

MOVING PICTURES TO BE CONTROLLED BY ACT OF LEGISLATURE

Attorney-General's Department Has Received Suggestions From Chief of Police.

The necessity that moving pictures have an educational value is pointed out by almost every police and civic officer who responded to the enquiries recently sent out under instructions of the Honourable the Attorney-General.

The value of moving pictures as an educational feature is fully recognized, and the danger of its abuse is known, and the necessity to convert old stores absolutely without fire protection and proper ventilation is pointed out in almost every report.

In the majority of cases the suggestions which come in are timely and of great value, and bear out the action which the Attorney-General has taken in introducing to the legislature an act governing moving pictures.

The chief of police of Edmonton makes the suggestion that theatres moving pictures shows, and dance halls, should be regulated by a censor board, that a censor should be appointed whose duty it is allowed to stamp every film before it is allowed to show, and that the exhibition of a film which is stamped should be punished by a heavy fine.

Calgary reports that most of the theatres are satisfactory, but that two are positively dangerous. The system of lighting as used in the "backstage" theatre is spoken of very highly. The appointment of uniformed officials with police powers is also urged by the Chief of Police in Calgary, and the danger of converting these narrow streets into picture theatres is pointed out, on account of the menace to human life in case of fire.

The Chief of Police of Lethbridge makes the suggestion that the width of aisles and entrance between chairs should be regulated by Act of Parliament, as the tendency has been to crowd so much that it would be impossible in case of a panic for people to find room to move. This is particularly true where patrons are allowed to stand in the aisles.

A further recommendation is made that the act should prohibit operators under twenty-one years of age from operating machines. Still another suggestion is that sensational pictures and "stunt plays" should be strictly limited. Possibly one of the most marked, and one of the best suggestions comes from the Chief of Police at Medicine Hat, in which he points out the necessity of better ventilation, and recommends that children under sixteen be not admitted to evening shows.

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HAVE COUNCILS RIGHT TO PASS 1912 ESTIMATES

Question Now Arises As to Propriety of Present Councils of Five Cities Passing Estimates Which Should Ordinarily Be Made by New Council's Consideration.

The right of the present councils of Edmonton and Strathcona to authorize expenditures to be made in their respective cities during 1912 is being questioned in many quarters. Attention is being called to the fact that in the past, the estimates have been prepared for the estimates to be considered and passed upon by the council for the year in which the expenditures are to be made. Members of both councils at the present time desire to depart from this practice to pass the estimates for 1912 and to submit the money to the ratepayers before the new council comes into office.

Objections that have been raised to this course by one of the councillors of Strathcona, who urged that the estimates should be passed by the council which should spend the money.

Class 6 and 7 of Title 14 of the Edmonton City Charter are as follows: "The commissioners of the city shall annually submit to the council at the first meeting after the annual election recommendations and estimates for the current year."

While these clauses would seem to require that the estimates be submitted to the council at the first meeting after the annual election, the fact that the city solicitor is of the opinion that the provisions of the charter are not mandatory, but that they are merely directory, is being urged by the council.

NO BILLS HIGHER THAN \$2 WILL BE ACCEPTED Under New Rules of Street Railway Department Conductors Cannot Accept Bills of Higher Denomination.

When the new rules of the street railway department, now under consideration, come into effect, no conductor will be permitted to accept bills of higher denomination than two dollars, unless he is prepared to furnish change at his own expense.

Under the new rules, which this provision is made, were submitted to the city commissioners at their regular meeting on December 22nd, and approved subject to a few changes suggested by the city solicitor.

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MET COLDER WEATHER AS THEY CAME SOUTH

Party From Grouard Left of Splendid Conditions, Prevailing There When They Left a Week Ago.

Leaving Grouard with beautiful weather conditions prevailing and travelling 223 miles southeast to Athabasca Landing only to find that real winter had set in, and the farther south it came the colder it got, was the experience of T. B. Fryer, J. P. Roberts and F. Anderson, who arrived in Edmonton on Thursday afternoon.

While they did not suffer any genuine hardships, they felt relieved when the whole distance of 223 miles had been covered.

The party was two days making the trip from Athabasca Landing, being forced to remain over two nights on the trail. Notwithstanding the cold weather the usual traffic between Edmonton and the Landing did not seem to be retarded to any extent. Freighters and conveyances of every description were running back and forth, although they were not making as good time as when the weather was more favorable.

Mr. Fryer said there was some activity in real estate circles there and the town appeared to be taking on considerable life. He anticipated a prosperous season in Grouard the coming spring and summer.

Mr. Roberts expects to return to Grouard in the near future and he decided to remain there permanently.

\$300,000 TO GO INTO NEW SCHOOLS IN 1912

This Expenditure Has Already Been Approved by Board of Education. Two New Schools Similar to Macduy Street School.

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SAYS SHE SAW BRUTAL MURDER.

Girl Tells of Seeing One Woman Kill Another.

Golden, Colo., Dec. 26.—Stella Morrison, who with her mother, claims to have witnessed the murder of Mrs. Mary L. Morrison here last August, for which Mrs. Angelina Garamone is being tried, took the stand today for testimony for how she saw the murder.

Mrs. Garamone's infant with the woman drew a butcher knife across Mrs. Lagard's throat, not neglecting to cut the child's neck.

One of the developments was the further explanation of the Rev. George E. Horr, president of the Newton Theological institute, where the accused clergyman prepared for the pulpit, at the office of District Attorney Pelletier.

Will Shut Out Salvation Army. St. Petersburg, Dec. 28.—The council of ministers has decided not to allow the Salvation Army to carry on its work in Russia.

General William Booth, commander in chief of the Salvation Army, went to St. Petersburg in 1902 to negotiate with the government to establish a branch in Russia. He was strongly opposed by the holy synod.

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EDMONTON BULLETIN

FOUR CASES OF ILLEGIT SELLING ALONG G.T.P.

In One Case Under Provincial Ordinance Henry Fine Was Impounded. But in Other Three Under Criminal Code, Only \$50. Fines Could be Made.

The suspension of the license of the Grand Central hotel at Oktoke was raised on Saturday on reports from Inspector Nimmons, of Lethbridge. The premises have been cleaned up and the business has been sold to Mr. Guttman, of Trochu.

At the meeting of the license commissioners held at Calgary on Friday, a wholesale license was recommended for Mr. A. Guttman, who was recommended for the license by the board of inspectors of the premises. A hotel license for Parklands hotel was recommended for a new holder, Mr. G. T. P.

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SUGGESTS OPERATION OF COAL MINE BY CITY

Commissioner Candy May Recommend City Purchase Coal Mine and Operate in Connection With Street Railway for Coal Required at Power Plant.

The construction of a spur track of the street railway to a local coal mine owned by the city, and operated by the city, has been suggested by the city commissioner.

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Regina, Sask., Dec. 28.—There is a probability of the new Prairie Milling company transferring its headquarters from Moose Jaw to Winnipeg.

The Robin Hood mills, as the plant of this firm has been known, were burned a few weeks ago and F. A. Bean, manager, was in Regina, where he is negotiating for a location for the plant between several cities, including Winnipeg and Regina.

The company has not decided yet where to locate the plant and the object of Mr. Bean's trip is to secure information regarding the advantages to be had in the various cities under consideration.

Careless Workmen To Blame. Winnipeg, Dec. 28.—Fire Commissioner Lindbeck declares that 100 firms during the past year in Winnipeg were the cause of defective chimneys, the fault of knowingly careless workmen or contractors.

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COMMISSIONER CANDY MAY BE HEAD OF NEW LANDS DEPARTMENT

Position May Be Offered to Commissioner Upon His Relinquishing His Office.

That Commissioner Candy may be appointed to the charge of the new lands department, which the city council proposes to establish, is the report now current at the City Hall.

Mr. Candy was appointed commissioner only until such time as permanent officials should be appointed to fill the place of those who were dismissed last summer. His service on the board of inspectors of his reasons with the superintendents is given as reasons for a desire to remain in the city.

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Mr. Goldsmith was born in Göttingen, Germany, but came to Canada when quite young. He entered the service of the Hudson's Bay company and remained with them until last year, when he retired. For a period extending over twenty-five years, he occupied the position of manager of various stores operated by the company in the west. About ten years ago he came to Edmonton and took charge of the Hudson's Bay store there, which at that position last year. His son, who is now in the city, is 17 and is respectively.

TWO SPECIAL TRAIN CARS Two special street cars will be in future awaiting the arrival of all trains at Strathcona, for the purpose of conveying passengers to Edmonton.

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TRYING TO RECLAIM FALLEN Churchwomen of Kansas City Try to Persuade Women to Lead Better Lives.

Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 27.—Accompanied by a special corps of police officers, a committee of church women, some of them well known, this afternoon visited homes in one of the "red light" districts in the city in an effort to persuade the inmates to take a fresh start in life with the New Year.

Each woman was offered a respite from her present mode of life, and a chance to earn an honest living. A home to be consecrated as an ordinary boarding house, its address to be kept secret, will be provided for the women who determine to accept the offer. Conditions will be so arranged that no stigma may follow therefrom.

The effort to help the unfortunate women is a part of the men and religion movement. Under orders of the board of police commissioners, every "red light" in the district visited must go out at midnight next Saturday, in addition to planning to care for the women the organization has gathered the names of all the property owners who rent their places for immoral purposes and will ask that criminal proceedings be started against them.

That the Merchants Bank of Canada is prosperous was shown by the statement submitted at the 48th annual meeting of the shareholders held in Montreal this week. The net proceeds for the year amounted to \$1,172,000, an increase of over \$100,000 over the earnings for the previous year. The net earnings for the year amounted to 19 2/3 per cent. on the paid up capital, which must be returned as a satisfactory showing.

During the year the bank opened twelve new branches. Two new directors were appointed, Messrs. Andrew A. Allan and C. O. Ballantyne, to take the places of Mr. Hugh Allan, now residing in London, and Mr. Chas. A. Smith, who died in October.

AROUND THE CITY.

SALE WAS NOT EFFECTED. A valuable farm located on the banks of the Saskatchewan river, 24 miles west of Leduc, was offered at judicial sale in the court house at noon yesterday. Sheriff Robertson being the official auctioneer.

Another farm, located in the Stony Plain district, was offered at a judicial sale, also failed to find a buyer, the highest bid being \$1200.

WHAT ABOUT EXPENDITURES?

Whether the present councils have the right to pass upon the estimates of expenditure for 1912, when a new council will be in office, is a question which has been raised and which may be the subject of some discussion.

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