

VOTING DAY WILL BE JUNE 1

CITY COUNCIL ALTERS THE DATE OF CIVIC ELECTIONS.

Street Pavements Sanctioned Yesterday—Cobbles Extension at the Island—Cobbles Company's Application to Be Re-considered—Many Charities Will Lose Their Grants.

The Mayor presided at the meeting of the council yesterday afternoon. All the members were present, save Ald. Hallam, Murray and Rowe. The principal business was regarding the four-year plan in order to alter the date from May 25 to June 1. Ald. Davies made an unavailing attempt to have the rate of interest of the debentures changed from 4 to 3 1/2 per cent. \$60,081 were passed.

There was a long discussion relative to the value of the Esplanade site deeded for manufacturing purposes to the Esplanade Company. The Director of the Board of Works, Mr. B. H. Smith, is instructed to locate the poles.

The City Engineer drew the attention of the council to the fact that a portion of the lake shore and sidewalk near the lighthouse on the Island had been damaged by waves, and asking that immediate steps be taken to repair the damage.

Street Car Routes. Ald. Jolliffe and Burns moved: That the Engineer be requested to consider the advisability of running the Queen-street cars southerly in Bay-street, and southerly in Richmond-street to Yonge-street, and the Yonge-street cars southerly in Slater-street and southerly in Church-street, for the purpose of relieving the traffic at the corner of Yonge and Queen-streets.

The motion of Ald. McCullough, relative to the advisability of forming a car route from Yonge-street to Bathurst and from Bathurst to Union Station was referred to the Board of Works.

C.P.R. Station in King Street. Ald. Allen and Burns carried a motion that the City Solicitor notify the Canadian Pacific Railway Company that the right of way for the extension of the passenger station by the company at the crossing of the line of King-street by the railway tracks along the Don improvement has expired, and ask for the erection of such station and its maintenance, as provided by the agreement between the city and the company.

Esplanade and Other Topics. Ald. Burns and Hubbard carried a resolution in relation to a statement of city property in the Esplanade, between Simcoe and Berkeley-streets, to be sold in small parcels, giving name of lessee, size of lot and amount of rental paid annually.

The draft-drawn smoke consuming furnaces at the waterworks at last passed the test of a first mortgage on the Hawley Company of Chicago being accepted.

The principle as to Island leases was adopted and passed. The erection of a police station on the Island was referred back at the request of the Chief Constable.

The Ronald steam fire engine arrangement was confirmed. Copies of the draft estimates for the present year are to be laid on the table for the large expenditure the plan would entail.

Three Suggestions. The sub-committee recommended: 1. That no civic grants be made either on national or religious grounds. 2. That where two institutions are engaged in similar work one of them should be struck out of the list. 3. That the grants to all institutions for the maintenance of homeless children, with the exception of those of the Children's Aid Society, be discontinued.

To Less Their Grants. The City Relief Officer recommended that all civic grants be withdrawn from the under-mentioned societies and institutions: Salvation Army, St. Michael's Home, Newboys' Lodging, Hospital Home, Night Shelter for Women, Toronto Relief Society, Toronto Industrial Room, Industrial Room Society, Toronto Benevolent Society, Hebrew Society, Hospital of St. John the Divine.

Dr. S. G. Thompson, E. J. Barwick and Charles Sheard recommended as follows: 1. That sick persons who are not confined to bed shall, if applying for hospital relief, be examined personally by the Medical Health Officer, or his deputy, who alone shall issue certificates recommending such patients for hospital admission, and such certificates of recommendation shall be the only certificates to be accepted by the Medical Health Department in justification of the issuing of the hospital order. 2. That hospital relief by the municipality be granted only to persons who have been residents of the city of Toronto for a continuous period of twelve months immediately preceding their application for such relief, except in cases of accident, contagious diseases, and patients requiring admission to the Burnside Hospital.

PEOPLE OF NEW GUINEA.

Like primitive man the Papuans live, and like American savages they adorn themselves. Their women are, to be sure, putting palm-leaf skirts around them, now that England, through its trade-seeking merchants, is taking some interest in that far off and hitherto little known country, but the warriors—the males who do not light—still cling to the primitive habits of nature in the matter of dress.

Sir William McGregor, K.C.M.G., to whom England and the English speaking world is indebted for nearly all of the recent knowledge of British New Guinea, is now visiting England preparatory to starting on another tour of exploration—"inspection" he prefers to call it.

Such of the country of New Guinea, it seems, is mountainous, and most of Sir William's explorations were carried on at a height of from 10,000 to 13,000 feet above sea level. Between the Chinleas and the Papuans—the least civilized to-day certainly of South Sea natives—there naturally be a wide gulf fixed. It has been thought a wise thing in managing the Papuans, to investigate and comprehend their traditions, customs and ways of life generally. A general line of custom runs through the people, but that line is subject to all manner of variations. Polygamy is common, and is based on the theory that the more wives a man has the more comfortable he will be. The description of the marriage customs in one division of the territory would seem to indicate that the "advanced woman" is not necessarily a product of the highest civilization. In that part the Papuan woman takes the initiative, sending for the man of her choice, who comes and takes her away. Her relatives organize a demonstration, and demand in return a sister of the bridegroom for wife to a youth of their family. Thus it is a case of fair exchange; but it is surely rather when, if there is no available sister, a payment in currency—shells' teeth, say—is taken as substitute.

As a household pet the parrot with justice ranks a paramount favorite. Possessed of brilliant plumage, endowed with speech, he is gifted with intelligence and understanding almost human. The parrot, properly cared for, says the New York Observer, lives from fifty to one hundred years, and thus, with his increasing wisdom and repertoire of words, can be passed from father to son as a valuable heirloom. That he dies young under the too loving care of his foolish masters, who insist upon overfeeding him, and exposing him to draughts and sudden changes of atmosphere, is but another reminder of the fact that man demands intelligence as well as affection.

The African gray parrot and the Mexican green are the two standard favorites. They are excellent talkers and whistlers and learn to sing both words and music of popular ballads. The proper time for the instruction of parrots is the three hours immediately following sunrise and the three before sunset. The African gray parrot is particularly patient by a constant repetition of the same phrase and should be rewarded by a bit of apple or fruit from the mouth. The best work is done after the bird's affection and confidence are gained. Occasionally a bird will remain persistently dumb and stupid for eight or ten months and then, to the surprise of its delighted teacher break out into speech and song, chuckling with joyous delight at the merry trick it has played.

Although the cost of living has been materially reduced in most articles of necessity and wages are much higher than they were thirty years ago the majority of the people are but little better off financially. The reason is to be found in the higher scale of living which has to be met to retain any social position. Thirty years ago men in moderate circumstances thought themselves well off with living rooms furnished plainly and simply, the chambers with enameled bedsteads and chairs and, plain linen and plated silver throughout. This is all changed and the living rooms must copy as closely as possible the appointments and belongings of wealthy families. There is no enameled furniture for sale and where rag carpets were formerly thought good enough for ordinary use there are Brussels carpets, imitations of imported rugs and all sorts of useless bric-a-brac that runs away with many a hardy earned dollar. All classes consume and enjoy a great deal more than they formerly did, and everybody, rich, moderately circumstanced or poor, wants more than he formerly did. All classes travel more frequently and longer distances than they were formerly accustomed to. They have more clothes, more food, more finery, more books and papers than their fathers had, but they do not save as much as they did.

Husband (after the battle—Bab, Macdon, I think there was ever a time when I deemed you an angel. Wife—And you don't think so now? Husband—You don't think I am fondly anticipating the time when you shall be come one.

Are the inhabitants of Mars trying to signal the people of the earth? Many astronomers think so. The women of Mars probably want a supply of Dr. Price's Cream Baking Powder.

The City Wins. Mr. Justice MacMahon has handed out his judgment in the case of McTavish against the City of Toronto for permitting Hansla's shooting gallery to remain on the highway at the Island.

Dyspepsia and indigestion is occasioned by the want of action in the biliary ducts. I am delighted to declare that it has no equal in the world for removing the ailments of indigestion, flatulence, and other troubles. I am daily gaining in strength, sleep well every night, and my appetite is good and hearty. I strongly recommend Paine's Celery Compound to all who need a reliable and honest medicine, and one that is sure to cure."

MONEY IN PEANUTS.

Ten Million Dollars Spent Annually in America for This "Fruit."

A man incidentally asked a street vander if his peanuts were first-class, and the response to the inquiry was surprising, says The Chicago Tribune. "No," said the vander. "You do not get first-class peanuts in this country in this way. The best peanuts are used for other purposes. They are made into meal and grits by scientific means, and in Germany they are prepared for the hospitals. The peanuts you get in candy are the very poorest grade, and some of the 'burnt almonds' you get are nothing more than fourth-rate peanuts."

"Where did the peanut come from?" "From Central and South America. They grow here in long pods, and the pods contain from four to five kernels. They were carried to the old world in the early days, and in the seventeenth century they constituted the chief staple of Africa. You will find if you look it up that the slave negroes of Africa in those days used to load their ships with peanuts to be used as food for their human cargoes. The negroes who were imported from Africa to this country brought over the peanut and they were scattered and first grown in Virginia. And now this country is raising the crop, and, owing to American shrewdness, the nut is ground and used for various purposes, and shipped all over the world.

"I reckon you know," the vander continued, "that peanuts in certain countries are more nutritious than beef. When specially prepared they contain more protein than any other food. They are used for making oil, and the oil is used for lighting and as a fuel. It is used in the making of soap, and as a lubricant in machine shops.

The American peanut is larger and better than any other, but it does not contain so much oil as the African nut. The "cake" which is left after extracting the oil makes excellent feed for cattle, and is used very largely for that purpose in Germany, where it sells for \$30 to \$35 a ton. This country owes to Germany the suggestion that it received in relation to the edible qualities of peanuts, and the department of agriculture is now investigating the method of Germany in the way in which that country has handled the nut, and the result is to be published by the department for the benefit of the farmer.

The United States now produces 4,000,000 bushels of peanuts annually, or 8,000,000 pounds. The exportation of total peanuts supply amounts to about 600,000,000 pounds. The exportation from Africa and India to Europe during the last year amounted to nearly 400,000,000 pounds. Of this quantity 22,000,000 pounds were delivered at the port of Marseilles, France, the bulk of it being pressed for oil.

It is estimated that 100,000,000 worth of peanuts are eaten every year in the United States, and most of the quantity, it is said, is consumed between meals and at odd times.

Advertisement for Dominion Suspenders. "Now John, be sure and get yourself a pair of HERCULES SUSPENDERS, WARRANTED 2 YEARS." Includes an illustration of a man in a suit and a woman in a dress.

Advertisement for Scott's Sarsaparilla. "The Luxury of good health depends upon pure blood, made by Scott's Sarsaparilla." Includes an illustration of a bottle of the medicine.

Advertisement for W. A. Murray & Co. "OUR EXTENSIVE ASSORTMENT OF TRUNKS, BAGS AND LEATHER GOODS." Lists various items and prices.

Advertisement for Paine's Celery Compound. "He Was Raised From the Fearful Pit and Mixy Clay of Disease." "Paine's Celery Compound Set Him on the Rock of Health." Includes an illustration of a man.

Advertisement for Dodge Wood Split Pulley Co. "We are headquarters in Canada for Special Pulleys for heavy drives." Includes an illustration of a pulley.

Advertisement for Dodge Wood Split Pulley Co. "Dodge Wood Split Pulley Co. TORONTO." Includes an illustration of a pulley.

Advertisement for Atlantic. "PASSENGER TRAFFIC. Atlantic. American Line, Dominion Line, Beaver Line, Red Star Line, French Line, North German Lloyd, Hamburg American Line, Netherlands Line, Ocean Steamship Lines, Cook's Tourist Office." Includes an illustration of a ship.

Advertisement for W. A. Geddes. "General Ocean and Inland STEAMSHIP TICKET AGENT. Choice of Routes. Tourist Tickets to Any Point. E. M. JENKINS & CO.'S American and European Tourists' Agency." Includes an illustration of a ship.

Advertisement for Sault Ste. Marie. "Sault Ste. Marie. ALL INTERMEDIATE PORTS STEAMER PACIFIC COMPANY." Includes an illustration of a ship.

Advertisement for Epps's Cocoa. "EPPS'S COCOA. BREAKFAST-SUPPER." Includes an illustration of a box of cocoa.

Advertisement for Reinhardt & Co. "Reinhardt & Co. Lager Brewers, Toronto." Includes an illustration of a beer bottle.

Advertisement for Meland & Jones. "MELAND & JONES. General Insurance Agents, Mail Building." Includes an illustration of a building.

Advertisement for W. A. Geddes. "General Ocean and Inland STEAMSHIP TICKET AGENT. Choice of Routes. Tourist Tickets to Any Point. E. M. JENKINS & CO.'S American and European Tourists' Agency." Includes an illustration of a ship.

Advertisement for Allan Line. "ALLAN LINE. Royal Mail Steamships, Liverpool, Calling at Montreal." Includes an illustration of a ship.

Advertisement for Canadian Pacific Ry. "CANADIAN PACIFIC RY. UPPER LAKE. S. S. ATHABASCA. WILL LEAVE OWEN SOUND THURSDAY, MAY 2ND." Includes an illustration of a ship.

Advertisement for S. S. Alberta. "S. S. ALBERTA. MONDAY, MAY 6TH, - FOR - UPPER LAKE PORTS. INTERCOLONIAL RAILWAY OF CANADA." Includes an illustration of a ship.

Advertisement for Ice. "ICE. BEST QUALITY PURE LAKE SIMCOE ICE. ALL PLANNED BEFORE cutting, which removes all frost, snow and sap from the surface, thus enabling us to supply our customers with absolutely pure ice this season. We are now delivering ice to all parts of the city at the very lowest rates. Orders solicited." Includes an illustration of an ice block.

Advertisement for Meland & Jones. "MELAND & JONES. General Insurance Agents, Mail Building. TELEPHONES: 1259 Ring up and we will send for goods. 1872 Ring up and we will send for goods." Includes an illustration of a building.

Advertisement for Grocers. "Grocers. Grocers will tell you 'as follows.' IT'S filled; if your grocer SUES PYLE, New York."

Advertisement for Repository. "Repository. ON SALE MORNING. Sharp of one carload me Drivers, Horses and purpose Horses."

Advertisement for Townsend. "TOWNSEND. In the City of. The power of sale certain mortgage, which is the time of sale, a sum of one-half of the purchase price, and the balance a first mortgage on the property, having a term of five or six years, with interest of 7 per cent. of the sum of the purchase price, one-half of the purchase price, and the balance a first mortgage on the property, having a term of five or six years, with interest of 7 per cent. of the sum of the purchase price."

Advertisement for Men's Coats. "Men's Coats. of April is here. to-morrow, but chilliness in the air calls for an overcoat. The winter is too heavy, lightweight one an or Worsted conditions endo over unusual Overcoats—for time only. One samples will suffe going usually sell for \$30, are selling for on. The price are sold at is no of their value. be seen for is an exception- nity for buying coats cheap."

Advertisement for Hall. "HALL, TORONTO. For Decoration Glass and Room Moulding. Men always in for town work."

Advertisement for Dr. Phillips. "DR. PHILLIPS. Late of New York City. Treats all chronic and special diseases of both sexes. The urinary organs cured. 1095 King-st. W., Toronto."