

HACKMEN'S GRIEVANCES BEFORE THE COUNCIL

Complain of Unfair Competition of "Fair Weather" Hackmen—Col. O'Flynn Heads Deputation—Prices of Coal in Belleville and Elsewhere—Brighton People Buying Coal for \$8.50 A Ton, Says Alderman Deacon.

Fresh from their midsummer recess the city fathers assembled last night for their first regular October meeting.

There were present the mayor and Alderman Woodley, Deacon, Platt, Robinson, Parks, Whelan, St. Charles.

Ex-Alderman Col. E. D. O'Flynn, who was present at the opening, was asked by the mayor to accept a seat inside the council hall.

City Clerk Holmes read the minutes of the last regular meeting and the series of special meetings that had been called in response to the variable demands of the residents of West Bridge St. in regards to paving. The reading of all these minutes was a formidable task, occupying just 48 minutes by the clock. It has not yet been decided whether West Bridge street people will be called upon to pay a special tax for taking up so much valuable aldermanic time.

Alderman Woodley—"Were there twelve or thirteen adjournments?" Mayor Ketcheson—"Only seven." The several reams of minutes having been read and disposed of without dissent the fathers got down to the burning issues of the hour.

DEPUTATIONS

A deputation of the hackmen of the city, headed by Ex-Ald. O'Flynn who presented their case, was heard. Col. O'Flynn said the complaint was that there was indiscriminate issue of hackmen's licenses. Some of these were fair-weather hackmen. They met trains only when convenient for them to go. Some of them were in the employ of the city. The city issued a license but didn't compel any one to live up to conditions.

A second grievance was that the hackmen had to pay the chief of police 50 cents additional to the \$5 for the license to the city.

Ald. Robinson—"What is the 50 cent charge for?"

The Mayor—"For the issuance of a bond."

Mr. Burgoyne—"We have never had any bond. This red was imposed during Mayor March's time."

Ald. St. Charles—"Who are the City Officials who do a hack business?"

Mr. Burgoyne—"There are three of the policemen who do so. Two of them have no chauffeur's license."

The Mayor—"Police men, in my opinion, have no right to use their cars for the conveyance of passengers. I don't think that public servants should come into direct competition with the men paying their salaries. As one of the police commissioners, I promise that the matter will be brought up at the next meeting."

Col. O'Flynn—"That's only a part. Is there no protection against the fair-weather hackmen? There are many of these who never meet a train. They take passengers to trains."

The Mayor—"I hope that the by-laws will be so revised as to make it possible to look after delinquents of this kind. Our bylaws are antiquated and were framed before the automobiles came into use."

REPORTS, COMMUNICATIONS & ACCOUNTS

Ald. St. Charles in the chair. The accounts approved in committee and the two following additional—Public Works pay sheet, \$2,021.69; Seantlebury Limited, \$8.46. A request was read to extend the sewer and water services along Ridley Ave. from J. S. R. McCann. Also a petition from several of the residents to the same effect. Referred. Reports from the bread inspector and from British Red Cross were referred to the executive.

COAL PRICES

Ald. Robinson as head of the special committee to deal with coal, reported that he had been making inquiries and gathering all available information. He had learned much also from the reports published in the local papers.

He had written to the Mayors of Peterboro and Brantford where they had been conducting municipal coal yards, but had no answer.

He thought it would be well to visit Brantford and some other places to find what information was available.

A cart of coal had been sold in Belleville within the past month for \$8.75. At Brockville coal was selling for \$8.50.

Ald. Parks—"In Toronto one dealer had 5,000 tons more than he needed. The cost delivered in Toronto to private homes was \$7.80 a ton."

Ald. Robinson—"If Brockville

can get coal for \$8.50 why can't we do the same in Belleville? I think this is worth inquiring into."

Ald. Deacon—"Coal is selling at Brighton at \$8.50 a ton, delivered to customer. At Colborne 9 miles farther west, it is selling at \$9 and \$9.40. We are having trouble to get coal for the waterworks. At the mine the cost is \$4.50 a ton. A local manufacturer tried to buy coal independently. He wanted 2,000 tons but was compelled to deal with the local men.

Ald. Platt reported that the carters would like to secure the property acquired by the city for a new fire station.

Ald. St. Charles—"They can have it tomorrow morning if they want it."

Ald. Robinson said that the special committee in regard to the Tivoli Steel Company had secured a promise to pay part of debt to the city in October.

The mayor reported that he had consulted the City Solicitor in reference to the erection of shacks by railway laborers to the east of the city. He was of the opinion that nothing could be done.

INQUIRIES

Ald. Parks—"Who authorized the teams to go to the Island to draw gravel? A bylaw was passed in 1912 prohibiting the taking any more material from Zwick's Island."

(Addressing the City Engineer) "Who ordered this work done?"

City Engineer—"I did."

Ald. Parks—"From whom did you get your authority?"

City Engineer—"From the chairman of public works."

(Addressing the chairman of public works)

Ald. Parks—"From whom did you get your authority?"

Ald. Whelan—"By virtue of office."

MOTIONS

Moved by Aids. Deacon and Platt that a special committee be appointed, consisting of Aldermen Deacon, Platt and Whelan to inquire into hackmen's licenses and prepare a new bylaw.—Carried.

Council adjourned.

SUCCESSFUL SUPPER IN BEHALF OF RED CROSS

A very successful supper in behalf of the Red Cross funds was held under the auspices of the Big Island Institute at the home of Mr. George Thurston on Tuesday, Sept. 25th. As Mr. Thurston is soon to remove from the island, advantage was taken of the occasion to present him and Mrs. Thurston with an address and a set of silver knives, forks and spoons. The address follows:

Mr. and Mrs. George Thurston and family, Big Island.—Dear Friends,—

That you have thrown open your hospitable home tonight for this social entertainment under the auspices of the Women's Institute of Big Island, in order that its resources to provide comforts for our soldiers, may be strengthened and materially helped, is a splendid expression of your patriotism and loyalty to the dear old flag under which we live, and for whose defence the whole British Empire is in arms and the probability, unattractive to us, of your contemplated early removal from our midst intensifies this expression for naturally it would be considered the strongest of reasons why should not now be expected to incur the consequent upsetting of family routine, strain and fatigue which your unselfish and most commendable spirit in this connection we honor and appreciate. It is the spirit of sacrifice so demanded by the exigencies of our times, so necessary for a successful prosecution and ending of this world war.

We wish to express to you our deep feelings of regret at the prospect of losing you as near neighbors. The ties of friendship and intimacy cemented by many years of constant intercourse and mutual help we trust shall remain through the years to come ever strong, tender and precious, though the opportunities for their manifestation may not be so frequent, as in the past, you may be assured that the best wishes and prayers of your many friends and neighbors here go with you and your family to your new home to be kind to you, and grant you success in all that makes life worth living.

We ask you to accept these knives, forks and spoons as pledges of our deep regard, sincere friendship and best wishes.

Signed on behalf of many Mrs. W. G. Badgley, President of Big Island Institute; Mrs. E. A. Mills, 1st Vice Pres.; Mrs. Stanley Sprague, 2nd Vice Pres.; Rev. R. J. Craig, pastor of Knox Church, Demorestville; Rev. Carmichael, pastor Demorestville and Big Island church; Miss Luella Sprague, Sec. Treas. Big Island Institute.

NATIONAL INTEREST RULING FACTOR

Exemptions Under Military Service Act Will be Decided According to This One Consideration

Ottawa, Oct. 2.—The situation regarding exemptions to be granted under the Military Service Act has been greatly clarified by the announcement that the decisions of exemption boards will be governed by the national interest. This suggests in broad outline the policy that will be followed in dealing with those who are selected for service and desire to remain in the country.

It is plainly in the national interest that certain industries, such as agriculture, mining, fishing, transportation, munition or other war material manufacturing, etc. should be kept in a healthy condition. Instead of being a menace to the stability of these industries the Military Service Act will help to maintain them in a thriving condition by conserving the labor supply they require. Indirectly, therefore, the act is expected to prove a most beneficial instrument making for the prosperity of the country as a whole.

No industry is exempted altogether. Individuals engaged in each one must submit to the provisions of the act the same as others. But if a man is engaged in work of national importance which cannot be well done by another the fact will be borne in mind when the Exemption Board is considering his case. This is the dominant feature of the system.

BUT THEY LANDED THE FISH

What might have proved a drowning accident occurred on Tuesday afternoon when Messrs. R. H. Cole, of town, and Harry A. Weichman and M. L. Sturges, of Montreal, were fishing at the mouth of the Trent river. They had hooked a large "masoc" and while attempting to land it their boat upset. None of them could swim and had it not been for the timely assistance of some employees on the dredge work they would undoubtedly have been drowned. They were in the water for nearly an hour. When rescued, the line holding the fish was wound around Mr. Weichman's leg and the fish was finally landed, tipping the scales at 22 pounds.—Campbellford News.

COUNTY COURT

The non-jury sittings of the County Court began today before His Honor Judge Deroche. There was but one case entered for trial, that of Huxley vs. McNab, and this was settled. Porter, Butler & Payne, solicitors for the plaintiff; Jones & Barlow for the defendants.

Preserved Pears are Economical

EVERYBODY likes preserved pears because they retain so much of the refreshing quality of the raw fruit. Owing to the absence of sharp acid they can be preserved in light syrup with excellent results. Pears will possibly be good and abundant this year and the ten pound sack of Lantic Sugar will preserve a fine supply.

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OBITARY

THE LATE C. RATHMAN

The sad news which reached the city yesterday of the sudden demise of Mr. Claus Rathman, who resided at 138 Catherine street, this city, which took place in the Toronto General Hospital came as a great shock to his many friends and was received with profound sorrow and regret. Although it was not generally known, his falling health for several months past has caused his family and immediate relatives the keenest anxiety and they have been unwearied in their efforts to restore him to health and strength. Everything that love and skill could suggest has been tried and at length it was decided that the only hope lay in an operation. This was performed last Friday morning by a skillful surgeon and the patient seemed to be holding his own, when suddenly complications arose which caused his death.

The late Mr. Rathman spent almost his entire life in this city to which he was warmly attached. Born in Denmark, he came to Canada with his parents during his infancy and spent his early boyhood in Bridgeview. At the age of sixteen he came to Belleville, ambitious to become a cabinet-maker. So expert did he become in that line that he was chosen to do much of the fine interior work on many of our public buildings and private residences. After spending many years in the employ of Messrs. G. S. Tickell & Sons, he decided to launch out into the flour and feed business and soon became a successful merchant, his younger son, ably assisting him. His strict integrity, upright dealing and courteous treatment of customers won for him a host of friends not only in this city but throughout the surrounding country.

Of a quiet, unostentatious disposition he never sought public honors, but his acts of charity and kindness will long be remembered. In his youthful days he became a member of Belleville Lodge No. 81, I.O.O.F. and as he possessed great musical talent he was for years a member of the band connected with that organization and also of the 15th regimental band. Here again he found scope for helpfulness to others giving his services as a cornet player, willingly and without hope of reward to the churches and Sunday schools of our city, more especially to Bridge St. Methodist church of which he was a member. Since locating in West Belleville he has been identified with Holloway St. Methodist Church.

He has been for years a member of The Belleville Lodge No. 123 A. F. and A. M. under whose auspices the funeral will be held, the remains having arrived last night. He is also a member of the Chosen

WEDDING BELLS

PHELPS — TOWNSEND

At the Victoria Ave. Baptist church yesterday afternoon at four o'clock the marriage took place of Charles E. Phelps and Martha Townsend. The ceremony was performed by the minister of the church, Rev. Charles Geo. Smith. The bride was prettily gowned in white georgette crepe with veil and orange blossoms. She was accompanied by Miss Mowatt as bridesmaid. The groom had as his best man, Pte. Robert Simpson, recently returned from the front. The Misses Emily Townsend (niece of the bride) and Florence Johnson, acted as flower girls and were very pretty. Mr. William J. Johnson, a close friend of the family, gave the bride away. Miss Laura LeVole, presided at the organ and rendered the wedding march in expressive form and also played an organ solo during the signing of the register. The wedding luncheon was served at the home of Mrs. Townsend 155 1/2 Church street and was attended by a large number of invited guests. Mr. and Mrs. Phelps left for Bancroft for a short honeymoon trip, after which they will reside in Belleville.

STOCKDALE

Mrs. S. Lawrence, of Trenton, visited her brother, Mr. B. Fox for a few days last week.

A few from here attended Campbellford fair on Wednesday last.

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Wood visited friends at Peterboro during the past week.

Mr. Orby Reid has purchased Mr. D. Preston's place.

Mr. and Mrs. Morley Davidson, took dinner with Mrs. and Mrs. H. Orr on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. M. Foster and children, of Frankford spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Foster.

Mrs. Robert Maxwell, of Rochester, N.Y. is visiting her parents and other relatives here.

Miss Gladys Osterhout spent Sunday with Miss Olivia Sanborn.

The annual Rally Day service of the Sunday School was held on Sunday evening with the pastor in charge. During the service Miss Mae Bates, Deaconess of St. Johns, Nfld., gave a very interesting address on Deaconess work. Miss Bates is a former scholar of our Sunday school.

We are glad to know Mrs. Wilhamson, who has been confined to her home through illness, is able to be about again.

Miss Ethel Fox spent Sunday at her home here.


Mrs. G. H. Davidson took dinner with Mr. and Mrs. W. H. White on Sunday.

Dame Rumor says Mr. Charles Wannamaker is negotiating for the purchase of the Lancaster place.

Mrs. D. A. Chase spent Wednesday with friends in Frankford.

MONEY IN TOMATOES

Mr. E. S. Mounk reports a very profitable yield of tomatoes. He set out 7,000 plants on two acres of land. He sold \$100 worth of ripe tomatoes and this week sold the green ones in the patch to an Ottawa firm for \$200. Mr. Mounk delivered the crop at the station, but the buyer picked the green tomatoes.—Pictou Times.



CANADA

How best to Serve

Every Canadian can help in the successful application of the Military Service Act

THE Military Service Act is the law of the land. It will be enforced sincerely and with firmness, but fairly. Reinforcements to be raised are limited to 100,000 men, who are being selected by the country, not by the military authority. Military control does not start until these men are chosen.

The Men Called Can Help

The first call is for men between the ages of 20 and 34 inclusive, who were unmarried or widowers without children on July 6, 1917. All these men should go immediately before a Medical Board in this district for examination as to physical fitness. If they are not placed in the Medical Category A, their present obligation ceases. If found physically fit and placed in Category A, they should, immediately after the issue of the proclamation calling out the first class, visit the nearest post office and report for service on a printed form supplied. If reasonable ground for claiming exemption exists, an exemption form may be obtained from the Postmaster, and filled out. The Postmaster will forward this form to the Registrar appointed for the district, and the man seeking exemption will then be advised by mail when and where he should appear before an Exemption Board to have his case taken up.

The Employer's Part

Employers will find it to their advantage to see that all the men in their employ who are in the first class under the Military Service Act appear as soon as possible before a Medical Board for examination. Should an employer desire exemption for any one of his men who is found physically fit, he may seek it on the following grounds:

- (1) that the national interest demands that a man be left at his work rather than placed in military service.
- (2) that, instead of doing military service, a man should be used in work for which he has special qualifications.
- (3) that it is expedient in the national interest that instead of being employed in Military Service, he should continue to be educated or trained for any work for which he is then being educated or trained.

Duty of Parent or Near Relative

Parents or near relatives of men in the class called may apply for their exemption on the above grounds or because of some special domestic reasons. In this, as in other cases, delay is a grave mistake.

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