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THE POLICE DEPARTMENT MUST ENFORCE BY-LAWS

Ald. Westman Condemns "Innocent Maids" Posters—The Market Building Discussed—Asphalt Block Pavement for Park St.—Police to Weigh Coal

The City Council this year seem to have a bent for discussing things, and they certainly are making record runs this year. They have held two meetings this year and both have run past the allotted time of 11 o'clock, necessitating a suspension of rules. This is something that has seldom happened since the anti-Sulman days. During the regime of Mayor Sulman 9.30 was the regulation time for the council to adjourn. Last year, 10 o'clock generally saw the meetings ended. This year the council has not reached the stretch at 11 o'clock.

Ald. Westman is a new member of the council, but he is getting right into the game. He is a good speaker and expresses himself clearly and forcibly. He said that a number of city by-laws were not being carried out, namely the ones in connection with bill posting, the bringing of lewd shows to the city, the location of houses of ill-fame in the city, and the closing of saloons at legal hours. It was well known that a great many hotels do not close up during prohibited. Good laws had been made, and it was only right that they should be carried out.

Ald. Westman moved that the city council should call the attention of the Police Commissioners to the fact that the by-laws were not being carried out. The citizens who paid the police force should have some say.

Dr. Tye spoke on the evils of these houses of ill-fame. He had had youths fourteen and fifteen years old come into his office who were contaminated for life. It was time to take action. The houses were running wide open and were scenes of revelry all the time. He had spoken to the Chief of Police, the Magistrate and the policemen, but they had refused to act unless somebody laid an information.

Ald. Piggott thought such places were a disgrace to the Municipality. Ald. Marshall suggested that the Mayor was a member of the Police Commissioners, and he should lay the matter before them.

Ald. Westman's motion carried. Ald. Edmondson asked what had been done re extending the city limits. This was a move in the right direction.

Ald. Westman moved, seconded by Ald. Edmondson, that the resignation of Foreman Jacques of the Fire Department be accepted, and that he be paid his salary till March 1st.

Ald. McCoig suggested waiting till the council had Mr. Jacques written resignation.

I. L. Davis wrote resigning his position as member of the Public Library Board and thanking the Council for the faith reposed in him for fourteen years.

Ald. Piggott moved, seconded by Ald. Westman, that William Anderson be appointed to the Library Board in place of I. L. Davis, resigned.

Mayor McKeough suggested that a by-law be prepared giving the police-men power to require any party selling coal to take it to the public scales and have it weighed.

Ald. Edmondson said that he had seen a reference in the Great Home Journal to coal dealers selling short weight.

Ald. Piggott asked concerning Mr. Scott's offer of \$100, to which attention had been called in the G. H. J. Ald. Edmondson replied that Mr. Scott desired separate scales for this purpose and it would cost the city \$500 a year.

Ald. McCoig suggested a check on the coal men by means of duplicate sales.

Mayor McKeough referred the whole matter to the property committee to deal with.

Mayor McKeough said that Dr. Hall had brought in a resolution at the Board of Health in regard to an isolation hospital. His plan was to get the four townships bordering on Chatham, to join with the city in the erection of an isolation hospital. This matter was referred to the Finance committee.

Ald. McCoig said it was a bad idea to get too many hands in the pie.

Mayor McKeough said that he had a little instance of that just now in connection with the county.

The Dominion Paving Co. wrote asking for the balance due on the Wellington and Third street pavements. Referred to the Board of Works.

John Simington wrote asking what had been done in regard to the request of the live stock dealers in the city for scales and other accommodation. Referred to the Property committee.

Chief Pritchard wrote advising that the tower watch at the fire hall be discontinued as it was out of date. The tower was all right when there were only 20 telephones in the city. Now there were over 400. In addition, every factory had a watchman, and there were 19 alarm boxes. There had not been a tower alarm in three years.

This matter was referred to the Property Committee committee.

Chief Pritchard presented his report for the half year ending Dec. 31, '04. There had been 24 alarms, 22 in the city and two outside. The alarms were sent in as follows: Box 3, Gray's 3, telephone 11, local 2, total 24. The loss to building was \$2,084.75, to stock \$900. The value of the buildings and stock endangered was \$262,900; the insurance on the same was \$193,550.

The apparatus, horses, etc., are in good condition. The roof of the fire hall is leaking badly.

The fire-alarm system and the boxes are in first class condition. The batteries are too expensive, but the chief hopes to reduce their cost this year.

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GAMEY MANITOULIN'S POLITICS, 'DECLARES EX-MAYOR MCGREGOR

"Gamey is Manitoulin's politics," said Mr. J. Russell MacGregor, of Gore Bay, Manitoulin, in speaking yesterday to the London Free Press. "Gamey is Manitoulin's politics, and in the splendid fight he is making against the Ross Government he has the support of all Manitoulin. What do they think of him up there? They think more than ever of him. Oh, yes, Manitoulin believes in Gamey."

Mr. MacGregor, who is one of Gore Bay's leading citizens, an ex-Mayor of the town and president of the Conservative Association, spent yesterday and a portion of Sunday in the city. He was here renewing old acquaintances and friendships formed years ago when he was employed in the store of Messrs. W. T. Strong & Co., druggists, Dundas street. He ran up here from Woodstock, where he had been spending the past few days in company with Mr. Gamey, who is taking an active part in the by-election fight that culminates to-day. Mr. MacGregor will be remembered as the man mentioned by the Manitoulin member in his famous speech in the House as being his adviser and counsellor in the negotiations with the Hon. Mr. Stratton.

"And what about the prospects in North Oxford?" Mr. MacGregor was asked.

"They are good; distinctly good," was the reply. "The Conservatives are simply on edge these last few days, and are making a tremendous fight. I know that the Government will never poll their usual big majority in the riding. In fact, I am positive it will not go over the 400

mark, and I can tell you I would not like to bet a dollar that we would not defeat them, for Butler is a popular fellow, and they are in fighting trim."

"It would be a great thing if the Liberals don't poll a bigger majority than four hundred?"

"It will be a tremendous big thing if we defeat them," answered Mr. MacGregor, with a smile. "Mind you, I am not in the prophesying business, but North Oxford is going to spring a surprise to-morrow."

"How is Mr. Gamey doing down there?"

Famously. He is received everywhere by large crowds and given a splendid hearing. You could have heard a pin drop the other night when he spoke in Woodstock, and it was a big audience, too. They were there to hear a wronged man tell his story, and they received him in great style. He is doing good work in Woodstock. The overflow from our meeting attended the Grit meeting, which was addressed by Ministers of the Crown, but the latter got sick of addressing empty benches and shut up early."

Mr. MacGregor stated that North Oxford could surely be won for the Conservatives if the party organization were better.

"The Conservative organization down there is very poor," he said, "and they scarcely know how to go about the business of fighting an election campaign such as this. I just wish I had control of that organization for a year. I would make it so that the Grits would have a good deal harder job than they have yet been treated to in electing their man," and the Manitoulinite closed the conversation with a cordial handshake. He left for Woodstock last evening.

JAPAN WILL DECLARE WAR

Unless Russia's Reply is Favorable—Eastern Situation is Now Very Grave.

Japanese Government Assume Control of All Private Railways for Military Purposes.

London, Tuesday, Jan. 26. — The Tokio correspondent of the Daily Telegraph has sent the following telegram: "The official Gazette publishes an imperial ordinance empowering the government to assume control of all private railways, etc., for military purposes. The situation is very grave and developments are hourly expected."

CHINA ANXIOUS.

A Peking despatch says:—The Chinese authorities have approached the ministers here of several powers with proposals directed towards attempting mediation with Russia and Japan. China is exceedingly anxious that war should be avoided.

THE FEELING AT ST. PETERSBURG.

A despatch to the Reuters Telegram Company from St. Petersburg, says that while the Bourge there has been nervous owing to the uncertainty of the situation, the progress of negotiations inspires increasing confidence. The principal danger now, according to a despatch, is said to be confined to the disorderly elements in Korea. The latest news received here represents a great majority of Koreans as sympathizing with Russia and hostile to Japan. Other despatches say that the Japanese are embarking 10,000 laborers at Tien-Tsin in order to hasten the completion of Seoul-Fusan railroad. Some anxiety has been expressed in St. Petersburg regarding the military movements of China.

RUSSIAN RESERVES.

A despatch to the Daily Mail from Warsaw says arrangements have been made to call out 86,000 reserves in the Cais, Kharkoff, Kieff and Odessa districts should it become necessary to do so.

FOR ACTIVE SERVICE.

The St. Petersburg correspondent of the Daily Mail reports that the first reserves resident there have been warned to hold themselves in readiness for active service. This is possibly a step taken with the object of preparing the public for eventualities the correspondent says, and for obtaining the support of public opinion, which the war party hitherto has lacked. Nothing approaching a war fever, however, is yet discernable.

ALEXIEFF'S ILLNESS.

The Chee-Foo correspondent of the Daily Mail cables that Viceroy Alexieff's illness is graver than had been supposed. Military preparations, the correspondent adds, are only half completed.

CHINESE DESERTIONS.

The Tien-Tsin correspondent of the Standard, says that 2,000 Chinese who had been enlisted by the Russians, deserted on being ordered to Port Arthur.

A JAP COUNCIL OF WAR.

A Tokio despatch says the first meeting of the recently created supreme military council took place to-day. Subsequently the ministers had an audience with the Emperor who exhorted them to co-operate in giving effect to the imperial financial program which has been drawn up. The new Korean cabinet is friendly to Japan.

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Berlin, Jan. 25. — As the German Government understands the present situation, the feeling is such at Tokio that Japan will declare war unless Russia answers her demands favorably. [Russia recognizes this accordingly intends to accept enough of Japan's points to make the Tokio cabinet feel that a sufficient cause for war no longer exists, and while the forthcoming note will not fully satisfy Japan it will prevent the serious possibility of a declaration of war.]

RUSSIA'S REPLY.

St. Petersburg, Jan. 25. — The exchange of communications between the Foreign Office, the members of the committee of the far East, Viceroy Alexieff and Baron de Rosen, the Russian minister at Tokio, is still going on. There is no official indication of when a conclusion will be reached; but a diplomat who is close to such negotiations expressed the opinion that the Russian reply will possibly be ready this week. The Korean minister has received advices that his government will soon open the port of Wiju, on the Yalu River to the commerce of the world.

NOT SATISFACTORY.

Paris, Jan. 25. — Considerable tension is again observable in governmental quarters concerning the Russo-Japanese situation. This is due principally to the fact that the efforts toward a pacific adjustment have not made the progress which the officials hoped and expected. Those highest in authority say the negotiations have reached a point where practically no progress is occurring in any direction. It appears that one of the most difficult features is the mutual distrust and hatred which have grown up between the parties. It is said that every



A SWEEPING REDUCTION

In lines of goods which we do not intend to handle in the future, such as **Laces and Embroideries.** We only have a few pieces, but they must be sold this week.

Odd lines of **Odd Lots Ribbons 2c Yd** Stamped Linens, 5c. and 10c. Each.

A nice line of **Pillow Tops 10c. Each** Just call and look over our bargain counters this week.

SULMAN'S Beehive.

King and 6th Sts., Opp. The Garner House...

SPLENDID ENTERTAINMENT AND PACKED THEATRE

The Ritchie Company held the boards at the Grand last night and gave their performance to a very large and well pleased audience—this being number four of the C. C. I. Star and People's Popular Course.

The program consisted of magic work, humorous impersonations, old fashioned songs, shadowgraphy, readings, bird warblings and imitations.

Mr. Ritchie's magic work with handkerchief, pocket watch, the mysterious candle, the Madams mistake and flags of all nations was wonderful. This consisted the first part of the program. Part II. consisted of humorous impersonations by Miss Nettie Jackson, who is very clever and received a number of encores. The old fashioned songs by Mrs. Ritchie were very much appreciated.

Mr. Ritchie appeared in this part, introducing something new on the Chatham stage in the way of shadowgraphy, which was very clever and amusing. Then came the most wonderful feat of the program called Levitation—gravitation defied and all the laws of nature set aside, in which a human being is suspended in mid air with no visible or invisible means of support. Part III. consisted of readings by Miss Nettie Jackson, which brought down the big audience with applause. Mr. Charles Howison was next on the program with bird warbling and imitations. He received no less than five encores. Part IV. consisted of thirty minutes more with Ritchie, introducing the bowl of fire, the flight of the canaries, wine or water, which the prolific hat, the bunny and the cannon ball, and oriental illuminations. During this act Mr. Ritchie asked for some gentleman from the audience to come on the stage to assist in some tricks and to watch that everything was done squarely. To this response Mr. O. L. Lewis kindly volunteered. He had hardly reached the stage platform before Mr. Ritchie started pulling cards out of his pockets, a large green snake from his bosom, and ended by pulling a real live and full grown bunny from under his coat through the back of his collar. Mr. Lewis left the platform very much surprised amid great laughter from the audience. This concluded the best number so far of the C. C. I. Star and People's Popular Course.

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