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### STAR THEATRE LICENSE STAYS DESPITE THE HARSH CRITICISM OF MINISTERS AND OTHERS

"We Intend to Do Our Duty in Spite of Lectures From You," Said Col. Denison, After Hearing All Manner of Charges Made by Rev. T. T. Shields—James L. Hughes Left the Room When Theatre Was Defended.

Despite severe criticism from Rev. T. T. Shields and other speakers, the board of police commissioners yesterday afternoon refused to revoke the Star Theatre license. Magistrate Denison replied to the deputations of some 40 men in no uncertain terms. He pointed out with emphasis that the board had granted the license, had appointed censors to satisfy the demands of the public and had instructed the police to make arrests of the performers were the productions indecent.

The spokesman for the deputations delivered into the past of the Star Theatre, its present and its future. They characterized it as a place of resort which brought about the ruin of humanity, dangerous from moral standpoints and also on economic grounds. Such a place rapidly filled the insane asylums, the hospitals, the blind institutions and many other places.

After enumerating these many sins the chief speaker, Rev. T. T. Shields, launched forth into an attack on the board for allowing such a theatre to exist, for renewing the license and countenancing the place in any way, shape or form.

When the deputations had finished Col. Denison delivered the opinion of the board on the matter. They absolutely refused to revoke the license, and as long as Mr. Stair ran a clean performance he could remain open. The board had no intention of throwing 40 men out of legitimate employment to satisfy the demands of a deputations. The jury in the high court had returned a verdict of not guilty against Mr. Stair, and the management of the Star Theatre. And the commissioners did not propose to close a theatre on grounds of indecency when a jury had acquitted the owner.

The meeting was held at the city hall. There were many people present, among whom were prominent business men.

In opening his attack Rev. Mr. Shields asked the board to remember that the deputations presented the views of the press and public opinion, as expressed at the Massey Hall mass meeting. He regretted exceedingly, he said, that he was not there for the purpose of congratulating the board upon its able and capable administration of the police affairs of Toronto in the past.

According to Mr. Shields the deputations came as frank critics of a condition which to them approximated the intolerable. They were determined that many degrading and vicious influences must be cast out to injure the moral health of the city.

Very Reluctant. It had taken some time for them to be convinced that such an unmitigated sin and menace to the public morals should exist with the sanction of the board. They were reluctant, indeed, to even criticize.

The general opinion was that the deputations would not seek in vain the aid of this degrading state of affairs. Considerable difficulty had been experienced in finding the obstruction to moral reform in this city, and it was only by the force of circumstances that the deputations had been driven to place the blame on the board's shoulders.

The Star Theatre has an unenviable reputation of almost continental extent. And in presenting the case against it pass over all the various shameful existence during which no prosecution was made by the Toronto police, Mr. Shields declared.

"Our protest is not so much against what we regard as the board's former neglect of duty, but against its recent positive wrong in releasing the obscene character of its productions. We feel sure, by tens of thousands of the best citizens of Toronto with all this before it, such an overwhelming condemnation of a place that the board itself was compelled to take cognizance of the infamous character of the place and its general public condemnation."

Mr. Shields then quoted from the License Act showing where the board has power to prevent or prohibit the operation of any theatre in the city.

To Demand Rights. "We have come, said he, 'not to beg a favor but to demand our rights. In the name of the parents whose children this board is charged to protect, so far as its own moral ruin, parents in this city, throughout the country and across the sea, we demand that the Star Theatre be immediately closed."

"We demand it also from an economic point of view. I need not argue that point. It is such places as the Star Theatre which fill our insane asylums, jails and penitentiaries, also hospitals and graves."

Had a Chance. Judge Winchester reminded ex-Mayor Oliver, when the latter had made a few remarks, that he had once had the opportunity of closing the Star Theatre when he was on the police board. His honor recalled the fact that the management had been fined following a charge laid by Rev. John Coburn. His honor also pointed out that at that time he recommended to Mayor Oliver that the license be revoked. (Applause from half the assemblage.)

Understand that the board did not have the power to take away the license, but we have since applied to the legislature for the privilege," added Judge Winchester.

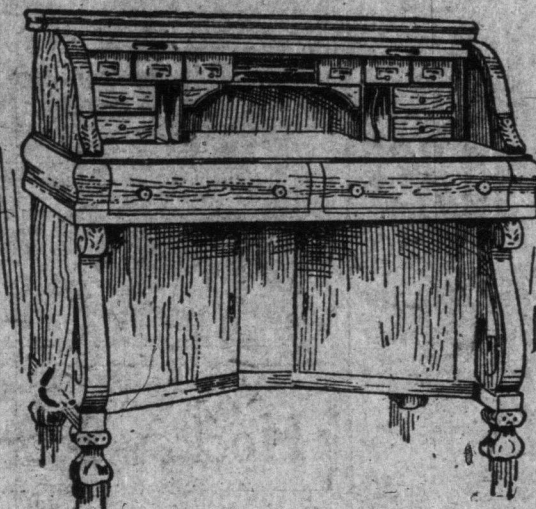
Mr. Charles O'Donnell of the International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees asked the deputations to be returned to the city under an unwarranted attack on the theatre in question. He declared that the same show which aroused so great an agitation had returned to the city under another name and no prosecution had been made.

Chief Inspector Hughes here arose and demanded to know whether the board was going to allow "this man to lecture."

The speaker was raking the other theatres over the coals, when Mr. Hughes indignantly told the board that he did not propose to stay and be lectured by the other theatres.

Magistrate Denison suggested that Mr. Hughes had better stay and lecture the board. The inspector, however, left the room.

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### RADIAL RAILWAY WOULD BELT CITY

Wants Order From Railway Board Dictating Terms to City.

### ACTION IS RESENTED

"Wife Deserters Should Be Deported," Says Controller McCarthy.

"The city should strongly oppose the proposition on the part of the Toronto and York Radial Company to double-track Yonge street from the C.P.R. tracks to York Mills," says City Solicitor Johnston.

### Child Almost Strangled

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also to construct lines from the southern terminus to connect with the Scarborough division and to connect with the Mimico division; also for right to increase their bond issue from \$20,000 to \$30,000 per mile on single track to be constructed, and to extend that time for the commencing and completion of extensions and branches already authorized.

The proposed connection between the Metropolitan and the other two lines is no doubt part of a well-laid plan to surround the city with radial lines controlled by one company, says the solicitor.

Deport Wife Deserters. Controller McCarthy is getting after wife deserters, and yesterday sought the aid of the board of control in this regard.

"The police sent \$9000 to wives who had been deserted last year. This sum was collected from the erring ones found to be resident in this city," said he, "and the government has refused to deport these."

"I think we should petition the government to make such an offence deportable." The mayor and controllers have promised assistance.

Specific Control. "What about looking after these departments?" asked Mayor Hocken yesterday. But nothing was done on account of the absence of Controller O'Neill. This was in connection with Controller McCarthy's motion for specific responsibility for departments.

"I don't mind shouldering more responsibility," interjected Controller O'Neill. "I do object to interfering with the heads of departments. I may possess a different viewpoint from the commissioner; consequently friction will follow, and nothing will be accomplished."

"I am responsible to my constituents," declared Controller Church, "and not to a bunch of new aldermen. The whole scope of the motion is interference, and nothing else."

Controller McCarthy: "The controllers are not to be responsible for the working of the departments. They are expected to be intimately acquainted, for the express purpose of facilitating matters and answering questions in council."

Y.M.C.A. WANTS CONCESSIONS. GALT, Feb. 4.—(Special).—On the site of the old Queen's Hotel, formerly the largest hostelry in Galt, the Y.M.C.A. which acquired the property and demolished the building, have put up a \$80,000 structure. The board of directors of the association have had prepared a special incorporation to be applied for at the coming session of the legislature, under which parliament would be asked to exempt the Y.M.C.A. from the payment of local improvement taxes.

WOULD ENLARGE CITY NIAGARA FALLS, Ont., Feb. 4.—(Special).—The city council will send a deputations to Ottawa, February 10, to ask the government to enlarge the city. The council wants the city limits extended half a mile into Starryford Township. There are but few large vacant places of land in the city now.

### RAILWAY BOARD HERE THURSDAY

Many Items of Local Interest Are Slated For Hearing.

The Dominion Railway Board has forwarded a long list of items of local interest to City Solicitor Johnston. These will come before that board on Thursday. They include:

Application of G.T.R. for authority to renew bridge No. 6 carrying its railway over West Queen st.

Application to the Greenwood Conduit Co. to build a spur line along a lane in the rear of premises on Broadview avenue.

Application to the City of Toronto to provide for proper protection at the intersection of the tracks at Barlett street, and consideration of protection of C.P.R. and G.T.R. crossings over Strachan avenue.

Application of the C.P.R. to construct additional tracks across Overland street, and five additional tracks across water street, between Tate and Front streets, for the purpose of improving the Cherry st. yard.

Application of the city to rescind the order providing for a 14-foot subway on North Yonge st. The city wants it deepened.

The G.T.R. has filed an application for permission to lay a six-inch main across the Lake Shore road near the Toronto and York Radial Railway, along Sixth street and across New Toronto street, New Toronto and the Township of Etobicoke.

WANT MORE WARDS East End Associations Ask Aldermen to Take Up Question.

At a combined meeting of the five ratepayers' associations of ward No. 1, held at the home of Mrs. W. E. Orr, Beaches Association, Mr. Monypenny, Riverdale Business Men's Association; Mr. C. R. Watson, Kingswood Road Association; Mr. Smith, British Imperial Association, and Mr. Bullock, East End Ratepayers' Association.

The object of the association is to secure greater representation for ward one. Ex-Ald. Hilton presided at the meeting, which was held at 2217 East Queen street.

C.P.R. EMPLOYEES' SOCIAL. A large number of members of the C.P.R. billing staff and their friends turned out to their second annual picnic, which was held at the home of C. R. Watson, Parliament street.

After progressive euchre the guests enjoyed a musical program, followed by dancing. Refreshments were served.

Runaway Horse Drowned. KINGSTON, Feb. 4.—(Special).—A horse belonging to James Redden made a sensational run down Brock street, nearly to the lake and was drowned. The animal took with it a delivery rig filled with groceries and ran away while the driver was delivering goods.

The returned to the city under another name and no prosecution had been made. Chief Inspector Hughes here arose and demanded to know whether the board was going to allow "this man to lecture."

### ELK LAKE BRANCH FORMALLY OPENED

Chairman Englehart of T. N. O. Presented With Keg of Native Silver.

ELK LAKE, Feb. 4.—(Special).—At twenty minutes after three o'clock this afternoon the 2 1/2 mile branch was officially opened to passengers and freight traffic by Chairman Englehart of the T. N. O. Railway Commission. He was presented with the freedom of the town by Reeve Porter, the latter handing him a silver key made of Elk Lake silver. He was also given an illuminated address.

The party drove out to some of the mines, and were tonight entertained by the Elk Lake Club.

Death of Miss Miller. Fifteen months after the death of her father, who died from consumption, Grace, daughter of John R. Miller of The Globe circulation department, passed away from the same disease yesterday at the home of her parents, 58 Marchmont road. Miss Miller was 22 years of age.

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### FATHER SULLIVAN HAS PASSED AWAY

His Death a Shock to Faculty and Students at St. Michael's.

Rev. Father Sullivan of St. Michael's College died at St. Michael's Hospital yesterday morning. He was taken ill with pneumonia on Monday afternoon. His sudden death was a great shock to the faculty and students of the college, where he was very popular.

Father Sullivan came to St. Michael's College in 1889. He was in his 39th year. He was born at Fall River, Mass., where his father was postmaster. His brothers are prominent New England manufacturers. He was ordained 15 years ago at Sandwich by the late Bishop O'Connor of Peterboro.

The funeral will take place tomorrow morning, after mass at St. Basil's Church.

### TO ENLARGE FAIR BUILDINGS.

QUELPH, Feb. 4.—(Special).—The city council has appointed the bylaws and market committee to act in conjunction with the fair stock club and board of trade in assisting the winter fair board to secure immediate action in connection with the extension of the fair buildings.

The view taken here is that no time should be lost in taking the matter up and waiting upon the Ontario Government, and the Federal Government, if necessary.

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### CHILD BURNED WHILE PLAYING

Daughter of Foreigner Lighted a Match When Alone in Room.

Little Annie Yozimask was severely burned yesterday morning at her home, 117 Jarvis street. She is now in the Sick Children's Hospital in a dangerous condition.

The girl secured some matches in her parents' apartments on the third floor while her mother was away. When the woman returned she found the child enveloped in flames.

All the water pipes were frozen, so the distracted mother threw a bottle of milk over the child. Mrs. Petros Bulgazoon, who also has her rooms nearby, ran downstairs and filled a pail full of water, with which she doused the child.

The police ambulance took the little girl to the Hospital for Sick Children. She said that one of the matches had been ignited when she put it between her teeth.

Altho the girl's condition is serious, her recovery is not despaired of.