

MAY GIVE WHOLE BUILDING TO THE WAR VETERANS

Returned Men Are Asking For
More Room to House Their
Association

DEPUTATION WAITS
ON THE CITY COUNCIL

Why Not Veterans For Deputy
Returning Officers?—Other
Business

Sixty members of the Great War Veterans Association attended last night's meeting of the Port Arthur City Council to back up a request of their President, Alderman Sidney Wilson, for increased accommodation for members, in the Arthur street Club rooms. The Mayor was in the act of reading a long resolution from the Winnipeg branch of the Veterans regarding the deportation of undesirable aliens when the delegation entered the chamber.

Mr. H. E. Rogers, Secretary of the Port Arthur Branch of the Vets, addressed the council, thanking the members for past favors and then told them of the disadvantage of the local branch on account of cramped accommodation. Mr. Rogers did not offer at first any suggestion, but other speakers hinted that the association could easily handle the first two floors of the old municipal building and later the third. This suggestion prompted the offer of one of the aldermen "to turn the building over to the Veterans and let them collect the rents." This met with the approval of all Veterans but just how it will appear to the Council will be better known after the matter has been discussed by the Property Committee.

May Get Building

It is understood that the city of Fort William has made a donation of \$100 a month, and, as yet Port Arthur has not assisted the local branch financially. It is believed, however, that the majority of the Aldermen favor the handing over the entire building to the War Veterans for their administration. A committee of the Veterans will meet the Property Committee.

Prior to the delegation entering the chamber the regular correspondence between the departments was disposed of. A letter was read from the Solicitor stating that the Burk Estate was not sufficiently advanced legally to proceed further with the transfer of lands to the Port Arthur Pulp and Paper Company.

When the Mayor read the bylaw authorizing the arrears of public utilities to be placed on the tax rolls, Alderman L. J. B. Bolduc took occasion to criticize the collection methods of the Utilities Commission. He said: "I think that the Public Utilities Commission here has the most inefficient system of collecting accounts I have ever seen. Some of these accounts date back as far as 1915. The Public Utilities Commission are only placing these on the rolls now. Why didn't they notify the owners of the property before this, so that an attempt to collect could have been made?" The amount of the arrears was not stated, but the bylaw was passed.

To Borrow Money

Bylaws to issue debentures to borrow money for the laying of the sidewalk on the east side of St. Paul street, and the opening of Clarkson street and Tupper street were given the three readings.

The City Engineer was instructed to bring in a report on the damage, if any, which might occur to water pipes laid under Waverly Park if the Park is converted into a campus.

The bylaw to take the vote on whether the people of the city are in favor of the converting of Waverly Park was given the required readings.

Athletic Field

The Ontario Railway and Municipal Board will meet in the council chamber at 11 o'clock, April 22, for the purpose of hearing the proposal of the Board of Parks Management to utilize a section of Current River park for an athletic field.

The accounts of the reception Committee for the return of the Fifty-second battalion amounted to \$1,965.-06. They were ordered paid.

Alderman Wilson asked why returned men were not given an opportunity to fill positions of deputy returning officers at the coming polling. The City Clerk replied that it was necessary to carry out extensive instruction before the men would be fitted for the job. He also said that a list of returned soldiers had never been handed him, to which Alderman Wilson replied that it had never been asked for.

The Council went into Board of Control at 9.30 to discuss the appointments.