

# Daylight Saving Shelved Indefinitely by City Council

**Action Deferred Until After Enactment of The Provincial Legislation—Purchase of Horses by Street Department Discussed Last Night—Ald. McLellan Says Necessary Information Will be Given Next Week—Mayor Mitchell Says He Had No Knowledge of Action of Committee.**

The City Council last night put a stop to any immediate attempt to put the daylight saving scheme into effect in Fredericton, deciding by resolution to defer any action in the matter until the time when the Provincial Government shall enact legislation in the matter.

This resolution was passed because public opinion is believed to be decidedly against any change in time at present.

The matter of the pair of horses purchased recently by the Street Department was also before the Council.

Ald. Walker asked for information on the matter, street rumor being current concerning it.

Ald. McLellan, chairman of the Street Committee, stated that a pair of horses had been purchased, but that all details would be made known in regular monthly session next week.

Ald. Walker accepted the statement, and said he had heard that Mayor Mitchell had refused to issue a cheque in payment for the horses.

His Worship replied that he always was careful about the signing of cheques. He had no knowledge of the purchase of the horses and had not been present at any meeting of the Street Committee at which it had been decided to buy them.

The expectation that there would be something said about the purchase of the horses and the refusal of Mayor Mitchell to sign a cheque in payment of them had attracted an unusually large number of spectators. It is probable that there will be another large "gallery" next Tuesday night.

Those members of the City Council who were present were Mayor Mitchell, Ald. Reid, Ald. McLellan, Ald. Lemont, Ald. Wilkinson, Ald. Baxter, Ald. Burnett, Ald. Barker and Ald. Walker.

His Worship read to the Council the resolution passed at Monday night's public meeting to the effect that the City Council be asked to put the Daylight Saving scheme into effect in Fredericton between the dates May 1 and Sept. 30.

Ald. Lemont said he understood that some delegations were to be present.

His Worship replied that he knew of no delegations. The matter was one for the Council to decide.

Ald. Reid asked if there were any communications.

His Worship then read a communication from the Provincial Chapter, Imperial Daughters of the Empire, passed at the sixteenth annual convention, stating that the Chapter was in favor of the Daylight Saving plan.

Ald. McLellan stated that he was rather at a loss as to what to say. His personal views on the matter had not changed. He had obtained the opinion after conversing with citizens in

all walks of life concerning daylight saving, that there was a strong current of public opinion in favor of it. He had been surprised, however, after steps had been taken to place the scheme before the citizens, to learn that the public in Fredericton was so apathetic. A public meeting to discuss the matter had been called after wide advertising, but had been attended by only eighteen persons. It was true that a resolution had been passed by that meeting favoring the scheme. Nevertheless he thought that the City Council should act slowly and deliberately in the matter. In view of the general situation, he did not feel ready to make any motion. Ald. McLellan then quoted extracts from a bill now before the Provincial Legislature dealing with the matter of daylight saving. He suggested that there be an expression of opinion on the matter by the aldermen.

Ald. Lemont said he strongly favored the daylight saving scheme, but was against hasty action. He suggested that the Council memorialize the Provincial Government to enact legislation to bring a daylight saving scheme effect.

## Motion to Defer Action.

Ald. Reid moved, seconded by Ald. Wilkinson, that the City Council defer action on the matter until such time as the Provincial Government shall enact legislation concerning the matter.

Ald. McLellan said that he did not wish to oppose the motion, which he considered the proper one, but he wished to point out that there was a possibility that the early morning train to St. John would be lost as a result of the adoption of daylight saving in St. John.

His Worship said that there was such a possibility, but it was not a surety.

Ald. Everett said he strongly favored the motion.

The motion was carried.

## Street Department Horses.

Ald. Walker said that he had been told that the Street Department had purchased a pair of horses. He would like a report from the Street Committee.

Ald. McLellan, at the request of His Worship, made a statement. He said that he saw no reason why Ald. Walker should particularly ask for such information. It was true a pair of horses had been purchased. The details would be made known in the regular course of events at the monthly meeting in May. The Street Committee had discussed the matter and had decided to buy the horses.

Ald. Walker replied that the explanation was satisfactory. If the matter was to come before the City Council it was all right. He thought that as an alderman he had a perfect right to the information. He had not known however of the City Council ever deciding to buy horses.

Ald. McLellan said that there was no attempt to withhold information from Ald. Walker. stated that all that he knew of the matter was street rumor. How such rumor originated he could not say, but he had heard that not only had a pair of horses been purchased, but that His Worship had been approached and asked to sign a cheque to pay for them and had refused. He hoped that the latter rumor was correct, as the Mayor might find himself in the position of having to pay for the horses himself if he had signed the cheque. (Laughter.)

## The Mayor's Statement.

"I can assure Ald. Walker that I am always very careful about the city cheques that I sign. However, while this matter is being discussed, I would like to ask if there was a regularly called meeting of the Street Committee at which this matter was discussed?"

Ald. McLellan—"Yes, there was a meeting of the Road Committee and the matter was discussed. The details will all be made known later."

Ald. Lemont—"As Your Worship is a member of the Street Committee, I thought that you were fully aware of this transaction and its details."

His Worship—"That is why I asked if the Street Committee had met. I can assure Ald. Lemont that I am not

a party to the purchase of these horses and did not know the Street Committee had decided on the matter. I knew that the Committee had such a purchase in view."

Ald. Walker—"I notice by the card of committees that Your Worship is a member of all committees. It is a remarkable fact that the Street Committee met without your knowledge."

There being no further business to transact, the Council adjourned on the motion of Ald. Walker.

## WITH GERMAN DRUM CANADIANS TAUNT TEUTONS

Paris, April 25.—Wearying of comparative idleness far back of the actual fighting line, away from the front trenches and around divisional headquarters in Flanders, a battalion of Canadian soldiers, mostly men from the western prairies, accustomed to a life of freedom and activity, sought amusement.

Cow-punchers many of them were, with the cowman's mischievousness and simplicity. Life palled. They were within the sound of the guns, but they were not firing them, no having the thrill of being fired on. So idle hands manufactured trouble. This particular battalion was without a band, although it had musicians—and a band was considered essential. Mouth organs there were, but these were not enough, and a band was the only thing that would do.

But no instruments were to be had and as a soldier forages for food, so started a campaign for musical instruments.

Dieppe had a town band—one, but the members long since had gone to the front with the French forces. Their instruments remained behind in the town hall. This alluring fact was discovered by the men of Saskatchewan and Alberta and one morning the battalion had the nucleus for a splendid band—eight instruments. The night before there was not a trace of "the makings" of a band; the next morning there was. That's all there is to it.

The eight instruments, however, were not enough. There was no bass drum, for instance, and for many a martial air a bass drum is essential. Especially necessary is it to the playing of the Russian national anthem.

The Canadians in the rear sent word to their comrades on the firing line that they needed a bass drum. The firing line is about the last place to seek one, but it was known that the Germans across the way possessed a bass drum and all sorts of other instruments.

So the Canadians determined to make the matter one of national honor and supply their needs from the enemy trenches. In September came the big British effort to break the German lines.

Trench after trench was taken from the Kaiser's soldiers, and in one trench in particular, where it was known there existed a band, the assault was especially vigorous and the capture speedy.

Thus the bass drum and the other instruments essential to a complete band were found, and quickly sent to the rear to the men from the west. It was not long before the battalion had a splendid musical organization.

Finally this battalion moved up to take its turn in the trenches. At that moment there came news of a Russian victory in the east. The Canadians, well entrenched in trenches that once were German, found a German scholar who in German painted a great sign telling of the victory of the Russians, and hoisted it over the trench.

The Germans, only a few yards away, saw it through their periscopes, and a cry of Teutonic rage went up, emphasized by a shower of hand grenades and bombs.

Then the Saskatchewan band struck up the Russian national air. From deep down in the trenches, where the musicians sat on the ground and blew for all they were worth, the magnificent strains of the grand and holy air came upwards. The muffled boom of the German bass drum gave body and soul to the inspiring hymn. A storm of bombs was the German response, making so much noise that the band desisted.

When the Germans tired of bombing and there came a lull in the conversation, the band instantly struck up again:

"God the all terrible  
Him who ordainest—  
Swift winds thy chariot,  
The lightning thy sword."

Once again the Germans furiously bombed their enemies.

Throughout a whole day the thing was kept up. The Canadians, sitting with their backs to the trench-side,

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their feet straight out, and instruments pointing to the sky, took up the Czar's majestic hymn whenever there was a moment's silence; and that night, with the Germans worn out by the exhausting work of the day, the Canadians, who had been resting, ceased their music and made life for their enemies miserable through the night by a constant bombardment.

## Slants Of Humor

### NOT PLAYED UP.

Jack, the famous giant killer,  
Hero of the rhyme,  
Gave the public quite a thriller,  
Greatest of its time.

That's the ending of the story,  
His reward was nil.  
Seems he didn't take his glory  
Into vaudeville.

Didn't even in a lecture  
Make a public bow.  
Heroes, as you may conjecture,  
Do much better now.

### DEAD STOCK.

A smile will pay,  
Make business boom.  
But experts say  
You can't sell gloom.

### NOT SO BAD.

Corporal—This is a terrible business.  
Sergeant—Oh, I don't know. I've lived with my wife's relatives for the last four years.

### HER REFERENCE.

Madam—Have you any references?  
The French Maid—Zee husband of zee lady where I last worked he give me an automobile.

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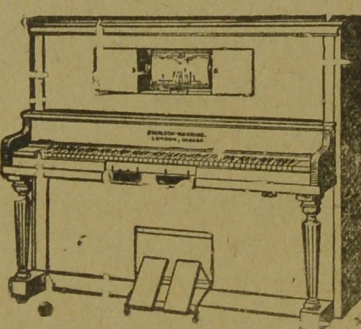
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