

COUNCIL REFUSES TO OPEN QUESTION OF GAS STATION

Delegation of London South Citizens Asks Council To Reconsider Action.

\$371 FOR INSTITUTE

The city council at its regular session last night played to a crowded house, the visitors' gallery being occupied by a large delegation of citizens from South London, who came in an effort to have the council reconsider its action in granting permission to the Imperial Oil Company to erect a service station at the corner of Bruce street and Wortley road.

The company was also represented, and following an interesting presentation of both sides of the case, there was no motion forthcoming to reopen the question, and the petitioners were advised to lay their case before the council, which on the subject of the council's previous action had bought the property and made all preparations to build, to see if an amicable settlement of the difficulty can be arranged.

A. A. Douglas, solicitor, appeared as spokesman for the delegation, and handed to the mayor a petition said to contain the names of 1,000 residents of the vicinity, many of them members of Wortley road Baptist church.

The petition asked that the council withhold permission to erect the service station on the ground that it was a one-church district, that there is a church on the site and another within a hundred yards, that as a result many children will be coming and going across this thoroughfare, making it undesirable that traffic should not be increased, that there is no need for a service station in the vicinity, and furthermore that the site is contiguous to the South London branch of the public library.

Mayor Explains.

The mayor as spokesman for the council explained that the matter had been held up in committee for several weeks because it was understood a petition against the proposal would be forthcoming, but when none arrived the council had granted permission to the company to go ahead with its plans.

Purchasers of the property had since then completed all plans were already under way to remove the building now on the site and erect another.

E. N. Camilleri of the Imperial Oil Company pointed out that the removal of the present building would remove a dangerous fire hazard, besides eliminating an obstruction to vision which was dangerous to traffic at this point. The proposed gas station will be well lighted and a bright spot at night while the old building was a dark spot in the daytime. He thought that it hardly to children crossing the street would not be greater than it already is from many points in the city.

Ald. Kilbourne pointed out that he had several times delayed the matter in committee, but he understood that a petition against it would be forthcoming. While admitting that the petitioners were slow in taking action, he thought that by two hundred citizens should have the council's consideration. He was reluctant to move the reopening of the question because it had been to the minority voting on it on the previous occasion. The same embarrassment was felt by Ald. Dolg and Ald. Douglas, and as no motion was forthcoming from other sources the council could take no action.

Ald. Frank McKay served notice of motion to rescind the council's decision that the next regular or special session of the city council rescind the former bylaw authorizing sale of the property and adopt another bylaw embodying the changes in the agreement now desired by the intending purchaser, Mrs. Moorhead. As the motion to purchase the property expires Dec. 1, this will probably mean a special meeting of the council before that date.

To Advertise Bylaw.

The council committee referred to the council the matter of advertising the bylaws which are being submitted to a vote of the ratepayers. It was proposed that the city grant \$400 to insure that every voter would be made familiar with the bylaws, the hospital trust to spend a similar amount and the Women's Christian association \$200, making a total fund of \$1,000 to adequately advertise all three bylaws.

Ald. McKay expressed the opinion that the city had no legal right to appropriate money for such purposes, and when years and days were called for the council to consider the proposal by a vote of 7 to 5.

A bylaw authorizing the payment of \$371.24 for entertainment of delegates to the Women's Christian association recently held in the city was passed. It was explained how much the city benefited by having such large gatherings attracted to London. The only dissenting voice was that of Ald. Homer Neely.

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What Council Did

Declined to open question of gas station at Bruce street and Wortley road.

Rejected proposal to spend \$400 of city money in advertising bylaws.

Authorized payment of \$371 for entertainment of women's institute delegates.

Left arrangement of campaign meetings to committee chairmen and city clerk.

COUNTY JERSEYS WIN HIGH PRAISE

Western Ontario Breeders Have Reason To Be Proud of Toronto Showing.

Western Ontario breeders, especially those of Middlesex county, have every reason to be proud of the excellent showing made by live stock entries at the Royal Winter Fair, Toronto.

For the second year in succession, Middlesex Jersey breeders have carried off first prize in the inter-county herd competition.

"This is an outstanding win," declared R. A. Finn of the department of agriculture today. "York and Peel are noted for their Jerseys and the fact that Middlesex has won out both years since the competition was started proves to the world that this county collectively has wonderful Jerseys."

Mr. Finn explained that the Middlesex herd this year was chosen by Arthur T. Little and entered in Mr. Finn's name. The fact that Middlesex had no regular Jersey club. No breeder could enter more than two animals in the Middlesex herd, which means that four different breeders each contributed two animals to the county entry.

In all judging to date, in cattle, sheep and swine, Western Ontario breeders have scored heavily and won a large percentage of the prizes offered.

FIVE BILLION FRANCES IS FRENCH DEFICIT

Painleve Proposes Exceptional National Contributions to Redeem Public Debt.

Associated Press Despatch.

Paris, Nov. 17.—There is a deficit of at least five billion francs in the budget during the current year. Revenue returns for the first ten months show total receipts of 22,800,000,000, while the revenue is budgeted for just above 33,000,000,000, leaving some ten billions to be made up in the last two months of the year.

The fact of this deficit as revealed by the returns seems to have attracted little or no attention, even the body being absorbed by Premier Painleve's financial program, although the efficacy of this would appear necessary to be based on the assumption that the budget would balance.

The text of Premier Painleve's bill "instituting exceptional national contributions for the redemption of the public debt" has been printed and sent to members of the chamber of deputies.

This morning nothing appeared to stand in the way of the commencement of debate in the chamber on the bill, which would require the French and other ex-patriates "national contributions" act unless a small number of amendments are introduced during the passage of the bill.

FRENCH DRAGOONS WIN FIRST PRIZE AT TORONTO

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Toronto, Nov. 16.—France again tonight won the feature event in the horse show held here in connection with the Royal winter fair. In the officers' open jumping competition, ridden by Capt. Auguste De Laize-Ardiere, of the Sixth Dragoons, France, was adjudged winner out of over fifty competitors. The United States cavalry came second with Miss America, ridden by Capt. Walters, Fort Riley, Kansas. The Canadian cavalry was third with Bucephalus, ridden by Capt. C. P. B. Pantin, which won the previous two nights for France, ridden by Lieut. X. Bizard of the 7th Hussars, was fourth tonight.

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Grand Old Man of London Real Estate Passes Away at Residence.

After having been for the past 50 years an active and beloved resident of London, Patrick Walsh, aged 83 years, passed away at his residence, 431 Piccadilly street, shortly before 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon. Looked upon as the grand old man of London real estate circles for three decades, Mr. Walsh, owing to failing health, was last year forced to retire from business. Since that time he has been confined to his bed, but even this did not deter him from taking an interest in the progress of the city which he served and loved so well. He was always to be found in the city, and on Saturday last was able to enjoy the celebration of his 83rd birthday. On Sunday, however, he suffered a violent stroke, which, owing to his extreme age, resulted in his death yesterday.

Mr. Walsh was born in County Cork, Ireland, in 1842. There he received a thorough education in the schools of the district. Only six subjects were included on the curriculum, but at that time, but in these studies he became thoroughly based. At the age of 20 he left school and joined the Royal Irish Constabulary force with which he remained for more than seven years. He was married in 1869 to Anna Taylor, daughter of Thomas Taylor of Dunkerron castle, which was one of the largest estates in Ireland at that time.

Came Here In 1875.

In 1875 he and his wife came to Canada and settled in London and during the 50 years which have elapsed, he had, until the time of his death, been a continuous resident of this city. Mr. Walsh witnessed the growth of London from a small village in 1875 to its present high pedestal, as the educational and commercial center of Western Ontario. On his arrival here he became interested in the oil refining business and for many years conducted a factory of this kind in East London.

Realizing the possibilities of London's growth, Mr. Walsh saw a great future in the real estate business in this city and consequently opened an office in Dundas street, 30 years ago.

During the 30 years in which he was associated with this business he handled transfers involving millions of dollars of property values. In his office were consummated some of his largest real estate deals ever witnessed in Western Ontario.

The last real estate deal which was completed in his office and many of the foremost industrial plants in the city secured their sites through his efforts. His largest deal was the Carling property on Richmond street, where he was purchasing the property for the government to erect a post-office building. He was also through the city for the Canadian National and the Canadian Pacific railways, and the purchase of the industrial premises at the corner of Dundas and Wellington streets for the city.

As a valuator of property he has many interesting and varied experiences. In connection with the valuation of the London Street Railway a few years ago, the city secured Toronto men to place a value on the physical properties of the road.

Acted For Railway.

At the same time Mr. Walsh acted on behalf of the company in giving them a private valuation. These estimates have never been announced but those who knew his ability of Mr. Walsh as a valuator feel sure that his estimates were very close to the actual value of the property.

With the proposed electrification of the old L. & P. S. Railway several years ago, Mr. Walsh was asked to obtain options on certain lands which were then considered as a possible city terminal. He disregarded the personal benefits of that transaction and strongly advised against it. His advice was taken, he lost his fee, but the city is now enjoying the satisfaction that he desired. At one time Mr. Walsh was proffered a government position, but this he refused because his work would have taken him away from the city, and here he preferred to remain.

As a connoisseur of fine paintings he was perhaps without an equal in the city. His greatest treasure was the art gallery which is to be seen at his home today. Although by no means large, it contains several masterpieces from the brush of Frederick Van Vleet Baker. One of these is an ideal landscape of the Potomac river in the full light of noon, with the Blue Ridge mountains of Virginia forming a magnificent background. This and others of his pictures were on display in the gallery and these he always regarded as his greatest treasure.

Booster For London.

The greatest desire of Mr. Walsh was to see London become a large industrial center, to supply work for local young men after they had completed their education. He also advocated the construction of the

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