

NO TENDERS FOR SCHOOL WORKS MR. MACROBERT QUESTIONED

Members of Board of Education Dissatisfied With Things.

SCHOOL GROUNDS LANDS PRICES

Also the Subject of Discussion At Meeting Held Yesterday—A Warm Time.

There was a very warm session of the board of education yesterday afternoon, and at one time it looked as if some of the members would say very interesting things to one another.

Trustee E. J. MacRobert was given a very bad half-hour from inquisitive members, and was the subject of much questioning regarding certain deals for which he, as chairman of No. 2 committee, was responsible.

The first series of questions was concerning the painting of the city schools. In the past it has been the custom of the board to call for tenders for the painting, but this year Trustee MacRobert took a different method, and gave each of the several painters a school to do, and the bills were sent in. This was an innovation.

Then there was a considerable amount of property purchased for the purpose of enlarging the playgrounds of the schools. It was said that the price paid for the lots was excessive in many instances, and Mr. MacRobert was asked to prepare a list of the lots purchased, the dimensions, and the price, to be submitted to the board at its next meeting.

Cost of Painting, Etc. Dr. Teasdale brought up the question of the cost of painting and repairing, when Trustee MacRobert said that he had part of his committee recommending the payment of certain bills.

"Some of the items seem very large," said Trustee Teasdale. "There is an item there, Simpson Bros., for repairing walks, amounting to \$500. I want to know if there were tenders called for that work. If not, how was the contract awarded?"

"I got figures from some contractors, and then gave the work to Simpson Bros., who were the lowest," said Mr. MacRobert.

"Then I see some other large items," continued Dr. Teasdale. "I see one there for \$318 for painting to Mr. R. Booth. Was this awarded by tender?"

Trustee MacRobert said that he gave the contract for painting one school to a contractor, thus dividing the work up among the different firms of the city. He did not call for tenders. He managed the business, just as he did his own private affairs.

An Innovation. "This is an innovation," said Dr. Teasdale. "The chairman has introduced something entirely new. I would like to have some information on the subject. I want the amount of work done, and the cost. I also want the amount of work done last year, and the cost, so we can compare it with the present system."

"Why was the work not awarded by tender?" asked Trustee Fitzgerald.

"It was unanimously decided by No. 2 committee to do the work by this method," explained Chairman Graham, rushing to the rescue of Trustee MacRobert.

"You know, Mr. Chairman," continued Dr. Teasdale, "there was some very good work done in other years. I have been informed that the work this year has been dragged out more than in other years, and that it cost a lot."

WHITE OAK MAN ON A RAMPAGE John McCarty Couldn't Stand the Sights of Broadway—or Rather of Lambeth.

John McCarty, a White Oak farm laborer, yesterday afternoon the Lambeth fair and incidentally accumulated an oversupply of firewater.

As a result he shortly found himself in charge of Constables Balfour and Shaver headed for the county jail, where he will meditate over the evils of life in a large village until Squire Chittick finds time to give him a hearing.

It appears that John, who is not a very large man, really felt as big as a mountain under the influence of the Lambeth firewater, and was loudly proclaiming James Jeffries and Thomas Burns' counterfeited pugilists, when the constables came along, and insisted that he accompany them to London.

Interment at Tecumseh. The funeral of John Laporte, whose death occurred in this city on Sunday, was held yesterday afternoon to the Grand Trunk station, the remains being taken to Tecumseh for interment.

LIBERALS, ATTENTION!

A meeting of the Liberals of the city will be held tomorrow evening at Hyman Hall to consider the question of a candidate for the federal elections.

It is desired that there be a full attendance of Liberals, in order to secure an authoritative expression of opinion.

LOCAL C. P. R. STRIKERS WILL BE TAKEN BACK

As Fast as Vacancies Occur Will Be Taken on Once More.

There is no change in the local situation in regard to the C. P. R. strike and so far none of the striking machinists have been taken back. One of the men in conversation with the Advertiser this afternoon stated that it was the belief among the men who are still out that all the men who struck will be taken back sooner or later. An official of the company, however, stated that it will be a long time before many of the strikers get back to their positions, as the majority of the men who took their places are proving satisfactory, and the company does not intend to make positions for those who left them of their own accord.

ONCE A PREACHER

Wright Lorimer Admits He Left the Church Because of Debts.

Seranton, Pa., Oct. 6.—Wright Lorimer, author of "The Shepherd King," and player of the role of "David" in the "Hope of Israel," confessed last night in his dressing room at the Lyceum Theatre that he is the same man who ten years ago, under the name of Rev. Walter M. B. Lowell, was the pastor of a Baptist church in Northampton, and that he suddenly abandoned, leaving behind personal debts for a large amount.

Some of these debts, Mr. Lorimer said last night, he has since paid. "I paid two bills in monthly installments," said the actor-preacher, "but as to the other debts which I am accused of owing, I do not consider myself obligated to them."

DISBANDED THE BAND

Buglers Refused to Recognize Colonel Rennie and Are Punished.

Hamilton, Oct. 6.—The bugle band of the Thirtieth Regiment has been disbanded by order of Lieut.-Col. E. E. W. Moore, the commanding officer. The dispute arose over the band refusing to recognize Lieut.-Col. Rennie on the night the reception was tendered to Bobby Kerr.

The bugle band was stationed behind Kerr's float in the procession and had strict orders not to allow any person between it and the float.

Col. Rennie came along in his automobile and drove in between the band and the float. No objection was offered by the bandmen to that. During the course of the procession the automobile broke down and the procession passed on. Col. Rennie later tried to get in the same place between the float and the band, and the buglers would not allow him to.

Lieut.-Col. Rennie complained to the commanding officer, who has disbanded the band.

NORMAN MACK ILL

Manager of Democrats' Campaign Overcome by Too Much Work.

Chicago, Oct. 6.—Norman E. Mack, chairman of the Democratic national committee, collapsed tonight as a result of fatigue and severe cold. He is under the care of a physician and a trained nurse. The illness of Mr. Mack came suddenly, and alarmed fellow members of the Democratic committee. Dr. Hammond, of the Auditorium Hotel, was summoned, and he said Mr. Mack was suffering from overwork. He did not believe the illness serious, and intimated that the patient would be able to resume his duties in a few days.

ABOARD THE EMPRESS.

Montreal, Oct. 7.—Among the passengers on board the Empress of Ireland, which is due at Quebec this afternoon, are Brigadier General Buchanan and Lady Reid, of Montreal; Mrs. Whitla, of Winnipeg; Col. Robertson and a contingent of the Forty-eighth Highlanders, of Toronto, who went to Aldershot to take part in the manoeuvres.

Eldest Son Dead.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Webb, of 275 Wellington street, will have the sympathy of a large circle of friends in the death of their eldest son William E. Webb, which occurred this morning after a long illness. Master Webb was 14 years old and was greatly esteemed by all who knew him. The funeral will be held on Friday afternoon to Woodland Cemetery.

THE SITUATION IN THE BALKANS

Austria Officially Annexes Bosnia and Herzegovina—Turkey Appeals to Powers.

London, Oct. 7.—The second and culminating step in the Austro-Bulgarian programme for the aggrandizement of themselves at the expense of the status established by the treaty of Berlin, was consummated last night when Emperor Francis Joseph formally proclaimed the practical annexation of Bosnia and Herzegovina to the dual monarchy.

The present situation is as follows: Turkey calls upon the powers to preserve to her what they guaranteed by that treaty. Austria and Bulgaria strongly declared their determination to keep what they have taken. Serbia is protesting belligerently against being hemmed in more strongly between two unpopular neighbors and against having the Servians in Bosnia absorbed into the Austro-Hungary nationality.

The other powers concerned in the Berlin Treaty are discussing the holding of an international conference, a mere preliminary of which the present is one of the most delicate problems. Turkey's unexpectedly restrained policy minimizes the possibilities of war, which now is considered out of the question.

The English papers unite in praising Turkey's moderation and in denouncing Austria. The Standard, in a typical utterance, says: "We are sorry for the aged emperor, who regret that so late in his long and honorable career he has chosen to ally his name with a deed which will go down in history alongside of the partition of Poland."

Several of the London newspapers question whether or not Emperor Francis Joseph is acting against his will.

A conference of the powers is expected to be held within two or three months, if it can be arranged, but no one imagines that it will undo this week's work. Austria declines even to discuss annexation, and the most that is expected is some arrangement that will save Turkey's pride.

Cretans Restless. Canea, Island of Crete, Oct. 7.—The events in southwestern Europe, the independence of Bulgaria and the annexation of Bosnia and Herzegovina, are having their effects here. The Cretans are preparing a coup d'état in favor of a union with Greece. Action to this end may be expected at any moment.

Provinces Annexed. Sarajevo, Bosnia, Oct. 7.—The imperial proclamation, setting forth the annexation of Bosnia and Herzegovina to Austria-Hungary, was posted this morning throughout the occupied provinces. The announcement has had a mixed reception, but up to the present time the Servian malcontents are quiet.

The troops are confined to their barracks in readiness to quell any possible disturbance.

CHICAGO TEAM OFF FOR NEW YORK

Chicago, Oct. 7.—Sixteen members of the Chicago National League baseball team, accompanied by President C. W. Murphy, will leave on the Twentieth Century Limited this afternoon for New York, where they will play off tomorrow the tie game of Sept. 25. All of the players were in excellent spirits today and in good physical condition.

SAVED FROM THE SEA.

Norfolk, Va., Oct. 7.—The Norwegian steamer Hippiely Dumas, freight laden, from the West Indies to Baltimore, passed in the Virginia Capes early today signalling to the weather observer at Cape Henry that she had aboard twelve men saved from the shipwrecked gasoline launch Mayflower. The steamer gave no further particulars concerning the rescued men or the identity of the lost launch.

THE WEATHER.

TOMORROW—FAIR.

FORECASTS. Toronto, Oct. 7-8 a.m. Today—Moderate to fresh southerly to westerly winds; a few scattered showers, but mostly fair and moderately warm. Thursday—Moderate to fresh westerly winds; fair, stationary or slightly lower temperature.

TEMPERATURES.

	Today.	Yesterday.
London	44	44
Calgary	32	28
Winnipeg	30	40
Perry Sound	40	42
Toronto	50	44
Ottawa	44	36
Montreal	40	32
Quebec	44	40
Father Point	40	36
Victoria	48	60
Vancouver	42	58
Kamloops	42	58
Edmonton	30	58
Battleford	26	58
Prince Albert	22	58
Qu'Appelle	32	46
Port Arthur	42	46
St. John	38	58
Halifax	44	58

WEATHER NOTES. The pressure is comparatively low in the lake region, but over the continent generally it is decidedly high. Showers have occurred in the Lake Superior district. Elsewhere the weather has been fine.

TWO FUNERALS THE SAME DAY VICTIMS OF BURFORD WRECK

Bodies of Engineer Frank Fralick and Fireman Cecil Burchell Brought to London Last Night—Story of How They Lost Their Lives.

The bodies of Engineer Frank Fralick and Fireman Cecil Burchell, the victims of yesterday morning's collision near Burford were brought to the city last night on the midnight express from the east, and taken to their homes.

There was a large crowd of relatives and friends of the deceased at the depot.

The inquest into the cause of the accident commenced in Brantford last night, when the jury viewed the remains and adjourned. Superintendent Nixon, of this city, is still at Brantford.

A Double Funeral. It was decided at noon to hold the funeral of Engineer Fralick from his late residence, 559 Horton street, at Woodland Cemetery, and will be held under the auspices of the Brotherhood

of Railway Trainmen. Services will be conducted at the house at 2:30 by Rev. T. T. Shields, and the funeral will leave the house at 3 o'clock.

The funeral of Fireman Cecil Burchell will be held from the undertaking parlors of Smith, Son & Clarke, and will leave at 3:30 meeting the cortege of Engineer Fralick at the corner of King and Talbot streets. Rev. G. B. Sage will conduct the services.

The two railroad men will be buried in Woodland Cemetery, the Brotherhood of Trainmen having made arrangements for a lot for Fireman Burchell.

Representatives from many of the different railway fraternal organizations will be present, and the funeral will undoubtedly be very largely attended.

[Special to The Advertiser.] Brantford, Oct. 6.—A fatal accident (Continued on Page Nine.)

Charles Hill Won His Test Case May Distribute Bills on Market

Magistrate Love Decides That There Is Nothing in Bylaw To Prevent Him.

A case of much interest was decided by Magistrate Love this morning, when he gave his decision in the charge laid by Market Clerk Maker against Mr. Charles Hill for distributing handbills on the market.

Magistrate Love held that as the bylaw is at present, Mr. Hill is not liable for any penalty for distributing posters and dodgers on the market.

If it is desired to prevent persons from distributing such advertising literature on the square it will be necessary for the council to pass a new bylaw, which under the Provincial act, they have the power to do.

[Special to The Advertiser.] Ottawa, Oct. 7.—The supreme court this morning gave a decision against the Czar of Russia. The Russian authorities some time ago secured the arrest in Winnipeg, on a charge of embezzling state papers, of a former official of the Russian Gov-

ernment, named Proskouriakoff. He appealed from an order for his extradition on the ground that there was no jurisdiction. The plea to quash for want of jurisdiction was granted with costs by the supreme court, and Mr. Proskouriakoff remains. He will not be troubled with an order of the court requiring him to go back to Russia.

Two Vacancies on the Teaching Staff

The appointment of Mr. A. J. Walker as reading master of the Collegiate, leaves two vacancies in the public school staff. Mr. Kelly, formerly relieving principal, is now writing master of the Collegiate. Both men were very efficient in public

school work, and their move upward will somewhat lighten the staff.

It is understood that it is the intention of the board of education to appoint another relieving principal, and also a male assistant principal for Chesley avenue.

Add \$50,000,000 to C. P. R. Stock

Montreal, Que., Oct. 7.—The twenty-seventh annual meeting of the shareholders of the C. P. R. was held today, and the report of the president and directors was adopted. The president, Sir Thomas Shaughnessy, addressed the shareholders on the past year's work of the company, and outlined the coming year's plans and proposed extensions. After the re-election of the directors the gathering resolved itself into a special meeting for the purpose of taking up the request of the directors for authorization to increase the ordinary capital stock of the company by a sum not exceeding \$50,000,000, bringing the total common stock up to \$200,000,000. This new stock is to be issued from time to time as decided upon by the directors. The request was unanimously complied with.

NOTED POLITICIAN SHOT TO DEATH

Captain Erb Killed by Sister-in-Law For Abusing Wife.

Philadelphia, Oct. 7.—The killing, at his country home near here last night, of Captain J. Clayton Erb, captain in the Pennsylvania National Guard and confidential man of Israel W. Durham, former leader of the local Republican organization, caused a sensation in this city. Captain Erb was shot dead by his sister-in-law, Mrs. Katherine Beizel, during a quarrel over domestic affairs. He was extremely well known in all walks of life in this city and had many friends throughout the state.

Owing to the lateness of the hour at which the tragedy occurred and the remoteness of the Gables, the Erb home, details of the shooting were slow in coming out. Captain Erb and his wife had had considerable domestic trouble of late, their differences becoming so serious that they finally reached the Delaware county courts.

and, until his marriage two years ago, had been regarded by his wife as a confirmed bachelor. His wife was a widow, Mrs. W. G. Rothmel, and the news of the marriage caused great surprise. Captain Erb had accumulated a comfortable fortune through his political connections.

While Mrs. Beizel has admitted the killing she has thus far failed to supply certain details of the tragedy.

According to Mrs. Beizel she heard an exchange of words raised in anger on the second floor, and on going up stairs found Erb beating his wife.

Whether Mrs. Beizel had the revolver with her at the time or ran into her bedroom and got it it was not disclosed. According to her story, as related to the officials in the case, Erb turned from his wife and started to attack her, and fearing for her life, she pointed the revolver at him and fired. She emptied every bullet in the chamber into Erb's body, and he staggered and fell in his tracks.

A servant downstairs at the time heard the shots and, running up to the second floor, found Erb's body lying in a heap. Six bullets had been fired into his body. The servant aroused Eugene Paulson, a colored coachman, who some time ago was accused by Mrs. Erb of being a spy in her husband's employ. Paulson immediately notified the authorities of a nearby village, who hurried to the scene of the tragedy.

"Clay" Erb, as he was familiarly known, had been a prominent figure in the Republican political affairs of this city and state since the ascendancy of his friend Israel W. Durham, beginning in the year 1895 and culminating with the retirement of Durham in 1905, because of poor health.

Captain Erb was about 52 years old, and, until his marriage two years ago, had been regarded by his wife as a confirmed bachelor. His wife was a widow, Mrs. W. G. Rothmel, and the news of the marriage caused great surprise. Captain Erb had accumulated a comfortable fortune through his political connections.

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REID CASES WERE POSTPONED UNTIL THE JANUARY ASSIZES

Pending a Settlement With the Plaintiffs—Peter Smirlies, It is Said, Refuses to Commit Himself by Contributing to the Pool.

One thousand dollars is the barrier to a settlement of the Reid disaster cases, and the man behind the barrier is Mr. Peter Smirlies, lessee of the new Reid building.

Mr. Smirlies has been asked to contribute the amount mentioned toward forming the \$3,000 pool mentioned in yesterday's Advertiser, and up to date he has not seen fit to do so.

The fund in question is to be given the various claimants without prejudice, and the utmost secrecy is being observed by the attorneys concerned.

Despite this fact The Advertiser can state that at the present time Mr. W. J. Reid will contribute \$4,000 of the total amount, Kernohan & Wilson \$1,500 and Mr. Wm. Murray, the architect, a like amount.

Mr. Smirlies is Wary. Mr. Smirlies has been asked to contribute \$1,000, but does not seem inclined to do so.

Mr. Joseph Kirwin, a well-known Grand Rapids attorney, is in the city today looking after Mr. Smirlies' interests.

When interviewed by The Advertiser Mr. Kirwin said that while he could not mention any figures, he would say that Mr. Smirlies had been asked to contribute toward a common fund, and that so far he had not done so.

"I do not know whether he will do so or not, and won't until I see him," Mr. Kirwin stated that Mr. Smirlies felt that he was not liable in any way for the deplorable disaster, and did not care to lay himself open by contributing. Mr. Kirwin will leave the city in a day or so.

The seven Reid cases entered for trial at the assizes this week were today postponed, pending settlement. In case no settlement is arrived at within 30 days, the cases will be set down for hearing at the January assizes.

The assizes themselves have dwindled down to a few non-jury actions, all of the jury cases having been tried, settled by consent or transferred to the non-jury list or other courts.

Case Settled. Hagerman vs. G. T. R. was settled today, the terms not being made known. Mr. Wm. A. Hagerman sued for \$1,500 for injuries received at the Adelaide street crossing last December. Meredith, Fisher and McDonald for plaintiff, W. H. Biggar for defendant.

Fewlings vs. G. T. R. was postponed until the January assizes.

The non-jury action of Bice vs. Steeper was referred to Judge Macbeth for trial. This case arises from a dispute over the ownership of certain land.

Scathing Arraignment of Geo. E. Foster By Editor Macdonald of the Globe

Some Unsavory Incidents of Foster's Career Laid Bare.

Toronto, Oct. 7.—The opening meeting of the campaign in North Toronto in the interest of Mr. W. H. Shaw, held in Broadway Hall, was notable for the warmth of the reception of the Liberal candidate and a scathing arraignment of the Hon. George Eulas Foster, by Mr. J. A. Macdonald.

The chairman called upon Mr. J. A. Macdonald as one who had given very direct and effective answers to the slanders of Premier Roblin. Mr. Macdonald, referred in no uncertain

terms to Mr. Foster's western land deals. He said in part:

A Discreditable Transaction. Take one instance—the Swan River land deal. His own record goes to show that Mr. Foster asks for commission of twenty-five cents per acre on that block of nearly 10,000 acres which, as manager of the Union Trust Company, he bought with trust money. The documents show that such commission was paid—\$2,480—by a check of the Union Trust Company, and paid to Mr. Foster, the manager, who asked for it and accepted it, and who now tries to defend his taking it.

Now, sir, is not that discreditable to our member of Parliament, who kept for himself a commission paid to him?

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Head Severed by a Fast Express

Woodstock, Ont., Oct. 7.—Frank Haight, aged 35, married, and with six small children, met death on the M. C. R. tracks at Tillsonburg yesterday afternoon in a horrible manner. He was doing something to the tanks from which water is taken when trains are running. Apparently not knowing a

train was on the track, he was struck by a fast eastbound express. He was killed instantly. His head was completely severed and was thrown thirty feet through the air. His body was terribly mangled. Haight moved to Tillsonburg three months ago and became assistant in the pumping station. An inquest will be held.

Two Royal Personages Assassinated

New York, Oct. 7.—Cable dispatches from London say that there is a rumor current in the continental capitals that the King of Serbia and the Crown

Prince of Greece have been assassinated. The Associated Press is investigating the report, but as yet has no confirmation of the report.

Street Car Crashed Into a Freight

[Special to The Advertiser.] Toronto, Oct. 7.—A Balhurst street car, crashed into a Grand Trunk freight train at the diamond on Front street, near John street, this morning.

The car was crowded, and the motorman and several passengers in front seats jumped. Miss Belle Cummings, 14 Fern avenue, in jumping, fell under

the wheels of the freight train, which fortunately was stopped before she was run over. She was taken to the Western Hospital.

Three other lady passengers were badly shaken up, but not seriously hurt. Eye-witnesses of the accident, say that greasy rails and failure of street car brakes to work caused the accident.