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WATCHMEN, CROSSINGS AND GATES AGAIN UNDER DISCUSSION

The New Assessors for 1906—Alderman O'Reilly's Dilemma—A Grant for the Poultry Association—The G.T.R. and Kent-st. and Lindsay-st. Crossings—The Home for the Aged Surplus: What shall be done with it?

The first meeting of the several committees of the council was held last Friday evening, all members being present except Ald. Maunder. Before the ordinary business was proceeded with Mr. W. Steers was heard to write up of the town for the Review. He had brought the matter before the old council but they had referred him to the new body. What he desired was that council should bear the expense of the electros with which the articles were advertising their firms in the Review, and he thought that taken all together it would prove a good advertising scheme for the town. The electros cost him \$15 and this was all the expense he asked of council, just what he was out of pocket.

Mr. Steers was informed that the matter would have proper consideration during the evening, and that he would be notified of council's decision. KENT-ST. CROSSING A communication from the Grand Trunk officials was read re the crossings at Kent and Lindsay-sts. The original order of the Railway Commission enforced the keeping of a watchman at the crossings day and night. The G.T.R. asked that council order be modified, and that council give permission for the withdrawal of the watchman between the hours of 10 p.m. and 6 a.m., owing to the small amount of traffic during that time. A tally of the number of trains during the month of November was also included.

G. H. Hopkins, town solicitor read the original order of the commission, and explained that the request was one which council had right to vary the order if they thought fit to do so. One thing that struck him was that it was of no use fighting a reasonable request. As far as the Kent-st crossing was concerned, the traffic was light, and it was not so dangerous. But the crossing at Lindsay-st. was dangerous. In his opinion the application should have been separate. If council thought fit to favorably consider them, he would advise that the time be made 11 p.m. instead of 10 p.m.

Mayor Vrooman—"Don't you think that the man who goes home after 11 p.m. requires more protection than the 10 o'clock man." (Laughter.) Mr. G. H. Hopkins, continuing, said that there has not been cars left on the Sylvester siding and no cars left shunted on Lindsay-st. so that people could have a clear view of the track when approaching from either direction. If this concession was granted to the G.T.R. he thought council should ask for gates at Lindsay-st.

Ald. Eyres: "You can't keep the cars off the Sylvester siding; they are loading cars there all the time." Ald. O'Reilly asked the town solicitor why he was taking other grounds now in the matter. By his argument he was apparently favoring the granting of the application. There was the same traffic from Midland to Peterboro, yet Peterboro was protected far greater than we are. Is human life cheaper here than in Peterboro.

Mayor Vrooman stated it had always struck him that the traffic in Peterboro was far more dangerous than in Lindsay. Ald. O'Reilly said that no permit men had been used at the crossings at all, only spare men. He heard of the best of authority, that during the month the tally had been taken, that one of these watchmen had been asleep the whole of the night, and that others had been playing cards, and that the number of trains that passed had been guesswork. As far as he was concerned he would fight the matter out.

several million of dollars had been paid for chickens in Victoria county the past year. Nearly all the towns in the country were having winter poultry shows. The Victoria association were offering twice the value in prizes as the Agricultural Society. The poultry show would prove a source of education to anyone to come and see. They were not offering racing or anything else to draw the crowd, but it was just a pet stock and poultry show. They were thankful for the use of the hall, and he hoped council would see their way clear to help them.

On motion of Ald. McFadden, seconded by the Mayor, the sum of \$50 was granted, and also a guarantee of \$50 against a deficit. From J. Finnegan re the assessment of lot near the standpipes, which should have been at \$150, but owing to an error the same had been assessed at \$400. Council last year had cut the latter sum in half and he asked for the same rebate this year. On motion the rebate was granted.

Mrs. Annie McDonald wrote asking for rebate of taxes for 1905.—Remitted. The application of Mr. Wm. Steers far value of electros was then discussed. Ald. Fisher said he believed in advertising the town and thought it would be a good policy to set aside a certain sum each year for that purpose. Ald. Begg—"The best way to advertise the town is to lower the taxes. Further discussion ensued and on motion the application was filed.

A communication from the chairman of the Finance Committee, Mr. Peon, was asking council to send members with a deputation to Ottawa to urge completion of the Trent Valley Canal. Mayor Vrooman said he did not think that we should any longer be made a cat's paw of the City of Peterboro. Nine applications for the position of assessor were received and each one was very carefully considered.

Ald. Eyres said great care would have to be used in selecting a man for the position. Sentiment must be put on one side and the appointment must be made from a man of quality. It was a very rare quality in a man to do the work of assessor in a proper and thorough manner. Mayor Vrooman asked if it had been customary to put a card in the paper. Some would say they would have been a applicant had they known. Those who were hottest after the job were not always the best. He casting the appointment of two good men very necessary.

Ald. Begg asked if two men were necessary. Ald. O'Reilly said that owing to the quantity of clerical work two men would be required. Mayor Vrooman said that intelligent men were appointed to go hand in hand. The question of clerical work should not be considered. Ald. Eyres—"We want the work done correctly. It has not been done right before. We must have practical men."

Ald. O'Reilly—"When you say the assessment has not been right, what do you mean. The total roll is \$2,000,000. Should it be higher or lower?" Ald. Eyres—"Neither Ald. O'Reilly. The assessment should be equalized. If a man used a little paint on his house, or had it cleaned up a little, his assessment should not be raised \$50 or a \$100."

Ald. Begg moved that Mr. G. H. Lindsay be one of the assessors. The motion was carried. Moved by Ald. McFadden, seconded by Ald. Fisher that Mr. M. Hanna-hoe be appointed as the second assessor. Moved as an amendment by Ald. Begg, seconded by Ald. Eyres, that Mr. J. Fleury be the second assessor. On looking over the names, Ald. O'Reilly said that there was no difference in the men, they were all capable.

The voting on the two names resulted in a tie and it was left to Ald. O'Reilly as chairman to give the casting vote. He asked council to waive it for the present until Ald. Maunder was present. Mayor Vrooman—"Come, Ald. O'Reilly, you have told us that there is no difference in the capability of the men. Decide and let the men know at once who is appointed."

Ald. O'Reilly made a motion as to toss a coin. Mayor Vrooman—"Don't do that, Ald. O'Reilly, you are a man of decision. Select your man." Ald. O'Reilly then gave the casting vote to Mr. James Fleury, who was appointed. Application for completion of payment for certain sewers, etc., was received from Mr. J. Chalmers, Caroline-st., \$67.57, Durham \$32, Mill \$29.32, Glenelg and Albert \$116.82, Glenelg \$28.85, Fair-ave, \$76.78, Susssex and Durham \$134, Albert \$41, Melbourne \$60. Cambridge-st. \$59.56. These accounts together with others were ordered to be paid.

Mrs. Callaghan's assessment will be allowed to stand for a while, until such time as council can make an inspection of the property. Ald. O'Reilly said he had been informed that the Home for the Aged had about \$2,500 left on hand and they were in a quandary to know what to do with it. They thought that putting the money into a new park would be a good idea. Mr. Thos. Connolly wished a deputation of Council to meet the board and give advice as to the best method of spending the money. Mayor Vrooman thought it an unique occasion for anyone in Lindsay to have money and not know what to do with it. Rather than build a new park he would suggest that it be spent in beautifying the park we have already. He did not believe in a new park for the town would have to pay for the beautifying of it. Let them put the money in the bank until such time as they had decided what to do with it. On motion the following committees were elected to meet the Board and discuss the matter with them. Ald. O'Reilly, Eyres and Rea.

CHALMERS AND THE SEWER CONTRACT SHOULD ACCOUNTS BE SETTLED?

Interesting Debate on Monday Night—Who is at fault?—Ald. Eyres thinks Old Council should have settled the matter

At the Friday night's meeting of the council an application was received from Mr. Jas. Chalmers, contractor, for a final settlement of his account for sewer work. Mayor O'Reilly, as chairman of the Finance Committee presented a list of these accounts and on motion they were passed, the new members of the council not being aware that at one of the last meetings of the old council, the town solicitor had advised with holding payment of the money until such time as the matter was further investigated. On Saturday Mr. Chalmers saw Mayor Vrooman and asked him to sign the cheques, but an inkling of the policy suggested by Mr. Hopkins having reached the Mayor, he refused to do so.

A special meeting of the council was called for Monday night to discuss the matter, and to adopt the reports of the various committees. After the reports of the Police, and Lighting, Town Property and Board of Works were read and adopted, Ald. O'Reilly read the report of the Finance Committee and moved its adoption. Ald. Eyres—"Before the adoption of the report, I would like to say a few words. Since the last meeting I have found out that there is a suit against the town brought by Mr. S. Walker, for damages caused by a defective sewer. If Mr. Walker was entitled to damages then let council pay him. But council should be well posted on all this business before proceeding any further. Suits like these are contagious, and if one man was successful in a claim there was a likelihood of numerous other claims being brought forward for similar causes.

The Albert & Sussex-st sewer was brought up for discussion and Ald. McCrae was asked to give council information re the inspection of the sewer. Mr. McCrae stated, as chairman of the Board of Works committee, he had inspected the laterals on the sewer referred to, and in his report had condemned them; they were not in his opinion up to contract, and in consequence the town solicitor had advised council not to settle the bill until further investigation had been made. The reports of the engineer, overseer and his own were to be referred to the new council, and he was surprised to find the accounts of the sewer he had found for one thing they had not been full corrected and they were two feet short of the line. These were the chief causes for the flooding of the cellars.

Mayor Vrooman: "Then you, Mr. McCrae, as chairman, did not think fit to pass the report." ex-Ald. McCrae: "No, sir, and another thing he did not understand, was why the engineer had certified the contracts after he had condemned the work." Mr. G. H. Hopkins said he supposed that the reports and amounts passed were correct according to the contract. He was aware that there were continuous reports of the miserable state of the sewer. On looking over the Walker claim which was laid as being caused through the improper construction of the sewer, he told council there were a dozen different ways where a sewer might be at fault. He advised council to thoroughly acquaint themselves with the case. The case of Walker's had already been handled about for a year. If the reports were correct regarding the sewer it was a very serious matter, and it was probable that the sewer would have to be entirely re-constructed. In the sewer laterals had been found higher than they should have been. In consequence of this the sewer had been opened and found badly constructed. Before settling the accounts council should insist on knowing all the facts, making themselves familiar with the whole matter for citizens who pay for the sewer had a perfect right to a proper sewer.

Ald. Eyres thought that the old council should have investigated the matter and settled it themselves. They should not hold up Mr. Chalmers to ridicule, but should either have upheld him or turned him down altogether. Mayor Vrooman asked if the sewer had to be reconstructed whether council had any remedy, could they come on the contractor. G. H. Hopkins said it just depended whether the faulty construction was due to the engineer or the contractor. Mr. McCrae said Chalmers had been asked innumerable times to go with him to inspect the laterals, but he never would consent to do so. He had always some excuse to offer. Mr. Chalmers asked the Mayor to read the specifications. Mayor Vrooman then read the report of Engineer Way, and of ex-Ald. McCrae.

Ald. Fisher asked why these reports were not brought forward at the meeting on Friday night. Members of the old council did not appear to hear this question, for no one answered. Mr. D. Ray, the ex-Mayor was then heard. He stated the trouble relating to this sewer had taken up considerable time last year, and also gave the number and particulars of laterals opened up. He had been anxious to get Chalmers to see them

before definite action was taken. He had pleaded with Chalmers to see them, but the latter had always been too busy. The laterals had been kept open for some weeks but owing to the approach of winter they had had to be closed. The feeling of the old council was that Chalmers had been responsible for the misconstruction of the sewer. In consequence council thought other sewers should be open to inspection in order to guard the citizens' interests. He suggested to the council that if the contracts were read there might be more data to work on. So far as the sewers that had been opened were concerned, the work had not been according to contract. He was surprised that Chalmers had asked for settlement of the account. It would have been unfortunate if council had settled before further investigating the matter. In conclusion Mr. Ray charged council to go slowly before taking action.

The town solicitor suggested that council hold private discussion. As an action was likely pending it would be better to discuss the case behind closed doors. Mr. Chalmers said he would like to know whether the account was going to be paid or not, he could not wait ten years for the money. Mayor Vrooman: "I can say very quickly that the full settlement will not be made, until the question has been further investigated.

G. H. Hopkins then asked the contractor if the town inspector was in his pay. Chalmers: "Are you making the charge. If so I'll talk to you. Read the specifications Mr. Mayor." Mayor Vrooman discovered that the reading and study of the specifications would take up the whole evening. (Continued on page 8.)

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