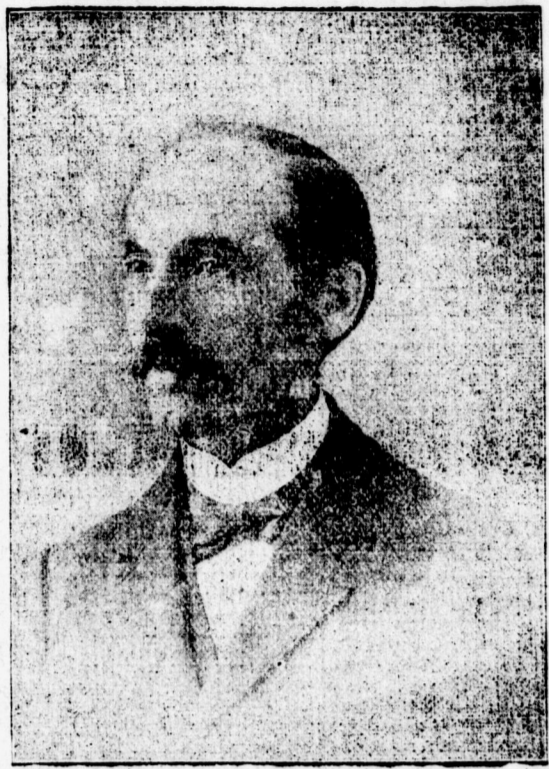


REV. T. S. JOHNSON HAS BEEN TWICE CALLED TO SAME PASTORATE.

Unique Position of Adelaide Street Baptist Preacher Who Has a Second Time Resigned.

"The resignation of Rev. T. S. Johnson was indeed a great surprise to the members of the congregation," said an East Side resident yesterday afternoon, a member of the Adelaide Street Baptist church. "A pastor of the church for many years, he has won the love and esteem of all, and



Rev. T. S. Johnson.

his leaving will be regretted by all the members of the church and congregation. Mr. Johnson has no doubt been thinking of making the change for some time, and he gave his decision as a final one, and of course steps will at once be taken to secure another pastor."

The history of the Adelaide Street Baptist church will be of interest at this time. It was formerly a mission of York (now Talbot) Street Baptist church, and at the time of its organization had a membership of 76 persons. This was on November 2, 1877. Services were held in an old frame building on the north-east corner of Adelaide and King streets, the former property of the Church of England, until 1885. The spiritual needs of the church were administered by Dr. Cooper and Rev. R. B. Montgomery, co-pastors of the York street church, and subsequently by Professor Torrance, of Woodstock. Rev. P. A. McKen was the first regular pastor, commencing his duties in

exclusive of removals and dismissals. It was during Rev. Mr. Johnson's pastorate that the present edifice was erected and dedicated on March 1, 1885, at a total cost of building and lot of about \$2,500. Rev. H. C. Speller succeeded Rev. Mr. Johnson on April 1, 1890, and continued in office until October 30, 1892. During his pastorate the church held office up to the present time.

The next and fifth pastor of the church was Rev. D. M. Mihell, who served the church from March 1, 1892, until April 30, 1895, and was in turn succeeded by Rev. T. S. Johnson, who was recalled to the pastorate in October of the same year. He was chairman of the Board of Works, and in the fall of 1895, he was recalled to the pastorate in October of the same year. He was chairman of the Board of Works, and in the fall of 1895, he was recalled to the pastorate in October of the same year.

FEBRUARY SAW VERY MANY DEATHS AMONG OLD PEOPLE.

Vital Statistics for the Month Show Effects of the Bleak Weather.

"This has been an abnormal month for both births and deaths," remarked City Clerk Edwards yesterday as he counted up the vital statistics registered during February. "Seventy-five deaths were registered on my books—a number in excess of any recorded during the past eight months. It has been a hard month on the old people. Of births we had registered 84, which is also a record-breaking number. The marriages tallied 20, the lowest number on record for some time."

February with its cold and bleak weather was indeed a hard month on the aged residents of the city. Twenty-three persons seventy years and over of age passing over to the great majority during the month, the average of the year. It was almost equally severe in its effects upon the young, for of those below twenty years of

age twenty-two deaths are registered during the month. Of these, however, a number were still-born, and quite a proportion were of very tender age, little more than opening their wee eyes upon an unkind world before the little soul winged its way into eternity. That the severe weather of the past month is directly responsible for many deaths is shown by the records. Nine deaths are given as being caused by pneumonia, two by influenza, and five by bronchitis and its complications, while tuberculosis is noted as the cause in five instances. Heart failure and other cardiac affections caused three deaths, and diphtheria four. Three fatal accidents are registered.

The tabulated statistics for the past month are of interest, being as follows:

Month.	Births.	Deaths.
January	74	46
February	84	75
March	72	48
April	79	41
May	70	38
June	58	27
July	73	23
August	84	29

WHY SCHOOL TRUSTEES DO NOT RECOGNIZE INDIVIDUAL MERIT.

Do Not Depart From a System That Has Protected Them From the Wire-puller.

In a little booklet issued from the City Clerk's office there appears the interesting information that the average salary paid female teachers in cities of Ontario is \$429 per year, while in London the average is only \$346. A similar comparison unfavorable to this city is made in regard to the salaries paid to male teachers. The average cost of educating per pupil in this city is \$10.55, according to this statement, but what the average cost in other places might be is not given. The decision of the school trustees in committee to raise the minimum salary of the female teachers will be generally approved. There is, in fact, little room for disapproval, when it is given out that the whole sum involved is but \$1,000. That a young woman who has equipped herself for the position of a teacher is entitled to at least \$300 per year can hardly be gainsaid.

"It is the question of the maximum salary that has given the trustees the greatest worry," said a member of the Board. "While we recognize that certain of the teachers in our employ are worthy of an advance, there are others that cannot justly be increased. They are doing the work required of them, but absolutely nothing more. When compared with other teachers they appear in an unfavorable light. We have teachers in the seventh

grade, for instance, who are fit to step in and take the place of the principal, and they are worth more to the Board than they are receiving. But we cannot increase them."

"Not that so much. The trouble is that if we increased them we would have to increase the salaries of every teacher in that and every other grade."

"Why in every other grade?" "Because since the Board put the present system of paying salaries into force fourteen years ago they have had peace. If they make a break in that wall of defence they will immediately render themselves open to the most persistent kind of wire-pulling."

The educationist explained that under the present system a teacher might preside over the lowest grade in a school all her teaching days but she would be in receipt of as large a salary as the highest.

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ary as if she had been thought fit to teach the seventh grade. Salaries were increased by length of service, not by reason of the grade taught. But under the system previously prevailing when the salary paid to a grade VII. teacher was greater than to a grade VI. teacher, and so on, whenever an opening occurred an immediate onslaught was made upon the trustees by the teachers who were eager for promotion, or by a very considerable number of their friends. As a result promotions were sometimes made without regard to the best advantage of the schools and vice versa. But now the inspector might place his staff where he chose, finding as he did that as much ability was as often demanded of the teacher in a lower grade as in a higher one in the imparting of the lesson.

There is probably no system without its disadvantages, however, and the disadvantage in this case is that the trustees, while recognizing exceptional merit in certain cases, dare not do so tamely. The teacher may be fully equipped for the duties of life—these draw the same remuneration from the city treasury. In the satisfaction that comes from the work connected with the faithful teacher must apparently alone find special reward while men are human, and trustees are open to the assaults of the wire-puller.

DEFIES ANYONE TO MAKE A CHARGE.

Ald. Cooper Says He Courts Investigation.

Explains Commission Received for Rent of Wagons.

Private Business Deal Between Paving Concerns.

Ald. Cooper yesterday made a further statement to the Free Press in reference to the letters written by himself to the Barber Asphalt Company two years ago, at the time when he was chairman of the Board of Works. The alderman referred to the vouchers spoken of in the letters, and made the emphatic assertion that the whole thing was a business transaction, "and it can in no possible way be taken as in contravention of my oath of office."

"The whole thing amounts to this," continued the alderman. "The Barber people had some wagons in storage here which they had used in laying the Dundas and the Dundas street asphalt pavements. The wagons were of no use to them, lying idle here, and in my capacity as a commissioner I was told to sell or rent them. The Warrens needed wagons about that time, and applied to the engineer to know where they could get some. They were referred to me, and they rented the wagons at \$3.50 a week per wagon—I forget which—and it was on this transaction that I was entitled to and received the commission. On the voucher in question is plainly marked 'For Commission.'"

"I defy them or anyone to say that I did anything then or at any time which was against the city or the public. I have never received so much as the scrapings of my finger nail from them. And the best proof is to be found in my own shoes, which I have consistently voted against the Barbers and in favor of free and open competition on all pavement matters."

At the City Hall there is a good deal of sympathy for the position in which Ald. Cooper would be placed. It is felt that the innocents have gone far enough, and that if there is anything in the whole thing a definite charge should be made by the parties who seem to be especially interesting themselves in the matter. Ald. Cooper has stated that he will lay the matter before the Council at their meeting next Monday evening, but his statement will be exactly along the lines of what he told the Free Press some days ago. The Council will show how the letters came to be written.

Mayor Bock was asked yesterday whether the Council would be likely to do anything in reference to the matter. "What has the Council got to do with it?" was the reply. "There have been no specific charges made by the public, and I have in any way been alleged. We cannot investigate or do anything when there are no charges. It would have perhaps been better had Ald. Cooper refused to talk of the matter, but that is all over now."

GUARANTEE A LOAN OF \$2,000,000.

How the Ross Government Proposes to Assist Soo Company Reorganization.

(By Special G. N. W. Wire.)
Toronto, Feb. 28.—According to the bill which Premier Ross will introduce in the Ontario Legislature this week in connection with the reorganization of the Soo Industries, the Government will be guarantors for a loan to the company of \$2,000,000, which will put the concern in good shape. The security will, if it is understood, be the Algoma Central Railway, with the more closely allied industries. The technical details of the plan have not all been worked out, but speaking generally, the Government will guarantee to the lenders of the \$2,000,000, repayment within two years, with interest, and will have on its part a mortgage in the works mentioned. Under the reorganization this mortgage will be the only encumbrance on any of the industries. It is said Speyer & Company will be paid their \$5,500,000, and that the Canadian and other creditors with claims amounting to about \$1,500,000, many of whom are accepting stock in the new company in payment for their bills, will also be satisfied.

Train Broke Down.

Just as the Windsor train on the Grand Trunk dual track, shortly after 6 p.m., reached the Talbot street crossing yesterday afternoon, a spring on the tender broke and the train could proceed no further. The engineer had sufficient warning of the trouble to stop his train in time to avoid any shock. The passengers were transferred and the auxiliary put another truck beneath the engine.

SHE WANTED HER WANDERING BOY.

Her Sixteen-year-old Son Unlawfully Kept.

Says Mrs. Haines Met Her Request With a Club.

Magistrate Orders the Boy to Be Given Up.

Some time ago reference was made in these columns to the practice prevalent amongst young people of quitting the parental roof in order to board with strangers. According to information supplied by the police authorities those most addicted to this custom are boys and girls of a wayward disposition, who wish for more "freedom." Their parents object to them staying out late at nights, and also object to the company their boys and girls keep, until finally the latter break out into open revolt and flee from the control of their legal guardians. An instance of this kind was disclosed in the police court this morning before Magistrate Love. It cropped up in connection with charges of using abusive language, brought by Mrs. Sarah Brooks, of 456 Nelson street, against Mrs. Mary Haines and her daughter, Miss Ethel Haines, who live a few blocks away.

Mrs. Brooks' story, told in the mess box, was that her boy, aged sixteen years, was unlawfully detained in Mrs. Haines' house. She went round to the Haines residence one morning last week and demanded that her son should be given up to her, or, in other words, she requested Mrs. Haines to put him out. The latter, according to Mrs. Brooks' statement, met this reasonable request with a volley of abusive language, in which she was assisted by her daughter, Miss Ethel Haines, said Mrs. Brooks, told her to get it out of that, while Mrs. Haines chased her along the sidewalk with a club, which she finally flung at Mrs. Brooks' head.

Where did you get your eyes so blue? Out of the sky as I came here. Out of the sky as I came here. What makes the light in them sparkle and spin? Some of the starry sparks let in. Where did you get that little tear? I found it waiting when I came here.

The fact is as sad as it is true that the baby finds the tear waiting to dull its blue eyes, and stain its soft cheeks. At the first it has no language but a cry. Its one necessity is for to give expression to its suffering, and but for a tear suffices.

The mother who stoops in anguish over the wailing child would do anything to ease its suffering. But she is helpless. The tears which could have done so much for her child is past. She did not realize that in those anxious nervous days when she shrank from the ordeal of motherhood she was preparing suffering for the baby.

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together with an epithet more forcible than polite. The club narrowly escaped doing her bodily injury. Mrs. Haines denied that she called Mrs. Brooks bad names, and her daughter did likewise. She said that Mrs. Brooks came knocking at her door and demanded her son Frank who was boarding there. She said that Mr. Brooks would come and tear the house down about their ears. Mrs. Haines called young Brooks, who was in at the time, and he came to the door and told his mother to go home, and "tell the old man to come around here and he will get three years."

The magistrate dismissed the charge against Ethel Brooks, as the evidence showed that her remarks were not levelled directly at Mrs. Brooks. He thought, however, that her conduct was not consistent with that of a lady.

In regard to Mrs. Haines, she had no right to harbor Frank Brooks against the wishes of his parents. He was an infant in the eyes of the law, and she must have been immediately, the case would be adjourned for a week in order that Mrs. Haines might have an opportunity of carrying out this order.

WILTON GROVE AND LAMBETH.

Impressions of the County Near by London by Editor Race of Mitchell.

The Mitchell Recorder in its last issue, prints the following "editorial" from Mr. Thos. H. Race, who has for several weeks been addressing farmers' institutes in Middlesex:

"The district of country that I have passed through since I last wrote, has not been a very extensive one, but it has been quite a varied one, much to the credit of the settlers in some localities, and quite as much to their discredit in others. In a drive westward from Belmont one passes through a magnificent country with well cultivated farms and fine homes. Lying southward and eastward of London is a section in the centre of which a large Presbyterian church and manse, known as Wilton Grove. It is the most ideal spot for a church that I have ever seen, lying on the south side, and yet within the environments of a beautiful and extensive maple grove. The congregation of farmers, all apparently progressive, prosperous and cultured. One thing that I was told about them was that they were not only all Scotchmen, but all Grits. On hearing the church we had a bad upsurge, my colleague, Mr. Mason, a Grit, and the driver and owner of the rig, Mr. R. H. Hiding, of Thorndale, a capital fellow, but a Tory, being dumped out into the snow with the rig clunk on top of us. It was a cold turn of events, but the Grits I fully realized, for I caught a bad cold that day and am not over it yet."

"But other districts there are, even in this old County of Middlesex not so creditable to the settlers. One of these is passed through by a drive from London to Lambeth, on the old St. Thomas and Port Stanley road. In the six miles between the Forest City and Lambeth one can see only two or three respectable farm houses and outbuildings. The land is first class and good crops have been taken off it. But it was taken up very early by a class of settlers who were founders of a fat bank account than they were of a fine home or well cultivated farm. The owners of the farms are said to be all money lenders; the original houses and old outbuildings are still retained; all the younger people have left for more attractive fields, and the civilization of forty or fifty years ago is still marked by the old rail fences that enclose it in on both sides of the road. It was a very interesting study for the consideration of the social side of farm life. But very few of the farmers of such a district came out to the institute meetings, and those who do, get up and leave when you begin to talk about anything but the hog as a money maker. The social or refined side of farm life they cannot stand, and it is strange to say, many of the prominent or successful business and professional men of the city are boys from these farms. And it is to be wondered at that boys will leave such farms as these to seek the more attractive surroundings and social advantages of the towns and cities? At Wilton Grove the majority of the evening audience were young men and women who seemed contented and happy in their farm life. They were cultured themselves and the cultivation of the social side of life was evidenced in the surrounding of their homes. And for their happy condition much credit is due to their pastor and his wife, who were both present and took a deep interest in the institute meetings."

"Going westward into West Middlesex one gets into lighter soils and more extensive corn fields. Owing to the scarcity of labor last fall some large fields of corn are still standing out with the ears yet unplucked, or in

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shocks with the ears unhusked. There are a few flat and backward sections, especially some of those lying adjacent to the Chatham branch of the Grand Trunk Railway. Nearing Glenora we were led to enquire if we were passing through an Indian reservation, so poor were the buildings, fences and other things upon the farms. But the country round about Glenora is very progressive and is a great district for several weeks of horses. As one sits about the hotels he hears nothing but horse talk, and every team that passes will cause a rush to the windows.

"It is interesting to notice what a large per centage of land throughout this whole county has been preserved in wood lots. Nearly every farm has still retained the old-fashioned box stove that will take in a four foot cordwood stick. And there seems no difficulty in getting a plentiful supply of wood at from \$4 to \$5 a full cord. There is just enough snow here to get the wood and timber out of the bush nicely, and the farmers are all busy with one thing and another. I tell them that up in my own country the farmers have all they can do to get the depths of snow."

any of my colleagues; they are as fine a set of men as one could wish to meet. Other members of the party have shared the opinion already referred to."

MR. MONK BEFORE HIS CONSTITUENTS.

Explains Why He Retired from the Quebec Leadership.

(By Special G. N. W. Wire.)
Lachine, Feb. 28.—Mr. F. D. Monk, who recently resigned from the leadership of the Quebec Conservatives, explained his action at a meeting of the electors of Jacques Cartier, his own constituency, held here to-night. He reverted to the platform decided upon by the Conservative leaders at the Cartier Club in 1891, which he claimed to be the true policy of the party. They led up to the withdrawal of Mr. Tarte from the Laurier Government. His own differences with the party leaders began then, because he did not see with them that to accept the ex-minister in the party councils would bring strength. He knew that it would mean an arrangement of Mr. Tarte against the Premier. "Let me sum up the situation," said Mr. Monk. "The majority of my colleagues looked upon the intervention of the ex-minister as essential. Their opinion was a sincere opinion. I never had any ground of complaint against

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