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RESOLUTIONS PASSED ENDORSING BY-LAWS

At a Meeting of Citizens Held in Ontario Hall Tuesday Evening.

At a small gathering of citizens in Ontario Hall on Tuesday evening, resolutions were passed endorsing the by-laws to purchase a site for a chemical industry at a cost of \$12,000 and a motor pump for the fire department at a cost of \$16,000.

The gathering included members of the Board of Trade and ratepayers interested in the discussion of the by-laws that are to be voted on by the citizens at the coming municipal election. Elmer Davis presided and outlined briefly the object of the meeting. Dr. W. W. Sands presented the agreement entered into by the city and Dr. Atack, and, after addresses were given by Dr. Atack, Mr. Waterworth, Daniel McLaughlin and Prof. A. C. Neish, members of the company, the following report, moved by H. C. Nickle and seconded by Ald. George Laturney, chairman of the industries committee, was adopted:

"Kingston, Nov. 26th, 1923. To the President and Members of the Board of Trade:

"Gentlemen:—Your committee on industries having given careful consideration to the agreement between Dr. F. W. Atack and the corporation of the city of Kingston, and also having inquired into the financial standing and business integrity of the gentlemen behind the company to be incorporated by Dr. F. W. Atack, beg leave to report and recommend:

"1. That the agreement between Dr. F. W. Atack and the corporation of the city of Kingston, which is herewith attached, be approved by the board.

"2. That the city purchase, at \$12,000, the land required for the erection of the plant of the proposed company.

"3. That the by-laws for the confirmation of the agreement and purchase of the land be recommended to the ratepayers for their favorable consideration."

(Signed) H. C. Nickle, Percy B. Chown, W. H. Craig, Elmer Davis, I. Cohen.

Dr. Sands' Address.

Dr. Sands spoke as follows: "Dr. Atack's company is to establish a plant for the manufacture of chemicals and Kingston was chosen because Queen's University is here. There has been laid down as a permanent policy governing the city industries committee that the city's bonus shall consist of a free site, a railway siding and exemption from taxes, except school taxes, which are based upon a fixed assessment, in the present case the fixed assessment being \$25,000.

"The lot owned by the city was not large enough and lacked a waterfront, so it was necessary to purchase the Richardson lot at \$12,000. The price asked was \$15,000, but after negotiations it was reduced to \$12,000. This will give the company five and three-fifths acres. The railway siding is already on the property, so that the city is saved the expense of putting one in."

"The company agrees in the first two years to expend on buildings \$50,000, in the first year \$25,000 and the city will then deed them the land. If they fail, they lose all exemptions. After spending \$25,000 they do not get the deed unless they have on hand \$100,000 ready to do business."

Replying to the statement that the city's interests were not being protected with respect to the land, the speaker said the company would not accept the agreement without the title to the land. "The present buildings of the old smelter company are not suitable and the company will build. Buildings are the key to the whole industrial situation. At present the land pays in taxes to the city \$174 per year. The company will pay \$325 in school taxes, \$425 in garbage taxes, which, with income taxes, will bring the city over \$1,000 per year as against \$174 now received upon the vacant land."

"It must be remembered that our taxes rise because Kingston is not a growing city, while its expenditures continue to grow yearly—increases by the board of works, fire department and schools. The schools now cost \$209,000 per year. Modern improvements go on all the time, and how are we going to raise the money? Only by raising the assessment, unless we encourage industries that will bring more people to help pay the taxes. Bring in industries with technical workmen who will build homes and we will get the taxes."

Company Members. Elmer Davis, in introducing the members of the company, said they were all men with sound financial backing, technical ability and business experience. Dr. Atack was an engineer, Mr. Waterworth a practical man in the chemical industry, and Mr. McLaughlin was a member of the lumbering firm of McLaughlin Bros., Amherst, holding large capital. He was vice-president of six companies and a director in eleven more.

Mr. Waterworth said he was director of the National Drug and Chemical Company. He explained some of the reasons for the company coming to Kingston. "We don't come begging, but in response to an invitation," said he. "It is a business proposition and we think that we have something worth while for Kingston."

Mr. Waterworth directed attention to the chemical industry as a crea-

tor of wealth. "When the stage of production is reached we will have the means for distribution without having to develop, and we will make chemicals that are needed by every textile company in Canada."

Mr. McLaughlin said the company would spend the first year \$150,000 and from that they expected to grow as chemical industries have a tendency to group.

Dr. Atack said the company had \$500,000 capital. Speaking of the site he said it was admirably situated and there would be no fumes to cause a nuisance. The company proposed to erect fireproof buildings.

Prof. A. C. Neish, consulting chemist and teacher of industrial chemistry at Queen's University, told of Dr. Atack's reputation as a chemist. During the war he was in charge of the British dye industry. "Canada needs her own chemical industry and to my mind this is the right kind of a chemical industry for we have been depending too much on other countries. Dr. Atack had more attractive offers than Kingston. Opportunity knocks and it is up to Kingston to accept. We need a few thriving industries and with this one Kingston will start and grow."

Replying to questions, Dr. Atack said a water front was needed for the water to be utilized in the plant, for barges when required, and to get rid of waste material that would quickly neutralize and do no harm. There will be five foremen and forty workmen who will be trained the first year, and about one hundred the second year. Wages will range from \$20 to \$30 per week.

Canon J. W. Jones protested against a deed giving the land to the company.

The Motor Pump By-Law. James Armstrong, fire chief, presented the arguments for the passage of the by-law calling for an expenditure of \$16,000 for a motor pump.

After stating that the water pressure at the hydrants was not sufficient for fighting fires, he dealt with the present pumping equipment. "It is today less than in 1908 when we had three engines, the Monarch, Merryweather and the Chatham. The Chatham is in a fair state of repair, but the Waterous engine is not good. Neither of these is going to fires."

The force consists of the chief and nineteen men—nine on and nine off. The Reo truck, Ruggles truck and ladder truck answer all calls, but if the steamers are to go there must be more men. It is not possible to send the steamer today without two drivers and one engineer and to take it out to fires will cost \$3,850 additional per year. If we get the motor pump there will be no need to increase the force."

Discussing the dairy school, Sydenham hospital Finkle Livery and Davis Tannery fires, he said: "There would have been less loss if we had had the pumping engine on hand. In these cases we could have saved thousands of dollars. The dairy school fire did not look as if the engine pump was needed and the fire spread through the partitions before we knew it. Had the pump been on the ground—and in my judgment it was not needed as we were apparently holding the fire—we could have saved the school."

"The new motor pump will do away with horses and save adding to the force. There will be a saving of \$500 per year in favor of the motor pump. Horses cost \$551 per year per team while the Reo truck we now have cost for maintenance \$219, leaving out of consideration \$694 for repairs resulting from a collision. We will do away with two horses at once and later four horses. Some say we can't do away with horses, but they did so in Ottawa and borrowed farmers' horses by paying their keep during the winter."

Answering questions the chief said the motor was not a four-wheel drive.

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For councillors—Richard Blake, Leonard Pettem, Harry R. Horton, David N. Glasier, Roy Grest.

Cornwall Elections.

For mayor—Harry W. Snetzinger, re-elected for a second term by acclamation.

Public school trustees—Aeneas McMillan, for East ward; James C. Macfarlane for Centre ward; John Connolly for West ward, all by acclamation.