

## CITY COUNCIL SESSION

### WITHHOLD ACTION AS TO KING STREET BREAKWATER

Aldermen do Not Like to Expend \$30,000 on It—Ald. Harrison Suggests Using Prison Labor—Other Business of Council

The City Council met in regular session last night with the mayor presiding, and W. S. Gordon, acting city clerk, owing to the illness of Dr. W. W. Sands. The chief topic of discussion was with reference to expending \$30,000 upon the King street breakwater, and the council decided to withhold action. In attendance were: Alds. Bews, Couper, Clugston, Graham, Gillespie, Harrison, Hughes, Kent, Litton, McCann, Newman, Nickle, O'Connor, Richardson, Stroud, Sutherland and White. These communications were read: Frontage Floor and Wall Tile company, limited, asking refund of deposit to cover cost of advertising; Manager of "The Dominion of Canada," an illustrated monthly review, asking for subscription.

J. W. Lyon, secretary-treasurer, Great Waterways Union of Canada, re deputiation to Ottawa.

H. J. Dawson, major, 14th regiment, P.W.O.R., asking for financial assistance on behalf of the 14th regiment.

J. W. Lyon, secretary-treasurer, Great Waterways Union of Canada, asking for financial assistance.

Mrs. D. L. Guy re removal of trees.

J. H. Macnee, secretary-treasurer, Kingston Realties, limited, re opening Cherry and Cowdy streets.

W. J. Gates re cost of wharf at Cedar Island.

Chief Armstrong asking for an increase in salary.

Miss M. E. Ball, of the city clerk's office, asking for an increase in salary.

**Committee Reports**  
The Finance Committee recommended that Monday, July 27th, be declared as the civic holiday; that an interim appropriation of \$600 be placed to the credit of the Fire and Light Committee; also that the printing and stationery tenders be awarded as specified. Adopted.

The council adopted this recommendation of the Board of Works: That all plans of sub-divisions of properties be first submitted to the Board of Works for its approval.

This recommendation of the Fire Committee was adopted: "On the communication of Chief Armstrong, asking for an increase in salary, that owing to the large increase in expenditure this year, they are unable to grant this request, and recommend that no action be taken."

The Finance Committee made this recommendation: That the resignation of Ald. T. F. Harrison be not accepted; that this committee convey to him its earnest desire that he will remain in his place in council, where he has done such efficient work, and where there is more yet for him to do, and ask him to believe that any rumors or insinuations have not been given any credence by his colleagues in the council, and that all desire that he will remain on the aldermanic board.

Ald. McCann asked what is being done by the Board of Works with regard to furnishing railway connection for the Kingston Shipbuilding company. The chairman, Ald. Lit-

ton, replied that the matter was receiving the board's serious consideration.

Ald. Sutherland and Graham had an argument on the Board of Works' recommendation respecting the subdivision of properties for building purposes. The latter contended that the city could not dictate as to how a property was sub-divided. The owner could do this as he wished. Ald. Sutherland said the object of the recommendation was to prevent streets being run through property at too short intervals. Ald. Harrison said that the city to-day had inherited a great many blunders during the past half century, and had had to make the best of conditions with regard to the division of property; he had no doubt but that each case would be considered upon its merits, and that no hard-bound rule would be laid down.

Mayor Shaw reported to the council that letters patent had been granted to the Kingston Iron and Tube company, which had been granted concessions by the city of Kingston.

Ald. Harrison, in reply to Ald. Sutherland stated that the Property Committee had under consideration the question of extending the boundaries of the city.

By-laws were read to amend the by-law respecting the Home for the Aged; to raise \$30,000 by debentures to rebuild the King street breakwater; and to amend the by-laws respecting the prevention of fires by appointing the fire chief instead of the police chief to inspect places where explosives are kept.

**Breakwater By-Law Withheld**  
With regard to the by-law for the reconstruction of the King street breakwater at a cost of \$30,000, Ald. Kent suggested after the first reading, that the matter be held over until further information was secured. He did not think that enough consideration had been given the question. His idea was to have some of the Dominion government engineers come here and express an opinion as to what the city should do. A more economical method might be decided upon.

Ald. Graham thought that the breakwater might be repaired for \$15,000 to last four or five years. He was opposed to the expenditure of \$30,000 just yet, for he did not think it was in the interests of the city.

Ald. Hughes stated that from 1889 to 1894 the cost of the breakwater was somewhat over \$11,000. In all \$2,374 had been expended upon it since. Ald. Hughes thought it would be wise to hold back the by-law for the present, for the debentures of the city were increasing rather rapidly. He was inclined to repair the breakwater in the meantime. Get the streets in repair before spending money on fancy things, was Ald. Hughes' advice.

Ald. Harrison thought that the matter might be looked into more thoroughly as the breakwater was government property, but he understood that the dominion authorities would not spend any money upon it just now. Ald. Harrison advocated using penitentiary labor in doing something to improve the breakwater to the extent that neither the government nor the city could afford to do otherwise.

Ald. Litton, chairman of the Board of Works, said he did not know the by-law was coming up at this session, the idea was to leave it until some other by-laws were ready to be submitted to the people. The chairman said that the city engineer had estimated it would cost \$5,000 to properly repair the breakwater. The Board of Works had decided that it would be economy to spend \$30,000 upon the breakwater, and King street west could be beautified at the same time. At the suggestion of Ald. Litton, the by-law was withdrawn so that the Board of Works could present fuller information.

Mrs. James Bishop, Brockville, died on Saturday, after a long and trying illness. She was sixty-seven years of age, and had resided the greater portion of her life in the township of Augusta. She was a Methodist.

Miss Marjorie Her, daughter of Barrett Her, Belleville, died on Friday following an operation for appendicitis. She was nineteen years of age.



### Montreal, March 16.—H. A. Lovett, J.C., president of the Canadian Coal and Coke company, in a circular says: "In 1913 your company acquired the properties of the Lethbridge Collieries, limited, Western Coal and Coke company, Pacific Coal Fields, limited, and St. Albert Collieries, limited. The acquisition of these properties involves raising the funds necessary to pay debts, provide for the completion of the development and equipment of the properties and working capital. The company for the purpose of its permanent financing has authorized the issue of \$3,600,000 par value of bonds, and for the purposes of temporary financing has authorized \$1,500,000 of short-term securities, for which the bonds are pledged as collateral."

**Had Prosperous Year**  
Toronto, March 16.—The earnings of \$207,388 are shown in the annual report of the Dunlop Tire and Rubber Goods Co. for the year 1913. This is an increase over 1912 of \$47,486. After paying bond interest, preferred dividends and other charges, the surplus available for the common stock was \$176,831, or equal to 25.26 per cent, as against 20.34 per cent. in 1912. After the payment of \$70,000 dividends on the common shares, \$106,831 was added to surplus, bringing the latter up to \$624,194.

**A Fine, Large Melon**  
New York, March 16.—Directors of the American Tobacco company voted to distribute to stockholders on April 20 the 300,723 deferred ordinary shares of Imperial Tobacco company. On the basis of the present market value of the stock, the melon will amount to nearly \$4,000,000.

**Good Industrial Offering**  
With the return of industrial and commercial activity, which is now a feature of the situation in Canada, the attention of investors will be drawn to attractive industrial offerings, such as that being made by Rooke, Bickle & Co., 26-28 Adelaide street west, Toronto.

This firm is offering \$200,000 of the even per cent. cumulative preference stock of the Electric Steel and Metals company, of Welland, Ont., at par, with a bonus of 50 per cent. of common stock, the purpose of the flotation being to provide funds for the completion of the company's plant at Welland and to carry it along in the producing stage. The company has been enabled to proceed with construction of their plant and purchase of machinery by reaching an allotment over fifty per cent. of the preference issue having been subscribed for in England and Canada prior to the public offering. There is a great and growing market in Canada for the steel products which the company will manufacture. The bulk of the articles, so consumed in this country having so far been imported, the plant being erected is thoroughly modern in every respect, using the most perfect process of manufacture—the Electric Furnace. The directorate is composed of men who stand high in the business world and who are specialists in their line. The plant is expected to be in operation May 1st, and the earnings are conservatively estimated as being ample for the dividend requirements of the preferred stock with a substantial surplus left over for the common.

**Financial Notes**  
Ralph A. Stevenson has been appointed manager of the Montreal office of N. W. Harris & Co., Boston. The Bell corporation of Philadelphia spent \$6,271,600 to get control of telephone interests in West Virginia.

William A. Garrett, of Chicago, was chosen chairman of the new board of directors of the Pere Marquette railway.

The Canada Paper company, one of the oldest of Canadian paper companies, reported a satisfactory year's business.

A. H. B. Mackenzie and Abner Kingman, Jr., Montreal, have formed a partnership and will carry on a business as general financial agents and investment brokers.

Lever Bros., the big English soap

firm, in 1913 made net profits of \$988,200, against \$779,400 in 1912. Capital has been increased by further issue of \$1,000,000.

According to an exhaustive statement in the matter, J. P. Morgan and company realized only \$350,000 net profit on twenty years' fiscal work done for the New Haven railroad.

The Laurantide company, controlling the only very large water power near Montreal being developed outside of those controlled by the Montreal Light, Heat and Power company, is in a strong position, and it seems quite likely that it will yield 18 per cent.

As generally anticipated Western Union Telegraph raised its dividend rate from three to 4 per cent. The three per cent. disbursement has been in vogue since 1909, the company having paid 3 1/2 per cent. and 2 1/2 per cent. in stock in 1908, prior to which time the rate was five per cent.

James M. Kurn, formerly general superintendent of the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe railroad, has been elected president of the reorganized Detroit, Toledo and Ironton railway company. The receivership terminated March 1st.

Prospects are said to be bright for the establishment of the European land bank system in Canada. The purpose of the promoters, it is said, is to lend money on land at rates below the high ones in vogue here just now.

The C.P.R. owns or controls 18,000 miles of railway. Its own system is comprised of 12,280 miles, and the Minneapolis and Duluth roads account for some 4,000 miles of track. It has still about 700 miles of spur lines and extensions to build in the west; but the double-tracking will mean a job, totalling over 4,000 miles of railway. This, as it goes on, will deplete the treasury more or less; but from this great undertaking large things are expected.

**FREED OF MURDER CHARGE**  
Mrs. Van Keurin Claimed She Mistook Husband for Burglar  
Chicago, March 17.—Louise Van Keurin, who has been on trial for shooting and killing her husband, John L. Van Keurin, last June, was found not guilty of murder. Mrs. Van Keurin's defence was that she mistook her husband for a burglar.

The prosecution introduced evidence that Mrs. Van Keurin had been receiving the attentions of George Penrose, a jeweller, whose place of business was near the Van Keurin home. Penrose was made co-defendant with the woman, but the judge took his case from the jury and ordered him discharged.

**Climate That Lengthens Life**  
Charlottetown, P.E.I., March 17.—That the climate and peaceful surroundings of Prince Edward Island is conducive to a ripe old age, is the proud boast of the dwellers of the pretty summer resting place, who refer as proof of the virtue of their climate to the death of Mrs. M. MacMillan, the oldest resident on the island, who died at Alley, near Mount Stewart, last week, at the age of 101, while she leaves a son aged 70, and a daughter 68 years old. Mrs. MacMillan was in full possession of all her faculties with the exception of failing eye-sight and defective hearing. The oldest living person now on the island is William B. Sillken, of Bedecque, who is 103 years old. The climate of the island is so invigorating that a large portion of the people live to a good old age. During the three years past more than half of those who died were above 60 years, and four-fifths of those above 70 years of age.

United States Secretary of State Bryan has promised his active interest in trying to secure for the fishermen of Massachusetts and the Atlantic coast rights in Canadian ports.

Mrs. H. M. F. Bowman, superintendent, and Miss V. H. MacSweeney, assistant superintendent, at the Berin and Waterloo hospital, have resigned.

Under the redistribution of the Ontario constituencies, the present riding of Thunder Bay and Rainy River will be divided, each division electing its own member.

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