

LOOP HOLE FOR GRAFT.

Does Not Think There Is Any Reason For Suspicion.

But Mayor Criticizes Waterworks Book-Keeping System.

Want to Issue Debentures Amounting to \$55,000.

When the Fire and Water Committee met yesterday afternoon to recommend the council to ask the Ontario Railway and Municipal Board for authority to issue debentures for \$55,000 for water works construction, Mayor McLaren indulged in some sharp criticism of the department's system of bookkeeping.

His Worship based his statements on the recent discovery that the department did not keep a ledger, merely a day book, in which the expenditures were entered up from day to day.

While admitting that the present system was not the best, Secretary James declared that he would require a large staff to carry the Mayor's ideas into effect.

As a result of the Mayor's statement, it was practically decided to make a change at the first of the year in the system of bookkeeping.

The Mayor also objected to the committee asking for debentures for a larger amount than required. For instance, he thought that \$9,000 for the filtering basins for work to be done next year could very easily stand over.

The aldermen agreed to cut the amount out as the work will not be begun this year. The \$9,000 was intended to cover the cost of placing and housing valves on conduits and the basins.

The committee also cut \$1,000 off the estimated contingencies and loss on debentures, reducing the total amount to \$85,000, made up as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Street name, Amount. Includes entries like 'Street corner connections \$650', 'Catharine street, between Murray and G. T. R. 395', etc.

ARTISTIC RUGS.

There is no department of home making that affords greater opportunities for the display of good taste and sound judgment than the floor coverings, the color effects giving warmth and beauty.

Last Chance.

To-morrow evening at 8 o'clock the Newcomb piano contest closes, and someone will get a piano at his own price.

Turkish Baths.

Perhaps you have a chill or a touch of rheumatism. Come and get it fixed up before it gets worse.

TEA TABLE GOSSIP.

The appeal in Webb vs. Box was argued at Toronto yesterday, and judgment was reserved.

The fire department had a run this morning to a small fire at 137 James street north. The damage was small.

Miss E. G. Hewton resumes her classes in French and German at Kingthorpe School after Oct. 25.

Mr. Adam Brown will be the speaker at the mass meeting in the Cathedral school room at 3.10 to-morrow.

Joseph Lahey, cashier of the local office of the Dominion Express Co., left to-day on a month's vacation for Vancouver and Seattle.

S. C. O'Rourke, purchasing agent of the Grand Trunk Pacific at Melville, Sask., was in the city yesterday. He left for Montreal last night.

The appeal of the Hamilton Street Railway in the action in which Mrs. Brown was awarded \$100 damages was dismissed at Toronto yesterday.

M. W. Bro. A. T. Freed, Past Grand Master, and others from Hamilton attended the jubilee of Doric Masonic Lodge, Brantford, last night.

Archdeacon Ingles, of Toronto, will be the preacher at the annual harvest thanksgiving service in the Church of St. John the Evangelist next Thursday evening.

The Building Contractors' Association will meet this evening in the Federal Life building to make arrangements for attending the funeral of the late Richard Press, one of its oldest members.

A meeting of all the past masters of Strict Observance Lodge, No. 37, A. F. and A. M., was held last evening in the lodge rooms. After the meeting a banquet was given, and a social hour spent, which was enjoyed by all.

At Toronto yesterday the Court of Appeal heard the appeal of the defendants in Overend v. Burrow, Stewart & Milne, in the curvy comb patent infringement case. Judgment was reserved.

The P. S. A. Brotherhood will meet to-morrow in First Congregational Church, Cannon and Hughson streets.

Mr. H. E. Plewman, superintendent of the Howell Lithographing Co., will speak, Soloist, Mr. Caldwell. Every man welcome.

Mrs. Fowel, 15 Wood street west, was by accident shot in the eye with an air rifle by a neighbor's boy, not by her own son, as was previously stated, is doing nicely in St. Joseph's Hospital, and is expected to be out by next Tuesday.

PIONEER OF MANUFACTURE.

Robert McKechnie Found Dead In His Bed This Morning.

Death came with terrible suddenness during the night to Robert McKechnie, Collector of Customs, at Dundas, and one of the oldest and best-known residents of the Valley Town.

Mr. McKechnie spent the day with T. J. Bell, former editor and proprietor of the Dundas Standard, who is here on a visit from the west. This morning he was found dead in bed by a member of his household.

Mr. McKechnie apparently enjoyed his usual good health at the time of retiring, and his shocking and sudden death was a sad blow to his family and a host of friends.

Mr. McKechnie received his education under the late Hon. Robert Spence, and at the age of twelve he proceeded to learn the trade of pattern-maker, in the old Gartshore foundry.

After leaving this establishment, he commenced business for himself on a small scale. After two years he was joined by a prominent worker in partnership and became the well-known firm of McKechnie & Bertram, in the enterprise known as the Canada Tool Works.

In time the establishment became one of the most important in the Dominion.

For many years he was a prominent figure in public life. For a year he was vice-president of the Dominion Board of Trade, and a president of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association.

For a period he was a member of the Dundas School Board and president of the Mechanics' Institute, to which organization he was a liberal contributor. For seven years he was Reeve of the town and member of the County Council. He served three years as Mayor.

Mr. McKechnie was a staunch Conservative and a prominent worker in politics in this town. He was one of those who assisted in 1878 in the inauguration of the National Policy. In 1872 and again in 1882 he opposed Hon. Thos. Bain in the election for North Wentworth for the Dominion House, and on both occasions was defeated.

He was prominent in the Masonic order, belonging to St. John's Chapter, R. A. M., and the A. and A. S. Rite, being connected with Hamilton Rose Croix Chapter. He was also a member of St. Andrew's Benevolent Society of Dundas.

For many years he had been a member of the congregation of St. James' Episcopal Church. He was married twice. His first wife, whom he married in 1859, was Isabella, daughter of the late William Ross. In June, 1883, he married Elizabeth, daughter of the late William King. His second wife died about two years ago. A large family, by the first marriage, survive; also one son, King McKechnie, by the second union.

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THE WEATHER.

FORECASTS—Strong westerly and northwesterly winds, fair to-day and Sunday, not much change in temperature.

DEATHS. ALEXANDER—At Grace Hospital, Detroit, on Friday, October 15, 1909, Alexander (Gale) Alexander, formerly of Hamilton, Ont., died at the age of 65 years.

IRVING—On October 14th, 1909, Capt. William J. Irving, at the residence of his father, Stuart street, Hamilton, died at the age of 21 years.

DOAK—At her mother's residence, Ancaster village, on Saturday, October 16th, 1909, Mary Elizabeth (Minnie), third daughter of Mrs. and the late Simeral Dock, aged 21 years.

PRESS—At his late residence, 142 Ferguson avenue north, on October 15th, 1909, Richard H. Press, aged 68 years.

ZIMMERMAN—In loving memory of our dear mother, Mrs. M. N. Zimmerman, who died October 16, 1907, at Carlisle.

RIOT AT BERLIN. Berlin, Oct. 16.—A crowd of Ferrer demonstrators, shouting "Down with the Spaniards!" made an unsuccessful attempt to approach the Spanish embassy early to-day.

BOMBS EXPLODED. Cerberus, Oct. 16.—Private despatches from Barcelona state that six bombs were exploded in different points of that city during the night, and that several persons were wounded.

RIOTING AT LISBON. Lisbon, Oct. 16.—Incipient rioting continues to-day. The approaches to the Spanish Embassy are closely guarded by troops.

ADVICE FROM A MOTHER TO ALL OTHER MOTHERS. The young mother—the inexperienced mother—is always glad to get the advice of the more experienced in the care of her little one.

THE ANNAPOLIS VALLEY. Something About Land of Long-fellow's Evangeline.

"This is a forest primeval" said Longfellow, when beginning his noble poem on the Acadians and their romantic history. The Annapolis Valley of these days has ten times the beauty it had in those remote times, when Evangeline lived.

The health report for the week shows seven cases each of diphtheria and scarlet fever and one of German measles.

THE PARKS BOARD ON WEDNESDAY NIGHT will take up the question of the purchase of the Beach Park property.

WILL ASK FOR FIAT. Mr. J. L. Connell, County Solicitor, will issue a fiat before taking any other steps to secure the taxes at present alleged to be held by the Saltfleet Council, which, the County Council claims, as such a course would be necessary.

STEAMSHIP ARRIVALS. October 15.—At New York, from Hamburg, Pennsylvania; at Boston, from Liverpool, Montreal—At London, from Montreal, La Touraine—At Havre, from New York, Sardinia—At Quebec, from Montreal, Madonnna—At Marcellines, from New York, Corston—At Quebec, from Montreal, Empress of Ireland—At Quebec, from Liverpool.

AT FATHER POINT, from Newcastle, Nova Scotia—At Vancouver, from Hong Kong, New York, Oct. 18.—Steamer Caronia, Liverpool, from New York, via 230 miles east of Cape Cod, at 7 a. m. Dock about 2 a. m. Sunday.

LIVERPOOL, Oct. 16.—Empress of Britain arrived Liverpool 23 this morning.

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Executors' Sale of Valuable Real Estate. Thomas Burrows, auctioneer, has received instructions from the executors of the late Mrs. George Morrison, to offer for sale at public auction at his auction rooms, number 11 Rebecca street, Hamilton, on the 23rd of October, 1909.

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