

Startling Revelations.

The usual weekly meeting of the Council of the city of Toronto was held on Monday evening, at which some startling revelations were made. It would appear that the representatives of the late Mr. Furniss wished to come to a satisfactory arrangement with the Council about the water works. The property was decreasing in value, and it would be to their interest to sell it to the City Council at the highest possible price. Being strangers in the city they could not negotiate the sale which they attempted, and were obliged to seek the assistance of some gentleman in the premises. Mr. J. E. Smith, Collector of Customs, was mentioned as an efficient agent for the purpose, and the matter was accordingly broached to him. This gentleman thought he could sell the property to the City Council for \$250,000, upon which sum he required a commission of four per cent. The terms were agreed to reluctantly, but there was no help for it. Smith, seeing his advantage, asked for an increased commission, stating that he would be obliged to buy the influence of some half dozen Aldermen of the city, in order to secure the success of the sale. Alderman Bill's influence was cheap at \$2,000, owing to his double position, and others were placed at various sums, varying from that amount down to \$500. Of course the ratepayers were kept in ignorance of these facts, as were the Mayor and a majority of the Council. It was the wish of every citizen that the water works should become the property of the city on just and equitable terms, but they did not choose to pay a fancy price for the property. Full confidence was reposed in the city fathers, and citizens believed the transfer would take place on the best possible terms. They little dreamt that a dark plot was being laid to rob the public of the property of the city, and to partially satisfy the "itching palms" of certain aldermen, and but as little could they have believed that Collector Smith would be a party to any such nefarious transaction. Of course the cat is out of the bag now, and the citizens are up in arms against such an outrage. We regret to say that it is not now necessary to proceed to New York or Chicago in order to find "ring" of unscrupulous men, ready to undertake any job, no matter how dirty. Some of our "Tweed" relatives—cousin Gerrard's name—were to be found within the precincts of the Dominion, and the only way to get rid of them, and save our good name, is to make examples of every man jack of them. Such infamous work is a blot upon our fair-weather, and we trust the people of Toronto will not rest satisfied, day or night, until the full measure of justice is meted out to these agents of the evil one. Let such conduct be nipped in the bud, and we will not be troubled with the fruit.

A return to Parliament shows the cost of the Toronto Committee investigation to have been as follows: Expenses of witnesses, \$277.70; serving summonses, \$4; reporter in attendance \$300; printing and printing paper, \$220, making an aggregate of \$787.70, all of which was expended in order to blast the reputation of the members of Mr. Blake's Government, but it proved a signal failure. It only served in the end to elevate them higher in public estimation, while their maligners were forced to hang their heads in very shame.

It is probable that the Hon. A. McKellar will to-day introduce a bill to provide for the organization of local municipalities in Ontario. Certain details of the Municipal Loan Fund scheme still remains to be settled, and the introduction of the measure will therefore be postponed for a little time yet. Older and new indebted municipalities will be dealt with on the same basis. The surplus distribution will be based on population, rather than on the number of voters in each County.

A new branch is being added to the Finance Department at Ottawa, to take special charge of the money accounts in connection with the Post Office Savings Bank. Mr. Clayton, of the census Bureau, is to be appointed chief clerk of the new office. Mr. Kavanaugh, District Inspector of Customs, has been sent to Hamilton to investigate certain alleged serious irregularities in the Custom House there.

Backward Correspondence.

On Thursday evening at the usual meeting of the Literary Institute, Mr. Dunlop read a concise and instructive paper on the "Electric Telegraph," illustrating the subject by practical tests on a small line erected temporarily for the occasion.

On Saturday we had a visit from Messrs. Russell & Hamilton, the horse-farmers, when a large number of fat and well-bred horses were shown to the delight of our invited friends. A goodly number of these animals were of the "Buckeye" breed, and of a fine quality.

School matters, we have already mentioned, are being pushed forward by the trustees, for these gentlemen, in the last few weeks, have had a busy time in preparing and letting the contract of building and furnishing a large school, to be opened by the 1st of August. Now that we have got our fields in this year's school question, we think our trustees mean business, and they intend that the community will no longer be behind the times as regards our educational interests.

The trustees on the eastern side of the old united section have also completed their building arrangements, and there will now be some rivalry who will have these new school opened first. To quote a familiar local phrase, "we're getting better and better."

The case referred to by a correspondent last week has caused some excitement in the village, and there is some talk of an investigation being held to find out the real facts, so that some official action may be taken upon it.

A law-suit, which has kept six hundred acres of land in the heart of the city of Ottawa idle for years, is at last to be settled by a compromise between the contestants to quiet the title. This will open up for building the most beautiful and valuable portion of the city.

Ontario Legislature.

Feb. 18.

Among the petitions presented was one by Mr. Gow from St. Joseph's Hospital, Guelph, praying for aid.

Hon. Mr. Crooks moved that the Bill to establish liens in favor of mechanics, machinists and others, be read a third time.

After some discussion the third reading was carried—61 yeas; 10 nays.

On motion of Mr. McKellar, a bill to authorize the investment of certain moneys in debenture to be issued for the construction of drainage works by municipalities, was read a third time and passed.

On motion of Mr. Pardee, a Bill respecting institutions for the education and instruction of the deaf and dumb and the blind in Ontario, was read a third time and passed.

Hon. Mr. Crooks moved that the House go into Committee on the Municipal Institution Bill.—Carried.

Mr. Crooks explained the arrangement of the bill. All the clauses which had relation to the same or similar subject matter were to be found together, and arranged first under the proper general head, next under their sub-heads, next under their sub-divisions, and finally under their specific clauses. The synopsis at the end of the bill would serve as an index, and would be a convenient guide to members. The first part referred to the continuation of existing corporations, and treated of the whole mode of creating new corporations. The arrangement was new, and he thought would be found much more convenient than previous arrangements. He moved the adoption of the first clause which related to interpretation of words, which was agreed to. Part 1, relating to municipal organization, was then taken up.

Title 1, relating to incorporation, comprising six clauses, was adopted nem. con. They contained no changes, except in arrangement. Title 2, relating to new corporations, was then taken up.

Mr. Crooks explained with reference to the 8th clause relating to the incorporation of villages, that he introduced a provision to the effect that the area of streets and public squares might be excluded in estimating the area of a village.

The clause was adopted. The remaining clauses in the division relating to the incorporation of villages were adopted. Division 3, under title 2, relating to the incorporation of towns and cities, was adopted, except clause 15, which the Committee had amended, and which was therefore reserved. Division 3, which treats of the formation of townships, the separation of a junior township, the arrangements of joint assets and debts, the annexation of adjacent tracts and the union of new townships, was adopted nem. con.

It being 6 o'clock the House rose.

After recess the House resumed consideration of the Municipal Bill. All the clauses to which no objection was taken were agreed to pro forma; the other clauses were reserved for future consideration. At 10:30 the Committee rose and reported progress, and the House adjourned.

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