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LONDON AND DISTRICT

—Miss Laura B. Webster, Lucknow, has secured a position in this city.

—Miss Hazel Tait is the guest of her cousin, Miss Edna Neelds, Hensall, Port Huron.

—Mrs. J. R. Sanderson has returned from a pleasant visit to friends in Windsor.

—Mrs. John Henry and children are the guests of Mrs. Archie McClellan, Port Huron.

—Praxed Mrs. McNaughton and family, of Brussels, have taken up their residence here.

—Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Cahill have left on an extended visit to Los Angeles, California.

—Mr. W. J. Monteith, West Lorne who has been spending a few days here has returned home.

—Mr. John McKinley, who has been in Winnipeg for the last ten months, is home on a ten days' visit.

—Mrs. Hugh Hanan of Stratford, has returned home after the guest of Mrs. Alfred Padfield, Talbot street.

—Mr. David Sare, jun., formerly of London, has disposed of the Colborne House at Goderich to Messrs. Bell and Johnston.

—Miss Katie O'Neill, Talbot street, leaves via M. C. R. tonight for New York and Ashbury Park, where she will remain for several months.

—The hardware stock of Marshall & Bee, of Oil Springs, has been sold by Auctioneer Jones to Richard Nicholson, of Zurich, at 55 cents on the dollar.

—All trolleys which use the Richmond street tracks were tied up for an hour last evening by the derailment of a car at the switch south of the Grand Trunk crossing.

—Mr. Robert Edwards has returned to Plunehob, Michigan, after spending the winter months with his mother and younger brothers, Gordon and Edwin Edwards, 41 Oxford street, West London.

—Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of next week will be benefit days for the London Typographical Union, No. 123, at the London Vaudeville Theatre, and the printers will be paid a percentage on the receipts of both matinee and evening performances on these days.

—Mrs. Elizabeth Bolton passed away yesterday at the family residence, 32 Inkerman street. The deceased was 39 years of age and survived by her husband, Mr. Charles Bolton of the Pere Marquette, and two children. She was a member of the Methodist Church.

—In view of the death of Mrs. Clark, mother of Rev. W. J. Clark, the music at the First Presbyterian Church tomorrow will be specially selected and will be appropriate to the occasion. Mr. Clark will occupy the pulpit in the morning and Rev. Dr. McCrae, of Westminster, in the evening.

—Mr. George Lamb, a native of Somersetshire, England, and a resident of the Western Ontario district, died recently at his home in this city. He was a daughter of this city.

—Mr. Frank Meaden of Richmond street, was waited upon by a number of his friends the other evening, who presented with a handsome gold ring. The presentation was made by Mr. Herbert McNab, and Mr. Frank Sutherland read the accompanying address to Mr. Meaden is about to leave for Toronto.

—Mr. and Mrs. Philip Edwards, of Oxford street, were again surprised the other evening by a large number of their relatives and friends, who gathered and held a birthday surprise party. During the evening a presentation was made by Mr. and Mrs. Edwards of a purse of money. After a reply by Mr. John Edwards, a happy reunion, Mr. Will Edwards and Mrs. I. Robertson, who wished their mother and father many more such happy reunions. Games and music followed.

STOLE \$100 WORTH OF GOODS.

The tailor shop of Mr. Frank Fenech, Richmond street, was entered on Thursday night by thieves who carried off \$100 worth of goods. Entrance was obtained by a door leading to the cellar.

DEATH OF MRS. HALL.

The death occurred yesterday of Mrs. Sarah Hall, widow of Wilson Hall, janitor of the Quebec street school, who was found dead in bed about 10 o'clock yesterday morning. She was in her 70th year, passed away at Victoria Hospital. She is survived by one daughter, Mrs. J. Hall, who will be held to Woodland Cemetery.

STREET RAILWAY APPOINTMENTS.

Mr. Ed Whittaker, of Toronto, has been appointed assistant superintendent of the London Street Railway Company, vice Mr. Larry T. Smith, who has been made claims agent of the company. Mr. Smith has been in the employ of the railway since the latter was opened in 1875. Mr. Whittaker has been connected with the Toronto Railway for some years, of late filling the position of superintendent of the Yonge and King street lines.

THE LOCAL MARKET.

The market today was very dull, the majority of the farmers came with sleighs, as in most parts of the country there is plenty of snow. They found great difficulty in getting loads about the square, however. Butter was firm at from 25 to 28 cents, and eggs remained at about 18 cents, although some purchasers were able to secure them for as low as 16 cents. There was little if any change in the price of other commodities.

ADDRESSING STUDENTS.

At the meeting of the Normal School Literary Society yesterday afternoon, the students had the pleasure of listening to Mr. C. E. Edwards, who gave a most interesting talk on things he had seen on his recent trip which might be advantageously used in public schools. The address was much appreciated. Other numbers on the programme were speeches by Messrs. Reid and Mahon; reading, Miss McCullum; songs, Miss Mary Robb and Miss Hall. Votes of thanks were tendered Mr. Edwards and Miss Hall.

The school was very busy with interesting articles this week, and among them was one on "Ancient, Medieval and Modern Art," by Mr. S. Davidson, drawing master. Miss Bell Campbell acted as piano accompanist.

FLETCHER METHOD DEMONSTRATED.

The Masonic Temple was well filled last evening, the occasion being a demonstration in the Fletcher music method, given by Miss Bessie Moore, teacher of this system at the London Conservatory of Music. Miss Moore very ably presented to those present the chief aims of this system, which is to give to the student a thorough knowledge of music, and to assist them in acquiring this knowledge by teaching them in a way which is both interesting and simple. The Fletcher method in many respects bears the same relation to music as the kindergarten does to early school work. The thorough knowledge which a pupil receives in scales, chords, notation etc., is something which that pupil should forever retain. Some of Miss Moore's piano pupils at the close of the demonstration gave a short piano recital. The pupils who were present were: Helen Barron, Helen Pope, Helen Veld, Lotta Hayman, Earlow Brown, Norah Moore, Ruth and Eudale Young.

IN AID OF MISSIONS.

The Askin Street Methodist Church was crowded to the doors last evening on the occasion of a concert given under the auspices of the Mission Band. The programme included numbers by some of London's best talent, including Mrs. Adam Beck, Miss Spear, Yealland, Miss Minnie Fox, Miss Livestone and Mr. Arthur Gartwaine. Mrs. Beck's vocal numbers were "Gondoliers" (Zardo), "Madcap Marjorie" (Norton), "Love is Meant to Make Us Glad" (Edward German), and "Slumber Bell" (Gagner). "Slumber Bell" and "Madcap Marjorie" were given as encores. The accompaniments were played by Miss Edna Leonard, Miss Yealland, who is on the staff of the London Conservatory of Music, played very difficult selections, including "Tremolo Etude" and "Waltz from Chopin." Miss Fox sang a solo of the First Methodist Church, sang the "Irish Love Song" (Lang), and she also appeared in a duet with Mr. Arthur Gartwaine, who played a solo of "The Clang of the Forge." Miss Livestone was several times recalled for her readings. The work of the artists were appreciated fully by the audience.

There is an establishment in Brussels for teaching the lugubrious art of grave digging. It was founded by a cemetery company and was so successful that it received official recognition. All candidates for the post of sexton in Belgium must have been graduated at this digger academy.

The county clerk of Glenn County, Cal., invalidated the whole vote of the county by accidentally transposing the names of the Republican and Democratic candidates on the ballots. But it is not likely that any action will be taken, as throwing out the vote would make no change in the results of the election.

Pared Estimates \$23,000; \$15,000 More To Come Off

That Is If a 23-Mill Rate Is To Be Struck.

Finance Committee of the Council Uses the Pruning Knife.

Some Deep Cuts—Salaries of Many of the Civic Officials To Be Increased.

The finance committee of the city council, with the chairmen of Nos. 2 and 3 committees, Mayor Campbell, Alds. Garratt, Wyatt and Abram, met in the city hall last night, and endeavored to hew the estimates down to a sum which will permit of a 23-mill rate being struck this year. Some of the aldermen were in favor of a 22½-mill rate, but this looks like an impossibility.

After working on the figures of the various bodies for four hours all the committee was able to whittle off was about \$23,000, whereas in order to strike a 23-mill rate the sum of \$38,000 must be struck off. Consequently, the committee found it necessary to adjourn until called together again by the chairman, when another attempt will be made to cut off the remaining \$15,000.

During the evening the committee raised the salaries of a number of civic servants by what amount to about \$800 this year.

In brief, the committee's deliberations resulted as follows. The sum for the north end fire hall was struck off, but the council is to be asked to authorize the use of the hall for the cost of the hall. The greenhouse on Victoria Park was knocked out; \$4,000 was struck off the appropriation for bacteria beds; \$6,000 off the appropriation for streets and general improvements; \$1,000 off the street-cleaning account; \$500 off the board of health account; \$500 off the parks account; \$2,500 off sewers and culverts; \$500 off the registry office account; \$500 off bridge repairs; \$500 was struck off the sewerage account; \$500 off the appropriation, and an item of \$800 for the revision of the city bylaws was thrown overboard.

A 25-Mill Rate.

The meeting was opened by Chairman Stevely announcing that the estimates presented to the council by the City Auditor Jewell showed that as the estimates as presented stood, it would take a 25-mill rate to cover the city's expenditures.

To reach a 23-mill rate on the present assessment of nearly \$20,000,000, it would be necessary to pare \$38,000 off the estimates as submitted by the several civic bodies.

Ald. Greenleaf declared that the rate must not be raised, and Ald. Cooper agreed with him.

Ald. Matthews, however, stated emphatically, that as chairman of No. 3 committee, he did not propose to have a rate raised, but he would have a 23-mill rate at the end of the year. "I've been abused because of last year's overrate," he said, "and I do not intend to stand for any more of it."

Ald. Cooper remarked that it would injure the city abroad if a high tax rate was levied.

"Everything that we can do to keep the rate down, consistent with a proper management of the city's affairs, should be done," said the mayor.

"I think we should bring it down to 22½ mills," said Ald. Forristal's opinion.

"This is right," said Ald. Wyatt. "Let's be careful of a high tax rate."

It was then decided to take up the estimates in the committee order. Mr. Hutchinson's salary remained at \$1,200, and that the increase of \$300 recommended by the board be not allowed. The proposal carried.

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Salary Increases.

Ald. Carson moved that the salary of Mr. Charles Turner, of the tax collector's office, be increased to \$800. He is now paid \$600. Ald. Carson added that as far as he could see, Mr. Turner did as much work as Major Hays, yet the latter is paid \$1,300 a year.

Ald. Greenleaf pointed out that Major Hays is an expert accountant—one of the best in the Province. With all due respect to Mr. Turner, he did not think he could properly be placed in Major Hays' class.

Ald. Cooper then moved that Mr. Turner's salary be fixed at \$700, and this motion carried. Mayor Campbell, Alds. Cooper and Carson voting for it, after the latter's motion for \$800 had been defeated. The increase is to date from July 1, 1905.

Assistant Engineer Kirkpatrick's salary was then taken up, and Ald. Cooper moved that he be given an increase of \$100, to date from July 1.

Ald. Garratt said that it seemed to be a mania with some people to boost salaries.

The mayor and other aldermen agreed that Mr. Kirkpatrick was entitled to an increase, and the motion carried.

Regarding the item for extra assistance in his office this year, Engineer Graydon said this sum should not be charged to the engineer's office, but should be added to the cost of the various works for which the extra assistance has been secured, such as the West London breakwater. Accordingly the sum of \$455 for one of the assistants was struck off, and this account will be charged to the breakwater.

It was also decided to increase the salary of C. B. Robinson, of the city clerk's office, to \$400 a year, the increase to date from Jan. 1, 1905, and Miss Nora Toll, Mr. Baker's stenographer, was given an increase of \$40, making her salary \$300 per annum.

Ald. Cooper thought that Assessment Commissioner Grant's salary should be increased by \$100.

In the discussion on the subject, Ald. Greenleaf stated that in his line Mr. Grant knows no superior in Canada. "He's an authority on assessment matters," said Ald. Greenleaf, "and is entitled to an increase."

Ald. Cooper's motion was adopted. Ald. Cooper also moved that Clerk Jolly, of the assessment committee's office, be given an increase of \$100. Thereupon several of the aldermen stated that they were in favor of the increase, which moved Ald. Cooper to remark that it was peculiar that Mr. Bell had been overlooked in the matter of an increase.

Such an astute businessman as ex-Mayor Little had offered him \$1,000 a year several years ago, and yet you overlook him, said Ald. Cooper. Mr. Jolly was given an increase of \$100, to date from July 1.

Ald. Cooper moved to have the salaries of Assessors Andrus and O'Sullivan cut \$500 per year each. They now draw \$600 each. The motion was defeated.

The board of health proposed that Assistant Inspector Lutman's salary be increased to \$700, a raise of \$75, but on motion of Ald. Greenleaf, the salary was allowed to remain at \$650 per annum. In fact, the latter body had stated, fee also put itself on record to the effect that Mr. Lutman is the servant of the city council, not of the board of health, as the latter body had stated.

The application of Park Commissioner Pearce for an increase in salary was rewarded by a raise of \$100, to date from July next, making his salary \$820.

Ald. Cooper moved that the salary of Bruce Macleod, caretaker of Queen's Park, be increased \$50 per annum, and the motion was adopted.

Ald. Cooper also moved that Market Clerk Makin's salary be raised \$50 per annum. Adopted.

Ald. Cooper once again moved that Leigh Scores, Clerk Dean's salary be increased by \$50 per annum. Carried.

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