

MARKET CHANGES ARE CONSIDERED

**Buildings and Grounds Committee
of City Council Reached
a Decision**

REPORT IS PREPARED IN MATTER

**Will Recommend Abolition of the Annual
Sale of Market Fees—Tolls Go
Direct to City.**

As predicted some time ago, there is a strong probability that the days of renting the market to the highest bidder are over. Last night the buildings and grounds committee of the city council again discussed the problem, and came to the conclusion to submit a motion to the City Council to do away with the auctioning of the market. If the motion passes the Council the fees collected on the market will be paid direct into the city treasury, while the market clerk will receive a salary from the city.

TRACTION COMPANY PLANS

City Council Committee Has Plans for Improved Market

The proposal on the part of the buildings and grounds committee of the City Council to alter the market system in this city again brings the entire market question prominently to the front.

This time it is said that the matter is to the foreground to stay there until some satisfactory and definite solution

is arranged. If this be true, there will be many persons in the city and county who will rejoice in the good fortune that at last the vexed problem is to be settled for all time to come.

Probably nothing in the past has been more useful, and at the same time more perplexing, to the people of Brantford county than the Brantford market.

Why this should have been is a wonder, for it is noticeable that in other centres the same difficulty is not experienced in regard to market regulations that has been met with in this city.

From the earliest times it has been the aim of those who managed the local market to make it attractive to the farming community of his county. For some time the methods that were followed met with the hearty support of that class, and as a natural result the market was a success.

But the time then came when the attendances on the part of the farmers showed a marked falling-off, and as a result the market was not so successful as formerly. It was merely a condition and apparently the cause has not yet been discovered.

The benefits of a good market are twofold. In the first place there is an advantage to the farmer, for it affords him an opportunity to dispose of his produce near to his home. In the second it is an advantage to the people of the city, for by it they are privileged to buy the choicest products that the county affords.

Thus, as the committee of the City Council thinks, it is to the advantage, not only of the farmers, but to the people of the city of Brantford, to have a good market in this vicinity.

On studying the question, the councillors are of the opinion that the market is not in the best of condition at the present time, and their problem is how best to improve it. The committee in charge has arrived at a decision, and, while they do not insist that it is necessarily right, they are of the opinion that it will go a long way toward removing some of the present obstacles that exist.

The Expositor some time ago interviewed some of the merchants of the city on the market question. Some favored his retention on the present site, others wanted it removed to another site; but all were agreed that the market was of the greatest advantage to the city and should be retained.

It is claimed in some circles that there are too many restrictions on the market at the present time, and that some of these should be eliminated at the earliest moment. This, no doubt, is the intention of the committee after the market has been placed in the hands of the City Council.

In brief, the plan of the committee is to abolish the annual sale of market fees and to place the collection under the direct control of the Council, and at the same time to hire an official to do the work. This officer would be paid a salary for his duties.

So far as can be learned at present of the plan, it is the intention to still receive fees on the farms as in the past, but then, instead of going to the man who purchases the market privileges at the beginning of the year, will be turned directly into the city coffers.

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CHANGE IS MADE IN LOCAL MARKET

**System of Sale of Fees Has Been
Abolished by the City
Council.**

SALARIED CLERK IN THE FUTURE

**All Fees Collected Will be Turned Into
the Civic Treasury at the End
of Each Day.**

Ald. Suddaby's scheme for a municipal market in this city will be realized next year. The market fees will not be sold, but turned into the city treasury. The market clerk will be paid a salary. At present this salary is not fixed. The new system will commence on December 22.

Ald. Suddaby introduced the by-law strongly recommending it.

Ald. Harris made mention of the fact that letters had been received from other places strongly recommending the sale of the fees.

Ald Pitcher characterized the scheme as of the wildcat variety and one of the most foolish things of the year.

Ald. Corey believed that if the farmers were used with less sharpness the market would be built up as in years gone past.

Ald. Muir objected to Ald. Corey's statement about a collector being too sharp, stating that it looked as if the council would not have a man do his duty.

Ald. Suddaby said that if the by-law were not put through to-night it would be no use.

Ald. Watt was in favor of the by-law, because he believed in the principle of municipal ownership. The experiment was worth a trial anyway. They ought to find out exactly how much the market fees were worth.

Ald. Lyle hoped the by-law would keep the merchants off the market till nine in the morning.

Ald. Suddaby stated that the by-law would be the best thing that ever happened the market. He had had one man to do it at \$500 a year, a good man who would take good care of the market.

Ald. Lyle thought the position was worth more than \$500.

Ald. Watt—"This amount, \$500, is more than the average working man is getting in Brantford to-day."

Ald. Robertson did not think the question of salary should enter into the matter at all.

The by-law was read a third time and passed. Those voting for it were Ald. Hartley, Montgomery, Schultz, Lyle, Waddington, Suddaby, Corey, Watt and Fisher.