Hamilton Happenings

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HOTELMEN ARE WARNED BY THE COMMISSIONERS

If They Break Law, They Have to Get Out of Business—Street Railway Sued.

HAMILTON, Dec. 8.—(Special.)—The license commissioners decided this afternoon to take drastic steps to see that the after-hour business is cut out. They will warn all license-holders that if they break the law they will have to get out of business. J. Obernesser, Union Hotel, was before the board and was given a warning. Complaints against E. Duffy were also considered and a warning issued. The commissioners say they will act on authenticated reports from any source as to indications that the law is being violated. They will also ask the police to co-operate with License Inspector Birrell in seeing that the law is enforced.

To Sue Street Railway.

The board of works this evening instructed the city solicitor to sue the street railway for an account amounting to $2148 for repairs to pavements adjoining the company's tracks. The members resented the statements of the company's officials that they were blocking the reconstruction of the street railway and said they would deal with the matter just as soon as the company renewed its application. Mr. Waddell was instructed to defend the suit brought by Solicitor W. A. A. H. Duff for Barton Township to collect $232 for cement sidewalks laid. It was charged that the township people carted off a lot of planks when the backs of civic officials were turned.

A committee representing the finance committee and the charitable societies decided this afternoon to ask the city to pay the cost of establishing a lodging-house. The initial cost is estimated at $2471.

The grand jury brought in true bills this afternoon against Detective William Huckle and John Tierney, charged with blackmail.

Mrs. Jennie Nunn was awarded $80 damages against George Horning, Ancaster, for the removal of some hay.

No Place for Cripple.

Thomas O'Neill, a cripple, 80 years of age, belonging to Dundas, was dumped on the city. After being cared for in the jail for three weeks, the civic authorities agreed that he should be taken back to Dundas. The old man was placed in the ambulance and taken to Dundas this afternoon. The House of Providence would not accept him, and as Dundas has no poorhouse the town authorities appealed to Dr. Bruce Smith, inspector of prisons, who ordered O'Neill to be taken back to jail.

Action Against City.

W. A. H. Duff, solicitor for Barton Township, has begun another action against the city to collect a bill for the construction of cement sidewalks in the newly-annexted district.

Edward Sheldrick was zned $10 in police court this morning for shooting crap last Sunday, and the following have been summoned on a similar charge: Harry Lucas, James Fischer, David Purvis, R. Hill and P. Porter.

This morning Judge Monck dealt with ten criminal charges, disposing of them as follows: Charles Jamieson was found guilty of trying to obtain money by threats for a pair of damaged trousers and was allowed to go on deferred sentence; W. J. Boylan, a driver, pleaded guilty to collecting money by false pretences, and was allowed to go on deferred sentence; John Nevills was fined $10 for escaping from custody; George and Edward Near were fined $5 for assault; Herbert Robinson was allowed out on deferred sentence for obtaining $1 by fraud; Fred Pearson went down for two months for receiving stolen property.

At the monthly meeting of the Dominion Power and Transmission Co., this mornin, the resignation og G. B. Blanchard, vice-president and assistant manager, aws accepted.

Will Let Autos Run.

The Wentworth County Council today refused to join with Durham and Northumberland in seeking legislation to keep automobiles off the highways on Sundays and certain other days. Councillor Lawson, Dundas, made a vigorous protest against the way the county is neglecting to look after its poor.

W. F. Walton, Hamilton, who holds the title of checker champion of Canada, is ill in the Chatham Hospital.

The police have issued orders prohibiting coasting on Queen-street.

13th Will Sue.

The 13th Band has not been paid for a concert it gave last July in a park on the America side of the Falls, and will probably sue for its bill.

William and Mrs. Craft, 68 Locomotive-street, celebrated the 50th anniversary of their wedding last night.

Mrs. Barabara Auw is suing Charles Hartman for alleged slander.

The proposed citizens' banquet to the Tigers has been called off.

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QUEST OF DIAMONDS LURES TORONTO COIN

Many People in City Interested in the Outcome of Arrest of W. G. Myer in New York.

The arrest of W. G. Myer on board ship in New York half an hour prior to sailing for Brazil, is interesting quite a few people in Toronto and Hamilton, as well as in Montreal. Myer was arrested on the complaint of Fowler Ross, Montreal, who charges that Myer is wrongfully in possession of $1000 paid in connection with an option on a diamond claim in Brazil.

Myer has, or had, an office at 237 Broadway, down near the Battery. The building is not imposing, but Mr. Myers—a most imposing man.

Standing six feet in height, broad-shouldered, black whiskers, neatly trimmed, and wearing a soft-brimmed black hat and, incidentally, some huge diamonds, he looks what he claims to be—a disfranchised Boer soldier above the ranks.

Romantic stories are told of his past—that he was one of the most successful diamond operators in South Africa and worth $2,000,000 or more; that he was with John Hays Hammond, America's highest priced mining engineer, during the Jameson raid troubles and that both were sentenced to death, but escaped.

Myer's property is said to have been confiscated, save a few thousand dollars in diamonds his wife managed to secrete. While on steamship for England Myer read of the diamond fields of Brazil and made his way to Rio de Janiero. Then he walked 600 miles inland, to where it is made to appear the country is as full of diamonds as Cobalt is of silver. No foreigner can own land in Brazil, but he managed to secure leases of immense tracts of land. At least, this is one story. He is said to be about 60 years of age.

His office on Broadway, according to one who has been there, was permeated with his presence. A big table, strewn with maps, charts and documents, gave the place an air of sincere importance.

Steamboat schedules of South American steamship lines adorned the walls and a dozen men were continually holding conference with Mr. Myer. He was a difficult man to see. He gave all callers a big black cigar, which he probably calculated would induce good humor and a passive disposition.

From this office Mr. Myer generaled his movements and those of his assistants.

Prospects Were Pleasing.

It's a far call from the State of Nurias Geras, Brazil, to Broadway. It just takes 23 days for a steamer sailing out of Brooklyn harbor to drop anchor in the most beautiful port in the world, that of Rio de Janeiro.

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He told his sisters that he practically owned the Jequitinhoula River, that runs from the southwest to the northwest thru a series of hills, topped with cocoanut palms and laden with diamonds. He also had in possession, or under option, he said, thousands of acres of the territory.

The current of this river carelessly tossed here and there, into pot-holes, up on the banks and into creepy swamps, diamonds and gold in limitless quantities. A year or so ago Mr. Myer charitably decided to let the citizens of Toronto have a first and glorious opportunity.

From the office in Broadway there issued a gentleman by the name of R. Lewis Morris, one of the missionaries to pave the way for the Big Chief.

He came, he saw and he conquered. Unlike Caesar, his methods were not severe. He went to Hamilton first and by pouring out plenty of libations, both from tongue and bottle, he secured $300 from the proprietor of a well-known hotel.

He also induced a haberdasher, two bank employes, a popular and wise insurance man, and a poor wandering journalist to part with sundry of their shekels. One doctor gave up $5000.

He had a similar experience in Toronto and persuaded a large number of ambitious small fry.

His efforts on the whole were amply rewarded in Toronto, and he did double service by laying down and tacking out a velvet carpet for "the Diamond King."

He Came to Toronto.

Mr. Meyer's entrance here was quiet and unobtrusive. He had his own terms and wouldn't budge an inch. In fact, his only reason for distributing the grand chance was to rub it in the more effectually to the famous De Beers Syndicate in South Africa, which he desired to put up a tree.

Engineers were excited. Concessions on this river were scarce and without much difficulty Meyers secured $5000 straight off the reel.

A Toronto company was formed, in the success of which a young millionaire and a high court judge became more or less interested. The agreement read in part:

"We agree to lease to you one mile of river, which lease is perpetual, and is under the same conditions as our grants from the government. You receive an option for 90 days to investigate the property. If satisfactory to you, contract is entered into, and you are to deposit $5000 as a guarantee that you will put a dredge on the river within one year from date of contract. The dredge to have the capacity of not less than 15,000 cubic yards per day of 24 hours.

"You are to pay the salary of one man, not to exceed $250 per month, who represents us—who shall have free access to the dredge—to the books and to be present at the time of extracting the diamonds and gold from the sluice boxes, etc. Any failure on your part to suspend operation four months in succession means a forfeit of your contract, etc., etc."

The Toronto-Brazilian Diamond and Gold Dredging Co., Ltd., however, found flaws in Mr. Meyer's titles and instead secured a stretch of the river from two men, Cadet and Logan.

Montrealers Interested.

In Montreal, Mr. Meyer interested among others the gentlemen who are behind the Crown Reserve Cobalt property and the Carapatina Syndicate includes Fowler, Ross and Mr. Cotton of Weir, McAllister and Cotton, lawyers, while W. E. Dick, M.E., was sent south to investigate. Meyer received $6000 on acceunt of the $50,000 purchase price.

According to E. Willfong, who reached Toronto yesterday, Meyer is the victim of some deep dark scheme. Mr. Willfong was on board ship with Meyer when the arrest was made. He says that when Meyers comes before the magistrate this morning in New York the complainants won't be there to press the charge, because the only motive behind the arrest was to delay Mr. Meyer's departure, so as to head him off in the matter of some options. Mr. Willfong has four miles of concessions along the river and a sample showing diamonds and gold. He says there's untold fortunes to be made and that there's $100,000 of Toronto capital interested in the venture. He also vouches for Meyer's good faith. Logan, he says, was Meyer's secretary, but played traitor; while Cadet was befriended by him. Torontonians who are actively identified with the diamond properties are Cleveland Hall, Geo. Armour, J. T. Loftus, Dr. Gee, Richard Smith and John Arthur.

Benefit Concert.

A concert was held in Devins Pavilion last night for the benefit of Mrs. John Exton, whose husband was drowned on Oct. 26, and between $500 and $600 was realized. Those who contributed to the program were Mrs. W. C. Whitney, Miss Wilinski, Ed. Piggott, Henry Simpson, J. R. Slack, Howard C. Russell, the Shepperly sisters and Miss Gordon.

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