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CITY COUNCIL WILL ASK FORMER GROCERY CLERK HITS IT RICH IN WEST

Continued From Page One. money on the London and Port Stanley Railway until the present indebtedness is paid off.

Herbert O. Lee is a Wealthy Real Estate Owner in Vancouver.

One of the most successful young Londoners who have made good in Western Canada is Mr. Herbert O. Lee, a former clerk in the grocery store of the late John Lawson for a couple of years, but decided to go west with a couple of other London young men.

In Vancouver he became a grocery clerk, and afterwards bought out his employer, who was anxious to give up business. He catered to the trade of provisioning coast vessels, and soon built up a prosperous business.

He purchased a large block of property in what is now the centre of Vancouver's business district. He then became actively engaged in real estate deals, and only recently he has completed the building of one of the largest structures in Vancouver.

Mr. Lee's building occupies a considerable space at the corner of Broadway and Main streets. Mr. Lee makes frequent visits to London, as he has many friends here. He is reported to be worth nearly a million dollars.

DOG STOOD GUARD OVER DEAD MASTER Switchman Was Killed By Dropping 80 Feet With Cars.

Louisville, Ky., Feb. 4.—When rescuers reached the scene of a wreck which occurred early this morning, they found three cars of a B. and O. freight train dropped over an 80-foot trestle.

Woodsmen, switchman, clutching his lantern, with which a moment before he had flashed the danger signal, and after the dog had been dragged away by force were the members of the train crew able to extricate the body.

According to the engineer, the train was backing on the trestle in the yard when Woodsmen, who was on top of the second car from the end, flashed a danger signal, and a moment later disappeared. The engineer applied the emergency brakes, and stopped the train, but not in time to prevent the trestle cars from dropping over the trestle. The cause of the accident has not been determined.

MUST STAY LONGER Wingham Firemen Will Be Docketed if They Hurry Away.

Wingham, Feb. 4.—At the regular meeting of the council last night a motion by Ald. Boyce, that when there is a fire all the members of the department be present, and that any who are not or do not stay until all apparatus is put away, be reported by Chief Dinsley and their salary be reduced. The motion carried unanimously.

CHILD WAS ON FIRE Little One Played With Matches During Mother's Absence.

Toronto, Feb. 4.—While her mother was out getting groceries this morning three-year-old Annie Horn, a little girl, found some matches in the bedroom of her home on the third story of 117 Jarvis street. When her mother returned she found the child was on fire, but the waterpipes were frozen and she had to go three stories into a yard outside to get water to put out the flames.

THE JAPANESE BUDGET Shows an Ordinary Revenue of Two Hundred and Sixty-Four Millions.

Tokio, Feb. 4.—The Japanese budget for this year shows a total ordinary revenue of \$264,877,825, and an extraordinary revenue of \$27,854,201, while the ordinary expenditures amount to \$211,002,020, and the extraordinary expenditures to \$81,460,095. There was a surplus of about \$2,700,000 for 1912.

RAMMED A PIER Gallopols Ohio, Feb. 3.—Ramming her bow into Bear Trap pier in the darkness at 2 o'clock this morning the packet steamer Parkersburg sank in the Ohio River. Fifteen paniclestricken passengers and members of the crew managed to get to shore and kept from freezing by fires built of driftwood.

OCEAN STEAMSHIPS. Feb. 3. Reported at. From La Touraine... New York... Have Rochambeau... New York... Have

SHILOH quickly stops coughs, cures colds, and heals the throat and lungs.

LEGISLATURE OPENED CITY COUNCIL VOTED TO ABOLISH WATER DEPT.

Continued From Page One. high schools, as well as their field work throughout the counties where they were located, has been of great service.

Immigration. The immigrants brought into the province during the year numbered more than 10,000, and their numbers are to be seen everywhere. By way of illustration, the Elk Lake branch of the Temiskaming and Northern Ontario Railway was completed in the month of December last, and surveys have been completed of the branch to the Abitibi River, while 3,672,407 passengers and 3,500,000 tons of freight have been carried over the Temiskaming and Northern Ontario Railway during the year without the loss of a single passenger.

Mines. The mineral products for the year amount to approximately \$45,000,000, of which the value of silver was nearly \$12,000,000, of gold about \$2,000,000, and of nickel \$4,500,000, and of copper \$1,000,000. The production of these minerals greatly exceeds in value that of any previous year.

Good progress has been made in the construction of the new asylum for the insane at Wharby, and the central institution, which is being built on the site of the former lunatic asylum, and much of the materials prepared by the prisoners at Geoph and Toronto, to the advantage both of the prisoners and the province. The cost of the project is about \$1,000,000, and the employment of prisoners in the newer parts of the province, in connection with the construction of the general granary made by the federal authorities on behalf of agricultural training, are producing excellent results in the work carried on, both in connection with the schools, and in connection with the department of elementary agricultural education has been followed by the rapid growth of the province of agriculture in the public mind.

In connection with it may be stated that my government received with great satisfaction the announcement made by the Hon. Mr. Doolittle, of Ontario, of his intention to ask Parliament for an appropriation amounting to \$10,000,000 in the next ten years in aid of agricultural education. The extension of industrial training in the province also affords gratifying evidence of the fact that the policy of the Government in securing from you special legislation and special grants for this purpose is proving successful.

Substantial progress has been made in the operations of the hydro-electric commission, which a year ago was serving the present municipalities in the province, and is now paying thirty-five in the same period the quantity of power delivered by the commission has been more than doubled. In consequence of these satisfactory conditions, the revenue from the sale of power and interest on the investment, shows a considerable surplus, which has enabled the commission to make an important reduction in the rate to the municipalities, in addition to over 500 miles of transmission lines now in operation, the commission has 108 miles under construction to provide for contemplated extensions.

The new library wing and the reconstructed west wing of the Parliament buildings have been completed, and are now occupied. The exterior walls and roofing of the new Government House at Chisleby Park have been nearly completed, permitting work on the interior of the building to be carried on during the winter months.

Roads and Bridges. The construction and improvement of colonization roads and bridges in the various districts has been actively prosecuted, about 350 miles of new roads having been constructed, and many improved, in addition to the work done under the special act for the development of Northern Ontario.

Under the act (2 George V., chapter 2), which authorized the expenditure of five millions in the development of the new parts of the province, a commencement has been made by constructing over 200 miles of roads along the Temiskaming and Northern Ontario and the Transcontinental railways, of which fifty miles have been fully graded and completed, and the remainder is ready for grading in the spring.

The present has been to greatly ease the conditions of the settlers already in the north, and to cause a large number of new settlers to come in. This work of development will be carried on during the present year in several localities in the northern part of the province. The action of the senate of Canada, which has so far rendered it impossible for the Dominion Government to make its intended appropriation in aid of highways in Ontario, is much to be regretted.

Improved Highways. It is not easy to overstate the importance, from the point of view both of the Government and the community, of a carefully-considered scheme of improved highways or good roads. Only under the appropriation last session of the sum of \$5,000,000 for the making of roads and other improvements in the northern and northwestern districts of the province (2 George V., c. 2), and the announcement made by my ministers that such action would be supplemented at the earliest moment by an appropriation for similar work in the other parts of the province, my ministers have decided that you will be asked at your next session (1914) to make public provision for the completion of the work for this purpose, and that the necessary regulations will be made, and information obtained on which to base a scheme or plan for the carrying out of this very important work. Until such scheme is prepared it will be impossible to decide what sum will be required for the purpose, but it will doubtless amount to a much larger sum than \$5,000,000.

It is reported that the commissioner appointed to inquire into the question of compensation for injuries to workmen will shortly make his final report, and a deal dealing with this very important subject will be laid before you. Under the instructions of the Government, Mr. J. B. Tyrrell, the well-known explorer, proceeded, by way of Winnipeg, to the mouth of the Nelson River and selected and marked the points of terminals to which the Province of Ontario is entitled under an order of the Privy Council of Canada, dated Feb. 20, 1912. He was unable in the time at his disposal to carry out the survey of the five-mile strip to which the province is entitled under the said order to its intersection with its westerly boundary. On his return trip, Mr. Tyrrell passed through the territory of the Province of Ontario, known as the District of Patricia, and reports that this territory contains areas of agricultural lands, and also mineral lands of promise. His report, together with a plan of the terminals selected by him, will be laid before you. Legislation affecting hours of labor in mines, and other matters of public importance, will come up before you for consideration.

The public accounts will be brought down for your consideration at the earliest moment, and the supplementary estimates for the current year will also be submitted without delay. I am convinced that your deliberations will serve the best interests and welfare of this great province.

Ald. Richter Produced Interesting Figures to Prove That There Had Been No Saving by Union With Electric Department—Some Aldermen Wanted Delay.

The waterworks department was officially placed under the control of the city council at its session last evening, the bylaw voted on at the recent municipal elections being given its third reading. The change will be consummated on Dec. 1 next. There was a lively debate on the question.

When the bylaw was presented, Ald. Richter moved to give it a third reading. Wanted Delay. Ald. Glass at once moved that the third reading be delayed until such a time as information could be obtained as to the saving by joint operation of the waterworks department and the electric department, and the influence on the load factor, etc.

"I have no desire to oppose the mandate of the people," said Ald. Richter. "However, I do not think this matter was properly presented to the electors, and no discussion in the press. The resolution, I am told, was hurried through the council without even being discussed."

"Ald. Glass certainly needs light," declared Ald. Richter. "His motion for delay is all very well, but it deceives no one. The bylaw must be passed within six weeks, and if it is not passed tonight, it will probably never be passed."

Discussed at Municipal Election. "This matter was discussed by the council," continued Ald. Richter. "It was thoroughly investigated by a special committee, and a report was presented to the council, who realized the importance of the change, and referred it to the people. At the meeting in St. Peter's Hall during the municipal elections, Hon. Adam Beck devoted some time to this question, and brought forward reasons why it should be opposed. At the East End meeting, Mr. Beck, Mr. Pocock and Mayor Graham spoke on the question. The first two speakers opposed it strongly, and urged many reasons for so doing. If the information given to the electors was not sufficient, they are to blame, and not I."

"My opinion is that the people had all the information they wanted, and that in this case they voted intelligently. They knew of the waste of money caused by the waterworks department, and they became tired of it."

Can Go Back Again. "I have no objections to Ald. Glass obtaining the information he desires, but only after the bylaw has been passed. If the dual operation does not result in a saving, we can vote to go back next year. Ald. Glass simply aims to burk the will of the people. Coming from aldermen who during the last municipal election, almost prostrated themselves, crying that the will of the people should govern, their attitude on this question is most refreshing. I suppose Ald. Glass has in his pockets at this minute a document, unsigned, showing the great benefits of the present method of operation. One would almost imagine that the cost of handling the departments if they were separated would be enormous, while it could be done for nothing if run jointly."

Interesting Figures. The minister of finance then gave an interesting table of figures which showed some of the high finance of which the water commissioners had been guilty. He pointed out that the cost of salaries and other administrative expenses of the department in 1908, before the change, was 5 per cent of the rates paid by the consumers. In 1912 these charges amounted to 10.2 per cent. This does not show any decrease, but rather an increase. The salaries alone were 3.2 per cent of consumers' rates paid, while in 1911 they were 3.1, or practically the same. Mr. Richter pointed out that the waterworks and electrical staffs were absolutely independent.

The Depreciation. The method of writing off the depreciation of \$10,000 a year was commented upon by Ald. Richter, who explained that if it were charged properly the so-called surplus of the waterworks departments would vanish. In 1909 there was actually a deficit of \$2,251.22, while in 1912, with which to meet a reduction of 14 per cent on the water rates.

The Vote. When the vote was taken Ald. Spittal was out of the chamber. Those who voted in favor of the third reading were Ald. Richter, Ald. Johnson, Ald. Aspinall, Ald. Robinson, Ald. Saunders, Ald. Bennett, Ald. Nays—Ald. Moore, Ald. Rose, Ald. White, Ald. Stein, Ald. Glass. Ald. Richter and Mayor Graham could have tied the vote, and consequently killed the bylaw had he voted negatively, but he refused to do that, and the bylaw carried.

ADMITS GAVE OUT ESTIMATES BEFORE THEIR PRESENTATION Ottawa, Feb. 3.—Hon. Robt. Rogers, minister of public works, today informed the House that his secretary had forwarded to Senator Girou the lists of main and supplementary estimates of Antigonish County, previous to their presentation in the Commons.

When Mr. Chisholm, the member for Antigonish, asked his questions concerning the matter the other day, the Minister of Public Works sought to evade responsibility by stating he had not sent the memorandum in question. On today's order paper he repeated his questions, this time asking specifically whether the secretary of the minister had acted in the matter.

"The letter and memorandum were sent by the secretary of the Minister of Public Works," was Mr. Rogers' reply. It is probable that the matter will be more fully ventilated before Parliament in view of Mr. Rogers' admission of responsibility by stating he had not sent the memorandum in question.

Advantages of Both Steam and Electricity Will Be Investigated. One or more experts will report on the advisability, cost, rates, etc., of operating the London and Port Stanley Railway, either by steam or electricity. The report will be made to the city council last night this step was unanimously decided upon, and the finance committee was empowered to secure as many as it was considered advisable so to do.

Another interesting move was not unexpected, as symptoms of a desire to give the big shipping interests some consideration have been manifesting themselves of late. The minority in the council this year, as well as the majority in 1912, insisted on securing independent expert advice. They were roundly scored for this attitude, but last night all the aldermen came around to their way of thinking, and unanimously voted for independent expert opinion on this most important question. This was all that was suggested by the petition from the leading wholesalers and businessmen of the city.

Mayor Makes a Move. Mayor Graham inaugurated the step. Calling Ald. Moore to the chair, he said that he had a motion, which he had intended asking one of the aldermen to support, but had forgotten, and he would present it himself. His motion was as follows: That the committee be recommended to employ experts to report on electrical or steam equipment for the London and Port Stanley Railway. "I think it is due to the ratepayers that the council take steps to secure information," explained his worship. "We want a thorough report both on the question of operating the line by steam and electricity. It does not necessarily mean that the ratepayers should employ one man for this purpose. The finance committee has the power to secure as many as they reasonably consider necessary for the proper preparation of the report. We want all the points covered by the petitioners cleared up, and the council should employ as many as they consider needed for that purpose."

"I second that motion," said Ald. Spittal. "It has my heartiest approval. I wanted that done last year." A Traffic Man. "Does it mean that the committee shall obtain the services of a traffic man?" asked Ald. Bennett. "It does not specify such a man," explained Mayor Graham. "It leaves the matter entirely with No. 1 committee, to secure whatever information they so desire."

"A traffic man is most important," declared Ald. Bennett. "He will give us information as to rates, whether or not steam roads do business with electric roads, and a lot of other things." Ald. Johnston suggested that Ald. Bennett be invited to attend the sessions of the finance committee when this matter was up, and this will be done. Mayor Graham's motion to secure the expert advice was carried unanimously.

Only One "BROMO QUININE" that is Laxative Bromo Quinine Cures a Cold in One Day, Grip in 2 Days.

ELK LAKE EN FETE. Cobalt, Ont., Feb. 4.—Elk Lake City is en fete today in honor of the presence of J. L. Englehart, president of the T. and N. O. Railway, who formally opens the Elk Lake branch this afternoon. The commissioner's party arrived in private cars shortly after noon, and almost the entire population turned out to greet them. The chairman was given the honor of putting the finishing touch on the branch line. A solid silver key weighing 60 ounces and suitably inscribed was presented to Chairman Englehart. Each of the railway officials was presented with a silver watch fob made from Elk Lake silver ore. A banquet will conclude the celebration tonight.

TOWED INTO PORT. Manila, Feb. 3.—The British steamer Yngchow, which has been reported lying helplessly with a broken propeller and with 200 passengers on towed into this port this morning. The United States cruiser, Cincinnati, of the Asiatic fleet, had been ordered out on Saturday to search for the disabled vessel.

FOOD FOR FELINES WORRIES WILCOX

North Essex Member Sternly Resolved to Unravel Thirty Dollar Mystery.

Ottawa, Feb. 3.—Oliver Wilcox, Conservative member for North Essex, who is something of a practical joker, has given notice that he will move for the production of all letters, papers and documents, relative to an item of expenditure which appears on page 28 of the auditor-general's report, namely, "Food for cats, \$30," and a detailed statement showing the bill of fare for the said cats, whether they are domestic cats, or wild cats, and if they are still in the service of the Government; together with all other information leading up to the said expenditure of public money.

It is understood that the explanation of this rather odd item of expenditure is that in certain warehouses where supplies are kept, there are a number of rats and mice. Apparently, they are not self-supporting cats, or else the officials in charge thought they would be the better for an occasional change of diet.

February Sale of Furniture COME IN AND SEE the values we are offering. It will pay you. PATTEN 247 DUNDAS STREET. Phone 1688.

District Personals LAMBETH. Lambeth, Feb. 4.—Mr. W. Robinson, contractor, has completed the handsome new church at Sharon.

THAMESVILLE. Thamesville, Feb. 4.—Miss Ara O'Neill has left for Detroit, where she will spend a couple of weeks.

BRUSSELS. Brussels, Feb. 4.—On Thursday of this week the regular monthly horse fair will be held, and it will no doubt be largely attended. A round-table conference was held at the W. C. T. U. recently, when Rev. Dr. Gaten took charge. Local opinion was the subject.

Next Sunday and Monday will be the first anniversary of King's Church, Moncton. Rev. Dr. McGillivray, of Toronto, will preach on Sunday, and a tea meeting will follow on Monday evening, for which good cheer has been obtained, both local and foreign.

Mrs. John Howard, who was so seriously ill, is making good progress toward recovery evening, under the auspices of the public library. "The Merchant of Venice" will be presented in recital form by W. Gordon Craig, of Toronto. He came highly recommended.

EMBRU. Embro, Feb. 4.—Mr. Woods, of the Traders' Bank, has been transferred to Toronto. Mr. Woodstock, will take his place.

Mrs. Adda McKay, of Woodstock, was the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. McKay, over Sunday.

Miss Ethel Sanderson, of Woodstock, visited Miss J. Sutherland recently.

Local young people are looking forward to a carnival sometime in the near future.

Miss May Loveys left yesterday for Elmira, N. Y.

Mr. Brown, of St. Marys, was here recently.

Mr. H. H. Sutherland, of Ingersoll, visited friends here recently.

Mr. Donaldson, of Brantford, was here recently.

Messrs. Alex. Mcintosh, Wm. Forbes and Col. F. McMillen, of Woodstock, were in Embro recently.

Miss Eva Vannatter, of Woodstock, is appointed electrician.

Special to The Advertiser. Thamesville, Feb. 4.—F. E. Pearson of Tillsonburg, has been engaged by the corporation as electrician, in the place of Mr. Montgomery.

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