

THE COUNCIL IN SESSION.

THEY HURRY BUSINESS THROUGH AND THEN-OYSTERS.

But the Hour For Eating Them Was Greatly Delayed—The Regular-Business Attended to—The Street Repairs Will be Made Quite Early This Year—Money Provided.

A regular meeting of the city council was held last evening with the following in attendance: Mayor Thompson, Ald. Carson, Creighton, Dreanan, Fenwick, Gaskin, Hickock, Minne, Muckleston, McCammon, McIntyre, McLeod, Rees, C. Robinson, W. Robinson, Shannon, Swift and Wilson. The minutes were read and adopted.

READING COMMUNICATIONS. From Lieut.-Col. Von Straubenzie, D.A.G., asking if the council would like to have the camp held here, and, if so, what arrangements it would be prepared to make should it be decided to bring it here.

From S. S. Phippen, secretary of the school board, calling attention to the Queen street school property as a site for a fire hall.

From Joseph Carrington, asking, in consideration of the great loss he has sustained by the burning of his tannery, to be granted exemption from municipal taxation for twenty years.

General Sir J. Henry Lafroy, R.A., K.C.M.G., of the Royal colonial institution, has intimated his desire of presenting a set of the Glasgow classics which had been in the possession of his family for upwards of a century, to the library of Queen's.

From George Thompson, collector, intimating that the collection of taxes to date total \$99,394.20; for the fortnight \$2,047.85 were gathered in.—Fyld.

PRESENTING PETITIONS. Ald. McIntyre—From Samuel Harkness and others, asking for the opening and deepening of a drain on Johnson street.—Referred to the streets committee.

Ald. McLeod—From Henry Brown, asking for \$4 for papers for rooms used by him in the city buildings.—Referred to the city property committee.

Ald. Minne—From W. R. McRae and others, asking for block crossings on Wellington and Clarence streets.—Referred to the committee on streets.

Ald. Shannon—From Thomas F. Taylor and others on Arch street, asking for an incandescent light.—Referred to the committee on fire, water and light.

Ald. Gaskin—From C. Wagar and others, of Enterprise and surrounding section, asking that the council do not grant leave to the Napanee, Tamworth & Quebec RR. company to build a "Y" at Yarker.

Ald. Gaskin presented the report of the committee on streets. The recommendations as to the street railway company and the letting of contracts, as already published, were read. It was also recommended that the Union street drain be diverted through the Kingston foundry property, the finance committee to provide \$300 for the purpose.

Ald. Shannon called attention to the disgraceful condition of the park walk on King street. He also urged that the repairs of the streets be proceeded with at once.

Ald. W. Robinson said he had called attention to that matter but it was not included in the report as it should have been.

Ald. Adams and McIntyre called attention to the sad state of the streets in Rideau ward. Princess street, in Williamsville, needed cleaning, as the muck had accumulated there for half a century.

Ald. Gaskin said that the matter was under consideration. It was thought that people whose property would be benefited should pay part of the expenses of opening the street. He held that the streets of Kingston were no worse than they were in other places, and better than in many of them.

Ald. Creighton said that for a year he had been walking over stringers, hence he was quite a tight rope walker. He hoped to have a sidewalk soon. He wanted the work on the streets done earlier than in years past.

Ald. C. Robinson wanted L. Asselstine to get the contract for boardwalks and crossings. His figures combined made his tender the very lowest.

Ald. Gaskin claimed that the tenders suggested by the committee were the lowest and the work would be done fairly and quickly.

Ald. C. Robinson and Dreanan both favored the employment of good men in building crossings. The city would be saving money by giving Canham & Clayton the contract, even though their tender was higher than the offer of W. Campell.

It was moved by Ald. W. Robinson, seconded by Ald. Creighton that the report of the streets committee be amended by requesting the finance committee to provide \$7,000 so that the work upon the streets can be proceeded with at once.—Carried.

THE FINAL REPORTS. Ald. Shannon presented the report of the court of revision, recommending a remission of \$15.12 to the Y.W.C.A.; dog taxes, to H. Bates and J. E. Jones; one-half of Miss Sinclair's taxes; total remission to T. C. Wilson, for land occupied by the public school board; full remission to Henrietta Macpherson, for ground used by the city; one-third remission of taxes to Oliver Gravelle, for vacancy for eight months; John Branigan, remission of taxes on property used by the city.—Adopted.

THE CONTEST AT AN END.

THE WAY THE COUNCIL TREATED THE INVESTIGATORS REPORT.

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It was after ten o'clock when Ald. Muckleston arose, and holding up a document said: "I beg leave to present the report of the investigators." Laughter followed the statement. The clerk read the report. The committee stated that they had examined the city books and found that Ald. W. Robinson had been paid \$300 for services as police magistrate, on the order of the finance committee, at whose meeting Mayor Livingston, Ald. Cunningham and Robinson, were present.

The payment was placed in the auditors' report, which was adopted by the council and ordered to be printed and circulated as usual. The committee found that "there was no order or resolution of the council directing the payment of the item of \$300 to Ald. William Robinson."

Ald. W. Robinson went into a lengthy explanation of the matter, much of which has already appeared in print. He, however, reviewed what he had done for the city, and showed that much money had been spent by him for civic purposes for which he had never been recompensed. He paid \$200 for the inspection of the Kingston and Madoc railroad, paid the expenses of a deputation in Toronto, wrought hard and exerted an influence over the legislators at Toronto to secure the granting of a bonus to the Kingston and Pembroke railroad, and yet all the money spent in these days came from his own pockets.

He advised those holding the position of mayor never to spend money for the city's interest for some day some one would be contemptible enough to say that they were making money out of their position because of their energy. He admitted that he had received \$300 for acting as police magistrate. He earned the money and he was entitled to it. He took the money to pay back what he had borrowed to meet liabilities that the city should have met.

He defied any one to say that he took the money dishonestly. "If there is one here who dares say so let him stand up for he should be put in a museum."

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Ald. Robinson continuing thought it strange that a man should carry such a charge about in his crop for eighteen years and then to say he never disclosed it for fear of damaging a worthy citizen. It was contemptible for him now to spew out his venom over a dead man's grave.

Ald. Gaskin claimed that he was doing no such thing. He was not aware of the matter until after the death of the late Mr. Ireland and he said nothing for the sake of the family, in fact a son of the deceased asked him to keep quiet, that a mistake had occurred.

Ald. Robinson—"That is denied by Mr. Ireland." The speaker claimed that he was honest in his dealings both publicly and privately. He had always acted so as to hand an unsullied name down to his children. Ald. Gaskin had claimed to be his friend but he desired no such friends.

"He has been persecuting me with pen and tongue for a long time. I even had to enter an action against Mr. Shannon to secure the name of my calamifier in the News and the name given was that of Ald. Gaskin." He wanted Ald. Gaskin to understand that he had a big contract on hand if he tried to shut his mouth. "Capt. Gaskin does not draw water enough to do that." Some personalities were indulged in here that necessitated Ald. Robinson being called to order.

In concluding he, in the words of an eminent statesman, declared: "Thank God these hands are clean."

THE OTHER SIDE PRESENTED. Ald. Gaskin claimed that he was a solid friend of Ald. Robinson until he found him out. "You all know," he said, "what a bad tongue he has."

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Ald. Gaskin said he made the statement in good faith and the report bore out what he charged. He repeated that Ald. Robinson had taken the money illegally, that as an alderman he was not entitled to receive pay from the city. The law was quoted in this connection. He held that Ex Mayor Livingston and Ald. Robinson had entered into a conspiracy to put \$300 into each other's pockets and that besides doing so they cloaked the matter over so that the council of 1887 was unaware of the transaction.

He further maintained that the treasurer and auditors had erred in their action in the matter. Ald. Gaskin declared that Ald. Robinson was never police magistrate, was never appointed, was never paid. Ald. Robinson said that he did the work, that he was requested by the then mayor to do it.

Ald. Gaskin—"Oh give us a rest! Who do you take us for?"

The alderman said he had no desire to trample upon a fellow man. The only way Ald. Robinson could retrieve himself would be to admit that by law he was not entitled to the money and hand it back to the treasurer. "Then Ald. Robinson's name," he said, "will stand embazoned as an honest man. If Ald. Robinson hasn't the money then I'll lend him it to do so."

SCORING THE GLADIATORS. Ald. Hartly was ashamed, as an alderman, that the council chamber was made the arena for such unseemly contests. Such things did not redound to the credit of the aldermen; less respect was felt for them because of such disputes. The people were not interested in the criticism of councils of twenty years ago. It was disgraceful to see sensible and reasonable men losing their tempers and heads, and giving the public the unedifying spectacle of angry parties indulging in personalities and in charges in which not one citizen was interested.

He held that Ald. Robinson was entitled to pay for his services whether it was strictly legal or not. The council for the sake of expediency did many things that were not strictly legal. He was satisfied that ninety-five per cent. of the citizens believed that Ald. Robinson honestly earned the money. It was shameful for charges of crookedness and suspicion to be cast upon the reputation and honesty of a man who had been honored with the best offices the citizens could give. The whole thing was a matter of small potatoes. The salary of a police magistrate had to be provided, and it made little difference who secured the pay so long as the work was accomplished. Ald. Robinson, as a justice of the peace, was entitled to the fees of the court, and he was satisfied that

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Weather Probabilities table with columns for Wind, Bar, and Rain.

Light to moderate winds, mostly fair continued mild weather with showers in some localities.