

MORE GUFF BY STEWART.

Hydro Mass Meeting Last Night Was Poor Affair,

But It Gave Ex-Mayor's Tongue Another Chance.

Repetition of Misstatements and Personal Abuse.

The small attendance at the "mass" meeting in the Savoy Theatre last night must have been rather discouraging to ex-Mayor Stewart and the other schemers who have exerted much effort during the past week in trying to work up an agitation that will defeat the Cataract by-law on Monday. The meeting was largely a repetition of the tirade of abuse delivered at the Twentieth Century Club the other evening.

It was half an hour after the scheduled time when the curtain was rung up, disclosing to view the smiling countenances of ex-Mayor Stewart, Hon. John S. Hendrie, chairman of the commission, Jim Miller, T. H. Pratt, James Jolley, Lorne Johnston, Alf. Wright, Allan Studholme and one or two others. John Milne, one of the first power commissioners, presided and gave a general outline of the Government's scheme, from the time of its inception.

After a few introductory remarks, Mr. Hendrie gave the Spectator a whack for failing to report his address at the Twentieth Century Club. "They did not see fit to publish my remarks," he said. "I was probably like some of the horses at the Woodbine, in their estimation, I was an also ran."

Mr. Hendrie's address was a repetition of his address the other night. There was some disorder when Colonel Hendrie concluded. Some one wanted to ask questions but the inquisitive one was cried down.

With a prophetic air ex-Mayor Stewart assured the audience that the day would come when Hamilton would regret not having acted on the advice of himself and others to embrace the Hydro-Electric project. With this off his mind he assumed a fighting attitude and waded into Mayor McLaren and the newspapers. First he lectured the Spectator for keeping the report of the meeting the other night on the inside pages and featuring on the front page Mayor McLaren's statement.

"The reporters loaded up Mayor McLaren with a lot of nonsense," he said, "and induced him to write a lot of nonsense that you ratepayers are not interested in."

"I said nothing unjust," about the Mayor," continued Mr. Stewart. "I am not here to-night to say anything sicker than I am going to prove it many ways and think he will fill the chair with credit, but he is as likely to err as I am, and he has erred."

"Then he complains about me calling him fox and cunning. If there is any man in Hamilton deserves that name it is Mayor McLaren. I don't know any sicker duck. I am going to prove it out of his own mouth that he wanted to keep the ratepayers in the dark and wants to mislead you. He says in his statement he knows of the Cataract's short-comings, but does not wish to speak of them. Why doesn't he? He admits he knows lots of things about them, but does not want to tell. Why not, if he is honest?"

He said he had no hesitation in branding Mayor McLaren as a Cataract man. There was no objection to this, but why didn't the Mayor let people know where he stood?

That reference of the Mayor's to the people to follow Mr. Stewart if they wanted agitation and strife, seemed to vex the ex-Mayor as a Cataract man. It must have been because the strenuous gentleman from West Hamilton, quite modest, as usual, unblushingly referred to the good services he had rendered the city for two years and then closed with this modest admission: "I have no hesitation in saying I could be elected Mayor again for 99 per cent."

Mayor McLaren can be elected for a third term unless he mends his way. He is only a chicken come out of the shell as far as municipal business goes. He should keep quiet until he has filled two years. It is pretty early in the game for him to tell you he is the greatest Mayor Hamilton ever saw."

"Small, mean business, trying to discredit me that way," was the way Mr. Stewart complained about the Spectator publishing the paragraph about his brother being employed by the Hydro. He followed this up with an attack on William Southam, proprietor of that paper, who is also a Cataract director. Mr. Stewart said Mr. Southam did not pay 100 cents on the dollar for the stock he held; in fact, he intimated that Mr. Southam got \$130,000 worth of stock for \$28,000.

"I see John Patterson makes a big splurge in the Times to-night, denying the statement that the company is generating within six per cent. of the capacity of its plant," he said. After making a slashing attack on Mr. Patterson for a circular the latter sent out when the last vote on the power question was taken, he reiterated his statement that the company was using 940 of the thousand feet of water per second. "I dare Patterson or anyone else," he said, "to deny it, and I can prove it."

After trying to mop the floor with everything else in sight, Mr. Stewart waded into the Times. Now the ex-Mayor is a high-priest man, if you take him at his own word, and it is no wonder he was righteously indignant when the Times wondered if his enthusiasm over the Hydro scheme was due to the fact that he might be going to get a job. "The Times," the Hydro man said, "can employ me for \$10,000 a year. I don't want any job," he said.

He roasted the Times, too, for saying the civic lighting contract was gone for five years. This was all "bosh," he said. The lighting contract could be upset easier than the power contract last year.

"I would like to ask the Times a question," he said, "and I hope it will answer it by to-morrow afternoon. I will bring you back to the time the Natural Gas Company came here. I was one of those who fought tooth and nail to get a reduction. We did not get what we asked, but I take credit for getting five per cent off. I would like the Times to tell the ratepayers how much money they got from the company when that contract went through. And if the Times wants me to ask a few more knotty questions after that, I will do so."

If the Cataract had power after the people elected a Hydro Council last year to make it dwindle away last year and

do the same thing again this year, could it not do the same thing next year? Mr. Stewart then cast a dirty slur on the police, although he served the pill up in sugar-coated form. "The police," he said, "have been looking after the poles and reporting when the lights are out. Now, I am not going to say anything unjust to the police or that they are not honest, but ratepayers will look at it that way."

Mr. Stewart explained that he referred to the action of the Police Commissioners in investing \$10,000 worth of police benefit funds in Cataract stock. He did not think it was in the interest of the police to be bound up in any way with the Cataract. "I have no fault to find with Judge Snider or Jelfs," he said, "but I think the Mayor should have raised his voice in protest against it."

Aldermen Wright and Ellis and T. H. Pratt also spoke.

THE CHILDREN.

THEY SHOULD BE PROVIDED WITH SUITABLE PLACES.

Playgrounds Association Receives Reports From Delegates—Council to be Asked to Repeal By-law Prohibiting Playing in Streets.

Toronto, June 4.—The deputation that went to the recent Congress at Pittsburgh of the Playgrounds Association reported to the Playgrounds Association of Toronto, yesterday afternoon, strongly recommending Toronto to at once undertake more work of the same nature as that which they saw in American cities, especially for the little children. Mr. C. A. B. Brown was in the chair.

Ald. H. R. Graham told what some wealthy citizens had done in Pittsburgh and elsewhere, saying it was an example to Toronto people, and he announced that one of the Aldermen had intimated that he is prepared to equip a playground in this city. He said that Pittsburgh gave \$70,000 for this work, and the School Board gave \$10,000 more out of their own funds to it.

Controller H. C. Hoeken said that while a great deal more had been attempted in American cities than in Toronto, more was necessary there than here. But additional provision was needed here for the little children, the boys and girls, pretty well provided for. He advocated neighborhood playgrounds, with supervision provided, under the direction of the Board of Education, co-operating with the Playgrounds Association. He said that while there were four such provided last year, there should be six this year, and besides St. Andrew's Square was to be equipped as a playground, with gymnasium, etc., as in American cities.

A few figures were given of what is being done elsewhere in this line: Rochester spent last year \$22,000; Boston \$14,000; Portland, Me., \$14,000; Portland, Pa., \$3,000.

Inspector Hughes stated that it was intended to equip all the schools with electric lighting on the ground floors this year.

Ald. R. C. Vaughan thought the by-law prohibiting children from playing on the streets should be repealed. But where were they to play? We must provide supervised grounds for them.

Rabbi Jacobs emphasized the need of playing liberties, pointing out that in the prophet Zechariah's picture of the ideal city he represents boys and girls as playing in the public squares.

Park Commissioner Wilson, after reading his report of the visit to the Congress, recommended the most economical way, for Toronto to take up the matter in connection with the schools. "This city seemed greatly behind others in work for children. Montreal, after seven years of work, had five playgrounds, and to raise money they had not depended upon the City Council, but the women had used coin cards, riddle contests, a music contest, had issued an edition of a daily paper, etc. He suggested that the grounds might be leased for the purpose, and a thousand children would be benefited where one is now helped by the philanthropic work of the Hospital for Sick Children.

Rev. S. Broughall told of one of his little Sunday school boys being killed the day before by being run over while at play. The children needed places to play.

On motion of Inspector Hughes, a resolution was adopted to ask the Council to repeal the by-law prohibiting children from playing on the street, except, of course, streets where cars run.

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McDOUGALL-BROWN.

A quiet wedding took place at 8 o'clock on Wednesday of this week at 291 Locke street south, when Mr. John McDougall was united in marriage to Miss S. O. Brown, both of this city. The ceremony was performed by Rev. T. McLachlan, B. A., of St. James' Church.

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Three municipal officials, convicted of stealing money from the city of Boston, have been sent to jail.

Owing to the scarcity of cash wheat in the western States shipments are being sent west from New York.

Hon. G. A. Nantel died at Montreal.



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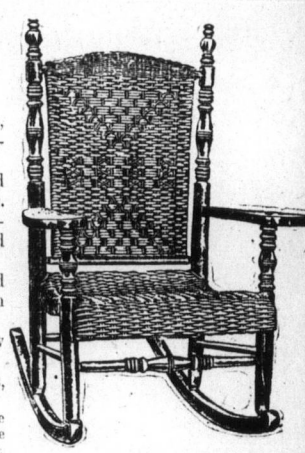
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