

TIMMINS STREETS NOW MENAGE

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He stated that a resolution had been passed by the Board of Trade appointing a committee to interview the Council in regard to improving the streets. They passed one or two resolutions and authorized the Secretary to notify the Council. One was that they have the resident and property owners on two streets—from the Goldfields Hotel to the Bank school and from the station to Dalton's livery—make the water connections to their property and another was that the streets named be put in proper condition.

Mr. C. Pierce stated that this matter of the streets had been coming on for some time. What could they do to have them fixed? They could hardly keep their doors or windows open on the first story. If it was at all possible for the Council to help them out they certainly would appreciate it. Of course there would be a cry about finances but he had understood from Mr. Globe that he thought it would be money well spent.

Some Suggestions

Councillor McCoy—What would you suggest as the best remedy?

Mr. Pierce.—There has been talk about getting some stone from the Hollinger and then others thought we might get rock from the Mouetta which is closer.

The Mayor.—I don't think you would get the right kind from the Mouetta and it would be better to go to the Hollinger.

Mr. Pierce.—I understood from Mr. Globe they had some kind of screen by which we could get small rock for the purpose but the matter has dropped and we have never heard anything since.

Dr. McInnis said the Council members knew the condition of the streets as well as anybody. They might just as well be in the desert of Sahara on a windy day. The Mayor had been talked over by the Board of Trade as early back when the snow was on the ground. "It is one of the most urgent needs of the Town to-day," further remarked the speaker, "and I don't think it is going to take a great deal of money to do it. The work should be done all round this block because I believe the fire wagons have been stuck in the sand. It is a great menace to the town. If a wagon should get stuck during a fire the loss would probably be a great deal more than the cost of repairing the streets. I think it would be the most important thing the Council did this year. Possibly in two weeks time the whole work

could be completed. I think the Council should try and if possible at all grant some funds towards getting this done. I think the citizens would be perfectly willing to co-operate with them in every way they could. It is getting pretty late now and if we are going to have it done this year we ought to get about it right away."

"I am sorry some members of the Council do not attend the Board of Trade meetings once in a while" said Mr. T. King "in order to discuss some of these things. Some members of the Board of Trade and merchants have talked as if they were willing to do the work required in front of their own places themselves. I think it would be very unwise as there would just be a little done here and there. It would not be permanent. If you can see your way as a Council to get Debentures sold you may be assured you will have the co-operation of the Board of Trade which is pretty representative of the business section of the town and also the citizens living here."

Mr. Ostrosser remarked that if the Town could not secure money as a loan from the Bank perhaps some short Debentures, say \$50.00 or \$100 might be issued. The merchants might take up such bonds. This would be far better than borrowing money and having notes to go through the Bank.

To Back Notes

Mr. Marshall.—I think it is a case of devising some way of getting finances arranged. I believe the best way to do would be to have the Board of Trade or members of the Board of Trade back notes and get the money right away, then go ahead and fix the roads. I have spoken to several Councillors and learn they have not the money and cannot do anything so if it can be carried out in the way I mention I think it would be the best to get action in a hurry. I would be quite willing to do this myself.

The Mayor.—The main cost of the work would be the teaming. The "Dons" I might state, are getting in a Government steam roller and fixing their road so that probably when the road is constructed here it would be a good opportunity to get the roller here.

Mr. Marshall said that the roller was owned by the Township of Tisdale, and the Mayor further added that there were two rollers in the Township of Eymand, one of which is coming up here. The Government, he understood, had about six rollers in this country.

In discussing the matter of how the streets would be improved Mr. Marshall thought they should be graded, put fresh rock on and roll it in.

Dr. McInnis.—Don't you think some of the sand should be removed?

The Mayor.—That would have to be left to the engineer who would give us the grade. You would have to

remove 60 feet of it if you started in to move it all.

Dr. McInnis.—Of course I don't mean to remove the whole street; simply make a bed for the rock. There is not much use making street improvements if we have to dig them up again for water.

Mr. Marshall asked if the Town would be in a position to finance any part of the proposition at the present time. They wanted to know the facts and how much they would have to put up.

Councillor Moore.—We would find that out from the Town Engineer through an estimate of the work.

Mr. Marshall.—It would take two or three months to do that.

Councillor Moore.—About two days. Mr. Pierce took exception to Mr. Marshall's proposition of backing notes. He thought the suggestion of Mr. Ostrosser was a good one, to pass a by-law to make Debentures at a short date. He thought every merchant interested in the streets would take them up. "So far as endorsing notes goes" he added, "I think that is a thing of the past."

By-law Taken Time

Councillor McCoy.—If you do not adopt Mr. Marshall's recommendation I am afraid the object of your visit here may be defeated. I have a by-law here in connection with the sidewalks and for which notes were issued to pay for them. I started to get this by-law ready in February and not a minute has been wasted since then. Now that is the length of time it takes to put through an ordinary by-law without any delay whatever. By-law after by-law has to be prepared one after the other. Now if you are going to issue short term Debentures they will have to be by-law and require to go through all that red tape.

Proceeding, Councillor McCoy said that if the Board of Trade as a body could furnish sufficient money to do the work, that was, in proportion to the amount of funds furnished by each individual member, the debentures, when prepared, could be allotted to those members financing the proposition. It was just a case where they wanted to get busy right away but if they waited for a Local Improvement By-law to be passed and even then waste no time it would take too long to get the streets fixed this year.

Mr. Pierce.—That is very true that it may take a long time to get debentures. Mr. Marshall only made a suggestion but never made a suggestion in the Board of Trade as to who would sign those notes.

Mr. Marshall.—The people who want the streets. That is the only way I can see out of it.

Overdraft Now.

Councillor McCoy.—We have an overdraft at the present time that the Imperial Bank do not approve of. Mr. Pierce pointed out that Coun-

cellor Globe stated right there a few months ago that the Council had decided to put aside \$2,000 to fix these streets and distinctly said he would rather spend that sum in such a way than buy a team of horses for the Fire Department. That made him think that, as the horses were not bought, and a stable not built, this two thousand was put away to fix the streets.

Councillor McCoy.—We never had the \$2,000 Mr. Pierce. I am certain if I made a motion to do the work the Council would carry it unanimously. If we do it through a by-law the possibility is the work will not be done this year.

Dr. McInnis asked if the Council had received any communications from outside parties asking as to the buying of Debentures and was informed that there was one in April.

Mr. Ostrosser wished to know if it would take a month to prepare debentures of that kind and various routine necessary was detailed by the Mayor.

Councillor McCoy also added that they had to hold Court of Revision, issue notices in the papers, etc., and it was just a case of sitting and waiting because they had no alternative. Councillor Moore.—Did the Board of Trade interview the Bank.

Mr. Marshall.—We wanted to see the Council first.

Councillor Dalton asked if anyone did ever figure what it would cost.

Mr. Ostrosser replied that it would roughly estimate anywhere up to \$1,500.

Mr. Pierce.—Why here is Mr. Dalton, the very man to do the work. He would be the man of the hour and has lots of money. (Laughter.)

Councillor Dalton.—You're right, Charlie; lots of it. (Renewed laughter.)

Answering one query, Councillor McCoy said the question of the Hollinger supplying the rock would be the easiest part about it.

The question of team supplies was here discussed briefly and Mr. King asked if, supposing the money could be raised, would the Council be agreeable to pass a Local Improvement By-law.

Councillor McCoy.—I feel sure they would.

Mr. King.—Would it not be wise to appoint a committee of the Council and one of the Board of Trade to get together to raise the money and in the meantime the Council go ahead right now with the object of having a Local Improvement By-law passed then the public at large would know the funds would be coming eventually in a few months.

Some minor points were talked about and with the understanding as given in the commencement of this report the Deputation thanked the Council and retired.

To Run Machine Shop.

Messrs. Alec Salkel and J. G. Prick-

ett applied to the Council for permission to rent the building owned by the town and at present being used by the band to practise in. They wished to open up a machine shop there and would be prepared to pay a rental of \$20 per month.

It was pointed out to them that the Town were only squatters on the land which belonged to the Timmings Townsite and they were liable to be moved off any time. The Council were agreeable to concede the request as a machine shop would be a good organization. It might be arranged for the applicants to be allowed one month's rent to fix up another building for the use of the musicians. The matter is pending till the return of Mr. Robbins who, Councillor McCoy intimated, would be out of town for ten days.

Public School Rate.

T. M. Wilson, Secretary-Treasurer of the Public School Board officially requested the Council to pass the necessary by-law covering the Public School requisition of \$4,400, and asked that the rate for same be struck for 1915, as required by the Imperial Bank.

Sidewalk Debentures.

By-law number 44 to borrow \$4,744.33 to pay for the laying of cement sidewalks which work has already been done, was submitted to Council and read three times after which it was passed and given the number named.

TWINS WHO WERE BORN INSEPARABLE

The attention of medical authorities has been riveted upon Rochester, Minn., where the Mayo surgeons have been called upon to perform an unusual feat. Quatibane and Josephine are the patients. They are bright and happy children of Spanish parents and are absolutely inseparable twins. They have never been parted since the day of their birth, about two and a half years ago, but it is now hoped to separate them through the agency of surgery in Rochester.

The twins can walk forward with ease, each putting a little arm around the other's waist. The band of flesh is elastic enough to permit them to change sides as they walk. All their bodily functions seem to be independent, and medicine given to one has no effect upon the other. One child may be laughing and the other crying at the same time. The babies look much alike and appear fond of each other, and at times they hug and kiss each other in a loving and sisterly way. At birth they weighed twelve pounds, and at present their weight is forty-five pounds.

TIMMINS FIREMEN MONTHLY MEETING

With Good Attendance of Members---Watchmen of Fire Hall on Sundays

The regular monthly meeting of the Timmings Fire Brigade was held last Friday evening at the Fire Hall. Fire Chief Nolan presided and fifteen members of the brigade were present.

Fireman H. J. Fitzpatrick had to leave town owing to illness in his family. His place will be taken, during his absence, by Honorary Member C. H. Harrington.

A committee composed of Fire Chief Nolan, Assiat. Fire Chief Stockwell and firemen P. M. Bardessona, were appointed to interview the Council at the Council meeting on 7th instant regarding the following matters:—

The laying of broken rock on the street in front of the fire hall and at the fire hydrant at the fire hall and other fire hydrants in the town, where required, so as to form a firm bed for the fire engine when in use at the hydrants.

The installation of a large fire alarm gong at the Pump Station on the Matagami river to be connected with the street fire alarm system.

The placing of barrels and buckets at different points in the western part of the town for fire protection, the barrels to be kept full of water in case of need.

It was also decided that four members of the brigade act as watchmen at the fire hall on Sundays, two men during the afternoon and two in the evening, and that a list be prepared by the secretary for that purpose.

The meeting then adjourned till the next general regular meeting on the first Friday in July.

NEGLIGENT PRISON GUARD DISMISSED.

Kingston, June 10.—As the result of an investigation held into a recent occurrence at the penitentiary, when a convict hanged himself in his cell, one guard has been dismissed and another fined \$20 for negligence. Inspector Stewart held an investigation into the matter and found both men guilty of negligence. The guard who was dismissed has been in the service for a quarter of a century, but it is understood that he will receive his annuity.

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