

# BERLIN TO CHANGE NAME

City Council by 13 to 2 Votes in Favor of Citizens' Petition.

Berlin, Ont., Feb. 22.—The City Council, by a vote of thirteen to two, decided to petition the Legislature at the coming session to change the name of the city, which for ninety years has been known as Berlin, and was named after the Prussian capital. Aldermen Cleghorn and Hallman moved the resolution. The two opponents were Ald. Cross, jr., and J. Reid.

The request of the citizens' meeting held on the 11th inst., was accompanied by a petition signed by 1,080 ratepayers and residents. A large deputation of prominent citizens filled the auditorium of the chamber, and addresses were delivered by S. J. Williams, D. B. Detweiler, Dr. R. H. Schnarr, Geo. Wanless, A. A. Eby, and Captain J. J. Walters, all of whom urged that the name be changed on patriotic grounds, and in order that the British Empire may no longer contain a city bearing the name of the Prussian Empire's capital.

The selection of a new name was deferred for a week or so, to enable committees representing this city and Waterloo to arrive at a decision as to the possibility of an amalgamation under a new name. A committee was appointed to confer with Waterloo respecting union, and to secure suggestions for a new name.