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### No Decision on Milk Question

Committee of City Council Hopes to Make Recommendation Soon.

The special committee appointed by the City Council, to consider the milk question, met on Monday evening and discussed the matter for two hours, but came to no definite decision. Another meeting will be held when it is hoped to have a recommendation for the Council.

A deputation from the Kingston District Milk Producers' Association waited on the committee, and presented a resolution recently passed by this association regarding the matter. Mr. Joseph McGrath also addressed the committee on behalf of this association.

While the committee came to no definite decision, and passed no resolution to go on to the Council, the question was discussed from all angles, and a great deal of valuable information was secured, views expressed, and it is expected that the meeting will be a great aid in helping the committee to come to a decision.

During the discussion, it was pointed out that a test of the milk supply made last summer by Dr. Miller, of Queen's University, would be most desirable, and it is likely that a report on this test will be received for the committee. All the members were agreed that there should be a rigid inspection of all the conditions governing the city's milk supply, from cow to ultimate consumer by a qualified man.

The chairman, Ald. Price, presided, and also present were Mayor Angrove, Aids. Reid, Laturney, Martin and Dr. W. W. Sands, city clerk. Ald. Laturney was called away from the meeting after it had been in session about half an hour. Ald. Holder, who was appointed on the committee, was not present.

**Resolutions Passed.**  
When the meeting opened, the city clerk read the recommendation of the Board of Health, asking that all milk supplied the city be secured from tuberculin-tested herds, and that pasteurization be made optional. The resolution passed by the Holstein Breeders' Association was also read. This association, as already noted in the Whig, placed itself on record as not being in favor of tuberculin testing, but recommended the pasteurization of milk not coming from Accredited herds.

**Ninety Per Cent. Pasteurized.**  
The chairman also read to the members of the committee, letters received by Mayor Angrove from various cities from Vancouver to Halifax, regarding the milk question, pointing out how the milk was handled in these places. The chairman stated that probably ninety per cent. of the places heard from, called for pasteurized milk.

Ald. Laturney wanted to know if the tuberculin testing of the cows caused any injury to the cows, and the chairman replied "No," and added that the test was a good thing for the farmers.

Ald. Price gave it as his opinion that about ninety per cent. of the cows supplying milk in Kingston were grade cows. The government would not pay for any loss from the test made on grade cows, and the result would be that these cows would be used to supply cheese factories.

Ald. Laturney said he had handed a statement on a test made in the State of Illinois, showing that nineteen out of twenty cows, had been lost. The test had aggravated tuberculosis and this testing had been prohibited.

Ald. Price said that from articles he had been given to read, it was shown that there was a diversion of opinion among high authorities on the question of pasteurization. While they were in favor of it, there appeared to be a question as to whether it could be carried on properly.

**Milk Producers Heard.**  
At this stage, a deputation from the Kingston District Milk Producers' Association was heard. Mr. Joseph McGrath spoke for the Association, and also presented the resolution passed by this association which reads as follows:  
"That the compulsory tuberculin testing of all cows furnishing milk for the city of Kingston, the producers believe would be a great hardship to them, as there is no remuneration for any losses for grade cattle. We advise that the same regulations that exist in Brantford would be satisfactory to the producers, and would safeguard the people of the city viz.: Milk sold in the city to be from tuberculin-tested, cows under the Health of Animals Branch, Ottawa, or to be pasteurized, and that a reasonable time be allowed before putting these regulations in force."

plan. We have a milk inspector and a sanitary officer."  
It was stated by another producer, that there were nine herds in the Kingston district which had been tuberculin-tested, and the milk could be secured by those who desired it.  
Ald. Reid asked for information regarding conditions in Brockville, and it was stated that the milk was only sold from tuberculin-tested cows.

**Favors Pasteurization.**  
Mr. McGrath stated that he had great faith in pasteurization, and pointed out that he had a long experience in a cheese factory. When trouble developed in bad flavor, it was hard to get at the root of the trouble until the whey was pasteurized, then inside of two or three days the trouble was over.

Mayor Angrove stated that the Board of Health had spent \$200 last year in having tests made of the milk at Queen's.  
Ald. Martin stated that he felt that the committee should ascertain whether or not pasteurization was needed before passing on it. He asked that the committee be given the result of these tests made at the university.

Mayor Angrove questioned Ald. Martin about the test he had made of samples of milk the other day by Queen's professors, but Ald. Martin stated that Profs. Neish and Reid preferred not to have this report made public.  
"Well, that leaves us in the dark," remarked the mayor, "and tends to make us suspicious of these tests."

In reply to Ald. Reid, Ald. Martin stated that the test at Queen's had been made for butter fat bacteria and dirt.  
Ald. Martin said that so far as butter fat was concerned, there was no need of fear from the tests. The bacteria was not good for a winter test.

Mayor Angrove wanted to know if the test would go as far as Mr. Fair, who had stated from 60 to 80 per cent. of the cows were affected with tuberculosis.  
"They made no statement of that kind to me," replied Ald. Martin, "yet they found tubercular germs."

"In your opinion are the conditions as bad as they have been represented to us?" asked the mayor.  
"Some of the tests were not as bad as others," said Ald. Martin.

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"Are the conditions so deplorable we will have to make a change at the present time in our inspection?" asked the mayor. "What recommendation will this committee make to the Council?"

**A Rigid Inspection.**  
Ald. Martin suggested that the committee "carry on" till say the latter part of June, and that the milk inspector be called upon to make a rigid inspection. In the first place the city must have clean milk.

Ald. Martin stated that he felt satisfied that pasteurization is the proper method, but he was not ready to say that it was needed in Kingston just at present.

Mayor Angrove wanted to know if the present conditions were as alarming as had been alleged, and Ald. Martin thought there was cause for alarm.

Ald. Martin said that two tests made for butter fat were very low. Mayor Angrove stated that there had been reports about milk bottles having been used for coal oil.

Ald. Price stated that he had once had to empty a whole vat of bottles, as one had contained coal oil. Vary often a bottle had been found to contain turpentine.

"Do you think the pasteurization of the milk would be a panacea for all the ills?" asked the mayor of Ald. Martin.

"No," replied Ald. Martin. Mayor Angrove then asked Ald. Price the same question, and Ald. Price said, "Yes, but I do not think we should pass it just now. My idea is to have a rigid inspection, and if the milk does not come up to what it should be, it should be thrown out. In this way all the had milk will be weeded out."

"But pasteurization will increase the price of milk," remarked the mayor.  
"No, it will not," replied Ald. Price.  
"But it naturally will," said Ald. Reid.

"And what will be the advantage with the pasteurized milk?" asked the mayor.  
Ald. Price said that there would be no four milk. Before pasteurization about ten per cent. of the milk had to be replaced. Ald. Price stated further, that last summer he had not received one complaint and that he had not been called on to replace one pint of milk.

it leaves a clean healthy cow," said Ald. Price. "There is dust to contend with, and it gets heated while on the way to the city. It may be 40 when it leaves the farm, and 60 to 65 degrees when it arrives at the dairy. There should be a decent place to keep the milk."

The members continued to discuss the matter along various lines and all stated that they wished to recommend in the best interests of all concerned.

"Yes, and it is not a pleasant task," remarked Ald. Price. "We are liable to get in wrong with the people or the individual dealer."  
"I am willing to stand on my own feet," said Ald. Martin.  
At 10 o'clock the members had not arrived at a definite decision, and so decided to allow the matter to stand over for future consideration.

**PRODUCE MARKETS**

**GRAIN QUOTATIONS**  
Toronto, March 16—Manitoba wheat—No. 1 northern, track, bay parts, \$1.53 1-4; No. 2, \$1.59 1-4; No. 3, \$1.55 1-4.

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**Winnipeg.**  
Winnipeg, March 16—Wheat—No. 1 northern, \$1.53 7-8; No. 2 northern, \$1.47 5-8; No. 3 northern, \$1.42 1-3; No. 4, \$1.34 3-8; No. 5, \$1.27 3-8; No. 6, \$1.13 7-8; feed, 93 7-8c; track, \$1.59 7-8; screenings, \$3 a ton.  
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