Reduction Disturbers Pack the Massey Hall

One of the Stormiest Public Gatherings Since Visit of Sir Charles duction meeting in Massey Hall and Tupper in 1896-Antis Do Not the overflow in Victoria Hall broke all Get Fair Hearing.

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The mass meeting of citizens at Mas- meeting broke all records in another sey Hall last night for the discussion way. On Tuesday night the reducof the license reduction issue proved tionists were urged to be on hand early to be one of the stormiest public gath- and pack the meeting. This they did erings that have been held in Toronto so well, aided by the janitor, who adfor many years; recalling the memor- mitted them at the front door, but able visit of Sir Charles Tupper in obstinately kept the side door closed. 1896. Never before in the city's history, even against holders of platform tickperhaps, has a civic issue aroused such ets, that they had nearly half of the intensity of feeling as was exhibited. It became evident very early that best part of the platform.

the reductionist forces had planned The result was regrettable, even disto pack the meeting. They did not suc- graceful. The minute the chairman atceed in doing so, but they did contrive by coming early to get a goodly representation on the ground floor and in the first gallery. The second gallery was solidly anti-reductionist and several thousand citizens who had come to hear the arguments, pro and con, voice. Mr. Haverson was systematically controlled to hear the arguments, pro and con, voice. Mr. Haverson was systematically controlled to hear the arguments, pro and con, voice.

were denied admittance.

An overflow meeting in Victoria Hali by-wedged mass of humanity cheered to the echo the anti-reductionist speakers, and at the close by an almost unanimous vote passed a resolution ductionist speakers by the organized against reduction as detrimental to the hoodfum element had the effect of stir-

Greatest Ever. Massey Hall has never held a larger pitch of anger that when Controller gathering. The doors were closed early spence rose to speak, the the chairthe bad example of their opponents, asserts that the caretaker refused to allow ticket-holders admittance at the victoria-street entrance, altho there was no over-crowding on the platform.

Then speakers were refused to speak, the the chairman appealed to them not to follow the bad example of their opponents, they simply refused to hear him. Mr.

A. W. Wright appealed in value for a hearing for Mr. Spence, but after fully was no over-crowding on the platform.

Even speakers were refused ingress half an hour of vain effort to make himself heard the controller retired disutes in convincing the doorkeeper that he had a right to enter.

chairman, ex-Mayor A. R. Boswell, K. C., and the first speaker, J. H. Kennedy, president of the Trades and Labor Council, were not allowed to utter a sentence without provoking the jeers of what appeared to be an organized band of disturbers. They bore those interruptions with good humoned equanisity, but the opponents of reduction, put on their mettic, received Controlic. Spence with such a tempest of disapproval that, after struggling 20 minutes for a hearing, he had to rettre discomplied. The chairman and Mr. Wright besought that the controller be heard. besought that the controller be heard.
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but in vain. Mr. Spence acknowledged.
Water Commissioners Turn Over Meeting Adjourns Without Taking the absolute fairness with which he was treated by the citizens' committee. The arrangement had been that Mr. Wright should reply to the con-

troller, but as the audience refused to hear the latter he generously waive. the privilege. The meeting thus ended in a deadlock shortly after 10 p.m. That the disrespect shown the early speakers was largely responsible for the subsequent uproar was reasonably apparent. At the reductionist meeting Tuesday night, opponents preserved perfect order, in marked contrast with the behaviour of a portion of the au-

dience last night.

An Explanation. The chairman said that he would first reply to the remarks of the chairman of the previous night with reference to the absence of any speakers, himself included, against reduction. It was true they were invited to attend, but the reductionists would not consent to refrain from introducing new matter after those opposed to reduction had spoken. That was the reason he was absent, not because he was afraid. He was not afraid to express his honest opinion before any audience. He opposed reduction because he thought it was an unjust proposition. He adopted the statement of the sage (Goldwin Smith, that it was a dishonest business in Toronto for many years, and expended money on improvements in conducting a fair and honest business it was unfair to cut him off without any compensation whatever. The result of it would be if the reduction bytake carried that 110 men will reap all the business from those unfortunate people who do not know enough to take care of themselves.

If the promoters of reduction were to work to ensure the manufacture sand sale of pure liquors and the proper suff the would be glad to back them. He calimed to be a temperate man, He said the meeting would be glad to back them. He calimed to be a temperate man, He said the meeting would be glad to back them. He said the meeting would be glad to back them. He said the meeting would be glad to back them. He said the meeting would be glad to back them. He said the meeting would be glad to back them. He said the meeting would be glad to back them. He said the meeting would be glad to back them. He said the meeting would be glad to back them. He said the meeting would be glad to back them. He said the meeting would be glad to back them. matter after those opposed to reduc-tion had spoken. That was the rea-

sale of pure liquors and the proper stuff he would be glad to back them. He claimed to be a temperate man. He said the meeting would be glad to hear someone who would say something fresh and would call on Mr. Kennedy.

Voice of Labor.

J. H. Kennedy, president of the trades and labor council, was received with loud applause intermingled with hisses and growns. He referred to his labor friend James Simpson as having when speaking at the reduction meeting acknowledged himself as representing his personal sentiments alone.

A motion for adjournment until Wednesday, Feb. 17 next, was immediately made by C. H. Cahan, the company's resident manager in Mexico.

G. McDougall demanded a stock vote on this motion and announced that he would vote against it. The chairman thereupon declared the motion lost.

His speech was vociferously received, the guests going so far as to stand senting his personal sentiments alone. senting his personal sentiments alone. He (Mr. Kennedy) was delighted to He (Mr. Kennedy) was delighted to represent the interests of the 12,000 workingmen of Toronto. (Applause).

Railway Expansion and Redistribution for Alberta Legislature.

In point of attendance, the anti-re-

But unfortunately the Massey Hall Foreign Syndicate Takes Over Big Cobalt Property-Profit on Output Last Year

> Was \$600,000 Over Royalty.

MONTREAL, Dec. 30 .- (Special) .main floor and first gallery, and the The statement was made at the Windseveral mining men who had come from Cobalt that the O'Brien Mine had just been sold to a foreign syndicate

began. - President Kennedy of the It has been known for some time past that M. J. O'Brien of Renfrew, the Trades and Labor Council would not almost sole owner of the mine, has been negotiating with a view to a sale; voice. Mr. Haverson was systematically interrupted, tho by clever tactics

property, but that 'was considered pretty high figure even for the O'Br ing the Ontario Government 25 per cent. royalty on the value of the annual output. It is said that the purchasers before concluding the deal went down on the vein 850 feet, and still the quality of the ore remained unchanged, so it is evident that the syndicate consider that they have secured good value for their money.

M. J. O'Brien, the proprietor, is a former Nova Scotian, being born in the County of Anticonian, monitors.

comfited, Mr. Wright, who was to Co have closed the debate, did the manly through the factics employed by a section of the reductionists. The chairman, ex-Mayor A. R. Boswell, K.

Action on Sale to Montreal Light and Power.

GUELPH, Dec. 30.—(Special.)—Municipal ownership in Guelph continues to pay.

This morning the water commissioners handed over to Mayor Newstead a cheque for \$17,000, which is a portion of their earnings for 1908. There will be more when the commissioners complete their financial statement for the year.

At a cost of \$125,000, an almost entirely new system of waterworks will be completed in a few days. It includes an addition to the pumping house, with two new powerful pumps and a 24-inch pipeline laid to a number of springs five miles out. A concrete reservoir, with a capacity of half a million gallons and a hundred foot standpipe of the same capacity, on the highest elevation in the city, are also features of the new system.

MONTREAL, Dec. 30.—(Special.)—The gentlemen who want to lease the Mexican Tramway to the Montreal Light, Heat and Power Co, received a setback at a special meeting held this attermoon, Sir Edward Clouston being in the chair supported by J. H. Plummer, Sir George Drummond, Hon. Robert Macksy and other wealthy citizens. When the meeting opened Sir George presented a protest, claiming the meeting was illegal, which protest was approved of by A. J. Brown and Charles H. Cahan, solicitors for the company. The lease promoters, Dr. Pearson, MacKay Edgar and others looked on and their attorney, Gordon McDougail, did the talking, moving a resolution asking for the resignation of the directors. Mr. Seatures of the new system.



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THE STRICKEN CITY TO ITALIAN SUFFERERS

Naples-110,000 Dead in Messina and Reggic.

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ROME, Dec. 30.—The immensity of the disaster in Southern Italy and Sicily can only be measured by the fact that it is now estimated that 110.000 people perished in Messina and Reggio aftone.

A score of other towns have tern devastated and thousands of victims in these places must be added to the roll. In the face of this awful total, all Italy stands appalled.

Nor has the full death list yet been reached. Ship loads of fugitives have arrived at Naples and other ports, and the vast majority of these are sorely injured. Other thousands remain near the ruins of their homes, or wander half starving, half naked over the land. The forces that on Morday overwhelmed cities also destroyed the means of subsistence. Telegraphic communication has been established with Messina, the apparatus having been installed. Messina, the apparatus having been installed.

NAPLES, Dec. 30.—Time only confirms the unspeakable horrors of the overpowering catastrophe in southern Italy, for earth and sea ruthlessly claimed thousands of human beings, and the flames mercilessly completed the unfinished devastation.

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Naples, vibrant with the memory of Vesuvius, is prostrated anew by the misery and woe from Messina confided to her care. The hospitals, hotels and homes are crowded with refugees, and the people are vieing with one another in alding the stricken.

Centre of Voicanic Zone.

Those who have expert knowledge on the subject agree that the centre of the cataclysm was the Strait of Messina, which also is the centre of the voicanic zone, the highest peak of which, Mount Aetna, is now silent. From this base, the telluric disturbance extended, abating little by little, northerly as far as the Bay of Catania, ravaging the western region of Calabria and the eastern coast of Sicily for a distance of nearly 100 miles. Wednesday, Jan. 6.

The fourth and last session of the first families was received with ironical families was received with ironical families was received with ironical families as well as applause.

The entrance of Controller Spence was halled with cheers by the reduction ists. The interruption lasted several minutes.

The of the important questions to come before the next assembly is the reduction will have the effect of mattering the reduced, went on to speak of the interruption will have the effect of mattering the world suffer if the number of hotels were reduced, but the interruptions continued.

Fire in Sydney.

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NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—Announcement was made to-day of the proposed organization of the Aerial Navigation Company of America, with principal office in New York City and a capital of \$50,000.000. Thurlow Weed Barnes, known in connection with large Chinese Tallway operations, is to be president of the new company. Brantford Power Bylaw Will Carry Hon. Adam Beck Will Speak To Electors on Friday Night

Chatham Engineer's Figures Show City Will be Gainer by Joining Western Group in Beck

CHATHAM, Dec. 30 .- In this city the Niagara electric power scheme meets the gas company close discussion a once by declaring that there is no possibility of Niagara power meeting the low cost of the natural product. The low cost of the natural product. The question is by no means closed by this, however. Even if the precarious supply of gas were left out of the question, and how very precarious it s scores of places can testify which depend solely on a natural gas supply, without any notice, have been left entirely wanting. Chatham has an apparently steady supply at present, but no one can say what will be the case twelve months hence.

National Gas Recks.

The gas that is supplied in Chatham comes thru the channels of the Chatham & Electric Light Company, L mited. The result unfortunately is similar to that in many other cases of monopoly. The company is more intent

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Daring Bank Robbers

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His reference to the workingmen as wanting bread and butter for their families was received with ironical legislature of Aberta will be convened

again demanded a stock vote and de-clared that he would oppose it.

BISHOP FARTHING WELCOMED Enthronement Will Take Place on Wednesday, Jan. 6.