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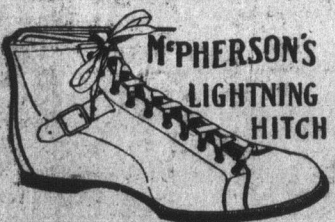
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REFUSED TO REPEAL BY-LAW

Ald. Stone's Amendments Defeated After Two Hours' Discussion

City will Still Limit Number of Liquor Licenses and Grocers Will Have to Close at Seven

The City Council is certainly making a record for itself in the line of lengthy meetings. Last night the meeting was prolonged an hour and a half through the discussions on two by-laws, which in the end left matters exactly as they were before the meeting.

Near the end of the meeting Ald. Stone introduced a couple of by-laws to repeal two by-laws passed by the City Council last year—one was the early closing grocers by-law, the other the by-law limiting the number of liquor licenses in the city.

Ald. Austin and Potter having received no intimation that these by-laws were to come up at this meeting, objected to Ald. Stone rushing them through without the usual notice.

Ald. Potter stated that the grocers of the city, with the exception of five, were satisfied with the early closing by-law.

Ald. Stone said that through the by-law the Council of last year had made criminals of certain grocers, respectable citizens, who were forced to break the law in order to make a living. Some grocers which he could name had their back doors open after the closing hour, doing business.

Ald. Potter—The small grocers were on the petition of last year.

Ald. Stone then produced a petition, signed by twenty-eight grocers, asking for the repeal of the by-law.

Ald. Austin—Why did you keep this petition in your pocket? Why did you not hand it in before?

Ald. Stone—It was not addressed to the Clerk. I had it in case it should be needed.

Ald. Austin—It should have been introduced in a regular manner. Did Ald. Stone have anything to do with the circulating of it?

Ald. Stone—I took it to a man and asked him to get a signature.

Ald. Austin—It was not your place to do so. Due notice should have been given that this by-law was coming up.

Ald. Massey—I am sure I could get thirty-five grocers to sign which ever way I wanted them to.

The by-law was passed in committee.

LIQUOR LICENSES.
In reference to this by-law considerable discussion was held in committee.

Ald. Austin—If the gentlemen in charge of the amendment think they are working in the liquor interests they are making a big mistake. What we want is, not more bars, but more good hotels. If the license the city were increased we would have a strong agitation for local option. We have not got the hotel buildings for more licenses. If we would cut off three now, we would have a better standard of hotels. We got the standard of last year as a result of this by-law, which Ald. Stone wants to repeal.

Ald. Stone—The Commissioners will look after that. They are as anxious as we are to have good hotels in Chatham.

Ald. Potter was opposed to Ald. Stone's amended by-law.

This by-law also passed in committee by the following vote:
Yeas—Ald. Scullard, Stone, Edmondson, Radley, Massey, Thompson, 5.
Nays—Ald. Austin, Scullard, and the Mayor.

The early closing by-law passed in committee by the following vote:
Yeas—Ald. Scullard, Stone, Edmondson, Radley, Massey, Thompson, and the Mayor—7.
Nays—Ald. Austin, Potter—2.

Ald. Austin thought it cowardly to press the motion which would finally pass these two by-laws, as Ald. Bensen was absent.

The Mayor, however, allowed the motion to be put, warning the Council that it required a two-third vote to pass it.

The early closing by-law was put first and was lost. Six were required to vote for it, and only five did so—Ald. Stone, Edmondson, Radley, Massey and Thompson.

Ald. Stone then saw that the other by-law would be defeated and Ald. Edmondson moved adjournment. It was five minutes to one o'clock when the Council finally adjourned.

THE INDIAN CREEK DRAIN

Raleigh Will be Assisted in Repairing Damage Done By Floods

Engineer Proposed to Place Dam at Mouth and Repair the Other Drains

The Indian Creek drain question, which has been a source of trouble every spring for years past, came up before the City Council last evening. The ultimate conclusion was that Raleigh should receive every assistance from the city in repairing this grievance.

J. G. Kerr addressed the Council in the interests of the Raleigh Township, in connection with the Indian Creek drain, which has so often been brought before the attention of the public.

The wish of the Raleigh Township Council is to put a dam at the mouth of Indian Creek to prevent the flood waters from McGregor's Creek from backing up and flowing over the Township of Raleigh, causing damage to lands. They wished to find if the Council of Chatham would assist them or oppose them. If this were done the city would not be cut off from the Township of Raleigh every spring, as it is at the present time.

Harwich rescinded a resolution he had previously passed, to assist in this work, as the farmers of that Township are on high grounds, and are not suffering at the present time. The three municipalities interested are Chatham city, Raleigh and Harwich so that if anything is to be done, it will have to be done by Raleigh and the city.

Mr. Sykes, of Raleigh, also addressed the meeting. He asked for the assistance of the city in this scheme.

Ald. Edmondson—Have you had an engineer go over the property?

Mr. Sykes—No. We want to know what Chatham will do first. Chatham is interested, too. For many years in the spring we are unable to get in to your market. The city loses money by this.

Ald. Edmondson—What you had better do is have an engineer go over the work and bring his report to this Council.

Mr. Sykes—Would you approve of the engineer coming on?

Ald. Austin—Raleigh will not ask the city to pay anything unless the scheme is feasible. If it is they will want us to pay our share if the work goes on.

Ald. Stone thought the proposition was a fair one and he would favor it.

Ald. Austin—I consulted the city solicitor on this matter and he drew out a resolution granting the consent of the Council to Raleigh to undertake this work providing the engineer recommends it. This was carried unanimously.

TENDERS OPENED
Many Contractors Offer Figures on the Proposed Improvements to the Fire Hall

Tenders for contracts to furnish supplies for electric lighting at the city power house, and for repairs to the fire hall were opened and read by Mayor Marshall, at last night's meeting of the City Council.

The tenders as read were: To supply motor wiring, etc., for the power house lighting equipment:
Chatham Gas Co., \$453 for best grade materials or \$353 for material of a lower grade. The Gas Co. also tendered to equip and light the station from their own station at the rate of 9 cents per M. watts, agreeing to construct the inside wiring for \$75.

McKeough & Trotter, \$300 or \$965, according to the grade of dynamo chosen.

Western Bridge & Equipment Co., \$442.
Repairs to the fire hall the tenders were as follows:
Bligh & Fielder, new roof, \$130.
W. H. Carswell, gravel roof, \$278.80 or the entire contract for repairs at \$306.80.

Jas. Hendershot, papering, moulding, etc., \$75.
Tilt & Hildreth, papering, etc., \$62.50, or \$68, according to job.
E. Reardon, papering, etc., \$67.46.
Jas. Kealey, papering, etc., \$80.
W. E. Link, lumber, \$77.80, plastering and repair of floors, \$327.50, roof \$492.

Western Bridge & Equipment Co., repairs to hall and gravel roof, \$241.50.
Robert Cucksey, cement floor \$140, floors \$47.
Tomlinson & McKay, gravel roof, \$116, repairs \$10.
James A. King, galvanized iron roof, \$5.50 per square.
Jas. Martin, papering, etc., \$82.

The Mayor referred the tenders to the Property committee with power.

Occasionally it is possible to repeat a story as it was given out first hand.

MAY HAVE LOCAL OPTION

Temperance People are Ready to Bring on a Campaign

Much Feeling Aroused Through the Attempt to Repeal By-Law Limiting Liquor Licenses

The news that members of the City Council will attempt to repeal the by-law limiting the number of liquor licenses in the city has been the cause of much unrest in local temperance circles.

Though the motion to repeal the by-law came as a distinct surprise to many, the temperance people were apparently aware that there was "a hen on." Several prominent representatives of the temperance party were present in the gallery at last night's meeting, and patiently waited for the springing of the "surprise."

In short chats with prominent temperance workers this morning, the Planet ascertained that a stiff local option campaign is imminent. The temperance people regard the attempt to repeal the liquor license by-law as a slap in the face. They mean business, and say they will put up a fight that will be sure to carry if the Council take any such action.

If they throw this thing open again," said a well-known and prominent temperance agitator today, "we will bring on a local option campaign, sure as fate. We will never stand for the passing of any such measure."

MARKET FRONT

The Property Committee will Consult With a Practical Builder—The Humane Officer's Salary

The matter of the old market front was again brought up at the Council meeting last evening and caused some interesting discussion. The question was what to do with the building.

Ald. Potter moved, seconded by Ald. Massey, that a competent man be engaged to examine the old market front, that the Property committee might ascertain just what condition it was in.

Ald. Edmondson thought there must be city employees who were competent enough to examine the building and report on its condition. He thought the Property committee should seek the advice of the City Engineer.

Ald. Potter held that a practical builder should be engaged for the purpose. One could be secured for a comparatively small expense to the city.

Ald. Edmondson moved that the matter be left in the hands of the City Engineer.

Ald. Stone said that the advice of the City Engineer had already been sought. He was of the opinion that the services of an architect should be secured.

Ald. Potter—I have no faith in architects.

Ald. Potter's motion to secure the services of a practical man, when put to a vote, was carried.

The question of making a grant to the Humane Officer was brought up by Ald. Scullard, the matter having previously been referred to his committee to report on.

Ald. Stone thought this was a matter which should receive the most favorable consideration from the Council. The Humane Officer, who was a most conscientious servant of the city, received no remuneration from the city other than a suit of clothes given him once a year. He only received half of the fine in each conviction made, and during the last year only one conviction had been made. If the Humane Officer had wanted to take advantage of his position, he could make it a more remunerative one, but Mr. McGregor was too honest in the discharge of his duties to do so. Ald. Stone moved that Mr. McGregor be voted \$10.

The Mayor referred the matter to New Business, but it did not come up at last night's meeting.

STEVENSON ON PAROLE

Hugh Stevenson, who was tried and found guilty of conspiracy to defraud Hugh Douglas out of a large sum of money, over a year ago, and who was sentenced to a year in Kingston, was on Friday let out on parole by an order of the Lieut.-Governor. Stevenson's term was not up until April.

Boyd, who was sent down at the same time, and who was in the conspiracy with him, was let out a few days ago on a plea of sickness.

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BUSY SESSION OF COUNCIL

Routine work Last Evening was not as Large as Usual

Finance Committee Recommend Increase of M. H. O's Salary—Several Communications

The amount of routine matters before the City Council last evening was not as heavy as usual. All the members of the Council were present, with the exception of Ald. Bensen, who was unavoidably absent.

A number of communications and petitions of an important nature were read. Citizens living in the vicinity of Victoria Park wrote complaining of the practice in vogue among farmers, teamsters and others, namely, that of driving over that portion of the park adjacent to Stanley avenue. As a result, the letter stated, the park was badly cut up in times when the ground was moistened by heavy rains. The ratepayers asked that a wire fence be put up at the outlets of the park, to prevent this destructive practice being continued. Parks and Cemeteries.

Letters were received from four persons, who claimed to have been assessed for dogs which they did not own. The complaints were made by Mrs. Wm. Owen, Jeffrey St., J. Sheffield, Queen street, Mrs. Mary Britton, Lorne Ave., and Mr. Linn, respectively. The requests that the assessments be struck off were granted in each case.

Separate School Board asked for the usual grant of \$300. Granted.

Notice was drawn by the City Clerk to the fact that A. E. Bitley and W. H. Robert had been rated on the collection roll for public school taxes instead of for separate school. The letter asked that the amount collected be handed over to the separate school and that the same be charged to the Public School Board's estimate. The recommendation was complied with by the Council.

W. W. Soane, local oil dealer, solicited the patronage of the City Property committee.

T. J. Rutley, the new market architect, presented a proposal to the Council to strengthen the verandah on the eastern side of the market. The letter admitted that the change in detail had been made in the office of the said architect. Mr. Rutley proposed to strengthen the verandah by placing a two-inch pipe column at or near the outer end of each bracket with a cast iron top to fit beam, the lower end being let into the concrete walk. Property committee.

North Chatham residents, living on Head street, put in a strong petition in opposition to the proposals made by the Pere Marquette Railway, in which the company agree to plank between their tracks, and 7 feet inches to each side, on Head street. The petition asked that the Council take action on the matter at once.

The petitioners stated that they were unfavorably of the opinion that the railway company should be forced to pave with brick between the tracks, to conform with the proposed paving to be constructed on the street; and that the Council should not by any means grant the railway company a twenty year franchise, as per the corporation's request. It was also claimed that the railway company were not living up to their agreements with the city. The petitioners further stated that if the company did not comply with their demands they wished their names withdrawn from the petition for brick pavement on the street. The petition was signed by many prominent ratepayers. It was referred to the Railway committee.

The Warren Pituitous Company requested a rebate on taxes. Finance.

Claims with regard to amounts due on the new caretaker's building at the cemetery were presented. Cemetery committee.

A London, Ont., legal firm wrote, asking that a petition be made to the Ontario Government, asking for legislation to prevent wholesalers selling to auctioneers, who in turn sold in competition to local merchants. The petition was ordered signed and returned.

W. Reeves wrote, asking for a rebate in taxes on behalf of his client, Wm. Baby. Granted.

The report of the Collegiate Board for 1905 was filed.

FINANCE REPORT.
Ald. Scullard read the report of the Finance committee, which in brief was as follows:

1. That the request of the Medical Health Officer, that his salary be raised to \$500 per annum without extras be granted.

2. That certain amounts for taxes against A. D. Chapman, which should have been charged up against city property, be struck off.

3. That Shea & O'Keefe's account for \$4 be paid.

The report was adopted.

The first clause of this report drew forth considerable discussion, Ald. Edmondson objecting to any increase in the Medical Health Officer's salary, as he said that it was contrary to the understanding arrived at by the aldermen at the beginning of the year, when a motion was

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