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Last season we made a similar offer on Spring Suitings, and now we make the same offer to clear out our stock of Fall Suitings. To-morrow we place on sale our entire selection of regular \$20.00 and \$22.00 Fall Tweed Suits, made to your order for the unusual price of **\$14.00**

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MYSTERIOUS BREAK IN LIGHTS NEEDS THOROUGH INVESTIGATION

A Series of Sharp Questions from Mayor McKeough Reveals Strange State of Affairs—"Someone Put Up An Underhand Job" says Lineman Moore,

"And Forced Me to Break My Promise" was His Worship's Caustic Comment.

Peculiar Condition of Circuit on Friday Night and Saturday Morning—Lake Erie Spur and Carshops Again Under Discussion—The Telephone Franchise—Ald. McCoig and Piggott Make Propositions—Long and Busy Meeting of City Council.

The City Council sat out the time limit last evening at a long and busy session. Many important business matters were discussed and dealt with—with an occasional bright flash of spontaneous humor, which relieved the tension and tediousness of a weary and vigorous battle with civic business.

Ald. Martin presented an account for 75 cents and moved payment.

"What for?" queried Mayor McKeough.

"Well, I can't just make out who it's in favor of, but the amount is 75 cents," replied Ald. Martin.

"Yes, but for what?"

"For 75 cents, your worship. 75 cents."

"But what is the 75 cents for?"

"Oh, yes, I see. It's for dynamos, lamps and wires for the electric light station."

The Mayor raised his eyes. "That's a fine bargain," he commented. "We had better pass the account instantly."

And they did, amid hearty laughter.

Later the Lake Erie lawsuit was under discussion and Ald. Martin was distributing his full quota. He rose for the third time in conjunction with Ald. Mounter.

"Ald. Mounter has the floor," quietly interposed his worship. "You know, Ald. Martin," he added persuasively, "we'd occasionally like to hear what the other aldermen have to say."

"I've a right to speak three times if I want to," quoth Ald. Martin indignantly.

"Never," murmured Ald. McCoig, solo voce. "You're content to speak but once—if it's all the time."

After the introductory presenting of communications his worship took up the enquiry papers.

"I want to ask the Property committee why the lights were not lit on Tecumseh Park at the Regimental inspection on Friday evening," he asked. "The city gets the use of the Park free from the Government and one of the conditions is that it furnish light to the soldiers when occasion requires. The city was notified that they would be needed on Friday night for the D. O. C.'s visit. Col. Rankin and the visiting officer called on me and I assured them the lights would be lit. I called up the City Engineer and Ald. Edmondson and they both assured me that everything was in readiness and the lights would be on. Now there was no light on, my promise to these gentlemen was broken and there was much complaint deservedly made. Who is responsible for this?"

Ald. Edmondson—No one regrets this more than I. I saw Moore brothers at four p. m. and they assured me that everything was in readiness. So when I had the telephone message from you, I assured you it was all right. At seven p. m. the City Engineer notified me a break had suddenly been discovered in the circuit. The linemen notified Col. Rankin and worked till nine o'clock at night trying to discover it. I can assure Col. Rankin if it was a put up job the Council had nothing to do with it. Accidents will occur and everything in our power was done to secure the light.

The Mayor—Shouldn't they have tested the lights before they were put up?

Ald. Edmondson—They felt sure everything was all right.

The Mayor—Well, it's distinctly regrettable, that's what I have to say—especially in view of the estranged relations between the Council and the Regiment.

What does Mr. Moore say about it?

Lineman Moore, who was present, was called to explain. He said the circuit was complete and in perfect order at five o'clock and at seven when the current was turned on, circuit was found to be broken. On Saturday morning, when they went to continue their hunt for the break they found it was adjusted again and in perfect order. "There is only one

thing to it," said Mr. Moore. "That circuit was deliberately and maliciously broken for some purpose and it was done by someone well posted, for it was fixed perfectly in the morning. It was the work of an expert."

The Mayor—This should be thoroughly investigated. It is very mysterious. Have you no suspicions in the matter?

Mr. Moore—I only know it was the work of someone thoroughly posted in the business. It was a straight case of a put up job on us or the Regiment or someone else. It was broken for a purpose and fixed again by an expert.

The Mayor—Every effort should be made to get at the bottom of it.

Mr. Moore—If the Council will offer a reward I'll put up something towards it.

Under the head of "New Business" a letter from J. H. Coburn, solicitor of the Lake Erie Railroad, was considered. This letter expressed regret at the pressing of the suit against the company as they understood the matters were amicably settled at the conference with Mr. Wollatt here.

Ald. Martin moved that no notice be taken of the matter. The suits were now in tip top good shape for the city. One queer thing about these strutting railway magnates was the sporadic way they took of gaining their own ends. He was at the conference in question. It was a full moon to meet these big fellows that Ald. Piggott was forever hobnobbing with. Ald. Piggott had graciously condescended to introduce them. But there was nothing to be done to justify that letter. No wonder the railroad wanted the suit dropped. Couzens had refused to put up the stuff and the railroad wouldn't go on anyway. Now he was heartily in favor of getting right in the car shops. He'd go further than any other alderman to get them and he wished the deputation a hearty God speed.

Ald. Martin's motion was defeated on the following vote:

Yeas—Martin, Edmondson—2. Nays—McCoig, Marshall, Scullard, Piggott, Mounter, Robinson—6.

Ald. Taylor was absent.

Ald. Edmondson—And what are we going to do now.

Ald. Piggott—I have a letter from Mr. Carpenter, vice-president and general manager, that he would be pleased to receive the civic deputation.

The Mayor—Lawsuits are expensive luxuries.

Ald. Mounter—I think we should not stir up trouble and seek to irritate the company if we are negotiating for the car shops.

A letter was read from A. T. Smith, district superintendent of the Bell Telephone Company, expressing regret that the Council had not seen its way clear to accept the report of the Finance committee re franchise. The local manager would present the necessary accounts from August 1.

Ald. Piggott moved that the Mayor name a committee to enquire as to the advisability of installing a municipal telephone system. This was now being done in Toronto and Ald. Piggott was in touch with the promoters. The phone rental would be \$6 per year and a cent a call running up to \$25.

The Mayor—But that's all we pay now.

Ald. Piggott—Yes, but we ought to put the possibility of securing \$6 'phones in the hands of the mechanics of our town.

Ald. Scullard explained that he was absent at the last meeting and testified to his own views of the interview his committee had had with Messrs. Smith and Laurie and the conclusions they had come to. The telephone representatives had met the committee in the right spirit. Mr. Smith had given them a great deal of information concerning what other cities secured. This was found correct and the committee then offered to accept ten free 'phones and a sum of \$125 in cash per annum for a franchise of five years. This, Ald. Scullard believed, was a fair and equitable agreement.

By rejecting this report he thought a grave error had been made. Since August 1st the city had been incurring the expenses of all the city

'phones—they were under a complicity to the company for the use of them and there was no protection to the citizens as to the rates the company might charge. Under the agreement arrived at the company would have been bound and for every improvement they installed reducing the cost of their service the citizens would reap the benefit.

Ald. Scullard was strongly against the municipal system experiment. It had been tried in other cities and worked against the users. Merchants and business men must have both services and incur double expense. If the city should install a municipal system it would be a bad investment and he purposed strenuously to oppose it. He regretted very much the action of the Council in rejecting the committee's report.

He had no objection to the appointment of Ald. Piggott's committee for he felt that the more thoroughly this matter was looked into the more its bad investment would appeal to business minds and the citizens at large. With a municipal plant the city could get no long distance concessions and couldn't afford to operate long distance lines. The whole thing would operate against the citizens and the Council was elected to protect and conserve their interests.

He thought the committee report a liberal bargain and in the interests of the citizens at large and therefore it was the duty of the Council as protectors of the rights of the citizens to conclude that agreement.

Ald. Edmondson said he might support Ald. Piggott's motion if the company had not always dealt fairly with the city. The city had no complaint to make, the company had always been courteous and fair and the local manager would always put himself about to accommodate them.

Ald. Piggott's idea had always resulted in a curse and the ratepayers would vote it down almost unanimously. It would have been a good thing for the city if the Council had adopted the Finance committee's report.

Ald. McCoig said his position had been misunderstood. It was not his idea to leave it an open matter, but to make better terms if possible. He wanted a better bargain if it could be got. He believed in making a hard bargain with the company and not accepting the first bargain agreed upon. Under the Finance committee's proposition the city gets only \$25 and two 'phones per year more than the company offered.

Ald. McCoig said the conduct of the company and their officials in Chatham had always been most cordial and square. They had moved the poles on the King street pavement at much expense and always done right by the city, but he thought a better bargain should be secured. He was in favor of a cash amount and the city paying for what 'phones it used and wanted.

Ald. Martin said that in Ottawa the company had given \$1,500 and 40 free 'phones per year for their franchise. He had read all about it.

Ald. Piggott said he had letters in his pockets from Fort William where a municipal plant had been installed with unbounded success. The Bell Company tried to defeat the by-law in every way and then when they couldn't offered their 'phones for nothing. But the people there sooner than take the Bell 'phones for nothing would pay for their own 'phones.

The Mayor, sotto voce and smiling, —A uniquely patriotic community.

Ald. Piggott continued—The Fort William municipal system paid for itself in three years and we wouldn't do right to accept a paltry \$125 and free 'phones. If we do, we tie up our citizens' hands for five years.

The Mayor—I think the matter ought to be settled definitely in some way in business-like manner.

Ald. Marshall said he believed that the Council should have accepted the report of the Finance committee. When the committee met they found \$100 and eight free 'phones per year was the outside limit the company would do after consulting with Montreal. Mr. Smith had accepted the additional \$25 and two more 'phones. He was sure it was the very best terms which could be obtained.

Ald. Martin was no doubt a great reader, but he didn't always read right. It was the city of Ottawa that asked for \$1,500 and 40 free 'phones but the company didn't accept.

Ald. Mounter thought the franchise was worth \$500.

Ald. McCoig moved to ask \$500 and half rates to the two hospitals and the use of poles for fire alarms.

Ald. Edmondson—It's only \$75 difference. I'd like to close in some way and if I thought it would bring about a settlement I'd second Ald. McCoig's motion.

Ald. McCoig—We'll never find out if we don't try.

Ald. Edmondson then seconded the motion which carried. Ald. Piggott being the only dissenting vote.

Ald. Piggott's motion was carried and the Mayor appointed Ald. Scullard, McCoig, Piggott and Edmondson as the committee.

Mayor McKeough read the letter of the City Engineer relative to the work on the Queen street pavement, previously referred to in The Planet. His worship said he went out and stopped the work immediately. The contractors were quite willing. They said they had done it at their own risk and would tear it up if it was not satisfactory and proceed according to specifications.

On motion of Ald. McCoig the Mayor's course was endorsed.

Mr. McKendrick, the contractor, was heard. The company was quite willing to do all their work strictly according to the specifications, but felt that by making a foundation of cobblestones when they had them there and covering with crushed stone they would make a superior work of it. He suggested that the

Council let them finish one block that way and compare it with the rest of the pavement. If it was inferior the company would willingly remove it. It was the company's first pavement and they couldn't afford to have it a poor one as they wanted to get more work.

Ald. Piggott said the City Engineer told him personally it would make an improvement.

The Council decided to take no action unless the ratepayers on the street asked it.

Request from Mrs. Young, Harvey street, to trim trees. Referred to Chief of Police.

James Jenkins wrote re assessment. Referred to Finance.

Mayor of Walkerton forwarded \$50 for hospital tent purchased.

Wm. Chrysler wrote re contract for sand and gravel finish. Referred to Board of Works.

Ald. Edmondson as re sidewalk in front of Aberdeen hotel.

Motion by Mounter and Edmondson to lay plank walk on south side Forest if no petition for granolithic were forthcoming. Carried.

Ald. Martin asked re pay to call fireman Potter. Referred to Property.

Ald. Martin gave notice of by-law to prevent explosives being carried through city streets.

On motion of Ald. Mounter \$1,200 was granted Thames street contractors on account.

Dominion Paving Company wrote re levels. Referred to Board of Works.

Ald. Mounter reported for Board of Works that petition of O. B. Hullin and others for crossing on Head street be granted, also that city accept land from Miss McLean for park at corner of Wellington and Lagroix streets to be known as McLean Park. Reported adopted.

Accounts and by-laws were also put through.

SEVEN BODIES FOUND.

VICTIMS OF THE LAKE WINNIPEG TRAGEDY.

Rev. J. McLaughlin and a Party of Indians Lost in a Big Storm—Body of a Little Girl Yet Missing.

West Selkirk, Oct. 5.—Rev. J. Semmons, the Indian agent who left here last Monday in search of Rev. J. McLaughlin and party, returned to Selkirk on the steamer Daisy, and reports the finding of the Rev. Mr. McLaughlin's body near the shore on Sandy Bar Point, and the bodies of six others of the party further south on the same shore. There is one body, that of a little girl, still missing. The Indians will be buried where found, and the remains of Rev. J. McLaughlin will be brought to Selkirk for disposition, according to orders. Caskets for the bodies will be forwarded at once. The names of those found are: Rev. Jas. A. McLaughlin of Berend River; John Ross and his two children, one son of Wm. Gibault, one son of Donald Everett and one son of Oomukakee. A daughter of Oomukakee is still missing. On September 12 Rev. J. A. McLaughlin left Berend River with an Indian guide and six Indian children, whom he was taking to the Indian school at Brandon. They left the Berens settlement early in the morning in Mr. McLaughlin's small sailboat, and this was the last seen of them.

That night a terrific storm raged over the lake for many hours, and the stoutest boat had to put up for shelter. It was the worst storm experienced on the lake in recent years, and during it the party perished.

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