

SOMEONE BLUNDERS BUT CITY PAYS

Apr 1907

Board of Works Discuss the Redwood Bridge Fiasco —Fuel Shortage.

The Redwood bridge mixup, in which a large outlay had been incurred by the city before the Dominion government authorized the plans, was discussed at the meeting of the board of works yesterday. H. N. Ruttan, city engineer, said that the plans for the bridge had been sent to the city solicitor on Jan. 3. If that was too late to forward them to Ottawa, then his (the engineer's department) was to blame. On Jan. 10 the Dominion government engineer had visited the bridge site. If he had any objections to make and had raised them then, said Col. Ruttan, work could have been stopped and only about \$100 would have been lost to the city. The government engineer did not notify the city of his objections until Feb. 20. Now the government was demanding 100 ft. spans and the board of control had ordered new plans to be prepared calling for the required width. The loss to the city through changes that would have to be made would be \$3,000 or \$4,000. The original plans for the Redwood bridge called for a wider span than in the Norwood bridge, the plans for which had been passed by the Ottawa government.

Fuel Shortage.

THE REDWOOD BRIDGE

Apr 1907

Hon. Sydney Fisher Writes Refusing to Sanction the Present Plans.

Mayor Ashdown yesterday made public a letter he has received from Hon. Sydney Fisher, acting minister of public works at Ottawa, regarding the width of spans for the Redwood bridge. The government has definitely refused to agree to the original plans.

The letter reads as follows:

"Since speaking to you about the approval of plans of the Redwood avenue bridge over the Red river in the lower part of the city of Winnipeg, I have had an opportunity of discussing these plans with the resident engineer, Mr. Dufresne.

"I regret to say, after thorough investigation with him, I find that the objections to the bridge as planned by the city are even more serious than I had thought.

"In conversation Mr. Dufresne informed me, not only that he could not honestly modify his opinion that these plans are inimical to the safe navigation of the Red river at that point, but that he feels he went as far as he possibly could go in his report to the department.

"Since seeing you, I have also had a protest on the part of the shipping interests against the plan of this bridge, and it is evident to me that those who are most familiar with the navigation of this river and the most intimately concerned with it, as well as the engineer of the department, are positive in their opinions that the bridge as now being constructed would seriously interfere with navigation. This will also be much more serious when navigation increases, as it surely will when the St. Andrew's locks improvements are completed.

"Under these circumstances, I feel that my qualified permission to proceed with the construction of the bridge according to the present plans must be withdrawn, and that I must say at once that the plans must be changed to meet the judgment of the resident engineer and the department which concurs in his views. It is evident to me that in any case this would eventually result in a very few years, and that it is better for the city to immediately change the plans and construct a bridge in accordance with the requirements at that point."

NEW REDWOOD BRIDGE

Oct 1908

Will be Opened at Early Date—Great Benefit to Kildonan Residents.

The new bridge across the Red river at Redwood avenue is now ready for the laying of the concrete floor, but this cannot be proceeded with owing to the cold frosty weather. Should the present climatic conditions continue a temporary floor of wood will be laid to serve over the winter months, and in any case the bridge will be thrown open for general traffic within a month from date.

The facilities given by this bridge will be a great boon to the residents of East Kildonan. As one resident of Kildonan remarked to a Free Press reporter, "It will bring us at least one mile nearer the city than we have been of late." He was modest in this statement as the bridge, crossing the river where it does, will bring the residents of East Kildonan more than one mile nearer to the centre of the city, as a glance at the map will show. A new street will be opened for the convenience of those living in the northern part of East Kildonan. It will run from Blanche street around Glenwood Crescent to the bridge.

COBALT PRODUCT FOR DENVER

REDWOOD BRIDGE CAR

Aug 1940

Citizens of Ward Seven Delighted
With Appearance of First Trolley
Yesterday.

Excitement of a nature comparable only to that which greeted the arrival of Sir George White at Ladysmith prevailed in Elmwood yesterday afternoon, when Controller McArthur, of the city, and Roadmaster Knox, of the Winnipeg street railway, appeared in an electric car going over Redwood bridge. The small boys and girls cheered and tossed their hands and hats in the air, while adults waved their arms in welcome, showing that the hopes of many months were at last realized.

The regular service of cars over the Redwood bridge will begin this afternoon, and will consist of a couple of cars running from Main street north over the bridge on to Hespeler avenue and out to Bird's Hill road, thence south to Louise bridge.

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