

## Public Librarian Goes Back to His First Love

Mr. J. H. W. McRoberts Placed  
on the Teaching Staff at  
Salary of \$1,100.

The board of education yesterday afternoon, on motion of Trustee Westervelt, seconded by Trustee MacRobert, appointed Mr. J. H. W. McRoberts on the permanent teaching staff at a salary of \$1,100 per annum.

The board did not designate where Mr. McRoberts will be placed, but it is understood he is to go to Aberdeen school, in case Principal Kirk's health will not permit him to return to work.

The board accepted the recommendation of No. 1 committee that Miss M. M. Beattie be added to the substitute staff, and that J. A. Dickson, of the Collegiate Institute staff, be placed on the same grade as the other heads of departments in the collegiate.

The applications of Miss Cora Putnam and Miss Grace Dixon for positions on the staff were refused. The application of Miss Helen Corcoran to be placed on the substitute staff was laid over for further information.

Chairman Gammage, of No. 2 committee, reported that Janitor McDonald, of Princess avenue, had slipped the other day and had broken his left arm. Mr. Hicks has been appointed temporarily in his place.

The salary of Miss Cousins, who has been appointed stenographer in the office of Inspector Edwards was fixed at \$5 per week.

The Maple Leaf Forever.

The request of the Alexander Muir monument fund committee of Toronto that a collection toward the monument be taken up in the public schools of London was opposed by Trustee MacRobert, who declared that he is in favor of the board making a reasonable grant. Mr. MacRobert said he does not approve of collections being taken up in the schools for any purpose.

Trustee Teasdale then moved that the board make a grant toward the fund. Trustee English seconded.

Trustee Gammage said it was only right and proper that the board should contribute toward the Muir monument.

## WATER COMMISSIONERS REPLY TO POINTS RAISED BY "CRITIC"

Utility of Komoka Reservoir—  
The Question of Power—  
Petrifying Springs.

To the Editor of The Advertiser:  
"Critic" is the right sort of a man, and he makes a lot of good points. Fortunately for us, most of his points have been provided for in our scheme. On one or two points we think he is wrong, but he has certainly drawn attention to subjects which will be the better of a little explanation.

In our former letters we hesitated to go into the matter with more detail than we did, fearing that our letters would be so long that people would not read them. Evidently the Free Press was of that opinion, because they have excluded us from the use of their columns, which they accord to John M. Parsons, "Critic," and others, but it is evident that at least these two persons have read what we wrote, and therefore we are encouraged to ask you for a little more space in which to go further into the matter; and it will be better to consider, first, the third point which "Critic" raises. He says the hydraulic power of the proposed system depends entirely upon the rainfall. This is not strictly true. When the river gets down low in summer it consists almost entirely of spring water, but it cannot be denied that at the lowest stage of water in the river, steam power will probably need to be used for a few days in summer after ten or fifteen years have passed, but not until then. There is, however, this point to be considered, that the new dam will, according to the estimates, be twice as high as the old dam. The water going through the turbines will, therefore, pump at least twice as much spring water as the same water did when it went through the turbines at Springbank.

Now, during the past summer, during three months, the water was so low that it was not equal to the task of pumping all the city's needs, and in that time we pumped 127,000,000 gallons by steam and 195,000,000 gallons by water. It can readily be seen, therefore, that if the water used for power had been twice as efficient we would have been able to pump 390,000,000 gallons by hydraulic power, and the quantity is 60,000,000 gallons more than the total amount of available spring water. It will be seen that even in dry summer weather it is probable that all of the city's needs can be supplied by hydraulic power for many years to come if the Komoka scheme is installed.

"Critic" raises the point that this will compel us to put in a steam plant, but this steam plant is already provided for in the estimates. The underwriters demand it; and not only so, but they demand it in duplicate; and this also is provided for in the estimates. The city cannot be placed on a first-class basis from the insurance standpoint without a duplicate steam plant at Komoka even though we should not use it at all.

With this in mind, "Critic" will probably be ready to yield us the utility of the reservoir on the flats at Komoka. The reservoir at Springbank will provide all the pressure needed. Six million gallons on top of that hill will provide just as much pressure as six billion gallons would at the same height. We can build our reservoir at Komoka much more cheaply than we could on top of the hill at Springbank, and when our machinery in Komoka will be capable of pumping three times the quantity of water that we are supposed to get there it is manifest that this reserve of water at Komoka will be available for the city's use at any moment.

The fourth point, with regard to the quality of petrifying spring water, would probably not have been raised had "Critic" been more familiar with the facts. The so-called petrification is simply a deposit of lime which is set free from the water on exposure to air. This exposure will occur in the reservoir, and the lime will there be deposited on the bottom, and that water will be as good for use as any spring water near London. Moreover, the output of this spring is only a little over 100,000 gallons. If it were 200,000 gallons it would then be only about 4 per cent of our supply, and any extra hardness it might contain would be well diluted when it is mixed into a total of 4,000,000. As far as typhoid or diphtheria in Komoka village are concerned we might point out that we are not going closer than a mile from the village and we can assure you that we will take the best of precautions to avoid contamination, but after this water has been filtered through the earth, much of it for many miles, it will be apparent that we will only have to prevent contamination very close to the point where we take the water from the ground.

Certainly, the commissioners depend on the reports of experts as to the amount of water. The so-called mining experts are not in a parallel case. The expert opinions in our case have not been obtained to benefit promoters, or anyone else, except the citizens of London. Would "Critic" prefer that we pay some man who is not an expert and does not pretend to know anything about water, for his opinion on the latter? Some of the commission are personally familiar with the fact that there is a large quantity of water there, and that it looks as though it should be what the engineers state that it is.

This question has been often raised and was referred to in our first letter. With your permission, we will offer a reply to Mr. Parsons' letter in the near future.

F. W. DARCH,  
W. E. SAUNDERS,  
J. C. JUDD.

### EARTHQUAKE SHOCK.

Fort-de-France, Dec. 4.—An earthquake shock was felt here last night. Damage was caused. The shock lasted a minute and a half. The oscillations were from north to south.

## VISITS SARNIA AS HIGH COURT JUDGE

Sir William Mulock Presides at  
Non-Jury Sessions—Entertains  
His Friends.

Sarnia, Dec. 4.—Sir William Mulock on the occasion of his first visit to Sarnia in the capacity of judge of the high court of justice, entertained a number of gentlemen friends at 6 o'clock dinner at the Vendome in the private dining-room last evening. Those present were Sir William Mulock, Hon. W. J. Hanna, provincial secretary; F. F. Pardes, M. E.; Mr. Wilson, Petrolia; A. Weir, N. S. Gurd, R. V. LaSueur, Alex. Saunders, I. Greenstein, Petrolia; Judge Taylor and Sheriff Flintoff.

Sir William Mulock is presiding at the non-jury sessions which opened here yesterday.

The case of Gould vs. G. T. R. Company, an action brought by W. J. Gould, of Plymouth for damages and to compel the company to construct a drain under the railway, to relieve his property, was settled. The company will pay \$175 and construct the drain asked for.

Mary A. Booth vs. James Booth, was an action brought by Mrs. Booth against her husband for alimony. After the plaintiff's case had been put in and two witnesses for the defence called, the case was settled on the basis that the property be transferred to Hon. W. J. Hanna and John R. Logan as trustees, the income therefrom to be paid half to plaintiff and half to defendant. The income will amount to about \$100 per year.

Henry and Annie New vs. Andrew Moore, an action to recover \$1,500 for the keep, maintenance and care of Mrs. Moore by plaintiffs, was settled out of court.

J. T. Whitsett vs. the Morgan Lumber Company, an action for the recovery of the price of goods delivered by plaintiff for defendant, was settled out of court.

In connection with the proposal to build a C. P. R. line from this town to London, one of the company's officials is here looking over the ground. The Ministerial Association of Sarnia and Port Huron held their December meeting yesterday at the office of the mayor, Port Huron. A paper prepared by Rev. A. M. McCulloch, Point Edward, on "The Work of the Holy Spirit," was read and discussed. Rev. John Rennie, of Sarnia, was chosen as president for the ensuing year.

The Port Huron Times says: "It is probable that no more indoor baseball games will be seen at the auditorium this season. Because of the small attendance at the Thanksgiving Day games with Oshawa, the Port Huron and Sarnia team will play all future games in the latter city."

### LAWSON SELLS STABLE

Gets Poor Price for Trotter Dare Devil and Buys Him Back.

New York, Dec. 4.—One hundred and twenty-one horses from Thomas W. Lawson's Dreamwalk stud farm were sold at auction at Madison Square Garden yesterday. The total receipts amounted to \$64,000, or an average of \$533 a horse.

Dare Devil, a splendid trotting stallion, was bought by W. H. Reid, of New York, for \$9,700, the top price of the day's sale. That Mr. Lawson was disappointed over the price, became known when he telegraphed from Boston authorizing the auctioneer to buy the animal back at a reasonable price. The return sale was made by Mr. Reid at \$11,000.

In the sale of the heavy harness show horses, the blue ribbon winner Whirling Cloud, a blue ribbon winner at the Boston and the National Horse Shows of 1900 and 1901, brought \$2,350, being purchased by the Tichenor & Grand Company, of New York. Glorious Red Cloud, another heavy harness show horse, was sold to James R. McGowan, of Mount Sterling, Ky., for \$1,200. Glorious Lonnie, a 12-year-old chestnut horse, and a ribbon winner for several seasons, went to Thomas F. Kelly, of Chicago, for \$1,000.

### BARTON CASE CLOSES

Pinkertons Have Given Up All Attempts to Solve the Mystery.

New York, Dec. 4.—The Pinkerton detective agency has entirely dropped the Barton murder case, and has ceased all investigation of that mysterious crime. Norman T. Bailey, the New York superintendent of the agency, said to an interviewer yesterday that the case was closed as far as they were concerned. He said: "We investigated all the clues possible; found the place where the victim's shoes were bought and ran down a clue, which seemed likely to develop, leading to a London capmaker, whose real name we were unable to learn. We searched for her supposed child in institutions and asylums. In the hope of finding a clue we caused a large amount of newspaper publicity to be made concerning the murder. It was quite evidently the work of a man who desired to get rid of a woman. That was all there was about it. We placed no reliance on the theory that it was the work of the Black Hand or an Italian murder."

"The woman was clearly a Jewess so far as we could learn, and Italians seldom mix with Jews. Esther Solomon's mother never showed up to identify the woman as we have tried to have her do."

### TAFT HEADS RED CROSS.

Washington, Dec. 4.—The American National Red Cross today elected the following officers: President, Wm. H. Taft, secretary of war; treasurer, Chas. Hallam Kepp, assistant secretary of the treasury; counsel, James B. McInnes; assistant attorney-general; secretary, Charles L. Hages.

## THE U. S. WOULD CORNER BEHRING

Washington Endeavoring to Have  
Canada Relinquish Her  
Fur Seal Rights.

London, Dec. 4.—President Roosevelt's reference in his message to Congress to the negotiations between the United States and Great Britain over the Behring Sea, relates to the long-pending efforts made adequately to protect the seal herds.

The negotiations have been conducted at Washington with the cooperation of the American embassy here, and appear to be part of a general plan to close up a number of outstanding questions in which Canadian interests are involved.

The recent trend of the negotiations has been towards having Canada relinquish such rights as she possesses in the Behring Sea in consideration for adequate compensation or concessions in other pending questions. However, these exchanges have not made any notable advance, as Canada regards her rights in the Behring Sea in the light of a national asset, and while disposed to make a reasonable adjustment, she does not appear to be ready to give up her interests on the basis of the concessions thus far tentatively proposed.

The negotiations therefore lack recent definite development, although the Government officials here hope that the appointment of a new ambassador to the United States may lead to clearing up of this and other pending questions.

### PRAYER IS BIG FACTOR

Photographic Impression of Miraculous Mercy Drops at Lourdes.

Paris, Dec. 4.—M. Baraduc, lecturing on the curative force observed during the last great pilgrimage to Lourdes and the scientific physiology of miracles, declared that the chief factor was the force of prayer ascending from 60,000 pilgrims which caused a rain of mercy to descend in the form of tiny drops, the photo-chemical section of which produced the same impression on ten photographic plates enclosed in radiographic paper, which were exposed in the grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes. Two plates similar, if exposed in Fiesina showed an entirely different impression. Dr. Baraduc displayed these plates and also negatives made at Lourdes, but not submitted to the action of the curative force. He also displayed negatives made at a pleasure fair in Paris. The latter gave no result which Dr. Baraduc ascribed to the non-polarized action of the vibrations of the multitude of thoughts which were not concentrated as at Lourdes.

### MAD PRINCE WHIPPED

Heir to Serbian Throne Hid by a Woman in a Restaurant.

Vienna, Dec. 4.—There is at last one person in Belgrade who does not fear the mad Crown Prince of Serbia, and that person is a woman. Her name is Mile. Mistic. She is of an excellent Serbian family and she heard that the Serbian heir to a throne he will never fill had spoken insultingly of her. Instead of ignoring the matter or bringing it to the diplomatic attention of some one of the ministers, she determined to punish the young man in the only way a lion would understand. Finding out that the prince was supping at the Bear restaurant, she armed herself with a dog whip, and, taking a carriage to the restaurant, entered the place quickly, and before anyone could stop her, thrashed the prince soundly with six stinging cuts that will whip across his neck and shoulders.

Everyone in Belgrade is praising the brave act of Mile. Mistic, and no one in Belgrade doubts that the crown prince is madder than a March hare. Besides, his notorious pranks, which can only be the acts of a madman, there is a significant report that Prince Fiesig, the famous alienist of Leipzig, has been summoned to the court of Belgrade for a stay of several days.

### JAP RIGHTS IN U. S.

California Likely to Submit to Decision of Federal Government.

New York, Dec. 4.—According to Washington advices to the Herald there is a general disposition to let the courts have an opportunity to pass upon the trouble between the United States and Japan over the Japanese demands with reference to the San Francisco schools, and the Californians seem disposed to let the affair be settled without undue friction.

Mr. Roosevelt is quite as determined as ever that treaty rights shall be observed, but it is plain that the exact extent of the rights of the Japanese in the premises must be determined by the judiciary.

Searches made by Secretary of State Root into the decisions on this question led him to the conclusion that if the treaty of 1894 regarding residence, travel, etc., did give rights of an educational character, the Californian authorities would have no ground to stand upon in litigation brought by the United States to enforce the treaty rights of Japan.

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