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MISLEADING ALARM SENT IN BETWEEN TWO BAD BLAZES

Early Morning Fire Does Considerable Damage in the Old Synagogue on Richmond St.

Was there a fire bug at work in the city in the early hours of yesterday morning? The firemen think so, and are inclined to think that a desperate attempt was also made to lead them astray.

At 2:23 yesterday morning an alarm was turned in from box 4 for a fire in the Grey foundry at the foot of Church-street. While the firemen were turning out for that alarm, box 44 struck in from Adelaide and Sheppard-sts. At 2:37 boxes 51 and 52 were pulled for a fire in the old synagogue, Richmond-street, near Victoria.

It is in connection with this latter fire that the firemen think somebody went to the 414 box with the intent of calling the men there to cause delay in answering the genuine alarm that would soon follow. There was no sign of fire on Adelaide-street.

The boiler shop in the Grey foundry, between the two main buildings, was burned in the three flats, and only the fire-proof doors prevented a spread. The loss is about \$1000. The blaze was soon checked and Deputy Chief Noble hurried the men up to the Richmond-street fire, which in the meantime was being handled by sections from outlying stations. The place has been occupied by the Canada Plate and Window Glass Company for four years, who are removing to neighboring premises, the site being required for the coming Shea's Theatre. The building was gutted, and the loss on contents is placed at \$35,000, with \$28,000 insurance. The building is insured for \$50,000.

The Toronto Fire Underwriters' Association met yesterday and it is said the insurance men expressed themselves as highly pleased with the manner in which the fire department confined the fire in the McCann Mills.

E. P. Pearson said last night he had never seen a big blaze controlled so well, and that Deputy Chief Noble had handled his men wonderfully. "If they had allowed the fire to get into the Shea's works, the whole Esplanade would have been gone," he said, and was loud in his praise of the work of the firemen.

C. D. Cory has been appointed insurance adjuster for the McCann Mills, and E. C. Edwards for the Canada Plate Glass Works.

FOUR VOLLEYS TO KILL

Execution of Mutineer Schmidt—Making Martyr of Him.

St. Petersburg, March 20.—Lieut. Schmidt, leader of the naval revolt at Sebastopol in November last, who was tried by court martial and shot near Otkahoff fortress, South Russia, yesterday, with three sailors sentenced to death for mutiny, is being made a hero and a martyr by the revolutionists.

The boys of St. Petersburg gymnasium took to-day in order to compel the entering up of prayers in school for the repose of the soul of the lieutenant.

The Russ prints a detailed account of the execution, from which it appears that when Schmidt received the news that the authorities had refused to commute the death penalty, he said to the three sailors, his companions, saying they were so young and honest and he would prefer to die alone. The condemned men were taken to the small deserted island of Borzhan and were shot at sunrise. Schmidt addressed his executors, 60 sailors of the execution, from the scaffold, saying: "I die for the Russian people and the fatherland, and many of you doubtless will hereafter share my death for the same cause."

Schmidt refused to accept the sacrament, and asked not to be blindfolded. He met his death with head up and eyes open. The firing party was stationed at a distance of 50 paces from the scaffold and one more at the third. Schmidt did not fall until the fourth volley.

RAILWAY BILLS

Committee Considers Telephone Competition and Sale of Energy.

A chance for competition with the Bell Telephone Company was suggested by W. K. McNaught yesterday morning, if the privilege was granted to railways to operate a private telephone system in connection with their railroads. The matter was introduced by the consideration by the committee of a clause of the Western Central Railway bill granting the company such privilege. The bill was allowed to stand over.

The bill empowering the Peterboro Radial Railway Company to extend its line from Clear Lake to Stacy Lake was passed by the committee, but not before investigating a provision that work on one of the branches is to be commenced within three years.

The incorporation of the Dunnville, Wellandport and Beamsville Electric Railway with a few amendments was adopted. A section, however, granting power to sell or lease surplus electrical energy, was laid over until it was learned whether the government would follow such a policy. The line will be run from Port Maitland to Beamsville through the Counties of Welland, Haldimand and Lincoln.

IMMIGRANT POISONED

Taken Off Train at Brantford, Dies in Hospital.

Brantford, March 20.—(Special.)—In a terrible agony, an old country immigrant was taken off a T. H. & B. train last night and driven to the hospital. He expired there at an early hour this morning.

The authorities having an idea that the symptoms pointed to poisoning are conducting an investigation and a post-mortem examination of the stomach will be made.

From belongings found in his pockets, it has been learned that his name was Robert Kinross. He arrived from Scotland last week on the Siberian. A Hamilton pawn ticket for a silver watch was found in his pocket.



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MAKING CITY ATTRACTIVE UP TO YOUNGER TORONTO

Byron Walker on the Improvement of City—Advocates a Commission.

"Ugliness instead of beauty characterizes the whole scientific system of Toronto," said Byron E. Walker, in a speech on civic improvement before several hundred members of the Canadian Club last night.

J. P. Hynes, with the aid of a stereopticon, gave a clear idea of the immense improvements in the park system of leading cities of other countries.

In the same manner what could be done to beautify Toronto and made for greater convenience in the traffic, was illustrated.

Mr. Walker spoke of the "antique electrical system which made the streets ugly with wires and poles of various kinds." He also emphasized the need for fine wharves in the harbor and the ugly and ragged projection now seen.

"There is no civic pride shown in the city," he said. "During the past 15 years homes have become beautiful and the city prosperous, but outside our own back yard we have no care for the city's beauty."

"It lies with the young men of the city to promote the city's welfare and beauty. They will inherit the results. They look forward while the old men look backward."

"The municipal government is not to blame for this backwardness in civic improvement. They look for a mandate from the people, and when they do not get it, the people are responsible." Mr. Walker dealt at great length on the subject. He thought a permanent commission should be appointed to promote improvements because the city government changes too frequently to be of great use.

ON THE WAY TO WORK

Smoke a "Murad" and Be Free From Care.

"Murad" (Mala tips) Turkish Cigarettes are the latest and best sought after of Allan Ramsay, for sixteen years government expert of Turkey. During this period Mr. Ramsay's cigarettes—his alone—were the accepted brands of the dignitaries of the Turkish court. 15 cents per box.

PROVINCE GOES ON THE BUDGET

Provincial Treasurer Gives Explanation of Finances Under His Management.

After the explanation of the new license bill by Hon. Mr. Hanna, the spectators in the gallery were not in the humor to listen to a heavy budget speech by the provincial treasurer. It was unfortunate in this respect that two star features should be pulled off on one afternoon. Col. Matheson tackled his subject bravely at 5:15 o'clock, his prefatory remarks dealing with the change in the financial position of the province since the advent of a new business government. A good deal of the colonel's material has been gone over during the discussion of the estimates, but he succeeded in clothing his facts in new garments and adding new features to illuminate the public accounts and estimates of expenditures for the current year.

The last government, he showed, had exceeded the ordinary receipts by ordinary expenditures by \$40,000, and the capital receipts by capital expenditures by over \$10,000, or a total over-expenditure of \$50,000. The total receipts in 1905 were \$6,016,176.42, and the total expenditures, \$5,976,176.42, a surplus of \$40,000. He had no doubt that the receipts of the present year would be in excess of the amount estimated, and of this there would be an additional revenue to the province of \$125,000, thru the working out of the new license bill.

The total capital expenditure would be \$2,000,000, amount expended up to Dec. 31, 1905, had been \$7,573,168.57.

In reply to Mr. Ross, the treasurer said the government was arranging for independent financing for the government road. At present very heavy charges were being paid to the C.P.R. for the use of facilities, but if more clear-cut terms could not be secured the government would provide its own terminal facilities. The estimated cost of the completion of the road to the Grand Trunk River was \$20,600,000.

The government had pressed its claims for a bonus for the railway from the Dominion government. It had been received, but the railway had every hope that the bonus would be forthcoming. From the end of the season contract to the Grand Trunk Pacific would be \$10,000,000, making a total of 253 miles. During the last ten months the earnings of the road were \$113,000.

Cost Too Much. The colonel remarked that the road had cost far too much money. It should have cost at least a million dollars less than it did. The earnings of the road had been \$100,000, and the cost of the road, a cash register had been put on it. It was expected that the earnings for the present year would be sufficient to cover the cost of the road, and five millions and provide a sinking fund for the payment of the principal and a half per cent, as well. Quoting figures, he showed that the road had cost a total of \$100,000,000, and that the old government had carried a great many deadhead passengers.

Ontario Bonds. Referring to the recent loan of Province of Ontario bonds, Col. Matheson strongly condemned the action of the Globe in demanding that the loan be should be floated by the province, and that one of the leading papers in this direction. He showed that in the condition of the money market the province had made a splendid bargain. The government had been asked why the loan was not floated in the present season. Col. Matheson showed that the former treasurer had made some of the most profitable bargains in the money market, citing the loan attempted to be made in 1904.

"If you throw seven millions on the market, that is only good for two or three you depress the market," said the colonel, "and his failure to float the new loan in Canada, and at length into the condition of the money market here and abroad, and gave proof of his assertion that the whole of the amount would be too great to attempt to float at home. Especially favorable terms had been secured from the Bank of Montreal, which had offered to float the loan at a rate of interest of 6 per cent. The treasurer outlined some of the offers. The government had been criticized for not accepting an offer of the brokerage firm to float the loan at 12 per cent. The government had not accepted Canadian banks, which would net \$50,000 more than the best of these.

The member for Monck had referred to the speaker as a cash register. "We don't pretend to be anything else but a cash register," said the colonel, "we don't pretend to give the province more than a business administration. There is no grafting as there was under the late government."

Colonel Told a Story. The colonel told a story of the fellow who had accumulated his resources in five years, and of the other fellow who reported that he had not been so fortunate as his employer kept a cash register.

Estimated Receipts. The estimated receipts for 1906, as given by the treasurer, are as follows: Subsidy \$1,239,273.23 Interest on trust funds 2,000,000.00

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Plus \$250,000 for railway and university certificates. Another measure to be brought down will cover the supplementary estimates of expenditures.

The Bitter Bit. Hon. Mr. Harcourt followed the treasurer. He started in with a criticism of Hon. Mr. Hanna for having used campaign utterances to the effect that the late government had collected large sums from relatives of patients in government institutions during years when election took place than during the other years. He quoted figures, among them that whereas in 1903 the receipts from this source were \$100,531, in 1904 they were \$172,000.

Hon. Mr. Hanna interjected that the receipts had been allowed to fall below in election years, and there was laughter and government applause.

Spolia System Again. The speaker wandered from the path to charge the government with having introduced the spoils system. In Great Britain attempt had been successfully made to keep appointments out of the political arena, and the leading statesmen of the United States were trying to keep the civil service clear. Mr. Harcourt's quotations from the Presbyterian and Canadian Baptist publications in support of his claim, that there had been wholesale, uncalculated dismissals, was received with levity by the government side of the house.

Criticized Forestry Policy. Hon. Mr. Matheson had referred to the material resources of the province. The speaker couldn't see why the province shouldn't have a permanent revenue of \$1,000,000 or more from the timber wealth of the province. He defended the course of the former administration.

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