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GAS PROBLEM

A meeting of the Industrial committee of the City Council, was held yesterday afternoon in Harrison Hall with a full attendance of the members, including Mayor McKeough, Chairman Piggott, G. G. Martin, Thos. Scullard, John Edmondson and Henry Robinson were the aldermen present.

Chairman Piggott announced the object of the meeting, viz., the arrangement with the City Solicitor for a draft of an agreement to be drawn up between the city and Carmen & Fairbanks, re natural or cheap artificial fuel gas. J. Milton Pike appeared for the solicitor and the different points of the draft were discussed.

Ald. Edmondson—What we want is a cheap fuel gas, whether it is natural or artificial.

Ald. Scullard—I think it will ultimately end in the artificial gas.

Ald. Edmondson—Well, if that is the case, there will be great advancement in the artificial. The fuel question is one which will be greatly before the public before long, and new discoveries of cheaper ways of getting artificial gas are coming to light.

Ald. Scullard—Yes, I believe Carnegie set chemists to work who found a way of manufacturing gas at 26 per thousand.

The Mayor suggested as a clause in the agreement that the pipe be not put down on King St. between Third and William Sts., but that it be put down in the alleys and river bank.

Ald. Scullard said that it would be a good idea to have a clause stating that any street which would net the company 12 per cent of the investment have a pipe line.

Mr. Edmondson said the clause in their tender concerning the running out of the natural gas, an artificial cheap fuel gas plant would replace it, was the most important in the whole agreement. The objects of the gas would have to be made.

The chairman of the committee was appointed to see Carmen & Fairbanks and find out what standard of gas they would give, and how much per thousand.

The large American firm contemplating location in Canada had been communicated with and said they would certainly entertain any offer the city made. They don't want a bonus, but will likely want a site and a few concessions. The sending of representatives to interview the firm was discussed and will come up later.

HONORED HIM

Presentation to Rev. J. J. Ross, Retiring Pastor of the William St. Baptist Church by Y. P. Society.

The Young Peoples Society of the William street Baptist church gave a farewell to the Rev. J. J. Ross, the departing pastor of the church, and also took advantage of the occasion last evening to present Mr. and Mrs. Ross with a dinner service of Haviland china.

Judge Houston opened the ceremony with prayer, after which Matthew Side, who presided, made a few remarks, stating that the Society couldn't let Mr. Ross go without in some way expressing their sorrow at the parting, and that therefore this little evening of entertainment had been arranged that all might have an opportunity to say good-bye.

Miss Rose Swan played an instrumental solo and received a hearty encore.

Miss Blanche Baxter, James Trotter and John Reeve each contributed an excellent solo. Miss Bessie Brackin played the accompaniment.

Mr. John Reeve, at the conclusion of his solo, read an address to the Rev. Mr. Ross, who had been called to the platform. The address stated in brief that the Young Peoples Society desired to express their thanks for assistance and kindness received from Rev. J. J. Ross, and concluded with a prayer that Mrs. Ross and Mr. Ross would be divinely blessed. Mr. Side then made the presentation of a dinner set of Haviland china.

Rev. J. J. Ross said that it was an exceedingly difficult matter for him to thank the Society. He had desired to say something about his departure at both services Sunday, but he had been afraid to trust himself. He was also afraid to estimate the extent of the work he had done as pastor of the William street Baptist church. He concluded with hearty thanks for the many kindnesses received by himself and Mrs. Ross. The retiring minister earnestly entreated the congregation and Young Peoples Society to rally around his successor and make him feel at home. After a few minutes social intercourse, refreshments were served and the gathering broke up.

ERIEAU TRAINS

L. E. Tillson, local agent for the Lake Erie, has been advised that the Rond Eau service, for the coming summer, will be about the same as last year, with the exception of the boat service. Arrangements for the boat service have not yet been completed. The trains will likely start about the 15th of June. The band concerts will also start about the same time.

There was a rumor that there would be no summer train service to Erieau and the information that the suburban train will run as usual will be received with pleasure by those who own cottages at Erieau.

MAYOR MCKEOUGH OPENS FUND FOR PROPOSED ATHLETIC BUNGALOW

His Worship Supplements the Football Fund by a Personal Donation—The Project Progresses—Manager Brisco will Present Local Attraction in aid of the Undertaking—Considerable Enthusiasm Manifested.

The fund for the purpose of erecting an athletic bungalow of pleasing architecture and design on Tecumseh Park was opened yesterday in the Bank of Commerce by his worship, Mayor McKeough, who has kindly consented to act as treasurer for the undertaking.

The project has been received with remarkable favor and enthusiasm by the citizens and the devotion of this sentiment into a practical channel bids fair to bring about the early consummation of the undertaking.

Treasurer W. A. Coltart, of the City Football Club, received a communication from his worship this morning notifying him of the inauguration of the fund and of the supplementing of it by a generous personal subscription from the Mayor. On Saturday, in accordance with the motion of President F. D. Laurie, passed at the recent meeting of the Football Club, the following letter was forwarded to Chatham's chief magistrate.

His Worship, Mayor W. E. McKeough, Chatham, Ont.:

Dear Sir,—Enclosed please find cheque for One Hundred Dollars (\$100), the sum which the Chatham Football Club is desirous of depositing with you as a donation towards the athletic bungalow it is proposed to erect on Tecumseh Park.

The Club also desires to respectfully submit for your worship's kind consideration the suggestion that a fund be opened for this purpose, so that other athletic clubs and any public spirited citizens, who desire to further the project, may have opportunity for so doing.

Respectfully yours,
WILL A. COLTART,
Treasurer Chatham Football Club.

HIS WORSHIP'S REPLY.

This morning Mr. Coltart received notification of the opening of the fund in the following kind letter:

Will A. Coltart, Esq.,
Treasurer of Chatham Football Club,
Chatham, Ont.:

Dear Sir,—I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your cheque for \$100 as a donation by the Chatham Football Club towards the athletic bungalow to be built on Tecumseh Park.

I have placed this amount in the savings department of the Canadian Bank of Commerce, and have added thereto a sum of ten dollars as my subscription to the fund, and will be glad to receive any donations from other citizens or other athletic associations.

A GOOD PAVEMENT

The proposal to put down a pavement on Victoria avenue is being greeted with much enthusiasm by the different residents on the street. It has not yet been decided just what kind of a pavement will be put down but plans for the prospective pavement have already been submitted. It is proposed to put down a pavement 27 feet wide with a 24 foot driveway. At each intersection a round space in the centre of the block will be left open. The road can then be beautified by putting in small monuments or fountains in these spaces.

William Ball, who is taking an active part in this excellent scheme, was in London last Thursday on business and, while he was there, he inspected some pavement which was put down there. One kind of pavement which struck him as being a good one was the Warren Bitulith pavement, made by the Warren Company of Toronto.

"This is a species of the tar macadam road," said Mr. Ball, "and the pavement I saw in London is certainly a fine one, not at all slippery and almost noiseless. There is not so much dust on it as fathers on a brick pavement, and everyone in London seems to be delighted with it."

"Of course it has just been down a year, and that is not enough to give thorough test. There is, however, certainly no sign of wear on it now. We are at present making enquiries from other cities in Michigan, where these pavements have been used for some time and, if the reports are favorable for the pavement, we will hold a meeting of the ratepayers of the street and discuss the matter."

RAMO INVESTIGATION

The attorney-general's department at Toronto has been communicated with regarding the action of the Windsor city police taking a prisoner from the custody of Detective Campbell, who was conveying the man to Chatham for trial. William Ramo was the man in custody of the officer and he was wanted in both Windsor and Chatham. Magistrate Bartlett gave him 23 months in Central Prison and, after he had been sentenced, an order came to turn the man over to the Chatham police. — Detroit Free Press.

SCRAPING STREETS

"I noticed in last night's Planet," said Ald. Mounter, Chairman of the Board of Works, this morning, "that a citizen asked what had become of the city road scrapers. You may mention for his special benefit that both scrapers were out yesterday morning, one on each side of the river, and they started out again early this morning. We are trying to get the roads in good shape as soon as possible."

"We have a gang of men at work extending the sewer on William street to Colborne, and moving the sidewalk in line for the curbing of the new pavement."

"Another gang of men are at work grubbing out the stumps on the extension to Patterson avenue, and we intend to open out the street right away. There are eight new houses going up on this street, and I expect it will be one of the finest looking avenues in the city."

"The bricks of the William street pavement are being put down, and this work will, in all probability, be finished to-morrow night."

City Engineer Jones has made a thorough inspection of the sidewalks of the city during the past couple of weeks and will bring in a report next Monday night on all of the sidewalks, on which action will be taken this year. We expect to have this work done early this year, instead of waiting until the fall.

"I understand that there is a petition almost sufficiently signed for an asphalt block pavement on King street west, so you see the city is booming as far as public works is concerned."

Local Briefs

F. F. Quinn has a handsome Jersey for sale.

A teacher is wanted at union school section No. 2, in Raleigh.

Mrs. John Wood gave birth to a fifteen pound boy this morning at the Public General Hospital.

The Chas. Dingman estate, assignee A. F. Falls, has declared a first and final dividend of 12-13 per cent, payable on April 10th.

J. L. Scott & Son have received several large contracts to supply lumber and mill bill for building at Puce and Shebdon.

The remains of the late George W. McColl, of Windsor, will be taken to Chatham this afternoon for interment.—Detroit Free Press.

A new stock of dry goods and groceries in the Post Office Store to be disposed of. This section of the County, where it is located, is one of the best and gives a good opportunity for a young man to start in business.

One of the largest sales of farm stock ever held in the County will take place at Beechwood Villa, on lot 6, concession 1, Township of Chatham, about 2 1/2 miles from this city, when the farm stock and implements of Frank W. Charteris will be sold by auction. Lunch will be provided at noon.

Drainage Court is being held in the County Jail before his honor Referee J. B. Rankin, K. C., to-day in the case of Hoyle vs. the Township of Chatham. The case was still occupying the attention of the Court this afternoon. M. Wilson, K. G., and W. E. Gundy for the plaintiffs, and John S. Fraser, Wallaceburg, contra. Court reporter Scully is in attendance.

"They're moving the sidewalk in front of my residence on William street two feet farther back from the road," said Robert Milner to a Planet reporter to-day, "and it's going to make it very bad. The breaking up of the granolithic sidewalk will make it last just one-third of the life it would have if left alone. The sidewalk never was much good, being rather hollow, and it is the intention of the residents in the block to petition for a new sidewalk altogether."

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