

Street Matters Prominent Before City Council in Committee Monday

F. J. Tims Makes Proposal for Opening of Carleton Street From Needham to Aberdeen—Wants Six Double Houses to be Erected This Year, Tax-exempt—Majority of Grey Street Residents Oppose Alteration in Sidewalk Grade.

Street matters occupied much of the attention of the members of the City Council at Monday night's meeting in committee. Two proposals for street extensions were made and were referred to the Roads and Streets Committee. One from F. J. Tims was along the line of the scheme adopted by the Town of Devon to encourage building in the town. He wants tax exemption for two years on six double houses which he proposes to erect in Aberdeen street if the city will extend Carleton street from Needham to Aberdeen street. The other was for the extension of Victoria and Northumberland streets.

Ald. Cooper for the Roads and Streets Committee reported upon the macadam roadways and concrete sidewalks which it was suggested to lay this year. Action on the report is likely to be taken tonight. The question of finance will have a determining influence. Mayor Phillips is against incurring another overdraft and of such is to be avoided the proposed work must be curtailed.

In addition the Grey street sidewalk which has been before the council ever since Parker Currier made his first objection to the grade in front of his residence, again came up. As forecasted at the last meeting Beverley Wishart who owns an adjoining property offered objection to any alteration in the grade a petition of ten residents of the street being presented against the change and O. C. Hicks by letter asking that if a change were made that the sidewalk in front of his property be raised. The desire of Mr. Currier is that the sidewalk be lowered. The matter again was referred back to the Roads and Streets Committee.

The Council also decided that the public observation of Victoria Day be on May 26th; and also decided for a plebiscite on Daylight Saving Time, for July and August.

Building Proposal.

The proposal of F. J. Tims was contained in a letter which drew attention to the prospect of slack times in Fredericton this year because of unemployment and stated that a measure of relief would be afforded if Mr. Tims' proposal were accepted. He offered to erect six double houses on land owned by him in Aberdeen street purchased from the Lynch Estate thus employing men belonging to all the building trades. The letter specified that the city would agree to open Carleton street from Needham to Aberdeen street and to exempt the houses to be erected from assessment for two years unless they should be sold.

Ald. McCaughey said he was strong in favor of accepting the proposition. Ald. Cooper said that he had a long talk with Mr. Tims. His own idea was that as soon as a house was bringing in a revenue it should be taxed.

Ald. McKnight asked why any person with a vacant house could not claim exemption on the same principle. It was explained that Mr. Tims prepared to build on Aberdeen street with seventeen feet between houses.

Ald. Cooper said that residents of Aberdeen street were about to ask for the opening of that block of Carleton street anyway.

On motion the matter was referred to the Finance and Roads and Streets committee.

Petition for Sidewalk.

A petition for a concrete sidewalks on the easterly side of Campbell street from Regent street to Court House Square was received.

Ald. Cooper explained that only the owners of the Lemont property had petitioned. The other property owners had refused to sign. Mrs. Lemont had suggested that under the circumstances the city might put a sidewalk in front of that property as had been done elsewhere in the city.

A motion to lay the block in concrete was defeated and the matter was left with the Roads and Streets committee.

Sewerage Extension.

The Board of Health submitted a

communication advising the installation of sewerage on Argyle street from Westmorland to Northumberland street and on Aberdeen street east of Church street.

On motion the matter was referred to the Water and Sewerage Committee.

Daylight Saving.

The matter of putting Daylight Saving in effect came up.

Ald. Farrell declared strongly for Daylight Saving for July and August and was prepared to put it in effect without a plebiscite.

Ald. McCaughey said the matter should be left alone many people were against change in time.

Ald. Olts believed that the people should be asked to vote on the matter.

On motion it was decided to hold a plebiscite, Ald. McCaughey alone opposing.

The general opinion was that Daylight Saving would carry. Ald. Farrell objected that if only those qualified at the last civic election could vote, many would be shut out.

Ald. McCaughey offered similar objection.

No action was taken on this phase of the matter however.

Victoria Day Observation.

Ald. Farrell declared for the observation of Victoria Day, which falls upon a Saturday, upon the following Monday the 26th inst. He moved that the Mayor request by proclamation that the observation of that holiday be on the 26th.

Ald. Jennings pointed out that the Retail Merchants Association some years ago had decided by resolution that each holiday be observed upon the day on which it might fall. Since that time several holidays had fallen upon Saturday and had been observed on that day.

The motion was carried, Ald. Jennings opposing.

Grey Street Matter.

Arthur A. Wishart appeared on behalf of his parents and offered objection to any change in the grade in the concrete sidewalk on the southerly side of Grey street the lowering of which had been requested by Parker Currier. He presented a petition of ten residents of the street opposing the lowering of the sidewalk.

A letter from O. C. Hicks requested that the sidewalk be raised in front of his residence should any change be attempted.

It was stated that on behalf of the petitioners legal action was threatened if the sidewalk were interfered with it being satisfactory to all but Mr. Currier.

Ald. Smith when discussion took place on the matter expressed sympathy with Mr. Currier.

Ald. Cooper said that if nothing were done with the sidewalk something should be done in the matter of grading Mr. Currier's property up to the level of the sidewalk. He certainly was entitled to that.

The matter was left to the Roads and Streets Committee.

In the West End.

A letter from E. B. Yerxa requested the opening of Victoria street as far as its intersection with Northumberland street extended and also the extension of Northumberland street.

A letter from Samuel Cook of Alberta dealt with the same matter and requested the opening of Northumberland street as far as the intersection of Dundonald. The two owners of the land offer to donate what is required for streets.

The matter was referred to the Roads and Streets Committee.

Contemplated New Sidewalks.

For the Roads and Streets Committee Ald. Cooper reported that an inspection of sidewalks had been made and recommendations for the laying of concrete sidewalks or for repairs were made by the committee. The schedule was as follows:—

Odell Avenue, east side, Charlotte to Saunders, bad condition, sidewalk to be laid.

Northumberland street both sides, Aberdeen to Argyle, bad condition sidewalks to be laid.

St. John street, east side, King to

NAVAJO INDIANS LEGEND

OF CREATION IS INTERESTING

LIVED IN A WORLD OF DARKNESS

The Indian tribes of the great mountain region left no written history of their goings and comings. But their life was rich in legend and tradition—stories handed down from generation to generation until they came to be a part of that great mass of material which for lack of better name we must call aboriginal literature. These ancient warriors knew nothing of reading and writing. But they were students of nature and keen observers of everything about them. Like children they were curious—and lacking fact they wove their own theories concerning the life they lived and the environment which they knew.

Today the Indian rapidly is disappearing. Swept away from his natural haunts by the white man he remains a mere remnant of the great race which once knew no superior in all the great region. But the legends still live; monuments to the philosophies of the tribesmen who gave them birth.

Of all the Indian legends now existent none is more interesting than the Navajo legend of creation. Here it is as told the writer by Navajo Bill, who in turn had it from the Navajo chieftains whom he knew fifty years ago when first he visited the reservation which has since been his home.

In the dim and distant ages when time was young the Navajos lived in a world of darkness, deep underground. Then there was no sunlight to bring warmth and joy; no bright rays of sunshine to make the corn grow or the fruit ripen. There was no night and no day for all was dark and even the beasts and the birds were unable to see their way about; but could only wander in darkness knowing not whither they went or how they came.

In those days the Navajos were unhappy but they knew not how or where to turn to become happy. But one day a warrior more bold than the others set out on a journey to find a new home for himself and his people. Long he urged the other chieftains to accompany him—but they were afraid, so finally he went out alone and unaccompanied.

For many days he wandered in the darkness, stumbling over hill and dale, through water and over high

paces until he was nearly exhausted. But still he kept on and finally he looked up and there far above him was a hole and through the hole a star looked down upon him in all its radiance. An the warrior was much pleased. So with the light of the single star to guide him he gathered together many trees. And he killed a deer and with the skin of the deer he bound the trees together until he had made for himself a great ladder he finally reached the ceiling of darkness and through the hole he looked into a new world.

When he had rested he climbed through the hole and into a new world—a world of silver light and shadow—where all was not darkness but where he was able to see objects about him. In this world there was a moon and stars to light the way—and there was no darkness but a silver light from the stars and the moon that made a world of twilight and evening. But the warrior was much pleased—for he had never known a greater light than this. So he rested and feasted and slept for many days until he became lonely bethought himself of his tribesmen who had remained behind.

So he gathered together a great bundle of moonbeams and with these on his back to light the way he descended again into the world of darkness and with a light heart went in search of his tribesmen.

When he had returned again his tribesmen gave him a great welcome for they thought him lost and they made him chief of the tribe and when he had told them his story appointed him a guide to lead them to the new world where there was moon and stars and light and happiness.

When by and by, the tribe had reached the ladder they climbed into the new world one by one, until they were all there—warriors and squaws and children; and all the beasts and the birds too, they lifted up with them into the new world; and they were very happy.

The name of the new world they called "Kalelale" and to the warrior who had led them there they gave the name of "Chis-Chi-E-Go."

So it was that the Navajos who were our forefathers came out of the world of darkness into the world of twilight.

WAS BEATEN UP AT POLITICAL MEETING

Souillac, France, May 5—Prince Joachim Murat, member of the Chamber of Deputies and a descendant of Napoleon's famous companion-in-arms Joachim Murat, King of Naples, was assaulted in a campaign rally here by hoodlums who kicked and beat him severely, and finally threw him from the platform. The Prince has several bad face and body wounds. Witnesses of the fracas agree that he took his punishment like one of his illustrious forebears.

Souillac is the home town of former Minister of the Interior of Louis Malvy, who was removed from office and banished to Spain for five years in 1918 for his pacifist attitude and who is now active in the radical and Socialist campaign. Consequently political feeling against the Nationalistic Deputies, such as Prince Murat, is extremely strong.

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QUEBEC HAS BIG PROFITS FROM LIQUOR

In the course of the three years of operation of the Quebec Liquor Law, which will come to a close on Wednesday next, liquor for a total amount estimated at about \$65,000,000 has been sold in the Province of Quebec under Government control and profits reaching over \$12,000,000 will have been realized by the Quebec Liquor Commission. This includes a four million dollar surplus expected to be announced by the Commission later for the past year's operations.

There has been a very big decrease in the sale of high percentage liquors, Scotch, brandies, gins and ryes and only from the compensation resulting from the increased sale of wines the revenues would have been affected to a great extent. However, an increase of between 600 to 700 per cent, is expected to be recorded in the sale of wines, and though the profit in such brands has been based on a low margin, the vastly increased sale is expected to compensate fully for the reduction in heavy liquors.

The number of liquor stores has increased from 67 to 80 in the course of the year 1923-24, but this includes several where wines alone are sold. This is in accordance with the policy adopted by the Commission of trying to increase the sale of wines and to reduce little by little the demand for higher alcoholic liquors.

There is no increase reported in the sale of beer which, though in the hands of the brewers, is under control of the Commission through the taverns. The brewers claim that the year 1923-24 has been a normal one.

Officials of the Quebec Liquor Commission do not deny that rum-running is still going on, and a few cases of bootlegging, but as compar-

ed with other years it is said that the stock of illicit liquor is very meagre. When abuses are reported as far as the sale of liquor is concerned it is generally found to be liquor coming from the Commission. Moonshine liquors are not used to any extent.

The Quebec Liquor law, which is in force since February, 1921, is also known as the Taschereau law, as Premier Taschereau was its promoter, replaced the beer and wine regime and the permit systems.

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