

CITY FATHERS MEET

Gas Co. Arrears of \$1190 Settled for \$750.

ANOTHER DISCUSSION OVER PUBLIC LIBRARY AFFAIRS.

Government Willing to Amend the Public Libraries Act, but Council Will Press for Special Legislation as a Measure of Security.

The Council met in adjourned special session last evening at 8 o'clock, Mayor Sootheran and all members present.

The Canal Conference. From Mr. Harold Berrett, secretary Port Hope Canal Association, with reference to the approaching visit of deputation to interview Lindsay Council and Board of Trade.

The Library Site. From Judge E. Harding, chairman of the Joint Library committee, informing Council that Solicitor Hopkins' report, read at last meeting, embodied the decision of the committee.

Ald. Robinson—"It might be out of place for me to say a word or two I wasn't present at the meeting of the joint committee, but I read the report of it in the papers. I was surprised to find that the Library Board did not consider the site selected by Council as fit to associate with them, although they had been deemed worthy to represent the 7,000 citizens of Lindsay. The rejection of these men was a step in the wrong direction and the one most likely to block the scheme to erect the Library on the market place. The Aldermen would like to hear from a larger representative body of the Council on the Library site, but who turned around and supported the resolution in opposition thereto."

Ald. Cinnamon—"While I opposed the resolution carried at the joint meeting I had good reasons for taking the other stand. I want the Library to be built on the site, and I think it would be foolish to reject the \$10,000. I believed the market square to be the best site, and I was prepared to make any concession that would advance matters. For that reason I sided with the majority, and stood out for the Library Act. I have heard since that the building of the Library on the market square will be blocked in a manner that will certainly block the scheme. If that is the case any action we take to-night should be unanimous."

On motion Mr. Wm. Flavell was heard. He explained that the Library Board objected to the addition of more Council representatives solely on the ground that it would conflict with the Public Library Act, but they would be pleased indeed to receive all possible assistance and co-operation from the Council. Since the joint meeting the Library Board had communicated with Collingwood and Smith's Falls, Guelph, Brantford and other towns in receipt of grants from Mr. Carnegie, and had learned that in every instance Mr. Carnegie had dealt with the Public Library Boards as representing the Council and citizens.

A vote was then taken and Judge Harding's report was adopted. Solicitor Hopkins submitted a suggestion made by Mr. R. J. McLaughlin, solicitor of the Public Library Act, that the act be amended to secure a special act, as contemplated. He (Mr. McLaughlin) had interviewed Mr. Harcourt relative to the matter, who expressed his willingness to amend the act with the necessary amendments to receive donations from the towns, because most of the towns were building libraries without seeking special legislation. Mr. Hopkins added that the amendment to the act would save \$100, but it might be a little difficult to frame the amendment in such a way as to cover the particular needs of every town.

Mr. Flavell—"It strikes me the amendment of the general act might be preferable to special legislation because it would have a tendency to do away with the opposition and at the same time save \$100." Mayor Sootheran—"I don't think it would affect the opposition, but it would certainly result in a saving of money." Mr. Flavell—"It will render the opposition less effective." Ald. O'Reilly moved that the two communications be filed. It would be wiser to go ahead and secure special legislation, as they had planned. If the amendments to the Library Act covers Lindsay's case, then the special act would not be pressed; if the amendments were not applicable to Lindsay, then the special act could be pushed through and no time would be lost.

Ald. Cinnamon—"I can't agree with Ald. O'Reilly. Mr. McLaughlin states clearly that Hon. Mr. Harcourt is willing to amend the act in the way we want at no expense to us, while if we adopt the other plan we risk \$100."

Mayor Sootheran—"Move a resolution, then, Ald. Cinnamon. Ald. O'Reilly's motion has no second." Ald. O'Reilly—"How could Mr. Hopkins hope to frame a set of amendments to suit Lindsay and all other towns? Our Solicitor does not hold the same hopes as Mr. McLaughlin. The other way we are safe—if the Government amendments cover our case we can withdraw our special act and no expense will have been incurred."

Mayor Sootheran—"I think the plan Ald. O'Reilly suggests is the proper one, as it gives us two chances." Ald. Maunders then seconded Ald. O'Reilly's resolution, which was adopted.

The Gas Co. Settlement. Town Solicitor Hopkins reported that he had written to the company with reference to the misunderstanding caused by Secretary Dunstan's letter, and President Burgess had

called him up by phone and, after acknowledging that the Council's stand was correct, had read over to him the draft of a letter he was about to forward to Council, in which he explained the error and set forth the plan of the town, in accepting of position to pay \$750 in settlement of all arrears to 1st March, would not incur any liability to enter into a new contract. The Solicitor enclosed a resolution to confirm the payment.

Ald. Robinson asked for information, and was told by Mayor Sootheran that the acceptance of a new contract for five years was conditional upon the Council's acceptance of new lamps to be submitted to the company for approval, the use of in the meantime to enjoy the use of the street lights at a reduction of 20 per cent on the price formerly agreed upon.

Ald. Robinson—"Is the old contract cancelled?" Mayor Sootheran—"No, but we have the right to cancel it at any time." Ald. McCrea—"You can't show it in writing."

Ald. Robinson—"Until the old contract is cancelled I don't think it would be wise to make any payment."

At this stage of the proceedings Ald. O'Reilly and Cinnamon moved and seconded the adoption of the resolution framed by Solicitor Hopkins to protect the Council in paying the \$750 in settlement of arrears due the Gas Co.

Ald. McCrea—"I'll oppose that." Mayor Sootheran—"It's in the town's best interests."

Ald. McCrea—"I would like to know how you arrive at the conclusion that we can cancel the existing contract. If you pay that money we'll be bound to it, and will soon get another letter to that effect."

Mayor Sootheran—"The company's offer to take \$750 in settlement of what we owe them is an acknowledgment that they have not been carrying out their contract."

Ald. McCrea—"Why should we pay them 80 per cent of the contract price when they have only been giving us one-sixth of the light guarantee?" Mayor Sootheran—"The Co. claim that we are getting about three-fifths of the light promised. If we had quarrelled with them they could have shut off the light and we would have had to repay them the full price by the month. We are saving about \$200 by this settlement."

Ald. McCrea—"It would have been a good thing for the town if they had shut the light off a year ago."

Ald. Robinson—"Oh, no, Ald. McCrea, the light is not that bad." Ald. Storor—"If we had an agreement in black and white that the present contract is cancelled, then I would be willing to pay."

Mayor Sootheran—"Our Solicitor says we have them safe, and that it will be all right for us to pay the \$750."

Ald. McCrea—"Isn't it a fact that according to the agreement arrived at last week the old contract is not cancelled till the new one is entered into?" Mayor Sootheran—"I didn't understand it that way."

Ald. McCrea—"I can tell you just what the people are not satisfied with the gas light."

Ald. Cinnamon—"I'm surprised to hear these objections cropping up. Six members out of eight were present at the conference with Mr. Burgess and Mr. Dunstan, and we made the best bargain we could. It was certainly understood that the old contract was to be broken, because the Co. agreed to bring down six new lamps fitted with low wattage reflectors, and if the light suited as then a new contract was to be entered into. In justice to the Co. and to ourselves we should carry out the agreement to pay the \$750 in full settlement of all arrears."

Ald. Robinson—"You think, Ald. Cinnamon, the town is entitled to pay the amount, and will be safe in doing so."

Ald. Cinnamon—"I certainly do." Ald. Robinson—"Then I'm satisfied." The resolution was then adopted, after which Council adjourned and engaged in committee work.

SMALL WRECK ON SUTTON BRANCH
Six Cars Derailed and Passengers Given a Severe Shaking Up.
The Midland division of the G.T.R. on the 19th contributed its quota to the series of railway wrecks that have been occurring on the G.T.R. System during the last few months. This time the accident happened near Zephyr, a small village on the Sutton branch, and as a result three box cars and three coaches were derailed. The Sutton mixed, in charge of Conductor Johns, left Stouffville Junction on time, but when near Zephyr a truck of a coach broke causing the above result. Fortunately the train was not travelling at full speed or a much more serious wreck might have occurred. There were about twenty-five passengers on board, but all escaped with a severe shaking up and a bad fright.

The Lindsay auxiliary crew left town for the scene at 10:30.

A Mean Thief in Trouble.
A young man who gave his name as Forsyth, aged about 20 years, came to Lindsay from Stouffville the other day to take a position as a brakeman on the G.T.R. He fell in with another young man named Trotter, who is also a G.T.R. brakeman. Forsyth experienced some difficulty in securing a boarding house, so Mr. Trotter allowed him to room with him until he secured a place. The next day after his arrival Mr. Trotter was ordered to go to Midland, and on his return he discovered that his friend had left for parts unknown, and had taken with him his best suit and overcoat. He also took a valise from another boarder in the house. Trotter immediately notified Chief Nevison, and the latter succeeded in locating the thief at Stouffville. He was brought to town Saturday, and stood his trial that afternoon. He was remanded till to-day.

MIGHT HAVE GONE INTO RIVER

PORT HOPE MIXED TRAIN MET WITH AN ACCIDENT SATURDAY AFTERNOON.

Front Tracks of a Box Car Gave Way and Nearly Caused a Disaster at the Iron Bridge.

An accident happened on Saturday to Conductor Britton's train No. 35, due in Lindsay from Port Hope every afternoon at 2:05. The front trucks of a box car next to the coach slid from underneath and fell forward on the track just east of the iron bridge, the cars were luckily breaking away from the rest of the train, which with the exception of a couple of cars, had passed over the bridge.

The disabled car bumped along on the ties for several yards, but fortunately did not leave the track. If it had swung a little to one side it is likely it would have gone over the high embankment into the river, pulling the passenger coach with it. It was indeed a miraculous escape for the twenty or more passengers on the coach at the time.

NARROW ESCAPE FROM DEATH.

Another Proof that Railroadings is a Hazardous Occupation.

Mr. Wm. McCrea, G.T.R. brakeman on the Midland way-freight, was the victim of a painful accident a few days ago at Coldwater station. Mr. McCrea was standing on the top of a box car using the brake as the car was being shunted into the yard. By some means the chain of the brake parted and the unfortunate man was hurled off the car, alighting on his shoulder against the rail. Although no bones were broken Mr. McCrea sustained a very painful injury which will lay him up for some time. It was a miraculous escape, for if he had fallen in front of the car he would have been run over and killed. Mr. McCrea's home is in Omema.

SPRING AILMENTS.

The Blood Needs Attention at This Season—Purgatives Should be Avoided.

Spring is the season when your system needs toning up. In the spring you must have new blood, just as the trees must have new sap. With new blood you will feel sprightly, happy and healthy. Many people take purgatives in spring, but this is a serious mistake, as the tendency of all purgatives is to further weaken the system. The one and only sure way to get new blood and new strength is to take Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. They actually make new, rich, red blood—they are the "great spring tonic" in the world.

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Trent Canal Appropriations.

In the estimates brought down on the 16th in the Dominion House the following amounts are allotted for Trent Valley Canal work: For construction, \$450,000; to build a new entrance pier at Peterboro, \$2,000; to build entrance pier at Burlington, \$1,500; to dredge shoals Lovesick, \$3,500; to dredge shoals, Ketchawana and Buckhorn Lake, \$3,500; rebuilding dam at Peterboro, revote, \$6,000; 1902-03, \$9,000; 1903-04, \$6,000.

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Mr. and Mrs. Strike with a gold-headed cane and a silver water tankard as a slight token of the esteem in which they are held by the young people of the church. Mr. Strike made a pleasant reply expressing his thanks for the gifts given to Mrs. Strike and himself. It was very gratifying to know that his sermons were appreciated by the members of his church. In conclusion he said he would feel very "gamey" now he had been presented with a cane. The pleasant evening's entertainment was brought to an end by all singing "God Save the King."

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The Laidley Boys are Succeeding in Their New Venture.

Mr. Jas. Laidley, formerly of town, but who, with his brother, Howard, is now running a large ranch in the North west, returned last week after a year's absence, looking hale and hearty. The West evidently agrees with Mr. Laidley, as he has not lost any of his old-time vigor. In the picture of his head in the high embankment, his representative Mr. Laidley said their ranch is a large one, stocked with over two hundred head of cattle. The ranch is about 112 miles west of Moosejaw, and about 30 miles north, being situated near the Saskatchewan River valley. Owing to the heavy rains last fall, and the cold snap coming on immediately after, they had the misfortune to lose some cattle, but this, Mr. Laidley says, is quite a common occurrence with the ranchers. Mr. Laidley says it is a great country, but he thinks that like all new countries it is being boomed a little too much. Ranching is a great business, and it is good sport to jump on the back of a broncho and spend a half-day rounding up the cattle. The weather in winter time changes often, but the coldest day they had this year was on Feb. 13th, when the mercury dropped to 40 below zero. In summer mosquitoes are very troublesome. Antelope are very numerous in their district, and it is quite a common thing to see a herd of a couple of hundred at one time. Mr. Laidley will be in town a few weeks, and while here will spend considerable of his time picking up live stock to take back West with him.

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