

BOARD OF CONTROL EXONERATE MAYOR

Never Did a Dishonest Act in His Life, His Worship Declares.

THREAT TO RESIGN

No Attempt Made to Conceal Item When Passed in the Estimates.

Members of the board of control yesterday exonerated Mayor Church from all responsibility in connection with the grant of \$1,500 placed in the estimates for his worship last spring.

When the mayor entered the room where the board was to meet, he announced that he would attend no more meetings.

"What is the matter?" asked Controller Maguire.

"Look at that libel that has gone all over the province," said his worship, pointing to a copy of Thursday's Star. "I have never done a dishonest act in my life," he added.

"We know that, and so do the people," said Controller Maguire.

"The people will express their opinion on it," said Controller Gibbons.

No Attempt to Conceal.

Mayor Church declared that there had been no attempt to conceal the \$1,500 in the estimates. This item had gone through in the usual way. He did not know anything about it until after it was voted by the board of control.

After the mayor had left the board room Controller Gibbons said that "the question of voting a sum to the mayor was raised by Finance Commissioner Bradshaw, who had mentioned the fact that the mayor's salary had not been increased since 1909. Mr. Bradshaw had suggested an increase of salary. I said, 'How much do you recommend?' and Mr. Bradshaw suggested \$10,000. That was the way it came about. The mayor refused an increase to \$10,000."

Con. Maguire gave the following version of the matter:

"The proposal to make a special grant of \$1,500 to the mayor originated entirely with Mr. Bradshaw. He spoke to the board one morning when the estimates were up in the mayor's absence. He spoke of the special call on the mayor and of the energy he had put into his work and said he deserved more than he was getting. All the members agreed to it readily and the \$1,500 was put in. The mayor came to me later and said that he heard something had been said about a special grant for himself and he said he would not approve of it. My reply was that it was fit and proper that an allowance should be made, and it would be left in the estimates. The mayor had nothing whatever to do with it. The allowance was voted by the board of control unanimously, and went in the estimates in the regular way. There was no concealment. Mayor Church is strictly honest."

Will Not Be Labeled.

Mayor Church returned to the meeting and said he was undecided whether he should preside. He continued:

"As far as I am concerned, I am not going to have my name labeled all over Ontario by Mr. Atkinson, of the Star, or anybody else. I will take steps to see that it is stopped, and I do not think I had better preside at this board in the meantime. I have never concealed anything from Council and never done a dishonest act in my life. I do not think I had better preside here while my honesty is being attacked in this way."

Controller Cameron then brought out a copy of Thursday's Telegram.

"No charge has been laid against me yet, but I have already been convicted in this newspaper. But it won't do me much harm," he added philosophically. He advised the mayor to carry on. "I think you made a mistake in returning the cheques before the matter was cleared up," said Controller

BECAME SO THIN SHE WAS AFRAID

"FRUIT-A-TIVES" Made Her Well, Strong and Vigorous



MADAME ARTHUR BEAUCHER

805 Cartier St., Montreal.

"I suffered terribly from Constipation and Dyspepsia for many years. I felt pains after eating and had gas, constant headache, and was unable to sleep at night. I was getting so thin that I was frightened and saw several physicians who, however, did not seem able to help me.

At last a friend advised me to take 'Fruit-a-tives'. I did so and soon I felt some relief. I continued with 'Fruit-a-tives' and in a short time, the Constipation was banished, I felt no more pains or headache or the disagreeable sensations that follow dyspepsia. Now I am well, strong and vigorous."

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50c. a box, 6 for \$2.50, trial size 25c. At all dealers or from Fruit-a-tives Limited, Ottawa, Ont.

WHO WAS TO BLAME FOR MATHESON FIRE?

Government Appoints Commission to Find Out Cause.

To find out whether the town of Matheson, wiped out by fire in 1916, met its fate as a result of the T. & N. O. Railway starting a fire for the purpose of burning a right of way.

A board of arbitration, consisting of Judge Denton, chairman; Dr. A. L. Kinsey, Hearst, representing the property holders of Matheson, and W. H. Milne, North Bay, representing the T. & N. O. will sit on or about January 10 to settle this question.

The property holders have entered claims amounting to \$250,000 against the railway, maintaining that the T. & N. O. started the fire which destroyed their homes and business places.

The general fire, which swept the north in the same summer, occurred afterward, they say. The contention of the government railway is that they lost out in the big fire.

Premier Drury has agreed to arbitration.

TO INVESTIGATE CHARGES.

John A. Patterson, K.C., the well-known Toronto barrister, was yesterday appointed to hold an enquiry into the charges made against David Hastings, police magistrate of Dunnville.

LABOR ASKS FOR EIGHT-HOUR DAY

Ontario Government Is Asked to Pass the Necessary Legislation.

The annual pilgrimage of labor to the government with their requests for legislation along industrial lines, was held yesterday, but contrary to custom their conference with the government was held in private.

The legislation requested is as follows:

1. An act limiting the hours of labor to not more than eight per day.

2. An act concerning the employment of women before and after childbirth.

3. An act providing for the payment of fair wages and observance of established hours and other conditions.

4. An act providing for pensions for aged and needy persons.

5. An act to provide aid for co-operative societies.

6. An act to provide one day's rest in seven for all workers.

7. An act to prohibit the activities of private detective agencies in industrial disputes.

8. Amendments to the compensation act, to make compulsory recognition of all accidents, to increase percentage of wages paid and the fixing of a minimum sum in harmony with living costs.

9. Amendments to shops and factories act, to extend scope to cover industrial plants, such as shipyards, to prohibit the use of paint sprayers and air hammers.

Age of Child Labor.

"Amendments to the section to raise the age at which children may be employed from twelve to sixteen years of age. This is essential so as to coincide with the new educational act (Adolescent School Attendance Act), and to conform to the recommendations of the International Labor Body, Washington Conference."

"Amendments to section 40 so as to give further protection to women and children against being employed in unhealthy processes. This also is a recommendation of the Washington Conference, International Labor Body."

"Amendment so as to prohibit night work in bake shops."

"Amendments to the trades' disputes act, to make it apply to public bodies such as the Hydro police commissions, etc."

Other requests included:

That the power conferred by the employment agencies act, be exercised to the end that all private employment agencies operated for profit should be abolished; that the building trades protection act be enforced, and that labor be represented on commissions.

MANITOBA TO BE PROTECTED.

Following a conference he had yesterday with Hon. T. C. Norris, premier of Manitoba, and Attorney-General P. H. Johnston, Premier Drury announced that an understanding had been arrived at whereby Manitoba's power rights on the Winnipeg River would not be prejudiced by the proposed power development at the White Dog Rapids.

BUILDING PERMITS ISSUED.

The city architect's office yesterday issued the following permits: H. S. Adair, detached dwelling, 565 Balliol avenue, \$3,000; Dr. W. J. Wilson, dwelling, west side Brantford avenue, near Hillcrest drive, \$5,500; P. E. Read, two pairs dwellings, 298-304 Silver Birch avenue, \$13,000; Chatterton Bros., pair dwellings, west side of Norway avenue, near Elmer avenue, \$18,000; P. H. Finney, pair stores and dwellings, southeast corner East Gerard street, near Normandy boulevard, \$12,000.

EXTRA ALLOWANCE FOR EX-EMPLOYEES

Controller Cameron Opposes Payment of Further Civic War Wages.

MAKES PREFERENCES

City Liable for Cost of Preparing Northeast Toronto Voters' List.

The commissioner of works yesterday recommended to the board of control the payment of additional allowances to 20 retired employees of his department. Increases of from \$3 to \$6 per week were recommended, and the board approved.

On the recommendation of Commissioner Harris, the board approved of the payment of \$254.50 of civic war wages to W. N. Tollervey, with only Controller Cameron dissenting. Mr. Tollervey enlisted in May 9, 1916, and went to England in April, 1917. After being in England five months he was discharged as medically unfit, and returned to Canada. He had been foreman in the sewer section. Controller Cameron said there was indication of this kind of thing going on for years, and there should be some way of closing off the stream of demands on the city.

By paying war wages the city was simply making a preferred class of civic employees, and the hundreds of men walking the streets without jobs would be obliged to contribute to these extra sums for men now back into good jobs in the city's service. A half should, he said, be called to the war wage demands. Other controllers took the view that as the city had decided to pay war wages all the claimants would have to be treated alike. About a dozen similar demands were held over for next year's council to deal with.

Additional Firemen.

The city solicitor wrote that, in his opinion, the city was liable for the cost of preparing the voters' list for the recent by-election in Northeast Toronto.

The increased force asked for by the chief of the fire department, in order to inaugurate the day off each week principle, will cost the city \$118,000 a year at the present scale of wages. The new men will start at the first of the year.

The board authorized the preparation of plans of the proposed isolation hospital and nurses' home and a report on the cost of the same.

Manager Parry of the National Iron Works appealed to the board to give him a definite contract for pipe, all the waterworks department in order to keep his plant running. The works commissioner on Thursday had been authorized to give a contract to this firm if prices which he considered fair could be obtained. Mr. Harris yesterday said that he would not consent to give the contract in accordance with the tender put in by the company. While the board sat wondering what to do about it Mr. Parry said they could leave the matter for further negotiation between Mr. Harris and himself.

Big Hospital Deficit.

A request came from the General Hospital asking for a grant of \$146,000 to make up the deficit of that institution for the year. All the requests from hospitals for grants were held over for next year's council to deal with.

At the request of ex-Controller McBride, the board consented to notify the big store proprietors thru the press that by taking on new hands to man their stores in the evenings during Christmas week they would be helping many in need of work.

A request came down from the medical health officer's department for salary increases for about 20 employees. The increases proposed, which had been approved by the board of health, run into three or four hundred dollars a year in each case. The board decided to let next year's board deal with the request.

Sewer Cut Threat.

Controller Maguire urged that something be done about the threat of C. W. Kerr, acting for Stockdale and others, to cut the sewer running thru their property if an immediate purchase of the land were not made by the city. They are asking \$22,800 an acre for the land and the assessment commissioner reports that \$10,000 would be a fair price. The syndicate also insists upon the construction of sewers at the public expense along certain streets in their property, basing this claim on an agreement made with the town of North Toronto prior to annexation.

Works Commissioner Harris advised that no attention be paid to the threat. He did not believe it came from Mr. Stockdale anyway. He was prepared to negotiate with the claimants at any time. No action was taken.

The parks commissioner reported that two men in his employ had not received their pay, although the payroll showed that they had. He recommended that a new payroll be authorized.

The board rejected this advice and decided to make inquiries.

PORT CREDIT TEACHER GETS BETTER POSITION

Much to the regret of the villagers, Miss Brownlee has resigned from her position at Forest avenue school to take up a more lucrative appointment. Miss Brownlee was very popular with the young folks who will miss her greatly. Her talents as a musician have often given delight to the townspeople. Miss Fletcher, of Toronto, has been engaged as her successor.

The housing commission of the municipality of Port Credit has up to date loaned the sum of \$45,280.

Judge Mott, of the Toronto juvenile court, is to deliver the address in connection with the Sunday school anniversary of the Methodist Church tomorrow morning. Special music by the children's choir will be a feature of the service.

The annual Christmas tree and tea of Trinity Church will be held in the basement of the church on Monday, December 27.

Personal Banking Service

Are you considering a market for your product in countries outside Canada? Would you like information about trade conditions and the prospects of making such a venture successful?

Our Foreign Department will gladly co-operate with you in this matter. We have a comprehensive fund of information at your disposal—and complete facilities for getting such facts as are not immediately available. In addition, we are equipped to handle every detail of foreign exchange speedily, efficiently, intelligently—with personal attention to each individual client.

This is but one of our departments in which "Personal Banking Service" has created a higher state of efficiency. Other departments have benefited proportionately.

If the personal idea applied to Banking transactions interests you, we'll be glad to meet you—in your office or ours.

THE STERLING BANK OF CANADA

WIDOW BENEFITS BY WILL OF HUSBAND

Toronto Woman's Estate to Be Undivided for Five Years.

George Medland Arnold, who died at 105 Cowan avenue, Toronto, on November 2, leaves his entire estate, amounting to \$15,542, to his widow, Mrs. Emma W. Arnold. The real estate, situate on the east side of Cowan avenue, is valued at \$7,000, and the personal estate, including life insurance to \$2,815, and bonds \$2,926.87, amounts to \$8,542.99.

By her will, dated October 22, Mrs. Sarah Judith Clarks Silcox, late of Toronto, left an estate amounting to \$19,399.65. After making ample provision for her funeral expenses, she deceased ordered her estate to remain undivided for a period of five years, the net revenue therefrom to be divided equally in half-yearly payments between her four children, Louie Mortimer Silcox, Christopher Percy Silcox, Grace Amelia Silcox, and at the expiration of the five years the estate, comprising \$13,474 personal and \$224 realty, is to be divided share and share alike among the surviving children or their heirs.

Mrs. Emily Johnson, sole beneficiary and executrix, has been granted probate of the will made March 6 last by her husband, Joseph Johnson, a shoe merchant, who died November 13, leaving \$107 in book debts, \$46 in stock in the Masonic Temple and the Foresters' Hall, stock-in-trade, valued at \$29,095, land in Muskoka \$900, and a plot in Prospect Cemetery, \$235.

HEALTH AND HAPPINESS.

To those convalescing from a serious illness, or those who need a change of scene, rest and recuperation, there is not a more attractive and satisfying place to go than Algonquin Park. A prominent guest at the Highland Inn, who recently underwent a serious operation, and who is enjoying the pleasures offered at Algonquin Park, writes as follows:

NEW LIQUOR DISPENSARY.

The Ontario government has decided to open a liquor dispensary at Fort William to take care of the trade in the north country.

"Amongst all the attractions here I feel like a boy when school is let out, and who does not have to come home until supper time. All worries have slipped from my shoulders and I am enjoying myself as I never did before. The crisp air and the musical scurrying of the snow under one's feet makes one's steps light and face to glow with color. Yesterday a deer leapt across my path not ten feet from me, and to me, who had never seen a live deer in action, it was as if I had inherited a fortune. A squirrel surveyed me with blinking eye, as it poised on a tree stump. A move of my arm and away it went. And then back to the hotel to a roaring log fire and a hearty meal. This is life and till one samples it he is just existing."

Apply to any agent, Grand Trunk Railway System, or write N. T. Clarke, Manager, Highland Inn, Algonquin Park Station, Ont., for illustrated descriptive booklet telling you all about this wonderful territory.

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"Player's for Me Every Time!"

Enjoy them to-day

PLAYER'S
NAVY CUT
CIGARETTES

Work and Clothes Needed NOW!

All of these unemployed men in Toronto want

Work. They are not particular what they will do odd jobs willingly—they are anxious for anything—anything that will put a few cents in their pockets so that they may maintain their self-respect, support themselves and their families and, in short, to exist.

And for their dependants and themselves many of these men require

Clothes. So that every person with an income in Toronto is urgently asked for sympathy and support to meet these two demands.

Employment Service of Canada
Citizens' Employment Committee

Can't You Give a Man a Job?

If you can, phone Main 3501 or communicate with the Ontario Government Employment Bureau, 45 King Street West. Skilled and unskilled men available. For odd jobs requiring unskilled labor, the rate of pay is 50c per hour and car fare, where only two hours' work is given.

Phone the Salvation Army Depot, 406 Richmond Street West, Adelaide 1164, if you have any discarded clothing you can donate to so worthy a cause.

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