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THE CITY COUNCIL

CONCLUDED ITS BUSINESS FOR THE YEAR 1913

Work of the Utilities Committee—Street Sign By-law Amended—Resolutions Passed Regarding City Treasurer Ireland and Mayor Rigney.

The city council held its last regular meeting of this year Monday evening and remained in session until shortly after eleven o'clock despite the fact that the mayor's fine supper was awaiting to be served at the Randolph hotel.

In attendance were: Mayor Rigney and Aids. Bews, Couper, Clugston, Elliott, Graham, Gillespie, Harrison, Hart, Hoag, Kent, Littleton, Peters, Ross, Shaw, Stroud, Sutherland and White.

These communications were received: Thomas Mills applying for position in treasurer's department.

E. R. Gaskin asking for remission of taxes. A. W. Benjamin asking city council's assistance on behalf of the Napanee River Improvement Company.

D. Dennis applying for position in treasurer's office. Secretary Cabmen's association for permission to build a cab office on the north east corner Ontario and Clarence streets.

Earl Dowman applying for position in the city engineer's office. Local Board of Health re. sewage disposal between Lower University and Collingwood streets.

Resolution of the Board of Trade re. abolition of market tolls. Board of Education asking for fire alarm box at the middle of Alfred and Frontenac streets.

R. J. LaRush asking for compensation for damage to a boat used by the police. City auditor and city treasurer re. pay lists of the Kingston Shipbuilding company.

City Clerk reporting that the petition of the Canadian Locomotive Company for sewer in Ontario street is sufficiently signed. City Clerk reporting that the petition of L. C. Lockett and others for a new tile drain in a laneway running between Earl and West streets is sufficiently signed.

J. L. Whiting, K. C. stating that unless the city makes a settlement with Mrs. H. E. Nicholson for the loss of her hand by a live wire on Montreal street, an action would be entered.

Finance Report. These recommendations of the finance committee were adopted: That the request of G. Y. Chown, for Queen's university, for the remission of balance of taxes on lot No. 9, Alfred street, be granted.

That the appropriation of city property and markets committee be further increased by adding \$450. That the appropriation of Fire and Light committee be further increased by adding \$25.

That the account of the King Edward company for damages to premises by students be not paid. That the resignation of F. C. Ireland, city treasurer, be accepted, and that he be paid an honorarium equivalent to six months' salary.

That Oscar V. Bartels be appointed city treasurer at a salary of \$1,600 a year. That William A. Newlands be appointed collector of taxes at a salary of \$1,200 a year.

That William Peters be appointed clerk of water works department at a salary of \$1,100 a year.

Utilities Committee. The report of the Utilities committee was the last to be received under aldermanic auspices, for in January the electric, gas and water department pass into the hands of a commission.

Ald. Ross, chairman, made note of the fact that this year the utilities committee had seen 282 new electric, and 282 gas services installed, 2 miles of gas mains laid; 2 1/2 miles of water mains constructed; 1,200 feet of gas mains renewed, and 261 more horse power of electrical energy sold to owners of small motors.

The chairman submitted a report awarding the contracts for the "white way" and remarked that the Dietrich company's bill for laying conduit was \$1,800 lower than estimated, and the new street lamps were \$650 less than the estimate.

He presented drawings showing the type of lamp to be used and felt that next year the people of Kingston would be highly pleased when the business paved section was lighted by the new system.

One of the clauses in the utilities report was: That the water mains of the corporation be connected to, and furnish a supply of water to the Grand Trunk railway system at the outer junction, and that the manager be instructed to enter into an agreement for a period of ten years, at a rate of five cents per 1,000 imperial gallons.

Ald. Graham wanted to know if there was any assurance from the Bell Telephone company that it would remove its poles from the area to be paved.

Ald. Ross replied that as Ald. Graham was on the Board of Works he should know all about that matter. The Utilities committee had nothing to do with the streets. If it had, the telephone matter would have been settled long ago.

The mayor announced that the city solicitor had told him that he had been assured by the Bell Telephone company that it would remove the poles from the streets to be paved.

The Industries Committee. The Industries committee recommended: That two different sized maps of the city be procured at an estimated cost of \$100.

That whereas the Reliance Moulding Co., Limited, intends to carry out its agreement with the city, that this corporation purchase the proposed site under option, from said company.

Ald. Graham raised objection to the purchase, until the company showed that it meant business by starting to build. He objected to paying \$3,600 for property that might not be used.

Ald. Ross pointed out that the company was incorporated, and only the tight money market had prevented it going ahead sooner.

The committee's report was adopted. On recommendation of the City Property committee, E. Godwin was appointed to arrange for the sale of city lots in the vicinity of Frontenac school.

Ald. Harrison said he was opposed to selling any city land up there, because the city was growing and someday the school would have to be enlarged. However, as the matter would have to come before council again, he would say more then.

Street Sign Amendment. A by-law was presented to amend the present street sign by-law, so as to permit of signs being erected over the sidewalks to the outer edge of the curb.

Ald. Harrison objected. He held that in time the business street would be rendered just as unsightly by signs as they are now by poles. Just because a sign was illuminated, did not mean it was artistic. Signs were to interfere with the firemen in case of fires.

The present by-law allows signs to be erected two feet six inches from the buildings, the mayor pointed out. Ald. Graham remarked that the signs would not be a handicap to firemen. There was scarcely a building in the city, he declared, over which it was impossible for firemen to throw water from the road.

Ald. Shaw, chairman of the Fire committee, held with Ald. Harrison and stated that no sign should be erected without the consent of the city engineer and the fire chief.

Ald. Graham, who is possessed of the idea that Ald. Shaw will be mayor next year, went after that alderman, and caused amusement to the spectators. He proceeded to say that if the firemen could not operate with signs overhead, the city could get others who could, and if the fire chief could not direct his men around signs, why let the city get a fire chief who would.

Ald. Couper said he would not like to see Princess street decorated with so many large signs.

car V. Bartels as city treasurer and William A. Newlands as tax collector.

A by-law was passed to entrust the government of the public utilities to a commission in accordance with the wish of the people, expressed at the polls on the 17th of December.

Regarding F. C. Ireland. This resolution was carried unanimously: The members of council have accepted with deep regret the resignation of F. C. Ireland from his position as city treasurer, which he has held for thirty-five years.

It is needless to remind council of the faithful and capable manner in which he has served the city during his important office, an office which calls for the very highest qualities in him who would fill it well.

He followed in the footsteps of his father, and received his early training from him, and no one could have had a better instructor.

But it is not alone as a city treasurer that Mr. Ireland's loss will be felt. His singularly equable and genial disposition, his unflinching courtesy, often in trying circumstances, and his uniform kindness to his fellow officials, and others who came in contact with him, won for him the high esteem of all.

In spite of every wish and effort on the part of council to induce him to reconsider his resignation, he has definitely decided to leave the position he held so long and ably filled. In parting from him, it is the sincere wish of every member of council that he may continue for many years to enjoy the leisure which a useful and noble life has earned for him.

It is a pleasure to know that he will still continue to reside in Kingston and that his advice and counsel will be available when necessity requires them on questions that may arise in connection with the civic finances.

Ald. Harrison gave notice that at a meeting of council early next year he would move that a referendum be submitted to the ratepayers asking them if they are in favor of reducing the number of aldermen from twenty-one to fourteen, and the term of aldermanic service from three to two years.

Mayor Rigney Thanked. On motion of Ald. Elliott, seconded by Ald. Ross, the council expressed its appreciation of the able and courteous manner in which Mayor Rigney presided over the council deliberations during the year, and wished him a happy New Year.

The resolution was adopted on a standing vote, with Ald. Shaw in the chair.

Mayor Rigney, in expressing his thanks, stated that despite the stormy words that had developed at times, he was sure that all had acted in a way that they felt was for the best interests of the city.

He would look back with pleasure upon the happy years he had spent in the council, from which he was now retiring, and in which he had made so many warm friendships.

The motion to adjourn was moved by Ald. Harrison and seconded by Ald. Hoag.

STANDING OF PUPILS In Portsmouth Separate School, in Order of Merit.

Fourth Class—Willie Topping, James Purcell, James Gallivan.

Third Class—Anna Beaupre, Ivy Goodwood, Katie McGeein, Catherine Burke, Olivia McGeein, Leo Englant, Eileen Shanahan, Alfred Sullivan, Florence McGeein, Frances McGeein, George Lalonde, Norman Coates.

Second Class—Florence Shanahan, Marion Sullivan, Edward Mooney, Leo McGeein, Maybelle Lawless, Anna Bird, Frances Berrigan, Frances Kennedy.

Promoted to Junior Second—Earl Sparling, Willie Beaupre, Edward Burke, Helen McGeein, Florence Doyle.

Senior First Class—Hazel Mooney, Mary Halpin, Johnny Doyle, Jack Sparling, Veronica McGeein.

Junior First Class—Patricia McGeein, Charles Berrigan, Vincent McGuire, Alphonsus McCue, Willie Lawless.

Christmas Matine and Night. It is our great pleasure to record an event of unusual interest and importance in the visit of Tom Terriss and his company to the city.

Each piece has been personally and studiously rehearsed in London, England, by Mr. Terriss, with the result that a series of productions of unsurpassed excellence are to be placed before the public on a scale never before attempted.

Each production is entirely new and carried in its entirety by the costumes having been made by Morris Angel, of London, England.

The immortal works of Charles Dickens are to be portrayed by an exceptionally clever cast, comprising seven well-known English artists, in addition to Mr. Terriss, and the triple bill for the performance will be Christmas, matine and night, and Friday night, "Nicholas Nickleby," "A Tale of Two Cities" and "A Christmas Carol."

For Saturday matine and night, "Oliver Twist," "The Cricket on the Hearth" and "A Christmas Carol."

Domestic Economy. Father was of an economical turn of mind and hated extravagance the earliest days tried to instill his ideas of a similar nature into the brain of his small son, aged 8.

His grief was terrible to see when one day he came upon the budding economist stuffing himself with a slice of bread generously covered with a layer of butter which was surmounted by a young mountain of jam.

"My boy," he said sadly, but severely, "surely you do not realize what you are doing yet you ought by now to comprehend the wicked extravagance of eating butter and jam together!"

"Why, I'm being most economical, father!" replied the young hopeful. "Don't you see that I'm making the same slice of bread do both?"

All first class dealers sell "Cubans" and "Grant" Cigars.

Judge McGibbon, Toronto, has decided that the income of judges and other donation appointed officials are not taxable by the province and municipality.

"French perfumes" at Gibson's.

THE POLLING SUBDIVISIONS

Where the People Will Vote On January 5th.

The following polling subdivisions for election of mayor, aldermen, school trustees and utilities commission were filed by the city council last evening.

Sydenham ward, No. 1, at No. 88 Gore street, J. J. Lovett, deputy returning officer.

Sydenham ward, No. 2, at No. 92 William street, W. C. Macdonald, returning officer.

Ontario ward, No. 3, Ontario hall, F. J. Quinn.

Ontario ward, No. 4, at No. 216 Bagot street, John Johnson.

St. Lawrence ward, No. 5, at No. 345 King street, A. E. Loscombe.

St. Lawrence ward, No. 6, at No. 296 Princess street, James Stratford.

Catarqui ward, No. 7, at No. 72 Queen street, James McGall.

Catarqui ward, No. 8, at No. 229 Wellington street, George Derry.

Catarqui ward, No. 9, at No. 61 Bay street, William Wood.

Catarqui ward, No. 10, at corner of Montreal and John streets, James A. Donaldson.

Frontenac ward, No. 11, at No. 149 Sydenham street, John Henderson.

Frontenac ward, No. 12, at No. 83 Colborne street, George Cleahau.

Frontenac ward, No. 13, at No. 41 Colborne street, Hugh McBratney.

Frontenac ward, No. 14, at No. 63 John street, Charles Hibbert.

Frontenac ward, No. 15, at No. 21 John street, Robert Cowie.

Rideau ward, No. 16, at No. 270 Division street, William Saunders.

Rideau ward, No. 17, at No. 621 Princess street, James Berry.

Rideau ward, No. 18, at No. 346 Brock street, R. James.

Rideau ward, No. 19, at No. 34 Upper William street, H. Hoker.

Rideau ward, No. 20, at No. 346 University avenue, O. F. Teigmann.

Rideau ward, No. 21, at No. 678 Princess street, John Peters.

Victoria ward, No. 22, at No. 222 Earl street, M. Lawless.

Victoria ward, No. 23, at corner Union and Division streets, Chester Wood.

Victoria ward, No. 24, at corner King and O'Kill streets, W. Ford Webster.

Victoria ward, No. 25, at corner Pevery and King streets, H. C. Bates.

Places of Nomination. These places of nomination were fixed for Monday, the 29th of December.

Sydenham ward, at No. 92 William street, Joseph J. Brophy, returning officer.

Ontario ward, Ontario hall, Alexander J. Jamieson, returning officer.

St. Lawrence ward, at No. 316 Princess street, John Cousins, returning officer.

Catarqui ward, at No. 72 Queen street, W. J. Clarke, returning officer.

Frontenac ward, at No. 63 York street, Frederick Davis, returning officer.

Rideau ward, at corner Division and Brock streets, William Neal, returning officer.

Victoria ward, at corner Division and Union streets, Thomas Mills, returning officer.

PROBS. Strong winds, moderately cold, with snow or sleet to-night and on Wednesday.

ONE DAY LEFT NO TIME FOR HESITATION! HOLIDAY GIFTS A tremendous display, all kinds of them, from the plainest to the most elaborate, for all kinds of people, from the sweet little tot of three to dear old grandpa. We would suggest— Gift Gloves in Boxes at \$1, \$1.25 to \$1.75. New Xmas Neckwear from 25c to \$3.00. Umbrellas in Holly Boxes, from \$1.50 to \$7.00. Men's Neckwear, all boxed, at 25, 35, 45 to 75c. Men's Scarfs, special values, 75c to \$2.25. Ladies' Evening Scarfs, from 75c to \$14.50. Hand-bags, from 75c to \$10.00. Handkerchiefs, 3c to \$3.25. Doylies, 5c to \$2.25. Etc., Etc. Don't wait a moment, start right to-night. Store open till 9.30. STEACY'S "The Store with the Christmas Spirit."

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