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STREET MATTERS CAUSE A MILD STORM IN CITY COUNCIL; DISCUSSION HELPS TO CLEAR THE SITUATION

Ald. Young Claims Street Committee Has Been Ignored and Chairman Taking Too Much Upon Himself—Weekly Conference Between City Engineer and Committee to be Held in Future — Mayor Hanson Takes Exception to Some of Ald. Young's Remarks—Labor Situation Unsatisfactory.

As forecasted by The Mail earlier in the week last night's special session of the City Council saw some brisk exchange of opinion on matters connected with the permanent paving plan and the repair operations on the tarvia pavements. Ald. Young was the chief "kicker" and he wanted to know several things, among others why the chairman of the Street Committee, Ald. McKay could authorize the ordering of tarvia by the carload while he (Young) as chairman of the Fire Committee had to observe the bylaws by coming to the Council for authorization of a purchase of hose, also why City Engineer McDowell had three men hired for office help and time-keeping while he himself was acting as foreman of the street crews. Explanations were given which answered Ald. Young's queries. His contention that any expenditure over one hundred dollars should be authorized by the whole council was sustained but Ald. McKay stated that the class of men against whom that bylaw was directed no longer was represented on the Council. The aldermen's queries seemed to clear the atmosphere and it was decided to have weekly conferences between the City Engineer and Street Committee.

New Equipment Ordered

On the motion of Ald. McKay seconded by Ald. Davidson the City Engineer was instructed to purchase from the Watrous Engine Works Co. of Brantford, Ont., a Buffalo Springfield Scarifier for \$1,100 f. o. b. Brantford, one Jaeger tar and cement concrete mixer from the Jaeger Machine Co. of Columbus, O., for \$450 f. o. b. Columbus, also a sand-heater such as he described to the Council. The expenditure on this equipment is to be charged to capital account but twenty per cent of total cost is to be written off each year beginning with 1920 the same to be credited back to capital account and charged to ordinary expenditure.

Mayor's Suggestion Adopted

Mayor Hanson suggested that while permanent street work is being done and repairs to pavements also, weekly conferences between the Street Committee and the City Engineer be held at which work of the past week and of the week to come might be talked over so that the City Engineer submit to the Council a written report on work each month. The suggestion was favorably received by all, the City Engineer saying that it would help his work greatly to have conferences of the kind suggested.

Ald. Young Wants to Know

At that point Ald. Young rose and began his questions. He said that the Street Committee had not been called together and he was not in a position to answer the numerous queries which citizens threw at him. He had been told that there were three men employed at office work while the City Engineer was out personally superintending the crews repairing the streets.

City Engineer McDowell replied that he had Mr. Beebe employed in the office and outside, Jack McKenzie employed in a similar way and James Howie, a returned soldier, as time-keeper. The number of men employed had increased and detailed information was desired by the Council in the matter of material so that a time-keeper separate from the foreman had to be employed. Men also were necessary for surveying. Altogether fifty men had been on the payroll in the actual street work.

Ald. Young said that the City Engineer should be doing the office work and not be hiring other men to do that while he was doing the work of a foreman.

Mayor Hanson pointed out that every man on the work of repairing had to be personally instructed by the City Engineer.

City Engineer McDowell—"I may say to the Council that if it wants an office man it can get one for half what it is paying me. If that is all you want you had better get him."

Ald. Young said that the city was employing as many men for office work as did the Province.

Mayor Hanson said that if such was the case the Province should increase its staff as the City had not too many men. The alderman should not be too critical but all should give every support to the City Engineer.

Ald. McKay pointed out that the office men would be employed for but a short time.

Ald. Young complained that he was

kept in the dark no meeting of the Street Committee having been held. Citizens were asking questions which he could not answer. How much tarvia had been ordered? Who had ordered it?

Ald. McKay—"I instructed the City Engineer to purchase that."

His Worship is "Riled"

Ald. Young—"Why did I have to come to this Council for the authority to buy hose for the Fire Department? Isn't there a bylaw requiring all purchases of an amount greater than \$100 to be authorized by the Council? If I am going to be ignored in this matter I want to know it. I was elected to this Council, I am not a come-by-chance."

Mayor Hanson—"I don't think any member of this Council is in any different position from you, Ald. Young. That remark of yours is entirely uncalled for."

Ald. Young—"I don't want to be too critical, but I want information."

Mayor Hanson—"Well, don't make remarks like that."

Ald. McKay's Position

Ald. McKay said that as chairman of the Street Committee he paid no attention to street talk. He had heard too much of it during his career. He would back the present City Engineer because he believed him to be a capable man. In the past the city had had engineers in its service who had cost more to the city through errors than Mr. McDowell's salary would amount to.

Ald. Young said he had no ill-feeling toward the City Engineer and would support his efforts but a bylaw existed as far as large expenditures were concerned and all departments should observe it.

Ald. McKay replied that men of the class against which that bylaw had been intended were not now at the Council.

Labor Unsatisfactory

Mayor Hanson pointed out that it was found difficult to get satisfactory labor. The City Engineer believed that higher wages must be paid.

The City Engineer said that \$2.70 per day was paid and in some cases less than that.

Ald. Camp said that some of the men on the work did not earn that. He

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DEBATE ON BUDGET NEARLY COLLAPSED

Ottawa, June 18.—Sir Robert Borden in the House this morning presented the naturalization bill. The purpose of the bill is to consolidate the

never saw men move slower than some of them.

It was the general opinion that higher wages would have to be offered to get labor of a satisfactory class.

In reply to Ald. Young the City Engineer stated that the cost of repairing Queen Street between Westmorland and York streets would be thirty cents per yard.

Mayor Hanson pointed out that several factors combined to make the cost very high. Labor was one and also the fact that owing to the absence of machinery hand-mixing had to be adopted.

Ald. Young was informed by the City Engineer that three cars of tarvia had been ordered from the Barrett Company, the only firm making it. The material was cheaper than asphalt.

present Canadian naturalization acts and to incorporate therewith the provisions of the Imperial Act of 1914 as amended by the Imperial act of 1918.

Provision is made under the bill for revocation of certificates of naturalization granted in Canada where such certificates have been obtained by fraud, where the holder has shown himself by act or speech to be disaffected or disloyal to His Majesty; or where the holder was not of good character at the date of granting of the certificate; where he has continued to reside abroad for not less than seven years, and has not maintained connection with His Majesty's dominions; according to the law of the state at war with His Majesty; the holder remains a subject as of that state. Finally, where the continuance of the certificate is not conducive to the public good. Provision is also made for the naturalization of persons who served with the British forces in the war.

Mr. Mackenzie remarked that it was of the utmost importance, but the measure, he feared, had been submitted at too late a time in the season.

Sir Robert replied that the purpose of the bill was to make Canadian nat-

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