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CITY COUNCIL REFUSED TO DEAL WITH QUESTION OF FIREMEN'S INCREASE IN SALARY AHEAD OF UNION SUBJECT

President Grant of Trades and Labor Council Argues That Firemen Had as Much Right to Belong to a Union as Other Officials Can be Members of Various Associations.

The city council had a short sharp meeting last night which lasted only 9.30.

Nothing was done about the increase for firemen a proposition by Norman Avery and Murphy to deal with the salary question ahead of the question of union affiliations being voted down by the same vote as that at the last meeting which asked the firemen to withdraw their union.

That is with the exception of Ald. Stevens who was not present.

The speakers section of the council chamber was filled to overflowing with citizens looking for development.

President Grant of the Trades and Labor Council made a strong appeal to the council to allow the firemen to have their union, concluding with a remark that if the Aldermen continue to persist in their illogical results be upon their own heads.

A letter was read from H. Stevens, secretary of the Municipal Voters' Association asking the Aldermen to meet the next meeting, February 17, of the association together with the council representatives and the board of Trade, to discuss industrial expansion.

A. J. Rands, Secretary of the T. and L. Council sent resolutions passed by the Council. One resolution objected to a parcel of land being sold to the Normac Machinery Co. at \$500 that the class conscious attitude manifested by many of the Aldermen must aside and equal privileges be in all the spending of public money.

A third resolution took objection to the City Council's attitude towards firemen forming a union.

Secretary E. Stevens of the Local Council of Women asked that a woman be appointed on the Board of Health and Public Library Board.

The Bakers and Confectioners' Union and the Painters and Decorators' Unions wrote the Council requesting the firemen not being allowed to have their union.

A letter was read from Sir John Wilson, Secretary of the Canadian Construction Association, requesting the Council to endorse the principle of public supplies being bought in Canada whenever they can be had at reasonable rates.

H. T. Jamieson, city auditor, in his annual report recommended that the accounting staff be increased. The statement will be published by the city.

The communications were given to the various committees for consideration.

He gave an instance of \$50,000 worth of land purchased by private parties in the north end of the city, which had been offered free to the Firestone Tire Company, which unfortunately had gone to Hamilton. But it showed what public spirited men are doing for the very men who seem to be antagonistic.

The Finance Committee made the following recommendations.

Your Committee received an offer from Mr. W. T. Hart of the firm of Tait and Hart, for the sale of a portion of the lands on the St. Paul St. Extension adjoining the Western Oil Refining Co., Gasoline Filling Station. The price offered did not meet with the approval of this Committee but after further negotiations a price of \$6000 for the 60 feet frontage next and adjoining the property leased to the Western Oil Refining Co., has been agreed upon and your Committee would recommend the acceptance of the same, building to be erected thereon to be approved of by the Council and with certain limitations as to use of the roadway in front of property.

Your Committee have considered the matter of change of date of the annual Municipal Election, in respect of the communication from the city of London, Ontario, referred to this Committee for consideration and report, and would suggest that the date of nominations day be the last Monday in November with election day the first Monday in December but that the matter be submitted to the electors before effecting any change.

The communication from the city of London, Ontario, asking whether this municipality will consider taking such steps as will enable a readjustment of automobile license fees so that a portion of the same may remain with the Municipality for the upkeep of roads, has been considered.

Your Committee would recommend that this City unite with other Ontario cities in petitioning the Legislature for an allowance of these fees for the upkeep of the city thoroughfares.

The report was carried.

Ald. Dakers for the Works Committee reported: Prorant to advise that orders for road oil for the coming season should be placed early on account of the unsettled condition of the oil market your Committee instructed the City Engineer to correspond with the oil companies and get quotations and your committee recommend that the tender of the Western Oil Refining Company be and is hereby accepted for the supply of three to four tank cars of Oklahoma 40 per cent Asphaltic Road Oil for a maximum of 12 1-2 cents per Imp. Gallon and minimum of 11 1-2 cents per Imp. gallon (based on any possible decline in the price of crude oil) F.O.B. St. Catharines. This was the lowest tender received.

Your Committee are in receipt of a request from the T. P. Shugly Co. Ltd., to close that part of Phelps St. between the Hydraulic Raceway and Mill Street to allow them to more conveniently load and unload cars and to protect storage piles of supplies.

Your Committee has visited the location and find that the factories of this Company own and occupy both sides of the street effected extension.

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Kiddies Give An Excellent Programme

Youngsters Appearing at the Grand Are Clever, Bright and Entertaining.

A somewhat novel theatrical performance was given before a good sized audience at the Grand last night when the Original Winnipeg Kiddies appeared in chorus and presented a programme that would do credit to adult players and singers. In fact one of the cast, Jackie Finesilver, is as clever and amusing as the best of musical comedians. Nature has endowed him with the right stage twist and he makes the show go with a swing.

The company is made up of youngsters who are well dressed and trained. They sing, dance, give brief tableaux and generally pass the two and a half hours away in a hurry. Two twins under the name of Holmes are an attraction while the voice of Violet Budd is particularly strong and clear. It is an unwise thing for a newspaper to pick out two or three and give them mention when their associates are just about as clever and engaging, but it is with no thought of minimizing the talent of the others.

The whole entertainment is unusual, wholesome and bright. It is worth the time and the money.

Chamber for Commerce Will Be Great Benefit

Preparations for the reorganization campaign of the St. Catharines Chamber of Commerce are so far advanced that Mr. Hugh M. Bell, the director, has practically completed the actual time schedule for the several events which will mark the drive.

He said that he was more impressed with the opportunities that are awaiting St. Catharines than in his usual experience. These opportunities all emphasized the need of a big community organization, he added.

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Wilfred May, Who Escaped From the Jail Here After Being Sentenced, Has Died

Was Serving a Year For An Offence in Flint, Mich., and Was Seized With Pneumonia—Barber, His Pal, Has Never Been Heard of—May Was to Be Sent Back.

Word has been received in the city that Wilfred May had died in the prison at Iona, Mich., from pneumonia, which ends a short but eventful career.

May, it will be remembered, in company with another youth, John Barber, escaped from the jail here last March by cracking the turnkey over the head with his keys. They had been given five year sentences for burglary.

The pair managed to get over the river and Barber has never been heard of since. May later turned up at Flint, Mich., where he was arrested in some kind of a round up by the police.

The authorities here were notified and proceedings were commenced to extradite him. However, he had been sentenced to a year in prison and it was decided to send him back to Ontario as soon as he had served his term.

N. S. & T. R. Men Not Satisfied With Award of the Conciliation Board As to Increase in Wages

Influential Committee of Business Men Asks Public Aid in Forming C. of C.

Over the names of the council of the Board of Trade there is issued to the people of St. Catharines the following proclamation regarding the intent and purposes of the campaign for a Chamber of Commerce, and the policies they will follow in order to see the organization off to a good start.

These gentlemen have in the past been most active in their work for the city through the medium of the old time type of organization with its limited income, small membership and lack of a definite programme of work. To the successful commencement of the new organization they are giving their time and are showing a spirit of real patriotism.

Proclamation to People of City

We strongly believe that the time is at hand when St. Catharines should have such a civic commercial organization as will enable her to serve the needs of the Dominion in this time of readjustment and reconstruction, as well as a city wide body of maximum, numerical and financial strength to advance the civic, commercial, industrial and agricultural welfare of this community and this section.

There has, therefore, been undertaken the organization of the St. Catharines Chamber of Commerce. This is to replace the existing Board of Trade. It is proposed to give St. Catharines a civic commercial body second to none in cities of its class.

The St. Catharines Chamber of Commerce is to be equipped with both membership and income to enable it to take leadership in a broader field of activities, heretofore impossible to the Board of Trade because of its limited numbers and resources.

Under the plan adopted, membership in dues will be \$25 per year, pledged for three years. Payments may be made quarterly, semi annually or annually.

Following the membership campaign, March 1st to 5th, an election will be held to select the directors of the enlarged organization. The choice of officers will follow immediately. In this election the directors will be chosen by popular vote to the entire membership, every member having an equal voice in both nomination and election under a secret primary system. New by-laws will also be adopted at once.

Coincident with the installation of the new organization, there will be built up from the written suggestions of all the members, a definite programme of work. A thorough and efficient system of committee operation and control will be installed and in all ways the new Chamber will be conducted along the most approved lines of action and progress.

St. Catharines is your home as it is ours. Jointly we can make the Chamber of Commerce an incalculable power in the city's upbuilding.

St. Catharines prosperity can be advanced and made permanent, verily further proved, and she can be placed in the fore front of Canadian cities, modern in attainments and community thought—an ideal city.

We ask you to join hands with us in this progressive movement for a Greater St. Catharines.

- J. E. Waterhouse.
- W. A. MacKinnon.
- J. A. Forster.
- P. B. Yates.
- W. B. Burgoyne
- Arthur Robinson
- F. C. Field
- J. E. Riffer
- G. H. Sherwood.
- C. G. McGhie.
- E. E. H. Wright
- W. J. Elliott
- E. J. Lovelace, Mayor.
- P. Grant, Pres. Trades and Labor Council.

Mutterings of Another Strike Are Heard—Overtime Allowance Made and the Men Are to Work on a Nine-Hour Day Schedule to Be Completed Within Eleven Hours.

There may be another strike of the N. S. and T. R. men as they are anything but satisfied with the award given by the Board of Conciliation.

That the award is a disappointment is apparent from what you hear from every conductor, motorman or any other employee you speak to today.

The Board has recommended a nine hour day to be completed in eleven hours, with a wage scale running from 38 cents an hour for the first six months to 45 cents an hour for employees with three years experience. All overtime is to be paid for at an increased rate of 15 cents an hour over the suggested scale for the first fraction thereof over nine hours and at the rate of time and a half for all time served over ten hours.

The hours of freight trainmen are fixed or ten hours, six days a week, to be completed in at least number of hours possible. The board recommends that on deck days the wages of freight conductors during the first, second and third years of their service shall be 47 cents per hour. After the third year it recommends 45 cents, and after ten years a bonus of two cents per hour should be allowed.

Wages, recommended for brakemen and polemen are 41 cents per

hour for the first six months, and 43 cents after the first year. All freight trainmen, according to the report, should receive extra pay at the rate of 15 cents per hour for the first hour or fraction after ten hours' service, and time and one-half after 11 hours' service.

The report recommends no change in the hours of barn and shop men, but states that time and a half should be paid them for all overtime, including that worked on Sundays and legal holidays. A salary of \$100 per month is recommended for baggage-men, watchmen and ticket agents, with no change in their hours. Linemen are allowed from 45 cents to 50 cents per hour, and groundsmen 37 cents to 42 1-2 cents an hour. The board recommends that townmen shall receive \$80 per month for the first class and \$90 for the second class. The wages recommended for section foremen are from \$100 to \$110 per month, and for sectionmen from \$85 to \$40.

The board recommends that the company recognize the right of the employees to their union, and agree to treat with the employees' representatives on grievances. The members of the board were Judge Colin C. Snider, Chairman; George D. Kelley for the company, and John McManinch for the employees.

Austrian Under Arrest Charged With Attacking Twelve-Year-Old Girl at Thorold Monday

Peter Sorouchek, an Austrian, 40 years of age, was arrested last night by Chief Greene in a boarding house in the Thorold factory district on a charge of rape.

The complaint was laid by Andrew Cook, a resident of Page street, this city. The victim of the assault is Cook's sister in law, a twelve year old girl.

The girl states that yesterday afternoon as she was going to Thorold from Merriton when near the Town Line she met the Austrian.

He asked her to go with him and

he took her to a nearby shed where she says he assaulted her.

The girl last night identified the prisoner as her assailant.

There is doubt whether the offence took place in Merriton or in Thorold as it was close to the town line. If in Thorold it is a Welland County case.

To decide this question the girl this afternoon took officers to the scene of the attack.

The prisoner was remanded until tomorrow morning.

ADDITIONAL LOCALS

The Trades and Labor Council meets to-night.

Brantford firemen have been given an increase in wages. First year men get \$3.75 a day; second year \$4 and third year \$4.50. Captains get \$5 a day, assistant chief \$1900. This is the same scale as the Brantford police force.

Sir George Foster has promised a Welland county delegation to consid-

er the proposition to build a Peace Memorial bridge over the Niagara river at Fort Erie.

The county councillors returned to the city to-day and resumed their session this afternoon. They expect to get through this week.

J. Keller of Vancouver is visiting Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Clatsworthy of Lowell avenue and last evening they gave a party in his honor which was attended by a large number of friends.

Report in the City To-day That Firemen Will Resign and Are Holding a Meeting

The Journal was told today that the firemen were considering the question of resigning in a body as a protest against the action of the City Council in asking them to withdraw from union affiliations and thus holding back consideration of salary increases.

got today but it was said that the firemen were to hold a meeting to discuss the question. It is understood also that a high official of the Firefighters Union was coming to the city to deal with the situation. What truth there is in these reports cannot be said but they came from a reliable source.

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