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Two Bylaws Will Probably Carry.

It would seem like good business to carry the two bylaws which are to be voted on this week. To turn down the school bylaw would mean further lopping of public expenditures and probably the closing down of the library. As it is, no expenditures for the library are being allowed except the librarian's salary, pending the outcome of this bylaw and the decision on the Grand Trunk Development Company's appeal. Yet the library caters to the enjoyment and education of considerably over a thousand people in this city.

To turn down the bylaw now would mean that taxes would have to be raised and that many very necessary expenditures in other directions would have to be refused. So large a sum as \$55,000 is too much to take out of general revenue in one year for an extraordinary expenditure. The question of how the money was spent has nothing to do with the question just now. It has to be paid and the passing or rejection of the bylaw will simply determine whether it be paid in one lump sum out of general revenue or be spread over a term of years. It seems that all must agree that it would be a pity to cripple all the civic activities this year.

New Bridge Is Badly Needed.

A new bridge is badly needed. At the beginning of the year the people voted for a steel bridge which would prove rather costly. Many who voted for it, did so just because they thought it was a disgrace to the city to have no bridge across Hays Creek. At the same time they thought a wooden bridge made out of British Columbia material would have been better than an imported steel structure. At any rate the wooden bridge would last for ten or fifteen years and by that time the city should be in a position to put in a permanent bridge, wide enough to carry all traffic offering.

It has been intimated that in the present state of the finances the city council will not build a bridge this year if it has to spend very much money on it. The people across the creek have waited a long time for this convenience and it should not be denied them now.

Labor Council And Nurses' Home.

The Trades and Labor Council is to be congratulated on its stand in connection with the proposed new Nurses' Home. It is behind the institution and will aid it materially if the plans prove successful. So it is generally in the city, we believe. Everyone must realize the need, but some people think it could have been allowed to stand over until a more convenient season.

Now that the hospital board has decided that it is going ahead with the work, it is for the citizens to back them up to the best of their ability. A committee has the collecting of funds in hand. This committee is giving its time for a not very pleasant job, but they will have the satisfaction of knowing that they are doing a great public service and if they are successful, as they deserve to be, they will deserve the thanks of the whole community. The best way to show appreciation of their efforts now is to subscribe liberally to the new Nurses' Home when the canvasser calls.

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In the Letter Box

THE BYLAWS

Editor Daily News:
Ex-alderman Montgomery, in the News of the 7th instant takes exception to the passing of the bylaws for the funding of the Booth School debt and the building of the Hays Creek Bridge.

As one who has represented the city on the aldermanic board and sometimes aspired to the office of first magistrate, his ignorance of what occurred while he sat in the council and his reasoning on municipal financing are difficult to understand.

If last year's council provided \$50,000 for the reconstruction of the Booth School (which it did not, then why did it do so in face of a refusal by the people to authorize the expenditure of \$15,000 for this purpose. He says "The council of this year has not provided one dollar in their general revenue for repairs to the Booth School" while in the same breath he states that there is a sum of \$5,000 in the school estimates for this purpose. If this year's council does not have to raise this money by general levy it is because there are not enough against it to defeat the bylaw.

Inconsistency

When a candidate for Mayor he was enthusiastically in favor of the Hays Creek Bridge at a cost of \$17,000, yet he has had a change of heart and would now counsel the electors to throw down the people across the creek because a bridge is proposed at about one third the cost which will give ample accommodation to many times the number of people who are at present here to use it.

He complains of not having sufficient information on the nature of the bridge, or the nature of the release from the former contractor, when he should well know that all this information is in the offices of the engineer and the solicitor for the asking.

He objects to the funding of the Booth School under the bylaw because the debt will bear interest and he objects to the building a less expensive bridge, perhaps because it does not bear as much interest as the more expensive one.

Surely people will not be influenced to defeat the bylaws by such logic.

M. M. STEPHENS.

ANSWERS THE MAYOR

Editor Daily News:

In reply to the Mayor re Money Bylaws, he admits that my statement is correct that last year's council provided about \$50,000 out of last year's taxes for the repairs to Booth School. He states that this year's council has to levy \$55,000 in order to pay back that amount. Who are they going to pay back to? That money was not borrowed from the bank. It was rate payers' money paid last year. Does our Mayor propose to levy that amount this year because they felt for it last year or what does he mean to do? I have no hesitation in advising the rate payers to turn down this Bylaw and preserve our borrowing capacity for future developments in our city.

If the city could supply power for an elevator, a company is prepared to build here. It would be a better investment to develop power for such a project than to pass a bylaw to form a slush fund for any council to spend as it thinks fit, which is all that the proposed bylaw amounts to.

Hays Creek Bridge

His Worship states that all the information was given at the public meeting, that the proposed steel and concrete bridge was too narrow. It was 20 feet wide, 6 ft. sidewalk on one side the bridge designed so as it could be widened when necessary to any part or the full width of the Avenue, which is 90 feet wide. If such a design of a bridge was not wide enough for the present council, I must say they are very ambitious.

On the best of information I state that none of the contractors have relinquished their contracts for the steel bridge. An Alderman informed me that one of the contractors was going to get the contract to build the proposed wooden bridge at \$23,500. That same contractor tendered to the city last December to build a wooden bridge for \$16,000. The amount \$5,500 where is that going? The ratepayers are entitled to know this, also why is our

mayor and council so eager to side track the steel bridge and substitute a wooden one? Ratepayers beware!

W. H. MONTGOMERY.

The Man in the Moon SAYS—

If a man wishes to be thought important in Prince Rupert he scents his clothes with gasoline and people think he has a launch.

I SOMETIMES wonder if it is true that the Lord gives skinny people more than they can bare.

WE are all thankful that the parsons are going to have a quiet time this coming June because then we shall not have to overdraw our accounts in buying wedding presents.

I KNOW a man who always takes his holidays in June so that he may get away from the frequent calls on his purse.

ABOUT the only place discipline is taught today is in the home when the wife disciplines her husband.

A CAT has nine lives but a frog croaks every night in the spring time.

WHAT a pity it is that the only people who know how to run the affairs of the city, province and country have nothing to do but stand around and talk.

IF anyone would like a bet, I am ready to stake them that Krupp does not serve a year of



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