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**THE GAS TANK MUDDLE.**

The report of the expert whom the light, heat and power committee called to its assistance, upon the condition of the new gas tank's foundation is a surprise to some men and a disappointment to others. He has simply condemned the work, as it stands, and recommends its removal. He does not think another dollar should be spent upon it. He may be right. The average layman will hesitate about challenging the decision of one who is, by skill and study and experience, qualified to offer an emphatic opinion.

The mistake originally, in view of recent events, was in accepting a tender which because of its lowness did not guarantee the superior work the city desired. Nothing but the best service should have been invited in connection with a contract which meant permanency in the work undertaken. The foundations of the old gas tanks, over fifty years ago, were of cut stone, and built in an enduring memory. What is \$1,000 or \$2,000 in a structure which should last for a century? A cheaper and less enduring work being supplied, a monument of its kind and to the folly of unnecessary chicanery, what can be done to improve it? The attempts so far made to close the leaks and make the foundation watertight have failed. The committee will not permit further experiments. It will not accept a bulk sum and relieve Mr. Campbell of further responsibility. He is not liable for financial loss in any case, and his offer is simply a generous one and actuated by the desire to protect his good name and reputation.

There is the suggestion that another person who, by the resort to one of several ways, can save the situation, and at a moderate cost. What will the committee do? It had better reach some decision without further delay, and give some real evidence of its business capacity.

**DON'T BE A KNOCKER.**

The controversy over the locomotive works has increased in interest. The letter of C. Birmingham was a revelation in itself. It showed how Mr. Hartly had, as the Whig averred, purchased the bankrupt concern, and unaided began its building up. It supplied the information, already known to many people, that others had been admitted to the business, as members of the company, later. These advocated the removal of the works to Montreal, and Mr. Hartly objected. Here he had commenced his business career, and here he would end it. Here he had been identified with the people in various enterprises, and here, in his last venture, he hoped to be of some advantage to those engaged with him in industrial pursuits. The promise he made to the workmen when he acquired the plant would be fulfilled.

All this excites the admiration of his political opponents. The last feeble effort to distribute the praise in connection with the works fails. The attempt to minimize the benefit of the institution and Mr. Hartly's place in its development proves futile. Before the facts, driven home with merciless logic, there is a complete surrender. As an employer of labour, one who has risked much and laboured much in a given cause, it is confessed that he is deserving of all the honor that he is paid, and all the credit, and the gratitude of all the people, for the bounties he has distributed. But—

What is the one reservation? He is a liberal and a supporter of a liberal government, which has done much for the country and much for Kingston. The record of twelve years is a record of advancement, of merit, of progress, and of unexampled prosperity. The administration that has done so well, generally, is worthy of continuance in office. Some of its greater schemes, notably the Grand Trunk Pacific railway, the Hudson Bay railway, and the enlargement of the Welland canal—are under way. The disposition of the people, by a large majority, is to let Laurier finish his work. This is the great issue before the people of Canada. It is the issue before the electors of Kingston, and incidentally there is the other issue, thrust by the conservatives into the contest, the larger success of the larger locomotive works. It is useless to say that the institution will be as safe or as well off under one government as under another. Experience teaches a different lesson. The Borden party has no use for Mr. Hartly, and will have no use for his locomotive works. The electors, therefore, who are asked to vote against Mr. Hartly, are asked to vote against Kingston and its best interests.

**EDITORIAL NOTES.**

Do you want to see Kingston going ahead? Then vote for and support Hartly in this election.

Money talks, they say. It does in the betting arena, and it is saying just now that Laurier will win again easily.

Please note the points where Sir James Whitney makes addresses in Quebec and see the effect on polling day.

"Billy" Bennett (of Simcoe) in danger? So the Toronto News says. He is up against the French vote, and it decides the election.

Don't be a knocker, but support the man who labours to serve Kingston and make it larger. He should be rewarded. Vote for Hartly.

The Edmonton power plant (municipal), made thirty-two per cent. in its investment in the first seven months of this year. This is going some.

There is going to be a clean sweep of Quebec and the new provinces, by the Liberals. The result in Ontario may be a surprise to the local government.

Frontenac expects favours from the government at Ottawa. Will it not succeed better with a representative in favour of them against the government?

Those who expect Ontario to give Borden as good a record in the election as it gave Whitney must remember that the gerrymander does not cut any figure in the federal cause!

There is not a ghost of a show for the Borden party in this election. Laurier's majority was large enough in the last house, but it promises to be larger in the next house.

The plea that money is being saved does not justify the mysterious manipulation of tenders by the city property committee. There should be no juggling with tenders on any account.

The true principle of tendering has been abandoned by the city property committee. Once tenders are opened, they should be disposed of on their merits. It is simply wrong to admit a new tender afterwards on any account.

Strange addresses that Sir James Whitney is making in Quebec. He invites the favour of the audiences by telling what a gracious reception was awarded to the representatives from Quebec during their tour in Ontario. He's foxy.

Mr. Marshall, conservative candidate in East Elgin, is suing the St. Thomas Journal for slander in connection with the Orwell hotel scandal. He dodges the Globe, however, which printed the article originally, and founded it on the affidavits of several persons and investigation of a special commissioner. The Globe is a terror to evil doers these days.

J. B. Hawkins, ex-member of the Saskatchewan legislature, will vote liberal on October 26th, for the first time and for two reasons: (1) The party selected the wrong man in convention, and later cast him aside, and (2) Laurier has undertaken to build the Hudson Bay railway, and is entitled to western support. Mr. Hawkins is only one of hundreds of conservatives who will vote liberal in this election.

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**CANNOT FIX IT.**

(Continued from page 1).

Ald. Givens said that the leak would average about 900 gallons per day.

Ald. Nickle said that it was not right that men gathered around the board should be played with. The question that the council was desirous of knowing was as to whether or not the tank was tight.

The reading of the various telegrams received from Mr. Campbell, already made known to the public concerning the work. Ald. Givens and Ald. Elliott undertook to straighten out the matter.

**A Lively Tilt.**

Ald. Graham became much annoyed at the time taken up in the matter, and when Ald. Elliott was about to read one of the telegrams, told the alderman to "hurry up," stating that he was not going to sit at the board all night.

"I read it when I am ready to do so," said Ald. Elliott.

"But I'm not going to sit here and listen to you all the time," said Ald. Graham.

"Keep cool now, gentlemen," broke in the mayor.

"But I think that I am entitled to respect," said Ald. Elliott.

"You don't deserve it," came from Ald. Graham.

"At this Ald. Elliott remarked that Ald. Graham would be better thought of by the general public, if he would attend more to business, and devote less time to sarcasm.

"I won't stand for any more of this cross-firing," said the mayor. "One alderman at a time is sufficient."

Ald. Graham hinted that there was secret business of the council going on, and that this had been the case for several years. If the tank had been leaking, as the chairman remarked, on an average, about 900 gallons per day, something was being kept back, and it should be made known.

Ald. Hartly said that the council should have made for a written guarantee. He still maintained that business was not done in a business-like way. He had been told, and it was common rumor on the street, that the reason why Mr. Campbell had not completed his work, was because he had not been interested with it.

Ald. Hartly then asked if the tank had been tested, and, if so, in what condition it had been found.

Superintendent Folger was asked for information, and he said that the tank did not.

Mayor Ross said that a question not yet dwelt upon, was as to whether or not Mr. Campbell had paid for the work now being done.

Ald. Chown replied that Mr. Campbell had paid for all the accounts, with the exception of one which he had not yet received.

The years and days were called for on the report of the committee, and it was carried, by a vote of 17 to 3, Aids. Toye, Carson and Craig voting nay.

**Report From Expert.**

A second report from the light, heat and power committee contained a report from W. E. Mackay, an expert, of Boston, who made an examination of the tank, and it was finally decided that the clerk should read this report. It read as follows:

"In compliance with your request, I have examined the concrete holder tank recently constructed on Barrack street. Following a study of the specifications, and basing my statement upon the visible defects, and upon the description of the construction not now visible, it is my opinion that it would be extremely difficult and expensive, if not impossible, to make it perfectly tight—and entirely satisfactory a tank of the existing structure.

"I recommend walls of the present concrete tank be removed, and that a new tank be built on the present site. If it is decided to build a new tank, I further recommend that no further expenditure be made in trying to repair the present tank, and that the guide work be replaced on the outside of the water water-proofing, to permit the winter use of the holder. Reconstruction of the tank should be begun at the earliest possible date, in the spring of 1909. I will mail you a detailed report."

The discussion continued after the reading of this report.

Ald. Higney said the council should make sure that it would be safeguarded in acting on the report.

Ald. Elliott said that the city would be taking hold of the matter in earnest, should the report be passed. He believed that Mr. Campbell should be given a chance.

Ald. Hartly said that before the report was rushed through, the council should give Mr. Campbell a chance to complete the work. Such a step should be taken, before the city should saddle itself with a law suit.

Ald. Henderson agreed with Ald. Hartly on this point.

Ald. Angrove said that he believed the committee had done its duty in regard to the matter. If Mr. Campbell said that the tank was tight, he was either crazy or blind. He believed that Mr. Campbell should have been present at the meeting, and endeavored to bring about a settlement.

Ald. Nickle remarked that some judge would probably go crazy over the matter yet, and perhaps some of the aldermen, too.

There was some further discussion, when it was decided, on motion of Aids. Chown and Craig, that the matter be reconsidered, and a committee retired to frame up a report, this committee framed a report, which was adopted, and which is in part, as follows:

"That the city solicitor be instructed to advise the manager when to lower the holder and place same in commission in pursuance of the recommendation of Mr. Mackay, without prejudice to the rights of the city, in order to permit the winter use of the holder, and that further action on Mr. Mackay's report be deferred until his detailed report is received."

"That a copy of the expert's interim report and a copy of the report of this committee, as adopted by council, October 12th, be sent to Mr. Campbell."

**Tenders For The Dome.**

Ald. Elliott announced to the mayor that he would seek a question

of privilege. He read from an evening paper, a report of the property committee, having awarded a contract to R. N. P. McFarlane, to reconstruct the city dome, for the sum of \$12,135, the work to be completed by February 15th. The committee had made no report to the council, and he regarded it as a matter of courtesy, for them to do so, especially when it was such an important matter, involving the expenditure of so large an amount of the city's money. He did not know why new tenders should be called for. No instructions had been given the committee to call for these new tenders, and he thought that it was up to the chairman of that committee to give an explanation, and to state why new tenders had been asked for.

Ald. Angrove said that council had appeared quite satisfied in giving his committee the full responsibility in the matter, and the calling for new tenders had simply been for the securing of better prices. The committee, by so doing, had made a great saving for the city, and now there was some kicking over what had been done.

"The whole thing is absurd, and enough to make one sick," said Ald. Angrove. "You are simply talking through your hat."

"It was so absurd that you did not think it worth while to report to council," was Ald. Elliott's reply.

Ald. Elliott pointed out that the action of the committee had been most unfair to the contractors who had first tendered for the work. The figures had been given out, published in the papers, and this was not fair to the contractors. He had nothing to say against the saving of the money to the city; all he wished to point out was the unfairness to the men who had put in the tenders. There was no further discussion, and the matter was allowed to drop.

**Other Business.**

Ald. Nickle drew the council's attention to the resolution passed by the board of health, asking that the city erect an isolation hospital, for the care of the small-pox patients. He moved that the matter be left in the hands of the finance committee, with power to act. Small-pox cases must receive the best of attention, and the speaker's remarks met with the warm approval of every member of the council.

By a unanimous vote, the council decided to refer the board of health's recommendation to the finance committee.

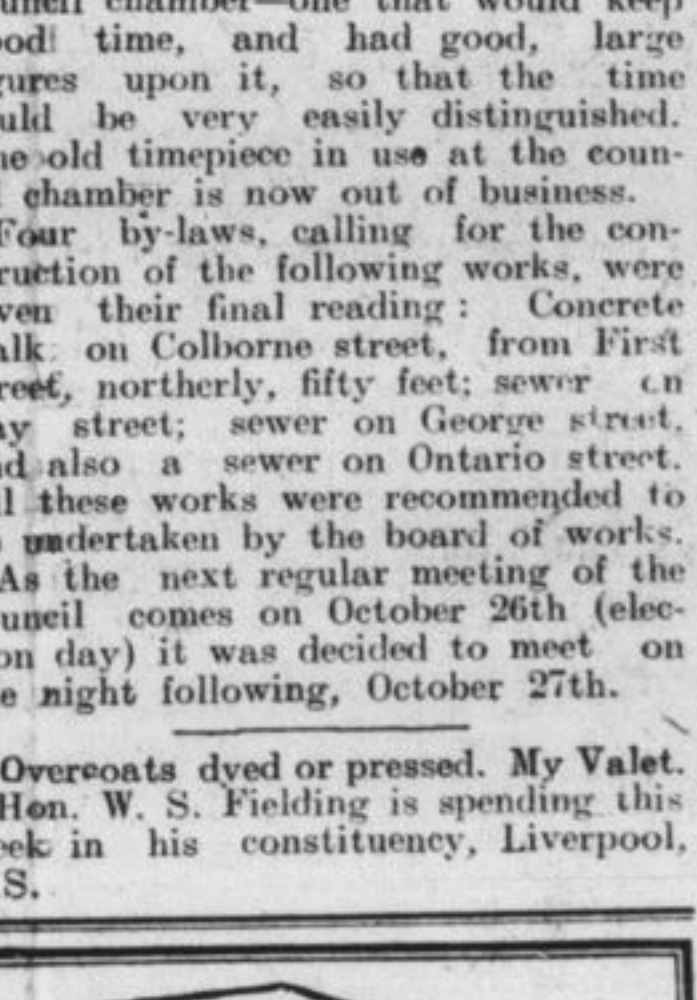
Ald. Craig and Ald. Cooper introduced a motion which went through with a hop, step and jump. It was to the effect that the city property committee be authorized and instructed to purchase a new clock for the city council chamber—one that would keep good time, and had good, large figures upon it, so that the time could be very easily distinguished. The old timepiece in use at the council chamber is now out of business.

Four by-laws, calling for the construction of the following works, were given their final reading: Concrete walk on Colborne street from First street, northerly fifty feet; sewer on Bay street; sewer on George street, and also a sewer on Ontario street. All these works were recommended to be undertaken by the board of works.

As the next regular meeting of the council comes on October 26th (election day) it was decided to meet on the night following, October 27th.

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