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STORMY SCENE AT CITY HALL

Engineer Peters and Inspector Mayes in Sensational Tangle Over Con- struction of New Wharf

Each Solemnly and Persistently Charges the Other With Falseness in Respect to Statements About Record of Short Timber Used Contrary to Specifications—Inspector Says Engineer Told Him to Alter His Record and He Tore Leaf Out of Book—Mr. Peters Denies—Board Takes Action to Prevent Repetition.

In a remarkable scene before the board of works yesterday, what the aldermen seem to regard as a very serious situation relative to certain city officials' positions in the building of the New Rodney wharf developed.

S. Herbert Mayes, inspector on the new wharf, declared in reply to questions that he kept two reports of the wharf on account of City Engineer Peters, asking him to suppress certain details in connection with the work, and he charged that the city engineer ordered him to tear out a certain page of his official report.

Extracts from his private report were read, which appeared to show that much short timber had been used contrary to the specifications. The engineer denied the inspector's statements, from beginning to end, saying he would make the denial before the highest court of this world or the next, while Inspector Mayes called the deity to witness that what he charged was true.

The board decided that in future the inspector should furnish full reports to the director and that the latter should supply transcripts of these to the board. The aldermen were in session six hours. Ald. McGoldrick was voted to the chair and Ald. Lewis, Hamm, Tilley, Holder, Vanvar, Spry, Bullock, Frink, and MacRae were present, with the director, city engineer, harbor master, Superintendent Winchester and common clerk. At an evening session Ald. Hamm and Lewis were absent.

Tenders for the revenues of North and South Market slips were received from J. A. Garbath, who bid \$1,800, or offered to collect for 10 per cent.

"On motion of Ald. Bullock" the matter was laid on the table to be taken up later.

Mrs. Elizabeth Staines, of 161 Mecklenburg street, complained to the board that the city dump was gradually encroaching upon her property. The director will attend to it.

J. A. Garbath's tender to supply 144,000 feet of spruce at \$14 for Rodney wharf was accepted.

Samuel Dunlop, jr., complained that he had been discriminated against in the matter of the erection of a flag pole on the Court Block. There was some discussion over the matter, but nothing was done.

Several renewal leases of city property were given to persons applying for them. Foreman W. McLaughlin was recommended an increase in pay from \$1,750 to \$2,000 from May 1.

It was decided to print in several languages the by-law prohibiting smoking in Sand Point sheds. It was also recommended that the officials be given power to arrest any man found violating the provisions and that the director report as to the cost of fencing the warehouses from the public.

The Wharf Trouble.
S. Herbert Mayes, inspector on the new wharf construction, was then examined. Ald. MacRae: "Whom do you report to, Mr. Mayes? I understand the order was passed that you should report daily to Mr. Cunningham. Are you doing that?"

Mr. Mayes: "I have handed my reports to the engineer daily with one or two exceptions. Mr. Cunningham handed me instructions to make all written reports to your engineer."

Ald. MacRae: "Was it understood that the director should have this power? If not I should like to know the reason why."

The director: "I suppose it was a general order. Mr. Peters is in charge of the work and more in touch with it than I am. It is the usual thing."

In reply to questions Mr. Mayes said he kept the daily reports in a book. The work had been closed down since Jan. 10.

Ald. Pickett: "What kind of reports do you keep?"

Mr. Mayes: "As to the progress of the work and the number of men employed."

Ald. Pickett: "Are these reports full and satisfactory?"

before the highest tribunal in this world or the next, I say I never did so."

Mr. Mayes, starting up—"I take my oath before God that you asked me to change that paragraph in the book."

Turning to the aldermen—"This is a false book. I can't understand how a man of his age can say such a thing. Now this has come up I will mention a number of other things I didn't want to bring this thing up."

Ald. Spry thought the matter put Mr. Clark in an awkward position as he would not know to whom he would be responsible.

Ald. Baxter: "This does not concern Mr. Clark at all. We want to know if the business of the city is properly or improperly conducted."

Ald. MacRae said the whole question turned on the question of from whom Mr. Clark was to take his instructions. They had had law suits in the past, on the question of variations in the contracts for wharves and the feeling of the board had been that an inspector should be appointed to see the contract carried out. There was a sentiment that the board wanted the wharf built, and the director in charge with an inspector and those were the instructions. It might be taken as a reflection on Mr. Peters, but such was the case.

The director in reply to a question said he had nothing to say beyond expressing his view that the work was a first class job.

The board here adjourned until 7.30 p. m.

At the evening session before resuming the hearing of Mr. Mayes, several matters were dealt with.

It was decided not to accept the tenders for the North and South Market wharves, but call for new tenders, to be in by March 5, with an upset price of \$2,000.

Ald. MacRae, Baxter, Bullock, McGoldrick and Vanvar were appointed to consider the matter of conduits for the telephone wires and to meet the company and report back.

Mayes Reads from His Book.
The wharf case was then resumed. The common clerk read the minutes of the common council of November 6, which showed that Mr. Mayes was required to report to the director.

Ald. Bullock moved that Mr. Mayes should read entries in his own book of reports. Ald. Tilley and Spry voted against this, but the motion was carried.

The first entry was for November 15, and referred to Mr. Peters' instructions not to report so many particulars or talk about the work. Nov. 17 had a reference to the required length, and Nov. 22 the director had been asked as to lapping and had said it must be done according to the specifications.

Ald. Baxter: "It is a remarkable thing that Mr. Cunningham told the inspector to see the engineer and have his lapping out by the board of works and that the inspector should be asked to alter his record."

Ald. Bullock's Query.
Coming to the entry for Nov. 25, Mr. Mayes was asked when he started his private book. He said he anticipated trouble and had commenced writing five days after he commenced work.

Ald. Bullock: "I thought you said it was on account of the order to tear out the page." This page was Nov. 25.

Mr. Mayes said there was no great difference in the first entries. He had done it for his own protection.

Coming to Dec. 1 Mr. Mayes said it was on that date that the engineer had asked him to alter his record. He said he had done it for his own protection.

On Nov. 10 the ballast floor had been changed to cedar and the engineer had asked him to alter his record. He said he had done it for his own protection.

Ald. MacRae called Mr. Mayes' attention to a page being torn out of the book at the entry for Nov. 23.

Ald. Bullock: "Who suggested you called that out?"

Says Engineer Told Him to Tear Out Leaf.
Mr. Mayes: "The engineer. When I handed him the book to see he said he wished me to tear it out. Mr. Clark had a lot of random lengths and he asked if it would make any difference on the bottom. He wanted them butted instead of lapped."

Ald. MacRae: "Would butting be as good?"

Mr. Mayes: "No, you get a double butting."

Ald. Bullock: "Were they left butted?"

Mr. Mayes: "Yes. A small one."

Speaking on the question of permitting no more in the timber the engineer said the matter had been disputed in committee and the contractor said it was impossible to get timber without it. From his experience he agreed with him.

Ald. Baxter: "Then why put in the specifications that no more is to be allowed?"

Engineer Peters: "The committee did that themselves."

Ald. Baxter: "They did not."

A Remarkable Scene.
Engineer Peters: "I wish to say one word. It appears that Mr. Mayes says I asked him to alter the entries in his book. I've been among you all a good many years and I may be a liar or I may not, but in the most solemn way, I say not."

The last entry before work stopped was on January 17. It noted that the whole of the longitudinal on the top of the ballast floor was short.

Engineer's Denial.
The engineer said if there were any questions he was ready to answer. As he stood there, the statements were utterly false. Mr. Mayes had said something to him about breaking the specification and he had said, joking: "Oh, you needn't be so particular." He had replied: "I'll alter it." He (the engineer) had replied: "Certainly not." The conversation continued until a page was utterly false, also the other remark about the director's \$200. Mr. Clark had asked about alterations in the ballast floor and he could not

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Dinner Party of Local Soldiers Who Helped Make Cronje Surrender

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A dinner was enjoyed in the Park Hotel and those present as guests were: Hon. J. R. B. de la Mont, H. D. McLeod, Lieut. C. W. W. McLean, R. H. A. England, Sgt. Major Rooney, C. A. M. C. of Halifax; Stephen Maclean and Gilbert C. Davidson. The toast to the king was given by: Fred Coombs, who occupied the vice-chair; Walter Irving, Norman McLeod, Wm. Donoghue, J. Burns, Policeman John McCallum, Melville Burnside, H. Betts, Mr. McInnes, B. T. Over, Ambrose Pelkey, John Williams, Roland Penney, Alfred Simpson, Fred McCain, J. Danney, Mr. Stone, Leo Smith and W. J. Raymond. The toast to the king was observed with great enthusiasm, after which H. D. McLeod's health was drunk right heartily. Mr. McLeod referred to the pride he was conscious of in being present as a guest and sketched briefly, but with eloquence, the services performed for the empire by those who had volunteered, and those who remained behind.

Hon. Mr. Ritchie, responding to a toast, alluded to the intense loyalty of the Canadian people—a loyalty quite as deep and true as that which animated those who under the shadow of the throne served the flag. British citizenship was something to be proud of.

Lieut. McLean gave assurance of the pleasure he felt in being present and referred to the different circumstances under which he had last met the members of G. Company. Then it was necessary to suppress one's appetite with an army biscuit.

After a song by Jack Williams, Lieut. McLean, responding to a toast to the imperial force, dwelt upon the recognition in England of colonial valor.

A song was given by Melville Burnside with Gilbert Davidson playing a harp accompaniment and following this Sgt. Major Rooney made a few laudatory observations concerning the Canadian militia.

A song was given by Alfred Simpson, after which Fred Coombs spoke upon the Canadian contingents. The industry of Paardeberg, he said, created a record, the cavalry had performed most gallant work at Paardeberg and the artillery at the relief of Mafeking had shown again the mettle of Canadian volunteers. The engineers had done their duty and the Canadian nurses also gave valuable services. He quoted figures showing Canadian casualties.

Norman P. McLeod, responding to the toast, drew attention to what had been accomplished by Canadians at the relief of Mafeking. He was by consent of the members.

There was another song by Mr. Ritchie and the toast to the ladies was responded to by Walter Irving and J. Betts.

The health of the 19th Brigade being honored, Wm. Donoghue made the toast, flatteringly alluding to the heroism, endurance and good fellowship of the regiment associated with the present contingent. John McCallum also referred to the gallantry of the Shropshires, Cornwalls and Gordon Highlanders and related many instances of conduct deserving of bravery.

The health of Capt. Jones being proposed he replied appropriately, Banjo selections by Gilbert Davidson and the singing of "The Boys of the Sea" brought the dinner to a close.

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The Christian Endeavor Society of the Colberg street Christian church had charge of the meeting in the Seamen's Institute last night. W. H. Chastion presided. Rev. J. E. Floyd and others, including several exiles, took part.

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FRATERNAL VISIT

Father Mathew Association Has St. Peter's and St. Joseph Societies as Guests.

The third and last fraternal visit of the junior Catholic societies was made last evening when the Y. M. A. of St. Peter's and the Y. M. A. of St. Joseph's, visited the Father Mathew Association in St. Malch's Hall. The societies turned out in force and filled the large hall, and from all appearances all enjoyed themselves thoroughly.

President W. F. Higgins, of the F. M. A., occupied the chair, and with him on the stage were Presidents W. McMahon, E. Moran, of St. Peter's and St. Joseph's, and Rev. Fathers O'Keefe and Holland, chaplains of the F. M. A. and St. Joseph's.

President Higgins opened the proceedings with a few well-chosen words of welcome, which were fittingly responded to by the visiting presidents. Then followed a series of numbers by the members of the societies consisting of: Piano solo, M. Kelly; solo, E. Mahoney; reading, N. McNamee; Theobald quartette, M. Morris, W. Toomey, L. Monahan, J. Rooney; reading, B. E. Gallagher; song and dance, J. McCormack; solo, D. Higgins; recitation, Owen Coll; solo, Joseph McDevaney; song and dance, L. O'Hara; solo, P. Barrett; recitation, J. Daley; solo, M. Delaney; solo, Charles Haseel.

During an intermission in the programme refreshments and cigars were passed around.

WHITNEY DISAGREES WITH COLLEAGUE OVER THE SPOILS

Ontario Premier Intimates to Dr. Willoughby That He Will Not Stand for Wholesale Dismissals.

Toronto, Feb. 27.—(Special.)—Hon. Dr. Willoughby, minister without portfolio in the Ontario cabinet, has been the leader of several of the dissatisfied followers who have been clamoring for the wholesale introduction of the spoils system. Premier Whitney has in emphatic terms, however, intimated that evidence must be produced in the case of all higher officers whose dismissal is requested, for vacancies in lower offices, such as clerks, bailiffs, etc., the responsibility of the

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