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THE MAYOR MENTIONS TWO CONDITIONS OF INVESTIGATION.

Citizens Supply One of the Conditions—Some Interesting Correspondence and Declarations—Examinations on the Application for An Injunction—Mr. Kiely's Evidence—Three Other Witnesses.

Mr. G. B. Gordon, whose letter to the Mayor has attracted a good deal of notice, has received a reply from His Worship. Mr. Gordon's letter it will be remembered, was accompanied by a statement made in writing by Frederick C. Cribben, Thomas W. Banton, Walter Burnill and George Bradley wherein they declared the belief that the franchise of the street railway had been obtained by the Kiely-Everett syndicate by corrupt means. The following is His Worship's letter.

What the Mayor is Prepared to Do.

G. B. Gordon, Esq., 34 Adelaide-street east, City;

DEAR SIR,—I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 14th inst., covering charge made by F. C. Cribben, Thomas W. Banton, W. Burnill and George Bradley, charging the members of the Kiely-Everett syndicate, who put in the tenders, with corruptly influencing one or more of those aldermen who voted for the acceptance of the tenders, to induce them to advocate and vote for the by-law accepting their tenders. In answer I have to say that if you will furnish me with an affidavit or statutory declaration made by all of the four persons who signed the charge, or by any one or more of them, pledging his or their oath of their belief in the truth of the charges laid in the document furnished, and that they believe they can furnish evidence to substantiate these charges, I will call the council together and recommend a resolution to be passed for a reference to the County Judge as therein sought. Faithfully yours,

E. F. CLARKE, Mayor.

Aug. 15, 1891.

Mr. Gordon's Reply.

Mr. Gordon has sent a reply, accompanied by a statutory declaration made by F. C. Cribben, Thomas W. Banton and Walter Burnill, in which they solemnly declare their belief that some of the aldermen have been guilty of malfeasance.

Mr. Gordon's letter is as follows:

TORONTO, Aug. 20, 1891.

To His Worship the Mayor of Toronto:

SIR,—I have your favor of the 15th inst. sent me in acknowledgment of my communication enclosing to you on behalf of the Joint Committee of the Trades and Labor Council and Knights of Labor charge of malfeasance in office against some of the aldermen.

In your letter you ask for a sworn statement by some of those making the charge evidencing their belief in its truth, and that they can furnish evidence substantiating said charge.

In reply I beg to enclose you herewith a statutory declaration which complies, in a manner, I trust, sufficiently ample, with the first part of the request.

As to furnishing the evidence to be given on an enquiry before the judge this committee declines to assume the responsibility financially which a compliance with that request would involve. They are aware that in Parliamentary practice it is usual when a member charges corrupt acts against another governmental department to undertake to supply the evidence to support the charges on a commission of enquiry being issued. The exigencies of party route this; otherwise corruption in the Government would never see the light.

This practice cannot apply to the case in hand, as will be apparent on the least reflection.

We think that the constituted representatives of the citizens should take all the responsibility of procuring evidence, and that to throw such responsibility on a private individual would be as inexpedient as unfair.

I assume that you concede the position I took in my former letter that a specific charge against an individual alderman is not necessary before an enquiry, and that as a corollary of that proposition evidence of such charge need not be presented.

I trust that the council on consideration of the importance of dealing on the people's behalf, with interests so large, will see the wisdom of convincing the public that those interests are bartered with a clear and honest conscience. To enquire and discover corruption will do a great good. To enquire and discover no corruption will do no wrong and in every way would be worth the paltry sum expended—an expenditure that should never for a moment weigh in the balance against the expediency of exposing corruption in a public trust. G. B. GORDON.

Malfeasance By Aldermen.

The declaration is as follows:

Dominion of Canada, County of York, to wit: In the matter of the Kiely-Everett tender for the Toronto Street Railway:

We, Frederick C. Cribben, Thomas W. Banton and Walter Burnill, all of the City of Toronto, do solemnly declare that the charges made by us and forwarded to the Mayor of Toronto are made honestly and in good faith, and in the belief that some of the aldermen have been guilty of malfeasance in office, and we believe that evidence can be adduced on an enquiry before County Judge that will establish said charges, or some of them. We are induced to this belief by the following facts, which we believe to be true and unquestioned:

1. That an employee of one member of the said syndicate, who had not the money of his own, paid $4500 to shut off an enquiry made by a private individual, and when such payment was made public pretended that it was made only in order to prevent that individual from procuring a delay in the acquisition by the syndicate of the road, whereas the fact was that no injunction had issued, the City Council were not paying the slightest attention to those legal proceedings, and no injunction ever would issue until some evidence establishing actual bribery would be brought out upon that enquiry.

2. That an American, a resident of Cleveland and not in any way known to the aldermen and who is said to be a commission merchant there, was brought to Toronto and offered by said syndicate $10,000 to secure the necessary majority of the aldermen.

3. That several of the aldermen have been unusually and immoderately energetic in pressing forward the interests of said syndicate.

4. That the same aldermen and some of the daily newspapers of Toronto that have come to be known as the organs of the syndicate have zealously opposed an enquiry into the facts and are embracing every opportunity to discredit those citizens who are pressing for such enquiry.

And we make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true, and by virtue of the "Act respecting extra judicial oaths."

THOMAS. W. BANTON,
F. C. CRIBBEN,
WALTER BURNILL.

Declared before me at the City of Toronto, in the County of York, this 21st day of August, A.D. 1891. V. E. TRUS, A Notary Public.

Mr. G. W. Kiely's Evidence.

The examinations in connection with the application for an injunction made on behalf of Phillips Thompson began yesterday. George W. Kiely, Henry Everett, Baruch Mahler and Mr. Woodworth were examined. The press were excluded on the application of Mr. Shilton, solicitor for the applicant. That gentleman believes that examinations in camera will be more likely to arrive at the truth than if the evidence of witnesses should be published from day to day. There would be less possibility of collusion and lesson-learning on the part of witnesses. The firm of Bain, Laidlaw & Co., however, obtained the evidence of Mr. Kiely from the examiners and offered it to the press for publication. Mr. Kiely denied positively that any inducement of any kind had been offered to the aldermen to support the offer of the syndicate. He had spoken to Ald. Hall, Hewitt, Bell, Saunders, Score and Pape on the subject of his tender, but had offered them no inducement to vote for it. With regard to Mr. Mahler he said he understood that Mr. Everett was to sell him $10,000 worth of his stock. He supposed he came here to help them get the contract. The payment to Macdonald by Marshall of $4500 he knew nothing about, nor about Coleman's subsequent offerings of $15,500. Neither of them have an interest in the syndicate and were not acting on his instructions.

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HIS WIFE LEFT HIM.

A Toronto Laborer Left in a Bad State With Sick Children.

HAMILTON, Aug. 21.—About three weeks ago David Webster, a laborer, came here from Toronto with his wife and family of small children, and took up their residence in a small house. Webster had hoped to get work, but was not immediately successful and the children took sick. In the midst of their trouble, Mrs. Webster, according to her husband's story to the officers of St. George's Society, left the city. Yesterday the youngest of the family died and the relieving officer gave Mr. Webster an order for its burial. St. George's Society has helped the family and Mr. Webster has now got to work on a gravel train.

The Toronto Exhibition.

The new work on the Exhibition grounds and buildings, and the preparations for the great Industrial Fair, which opens two weeks hence, is progressing rapidly. A few days will see everything in good shape for the reception of the exhibits and preparation by exhibitors. Major-General Herbert, commander of Her Majesty's forces in Canada, has consented to open the Exhibition on the 8th of September. The Dominion and Ontario Experimental Farms are going to send large exhibits, showing the results of practical tests in almost every class of agricultural products, and the latter institution will have on exhibition their traveling or working dairy, to which will be added descriptive lectures by professors of the college. The directors of the fair have just completed arrangements with Prof. C. H. Thayer, the well-known manager at Point of Pines, Boston, for a great equestrian entertainment in the horse ring each afternoon and evening, embracing chariot races, Roman races, old English tournaments, in which knights gorgeously equipped and magnificently mounted will enter into combat and break a lance, as did those who fought at Cressy and Agincourt in former days, bareback riding, military tournaments and other novel equestrian feats. There are a number of new and novel features on the program, which has just been issued and is now ready for circulation. There are a few more of the best refreshment booths under the grand stand left to be disposed of and for which tenders are invited in our advertising columns.

Mr. John Holderness of the Albion Hotel offers valuable prizes for the best performance of professional cockmen in livery. Prizes are offered for the best four-in-hand also and for tandems. Good prizes are offered also for the best appointed gentleman's pair turnout and for children's turnout. Entries in the above close with the secretary on Aug. 29. In other live stock classes entries will be received not later than the 5th of September, which is being issued giving full pedigrees of the stock entered goes to press on the 25th.

Not Applying for an Injunction.

The street railway matter was again before the Trades and Labor Council at their meeting last evening. Mr. O'Donohugh brought in a motion to set right the report which is abroad that the council is applying for an injunction. The chairman, thinking the wording of the motion reflected on the decision of last meeting on the matter, ruled that it was out of order.

Mr. J. H. Gilmore then brought in the following motion which carried without a dissenting voice:

"That this council, while endorsing the action of the Street Railway Committee in demanding of the Mayor an investigation into the alleged street railway bribery, deem it proper that no one on its behalf has been authorized to apply for an injunction to restrain the Mayor from signing the agreement.

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Not all Roses.

As American paper, The Mill County, Nebraska, Journal, publishes the following statistics about the Republic to the south of us:

There are 20,000 millionaires in the United States.

There are 1,000,000 people out of work in the United States.

There are over 500,000 tramps.

There are 60,000 old soldiers in the poor house, but no bodyguards.

Ten thousand children die annually in the United States from insufficient food or clothing.

There were 67,000 homeless children in the United States in 1890.

Out of the 2,000,000 people who inhabit New York city only 13,000 own homes.

Seventy persons in the United States are worth $2,700,000,000.

Twenty-five thousand people own over one-half the wealth of the country.

One hundred persons in the United States own $8,000,000,000 of wealth.

The late census shows 9,000,000 mortgages in the United States, or one to every seventh inhabitant.

In New York 40,000 working women are so poorly paid they must accept charity, sell their bodies or starve. In one year 27 murdered babies were picked up, 6 in vaults.

Done to Death.

The police have another mysterious case of supposed infanticide on their hands for investigation. About 8 o'clock last night the dead body of a newly-born infant was discovered in the yard of No. 117 Sherbourne-street by a little girl named Welford, whose parents occupy the ground floor of the house. The body was found close to the back steps and a hasty attempt had apparently been made to bury it, only a few handfuls of rubbish being scattered over the remains, which were badly decomposed. Mr. Welford notified the police and Patrol Sergeant Johnston and Constable Wallace (225) visited the house. They placed the body in a clothes basket and sent it in No. 4 patrol wagon to the morgue. Coroner Pickering was notified.

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The State of California, which leaves New York on Sept. 3, is now on her first voyage out. She has first cabin accommodation for 200 passengers.

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Knights of the Camera.

HAMILTON, Aug. 21.—The Canadian Photographic Association has elected these officers: President, Mr. C. S. Cochran, Hamilton; vice-presidents, Messrs. S. J. Jarvis, Ottawa; J. C. Walker, Toronto, and F. Cooper, London; sec.-treas., Mr. E. Poole, St. Catharines.

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Bankrupt Sale of Jewelry Stock.

Messrs. Campbell & May, assignees of the estate of Welch & Blachford, have decided to offer the stock of jewelry on Thursday next by public auction in 32 parcels

WHERE IS MR. DOUGLAS NOW?

HIS APPEARANCE WOULD BANISH DOUBTS FROM ALL MINDS.

The Scandal in the Broadway Tabernacle—The Church Court Unanimously Declares Mr. Dingman to be Innocent—Four Witnesses Swear That Mr. Dingman and Mr. Douglas Are One and the Same Person—Mr. Dingman Establishes an Alibi.

The ventilating of the scandal that is just now disturbing the peace of the worshippers in Broadway Tabernacle and which was exclusively published in The World of yesterday was apparently first prompted by a feeling of animosity that exists among members of the trustee board of that church. It is certainly true that the scriptural injunction, "Love one another," is almost a dead letter among some of the members of light and leading in that church.

That a scandal was threatening the good name of a prominent churchman was first intimated in evidence taken in the trial of Dame v. Dingman at the civil assizes held about the middle of last June. The case was a suit brought against Mr. M. W. S. Dingman by Dr. Dame to recover the value of a horse and carriage. Dingman swore that Dr. Dame had taken some real estate in exchange for the horse and carriage. The Doctor repudiated this; and to lessen the weight of Dingman's oath called two members of the trustee board, John Death and William Calvert, who swore that they would not believe him on oath. Calvert was pressed as to why he would not believe Dingman on oath, but could give no very good reason for it and Justice McMahon chided him for making a statement apparently so groundless. He and Mr. Death now state that it was because of their knowledge of the facts that are now being disclosed.

Dr. Dame won the case and recovered the amount due him.

The Storm Breaks.

A few days after the settlement of the case one of the gentlemen who testified received the following anonymous communication on a postal card, which speaks for itself:

"Allow me to say that above all men I regard you as the most contemptible, your only redeeming feature being your ignorance. Are you aware of the opinion any reasonable mind would form of you. You miserable tools you and your master, delivering away the good name of your hirelings. Who would believe either of you, or any of your gang upon oath? I know you of old. If ever I can get upon you after dark in a convenient place the devil will close his first mortgage on you. You have perjured your conscience for a miserable pittance and made a character or be seen other than a fraud and hypocrite.

"But hold on a little, John.

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"Very soon after this Messrs. Douglas, Calvert and Death, members of the Board of Trustees, made the following charge against their fellow-trustee, and asked that it be investigated:

"We hereby charge Milton W. S. Dingman, a member of the Broadway Tabernacle congregation of the Methodist Church, that he has been guilty of improper conduct towards a woman (not his wife) unbecoming in a member of the Methodist Church."

The unbecoming conduct charged is: That the said M. W. S. Dingman, though a married man, did frequently visit a young woman named Ella Dickerson between Nov. 1, 1887, and March 1, 1888, at her boarding house, then No. 5 Cameron-place in this city.

The first branch of the charge above made, namely, lying consists in the said M. W. S. Dingman having stated at an informal investigation of the matter that he never did visit such woman at any time and place, which statement is contrary to fact as we allege.

They Must Be Twins.

The important evidence for the prosecution was the affidavit of Wesley Bingham, Mr. Bingham, Thomas Plunkett, a brother to Mrs. Bingham and Miss Louisa Maria Bingham. The affidavit of the latter is as follows:

I, Louisa Maria Bingham of the City Toronto, in the County of York, spinster, do solemnly declare that I am personally acquainted with Milton W. S. Dingman, who lived at Number 39 Wilcox-street in this city.

2. That he frequently visited a young woman named Ella McPherson, who boarded at our house in Cameron Place during the latter part of the year 1887 and the first part of the year 1888 and that to my knowledge, there are some to us by the name of Douglas. The said Ella McPherson spoke of him as "My John."

3. That at the time of said visits I often opened the door for the said Dingman and let him in and had short conversations with him.

LOUISA M. BINGHAM.

The sworn testimony of the other three is substantially the same. And all seem to have no doubt whatever in their minds that Dingman and "Douglas" are one and the same person. In their evidence before the court of inquiry Thursday evening they, almost without exception, remarked on the peculiar tone of Mr. Dingman's voice.

In addition to the above evidence Miss Edna Bingham, at that time a young girl of 13, testified that she recognized Dingman as the "Mr. Douglas" who used to call at their house. And then Mrs. Bingham, in her examination, stated that on one occasion since Mrs. Dingman, in company with Mrs. Dingman, lifted his hat to her on the street while she was walking with her husband and children. At another time to make sure that they were not mistaken in the man the Bingham children followed him till they saw him turn into Wilcox-street.

Still another witness was called in the person of Dr. Dame, who stated that on one occasion, at his house, Mrs. Dingman said that she had good reason to believe that her husband kept company with other women inasmuch as she had found letters from other women in his pocket.

Mrs. Dingman was then immediately called and denied having ever made such a statement.

Dingman's Friends Testify.

As was intimated in yesterday's World several were called to testify as to Mr. Dingman's previous good character, among them Ex-Ald. Voice, Mr. Scriptura, a relative of the accused, and Mr. Allen, his partner in some real estate speculations.

In the examination the board endeavored to fix definite dates on which Mr. Dingman was aware of the opinion any reasonable mind would form of you. You miserable tools you and your master, delivering away the good name of your hirelings. Who would believe either of you, or any of your gang upon oath? I know you of old. If ever I can get upon you after dark in a convenient place the devil will close his first mortgage on you. You have perjured your conscience for a miserable pittance and made a character or be seen other than a fraud and hypocrite.

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