

WILL BUY DIRECT.

FUEL COMMITTEE REFUSED TO CALL FOR TENDERS.

There Was a Warm Debate Before Matter Was Settled—Dealers Were Invited to Attend But Did Not Appear.

The Fuel Committee yesterday afternoon decided to continue the old arrangement of buying coal direct from the mines, although Ald. Farrar made a big fight to get the aldermen to delay the order until the local dealers were given a chance to tender. Mayor Stewart and several of the aldermen said they had been spoken to by some of the coal dealers during the day, and advised them if they had anything to say to appear at the meeting.

"Why are they not here?" asked the Mayor. "It is because they have nothing to argue." He rectified the history of the coal combine, the trouble the city had at the time and predicted that if the city broke its connection now of buying the coal direct that as soon as the civic fuel department was out of business the price would go up again.

Ald. Farrar argued that there were several large coal dealers in the city now, that they were all big taxpayers, and should in justice be given a chance to tender. He declared that coal dealers in Hamilton were prepared to handle coal at a profit of five cents a ton, and that they had sold it cheaper here last year than the city bought it right at the mines.

Mayor Stewart challenged this statement. He said there was only one other firm in the city that could sell Reynoldsville coal, and it admitted that this coal could not be bought cheaper than the city was getting it. Both he and the secretary of the Fuel Committee declared that the coal which was sold cheaper was of a much inferior quality.

The Mayor wanted to know why it was that the Separate School Board wanted to purchase its coal from the city this year if the dealers' prices were so low.

Some of the aldermen took objection to Inspector Morgan selling coal to other people. They thought his duties should be confined to inspecting the city's coal. The Mayor said he would agree to that.

"There are only two coal dealers in

the city who want the dealers to tender, Freeman and Peregrine," said the Mayor. "I know that, because I have been talking to the others."

Ald. McLaren said he objected to the local dealers being asked to tender because they were not given an opportunity to appear at the meeting, and had not done so. Seconded by the Mayor, he moved that the city place its order for hard coal on the same terms as last year, \$3 at the mines.

Ald. Farrar, seconded by Ald. Crerar, moved in amendment that the order be not placed until the local dealers had an opportunity of tendering. They found no supporters for their amendment, and the motion carried, the Mayor, Ald. McLaren and Clark voting for it.

FIX UP DOCK.

Harbor Improvements Discussed by Committee.

The Harbor committee yesterday afternoon decided to make an effort to get the government contractors to use a clam dredge for the work outside the city dock. There is a lot of dredging to be done there to get a depth of eighteen feet and the committee wants the sand thrown behind the wall to hurry the work of filling in that big space.

If the Council has any money to spare this year some of it will be spent fixing up the city dock. The Mayor agreed to this at the time of the aldermanic caucus over the estimates. Some of the work at the dock has fallen away and Ald. Jutten says it would take nearly \$2,000 to put it in good shape.

T. Beatty was re-appointed caretaker of the swimming baths.

The committee agreed to put a life buoy near the Victoria Yacht Club.

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Praise for a Canadian.

The Chicago Concert-Gor has this to say of a Guelph singer, who has been heard in Hamilton with the greatest satisfaction: The man of the hour musically is Edward Johnson, the young tenor who is taking the sweets of brilliant success, and in a way that not one singer in a thousand of light opera enjoys. For Mr. Johnson's success is from the purely artistic side, and shows that a fine musician can win honors where honors are least expected, winning them indeed from old stage favorites and fun makers who are the attractions in comic or light opera. Mr. Johnson is a Canadian with a voice the peer of Edward Lloyd at his best, and with the art, study and advanced ideas which our modern progress demands, and which were never in the possession of the English singer, since he lived in a different and more conservative age. Not yet twenty-six years of age and with a career already marked by tremendous successes all over the country, Edward Johnson is only on the threshold; with a voice of such beauty and a personality so far unspoiled, there is scarcely anything to which he cannot aspire and accomplish.

Between the Acts.

The attraction at the Grand on Wednesday of next week will be "In Gay New York," a musical comedy, which comes highly spoken of. The company numbers many clever people, and the music is said to be high class in every respect.

Robert L. Downing, an actor, once leading man for Joseph Anderson, and who has played with Joseph Jefferson, Edwin Booth and John McCullough, has forsaken the stage for evangelic work. He will begin his preaching in Washington next Sunday evening at a local mission.

Marguerite Sylva, of "Princess Chic" fame, well known here, is meeting with great success in grand opera. This item concerning her comes from Paris: Mme. Sylva, one of the best "Carmens" of the Opera Comique has ever had, has had such a great success in that role in Brussels and Liege during the month of January that La Monnaie has asked for a repetition of Bizet's chef d'oeuvre especially for her.

Robert M. Edwards has re-entered vaudeville and is giving an act called "Mirth, Music and Mimicry." He was Arno.

The Train De Luxe of Canada.

The "International Limited," the premier train of Canada, is endorsed by everybody who has ever had the experience of riding on it. It leaves Montreal at 9 a. m. every day in the year, arriving Toronto at 4.30 p. m., Hamilton 5.30 p. m., London 7.48 p. m., Port Huron 10 p. m., and Chicago 7.42 a. m. following morning. It is a solid vestibule train—modern equipment throughout—with Pullman sleeping cars through to Chicago; also Cafe Parlor and Library car service. Have the experience on your next trip west.

SOMERSET Y'S.

An open meeting was held by the Somerset Y's on Tuesday, St. Patrick's night, at the home of Mrs. Ross, Victoria avenue north. After a brief business meeting of the following programme was given: A talk on the "Aims and Methods of the W. C. T. U." by Mrs. Nichols; piano solo, Miss Campbell; recitation, Miss Kelday; vocal solo, Miss Tallman; violin solo, Miss Florence Nichols. A book-guessing contest was enjoyed by all. The shamrock refreshments served by Mrs. H. Nichols were dainty and delicious. The attendance was large.

Y.M.C.A. MISSIONARY EVENING

Those who would like to hear Mr. C. V. Hibbard, of Tokio, Japan, speak before the Y. M. C. A. office before noon on Friday, so that a place may be reserved for them at the banquet table at 6.30. Ladies as well as gentlemen will be welcome to the public meeting at 8 o'clock. Mrs. E. T. Oulton, New York; F. P. Turner and J. L. Murray will be the other speakers of the evening.

A PARIS GOWN.

Stanley Mills & Co., Limited, are showing in their opening window display a beautiful Paris gown which will be worn by Miss Leila Lewis in her skit at the children's benefit performances at Bennett's Theatre on Saturday evening of this week. The gown is the work of Simcox, of Paris and New York, and is attracting a great deal of attention.

TERRACE IS INSANE.

Counsel for Defence Has Experts Watching the Prisoner.

Toronto, March 19.—T. C. Robinette, K.C., who has been retained to defend John Terrace, held at the Brampton jail, charged with the murder of William Curry, an aged farmer, Christmas night last, said yesterday that having reviewed the case and seen his client, he had determined that insanity would be the body of his defence. Mr. Robinette has retained medical experts, who are observing the young man and have already given a decided opinion that he is mentally unsound.

The Toronto Board of Control decided to have a report from City Treasurer Coody as to what shortages, if any, have occurred in his department.

WILL BUILD NEW SCHOOL.

CONTRACTS AWARDED BY THE DUNDAS PRESBYTERIANS.

Successful Scotch Concert on Irish Night—A Golden Wedding Anniversary Held Yesterday.

Dundas, March 19.—(Special.)—The Scotch Concert at the Baptist Church on Tuesday evening was most enjoyable. There was a large crowd. The programme included a vocal duet by Mrs. Douglas and Miss Annie Clark; reading by Rev. Jas. Grant, "Cotter's Saturday Night"; piano duet, by Ross Shaver and Miss Alice Durrant; vocal octette, by Miss Maggie Patterson, Mrs. Stewart Watson, Miss Lizzy Goodbrand, Miss Leona Tennant, Messrs. Alex. Gilmour, Frank Mundel, Palmer Durrant and Geo. James. The selections, which were exceptionally well rendered, were "Annie Laurie," "Duncan Gray," and "The Campbells Are Coming"; there was a Scotch monologue, by Mr. Bernard MacMillan; song by Mr. Geo. Chesnut, reading, "The Exile of Erin," by Mr. S. C. Patterson; recitation, by Mrs. Black; vocal solo, by Mrs. Stewart Watson; and ventriloquism by Mr. H. J. May, which was pronounced to be first-class, he showing very exceptional ability in this line. A very amusing and enjoyable part of the programme was the silhouette pictures by Mrs. Douglas, introducing among others Mr. J. W. Kerr as "The Miller of the Dee"; Rev. James Grant, "Scotland Forever"; and S. C. Patterson, the town painter, as "Emin Gröbgrah." The whole entertainment was very much enjoyed, and netted \$25.

Frank Cummings is in Chicago visiting his uncle, D. T. Boyle, who is seriously ill.

Miss Lewis will address a meeting of working men in the Boyle Hall on Friday evening, soliciting support for the Children's Hospital.

(Dr.) Hastings, of Toronto, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Grafton.

Archibald Spaulding, of Galt, was in town attending the funeral of the late C. E. Fisher.

Mr. Pearson, who was in charge of his son's jewelry business during the latter's long and serious illness, leaves for his home in New Brunswick on Monday.

Contracts for the masonry and carpenter work on the new Presbyterian Sunday School building were let yesterday, Freeman Marcy getting the masonry work and the Bowman-Gray Lumber Co. securing the carpenter work. The total contracts amount to \$12,000.

At a meeting of the West Flamboro Council on Tuesday the matter of license reduction did not come up. The result of the vote was that the number will be reduced from four to two for the next license year.

Miss Lemon, of the High School teaching staff, has been in Hamilton attending the funeral of a sister-in-law.

Quite a number of places have been flooded during the disappearance of the snow, among them being the Y. M. C. A. basement, the cellar of G. C. Wilson's hardware store and the basement of the Baptist Church. On Sunday the Baptist congregation was obliged to hold services in the Sunday School room.

Miss Goldie Pirie is visiting in Brantford.

Mrs. W. G. Mallett has been visiting friends in Toronto and Brantford.

Miss Grayson, of Toronto, has been visiting the Misses Pennington.

Miss Vida Smith and her guest, Miss Mould, of Oakland, Cal., have been visiting in Smithville.

Mrs. Albert Hick, Ogilvie street, is laid up with rheumatism.

Mrs. James Kyle is visiting in Toronto.

Mrs. Harvey Hill is visiting in Goodwood.

Mrs. Burniston, the aged widow of the late John Burniston, is very ill.

Miss Celia Liddy is in Rosemount attending the funeral of a cousin, Willie Fering.

Miss Stella Clark and Miss Nora Kevin, of Winona, have been visiting Mrs. Gerald Gwyn.

J. W. Dickson returned last night from Orange Grand Lodge.

Mrs. Norman Jamieson, of West-

over, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Moore.

On Monday evening last, while Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Corne were entertaining a few friends, they were surprised to see their house suddenly fill with the young people from the Baptist Church, where Mrs. Cornell, nee Tennant, was highly esteemed.

giving an explanation, Miss Heddon read a nicely-worded address, and Miss A. Clarke presented Mr. and Mrs. Cornell with a beautiful fruit-dish on a silver stand. Although very much surprised, both made suitable replies. About eleven o'clock light refreshments were served, after which everyone wished the young couple every success, and all left for home in high spirits.

Relatives and friends yesterday were congratulating W. and Mrs. Hopkins, Dundas, on the fifteenth anniversary of their wedding. Fifty years ago at Bourne Church, Lincolnshire, England, William Hopkins and Maria Dickens were united in marriage, and started on life's path together. They came to Canada and for over forty years lived on a farm near Ancaster. For the last few years, they have been respected residents of Dundas. There are five sons: John and Detroit; Richard, of Brantford; William, of Toronto; Thomas, of Hamilton, and Charles, who resides on the home-stand, near Ancaster. There are also three daughters: Mrs. James Macneary, Drayton; Mrs. Philip Howard, Penetown, B.C.; and Mrs. Vincent Cotton, New Westminster, B.C. They have also thirteen grandchildren and one great grandchild.

On Monday morning the laborers engaged doing the excavating work to the new Presbyterian Church came to the conclusion that \$1.25 a day was not enough wages and so informed Reeve Lawson, who is in charge of the job, at the same time intimating that they would quit unless \$1.50 per day was paid them. The Reeve did not like this method, and told them that they could quit work or continue at the same old wages, just as they pleased. The seven strikers returned to their jobs.

IN THE GRAVE.

Funeral of William Benner Took Place Yesterday.

The funeral of Kathleen Sykes took place this afternoon from the residence of her father, 132 Stanley avenue, and was very largely attended by her former school mates and friends. Rev. S. B. Russell conducted the services, and the pall-bearers were George and Harold Peace, H. Hawthorne, F. Knowles, C. Fletcher and L. Fever.

All that was mortal of William Benner was laid to rest yesterday afternoon, the funeral taking place from his late residence, 238 Duke street. Rev. F. E. Howitt conducted the services, and the pall-bearers were E. Merritt, H. Hoey, J. Lampman, P. Russell, J. Bradley and D. McDonald.

The funeral of Thelma, the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Clark, took place yesterday afternoon, from the parents' residence, 78 New street. Rev. F. W. Hollinrake conducted the services, and the pall-bearers were E. Peregrine, W. Matthews, G. Gerrard and C. Beckerson.

CAMP AND RICHARDSON.

The attendance at the evangelistic meetings of Messrs. Camp and Richardson, at the Barton Street Baptist Church, is as large as ever, and a lot of good, earnest and sincere work is being accomplished. The classes in the afternoon and evening have a number of enthusiastic workers who have been assisting the leaders in their work. Last evening the church was filled again, and Mr. Camp continued his studies on the book of Hebrews. These able gentlemen will be in the city another week.

Bulk tea got only loses flavor, but it takes on new ones, such as oranges, kerosene, molasses, etc. Rich, uniform, deliciously-flavored tea can always be purchased in the air-tight lead packets of "Salada." A pound of "Salada" will go as far as a pound and a quarter of most teas.

WENTWORTH BAPTIST CALL.

REV. WALTER QUARRINGTON, OF COBBOURG, THE CHOICE.

He Was Acceptable to All But Two Members Thought Other Candidates Should Have Been Considered.

After a short prayer meeting in the Wentworth Baptist Church last night, the Pulpit Committee, which was appointed by the members when Rev. A. L. Huddleston resigned to become pastor of Queen Street Baptist Church, St. Catharines, recommended that Rev. Walter Quarrington, who is giving up the pastorate of the Cobourg Baptist Church, be offered the vacant position.

Mr. Quarrington preached very impressive sermons last Sunday, which created a very good opinion of his abilities among the members of the church, and the committee, having made inquiries into his pastoral career and received many recommendations from persons who had come in contact with him, among them being Rev. Mr. Huddleston, thought it proper that the members should at least consider Mr. Quarrington on his merits.

When the discussion, which was somewhat lengthy, was started only two opposed it, and they spoke very strongly against it. They thought that in justice to others who had applied for the position and to the members, that the rest of the applicants should at least be given a trial.

Mr. J. Fuller, secretary of the Pulpit Committee, submitted the recommendation; the salary to be \$1,000, and moved that the report be accepted. This was promptly seconded.

Mr. W. Huckle, one of those who opposed it, said he thought Mr. Quarrington capable of fulfilling the duties, but in justice to the other applicants and the members, he would move in amendment that the other applicants be considered. This caused a heated discussion, in which a number of the members expressed themselves, and one of them requested Mr. Huckle to sit down, as he was interrupting him.

The members of the committee intimated that they would resign if the amendment was adopted, as they considered they had done their duty, but after the chairman of the committee had explained matters more fully the recommendation was carried, with but two opposers, who, however, spoke very favorably of Mr. Quarrington.

As Mr. Quarrington is unable to commence the duties for four weeks, the committee have secured the services of Mr. Ward for next Sunday, and will have a minister for the remaining Sundays before Mr. Quarrington comes.

The men of the church are holding a banquet next Thursday for the benefit of the laymen's missionary movement, in which they intend to get the laymen interested.

ON TRIAL FOR WIFE'S DEATH.

Hastings Man Who Forgot His Mission for Doctor Is Arraigned.

Belleville, March 18.—The court room was crowded this afternoon at the trial of Richard Lindsay, of Elzevir, on a charge of neglecting to provide necessities for his wife and medical attendance, thus causing her death. Lindsay's wife and newly-born child died while he was absent on a mission for a doctor, which he entirely forgot.

It was proven in evidence that the prisoner's children, who were taken away from him by the Children's Aid Association, of Toronto, were found in a hole under the floor, where it was evident they slept, and that the deceased was not provided with necessities and clothing.

Farmer Hangs Himself.

Brookville, March 18.—John Fitzgerald, a farmer of the Irish settlement, committed suicide by hanging. Neighbors, finding the doors locked, forced an entrance and found Fitzgerald hanging by the neck from a rope fastened to the door knob and passed over the door.

He is supposed to have arranged the death noose while standing on a chair, which he then kicked away. Fitzgerald was married only eight weeks ago. Despondency is given as the cause of his rash act.

New Laid Eggs

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Butter

Choice Fresh Creamery Butter, per pound 33c. Dairy Butter—we do not know how much we will have, maybe a whole lot, maybe only a little; but the price will be 29c per pound.

Oranges Special

Navel Oranges are steadily going up in price, and still we sell large Navels 40c per dozen, worth 60c. Large Navels 25c per dozen, worth 40c. Mexicans 20c per dozen, worth 30c. Small Navels 12c dozen. Florida Russets 7c. 4 dozen 25c. The Navels and Mexicans are exceptionally fine fruit. Messina Lemons, special per dozen 12c.

Sugar

21 lbs best Granulated Sugar, \$1.00; 10½ lbs for 50c; 5 lbs for 25c; 20-lb bag Best Granulated Sugar, 95c; 100-lb bag, \$4.75; 22 lbs Bright Yellow Sugar, \$1.00; 11 lbs, 50c; 5½ lbs, 25c; 4 lbs icing Sugar, 25c; 4 lbs Cut Loaf Sugar, 25c.

Flour

Gold Medal, per bag \$2.60; per ½ bag, \$1.30; per ¼ bag, 65c. Lily White Flour, per bag \$2.50; per ½ bag, \$1.25; per ¼ bag, 64c. Royal Household or Five Roses Flour, ¼ bag, 80c. Graham Flour, 7 lbs 25c.

Finnan Haddie

Just 500 lbs. arrived to-day from Portland, and is very fine, and it goes at 10c per lb. Blotters, 3 for 10c. Boneless Codfish, 9c lb, 5 lbs 25c.

Ingersoll Sausage, Etc.

Fresh Friday morning, per lb 10c. Hams, choicest small plump lean hams, whole ham, 14c lb; ½ ham, 14½c lb. Roll Shoulders, per lb, by the piece, 12c.

Roll Oats, 7 lbs.	25c	California Prunes, small, 4 lbs.	25c
Roll Wheat, 7 lbs.	25c	California Prunes, large, 3 lbs.	25c
Germmeal, 7 lbs.	25c	California Prunes, largest, 2 lbs.	25c
Commeal, 9 lbs.	25c	Cooking Figs, 5 lbs.	25c
Split Peas, 3 lbs.	10c	Table Figs, regularly 10c pkg., for 7c.	25c
Port Barley, 3 lbs.	10c	4 for	25c
Small White Beans, 7 lbs.	25c	Teddy Bear Dates, 4 lbs.	25c
White Kidney Beans, 6 lbs.	25c	Finest Pearl Tapioca, 4 lbs.	25c
Lima Beans, 3 lbs.	25c	Finest Sago, 4 lbs.	25c
Quaker Oats, 3 pks.	25c	Best Japan Rice, 4 lbs.	25c
Wheat Berries, 3 pks.	25c	Worcester Pickles, 10c bottle for 6c.	25c
Puff Rice, 3 pks.	25c	Keystone Pickles, mixed or chow, bottle	10c
Mazall Corn Flakes, 3 pks.	25c	Sweet Mixed Pickles, per quart	10c
Prize Oats, pkg.	7c	Quaker Relish, bottle	10c
Quaker Oats, large pkg.	25c	Red Ribbon Buckwheat Flour, pkg.	10c
Premium Oats, pkg.	25c	Wetley's Mince Meat, pkg.	10c
Quick Pudding, 3 pks.	25c	Social Baking Powder, lb. tin	15c
Quick Dressing, 3 pks.	25c	Ocean Wave Baking Powder, lb. tin	20c
Brook's Bird Seed, 3 pks.	25c	Alliance Baking Powder, lb. tin	10c
Gillet's Lye, 3 tins	25c	Royal or Cleveland's, ¼ lb. tin	15c
Boston Laundry Starch, 3 for	25c	Pure Maple Syrup, quart jar	33c
		Mild Syrup, quart tin	25c

Biscuit Specials

100 tins Perrin's Cream Soda, reg. 33c, going while they last 25c tin.