

POSTPONEMENT WATERWORKS BYLAW FAVORED

Provincial Board of Health May, However, Force the Commission to Action

The Waterworks Commission have submitted the following report to the Mayor: Brantford, Dec. 9th, 1918. His Worship the Mayor, and City Council.

Gentlemen,—The Waterworks Commission of the City of Brantford, as you are aware have been conducting during the past year, investigations with the object of planning a definite scheme to provide an adequate and properly purified water supply for the present and future needs of the city.

It has been generally anticipated that the preliminary engineering work would be sufficiently advanced to enable the commission to ask that a by-law authorizing them to proceed with the main part of the work, be placed before the citizens at the time of the municipal elections this year.

Under the circumstances, therefore the Commissioners feel it their duty to offer to the city council and to the people an explanation of the progress that has been made and the reasons for not coming before the council Monday night with such a by-law.

A very comprehensive report has been received from our engineers, Messrs. R. S. and W. S. Lee, of Montreal, covering a large section of the total work necessary to improve

the water works and water supply, and also an estimate of the cost of present prices of material amounting to some \$360,000.

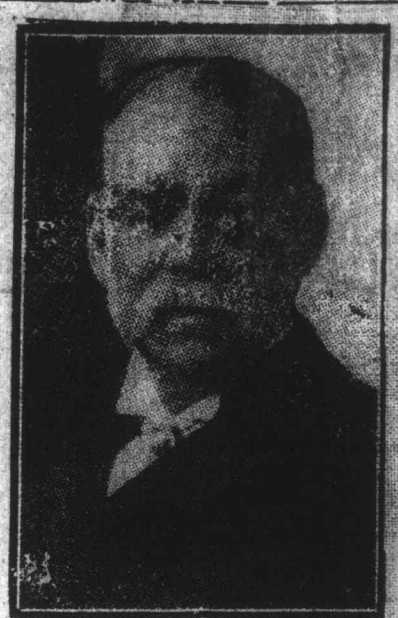
The engineers have carefully gone over the improvements that have been made in the waterworks during the last year or two, and they agreed with the commissioners that, while not losing sight of the fact that Brantford must face in the very near future a large expenditure for improvements, still it is advisable to postpone the work for another year, owing to the high cost of materials, the difficulties of making at the present time satisfactory contracts, and also to the high interest cost of money. It is figured that reasonable delay may on the complete scheme, save the citizens in interest charges and first cost of work, easily from \$100,000 to \$200,000.

While the Commissioners are unanimously agreed that conditions warrant them recommending a postponement, still they must point out that the Provincial Board of Health has been urging improvements for some time back, and as they have to pass upon the reports, should they take exception to the Commissioners' attitude, it may be necessary to request a special meeting of the council later in the week to take care of the by-law.

Upon receipt of the decision of the Provincial Board of Health, the Commissioners propose publishing a comprehensive summary of the engineer's report and other documents for the information of the citizens.

With regard to the financing of such improvements, whether made now or later on, it may be well to point out that it has always been the policy of the water works board, and rightly so, to make this department of the city stand on its own feet, paying out of its revenue all operating expenses and annual charges for interest and sinking funds on moneys borrowed for capital expenditure.

This policy will no doubt be continued in the future and therefore should work mentioned in this letter have to be done with next year, the city council need not be concerned with its effect on the general tax



RICHARD Y. ELLIS, member of firm of P. W. Ellis and Co., manufacturing jewellers of Toronto, and one of the best known art connoisseurs of Canada, who is dead at the age of 78.

rate, rather will the citizens have to provide the money through an increase in the water rates.

With the present high cost of operation, the commissioners figure that for this season they are particularly anxious to see the work laid over now or later on, it may be well to point out that it has always been the policy of the water works board, and rightly so, to make this department of the city stand on its own feet, paying out of its revenue all operating expenses and annual charges for interest and sinking funds on moneys borrowed for capital expenditure.

Police Station is Inadequate

Grand Jury Declares Queen Street Building Unfit For Use

Following is the report of the Grand Jury, which was presented to His Honor Judge Hardy at the Winter Court: May it please Your Honor: at the present Sessions, beg to report as follows:

We congratulate Your Honor on the fact that there are no criminal cases to be dealt with at this time, and also congratulate you on your admirable address to the Grand Jury.

We congratulate the county on the securing of the flag of the Governor-General of Canada, it having "gone over the top" in its objective in the recent Victory Loan campaign.

We also are indeed pleased and as a nation have cause for real thanksgiving to the Great Creator of the universe for the cessation of the war and trust at no distant date we may hear the declaration of peace.

We first visited the jail and found everything clean and tidy. There are seven male prisoners housed here at the present time. In the toilet rooms the absence of toilet paper was noted, and we recommend that rolls of toilet paper be supplied as a preventative measure for trouble in the plumbing system.

We then proceeded to the House of Refuge, where we were met by Mr. and Mrs. Storey and conducted through the institution. Here there was every evidence of good management, every nook and corner being thoroughly clean. There are at the present time about fifty inmates who for the most part appeared contented and happy. A few who unfortunately appeared to be feeble-minded, should be taken to some more suitable institution for this class.

In the hallway of the main floor we recommend that the flooring be

GERMAN MARK HAS FALLEN IN VALUE

Worth Only Half the Sum it Represented Before the War

London, Dec. 11.—British wireless service.—The value of the German mark has fallen below 42 to the British pound. Before the war, the mark was worth approximately one shilling, or twenty marks to the pound.

At Stockholm, the rate of exchange on the Austrian Kronen has fallen to 77.20 to the pound sterling.

The rapid depreciation of the value of the mark probably is explained by the statement of the Berlin Reichsbank for the week ended November 30. It shows that the increase in German note circulation into sterling is at 20 marks to the pound, the figures still used for statistical purposes in this connection.

For the year ended November 30, the expansion in the note circulation of the Reichsbank was at the rate of \$531,000,000 per annum for the last six months, \$650,000,000 per annum for the last three months and \$388,000,000 per annum for the last two months.

Next, we visited the police station on Queen street, where we found a building totally inadequate for a city like Brantford. The sanitation here was the worst we had encountered, the odor of either coal or sewer gas permeating the building, being most objectionable. The cells on the ground floor could only be called dungeons; no beds, other than bare boards being provided, and the cells upstairs, which we were informed by the Chief Constable, were sometimes used were provided with bunks, the mattresses and bed linen on which were filthy. The court room floor was dirty and benches and tables dusty. The whole building seemed to need a thorough house-cleaning, the janitorial duties seeming to have been very much neglected.

The means on the floor should be provided with suitable quarters for lunch, rest and reading rooms. No doubt in the near future the erection of a new building for police purposes will have to be considered. In the meantime such changes should be made as will bring the station within the laws of the Board of Health, and also to give the guardians of the law a decent place in which to carry out their work.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Signed on behalf of the Grand Jury, J. L. DIXON, Foreman, Grand Jury Room, Brantford, Dec. 10th, 1918.

DEFINITION OF FREEDOM OF THE SEAS WANTED

Viscount Gray Speaks on Naval Issue—Hopes for Settlement

PHRASE IS AMERICAN

By Courier Leased Wire. Dewsbury, Eng., Wednesday, Dec. 11.—Viscount Gray, former secretary of state for foreign affairs, speaking here to-night, devoted a part of his address to a discussion of the freedom of the seas. He said in part:

"This is a matter, which it is feared, may create difficulties between President Wilson and the British Government. It is a great pity that so much has been said about the freedom of the seas without it being defined. It is true there is considerable prejudice against the phrase. It is not German or American. It was made in the United States and the Germans adopted and use it for their purpose in a sense to which we have never assented. Hence its unpopularity. But until President Wilson defines it and comes to discuss it with our government there is no need to anticipate difficulty about an agreement as to what it means."

Viscount Gray protested against the election of a servile House of Commons, saying that in such cases there would be a drift toward dictatorship. Bolshewism. While giving credit to the present government, he said that the public must be fair to the men who preceded the present government in office and who made ultimate success possible. He praised Viscount Haldane, former lord high chancellor; Viscount Milner, secretary of state for war; Col. Winston Churchill, minister of munitions; Lord Kitchener, Premier Lloyd George, and Walter Runciman, former financial secretary to the treasury, and Liberal member of parliament for Dewsbury. Viscount Gray said that even the success that these men had achieved would have been impossible without the support of former Premier Asquith.

Speaking on relations after the war between Great Britain and the United States, Viscount Gray said: "If there is competition in naval shipbuilding between Great Britain and America it will be fatal to good relations. What is desirable in our naval policy is not domination or supremacy, but security. I do not believe a conflict between America and Great Britain possible. We must not be jealous of any shipbuilding on the part of the United States."

WILSON TO LAND FRIDAY. By Courier Leased Wire. (By the Associated Press.) The United States Steamship, George Washington with President Wilson and party aboard, changed its course after leaving the Azores and will arrive in New York in advance of the time announced, according to a naval wireless dispatch received to-day. The president now is expected to reach New York at ten o'clock Friday morning, instead of 3 o'clock in the afternoon. He will leave for Paris at 6 o'clock in the afternoon.

The authorities are erecting a pavilion on Quay No. 3, where President Wilson will first set foot in France. The interior, which is decorated with flags and flowers, will contain a platform, where the French ministers will extend their first greetings to the president.

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TO INVESTIGATE THE TREATMENT OF WAR PRISONERS

Commission Appointed to go into Charges of Ill Usage Which Have Been Laid

A dispatch from Berlin says: The council of People's Commissaries has appointed a commission to investigate charges that German treatment of prisoners of war has been contrary to international law. The commission include Gari, Trimborn, former secretary of the interior; Edouard Bernstein, under-secretary in the ministry of finance; Prince Schoenach, Heinrich Dove, privy councillor, and representatives of several governmental departments. Professor Schmuecking of Marburg University will act as chairman. The commission is ordered to take testimony under oath and expel guilty

persons from the army. In certain conditions, criminal prosecutions may be ordered.

It is to prevent the abuse of war prisoners that the Kitchener club of this city, and other similar organizations, are working. The Kitchener club are giving a bazaar in the Y. M. C. A. on Saturday.

BANK SUES SARNIA MAN. By Courier Leased Wire. Toronto, Dec. 12.—The Standard Bank is suing T. A. C. Gordon of Sarnia, through the issuance of a writ at Osgoode Hall for \$22,070.84 upon a guarantee given by the defendant dated December 12, 1912, for payment of liabilities to the bank incurred by the Rock Lake Lumber Company.

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