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SOUTHAMPTON RAILWAY

According to an up river resident who was in the city this week, our old friend, Mr. J. K. Pinder, M. P. P., is having his own troubles in connection with the proposed Southampton Railway. He gave the people to understand some months ago that the road would be completed and in operation this fall, but he seems to have been a little astray in his reckoning. Those whom Mr. Pinder had confidently hoped would come to his aid are fighting shy of the proposition, and the prospects of the road being completed this year are about as blue as they can possibly be. A survey has been made, a few men have been at work chopping bushes from the right of way, but that is about all that has been accomplished thus far.

Mr. Pinder and his energetic collaborer Mr. John E. Stewart, have been in the city this week on railway business, but according to reports they have not accomplished very much. Railways cannot be built without money, and that is said to be where the shoe pinches the hardest in this case. Mr. Pinder has wrenched a promise from Premier Hazen that the bonds for the line will be guaranteed to the extent of \$10,000 a mile at the next session of the legislature, but a promise from a "spinless politician" made under heavy pressure, is not regarded as the very best collateral in the world, and the company have been a little tardy in converting it into cash.

Several contractors have been asked to take hold and construct the road, and while they were impressed with the fact that it is not a difficult proposition from an engineering standpoint they naturally displayed a little curiosity as to the direction in which the wherewithal was coming from, and this point not being cleared up to their satisfaction the negotiations invariably fell through.

One experienced railway man, who went over part of the route, afterwards expressed the opinion that construction work, exclusive of bridges and culverts, ought not to cost more than \$6,000 per mile. As the company is to have its bonds guaranteed by the province for \$10,000 per mile and the C. P. R. has promised to furnish a supply of second-hand rails and operate the road when completed, the gentlemen who compose the company will not likely be called upon to imperil their private fortunes. Indeed by careful financing they ought to pull out with a small surplus on the amount of the bond guarantee.

Mr. Pinder has certainly worked hard in the face of many discouragements to make the road a reality, and many of his friends on both sides of politics would like to see the scheme carried out for his sake. Mr. Pinder enjoys the distinction of being the only one of the present members for York, who has really tried to accomplish something for his constituency, and it is to be regretted that in this undertaking he should have encountered obstacles purposely placed in his pathway by those from whom he had a right to expect better things.

The eyes of the world are on Mr. Pinder at the present time and he should never say die while there is a shot in the locker. Surely he has not yet exhausted all the resources of modern civilization. The people of the Nackawick want a railway and they look to Mr. Pinder to get it for them. It has not been plain sailing so far, but an old stager like Mr. Pinder should not allow himself to become discouraged. He should recall to mind the early struggles of Lord Strathcona, Lord Mount Stephen and J. J. Hill, in connection with

the Canadian Pacific Railway. They conquered and their names are now emblazoned on the scroll of fame as railway magnates. The game is surely worth the candle in Mr. Pinder's case. If he should require further inspiration we commend to him the story of Bruce and the spider.

Even should the Southampton railway be lost to the world, Mr. Pinder will have the satisfaction of knowing that he stood loyally by his old friends and neighbors on the Nackawick in an honest and patient effort to improve their conditions of life by providing them with railway accommodation.

Mr. Foster is back, cheerfully proclaiming that his health is excellent. This is great news. It means that when the session opens Mr. Foster will be back in his place, playing the role of lone grey wolf, with about equal satisfaction to both sides of the House, and still more to his own. He rather has the laugh on the kind friends in his own party who so deftly shouldered him aside in the darkest hour of his life. Mr. Borden, who must have been party to it, has cut rather a sorry figure during the recess, what with his party friends staying away from the meetings he has held and what with other of his party friends turning in to make the Laurier tour a great success. We can trust Mr. Foster to make his rivals on the left of the Speaker look as small by comparison as possible, and if he is by nature precluded from doing so, except at the cost of their friendship, it is not for Liberals to complain.—Montreal Herald.

Toronto Globe:—Next to her fertile soil Ontario's greatest asset is her falling water. From the Lake of the Woods to the Chaudiere on the Ottawa and from the Albany to the Niagara there is falling water everywhere. Long after Cobalt has been worked out, long after the Pennsylvania mountains that now yield us heat and light and power shall have been robbed of their last ton of coal, the falling waters of Ontario will light the homes and cook the food and turn the factory wheels and haul the traffic of the millions of people who will have their homes in the region of the great lakes.

The Toronto Telegram, Conservative, says:—"If Hon. A. B. Aylesworth does not get a title for saving Hudson Bay to Canada, he will at least have the satisfaction of knowing that a few of this country's politicians have gained titles for services less meritorious and distinguished than those rendered to this nation at The Hague. The merits of really great work at The Hague will do more than a title ever could do to perpetuate the diplomatic name and fame of A. B. Aylesworth."

Manitoba Free Press:—The Conservative newspapers which are trying to encourage their political associates by pointing to the Democratic victory in Maine appear to have forgotten that it took the Democrats thirty years to beat the Republicans in that State. This is not precisely inspiring to the Conservatives, who, after only fourteen years' absence from office, have a thirst and hunger that cry aloud for early satisfaction.

Peterboro Examiner:—The struggle to keep soul and body together, strenuous as it is now in the face of high prices, promises to be more so in some respects. The housewife will have to "hustle" to keep her table provided with fruits and vegetables, specially the hand-to-mouth housekeeper who, like the grasshopper of the fable, spends the whole summer in pleasure and fails to lay up a supply for winter.

Quebec Chronicle:—The true sportsman is a cool, steady, keen-eyed creature, who never permits his gun to be pointed at any object without clearly understanding what it is. This particular breed kills game and does not picture his relatives with four legs and covered with hair at easy range.

St. John Times:—Mr. Borden's Ontario tour has been again postponed. "Oki Tomorrow" was one of the titles of a former Conservative chieftain, but there was always method in his postponements.

The people of New Brunswick are heartily sick of Hazen, Hypocrisy and Humbug and no wonder.

COUNCIL WILL RECONSIDER LAW FOR LICENSING AMUSEMENTS

Market Bylaws are to be Amended--Extension of Water-Service on Woodstock Road is Favored--Ald. VanWart Objects to Paying Interest on Palmer Co. Loan.

The city council last night held a short meeting at which several very important matters were dealt with. The communication of the fire underwriters in which it was requested that the water mains on all the cross streets be relaid with larger pipe, a main be laid on Campbell street and frame buildings between Queen and King street be removed was referred to the Fire Committee to report at the November meeting. The report of the special committee on concessions to the John Palmer Company Ltd. was adopted the provisions being as previously announced. Ald. VanWart was the only one who opposed the payment by the city of the interest on the ten thousand dollar loan. The Administration of Justice Committee was asked to consider the amendment of the market by-laws particularly with regard to the prevention of street padding. The council in committee of the whole will reconsider the bylaw for the licensing of skating-rinks, moving picture shows, etc., the general opinion of the aldermen being that the fees charged were too great. A largely signed petition from the residents of the Woodstock Road praying that the water service be extended to Bailey's Bridge was received and referred to the Water Committee to report at the November meeting of the council.

Those present were His Worship Mayor Thomas, Ald. Calder, Ald. Osborne and Harrison, Ald. Walker, Ald. VanWart, Ald. Weddall and Ald. Hooper.

It was ordered that the sum of twenty-five dollars to be paid to the Fredericton Brass Band on its grant. The report of the Municipal Home Committee was received.

Ald. Weddall reported that taxes collected in September 1909 had amounted to \$815.83 and in September 1910 to \$1094.36 an increase of \$278.53.

MONTHLY EXPENDITURES

The auditor's report for the month was passed as follows:—
Roads and Streets299.44
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Public Works 617.32
Permanent Streets 411.83
City Hall 100.77
Contingent 107.39
Fire 84.54
Administration of Justice 116.52
Municipal Home 41.60
Market and Scales 3.20
Exhibition 20.00
Canada Temperance Act 13.55
Street Lights 396.99
Wharves 141.55
Sewerage Expenses 27.74
Sewerage connections 298.20
Water 773.85
Total 3454.89

ASSISTANCE TO PALMER CO.

The report of the special committee appointed to consider the request of the John Palmer Company for assistance from the city was presented by Ald. Osborne.

On the motion of Ald VanWart the report was taken up section by section.

ALD. VANWART OBJECTS.

Ald. VanWart objected to Section 2 of the report, which provides for the payment by the city of the interest on a loan of ten thousand dollars to be obtained by the company. The alderman based his objection on the fact that a precedent for other companies to come to the city for financial aid would be established. The company on its own statement, had made a profit of \$16,000 in 1908, and it was rather strange that within two years the company should come to the city for assistance. As far as the petition of the citizens was concerned, representatives of the company had practically used threats to obtain signatures, and that if the same petition was circulated again, not fifty per cent. of those who had signed it would sign it again.

Ald. Hooper.—That is a broad statement.

Ald. VanWart—I know it is a broad statement, but I believe it to be true and will vote against the section if no one else does.

The section was adopted, Ald. VanWart alone dissenting.

The remainder of the report was adopted as read.

MARKET MATTERS.

A petition from the retail grocers and butchers of the city praying that the market by-laws be amended so as to prevent house-to-house peddling of country produce.

Ald. Hooper moved that the peti-

tion be referred to the Administration of Justice Committee, for the reason that a bare quorum of the of the Council was present.

Ald. Calder seconded the motion. Ald. VanWart suggested that the market by-laws be allowed to be in abeyance for a month in order that the Administration of Justice Committee might tell what amendment of the market by-laws was necessary.

Ald. Osborne, on behalf of the Administration of Justice Committee, stated that the enforcement of the market by-laws was spasmodic on account of complaints of the citizens, some wanting certain laws enforced and others wanting them winked at.

Ald. Walker wanted a modern market building erected at the rear of the City Hall in order that the market business might be properly conducted.

WATER SERVICE EXTENSION.

Ald. VanWart presented the petition of Donald Fraser, Sr., and other residents of Woodstock Road, praying that the water service be extended west on that road to Bailey's Bridge or thereabouts.

Ald. Calder said that at least \$30,000 worth of property was represented by the names signed to the petition, and those citizens should be given water privileges. He moved that the Water Committee be instructed to consider the prayer of the petition and report not later than the November meeting.

DELEGATES APPOINTED.

On the motion of Ald. Hooper, it was decided that His Worship the Mayor, Ald. VanWart and Ald. Mitchell be delegates to the annual convention of the Union of New Brunswick Municipalities, which will meet on the 19th and 20th instants.

A communication from the Canadian Forestry Convention expressing thanks for the co-operation of the corporation and citizens of Fredericton in connection with the annual convention of the Association, was ordered to be received and filed.

A communication from the Minister of Public Works stating that the matter of payment for the permanent pavement in front of government property would be considered, was ordered to be received and filed.

FIRE UNDERWRITERS' REQUESTS

A communication from Mr. Peter Clinch, Secretary of the New Brunswick Board of Fire Underwriters, concerning rates of fire insurance in the city, was referred to the Fire Committee.

AMUSEMENT LICENSES.

Ald. Harrison moved that the by-law with regard to the licensing and taxing of skating-rinks, moving-picture shows, etc., be re-considered. He could not see why skating-rinks should be made to pay license-fees as they provided means for healthy recreation.

Ald. Osborne seconded the motion, and Ald. Hooper, Ald. Walker and Ald. Weddall supported it.

Mayor Thomas regretted that thorough consideration had not been given the matter under discussion when it was first before the Council. Amusement enterprises were run on a business basis and should bear their fair share of taxation just as any other business did.

The motion was carried. Ald. Hooper moved that the reconsideration of the by-law be by committee of the whole. Carried.

On the motion of Ald. Walker, Mr. Thos. Davidson was appointed constable without salary. Mr. H. C. Rutter received a similar appointment.

On the motion of Ald. VanWart, the Roads and Streets Committee was authorized to call for tenders for 3000 tons of trap rock.

The Council then adjourned.

AT THE BEJOU

"Daisies" (Vitagraph), "Among the Rose," (Imp), see this one, "The District Attorney's Daughter" (Lubin). This is an extra good programme. Daily Matinee at 3.

BATH SCOTT ACT CASE.

Woodstock Press:—In the Police Court on Friday last Harry White of Bath, was convicted of selling intoxicating liquor on the 20th. The witness against him was W. L. McFarlane, the Scott Act Inspector for York County. He was fined \$50 and costs and under a warrant of distress his goods and chattels were seized on Saturday and will be sold.

Mr. W. H. Berry, of St. Stephen, is a guest at the Barker House.

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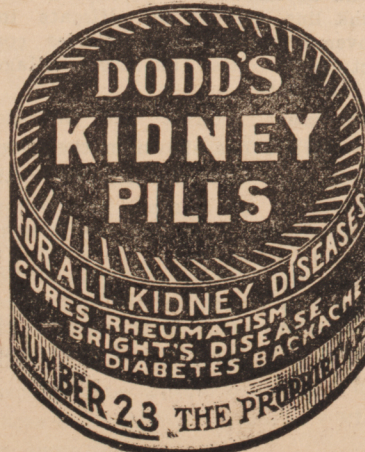
A CANINE OBITUARY

Truro News:—Mr. H. B. McLaughlin's well known Irish terrier, "Gyp," was found dead, stretched on the steps of the Pleasant Street Methodist church. He was always a good dog, and he sought a good spot on which to breathe his last, after he had eaten the poison, that some dog-poisoning fiend had thrown out for him. "Gyp" is gone, the little ones will grieve over the loss of their pet; but he leaves this world with a nobler and better character than the heartless wretch, who gave him the poison.

PERSONAL

Chatham Gazette:—Frank Flett and Arthur Brown went to Fredericton this morning. Mr. Flett takes up his first year in college and Mr. Brown enters on his sophomore year. A. H. Tweddie returned to Fredericton this morning to resume his studies in the U. N. B.

Woodstock Press:—Miss Margaret Dibblee, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Allan Dibblee, Woodstock left on Thursday to enter Newport Hospital.



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