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## CITY CONSENT TO THE SALE

After Animated Discussion  
the Majority of Aldermen  
Vote to Accept  
\$11,000.

Ald. Westman Goes After the Telephone Co.—New City Hall Will Be Built on Market Square.

The City Council decided at their meeting last evening that it would be in the best interests of the city to sell out to the County Council the city's interests in Harrison Hall for the sum of \$11,000.

It was generally agreed by all of the aldermen that at this price the county is getting a great bargain, and were it not for the fact that the city is contemplating the immediate erection of a municipal building of their own in connection with the proposed market building, the city would not sell for less than \$15,000. They agreed also that \$11,000 just at present would be as good a price for them as \$15,000 five years from now.

Ald. Marshall brought up the matter for which the meeting was called to deal with especially. He reported on behalf of the committee who met the committee from the County Council in reference to selling out the city's interests in Harrison Hall so that a suitable municipal building could be erected on the market square in connection with the proposed market building.

He thought that \$11,000 is too small an amount for the Council to consider under ordinary circumstances. He thought that the City Council could easily accept a couple of thousands dollars less now than at any other time owing to the peculiar circumstances which exist at the present time. If the County Council feel that it will be a good investment for them they would purchase. The city is well fixed for offices and council chambers at present but the scheme to put up a building for the city's own use is a good one. For the amount offered a good building could be put up and one which would be of a credit to the city. The transfer would do away with the wrangling with the County Council and the city's share of the expenses of Harrison Hall would be maintained a building of our own. Now is the time to sell if we want to sell at all.

Ald. Westman agreed with Ald. Marshall. He thought it was a very small amount to offer the city. Lumber has gone up in price—nearly double—but now is the time to make a bargain if we sell at all because we need the money now. He agreed that \$400 a year is a cheap price to pay for civic offices, and this \$400 would be soon eaten up in the new building. However, he thought the citizens wanted a good building in front of the market.

Ald. Edmondson—There is no doubt we are making a great sacrifice, but if it is in the city's interest we should have no hesitation in selling out. It would enable us to put up a good building of our own. If we agree to accept \$11,000 the County Council will consider it. I would like to ask for more, but if we can get that amount I would be in favor of accepting it.

Ald. O'Keefe voiced the sentiment of the previous speakers. He thought the price of \$11,000 is very low, but but on the other hand \$11,000 would be as good to us now as a greater amount five or ten years from now, and on that account he would support it.

Ald. Westman moved that the Council accept \$11,000 for the city's interest in the building.

Ald. Porter seconded it and in doing so he took all of the circumstances into consideration. While it is a loss it is not a sacrifice at the present time, as we would then be enabled to put up our new building.

Ald. King—That means just the building itself and not the furniture.

The Mayor—Yes. The motion was in favor of the motion not because he considered the city was getting all they should secure, but because he considered everything that is at stake. He also thought \$11,000 now is a better price than \$15,000 five years from now, because in five years time the market building would be built, and if we wanted to make a municipal building of our own we would have to alter the market building, which was not desirable because the cost of remodeling would be so great.

Ald. Bell—This of course includes the cost of legislation.

The Mayor—I did not understand that.

Ald. Marshall—it was not mentioned.

Ald. Bell—If the county does not want the building now I think they will want it a year from now. I see no necessity for connecting the City Hall with the market building, and if we could hold out until a year from now we could in all probability get our price. If we could put up our market building now and then put up a City Hall a year from now we would be probably better off.

The motion, however, was carried.

Ald. O'Keefe suggested that an effort be made at once to get some knowledge of the streets to be paved this year, and to get the necessary

connections for sewers and drains made now so that there will be no unnecessary delay later on.

The Mayor—The suggestion is a good one and I would ask you to bring in a recommendation to that effect at the next meeting evening.

Ald. Westman then brought up a matter in reference to the Bell Telephone Company which he said he had been considering for some time.

"I wish to call the attention of the Council," said he, "to the fact that our telephone system is practically of no use at night. As soon as the electric light current is turned on our phones are no good. Not only are you unable to call up anyone outside of the city and distinguish what is said, but the same state of affairs exists in the city. It is a shame and a disgrace that we have got a telephone system that is of no use to us. Other cities, smaller than Chatham, have the newest system installed—the metallic or the central energy system—and they experience no such trouble, as this system is not affected by the electric light. We should have a decent service. Last year's Council should have looked into this before they granted a franchise. This Council should go after the company and take strong action. I would not give them any rest until we got a better service."

Ald. Adstine—I wrote the local manager about this and received his answer to-day, promising that the matter would be looked into and that he would place it before the Central Office at once.

Ald. Westman—Mr. Laurie promised me before, but the way to get a better system is to get up in arms. We should get after the company good and hard.

The Mayor—I will refer the matter to the Property Committee to take just as vigorous steps as are necessary to procure this new system.

Every alderman was present—in fact, not one alderman has been absent from a single meeting since the first of the year.

The Defiance Iron Works Company asked for exemption from taxation for the use of the Harvester Works until summer—Finance.

A number of residents on Queen St. asked that the electric light on Queen St. should not be moved, but if anything another light be placed on the street—Property.

The Property Committee was empowered to purchase new linen for the Fire Department.

The following accounts were presented:

Dominion Express, 45c.

James Gray, \$3.

Newson & Gilbert, \$6.50.

Separate School Board, \$400.

Daily News, \$12.50.

Postage, \$7.10.

Geo. Harris, \$3.75.

Geo. Toulouse, \$7.50.

Costs Thomson Case, \$710.18.

The Council adjourned.

## HONEST MEN HAVE NO FEAR

Rossite Organ Anxiously  
Suggests the Probability  
of an Election Pro-  
test.

No Cause for Uneasiness to Those  
Whose Hands are Clean—Men of  
Integrity Court Investigation.

Yesterday the late local champion of the now defeated and discredited Rossism worked itself into an anxious and agitated frenzy over a report that a protest was to be entered against the methods used to elect Mr. A. B. McCoig in the recent campaign. As is usual in such cases, there was more poetry than truth in its worried wail.

But since the Banner has suggested the matter of a protest the question naturally strikes the elector—why is the organ so frightened of such a course? Why so uneasy? Why so threatening?

To honest and upright citizens a protest—were one threatened—would have no significance, would cause no fears. The position is simple and straightforward. If Mr. McCoig won the election cleanly and honestly he has nothing to fear. A judicial investigation of its conduct would only vindicate him and bring credit to his campaign. If, on the other hand, the vote which elected him was not an honest vote, if it was secured by means discreditable and tactics that were shady, if Mr. McCoig did not obtain his majority honestly and if he is not the right choice of an upright and intelligent electorate, then a man of principle would not consent to hold for a moment a position not rightfully his, and would manfully court the opportunity to right a wrong done.

Such matters are not mere matters of sentiment; they are matters of whithering or anxious waiting. To a man of integrity and sound, honest principles they are matters of right, of justice and of moral obligation.

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## WHO APPOINTED NEW JAILOR?

Provincial Secretary Now  
Investigating Post Elec-  
tion Choice of Mc-  
Coig's Uncle.

Sheriff May Be Summoned to Toronto  
—New License Commissioners  
For Kent.

Special to The Planet.

Toronto, Feb. 14.—Hon. Mr. Hanna, Provincial Secretary, has taken up the investigation of the post mortem appointment of Matthew Martin, a relative of A. B. McCoig, Liberal member-elect, to the county jailorship at Chatham. The appointment was made mysteriously after the election over the head of the nomination of Myles McCarron, of Wallaceburg, by the Sheriff.

The Provincial Secretary is absolutely reticent, declining to make any announcement until the investigation is completed. It is known, however, that with Assistant Secretary Theo. Mulvey he is already probing the matter. Yesterday he communicated with James Clancy, and it is understood several messages passed between them. Mr. Clancy is expected in Toronto to-morrow. It is also understood that Sheriff Gemmill will be asked to come to Toronto. Whether the purpose is to clear up the abortive appointment or to make the regular one is not said. Rumor in the department has it that the appointment of McCarron was delayed by special request from Chatham till after election, when the substitution of Martin's name was made. Two prominent Chatham Liberals in addition to Mr. McCoig are mentioned in the matter. The Minister will make no announcement until the conclusion of the investigation, when it is believed a full statement will be handed out to the press.

The appointment of jailor will likely be made officially by the Kent Sheriff at the conclusion of the investigation.

The new License Commissioners for East and West Kent are said to be under consideration. Their names will probably be announced next week. Nothing has yet been learned of any changes in the inspectorate.

The Toronto News of last evening said—

Hon. Mr. Hanna, Provincial Secretary, was asked by The News this morning if he proposed to take any action concerning the appointment by the late Government of Matthew Martin as jailor of the Kent County Jail. The appointment has created a good deal of trouble and ill-feeling. The Minister said that the circumstances of the case were now under investigation.

## GREAT GAME

Magnificent Hockey Contest Between  
Windsor and Chatham Billed for  
To-Morrow Night.

Those who witnessed the magnificent hockey match between Chatham and Detroit last week are 'on the qui vive' for to-morrow night's great game between the old rivals, Chatham and Windsor.

This contest, which will take place at the rink, commencing at eight o'clock, promises to be the struggle of the season. Windsor is coming confident of wiping off a few old football and lacrosse scores on the hockey rink. The Maple City lads are in fine fettle and can be guaranteed to put up the battle of their lives.

Let the citizens turn out en masse and cheer our players on to victory. Chatham has a team of her own sons—stalwart, worthy young amateurs—who play for the love of the sport only, and the people should give them a loyal and generous patronage. The cost of bringing good visiting teams here is heavy and the club should be accorded hearty support.

Captain Walter Elliott will place a splendid team on the ice to-morrow night and a magnificent contest is assured.

## WILL ACCEPT

The Wardens of Holy Trinity church received a telegram from the Rev. Mr. Hodgins, of Sarnia, to-day stating that he would accept their call. The Wardens are very much pleased and believe that they have secured a good man. The Rev. Mr. Hodgins was here last week and signified his intention of accepting the call if he could so arrange it. The new rector of Holy Trinity church is a solidly built man of the sturdy English type and will no doubt be an acquisition amongst the clergy of this city.

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