

REPORTS OF COUNCIL

AS PASSED AT MEETING ON TUESDAY NIGHT.

Sewers and Sidewalks to be Constructed and Will Help to Provide for the Unemployed—Tenders for Coal Were Awarded.

Kingston's city council was in session until midnight on Tuesday night, and during the four hour time taken up in discussion, reports of three committees, the finance board of works and property were received and passed upon.

Mayor Shaw was in the chair, and also present were Ald. Bews, Coupe, Graham, Gillespie, Harrison, Hoag, Liffon, McCann, Newman, Nickl, O'Connor, Sutherland, Stroud, White, Kent, and Richardson.

Communications Received.

The following communications were referred to committees: Sisters of the Holy Name, re refund taxes on property on Thomas and Russell streets.

Mother M. Francis, Regis, Superior General, House of Providence, re pay for keep of John Blakely. A. T. Smith, Division Superintendent Bell Telephone Company, re agreement use of telephone poles for fire alarm wires.

J. C. Hutton, re taxes on water hole, next to ice houses, King street west.

Benevolent Societies, re work for unemployed.

Board of Trade re work for unemployed.

Kingston Realities, Ltd., asking the sum of \$500 for land from Russell street to the north side of Thomas street.

S. A. Johnston, asking for tree removal.

W. McNamee, asking for \$20.00 for four trees removed on Upper William street.

R. Wallace, re sale of land for extension of Stephen street.

Peter Edwards, re tree removal.

J. Potts, re sewer on Macdonnell and Toronto streets.

Samuel Dutton, re extension of drain on Raglan Road.

The petition of John Macgillivray and others, re walk on Albert street was referred to the Board of Works.

Ald. Graham presented the tax bill of the Infant's Home, which it was usual he said, to have refunded. The bill will be referred to the finance committee.

Ald. Graham also submitted a letter from Byron Derbyshire, in which the latter asked that his income tax be remitted, owing that he had no income. The amount mentioned is \$37.50. The finance committee will deal with the matter.

Ald. McCann also asked that the finance committee deal with a request from the Young Women's Christian Association, for a refund of taxes.

Board of Works.

The following recommendations of the Board of Works were adopted:

That the petition of John Macgillivray and others for the construction of a walk on Albert street be granted.

That the request of J. R. Laidlaw for removal of a tree be granted.

That the following sewers and walks be constructed:

Walks—Raglan Road, south side, from York to Barrie street; Raglan Road, south side, from York to Main street; Bagot Street, west side, from West street northerly 66 feet; Alfred street, east side, from Pine street southerly 98 feet; John street

south side, from Barrie to Patrick street.

Sewers—Montreal street, from Queen street, southerly 192 feet; Alfred street, from York to Stanley street; Stanley street, from Alfred to the West limit of Lot No. 1; The account of Finkle & Co. for horse hire, amounting to \$156.00 be paid.

Re communications from Board of Trade and resolution from council re work for the unemployed. That the following work be done: (a) grade Patrick street; (b) construct sewer in College street; (c) re-macadamize Union street, from Alfred street to the city limits.

That the chairman, city engineer and mayor interview the member for Kingston with a view of obtaining possession of the site, and also financial assistance for the construction of a public wharf in front of the city buildings.

That the extension of the water and gas mains to Portsmouth is a matter for the public utilities to deal with.

That it is not advisable to re-macadamize Montreal street from city limits to James street at the present time because it is not properly drained. To drain this street it would be necessary if done on the initiative of council to advertise it for one month, and if upon the recommendation of the Board of Health, it would be necessary to obtain the consent of the Provincial Board of Health, which is not likely, as the sewer would enter into a marsh.

The same conditions apply to Rideau street from Montreal to Charles street.

Property Committee.

The following recommendations of the property committee were adopted:

That Ontario Hall be placed at the disposal of the Red Cross Society to be used in connection with their work during the war.

The following is a list of accounts which were authorized by council and paid without provision having been made in the budget for payment:

Markets Department—Wm. Newlands & Son, architect fees \$95.90; Canadian Express Co. express, 60c; E. Chown & Son, brooms, \$4.20; Grand Trunk Railway, freight, \$11.20.

Old Boy's Celebration—Bell Telephone Co., messages, \$1.45; Ganoune band, concerts, \$71.50; The Jackson Press, badges, \$2.50; Randolph Hotel, board, \$15; Salvation Army band, concerts, \$66; Simmons Bros., rope, \$2.72; S. E. Trotter, baseball, \$75; S. Grimshaw, carpenter work, \$14.45; Standard Printing & Publishing Co., ribbons, \$5.75; British Whig Publishing Co., ad., \$8.28; Standard Printing & Publishing Co., ad., \$8.28; Bell Telephone Co., messages, \$1.15.

Frontenac Place and Wall Tile Co.—County Registry office, deeding land to city, \$183.45; The Jackson Press, books, \$25.50; Canadian Pacific railway, siding, \$602.12; Grand Trunk railway, siding, \$502.87.

Reliance Mounting company—Canadian Pacific railway, siding, \$3,440.

Contingencies—Patriotic Fund

WAS REFERRED BACK

RECOMMENDATION TO ERECT A CONCRETE BREAKWATER.

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Ald. O'Connor said the Board of Works had information regarding the building of the breakwater with concrete and the scheme was a good one. If the work could be done in the winter it should go on. He favored a big job being undertaken to give men out of work employment, but if it was found that it would be a failure to undertake it in the cold weather, he would say not to go on with it.

Ald. Litton stated the work could be carried on successfully in the winter and referred to different jobs of this character which had been carried out.

At the request of Ald. Hoag, the

HAS GONE TO WAR.

Kenneth Mundell With Lieut.-Col. Ross' Field Ambulance.

committee, grant, \$5,000; St. John's Red Cross society, grant, \$100. City property deposits—Kingston Ice company, ice, \$2; James Bradden, unloading coal, \$39.97; Canadian customs, duty, \$80.48; F. A. Fish, coal, \$470.74; Halliday Electric company, lamps, \$5.10; Imperial Steam Laundry, laundry, \$0; Kingston Ice company, ice, \$2.50; C. S. Kirkpatrick, entry fee, 25c; Light department, service, \$108.60.

Reception of governor-general—William Nelson, cab hire, \$1.50.

Guards—Pay list to August 28th, \$134; pay list to September 12th, \$90.

Pulmotor—Dominion Express company, express, \$2.30; Canada Sanax Armstrong, sundries, \$2.20; Canada Sanax company, 633c, \$11.90; Canadian Express company, express, 60c; Bell Telephone company, message, \$1.

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