

COUNCIL AT LAST WAKING UP ON THE WALKS QUESTION

Chairman Storer Asks Pointedly About the Specifications of the Proposed Granolithic

A ROAD ROLLER OR NOT

The Rate for Street Sprinkling May be Lowered So that More Streets Can Use the Service

It looks as though at last council is waking up to the fact that there are some cement walks about to be put down in this town, and that it is a matter of some importance that they shall be put down right. That the aldermen yet realize the peril of defective walks keenly enough to avert it, is by no means sure. They are yet dreaming over what Toronto does, and appear to think they shall do well if needed reforms are brought about far walks to be built next year, even if the 45,000 feet now under contract have to be shovelled out like so many of their predecessors.

Council sat in various committees on Wednesday night of last week from 8 o'clock till 11, and did little but look blankly at the problems before them. At one point an alderman became so irate at an expression of a colleague that he got up from his chair and declared he would leave the hall, and was only prevented from doing so by the withdrawal of the offending remark.

Ald. Storer anxiously observed that the press had cast some reflections on the specifications of the walks now under contract, and he wondered if there was reason for it.

"What about the charges made by the press, that the walks put down lately are defective, and that the specifications of these we are going to build, are defective?" asked he.

Mayor Sutherland—"Well, there is truth in what the paper (The Watchman-Warder) said. The walk beside the Simpson House is split and heavily edged just as was stated.

Ald. Cinnamon—"The paper said the walks built here one fall had to be shovelled out the next spring. Is that so?"

Ald. McCrae—"Yes; on William-st. Mayor Sutherland—"As you strike the walks with a cane or umbrella you hear, in some places a hollow sound, that makes you think the foundation is not secure. I think that arises from the surface having been put on when the foundation had become dry; and the two have not united. The walk put down by Plukie is our best walk, but then it cost the most. We must get an engineer to tell us whether our specifications are all right or not.

Ald. O'Reilly—"Our specifications are the same as those used in other towns. If there is any doubt as to whether those of the walks just let call for a 7 to 1 or 9 to 1 mixture, the clause can be re-written. Is the contract signed yet?"

Mayor Sutherland—"Yes.

Ald. O'Reilly—"What is the use of getting an engineer to look at the specifications then?"

Mayor Sutherland—"Oh, I mean for other walks that have to be built. We put a clause into the contract with Miller that clears up the doubtful clause.

Ald. Storer—"If we are not using cement enough, we might better increase the amount and pay more for the walks. Cement walks are of recent date, and we need experience as much as we need an engineer.

Ald. Maunders—"The trouble is more with the foundations than with the cement.

At this point the clerk produced the contract with Miller and read the clause added by the mayor and Mr. Hopkins, in their effort to get over the meaningless clause against which the Watchman-Warder has steadily protested. The clause of the agreement said that for the faulty one of cement should be used or a broken stone mixture of 4 parts stone, 3 of sand and one of cement should be used. The part of the original clause referring to a broken stone mixture was clear enough and provided for five parts of stone, two of sand and one of cement. Why the new clause made the

change to four, three and one, nobody knew; nor did council ratify or authorize the agreement made by the mayor with regard to the new clause.

Ald. Cinnamon—"That clause is clear enough; but there was neither head nor tail to the old clause.

Mayor Sutherland—"No, there was neither head nor tail to it.

Ald. O'Reilly insisted that the original specifications were clear enough and demanded to see them. "This is all right," said he as he plunged into the doubtful clause then flourished, and was stalled amid its confusion.

"This is not the original," said he.

"Yes it is," replied the clerk, and likely the champion of that senseless paragraph had said the last word that will ever be said in its favor.

Ald. Cinnamon—"If our walks are laid the sooner we know it will be better. I think the trouble is with the foundations. Is any particular brand of cement called for?"

The clerk—"Yes, best Portland bearing a tensile strain of 600 pounds to the inch 7 days after it has set.

Ald. Cinnamon—"We should have known before that the specifications were not right, but we got them from last year's council and supposed they were all right.

THE GRADER

The chairman of the Board of Works was instructed to get the grader and other implements into condition.

Ald. O'Reilly objected to spending money on the grader till it was known that any grading would be required this year.

A STEAM ROLLER

The mayor had got some descriptive literature and contract forms from the road roller people of Bradford. The price of a 15-ton roller is \$3500.

Ald. McCrae moved that a roller be got; Ald. Storer seconded it. The mayor would oppose doing so till after the estimates had been brought down. The money must be in sight. Ald. McCrae said the roller could be bought on instalments of \$500 with interest at 5 per cent, and it would soon pay for itself.

Ald. Storer said that if it was not ordered now it would get here here till on in the summer, when the roads are too dry to get much benefit. The question of purchase was let stand.

It was proposed to make a new rate for street sprinkling with a view to getting people on more streets to petition for the service.

Ald. McWatters declared the new sprinkler was no good. It made as bad mud holes as the old one.

FRIDAY NIGHT

Council met in committee again on Friday night. When orders of the charity dispensers were being scanned, Ald. Storer said that the work of dispensers should be watched closely. The mayor said the dispensers were reliable, but Ald. Storer declared that one of them had had said she would give orders in spite of the council.

Mr. A. Chamberlin of Toronto, the walks overseer, sent his bill for \$10 pay for lost time when he came down about the Chalmers investigation. It was not entertained.

The resolution of council that town officials handling money should be put under company bonds brought out the suggestion, that both mayor and treasurer should sign all town cheques. Then the treasurer need not be bonded for as much as \$20,000 as he now is. Letters from the treasurers of other towns showed that none of them gave as high bonds as does Treasurer Knowlson.

The question was let stand pending the appearance of a general system of town financing, under preparation by the mayor.

The clause in the mayor's address referring to collecting taxes in three instalments was considered. Ald. O'Reilly did not object to making taxes payable at three different times, but would not have people distressed for non-payment until the end of the year. He would add a small percentage for non-payment.

The mayor proposed to provide for distress, but of using the same in respect to late taxes. Ald. O'Reilly believed that if the collector was put at work earlier and given no pay unless he had the taxes in by the 14th of December, the trouble of unpaid taxes would end. A plan will be decided upon later.

OLD-TIME SPELLING MATCH IS LIKELY TO BE REVIVED

Toronto Educationists Favor a Return to These Contents of Our Boyhood

(The Toronto Star, Saturday)

The principals of the Toronto public schools gathered in the School Board chamber, under the chairmanship of Mr. James L. Hughes, this morning to discuss a proposal to arrange spelling matches between the different schools. The first question threshed out was whether teams or the whole classes should take part in the orthography battles. Objection was raised to the whole class competing, as it was stated there are some pupils in every class who simply cannot spell, sometimes through an impediment in the speech, or nervousness.

"Parents would not like us to send such a pupil to a spelling match," said Principal H. Ward of Duke-st. school.

"We have not the power to send a pupil if the parents object," answered Mr. R. W. Doan, principal of Dufferin-st. school.

It was decided to have 90 per cent. of each class, regardless of their respective sizes, take part in the struggle for supremacy.

Mr. W. J. Hendry of Jessie Ketchum school wanted to know should a pupil sit down after misspelling a word, or should he remain standing, and at the close count the number of misspelled words to arrive at the decision.

word misspelled should not pass to the other side," suggested a principal, "for that would give them an obvious advantage in knowing how it should not be spelled."

"If you make the pupils sit down as they make a mistake, one bright pupil could put down a whole class," said Mr. J. Bennett of McCaul-st. school.

"Any other method will knock the excitement and fun out of the contest," replied Mr. John Spence.

Mr. Thomas Parker, principal of Winchester-st. school, disagreed with Mr. Spence. "It would be a great pity to make them sit down," he

said, "for a boy might make a slip, but not slip again for a great time. Besides, you would have to keep them in their seats employed."

"I saw a spelling match in which Mr. Hughes went down on the first word," argued Mr. S. McAllister of Ryerson-st. school.

"We should use two methods," suggested Mr. J. W. Rogers of Devon-st. school. "We should test first the class and then the individuals, for the sitting down method manifestly favors a class with a crack speller."

Mr. Hughes—"The most complete test is to have all the class write all the words, and then you could have the spelling-down fun after wards."

Mr. J. A. Hill of Pape-ave. school wanted to have the whole test oral.

"Let the first test be oral and the return match written," said Mr. L. Rees of Withrow-ave. school.

On the first vote 17 principals were in favor of spelling orally and counting the mistakes; 13 voted nay.

The principals then voted on the suggestion that the matches should be in two parts—first, a written match, in which the whole class will take part; and next, the spelling-down contest. Twenty-one were in favor of this method, and it was finally adopted.

Mr. Alexander Muir of Gladstone-ave. school had a further suggestion. "We often address pupils, and they don't understand what we are saying," he said.

"Speak for yourself," interrupted Mr. Hughes.

"The pupils should be made to understand the meaning of the words," the speaker continued.

Mr. Hughes thought so, also. "It was once asked a class if a multitude was made of iron or wood and they voted about equally. If a pupil asks the meaning of a word it should be given."

A committee was appointed to take charge of the matter and arrange all details.

—Lord Minto gave a dinner at Ottawa on Friday night in commemoration of Paardeburg.

Farm and Town Property FOR SALE.

One of the best farms in the County of Victoria, containing 112 acres without stump or stone, well fenced and drained; 8 acres valuable timber, balance pasture. Eight miles from Lindsay, four from Onanose, one from Reaboro, log house well finished on inside, stone foundation and cement cellar, summer kitchen 20 x 30. Barn 45 x 52, stone foundation, cement cellar; horse and cattle stables; sheep house 25 x 30; combined pig and hen house with cement floor. Price very reasonable.

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By-Law No. 103

A BY-LAW to authorize the Municipal Council of the Village of Woodville, in the County of Victoria, to raise the sum of three thousand, five hundred dollars, to erect a town hall in and for the said Village of Woodville, and to issue debentures therefor.

WHEREAS it is necessary to raise the sum of three thousand five hundred dollars for the purpose of erecting a town hall in the Village of Woodville and in order thereto it will be necessary to issue debentures of the municipality of the said village of Woodville for the said sum of three thousand five hundred dollars, payable in twenty years with interest at four per cent. per annum.

AND WHEREAS it will be necessary to raise the several sums in each year respectively set forth in the schedule to this by-law.

AND WHEREAS the amount of the whole rateable property of the Municipality according to the last revised assessment roll amounts to eighty six thousand five hundred and seventy five dollars.

AND WHEREAS the existing debenture debt of the municipality amounts to sixty seven 48-100 dollars and no principal or interest is in arrears.

THEREFORE the municipal council of the Corporation of the Village of Woodville aforesaid enacts as follows:

1. It shall be lawful for the reeve of the said Village of Woodville for the purpose aforesaid to borrow the said sum of three thousand five hundred dollars and to issue debentures of the said municipality to the amount of three thousand five hundred dollars in sums of not less than one hundred dollars each bearing interest at the rate of four per cent per annum, payable in the manner for the amount and at the times respectively set forth in the schedule to this by-law.

2. The said debentures as to principal and interest shall be payable at the Standard Bank in the Village of Cannington.

3. It shall be lawful for the reeve of the said municipality and he is hereby authorized and instructed to sign and issue the said debentures hereby authorized to be issued and to cause the same and the interest coupons attached thereto to be signed by the Treasurer of the said municipality and the Clerk of the municipality is hereby authorized and instructed to attach the seal of the said municipality to the said debentures.

4. There shall be raised and levied in each year by special rate on all the rateable property in the municipality a sum sufficient to discharge the several instalments of principal and interest accruing due on the said debt as the same become respectively payable according to the schedule to this by-law.

5. This by-law shall take effect on the second day of April, A.D. 1903.

6. The votes of the ratifiers of the said municipality shall be taken on this by-law on Thursday the

Nineteenth day of March next at the hour of nine o'clock in the forenoon and continuing until five o'clock in the afternoon of the same day at the town hall in the said Village of Woodville by J. C. Gilchrist the deputy returning officer.

7. On Wednesday, the Eighteenth day of March the Reeve shall attend at the Council Chamber at one o'clock in the afternoon to appoint persons to attend at the said polling place and at the final summing up of the votes by the Clerk respectively on behalf of the persons interested in promoting or opposing the passing of the by-law.

8. The Clerk of the council of the said Municipality shall attend at the Council Chamber in the Village of Woodville at one o'clock in the afternoon of Friday the twentieth day of March, 1903 and sum up the number of votes given for and against this by-law.

Dated at the Village of Woodville this Sixteenth day of February, A. D. 1903.

Schedule Referred to in the within By-law No. 103.

No.	Date	Date of Payment	Prin. payable yearly	Int. on unpaid Prin. payable yearly	Total Each Year
1	Apr 20, 03	Apr 20, 04	117.54	140.00	257.54
2	" "	" 1905	122.24	135.30	257.54
3	" "	" 1906	127.18	130.41	257.54
4	" "	" 1907	132.21	125.33	257.54
5	" "	" 1908	137.50	120.04	257.54
6	" "	" 1909	143.20	114.54	257.54
7	" "	" 1910	148.78	108.82	257.54
8	" "	" 1911	154.67	102.87	257.54
9	" "	" 1912	160.88	96.68	257.54
10	" "	" 1913	167.29	90.25	257.54
11	" "	" 1914	173.98	83.56	257.54
12	" "	" 1915	180.94	76.60	257.54
13	" "	" 1916	188.18	69.36	257.54
14	" "	" 1917	195.71	61.85	257.54
15	" "	" 1918	203.54	54.06	257.54
16	" "	" 1919	211.68	45.98	257.54
17	" "	" 1920	220.14	37.40	257.54
18	" "	" 1921	228.95	28.50	257.54
19	" "	" 1922	238.11	19.43	257.54
20	" "	" 1923	247.61	9.93	257.54

TAKE NOTICE that the above is a true copy of a proposed by-law which has been taken into consideration and which will be finally passed by the council of the municipality in the event of the assent of the electors being obtained thereto after one month from the first publication in the Watchman-Warder newspaper the date of which publication was Thursday, the Nineteenth day of February, A. D. 1903 and that the votes of the electors of the Municipality will be taken thereon at the town hall in the said Village of Woodville on Thursday the Nineteenth day of March, A. D. 1903 at nine o'clock in the forenoon and continuing until five o'clock of the same day.

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