

RESIDENTS OF TWO SECTIONS PROTEST BILLS

William and Dundas Street Ratepayers Claim Sewer Costs Are Exorbitant.

INTEREST CHARGE ADDED

Pipe Line Pavement Question Also Heard by Board of Works.

Two old sewer problems, William street and Dundas street east, and the Pipe Line pavement cost, again heard the regular meeting of the board of works on Tuesday night. The William street residents were filing a protest against being charged for the sewer and the Dundas street residents objected to the high cost of the sewer.

In each case large deputations were on hand to present their arguments in support of their case, and the committee decided to refer the matter to the mayor, Chairman Ashton, and Engineer Brazier shall try to work out solutions.

James Todd was the speaker for the William street residents, and his facts as presented were almost a repetition of what has gone before.

At one time Mr. Todd and Chairman Ashton seemed about to clash. The former was getting nettled. "We will not and don't intend to pay," he said, "and I'll tell you more." There he was interrupted by the chairman with a warning that there was no intention to threaten anyone, and that the intention to do the William street residents any more wrong than anyone else.

George Geoghegan, Archibald McCallum and Robert Garner were also speakers on the matter.

Ratepayer Scores Point. Mr. McCallum scored a point when he asked how storm sewers were paid for. He was told out of the general rate. He then contended that the city has taken the sewer which the William street residents had paid for and used it as a storm sewer and put down a new sanitary sewer which after five years they were also being asked to pay for.

All the speakers were firm in their contention that they had been promised that when the new sewer was laid they would not have to pay for it.

Engineer Brazier reviewed the complete history of the sewer from its inception. The estimated cost was \$7,234. The contractor's price, \$5,640. The contractor did not complete the task, and the city had to finish up by day labor. The cost was \$7,960. The work was completed in 1917. The bills have not been sent out until this year, and in the meantime interest has been compounding, bringing the charge against the ratepayers to date to \$11,408.14. The estimated cost of side drains was \$40. The residents say they have been billed for \$62. They contended that this latter charge is not valid.

Ald. Drake suggested that the ratepayers should be credited with the cost of the first sewer, seven cents a foot. Inasmuch as this sewer is now used as a storm sewer, Mr. Brazier said that the old sewer did not meet the full requirements of a storm sewer.

U. A. Buchner Appeals. U. A. Buchner, barrister, appeared backed by a large number of ratepayers of Dundas street east. They contended that the price charged for the sewer in their area, 71 cents a foot, amounted almost to a confiscation of their property. They pointed out that a sewer on Hale street, which runs into their sewer, was only costing 15 cents, and served the people as well as the high-priced sewer.

Both these sewer problems were sent to the special committee.

City Clerk Baker informed the committee that the court of revision, acting under its powers, that allow a reduction in the case of land not suitable for building purposes, had reduced the frontage assessment of property owners on the Pipe Line pavement by 87 feet. This amounted to \$664 yearly for ten years. The city would have to meet this out of the general tax rate. City Clerk Baker said that to avoid being late he had entered an appeal against the court's finding to the judge.

Fears Precedent. Mayor Wilson pointed out that the three cases just heard were all instances where the necessity of notifying people of the cost of a work was emphasized. All these works were undertaken on a two-thirds vote of the council. The mayor also warned the committee that in making a settlement in the Pipe Line road, as well as the other cases, they should be aware of setting up a precedent.

This matter was also referred to the special committee.

The city is facing two bills for paying this year. Clerk John Stuart of the county said that the county will spend \$9,000 this year on suburban roads. Under the suburban area legislation the city must put up an equal amount.

Another bill to meet will be the city's portion of the cost of the Lambeth highway. This account will be about \$55,000, and must be paid in a lump sum. The Crumlin road will also cost the city about \$15,000, but it is unlikely that this bill will be submitted this year.

CLAIMS DISMISSAL OF COLLECTOR JUSTIFIED

That the garbage collector who was dismissed by the garbage superintendent was let go on the grounds of incompetency and generally unsatisfactory service, in the report of Engineer Brazier, called the attention of the mayor and aldermen by Ald. May. The incident happened at the Ridout street breakwater and it was contended that the superintendent had acted hastily.

Ald. Drake said that he looked over the spot where the man had driven his team and where the wagon was dumped over and he expressed his opinion that the whole outfit did not go down to the bankment.

Chamber of Commerce and Red Cross to Aid London Needy

BOTH the chamber of commerce and the Red Cross Society will take immediate action to aid in the relief of soldiers' families. At a meeting of the directors of the former organization Tuesday, Mrs. Ronald Harris and Mrs. E. C. Bowker, president and recording secretary of the society, promised co-operation.

It was announced at the chamber of commerce Wednesday morning that a strong committee will be appointed without delay by President Little to take up this question.

TAKES CHARGE OF LONDON DIVISION

Fred M. Rutter, Toronto, Succeeds to C. P. R. Appointment in City.

The Canadian Pacific Railway Company announces the appointment of Fred M. Rutter to the superintendency of its London division, with headquarters at London, effective Wednesday. Mr. Rutter succeeds R. McKillop, who has been transferred to Toronto where he will have jurisdiction over the company's Bruce division.

Mr. Rutter is an Ontario boy having been born and educated in Toronto and is a graduate of the University of Toronto, class 1902. He entered the service of the Canadian Pacific Railway shortly after graduating and was engaged in the company's engineering and construction departments in various parts of Eastern Canada from 1902 until 1915. Since the latter year he has had charge of the operation of lines which radiate from Toronto to Owen Sound, Teeswater, Elora, the Muskoka district and other points. The experience thus gained makes him well fitted to take over the duties of the London division which is conceded to be one of the heaviest railway traffic sections in Canada. Mr. Rutter's new territory includes Canadian Pacific Railway lines operating through Galt, Woodstock, London, Chatham, Windsor, and other important industrial centers in Western Ontario.

TO START WORK ON NEW GOLF COURSE

London Promoters Expect To Complete Plans at an Early Date.

Within a short time the commencement of the laying out of the New Highland Golf Course in South London will begin. A committee has been appointed by the officers of the association to carry out the plans of the architects at the earliest possible date.

The committee, who will have charge of the completing of the plans of the organizers includes: John M. Moore, C. R. Collyer, Archie McPherson, T. H. Main and W. E. Greene.

Hearty interest is being displayed in the project and it is expected that the course will be proceeded with in the very early spring, so that the construction work will be entirely completed by the summertime, when the course will be ready for the playing of golf.

The officers of the club are: John Pringle, president; E. S. Little, vice-president; C. R. Collyer, secretary-treasurer; John M. Moore, J. Kent Campbell, Jared Mining, A. T. Little and T. H. Main.

INDIAN THEOSOPHIST ENDS LECTURE SERIES

The last of a series of lectures on "Education for Citizenship" was delivered Tuesday evening by Professor Ernest Wood at the Theosophical Hall.

The professor explained that theosophists believe that the whole of life is education, that is drawing out the powers of consciousness. The key-note of education was struck many years ago, he said. The king of Prussia, when crushed at Yena, announced to the people that by education alone could the nation be raised to a power again.

Education for citizenship, he said, has been forced on the country by the growth of democracy.

\$2,500 DIAMOND SOLD FOR PRESENTATION

One of the most beautiful diamonds seen in London for some time was sold on St. Valentine's Day. It weighed over 5 1/2 carats, emerald cut, and is almost as large as a Yankee cut. Of course, sold by John A. Nash, My Jeweler, 182 Dundas street, where you will eventually buy.

URGES LARGE REWARD FOR ARREST OF SLAYER

Los Angeles, Feb. 15.—The suggestion that friends of William Desmond Taylor, film director, form a huge fund and offer a tremendous reward for the capture of the man who killed him, was made by Mabel Normand, motion picture actress, in an interview yesterday.

Rewards other than that offered by Famous Players-Lasky Corporation for the arrest and conviction of Taylor's murderer bring the total up to \$4,500. The corporation offered \$2,500, the Screen Writers' Guild, \$1,000 and the Los Angeles Examiner, \$1,000.

ASKS REPORT ON ALL "EXTRAS" AT NEW SCHOOL

Trustee Silverwood's Demand for Information Supported by Others.

PLAN OPENING FEB. 20

Architect Carrothers States All Work Done According to Specifications.

While it is now proposed to open the new collegiate institute and the new Victoria public school on Monday, February 20, there still appears to exist just a suspicion in the minds of some of the school trustees that all may not be right at the latter building.

At Tuesday's meeting of No. 2 committee, Trustee Bice, chairman, pointed out that as they had inspected the school, something should be done toward taking it over officially from the contractors.

Trustee Mrs. John I. A. Hunt protested. "We had no specifications or plans with us," she asserted. "We merely walked through the building." The school is absolutely ready," reported Architect Carrothers. "The work has been satisfactorily carried on according to plans and specifications."

Advices Caution. Trustee Silverwood desired to know when the opening would take place. Inspector Fraser stated February 20. Trustee Smith and Campbell spoke for a written report to be placed on file.

Trustee Rev. A. A. Rice remarked that the school "looked A1 to him," but Trustee A. E. Silverwood warned the committee to move with great caution. "How about the wood in the floor," he asked. "It looks to me just like the floor in the collegiate institute."

Trustee Bice warned that a report must be ready before Monday. Trustee Mrs. Hunt held that certain grill work, undertaken as an "extra," had never been approved by the board. The task involved the expenditure of \$1,370.

Trustee Bice then pointed out that the trustees had better exercise extreme care in accepting the building.

Demand Report of Extras. Trustee A. E. Silverwood demanded a detailed statement of "extras." "There might be others that we don't know anything about," interjected Trustee Harry Hayman.

Trustee Mrs. Hunt wanted to know if they would accept the boiler which it had been alleged was cracked after being in use only a short time.

Chairman Smith reported that the defective portion of the boiler was being replaced. Trustee Clark remarked: "Put in a thousand and they'll all crack."

Trustee Bice inquired from Trustee Silverwood if the collegiate institute boiler had cracked. The latter had not examined it, he said, but Architect Carrothers assured Trustee Bice:

"Not yet," he replied.

UNIVERSITY UNIT TO HOLD REUNION

Men Who Served With No. 10 Hospital Overseas To Hold Dance.

The various committees in charge of the arrangements for the reunion of No. 10 Stationary Hospital, Western University Unit, met in the Auto Supply Company's store Tuesday evening to report progress. The men expressed their appreciation of the kind offer of the university authorities in offering the use of the new medical school for the concert and dance which is to be staged the second night of the reunion.

Invitations are being sent to all the former members of the unit and to all men who were attached to the unit in any way.

Arrangements are being made to accommodate men coming from out of town by the London members of the unit, who are staging the reunion. An effort is being made to gather together as many of the old concert party as possible, as well as the orchestra, which was with the hospital overseas.

Staff Serg. E. Green is acting as chairman of the reunion committees, and all information regarding the reunion can be secured from him at 18 Rosewood avenue.

PROGRAM GIVEN BY BIBLE CLASS

A very enjoyable entertainment was staged by the Adult Bible Class of Hyatt Avenue Methodist Church Tuesday evening, and the basement of the church was well filled with an appreciative audience.

The concert was arranged for the purpose of raising funds for the reduction of the debt still on the church building.

All of those taking part in the entertainment were accorded great applause in response to their numbers presented. The program was varied, including solos, instrumental and readings. Those taking part were Fred Dowling, bass solo; Miss Godwin, vocal solo; Alex. J. W. reading; Miss Viola Williams, vocal solo; Miss Ruth Tanner, reading; Mr. Olson, whistling solo; S. Carnoe, vocal solo; and Russell Stiel, violin selection.

Rev. R. J. McCormick, the pastor of the church, occupied the chair. The program committee consisted of Mrs. Stiel, Mrs. Elliot, Mrs. Burns and Rev. R. J. McCormick. A Frederick Mason is the president of the class and R. S. Hall is the class clerk.

WANT TENDERS ON COLLECTING CITY GARBAGE

Members of Special Committee Decide Upon Request to Council.

SEEK CHEAPER METHODS

Engineer Brazier Strongly Warns Against Return to Contract System.

The city council is to be asked to call for tenders for the collection of the garbage of the city. This is to learn if the city can get the work done at less cost than by the present civic system.

Such was the decision arrived at on Tuesday night by the special meeting appointed to deal with the matter.

Before the committee finally adopted the motion to call for tenders, Engineer Brazier warned the committee that if it returned to the contract system it was making a step in the wrong direction, and one not in the best interests of the city. Unless wages were cut he could not see how the work could be made any cheaper.

Chairman Douglass wanted to know how many complaints about the present system were made last month.

The engineer replied very few, and gave the same answer to a similar question in regard to December.

Ald. Bean wanted to know if all complaints were investigated. The engineer said they were, and that it was found he free from complaint was not justified. Most of them were exaggerations, and had to do with collections.

None in Six Months. Ald. Drake said that if there were any complaints from the east end of the city he always got them, and he had not had any in six months, except one from a South London resident.

Ald. Douglass went on to say that he had received two that day. Engineer Brazier held that the city would never have a garbage department that was free from complaint. The complaints here were reduced to a minimum, and he desired to make the assertion that there was not a more efficient garbage department in the province, and suggested that an investigation would show that there is none more efficient.

Ald. Douglass suggested that ashes and garbage be collected together, and the ashes, as well as the garbage, burned.

Would Be Impossible. The engineer said that this would be impossible unless the ashes were screened. Thrown into the incinerator in the state they were collected they would not burn, though he estimated that there would be 20 per cent coal and clinkers. The garbage, however, 75 per cent of which was moist, burned without the aid of coal.

The engineer reminded the committee that it could only let a contract for the collection of garbage for one year.

Ald. Ashton said that it would be hard to get a man to take such a contract, as he would have to take over the outfit of the city.

Dr. Douglass thought that this would bring efficient service, as he would want to please in order to get another contract. The council would be glad to have the contract renewed if he had saved the city \$25,000 or \$30,000.

Ald. Ashton said he was glad to note that Ald. Douglass said "if." **Claims Saving Made.**

The engineer in referring to the city having taken over the garbage collection contract from ex-Ald. Boss in 1914, said that the city saved considerable money by doing so. He gave the costs. Mr. Boss's contract was for \$49,673 for 1914. The city operated the system in 1915 at a cost of \$35,976; 1916, \$35,295; 1917, \$44,658; 1918, the cost was above the contract price, and now runs over \$70,000.

Ald. Drake said that the city system could be made much cheaper with a curb collection, but that the aldermen had decided that it would be just as well to do away with the collection altogether as to try such a system.

The matter will go on to the council, and Ald. Douglass suggested that if the council rejects the proposal to call for tenders, he will ask for suggestions leading to improving the system. In this regard it seems likely that he will propose to reduce the cost of administering the department.

During the meeting of No. 2 committee which followed, Engineer Brazier made a recommendation regarding the charge to Victoria Hospital for heating that will add \$18,000 to the cost.

The engineer stated that last year the hospital, which is heated from the incinerator plant by the burning of the garbage, was charged \$3,000. This was on a basis of 10 tons of garbage being equal to one ton of coal. There were 13,126 tons of garbage used to provide heat for the hospital, the equivalent of 1,322 tons of coal, or a cost of \$2,386. The difference between the charge now made by the city for ten tons of garbage and the present price of coal was \$3.03, and he suggested that the new schedule of charges to the hospital be made.

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