EXIT ELEVATORS, ENTER THE CREMATORY.

Council, Tired of One, Makes a Shuttlecock of the Other,

Not Seeming to Know Where It is At—Institution is Still Closed, Pending Further Consideration—Market Improvement Goes on Merrily, Still Finding No Lions in the Path—Who's to Be the Architect? — The Aberdeen Reception Embarrassed—$500 to Merritton—Varied Resolutions—Sheppard and Lamb Have a Tilt — Yesterday's Council and City Hall Notes.

Yesterday afternoon's Council meeting revealed two things. First, it showed that the two mayoralty candidates appreciate the maxim that silence is golden, and secondly, that Council has found a new football in the crematory closing controversy, in the interim, during which that music hall butt, the elevator question, is temporarily laid aside.

The aldermen were startled at the outset to learn by the following letter that the successful tenderer for the enclosures was tired of his bargain:

Office Toronto Fence Co., Nov. 2, 1898.

John Shaw, Esq., Mayor:

We hereby withdraw our tender for enclosures for elevators for new City Hall and ask for the return of our deposit.

Yours truly, Joseph Lea.

Who Got Their Work in?

Mr. Lea has troubles of his own now in the shape of the stairway contract, not half completed, and it is probable that he was induced by representations from parties who profess a desire to see the work of completion expedited, to take this course. The report of the Board of Control, it will be recollected, recommended him to get this extra contract. But it was a lukewarm recommendation and Controller Leslie was cordially endorsed when he moved to give it to the next lowest tenderer, the Cleveland Company. But when he also proposed to go the whole length and give Mr. Lea back his deposit of $100, Controller Hubbard and Ald. Lamb voiced a general protest. A compromise was finally effected on the basis of a resolution by Ald. Leslie to give the Tyler Wire Works Company of Cleveland, Ohio, the contract at $8550, the question of refunding to the Toronto Fence Company, the lowest tenderers, their deposit to be left to the Board of Control. Thus at least a part of the elevator contract is finally awarded.

$500 for Cyclone Sufferers.

Lawrence E. Skey, the secretary of the Citizens' Committee of Merritton, having appealed for a grant to the cyclone sufferers, Ald. R. H. Graham moved, seconded by Ald. Crane, "That the sum of $500 be granted those who sustained serious loss through the cyclone in the neighborhood of Merritton, Ont."

Ald. Graham recalled how cyclone sufferers had no insurance to fall back on, like those who had previously been assisted after losses by fire, and the motion passed unquestioned.

Market Improvement Endorsed.

The St. Lawrence Market improvement scheme was given a further impetus by the official letter from the Trades and Labor Council, conveying to the aldermen their endorsation of the plans as laid down by Ald. Denison and Mr. Donald, and endorsed by the Property Committee.

Ald. Denison, in a letter, notified his colleagues that he would be absent for a couple of weeks, but desiring to keep his memory warm, intimated that he preferred to be an alderman rather than ask for the contract of architecting the improvements. He added: "Knowing these facts, I have for sometime past been considering the question of whom we should appoint as architect, feeling that so much of the success of the undertaking depends on our right choice, and I beg to suggest that Mr. W. L. Symons be employed in that capacity. My reason for bringing his name before you is that he has been associated with the work since its commencement, was with Mr. Donald and myself on our tour of inspection through the States, has been active in making up the reports and accompanying plans and has most fully gone into every detail of construction and equipment for this special work, and I feel that no one in the city is so fully prepared to take up the work as Mr. Symons now is."

Symons, or I Keep Reports.

"I may also add that should you decide to retain his services I would willingly hand over to you all reports and other information now in my possession for his use."

Further, the letter heartily endorsed the Board of Control's recommendation to obtain a further report and detailed estimate of cost, but, adds the alderman, "this can only be arrived at from proper plans, elevations and sections, showing details of roof and floor construction, foundations, etc., and carefully prepared specifications. The lithographed plans attached to the commissioner's report would not be sufficient for this purpose." He therefore suggests that the city avail itself of Mr. Symons' services.

Council thought and so did the Mayor, that Ald. Denison was taking a good deal on himself to offer to withhold the reports, etc., which he had been instructed by the city to prepare, unless Mr. Symons got the job.

But this being a matter to discuss when the chicken is hatched, Council contented itself, when the recommendation of the Board of Control to have the plans audited and revised came up, with passing it without comment.

Fun Over Aberdeen Reception.

This resolution by Ald. Lynd and Leslie gave opportunity for some little flickers of sarcasm: "That the use of the Pavilion be granted the committee of citizens on Saturday evening, Nov. 5, for the purpose of holding therein the farewell banquet to His Excellency the Governor-General, and that the rental fixed therefor by bylaw be charged to the appropriation for reception purposes; and further, it is the desire of this Council that His Excellency the Governor-General and Lady Aberdeen be made the guests of the city during their stay here."

Ald Score spoke in its favor, but Ald. Lamb jibed "the first gentleman of Council," for his adaptability for such exalted functions. The latter resented this and Ald. Lamb persisted in his "lese majeste," by making enquiries as to the cost of the reception.

Said Ald. Lynd: How would it do for Ald. Lamb to move that His Excellency be limited to two toothpicks a day? [Laughter.]

The motion carried with unanimity.

Will the People Chime to This?

"N.B. (No Bells)" shouted Ald. Bowman, when Ald. Hallam, with the added zest of a few months' consorting with British blood-dom, moved, seconded by Ald. Score, who has also been to England this summer, "That leave be granted to introduce a bylaw in Council providing for the issue of $1,000 debentures for the purchase of a peal of 18 bells for the new municipal buildings, to be submitted to the electors in January."

The Reception Committee will take up this Hallam perpetuated subject.

Give Us $400 and We'll Cough Up.

The Assessment Commissioner wrote, notifying Council that the award in the Sunnyside matter had been made and that it could be lifted upon payment of $400 costs. "I think," said he, "it would be wise for the Council to give instructions to have this award taken up. The arbitrators were Messrs. George A. Case, Ed. Gailey and J. J. Withrow."

This arbitration, it will be remembered, was to ascertain how much the city should pay for a strip of property belonging to the orphanage in order to extend Queen-street into High Park. The Council set the costs to be contracted at $75. The understanding is that if the city agrees to take over the property the city pays half the costs, but if not it pays it all. The Board of Control must decide whether to pay the fees or not.

Leslie on the Water Rates.

This notice of motion by Ald. Leslie bore between its lines the marks of Treasurer Coady's hand: "That it is in the interest of the public that such reductions shall be made in the water rates of the city, so that only such amount as is necessary for maintenance and running expenses of the waterworks be collected from the consumers of water, and that hereafter the amount required for interest on the debenture debt and for sinking fund purposes be raised by general taxation."

"That's a kite-flyer," mourned Ald. Crane, who saw other marks, in the shape of electors' crosses, between the lines.

Another resolution by Ald. Leslie and Frankland, to have a report to the Fire and Light Committee about moving Carlaw-avenue gas lamps out to the curb, was referred to the Fire and Light Committee.

Hot Race in Ward 1.

A third by Ald. Leslie and Richardson, stolen from the hands of the other two members from Ward 1, was carried: "That as the Toronto Street Railway are now only giving a 24-minute service on Queen-street east of the Woodbine, the City Engineer be appointed to interview the company as to a more frequent service on that section."

The Business Tax Revived.

Ald. Davies advanced two notices of motion, reading thus: 1. "That the Committee on Legislation and Reception report upon the advisability of applying for legislation to grant to this city such amendments to the Assessment Act as will enable this Council to access all stocks and personal property of retail merchants at the wholesale prices, whether paid for by the retail merchant or not; also to consider the advisability of abolishing personal tax and substituting a business tax in lieu thereof.

And re City's Right to Petition.

2. "That the Legislation Committee also consider the advisability of applying for legislation giving the city the right to petition for or against any needed or proposed local improvement to the extent of one-third of the total cost thereof, or to such an extent as the city's proportion of the cost may appear."

Votes Recorded and Divided on Crematory.

Apart from what has already been mentione the reports were generally concurred in. The discussion of the afternoon, however, took place on the matter of closing the eastern crematory. This question resembles that of the elevators in that Council does not know where it is at with respect to it, and differs from it only in that it is the conflict of domestic or civic rather than outside influences which is causing the battledore and shuttlecock game. The Board of Health, it will be remembered, visited this institution, and, with Dr. Sheard's sanction, recommended its closing. This went on to Council, and it was closed. Then it got back to the Property Committee, which, on a catch vote of 5 to 4, favored reopening it. The Board of Control caught this recommendation on its way to Council, and, instead, laid before that body the proposition that the institution be kept closed until April 1, at least, for an experiment.

Ald. Leslie, who was in Omaha, when this was decided upon, moved in Committee of Council yesterday to have this report referred back, to have the reports of Dr. Sheard in favor of keeping it closed and of City Commissioner Coatsworth in favor of reopening it presented to the Council. After much talk, pro and con, this was adopted on the following division:

Yeas: Ald. Leslie, Dunn, Woods, Hanlan, Hallam, Lamb, R. H. Graham, Score, Frame and Bowman—10.

Nays: Ald. Hubbard, Burns, J. J. Graham, Davies, Bryce, Crane, Frankland and Richardson—8.

In Council Ald. Hubbard moved for the re-insertion of the report with the result that Council persisted in having it referred back by this vote:

Yeas: Ald. Hubbard, Burns, Bryce, Crane, Lynd, Frankland and Richardson—7.

Nays: Ald. Leslie, Dunn, Woods, Hanlan, Hallam, Lamb, R. H. Graham, Score, Frame and Bowman—10.

The votes of Ald. McMurrich, Sheppard and J. J. Graham are not accounted for here. Ald. Sheppard had been called out for the moment on some unfortunate family trouble, but Ald. McMurrich had previously left the meeting, and Ald. Graham the chamber.

Will Retain T. E. L. Co. Connection.

In Council also Ald. Woods moved to strike out the appropriation of $1000 recommended to lay a main into the new City Hall to connect the T. E. L. Co. energy with the new City Hall, should at any time it be needed. Ald. Leslie pointed out that the main was necessary whether a civic plant were adopted or not. The Mayor felt assured that a civic plant would ultimately be placed in the building, but Ald. Woods would stand for no thin end of the wedge in any shape, and forced the following vote on his motion:

Yeas: Ald. Woods, Burns, Bryce, Dunn, J. J. Graham and Richardson—6.

Nays: Ald. Lamb, R. H. Graham, Crane, Sheppard, Lynd, Bowman, Score, Frankland, Hanlan, Leslie and Hubbard—11.

The reports were then adopted.

Lamb and Sheppard Tilt.

In Council Ald. Lynd occasioned general protest by proposing a bylaw to permit a Controller to represent the Mayor on the Claims Commission. Ald. Lamb, like the Mayor, saw nothing but innocence in the move, but thought it better that it should stand till another meeting. Becoming overzealous in his opposition, however, he incurred Ald. Sheppard's extremest wrath by charging that the latter, as a member of this commission, was precluding quorums by his advocacy of a liberal payment of certain claims.

Ald. Sheppard called this, with utter vehemence, "a positive falsehood," and called upon Ald. Lynd as another member to back up what he said. He demanded corroboration or retraction.

The former was scarcely possible in view of the Council-of-Ten secrecy shrouding the actions of this commission, and all Ald. Lamb had was the word of somebody else to the effect that Ald. Sheppard had so persistently supported the claims of certain injured bicyclists that certain other members, rather than pass them, had broken the quorum. However, he did not know whether this was right or wrong.

"Then, why should you say it?" shouted Ald. Sheppard.

With the utmost seeming sang froid Ald. Lamb was going on to say to the other, "Any man that can openly brag about telling untruths like you can," when Ald. Lynd rose with the others laughing to see the fun, and deprecated Ald. Lamb's defamation of the character of a colleague to gain his point.

Ald. Lamb afterwards apologized for the sore he had created, Ald. Sheppard kissed him back and at the Mayor's request the bylaw was deferred.

Bylaws were also passed exempting in part the real and personal property of Messrs. Dunnett, Crean & Co., and of the Ontario Wind Engine and Pump Co., for ten years, from Jan. 1, 1898.

Ald. Leslie snuffed off a resolution by Ald. Score, giving the Gospel Temperance people the use of the Pavilion for $15 a Sunday throughout the winter.

Technical School's At 'Ome.

Ald. Hallam rejoices in a work now half done, for he yesterday morning presented for Council and press a report embodying a resume of the history of technical schools in Great Britain. Technical education there, he says, is the order of the day. Every town and village has its school getting direct grants from the Government, partly from local levy and partly out of "beer money." Liverpool is building now a school to cost £100,000, all the expense coming from "beer money." He concludes: "Technical education may thus be said to have taken root in England, and has come to stay. Though the movement is now making big strides, there are still many obstacles to be removed, such as the prejudice of the average workman, who fancies he sees in it the flooding of his ranks with craftsmen 'who are not wanted,' and the indifference of so many of our employers and manufacturers, who apparently cannot and will not see the ill-results of allowing our German and French friends to steal a march on us in the quality of their workmanship. However, the Englishman is proverbially slow, but he is sure none the less, and once he grasps the importance of a thing he throws his whole soul into it. And he will do it in the great matter of technical education."

He thinks the Ontario Government should aid technical schools here.

This is an Awful Slander.

Ald. Saunders, not having returned from Washington, was the only absentee from Council yesterday. Ald. Burns, it is stated by his enemies, has not since washed the palm which shook the hand of President McKinley.

Another Richard in the Field.

Ald. Lynd stated yesterday that he had ex-Ald. W. T. R. Preston's positive assurance that he would be a candidate for Mayor this January.

Admits It is a National Work.

Here is a draft of the letter from the Minister of Public Works to Ald. Davies:

Thomas Davies, Esq., Toronto:

My Dear Sir,—The Government will do the best they can to improve the Toronto harbor. They cannot possibly think of trusting any outside party for works of that character which are of a national importance. Truly yours, J. I. Taite.

Oct. 28.

Mr. Tassie Takes Back Charges.

Ald. Sheppard went over the ground with Manager Tassie of Macdonald Tin Works, burned out on King-street, and the latter, learning that neither the caretaker nor watchmen were at their posts, took back all he said about the Toronto Fire Brigade's alleged incapacity. An investigation was held.

City Hall Notes.

Local Manager Dunstan of the Bell Telephone Company wrote, stating that to instal a separate switchboard in the new city buildings would cost the city $1750 annually, with an additional $400 or $500 for an operator. The present telephones cost the city $1037.50 annually.

The Board of Health wanted to pass Dr. Sheard's monthly report yesterday, but couldn't get a quorum, ex-Ald. Preston and Ald. Allen failing to appear.

The sub-committee of the Reception Committee in charge of the matter yesterday endorsed the draft of the address to Their Excellencies.

City Treasurer Coady presented a return to Council, showing that, up to Nov. 1, some $1,645,901 of the total available funds had been spent.

According to the permit, the new Eaton factory on Albert-street is to cost $21,000.

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West Toronto Leaguers.

West Toronto District, Epworth League, will hold their annual meeting in Crawford-street Church on Monday evening. Rev. D. Chown will preside, and the retiring president, G. T. Walls, will give an address. Dr. T. C. Stephenson will review the year's work, and Rev. A. C. Crews, general secretary, will conduct the question drawer. Papers will be read by Henry Turner on "The C.E. Department," and J. E. Kerr, on "The Junior Work." The membership of the union is now 14,077.

Cucumbers and melons are "forbidden fruit" to many persons so constituted that the least indulgence is followed by attacks of cholera, dysentery, griping, etc. Those persons are not aware that they can indulge to their heart's content if they have on hand a bottle of Dr. J. D. Kellogg's Dysentery Cordial, a medicine that will give immediate relief and is a sure cure for the worst cases. ed

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Farewell to Aberdeen.

The arrangements which have so far been made for the farewell functions in connection with the visit of Their Excellencies are as follows: They will arrive upon the 5.40 train on Thursday, and will be met by the Reception Committee. On Friday afternoon the University of Trinity College will confer the degree of D.C.L. upon His Excellency. On Saturday a reception will be held at 2 o'clock in the afternoon by the corporation at the new City Buildings. On Saturday evening a dinner in his honor will be given at the Pavilion at half-past 7. A guard of honor from one of the regiments will receive him, and the Grenadiers' Band will furnish the music during the dinner. A number of seats are still undisposed of, and the committee having the dinner in charge trust that these seats will be disposed of before noon on Thursday, when the lists must be definitely closed. These seats can be had at the secretary's office, Room 38, Canada Life Building. On Monday there will be a reception at the Parliament Buildings, either in the afternoon or in the evening at 9, but this has not yet been definitely decided upon, and proper notice, when it is decided, will be given. Members of the different committees having the matter in charge, and especially the members of the Reception Committee, should make it a point to be present upon the different occasions above referred to.

Four Persons Happy.

Miss Evelyn Le Vallee, daughter of S. H. Le Vallee, was married on Tuesday evening to Mr. Thomas W. Close, at the home of the bride's father, 295 Seaton-street, Rev. William Patterson officiated. Miss Bertha, a sister, attended the bride, while Mr. Gallagher supported the groom.

Mr. W. T. Rumble of the firm of John Calder & Co. and Miss Eleanor J. Clarke were united in marriage on Thursday last by Rev. George K. Adams. The supporting parties were Miss Fannie Draper and John J. Markham. The pretty event took place at Mrs. George Reid's home, 140 Mary-street.

A Pretty Social Event.

The most popular event of this week will be the "Musical Fair," to be held in the parlors of Elm Street Methodist Church, from four to ten this afternoon. Six young ladies, well known in social circles in this city, have charge of the various booths. In the evening the "North Toronto Orchestra" will be in attendance, and vocal selections will be rendered by Miss Wilkinson, Miss Macpherson and Mr. Cernahan. Other items of interest will be introduced, and light refreshments served. The public are invited.

A Fighting Parson.

Rev. J. P. Chidwick, chaplain on the Maine at the time of the explosion, took breakfast at the Union Hotel yesterday. The entry in the register has no prefix of "Rev." It is a strong, bold hand, full of Irish feeling and fun, that no doubt came in handy in cheering up the luckless survivors.

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