the mayor and council be requested to provide a suitable room, properly furnished, at the city hall for the use of the board. A vault or safe must be accessible to the secretary and the board at all times, especially during the sessions of the board being especially necessary.

(Signed) HENRY SANDERS, R. B. McMICKING.

Trustee Mrs. Grant did not sign the report because she did not believe in paying for a room when retrenchment was the order in all departments of the city.

Mrs. Grant also considered \$15 a month for the use of the board meeting only once a week excessive.

Trustee Saunders pointed out that Secretary Williams' rooms were always open to the trustees and besides, were utilized for keeping papers, etc., belonging to the board.

Chairman Hayward reported that he had interviewed the mayor and that he had consented to allow the board the use of the committee room at the city hall, provided they arranged their meetings so as not to conflict with the meetings of the committee.

Trustee Belyea pointed out that the records of the board were accumulating and could not be conveniently taken backwards and forwards to another place of meeting. The meetings should be held where the books and papers of the board are. It would be poor economy to keep books in one place and hold the meetings elsewhere.

Trustee Lovell pointed out that while they had the advantage of Mr. Williams' safe and matters were very comfortable, the public would likely criticize any other expenditure.

Trustee Belyea had said. When the board met in the police court, very often necessary documents were not to hand and thus matters could not be attended to in a proper way. Mr. Yates, however, considered \$15 a month too much for the use of the room. He would, moreover, object to the board meeting where books and documents were not at their immediate disposal.