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Auditors Present Annual Report at Council Meeting

Councillor Mason Voices Objection to Move Separating Municipal Collections — New Councillors Are Appointed to Committees — Regular Meetings Will Be Held on Mondays Complaints made. When Tax Bills Are Received.

Councillors A. Mason, E. Jones and F. Davison were present on Thursday evening when Acton council met in regular session and Reeve J. B. Chalmers presided.

Councillors-elect A. Mason and E. Jones took the declaration of office. The clerk explained that Councillor J. M. McDonald had intimated in a letter he could not attend Thursday evening meetings and preferred Monday. Before the minutes were confirmed Councillor Mason voiced objection to the change that had been made in the collection of taxes this year. He felt that this change from a municipal office was a backward step and that municipal affairs should be centralized in the Public Utilities office. He contended that the changes under the present plan were more costly. Mr. Mason also pointed out the former difficulties that had been encountered when a similar arrangement to the one now put into force had proven very unsatisfactory.

The minutes were approved, with the exception of this clause regarding changes in the collection of taxes.

Mr. S. Braldo complained of his change of assessment which had been raised \$100. It was pointed out that council had no power to change now that the assessment had been confirmed. Appeal should have been made before Court of Revision. As-sessor E. Harrap gave his reasons for the raise and felt it was justified, in comparison with other properties.

Mr. James Waterhouse pointed to what he considered an error in being charged for two waterworks fronting on his property on John Street. The clerk explained that Mr. Waterhouse had had no other time to make an appeal on this matter or it did not appear on the assessment notice. Council felt an error had been made. The amount was to be paid in full and a rebate of the error made.

Council committees were arranged as follows:

Fire, Light, and Heat: F. Davison, chairman; Mason and Reeve.

Streets and Walks: E. Jones, chairman.

Finance: A. Mason, chairman; J. M. McDonald and the Reeve.

Parish and Arenas: J. M. McDonald, chairman; E. Jones and the Reeve.

The sixth report of the Finance Committee recommended payment of the following accounts:

E. Ryer, salary at Arenas \$63.00
Elliott Bros supplies 7.38
F. T. Wright, balance due on bond premium 8.60
Acton Free Press, printing and advertising 41.46
Bell Telephone Co., services 11.88
Symon Hardware, supplies 4.05
Blue Star Service Station, gasoline 72.00
E. Harrap, postage 53
J. Williamson, re snow removal 1.25
E. Price, re snow removal 1.25
J. H. Price, re snow removal 1.25
D. Elliott, to show removal 1.25
A. T. Brown, supplies 1.25
L. W. Agar, coal for Town Hall 15.25
D. H. Lindsay, supplies 1.50
Total \$20.96

Mr. Gray and Mr. Conlin of Gray, Teskey and Hill, auditors were at this meeting to present and give explanations on the auditors report for 1940. A covering letter on the report was also read. They gave a thorough review of the figures as they found them and were sympathetic in their explanations.

A resolution was passed authorizing the amount of \$100 and depositing it at Georgetown in the state bank.

The account of the auditors for the year of \$820 plus postage of \$4.80 was also presented. An amount of \$100 had been previously paid leaving a balance of \$229.80. A motion was passed authorizing payment of the account and the council expressed appreciation of the audit that had been prepared.

A motion was passed offering Mr. Gray the same amount as last year for the audit of 1941. This offer was accepted by Mr. Gray, although he felt it should be increased. Councillor Mason felt the appointment should be left to another meeting.

Another motion was passed accepting the report and ordering the usual number of copies be printed.

A complaint was received regarding the amount of tax paid by the service committee of which Wilma Hansen is Convenor.

AN EVENING OF SACRED MUSIC AT UNITED CHURCH

The service of sacred music in the United Church on Sunday evening was planned to illustrate how the devotional music of the great masters has found its way into the songs of all our churches and was listened to with unusual interest. Beginning with the playing of a hymn tune by Schumann, and the singing of another by Handel, the service order included the Beethoven "Hymn to Joy," with hymns and vocal and piano numbers by Mendelssohn, Haydn, Mozart, Bach, Gounod, and of the more modest composers Pietro Yon and Sir Hubert Parry.

Stories of the origin of some of the tunes and human-interest items from the lives of the composers were also a feature. Perhaps a third of the program was given to Bach, with first a brief analysis of his style and musical methods and this followed by illustrations of the points mentioned in several numbers, four of these tunes from church hymnary, two played on the piano, two sung by the guest soloists, one by the choir to illustrate the four-part harmony.

Miss Muriel Ricketts played the piano transcription of "Jesus, Joy of Man's Desiring" most appreciatively, and the highly-devotional "My Heart Ever Faithful," was sung to end the Bach numbers. It was evident that the order of service had been arranged to utilize fully the guest soloists, Misses Beth and Dorothy Fulcher of Toronto, whose lovely soprano voices, heard in duet, in a descent against the choir, and in hymn illustrations, as well as in several of their own solos, were excellently suited to this type of service. The accompaniments for the vocal solos were played most sympathetically by Miss Lillian Gray, and Mrs. Roy Arnold, choir-director, played gratefully the numbers illustrating the hymn tunes.

RED CROSS SOCIETY EXPRESSES APPRECIATION OF SERVICE RENDERED

The following letter was received by the Free Press this week from the Canadian Red Cross Society, Dear Sir:

At the annual meeting of the Council of the Ontario Division, Canadian Red Cross Society, the following resolution was presented and unanimously carried:

"That a sincere vote of thanks be expressed to the Press and Radio Service of Ontario for their splendid co-operation and assistance to the Canadian Red Cross Society."

I have much pleasure in forwarding this resolution to you and would like to add my own appreciation of the splendid and uplifting support

which you have always given us.

Yours sincerely,
Gladys E. Campbell,
President Ontario Division
Can. Red Cross Society

WALTER REID PRESIDENT OF HALTON JUNIORS

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New Record Set In Customs Collections Here

For the past few years there has been a gradual increase in the collections of the Customs Office in Acton, but the year closed on Monday set a new high record. Receipts were \$207,923.40, which is almost double the figure of last year at \$108,525.22.

With these figures some conception can be secured of the part Acton's industry plays in the life of this community. All of them find regular monthly session and the customs port, most necessary at man F. S. Blow presided.

Principal McKenzie was present and discussed with the Board the matter of age of children for starting school. The matter was left over for a later meeting. It is deemed advisable not to have children start before six years of age.

The principal also requested permission to plant shrubs at the front of the public school. He reported the caretaker was willing to build a track for bicycles if the Board would supply the material. This would improve the general appearance of the school and keep it more tidy.

The Board gave approval for the planting of shrubs. The building of the fact for bicycles was left with the property committee with power to proceed with the work.

The matter of having a closer check on supplies, in connection with discounts and delivery of goods was discussed by the Board. Trustee Boyd pointed out that two shipments of goods had been received and off-invoice passed without the discounts and another stopped before payment. There was no way of checking up on goods received at present.

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This amount, collected by the two members of the E.P.C. held in the Legion Hall, Georgetown, was forwarded to the Royal Canadian Legion, Toronto, for War Services Work.

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School Board Asks Closer Check on All Invoices

Will Make Inspection of Schools To Plan Improvements For Buildings and Interiors

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President J. C. Bell of the Holstein Breeders' was chairman and kept things running smoothly throughout the evening. Among the guests presented to the gathering were C. D. Graham, newly appointed extension editor of the Holstein-Friesian Association in Ontario and Gen. Clemence, Dominion Secretary of the same organization. On behalf of the Holstein Breeders, the latter presented Elton McLean of Oakville with a silver tray suitably engraved in recognition of his achievement in having bred the All-American Heifer Calf and the Reserve All-American four-year-old cow for 1940.

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