

# THE ALDERMEN'S BUSY NIGHT

Three Committees Meet and De liberate.

Tenders for Cement Works Awarded— Grants to Various Charitable Societies— Legislation To Be Petitioned For.

At last night's session of the board of works, which was postponed from Thursday evening, on account of the celebration, there were present Ald. Winnett (chairman), Bremer, Malloch, Gerry, Douglass and Barrett, Mayor Rumball, Engineer Graydon and Secretary Bell.

J. M. Parsons and others petitioned against a cement walk on the west side of Wellington street, between Dundas and York streets. Prayer of petition granted.

A. M. Smith and others petitioned for a sewer on Victor street. Laid on the table.

These coveys and others petitioned for a cement walk on the south side of Beaconsfield avenue, from Wortley road to west end. The committee will recommend that the prayer of the petition be granted.

Stevens Manufacturing Company wrote re contract for gear wheels for steam roller. Contract is to be carried out as signed.

The most important business of the evening was the awarding of tenders for construction of cement walks. The city was divided into four sections, and the tenders were awarded as follows: Section 1—Portion of city lying north of Dundas street, and west of Wellington street; A. Graham, at 10 1/2 per foot.

Section 2—Portion of city lying south of Dundas street, and west of Wellington street; F. L. Marden, at 11 1/2 per foot.

Section 3—Portion of city lying north of Dundas street and east of Wellington street; Wm. Anthistle, at 10 1/2 per foot.

Section 4—Portion of city lying south of Dundas street and east of Wellington street; Silica Baryte Company, Ingersoll, at 11 1/2 per foot.

The unsuccessful tenderers were Harding & Leatherns, Wm. Taylor, Charles Barrett, and Wm. Burleigh & Co., the highest tender being 12 1/2 per foot. In the discussion that attended the opening of the tenders, Ald. Malloch inquired if a faithful laborer at \$10 or \$11 per week could not do the work of laying the concrete foundation, as well as a bricklayer, at 3 1/2 cents per hour.

In reply, Chairman Winnett said that it was considered good policy to have thoroughly skilled labor employed in constructing the walks.

In speaking of the necessity of effective inspection, Engineer Graydon ventured the statement that not one private building contract out of five hundred is carried out strictly to specifications, and said that public works were no exception. If there was not strict inspection, the work would not be properly performed.

COMMITTEE NO. 1. All the members of No. 1 committee were present when the meeting opened last night. A number of unimportant communications were received and variously dealt with.

It was recommended that the sum of \$50 be paid to ex-Foreman John Hamilton, being amount incurred by him for law costs in connection with the investigation held last year into certain charges that had been preferred against him.

The following grants to various societies for charitable purposes were recommended: Protestant Orphans' Home, \$300; Mount Hope Orphanage and Refuge, \$200; Women's Christian Association, \$200; Salvation Army, \$60; Salvation Army Rescue, \$30; London

Convallescent Home, \$100; Charities' Organization, \$300; Children's Aid, \$100. A number of small accounts were passed.

LEGISLATION COMMITTEE. The legislation committee of the city council met and recommended that the council accede to the request contained in a circular from the mayor of Gait, and join in petitioning for an amendment to the Commee bill, passed last year in the Legislative Assembly, making it compulsory upon municipalities introducing municipal ownership of electric light plants to purchase the plants of companies already existing.

It was also decided to recommend that the council concur in the sense of the resolution passed at the municipal convention held in Hamilton last year re amending the assessment and scrap iron act.

MANIPULATION OF BALLOTS. How Conservatives Worked Elections in Manitoba—Mr. Graham Reads Instructions Issued to Healers.

Toronto, March 2.—In the legislature last evening Mr. Graham (Brookville) created a sensation during the course of the debate on the address by reading the instructions issued to Conservative workers in the Manitoba elections in 1896. The instructions, he charged, emanated from the Conservative headquarters in Toronto, and they enumerated all sorts of tactics by which the Conservatives sought to be made by Mr. Graham was that the use of these instructions, secured for the intimate knowledge of improper practices which, he said, had been displayed by the Conservatives so far as Ontario elections were concerned. Mr. Graham further said that the instructions had been sent to Manitoba by Mr. Robert Birmingham, and the latter acted as organizer for the Conservative party during the elections of 1896 and several of the subsequent by-elections. Mr. Wardell denied that Mr. Birmingham was the Conservative organizer; but Mr. Graham read a circular issued by Mr. Birmingham, showing that he was directing electioneering for the Conservatives as late as Feb. 12 last.

Mr. Graham (Brookville) twitted Mr. Carscallen (who preceded him) with posing as the new leader of the opposition, and one who was going to frame a policy which had been left unframed. Referring to the South African war, he expressed his pleasure at the unanimity of the house in regard to the subject of the British Empire, and referred to the appropriateness of the speeches of the premier and Mr. Whitney. The speaker's speech was peculiarly fitting, it was another evidence that the French-Canadians were thoroughly loyal. The speaker had eloquently referred to what the French-Canadians had done for Britain in the past. Today there were Girouards and Pelletiers supporting the British flag in Africa, and among them was a brother-in-law of Mr. Eventual. Mr. Graham made an extended reference to the history of political corruption, and gave illustrations of ballot-tinkering of the most rascally sort on behalf of the Conservative party. He quoted from confidential instructions given to Conservative workers in Manitoba the following extraordinary clauses: "We have the printing of the ballots, therefore a sufficient number should be printed extra to enable the deputy returning officer to have them marked for our candidate and have them used after the count to replace those read out wrongly to the scrutineers. Or the deputy returning officer can have them marked and folded in his pocket to slip into the box in place of an opposition ballot, if the opportunity happens. This, of course will occur quite frequently. If we have control of both scrutineers, we have one of our men, not a prominer, one, but a supposed kicker, or instance, apply to the opposition to be put on as scrutineer inside. They are generally short of workers, and a few plausible men will turn the election in a close constituency. Or the man can write to their headquarters for scrutineer papers if he lives in the country.

"Efforts should be made to make these methods works in ways that give the heaviest opposition vote.

"Having control of both scrutineers, a large vote can be polled—dead and absent voters, etc., can have their ballots marked—there is no redress; both scrutineers are present.

"A friendly comrade should be present to keep the clear of loungers and inquisitive folk.

"The deputy returning officer should be a reliable, shrewd and peaceable man, so that if we do get control of the opposition scrutineer, we can, when the counting time asks both scrutineers to take a lot of paper and report the vote of the candidate as he reads the ballots. He will then have a chance to vote wrongly, so that a majority can be secured for our candidate. The ballot should be put back into the box quickly as they are read. The election is won when the fix things correctly when he goes home.

"Spoiled ballots should be made sure by a little doctoring of opposition ballots can be spoiled. The lead out of a lead pencil, fastened under the little finger with beeswax, drawn across opposite our candidate's name in opening the ballot.

If you cannot get control of opposition scrutineers, have your deputy returning officer announce that he is against you, so as to lead him astray if possible."

Mr. Graham said these instructions were handed to Mr. Nat Boyd, a Conservative candidate, by one Freeborn who swore at the trial he got them from a man named Turner, who told Freeborn he received them from Mr. Robert Birmingham, the organizer for the Conservative party in Ontario. (Ministerial applause.)

Mr. Wardell said it was not true that Mr. Birmingham was the Conservative organizer.

Mr. Graham affirmed positively that Mr. Birmingham ran the general elections in 1896, and also took an active part in the bye-elections in South Ontario, Lennox and North Waterloo. (Ministerial cheers.) Mr. Wardell was associated with Mr. Birmingham in Berlin, and hence, having been in the company of a member of a machine, the Conservative whip himself must be a member of that machine. (Ministerial cheers.)

Mr. Wardell still maintained that Mr. Birmingham was not the Conservative organizer.

Mr. Graham then read a circular marked "Private and confidential," signed "Robert Birmingham," and dated Feb. 12 last, containing instructions to the Conservatives in the various municipalities, to look after the manhood franchise lists, in view of approaching elections. In closing, Mr. Graham signed the circular as follows:

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## A WAR DIARY

Principal Events in the South African Campaign.

From Oct. 11 Up to March 1 Inclusive—Good Thing to Keep.

Oct. 11—Time fixed by the Boers for compliance with their ultimatum expired at 5 p.m. Free State Boers commander a Natal train.

12—A British train captured by the Boers at Kradpan, near Mafeking.

13—Reconnaissance in force from Ladysmith.

14—Boers march on Kimberley and Mafeking.

15—Transvaal flag hoisted at New-castle. Kimberley isolated.

Boers repulsed at Mafeking.

17—Railway communication with Aliwal North interrupted.

18—White's patros line Boers at Acton Homes.

19—Transvaal flag hoisted at Vryburg. Boers encountered on the Limpopo by a patrol from Tuli.

Boer commando crosses the Biggarsberg range and attacks a train at Elands-laagte.

20—Boers shell British camp near Dundee. Boer position on Talaia Hill captured by the British under Symons.

Klipdam occupied by the Boers.

21—White moves out force under Finch to eject Boers from Elands-laagte. Boers routed.

22—Yule retreats from Dundee on Ladysmith via Beth.

23—Death of Gen. Symons at Dundee. Bombardment of Mafeking.

Sharp fighting outside Kimberley.

26—Junction of Yule with White at Ladysmith. Plumer has engagement with Boers near Tuli.

28—Plumer reported closing around Ladysmith.

General sortie from Ladysmith. Naval guns silence Boer siege artillery.

Surrender of part of two battalions and a mountain battery at Nicholson's Nek.

31—Gen. Sir Redvers Buller lands at Cape Town.

Nov. 1—Boers invade Cape Colony.

2—Ladysmith isolated and bombarded. Colenso evacuated by the British garrison.

3—Nauwpoort and Stormberg evacuated by British garrisons.

6—Guerrilla actions outside Ladysmith, near Dewdorp.

9—The Roslin Castle (the first of the transports conveying the army corps) arrives at Cape Town and General attack on Ladysmith repulsed with heavy loss to Boers.

10—Reconnoitering force from Orange River engaged with Boers near Belmont.

11—Orders issued for mobilization of a fifth division for South Africa.

14—Free State flag hoisted at Aliwal North.

15—Armored train wrecked by Boers near Chieveley. Over 100 British troops captured.

19—Lord Methuen's column for the relief of Kimberley concentrated at Orange River.

Boers in Natal occupy Highlands south of Estcourt. Estcourt isolated.

23—Methuen attacks Boers at Belmont with Guards' Brigade and 9th Brigade. Boers driven from this position.

Sortie from Kimberley. Hildyard engages Boers near Estcourt. Restores communication with Maritzburg.

Boers repulsed at Tugela River by Lord Methuen.

25—Methuen attacks Boers in position at Enslin and dislodges them. Gen. Sir Redvers Buller arrives in Natal.

British forces moves up to Frere. Boers occupy Bushman's Hoek. Main body at Putter's Kraal.

27—Methuen engages 11,000 Boers at Modder River. Battle lasting all day. Boers evacuate position.

Sortie from Kimberley.

29—First Canadian contingent arrives at Cape Town.

30—Sixth division for South Africa notified.

Dec. 1—Australian and Canadian contingents leave Cape Town for the front.

8—Successful sortie from Ladysmith under Hunter.

Boers attack Methuen's line of communication at Enslin.

Plumer returns to Ladysmith.

10—Gatacre attempts night attack on Stormberg, but is surprised and forced to retire, losing many men.

Successful sortie of 2nd Rifle Brigade from Ladysmith.

11—Methuen's position at Magersfontein. British troops repulsed with heavy loss. Gen. Wauchope killed.

13—Boer attempt on Nauwpoort frustrated. Part of French's force under Col Porter.

15—Buller advances from Chieveley against Boer positions near Colenso. British force repulsed on Tugela with 1,100 casualties and loss of 10 guns.

Mobilization of seventh division ordered.

18—Lord Roberts appointed commander-in-chief in South Africa. With Lord Kitchener as chief of staff.

20—Formation of City of London Volunteer Corps for South Africa announced.

23—Departure of Lord Roberts from Southampton.

24—Detachment from Gatacre's force occupies Dordrecht.

25—Boers appear at Victoria West.

27—Lord Kitchener joins Lord Roberts at Gibraltar.

30—Skirmish near Dordrecht. Small British force cut off, but rescued by Boer leader at Schunerside.

(Dec. 13) by Captain Goldsworthy. Cape Mounted Police. Boers defeated with loss.

Jan. 1—Enrollment of the first draft of the City Volunteer Corps for South Africa.

Gen. French defeats Boers near Colenso.

2—Toronto Company, Canadian contingent, and Queenslanders occupy Kuruman captured by Boers.

Boer attempt to break General French's lines around Colenso defeated.

Suffolk Regiment, with French's force, meets with a reverse, 163 being captured.

Boers attack Ladysmith in force, but are repulsed with heavy losses.

10—General Warren forces a passage at Triaard's Drift. A part of Gen. Buller's force also crosses the Tugela at Potgieter's Drift.

17—Col. Plumer reaches Gaborone on his way to relieve Mafeking.

18—Dundonald's cavalry defeats the Boers near Acton Homes on the road from Otter's Hoek Pass to Ladysmith.

20—21—General Warren engages the Boers both days.

21—General Buller reports "substantial success" on the part of General Warren.

22—General Warren takes Spion Kop.

24—Spion Kop abandoned by the British.

25—Major-General Kelly-Kenny's division occupies Ro-mead Junction, Northern Cape Colony.

28—Dundonald's cavalry makes a reconnaissance towards Hanger's Spruit.

Feb. 7—General Buller again crosses the Tugela and occupies Vaal Krantz.

9—Vaal Krantz evacuated.

14—Movement for relief of Kimberley commenced. General French's cavalry captures five Boer camps.

16—General French raises siege of Kimberley. Jacobabad, Orange Free State, taken by the British.

18—Heavy Canadian losses in battle at Paardeberg.

19—Buller captures Boer camps near Colenso.

21—Buller crosses Tugela and advances towards Ladysmith.

24—Boer reinforcements trying to reach Cronje at Paardeberg defeated.

27—Cronje and 4,000 Boers surrender to Roberts.

28—Buller captures strong Boer positions on Ladysmith road.

Ladysmith relieved (at night).

March 1—Colenso recaptured by British.

JANITOR FOUND DEAD. Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ont., March 2.—William Quinn, for some years past janitor for the high and public schools of the town, was found lying dead on the school room floor yesterday morning. It is supposed that he died of heart failure.

SICK MAN BURNED TO DEATH. Port Huron, March 2.—David M. Robeson, son of a prominent ship chandler, was burned to death Wednesday morning. He had taken an alcohol bath for sickness, and it is presumed the alcohol ignited from spontaneous combustion.

STEAMER GONE TO PIECES. Monrovia, L. I., March 2.—The Savannah Line steamer Gate City, which was driven ashore three miles west of here on the night of Feb. 8, broke in two at 6 a.m. today. The wreckers had several days confined themselves to removing her cargo, believing the vessel doomed.

CAPITAL \$1,000,000,000. New York, March 2.—A combination of iron and steel industries, with \$1,000,000,000 capital, will be completed within six months from April 1, says a dispatch to the New York Tribune from Wheeling, W. Va. It will include the American Tinplate Company, the National Steel Company, the American Hoop and Wire Company, the National Steel Sheet Company, and a company whose name is withheld.

DOUBLE TRAGEDY. Baitar, N. Y., March 1.—A double tragedy occurred here this morning. About 9 o'clock C. A. Voorges entered the carriage shop of Wixson & Mead, where he found the body of Bert Wixson, a member of the firm, lying in a pool of blood. Upstairs was found the body of Edward Mead, with a revolver lying at his side, with two chambers empty. W. Mead, father of Edward Mead, says the two men quarrelled the day before.

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