

SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL TO DEAL WITH THE GASKET CO.

Exemption Bylaw Will Likely Be Submitted to People.

MAYOR SEES CITY SOLICITOR

Mr. Meredith Says This Is the Only Way Out of the Difficulty.

The city of London is about to make an attempt to deal with the problem of securing industries for the city and of holding those which are here.

The burning of the Globe Gasket Company's works has resulted in the management being flooded with offers from other places anxious to secure this manufactory.

Some of the offers are very tempting, and Mayor Stevely, who was in consultation with one of the company today, stated to The Advertiser today that the chances of the city losing the works are too great to justify the city in doing nothing.

The Mayor Speaks. "In a nutshell," said his worship, "other places can offer inducements, but our hands are tied. This state of affairs must be remedied. I had a long consultation with City Solicitor Meredith, and he once again informed me that legally the city can do nothing to get an industry, and nothing to keep one."

"Mr. Meredith told me," continued the mayor, "that the only thing we can do is to submit a bylaw to the people, asking permission to assist the Globe Gasket Company, perhaps in the way of exemption from taxation."

Around the city hall there is much commendation of the mayor's attitude on the matter. He is being congratulated upon his desire to do something to assist London, and there is a conviction that if the bylaw is put before the people it will carry.

A Special Meeting. It is the intention of the mayor to call a special meeting of the council to deal with the matter so as to head off any serious negotiations with other places.

"So long as the system of bonusing or exemptions is carried out in other places, London will have to follow suit," said his worship today.

Tearce Attacked His Guard and Will Share Asylum With Moir

English Murderer Was Violent During Epileptic Fit--Both To Be Held for Life.

Stratford, Jan. 22.—Sydney Smith, discussing his conduct of the Moir trial in an interview here, referred to the case of young Tearce, convicted of murder at Brampton some months ago. Tearce was an epileptic, and despite the fact that both the presiding judge and the King's counsel favored a verdict of not guilty on the grounds of the prisoner's tendency

Charges Against Policeman Heard Officer Took Tobacco From Child

Police Commission Held That Action Was Unwarranted--Powers of Police.

The police commissioners held their first meeting of the year yesterday afternoon. Mayor Stevely was elected chairman. Mr. and Mrs. J. Grayson and their little daughter were present, and Mr. Grayson asked the commissioners to deal with the case of Policeman Fysh, who on Saturday evening last stopped his little daughter when she was on the way home from a store with a parcel of groceries, and took from her two plugs of tobacco. He said the little girl had been badly frightened by the officer's action. Mr. Grayson also stated that when he went to the station and tried to get the tobacco, he had been spoken to discourteously by the officer at the station.

The Officer's Defense. P. C. Fysh was called in and said he had taken the tobacco away from the girl, but before doing so had consulted with another officer on duty, and they had both agreed that this was the proper course.

"I do not think it was at all," said Magistrate Love. "I think it would have been far better to have watched the child, and if she had taken the tobacco home and given it to the parties for whom it was intended, all well and good. If, however, she had given it to boys or to persons to whom she had no business to give it, then it would have been plenty of time to interfere."

Police Have the Power. To Mr. Grayson the magistrate explained that under the amended law the police have full power to take tobacco or any such things to be used as evidence in case of prosecution.

Mayor Stevely said he did not think the officer acted rightly in taking the tobacco, and he thought if the station officer had spoken as he was stated to have addressed the complainant, he had acted wrongly. People who visited the court on legitimate business were entitled to courteous treatment by the officers, who are paid servants of the people.

NO PRICE AS YET ON ELECTRIC CO.

Directors Called Together To Deal With Matter.

FALLS FIVE FLOORS FROM A WINDOW

Mr. J. A. Diebel, of Windsor, Is Killed at Toronto Early This Morning.

[Special to The Advertiser.] Toronto, Jan. 22.—J. A. Diebel, a middle-aged man, who came here with Frank Staples and Mr. Pentland, yesterday, was killed by a fall from the fifth story of the King Edward Hotel shortly after 7 o'clock this morning. A policeman reported finding a dead man on the sidewalk in front of the hotel on King street. Investigation proved it to be Mr. Diebel. Whether he jumped or fell from a window is not yet certain. When he arrived at the hotel yesterday he was assigned a room on the eighth floor, which he did not like, and the clerk then assigned him to a room on the fifth floor. His friends occupied different rooms. Apparently no person saw him fall.

MISS LEWIS WAS SLIGHTLY INJURED

Accident to a Hamilton Lady Well Known in London.

Wednesday afternoon Miss Jeanette Lewis, of Hamilton, met with a slight accident, but fortunately escaped with only a few bruises. She was driving along Sanford avenue south with a friend, when the cutter struck a sudden rise in the road and overturned. Miss Lewis was thrown out, but sustained nothing worse than a few bruises.

SOUTH AFRICAN MINERS PERISH IN FLOOD

Ten White Men and Fifteen Chinamen Caught by Bursting Dam.

Johannesburg, Transvaal, Jan. 22.—Ten white men and fifteen natives were drowned today in the Witwatersrand gold mine, which became flooded by the bursting of Knight's dam.

Heavy rains caused the dam to give way. The water from the dam flooded also the lower sections of the town of Elsburg, where many houses were swept away, and thirteen persons were drowned.

OVER \$1,000,000 SUCCESSION DUES

A Great Year for Revenue From the Estates of the Wealthy.

Toronto, Jan. 21.—The past year was a bumper one for succession dues, and these will reach close to \$1,200,000, almost double the estimate, which was only \$600,000. The dues in 1907 amounted to \$821,000, and in 1906 to \$1,015,000, so that 1908 has exceeded the previous record by over \$150,000.

FASHIONABLE WEDDING

Miss Ethel Southam Becomes Bride of St. Clair Balfour.

Hamilton, Jan. 21.—Ethel May Southam, only daughter of William Southam, proprietor of the Spectator, was married this afternoon to St. Clair Balfour. Alice Balfour attended the bride, and Wilcox Doolittle was best man. The knot was tied in Christ Church Cathedral, Canon Abbott officiating.

THE WEATHER.

Table with columns: Stations, Today, Yesterday, Min., Max. Includes locations like London, Calgary, Winnipeg, Port Arthur, Parry Sound, Toronto, Ottawa, Montreal, Quebec, Picher Point, Vancouver, Kamloops, Bathford, Prince Albert, Moosejaw, Qu'Appelle, St. John, Halifax.

TWO COUPLES GO THROUGH ICE. HUSBANDS DROWN, WIVES SAFE

Party of Four Persons, Driving Home in the Dark From Trenton, Fall Through Hole Left by Ice Cutters and Two of Them Perish.

Trenton, Jan. 22.—David Frederick and Gilbert Brooks, with Mrs. Frederick and Mrs. Brooks, started to drive across the ice last night about 10 o'clock for home, some five miles distant. When about 400 yards from shore they drove into a hole, where men had been cutting ice. David Frederick and Gilbert Brooks with the horse were drowned. Mrs. Frederick and Mrs. Brooks were saved. The night was very dark, and the parties were unable to see the hole. The bodies of the drowned men were recovered shortly afterwards.

SHOCKING STATE OF AFFAIRS AT THE SMALLPOX HOSPITAL

An Indignant Letter From Mr. J. A. Nelles, Secretary of Board of Trade--Nauseating Facts Exposed--Cooking Done in a Room Occupied by Patient--Disgusting Lack of Sanitary Conveniences.

To the Editor of The Advertiser: The medical health officer, Dr. Hutchinson, has come to the defence of the smallpox pest-house. He is reported in a published interview as describing the building as "a structure that so far has proved adequate to our needs," and in the next breath admits that "the only trouble is that it might be a little larger." Going into details, the M. H. O. says "every convenience that is needed is there; it is bright, clean, wholesome, pleasant and very comfortable."

Mr. C. B. Hunt, when asked as to his terms, declared that he would say nothing until after the meeting of the directors. "Would you sell at par?" he was asked. "Anything I may do," he said, "will be in accordance with the interest of all the stockholders. I would not sell at par unless all the other shareholders received the same consideration, and were satisfied with it."

Mr. Hunt stated that a price will be put on the plant, so that it may be handed to the city by Tuesday next. "The conditions upon which power will be distributed for the city will be made known at the same time."

A Denial. Mr. Hunt denied the assertion of Hon. Adam Beck in regard to the plant of the company. He stated that the lamps are only ten years old, and are still serviceable.

The life of a pole is forty years, and the present poles have only been in the ground ten years. As to the wiring, Mr. Hunt said it is as good as ever. "All that would be necessary to do would be to turn Niagara power onto the circuits when it comes," said Mr. Hunt.

It is incorrect to say that Niagara power is direct current," Mr. Hunt replied. "It is an alternating current, the same as we use, only it is in different cycles. This may be overcome by the use of frequency changes."

Another director of the company then talked with the reporter. "Even if the plant is no good to the city," he said, "it must be remembered that the city will be securing about 2,600 light customers and a running business free from competition. This is a matter which must not be overlooked. But we do not admit the plant is obsolete and of no value to the city. On the contrary, the securing of it will put the city in possession of a plant upon which they will earn money at once. It should be something to the people of London to be free from competition."

Let me describe the building for the benefit of your readers. It is a two-story structure, built of cement, about 20x30, with iron shutters, and bears the appearance from the outside of a veritable dungeon. The ground floor is all in one room. A narrow stairway at one end leads from the entrance upstairs, where are found two compartments, divided by a thin wooden partition. At the foot of the stairs is a door leading to the lower room. So much for the building itself.

To describe the "conveniences," the "brightness," the "cleanliness," the "wholesomeness," the "pleasantness," and the "comfortableness" of which the voracious medical health officer speaks, will require a little more space. To my mind, no more unsuitable place for the purpose intended could be devised. The ground floor compartment is all in one room, and when it is remembered that a three-foot stairway is taken off, that room is by no means a large one. Here are two beds, between which stands a cook-stove, open hearth, and a sink, on the other side of the stove.

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40 CANDIDATES IN THE FIELD FOR THE FREE EUROPEAN TRIP

A Glance at the Itinerary Shows That the Tour Will Be a Most Pleasant and Instructive One--Some of the Places To Be Visited.

NINE MORE NAMES.

Nine more names have been added to the list of candidates for The Advertiser's Free European trip. There are now forty ladies in nomination. It is expected that by Saturday this number will be greatly augmented. Lively contests are now assured in every district.

The trip is one which is well worth the time and labor which the contest entails. The ladies of Western Ontario have had no such offer made to them before; it may never occur again.

AN IDEAL TRIP.

The journey will be made in July, when the weather is at its best, and when crossing the ocean will be a pleasure, not a discomfort.

The wonders of Old London will be seen by the successful contestants. In addition, there will be trips to the principal points of interest of England, including Stratford-on-Avon, the immortal Shakespeare's birthplace. Scotland will be visited next, and then the principal cities of Ireland.

Coming back to England, a boat will be taken at Dover, and the English Channel will be crossed to France. The members of the party, without expense, and without responsibility, will be taken to Paris, that city of delight. There will be a side-trip to Versailles, the palace-home of the unfortunate Louis and his equally unfortunate queen, Marie Antoinette, who met death in the French revolution.

But these are only a few of the many places and sights to be enjoyed on the trip. Every lady has a chance. The contest is eminently fair. Hard work will win it. Do you want a trip to Europe? Are you nominated? Printed matter containing full particulars of the trip and the contest will be sent to any and all candidates or to those who desire information on the matter.

Only one nomination blank is required for each nomination.

DISTRICT NO. 1.

District No. 1.—All that territory within the city limits, north of and including both sides of Dundas street, and west of and including both sides of Wellington street.

Mrs. (Dr.) Kingsmill, 219 Queen's avenue. Miss Katie McLaughlin, 226 Hyman street. Miss May I. Mountjoy, 120 Mount Pleasant avenue. Mrs. Norman A. Roberts, Richmond and John streets.

DISTRICT NO. 2.

District No. 2.—All that territory inside the city limits, east of, but not including Wellington street, and north of and including both sides of Dundas street.

Miss A. S. Stevenson, 391 Dundas street. Miss Mabel Connor, 474 Princess avenue. Miss Velma Hayes, 574 Adelaide street. Mrs. Ronald Emery, 338 Dundas street. Miss Nellie Weston, 868 Dundas street.

DISTRICT NO. 3.

District No. 3.—All that territory inside the city limits, south of but not including Dundas street, and east of but not including Wellington street.

Miss Margaret Edgar, 130 Dreaney avenue. Miss Annie George, 132 Waterloo street. Miss Emma Graham, 386 Burwell street. Mrs. Ida Willis, 398 Adelaide street. Miss Edna Calhoun, 318 Grey street.

DISTRICT NO. 4.

District No. 4.—All that territory inside the city limits, west of and including both sides of Wellington street, and south of but not including Dundas street.

Miss Maude Wheatcroft, 254 Hill street. Miss Winnie Grimason, 229 Richmond street. Miss Winfred Bignell, 13 Bruce street. Miss Edith Glanville, 153 Wharncliffe road south. Miss Vera B. Hewer, 8 Ingleisle street. Mrs. H. Hundertmark, jun., 150 Bruce street. Miss Louisa Babbage, 253 Grey street.

DISTRICT NO. 5.

District No. 5.—The county of Middlesex outside the city limits.

Miss Gladys Malcolm, Littlewood. Miss Ethel Earl, Egerton street. Miss Sylvia Oliver, Kilworth Bridge. Miss Rosa Longfield, Mossley. Miss Ethel Grant, Chelsea Green.

DISTRICT NO. 6.

District No. 6.—The counties of Lambton, Kent and Essex.

Crystal Hall Settlements Made

Plaintiffs Receive Apportionments

Money Put Up by Defendants Has Been Divided by the Court.

With Mr. T. Coleridge, of the firm of Conyn, Betts & Coleridge, acting for the plaintiffs, the settlement in the cases of infants and others involved in the Crystal Hall disaster litigation, were finally arrived at by Chief Justice Meredith at the close of the sittings session yesterday.

Originally \$100,000. The claims in all the cases amounted to something over \$100,000, but were settled for \$8,000, of which Mr. W. J. Reid paid \$4,000, and Messrs. Kernohan & Wilson the remainder. There were nine cases in all, and the division was made by the agreement of the counsels in the cases.

In the case of Ethel and Willard Pinfold, who entered claim on behalf of their brother and sister, infants, the claims in all the cases amounted to something over \$100,000, but were settled for \$8,000, of which Mr. W. J. Reid paid \$4,000, and Messrs. Kernohan & Wilson the remainder. There were nine cases in all, and the division was made by the agreement of the counsels in the cases.

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Ran an Opposition Street Meeting Until a Policeman Ran Him In

John Weaver's Oratorical Accomplishment Got Him in Trouble.

Because John Weaver wished to display his oratorical powers last night at the corner of Dundas and Talbot streets in opposition to the speakers at a Salvation Army meeting, he was arrested, and in consequence of not being able to pay a fine of \$10, will spend a three weeks' vacation with Governor Carter. Weaver, according to the evidence, had been drinking enough to make him happy, when the Salvation Army Band played it through his charms for him that he wished to sing. The band stopped, and members of the

Army began to testify, whereupon Mr. Weaver felt called upon to do likewise from the other corner. He was speedily drawing a crowd when a policeman took him in charge. The court told Weaver he had been drinking too much lately. Last time he appeared in court he was let go on condition that he take the pledge. Weaver did so, but could not keep it, and Magistrate Love said he thought he must deal more severely than he otherwise would have done.

Bert Lang and Earl Rendell, two young men who wanted to convert a C. P. R. freight car into a boarding house while they took a trip from Detroit to Toronto, were arrested last night, and charged with trespass. They were fined \$3 each or five days.

The case of Albert Hall, charged with driving over a bridge faster than a walk, was adjourned for a week.

Two Nieces Perished at Messina And Brother Lies in a Hospital

Mr. Frank Fenech Receives Sad News From Sicily.

Mr. Frank Fenech, of this city, has received the information that his two nieces were killed in the terrible earthquake which caused the deaths of about 200,000 people in Southern Italy, and Sicily, on Feb. 28, and that his brother, Luigi Fenech, is now in a hospital at Catania badly injured.

Mr. Fenech obtained the information from another brother, Vincent, of Windsor, who received a cable from Luigi. Luigi Fenech, who was a professor in the observatory at Messina, was friends and relatives.

In his home in that city at the time of the shock. His two daughters were probably killed outright.

Mrs. Fenech practically escaped injury, as she was in another part of the house. Mr. Fenech was in the ruins for over ten hours before the rescue party arrived, and as there was great danger from falling walls the work was carried on very slowly. When taken out he was immediately rushed to the hospital at Catania, on the east coast of Sicily.

The two girls who were killed were aged 11 and 20 years. There is still a dearth of reliable information from the scene of the disaster, and many local Italians are anxiously awaiting information from friends and relatives.