

MEREDITH MAY NOT ACCEPT POSITION OF CITY COUNSEL

Mayor Geary is Prepared to Wager a Good Deal That Offer Will Be Turned Down—Parkdale Residents Protest Against Temporary Detention Hospital and Civic Abattoir—New Bridge on St. Clair Ave.

Ex-Controller J. J. Ward headed a deputation of South Parkdale residents which waited on the board of control yesterday, protesting against the erection of a temporary detention hospital for the insane on Dowling-avenue, near the lake front. Mr. Ward thought that it was an injustice to the property holders in that district, on account of its being purely residential, many had spent large sums in the erection of their homes, the value of which was to be considerably lowered on account of the city's intention. The city council could do better outside of the city limits.

Controller Church imparted the information that South Parkdale residents and himself had been holding a conference with Dr. Bruce Smith of the Ontario Government, and the site chosen was the west end of the premises. His findings would ultimately be sent to the board of control. Mayor Geary assured the delegation that nothing further would be done without consulting the South Parkdale Ratepayers' Association of their doing, which would give them a chance to come before the board again, before a final settlement is made.

Opposed to Abattoir. A complaint was also lodged by the residents from the southwest, stating that they objected to the proposed erection of a civic abattoir on Stanley Park, and suggested that a site should be chosen in the cattle market annex. "If they erect the abattoir on Stanley Park, how are they going to arrange the stinking facilities?" demanded the mayor. It is not finally decided to erect the abattoir there, because there are other plans under consideration," said Controller Church.

"The idea of a change of site has never been suggested before," stated Ald. Rowland. From Property Commissioner Chisholm was elicited the information that plans are being prepared for the erection of the slaughter house, irrespective of the site chosen, but a special committee, which has had the matter in hand, has finally decided on the site in Stanley Park as the most suitable. This created considerable discussion, but it was decided that the matter should stand over until Friday.

The reports of progress made by the works department on the St. Clair-avenue and Gerrard-street bridge were satisfactory to Controller Foster, who said: "The board of control has no right to be satisfied with the work already accomplished by the department on these car lines. They are only half way there now, and nearly two years have elapsed. Can we afford to sit down and allow things to drag on as they are?"

"We will have to spend a whole afternoon on this inspection," he opined the mayor. This was decided upon, but the date was not fixed. The colony farm, near New Westminster, B.C., wired Manager Orr, enclosing twenty-seven horses and twenty-two cattle for this year's exhibition.

Free Car Rides. General Manager R. J. Fleming of the street railway has written the Canadian National Exhibition that the overseas exhibit and members of the band of the Scots Guards in uniform

will be carried free on the cars during their stay in the city. The board of control will recommend that a bylaw be passed expropriating the Watson and Kennedy boulevard scheme, as a matter of expediency.

Terms Repudiated. The board of control repudiated the terms of annexation submitted by the North Toronto Council, which were read at its meeting yesterday, and which are: That a separate ward be erected, taking in a portion of the city north of the tracks; that the present assessment be the basis of taxation for 1913; engagement of the town's employees that the drainage system be carried thru the present financial basis and that Yonge-st. be widened and paved this year.

Follow Patients. "I think that all doctors should follow their patients into the hospitals and confine treatment, but in regard to major operations and cases for specialists, I think they should be left to the house staff for attention. A man who has passed his qualifying examination is fully able to follow his patients into the hospital when such cases are not for special treatment," said Dr. Hastings when questioned by The World.

"I fully concur in the reasonableness of the express demand for an open door to the present General Hospital buildings, when the same continue to hospital purposes after the new General Hospital is opened.

Corporation Council. The letter received from T. G. Meredith, K.C., with regard to his appointment as city counsel was read to the board of control yesterday, and the matter was tabled until to-day, in order that all members of the board of control may have an opportunity of being present.

Considerable discussion arose as to who was to blame for the precipitated actions in connection with the appointment. In explanation to the mayor's question, Controller Church said: "This matter came before the board of control two weeks ago. It was understood that there were several important matters that required attending to before September. At a meeting of the council I suggested that the question of appointing Mr. Meredith be held over, so that he might return, but a number of the members, among whom was Controller Foster, placed themselves on record as being against the delay. They said they were ready to consider nominations, and the name of Mr. Meredith came up, with the suggestion that he would not accept the position unless the city paid him \$15,000 per year."

Mayor May Act. Corporation Counsel Drayton's resignation takes effect Sept. 1, and without the improbability of Mr. Meredith accepting the position, something has to be done.

"Mayor Geary must take hold of the business for the city if a corporation counsel has not been appointed, or if one is appointed who is not equipped to handle the city's application before the railway board immediately," said a civic official. "Mr. Geary can take hold of it. He has been in so many applications actively himself that he has nothing to learn. He has sat in court thru them all, and he knows the arguments thoroly, because he helped Mr. Drayton work them up."

When questioned as to what he thought of the suggestion that he act as corporation counsel if necessary, the mayor said, "Oh, we'll manage some way."

"It is not Mr. Meredith's authority to say that he will not accept, but I would be willing to wager a good deal that he will stay in London," continued the mayor. "One reason advanced for Mr. Meredith's possible refusal is that he is happily situated in London. His business is already large and is growing rapidly. The Toronto city council has not always been a satisfactory client. The salary offered, while large, is not so large as to prove an especial temptation to a lawyer having Mr. Meredith's standing in the profession."

The works committee, including Ald. Maguire, Ryding, May, Wanless, Saunders, Weston and McBride, yesterday inspected the site of the proposed bridge at the St. Clair-avenue "fill" just east of Bathurst-street, and, with the exception of Ald. McBride, were unanimous in their recommendation for the erection of the bridge, which will be 235 feet long, to be built at an estimated cost of \$80,000.

The main structure will consist chiefly of steel and supported by the earth by massive steel columns. The earth which has been dumped into the ravine will be utilized for the purposes of widening the approaches.

"The erection of this bridge will eliminate any possibility of future heavy actions for damages for the flooding of the Pellatt and novitate properties," stated one of the aldermen.

A Month's Trip. Assessment Commissioner Forman and Controller Church expect to leave Toronto Saturday in search of data on the single tax principles as they apply to Winnipeg, Calgary, Vancouver and Edmonton. They will go up the lakes to Fort William and work west. They will be away for a month.

Three Arbitrations. Approximately half a million dollars are being sought by three Toronto claimants in arbitration proceedings now in progress.

Mrs. Meyer wants \$300,000 for her property, which has a frontage of 300 feet on Sunnyside, which the city took for civic improvements. This sum includes damages for loss of business, as well as the price of the land. The C.P.R. will pay twenty per cent of the total amount.

After a period of four or five years the Rogers arbitration case is still pending. This land involved has a frontage of 555 feet on Sunnyside, and was wanted for the extension of the C.P.R. The claim works out at approximately \$7 per square foot, or over \$700

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