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ALTERNATIVE BID ON OFFICE FITTINGS IS CAUSING DISCUSSION

Mayor Favors Buying Cheaper Desks Instead of Mahogany.

NO HARD COAL FOR CITY

Utilities Commission Reports That It Cannot Be Bought by Civic Yard.

There was an interesting discussion at the meeting of the utilities commission yesterday afternoon over the purchase or office furniture for the new building. Tenders had been called for and several firms, including Hays Stationery Company and A. A. Langford, Limited, of the city, made offers. Mr. Langford tendered on a high class line of goods, and the Hays on a cheaper grade. Manager Buchanan went back and asked Mr. Langford for a tender on the cheaper line. He sent in an alternative bid, and this was placed with that of the Hays Company.

"I don't like the alternative bid," said Commisioner Vining. "It looks as if Mr. Langford made it to get under the other felow." The mayor did not take kindly to either."

Commissioner Mitchell held that the tenders should not have been opened until all were in.

Mr. Vining contended that the submission of the alternative bid was not a square deal.

Commissioner McFarland asked if Langford's were asked to give the second prices.

Had Asked For Them.

Mr. Buchanan said that he had asked for them.

Mr. Vining said that only for that he would be willing to give the whole thing to Hays.

Mr. Buchanan said that Mr. Langford had told him that if he got the whole order two and a half per cent would be allowed as discount.

The mayor replied that any of the bidders would give that. Several of the articles tendered on are mahogany. There was a wide divergence in prices. The mayor said that the staff could work just as well on the cheaper as the more costly desk. He did not like buying in the dark. Mr. Mitchell thought the articles should be looked over. Mr. Buchanan and Secretary Ellwood will look over the desks before they are ordered.

The tenders submitted were for over $1,000 worth of goods.

Langford's initial tender was for $1,210.50 and Hay's $1,120.80.

The Langford alternative tender was on four articles and reduced his price on the first five articles from $575 to $539, as compared with Hays' figure of $556.

Cannot Get Coal.

The board of trade wrote asking what had been done regarding the purchase of coal. The reply will be that hard coal cannot be purchased. There is considerable wood on hand and some three-quarter lump soft coal may be purchased.

It was decided to hold a band concert in the park to secure funds for some new seats. Mr. Pocock will provide the band, and the members of the commission will take up the collection at the gates.

The Salvation Army Band was granted permission to hold concerts in Victoria Park Sunday afternoons.

Westminster Township submitted assessment figures on Springbank Park at $5,200 for 490 acres, and $2,500 for the Foster well property. The new act allowing for the taxation of this property will be looked into to see if buildings may be taxed.

In future the electric light and water bills for the city will be sent out in sections. The city will be split into 24 parts and one part will be billed each day.

All but two hundred of the London Electric customers have been connected up. So far 1,012 are now getting light.

Mr. Buchanan said that there was lots of power now. Daylight saving had helped. The commission had got authority to turn on all the lights at Victoria Park, and the park is now open at all times.

MINISTERIAL RECRUITS DRIVE WITH MISSIONARY CAMPAIGN TO BE FEATURES OF ASSEMBLY

Forward Movement Will Play Big Part in Presbyterian Discussions.

Business is shaping up most satisfactorily, so far as the local executive is concerned, for the coming to London the first week in June of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Canada. Coming events are sending out their shadows quite a distance before them, so far as the assembly church, St. Andrew's, is concerned. The secretary of the local executive, Rev. W. M. Martin, has opened an office in St. Andrew's Hall and will transact all business in connection with the assembly there until it is over.

One of the outstanding features which will mark the assembly of 1918 will be the launching of a forward movement for national and missionary enterprise. The first aim of the movement will be the deepening of the spiritual life of the church. In the second place it will involve efforts to secure recruits for the ministry, for deaconness training, and for the missionary work of the church at home and abroad. Lastly, ways and means will be discussed of providing an adequate fund to launch these movements. Such a movement is in line with a forward movement being launched by the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church north of the United States, in session in Columbus, Ohio. The American church in the north has set as its objective, so far as the financial end is concerned, the raising of $100,000,000 to finance the work.

Among the leading educationists of the church who will be present to take part in the discussion on consolidation of colleges as a war measure are Principal Gordon, the retiring president of Queen's University, and his successor in the presidency, Dr. Bruce Taylor; Prof. Dyde, late of Edmonton and recently appointed principal of Queen's Theological College to succeed Principal Ross, who is also coming to the assembly; and Rev. Dr. Gandier, principal of Knox College.

Among the missionaries on furlough who will deliver addresses on foreign missions night is a former London boy, Rev. Dr. Waters of India. Rev. Dr. Donald MacGillivray, Shanghai, China, a former Goderich boy, who also speaks, is known the world over as the greatest linguist in the Chinese Empire. Owing to this fact, his time now is entirely devoted to the work of translation.

In connection with the discussion of war problems and problems of reconstruction after the war associated with the soldiers, several chaplains will be present to give advice: Major (Rev. Dr.) C. W. Gordon (Ralph Connor); Dr. Thurlow Fraser of Owen Sound; Capt. (Rev.) Thomas Dodds of Sonya; Capt. (Rev.) N. H. MacGillivray of St. Thomas and others.

Rev. Dr. R. W. Dickie, Knox Church, Crescent street, Montreal, a former Hyde Park boy, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dickie, Hellmuth avenue, who is regarded as one of the strongest pulpit men of the church in the dominion, will be here as a commissioner, and also from Montreal one of Canada's most distinguished divines, Rev. Dr. Hanson of Erskine Church.

Rev. Dr. Peter Strang of Regina, Sask., one of the veteran home mission workers of the west, speaks on home mission night, the report of the board to be presented by Rev. Dr. Sedgewick of Hamilton in the absence on overseas service of the convener, Rev. Dr. Pidgeon, while the secretary of the board, Rev. J. H. Edmison, will deliver an address.

The souvenir booklet for commissioners, containing the names of commissioners and their hostesses and sketches in connection with the city and former assemblies held here, will be in the hands of the printers next week.

VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

CANNOT KEEP SILENCE.

To the Editor of The Advertiser:

Just a line or two to say that I cannot keep silent any longer. It seems my heart will break over the way the Government acted, in taking all the young farmers and farm laborers from the farm. What kind of serpents are they who will do a thing like this? The Government said that all the towns and cities should be cleared of young men first, but there are a lot of young fellows still loafing around, and yet my boys were taken off the farm, and a lot of the other young farmers around here. Some of them have no one to leave behind, and others are the sons of widows with families to support. In my case, my husband is all crippled up, and we were trying to buy the home with the aid of my two boys. They never did anything else but farm all their lives, and when the Government took both they were in very poor health, and the Government did not spare even one of them to help us when we need them so badly. My younger boy has been sent overseas, and the other one is in London. It seems that he has no chance to get home. Neither did the other lad, for he was in London only ten days before he was sent away. The men they worked for needed them badly because help was so scarce, and they could not get men at any price. I do not know what kind of a game the Government is trying to play with the people of Ontario. It is trying to starve them and take away their sons, breaking their mother's hearts. God knows that I would rather they died this morning than see them come to this, just as soon as they were able to help make a home for ourselves. The Government would rather see us go to the dogs, as long as it could fill its pockets out of our hard work and leave us alone in this cold world without any aid, which it has done. Let the Government members all put on the uniforms and go if the country needs men so badly. They are not too old, but they would rather sit there and swear away the lives of our boys than lend a hand. There are a lot of men that do a lot of preaching, but do not act themselves, and have no sons to send over there. There is one family in town, where the father is blind and the mother is nearly blind, and her sole support, her only son has been taken. This is what is done in a good many cases around this part. The boys have been taken off the farm and boys who were the only sons, leaving widows with small children, and some who have fathers in ill health and cannot work. If there is anything right about this they will have to show me, for we need and feel the loss of our boys terribly. The people will not stand for such treatment at the Government's hands. I never wanted the Government to get into power, because I knew they were a lot of black-hearted sheep. I hope that you can find space for this in your column.

FROM A MOTHER WITH AN ACHING HEART.

Leamington, May 14.

"HOME GARDENING" BOOKS AMONG NEW LIBRARY ADDITIONS

Special Works to Interest Amateurs Secured.

NEW MUNICIPAL LIST

Those Interested in Civic Affairs Get Aid Through This Feature.

Bailey's Cyclopedia of Horticulture, the latest edition, is one of the important additions at the public library in this week's list of new books. Bailey is recognized as the great authority for gardeners on this side of the ocean, and the revised edition of his cyclopedia, brought right up to date, is a set that will be of much service to all interested in plant life and its growth. Other features of this week's additions are a number of new books of house plans and designs, some French classic texts, and some new books on home gardening that are of particular interest to amateurs in that field.

The library has just issued a printed list of books on municipal government, a neat eight-page booklet that is made more valuable by the annotations to the volumes. The chief headings are municipal administration, city planning, community betterment, sanitation and public health, public utilities and cost of living. The list will be of value to all who are interested in city affairs.

The list of new additions is as follows:

General Works, Philosophy and Religion—Owen, Voodoo Tales; Clutton-Brock, Ultimate Belief; Marden, How To Get What You Want; Roschenbusch, A Theology for the Social Gospel; Smyth, Life and Letters of St. Paul; Brownlie, Hymns and Hymn Writers; Workman, Foundation of Modern Religion; Eddy, Christian Science Versus Pantheism.

Sociology—Riley, Philosophy of Negro Suffrage; Scott, International Relations Between Germany and the United States, 1914-1917; Rules of the House of Commons (new edition); Kellogg, The Food Problem; Wilson, The President of the United States; Gibson, Handbook of Debating; Noel, Louvain, Its History; Stone, Bankside Costume Book for Children.

Natural and Applied Science—Lepper, From Nebula to Nebula; Martin, Castorologia; Keen, Medical Research and Human Welfare; Bailey, Standard Cyclopedia of Horticulture; Johnston, The Seed Grower; Saunders, Insects Injurious to Fruit; Rockwell, Making a Garden of Small Fruits; Foster, Making Curtains and Hangings; Shaylor, Fascination of Books; Farrer, Factories and Great Industries; Wonder Book of Rubber.

Fine Arts—Adams, Making a Rock Garden; Fallon, Concrete Garden Furniture; Miller, Making Paths and driveways; Taylor, Making Bulb Garden; Eberlein, Making and Furnishing Outdoor Rooms; Saylor, Distinctive Houses of Moderate Cost; Saylor, Bungalows; Ellis, Making a Garage; Finck, Richard Strauss; Borch, Manual of Instrumentation.

Literature—Whitman, Leaves of Grass (new edition); Zangwill, King of Schnorrers; Chenier, Poesies Choises; Coppee, Poesies Choisies; Balzac, Eugenie Grandet (French text); Gautier, Trois Grotesque; Quinet, France at Allemagne; Saint-Beauve, Trois Portraits Litteraires; Farmer, Great Poets of Italy.

Travel, History and Biography—Bancroft, Literary Industries; Topliff, Topliff's Travels; Raymond, Intimate Prussia; Flatt, The Trail fo Love; Woods, Prince of Wales in Canada; Martin, The Living Past; Ferraro, Short History of Rome; Dawson, Glory of the Trenches; Dawson, Father of a Soldier; Gerard, Face to Face With Kaiserism; Headlam, The German Chancellor; Pyke, To Ruhleben and Back; Lucas, English Overseas Enterprise; Portrait Book of the Kings and Queens of England; Campan, Memoirs; Cousin, La Societe Francaise au XIV. Siecle; Skelton, Day of Sir Wilfrid Laurier; Board, Seventy Years of New Brunswick Life; Hunter, History of Simcoe County, Ontario; Toussaint, Toussaint l'Ouverture; Strong, Joseph H. Choate; Gosse, Father and Son; Matthews, These Many Years; Lives of Lord Shaftesbury and George Peabody.

Fiction—Barron, Mystery of the Red Flame; Brown, The Flying Teuton; Caine, Three's a Crowd; Cooke, The Threshold; Dalrymple, Kenny; Deeping, Valor; Green, Mystery of the Hasty Arrow; Harris, Making Her His Wife; Hergesheimer, Three Black Pennies; Hine, Best in Life; Ingersoll, Road that Led Home; Jenkins, Bindle; Johnston, House of Whispers; Kelland, The Source; Oppenheim, The Pawns Count; Paternoster, The Great Gift; Porter, Oh, Money, Money; Rice, Calvary Alley; Stacpole, Man Who Lost Himself; Stringer, House of Intrigue; Steel, Mistress of Men; Turner, Biography of a Million Dollars; Warwick, The Best People; Watson, Mystery of the Downs; Whitelaw, Master of Merlians; Williams, High Romance; Wylie, Shining Heights; Young, Coelebs.

VEGETABLES TAKING PLACE OF FLOWERS IN GREENHOUSES

Fuel Shortage Converts Florists Into Gardeners.

DISTRICT CROPS GOOD

Lack of Tractor Repair Parts Keeps Valuable Machines Idle.

Considerable difficulty is being experienced with the operation of Government tractors in this ditsrict, owing partly to the inability to keep repair parts in stock at the local office of the department of agriculture. Three of the tractors are now idle on account of minor breakdowns. Two of the plows are at fault, and in one case the tractor needs some repairs. The work will be completed shortly on them, however, and they will be in commission tomorrow, it is expected.

Spring crops are looking well, Representative R. A. Finn declares. With the exception of early cherries and plums, which were touched with frost, the fruit outlook is promising in this section of the country.

The amount of garden produce grown by backyard gardeners last year did not have so great an effect on the sales of vegetables by market gardeners as was expected. The propaganda urging the use of vegetables in order to conserve wheat and meat stimulated the consumption to such an extent that there was no appreciable difference in the sales. The gardeners do not fear for the coming year, as they are confident that the consumption will increase enough to offset any effect which the unlimited growing of garden stuff by individuals in the city might have. This is the opinion the gardeners generally express.

Florists in the city and the country also are adopting vegetable growing to some extent. The scarcity of fuel is the main factor in this case. It is stated that flower growing takes much more fuel than vegetable growing, and as the florists anticipate certain restrictions on the use of fuel this coming winter, they are planning accordingly. There is another inducement, the risk is not so great, they assert. A greenhouse full of vegetables, if frozen, would not mean so great a monetary loss as the same quantity of flowers. For these reasons vegetables will crowd the flowers out to a great extent.

CATHOLIC ALTAR BOYS OF CITY ENTERTAINED BY THOSE OF ST. PETER'S

The sanctuary boys of the Catholic Churches of the city were entertained by the St. Peter's Altar Boys' Club Wednesday night at St. Peter's Parish Hall.

The opening event of the program was a fast basketball game between the sanctuary boys of St. Peter's and the Catholic Club team, in which the latter came through winners to the tune of 28 to 15.

The youngsters then adjourned to the diningroom, where an excellent banquet was served by the ladies of St. Peter's. When full justice had been done to the delightful repast, Father James Harding, who presided, announced that prizes would be given to the boys who excelled in the contests in speech-making, singing, and telling jokes.

As no youthful orators volunteered to display their abilities so soon after supper, that portion of the contest was passed up. In the singing contest, Percy Lethbridge of St. Martin's, carried off the prize. Other good songs were, "It's Nice to Get Up In the Morning," by Tom O'Hara, and "Over There," by the youthful Fox brothers.

Before the meeting closed, Rev. Fathers A. Finn and J. Harding gave brief addreses, and the visitors all agreed that the members of St. Peter's Club had been ideal hosts.

ARRANGING OUTINGS. — Another meeting of the summer outing committee of the London branch, Soldiers' Aid Commission, will be held in the Royal Bank building this evening. The arrangements for the Wednesday half-holiday trips of soldiers in local hospitals will be taken up again. Country trips for each Wednesday afternoon are being planned.

MAJOR HEAMAN RETURNING.

EXETER, May 16.—Major W. J. Heaman, who has been in an English hospital, recuperating from an accident which occurred in France, is expected home soon.

Lieut. "Ern" Rivers of the Vancouver Overseas Engineer Corps has left for Montreal from here to continue his course before going overseas.

Will Amos of Exeter, until recently on the staff of the Bank of Toronto in Stratford, has joined the Canadian Tank Battalion, and is now in Ottawa.

The last dance of the season is to be held in McDonnell's Hall Wednesday, May 22. The proceeds are to go to the soldiers' aid.

RETURNED MAN HONORED.

WATFORD, May 16.—Sergt. Claude Newell, recently returned from France, was presented with a handsome gold chain and fob by the Orange Lodge.

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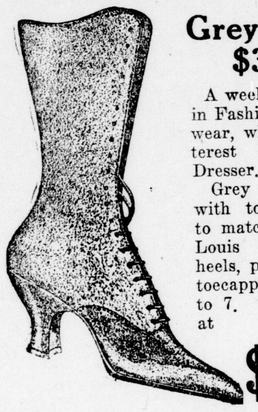

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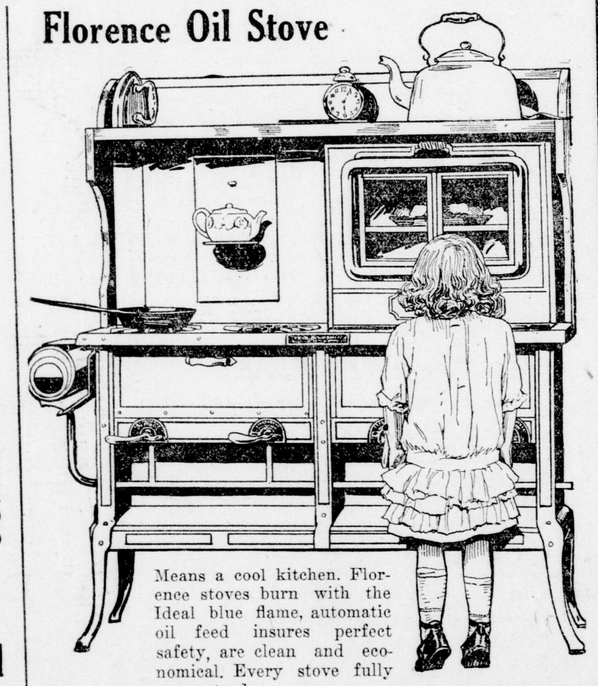

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