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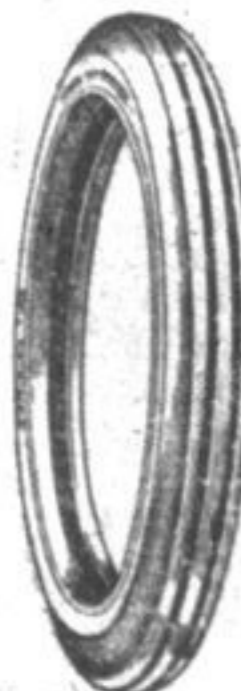
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### DID NOT WITHHOLD LETTER

#### ATTACHED TO THE IMPERIAL OIL COMPANY TENDER.

Board of Works Gave All the Papers to the City Engineer to Tabulate—Matter Threshed Out At Board Meeting.

No award will be made in regard to the road asphalt tenders by the Board of Works until a chance is afforded the United States Asphalt Refining Co. to present an additional statement upon the merits of its asphalt cement. This was the decision of the Board at its meeting on Wednesday afternoon.

It will be remembered that on Monday, the 17th, the City Council, on recommendation of the Board of Works, awarded a contract for 300 tons of asphalt cement to the United States company at a figure \$2,916 higher than the tender of the Imperial Oil company, coming from Montreal. The latter immediately protested through its representatives, claiming that it was offering practically the same article to the city for much less money. The result was that the contract was held up. At a meeting of the Board of Works on the 19th, the city solicitor was asked to advise if the contract could be cancelled when notice had been sent in writing to the New York company of its acceptance. The solicitor advised that a contract could be closed by a municipality only by the passing of a by-law, and such by-law had not been passed.

The Imperial Oil Company showed that the asphalt on which it tendered was according to analysis practically the same as that of the United States company, coming from the same wells in Mexico but being refined in Canada instead of the United States. Its representative showed that the percentage of bitumen it contained had not been put in the analysis because it was deemed unnecessary, but this percentage had been stated in a letter which accompanied the tender. It was the omission of the bitumen percentage which caused the Board of Works to pass up the Imperial Oil Company's tender and make the award to the United States company, whose product had been used by the city before.

When the matter came before the Board yesterday, Ald. Wright intimated that he would not vote to make an award until a chance had been given the United States company to send a representative here to make a statement before the aidemen, as the Imperial Oil Company's representative had done.

Ald. Graham referred to the letter that had accompanied the tender of the Imperial Oil Company. "It has been charged in the Whig that this letter had been withheld," said Ald. Graham, who asked the city engineer if he knew the letter was with the tender.

"No I did not until after the tender was opened," replied the engineer. City Clerk Sands said the letter was attached all the time to the tender. "When I returned to town after a day's absence, some aidemen informed me that it had been insinuated by the Whig that I withheld that letter," the clerk remarked. "I did not have the letter. It went to the engineer's office with the rest of the documents connected with the paving tenders. It was affixed to the company's tender and has been that way ever since."

Ald. Graham—"I had not seen the letter and the rest of us had not. The tenders were first opened on Wednesday before the last council meeting, and the engineer was given all the papers to tabulate a statement showing the Board of Works a comparison of the tenders. The letter about which there has been so much talk and insinuation was in possession of the city engineer all the time, and if he saw it he should have presented the information it gave."

Ald. Graham contended that if anyone was to blame for overlooking the letter it was the engineer. The Board was depending upon the engineer to tabulate all the information. Chairman Graham declared that he had asked the engineer for a recommendation as to which tender should be accepted and his reply had been that any of three would be satisfactory.

"The Whig defends you and says you were not asked for the letter," continued the chairman, addressing the engineer. "This Board was not doing anything but in the interests of the city and it has nothing to be ashamed of either."

Ald. Litton asked the engineer if the letter was part of the specification. The latter could not say that.

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It was. He said that the tenders had been referred to the chairman, the clerk and himself. He went through the tenders and tabulated them. All he was asked to do was to make a tabulation and he presented this to the Board at its meeting on the 17th. He had seen all the papers, but could not remember particularly about the letter accompanying the tender of the Imperial Oil Company, any more than he did about documents accompanying other tenders. He had reported to the Board that the asphalt of the United States Company and the Imperial Oil Company were practically the same.

Ald. Graham—"I asked you to give us a recommendation in black and white what tender you would advise us to accept."

"I don't remember you asking for that," said the engineer.

Ald. Litton recalled that the chairman had made this request at the meeting on the 19th after the contract had been held up, and he (Ald. Litton) had remarked that if he was the engineer he would not give such a recommendation.

The city clerk stated in replying to the chairman, that in the new tender received from the Imperial Company the bitumen properties of the asphalt had been inserted.

The City Engineer—"The two asphalt are practically the same goods, made from the same base."

Ald. Wright then moved that the United States company be invited to have a representative appear before the Board to answer questions, if it desired to take advantage of this privilege.

"The chemical analyses of these asphalt may be similar, but the physical tests are very important too," added Ald. Wright.

### DETAILS OF RECEPTION

#### TO BE GIVEN RETURNING TROOPS ON FRIDAY.

Orders Issued by Brig-Gen. Williams—Salute at the Corner of Bagot and Princess Streets.

Arrangements are now complete for the reception of the 45th Battery and other troops when they arrive in Kingston on Friday. The following is a copy of the orders issued by Brig-Gen. V. A. S. Williams regarding the route and the parade, and other details of the reception:

The 45th Battery and other returning soldiers for military district No. 3 will arrive at Kingston probably on the 25th inst at an hour to be hereafter stated, where they will be given a civic reception by the city of Kingston. They will detrain at Tete de Pont barracks and file into the barrack square with baggage and form up facing west.

Baggage will be parked and placed under guard, that for Kingston will be delivered by C.A.S.C. motor transports to men's homes. That for outside points will be sent to Barrfield hutsments under guard to await arrival of troops.

Returned men in uniform under command of Lieut.-Col. Crocker, acting as a guard of honor, with the G.W.A. band, will be formed up in line in the barrack square facing west, ready to receive the returning troops.

Returned troops will be dismissed for a period of fifteen minutes in order that they meet their relatives within the barrack square after which the parade will be re-formed and addressed by the general officer commanding M.D. No. 3 on completion of which the troops will march to artillery park, where a civic reception will be held.

Route—Ontario street to Princess, Princess to Barrie, Barrie to Brock, Brock to Bagot to Artillery Park.

Order of march—R.C.H.A. detachment, mounted, band of G. W. V. A., returned men in uniform, R. C. H. A. band, 45th Battery and other returning soldiers under command of the senior officer present.

The salute will be taken by the G.O.C. at the corner of Bagot and Princess streets on the march up Princess street.

On arrival at Artillery Park the parade will be formed up facing west, where the soldiers will be addressed by his Worship the Mayor and other prominent citizens of the city of Kingston, after which the parade will move off via Barrack street to Barrfield hutsments for discharge.

A detachment from No. 3 De. C.G.R. will be detailed to keep a space clear for formation of parade at Artillery Park.

When the troops arrive at the Artillery Park the Salvation Army band will play as they march into position in the square. The school children will be formed up on the sloping bank next to Montreal street, and will sing "O Canada" as the returning soldiers march past. The program of the civic reception will be brief, but appropriate. It has been arranged as follows:

God Save the King, Salvation Army band.

Patriotic selection by the school children, led by the conductor of the band.

Address by Mayor H. W. Newman.

Patriotic selection by the Salvation Army band and the school children.

Address by W. F. Nickle, M.P.

Address by ex-Mayor J. M. Hughes.

Three cheers for the returned soldiers.

Brig-Gen. V. A. S. Williams and his staff will be the guests of the reception committee at the civic reception and the committee will be the guests of the general at the military reception in Tete de Pont Barracks. It is announced that only relatives of men actually returned to the barracks, where they will be given an opportunity of meeting the returned men.

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