

TALKED OVER THE CHANGES

That Are Suggested In Engineering Department.

Street Commissioner Seems to be Settled On.

Mr. Barrow's Experience Is of Great Value.

The committee considering the re-organization of civic departments along lines suggested by Mayor Stewart had a preliminary meeting last night, but, as some of the members were unable to be present, nothing was done more than to talk things over in an informal way. The heads of the departments interested, City Engineer Barrow, Secretary Brennan, of the Board of Works, and Secretary James, of the Fire and Water Committee, were present, at the Mayor's request, to answer any questions the aldermen might wish to ask. It was agreed to have another meeting shortly, when the members of the Board of Health will be asked to attend, and the matter of placing the garbage collection under the Board of Works taken up.

In the course of the discussion some enquiries were made about the duties of the present ward foremen and it looks as if the change contemplated will affect them to some extent. A suggestion was made that the number of ward foremen might be cut down from seven to four. Some of the members found fault because the foremen stood around watching the men work, and did nothing themselves but boss the job. Mayor Stewart pointed out that the by-law distinctly said the foremen were to assist with the work, and he declared that it looked bad for the ratepayers to see them doing nothing.

If there is any move on foot to remove City Engineer Barrow it was not shown at the meeting last night. Ald. McLaren said that he considered Mr. Barrow's experience was worth to the city all the money the engineer was paid. An engineer with a good knowledge of electrical work, he thought, was needed. His idea, he explained, would be to get a first class man installed for several years before Mr. Barrow would be permitted to go.

Mr. Barrow related the numerous duties of his department, and the aldermen were almost of one mind in agreeing that it was impossible for him to look after everything as it should be done. Ald. McLaren thought there should be some better system of checking up the work, and pointed out that the roads and sidewalks in many places were not the proper grade.

The Mayor was satisfied that all this would be overcome and a great saving made by the city if the Board of Works, Sewers and Waterworks construction departments were combined and a street commissioner appointed. Mr. Barrow heartily endorsed this.

The aldermen seemed to be a unit on the question of appointing a street commissioner, and it was agreed that, if Secretary Brennan was raised to this position, aldermen interference would be cut out, and the matter of employing and discharging the men left with him, on the understanding that an appeal could be made to the committee at any time.

The committee seemed to think that the great advantage of combining these departments would be the saving made in keeping the roads in good condition, well constructed roads being frequently torn up at present to lay water mains, gas pipes and sewers. Chairman Stewart, Aldermen Lewis and Dickson were unable to attend the meeting, and Ald. Clark had to leave early. In view of this it was agreed to let matters stand for a week or so. Mayor Stewart referred to here having been some dissatisfaction over him naming the committee, and said that if the aldermen were not agreeable he was willing to have the council name it. The chairman of the different committees said they were quite satisfied with the Mayor's course.

BARTON TENT.

Three Presentations at the Anniversary Entertainment.

The members of Barton Tent, K. O. T. M., and their friends held an at-home in Macabee Hall, James street, south, last evening in celebration of the 24th anniversary of the inception of the lodge. A very large crowd was in attendance. Sir Knight George Riach was chairman. The proceedings of the evening took the form of a banquet, musical and literary programme, and a dance to music furnished by Prof. Linke's orchestra. Mr. W. M. McLennan, R. K., presented an interesting history of the tent from its inception to the present time, a period of twenty-four years, in which time he stated that this tent alone had paid out to its members and their beneficiaries in Hamilton and the surrounding country for sickness, disabilities and death the total sum of \$139,105.31, and there stands to the credit of the general fund of the tent, after payment of all salaries, rents and expenses the sum of \$110. E. C. J. McLennan was presented with a gold watch chain with Macabee emblems for his faithfulness to duty, and Sir Knights James Ogilvie and Peter McKay, two of the surviving charter members, received gold B. Buttons as a slight token from the members of the tent. These members indulged in happy reminiscences and experiences in reference to the tent.

The following contributed to an interesting literary and musical programme: Song, W. H. Yates; recitation, Pearl Bloom; song, T. S. Jones; piano solo, Miss Frances Bloom; accordion solo, Mr. Langmuir; song, Miss Haywood.

The whole affair was highly successful and proved to be one of the most interesting occasions in the history of Macabeeism in this city.

SUIT AGAINST H.C. & B. SETTLED

The action of Joseph Ross against the H. C. & B. Electric Railway Company for damages sustained on Sept. 29 last by reason of one of the Grimsby cars running off the track on Main street east, has been settled out of court by the solicitors, McLennan & Ricknell acting on behalf of the plaintiff, and Nesbitt, Gauld & Dickson on behalf of the defendant company.

The Daily Fashion Hint.



Attractive gown of gray cloth for early spring wear. The vest is of flowered silk in shades of violet, bound with violet velvet. Hat of deep purple is modishly worn with this gown.

GUILD CONCERT

WILLED MAN RINGS.

Of St. John the Evangelist Church Last Evening.

Under the auspices of the Young Women's Guild of the Church of St. John the Evangelist, a most enjoyable concert was given last evening, in the Twentieth Century Club hall. The recitor, Rev. S. Daw, presided, and the following programme was given:

March—The Merry-makers ... Lincoln
The Orchestra.
Song—As the Breeze ... Cantor
Mrs. E. W. Tench.
Recitation—The Ride of Jennie McNeil
Miss Holmes.
Piano Solo—Rustle of Spring ... Lindling
Walter Daw.
Song—The Sunshine of Paradise Alley
... John W. Bratton
... Mr. E. G. Payne.
Brass Quartette—War Dance ...
Messrs. Lovejoy, Stevenson, Yardley
and Roberts.
Song—I Seek For Thee in Every Hour
... Wilhelm Ganz
... Miss Eva Trassom.
Piano Duet—Overture to Zampa, Herold
Miss Marjorie Insole and Miss Alice
Bull.
Songs—
Ah! 'Tis a Dream ... Hawley
I Knew a Lovely Garden, D'Hardelet
Mrs. E. W. Tench.
Piano Duet—Mazurka ... Nevin
Miss Marjorie Insole and Miss Alice
Bull.
Song—The Gift ... A. H. Behrend
Mr. E. G. Payne.
Piano Solo—Polonaise ... MacDowell
Miss Peck.
Tableau—Won by Religion ... Coban
Orchestra.
Waltz—45 Minutes From Broadway

IS PRESIDENT.

R. H. Lewis Head of Ontario Vegetable Growers.

Mr. R. H. Lewis, of this city, was elected president, and Warden W. A. Emory, of Aldershot, one of the directors of the Ontario Vegetable Growers' Association, which held its annual meeting at the Parliament buildings, Toronto, yesterday. A deputation waited upon Hon. Mr. Monteth, Minister of Agriculture, asking that representatives of the association be placed on the board of the Jordan Experimental Station. The deputation also asked for an increased grant for this year.

RUSH TO NEW GOLD FIELDS.

Confirmation of the Rich Pay Dirt on Findlay River.

Vancouver, Feb. 27.—A despatch from Hamilton says: "Confirming all previous reports of the remarkable richness of the pay dirt in the new placer gold fields on the Findlay River, in North-eastern British Columbia, James Bateson, a prospector, reached here yesterday. He came out via the Government trail, built by the mounted police last year. The news had created a sensation here, and scores of people are preparing to join in the stampede as soon as they can get outfitted."

Thermometers may rise even in the fall.

FOR PROMISE OF BURIAL IN FOREST LAWN CEMETERY.

Strange Case Before the Court in Buffalo—Left \$2,000 Worth of Diamonds—Woman Had Property in Brantford, Ont.

Buffalo, Feb. 28.—The agreement by which the body of Josephine Preston, who for years lived at 180 Oak street, now rests in Forest Lawn Cemetery was ratified yesterday when Surrogate Louis R. Hart admitted the Preston woman's will to probate. Frank X. Bernhardt, saloonkeeper at 138 Exchange street, and the executor of the woman's will, was bequeathed \$2,000 worth of diamonds. He buried the woman in his lot in Forest Lawn.

Maud Cortright, who now occupies the Oak street house, was a witness before Surrogate Hart yesterday morning. She testified to the fact that the Preston woman made the proposition to Bernhardt, who had married her sister in 1889. She told him that she would will him her valuable rings if he would gratify her desire to be buried in Forest Lawn. Bernhardt consented, sent for a lawyer and the compact was carried out.

Bernhardt is a leading Republican politician. Two years ago he was the nominee of the Republican party to represent the thirty-fifth district in Congress. He was defeated by William H. Ryan.

Besides bequeathing the diamonds to Bernhardt the will provided for the care of the aged mother of the Preston woman, and for this purpose Maud Cortright will administer her real estate at Brantford, Ont.

Brothers and sisters unprovided for in the Preston woman's will sought by alleging undue influence by Bernhardt to procure for themselves a share of the estate. They alleged that Bernhardt's lawyer had drawn the will to give him more of the jewelry than the Preston woman had intended. Ernest W. McIntyre represented Bernhardt in the proceedings.

FUTURE OF AUTO.

More For Business Purposes Than For Pleasure.

Knox Church Young Men's Union held its weekly meeting last night, and there was a splendid turnout of the members. H. Truscott was in the chair, and considerable business was transacted. The programme consisted of an exceptionally interesting and instructive talk on "Automobiles" by Mr. A. P. Goering, of the Hamilton Garage Co. He gave the history from the time the first self-propelled vehicle was built in 1769 up to the present day. The mechanical details were explained, and many questions answered in such a way that the members were able to follow him very closely. He predicted that automobiles would be used more for business purposes in the future than for pleasure. A hearty vote of thanks was tendered Mr. Goering at the close. Refreshments were served afterwards and the meeting was closed in the usual manner. Next Thursday there will be a debate on "Resolved, that western Canada offers more opportunities for a young man than eastern Canada," which all young men are cordially invited to attend.

BAPTISTS HELD A BANQUET

And Discussed Laymen's Missionary Movement.

Inspiring Addresses by Two Toronto Business Men.

A Committee Representing All Local Baptist Churches Appointed.

With a view to furthering the Laymen's Missionary movement in the Baptist churches of this city, a banquet was held in the Sunday school-room of the James Street Baptist Church last evening.

It was attended by about four hundred men, who evidenced a deep interest in the movement. Supper was served from 6.30 to 8.30 o'clock by the Ladies' Aid Society of the church, after which, with Mr. Walter L. Morris as chairman, introduced the speakers of the evening. Mr. J. N. Stonestown, Toronto, was the principal speaker, and he gave a powerful and convincing speech, which lasted over an hour. He dealt with the question of evangelizing the world in the present generation, from the standpoint of the Christian business man. He said in the past the missionary business has been left in the hands of the women and considering their limited resources they did well. Now it is proposed to have the men, who have the money required to take the matter up, and answer the call of the heathen world to Christendom as it should be answered. He pointed out that the movement is to place the Gospel within reach of every man in the world; if they do not accept it, it is not the fault of the Christians. When the Christian people have done this, they have discharged one duty which is incumbent on them. Of course it is not expected that the world will be converted; conversion of the world is something that is in God's power only, but the message of Christ must be carried by man to man. Every church should be a missionary society and every man in it a missionary. He told of the needs of India, particularly that part of which has been left for the Baptist Missionary Society to evangelize. The Baptists, to carry out the plan laid out, will require to double their missionaries in the next five years, and to more than treble their givings. He asked the Baptist men to do four things in connection with the movement: To pray, to give, to study and to work. The more one prays for the salvation of the unsaved the more one will give, and the more the question is studied, the more will be the work done.

Mr. S. J. Moore, Toronto, followed with a practical talk on systematic giving. He told of the decision of the Baptist churches in Toronto to help along the movement by greatly increased givings. Many people give a tenth of their income, while others do not feel that their givings are not really being given. He said that a tenth is a tenth; they feel that the tenth belongs to the Lord anyway, and that only what they contribute over that amount is their own giving.

Rev. W. T. Stackhouse, of Calgary, told of the need of the West and emphasized the need of missionaries to give the Bible to the thousands of foreigners who have flocked into the Western provinces. His address was an eloquent and touching appeal for help.

Mr. A. Cassidy suggested that the Missionary Board have Bible men on board the ocean liners which bring the immigrants to Canada. He said many of these people were in a receptive mood on the way over, being affected by the severing of home ties. The Bible men could give them letters of introduction to churches in the city or town to which they were going and he thought many could be saved by this means.

A short discussion followed and the following committee was appointed to carry out the plan: James Street Church—Mr. William Somerville. Victoria Avenue Church—Mr. W. E. Blanford. Herkimer Street Church—Mr. W. I. Morris. Ferguson Avenue Church—Mr. Frank Wedell. Wentworth Street Church—Mr. J. Moffat. Kensington Avenue Church—Mr. J. Fawcett.

Mr. Arthur McGarity was appointed secretary of the committee. All the Baptist churches in the city were represented at last night's meeting.

MARCH ST. NICHOLAS.

It does seem sometimes as if the most interesting of all the St. Nicholas League features is the St. Nicholas League word, especially now with the new League Album adding its personal note. The League editor, in his usual message to League members in the March number, calls attention to the fact that, as always, when there is an "old-time" number, there is more than the usual measure of good things. One might call the March St. Nicholas an annual number, for the two leading articles are given up to intelligent dogs—Lida Rose McCabe's "When Dog Is King," telling of the important part dogs play in Alaska's life, and W. G. Fitzgerald's relating interesting experiments and experiences with "Dogs on the Battlefield." Then, besides all the stories, sketches and pictures of the number, begins a new series of "For Very Little Folk" tales, "The Bear Family at Home and How the Circus Came to Visit Them."

The committee for the Home of the Friendless and Infants' Home acknowledged with thanks the following donations for the month of February: Sleighing party, St. Mark's Church; quantity of cake, Central Church Young Men's Association, buns and cake; Mrs. Dr. Gillrie, box of sandwiches; Miss Hurd, marmalade; Wm. Lees & Son, percentage off bread account.

The monthly meeting will be held at the Home on Tuesday, 3rd of March, at 10 a. m.

The London Times has recently made several strong appeals for the preservation of Crosby Hall, one of the most venerable and beautiful of London's ancient buildings.

Tommy—Pop, what is string music? Tommy's pop—Any kind that is strung out too long, my son.

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Elegant Suits at \$30.00

Elegant Suits of fine French cheviot, in navy and green, coat made in slightly fitted style, cut long and pointed in front, with vest of self, trimmed with plain broadcloth and fancy silk guimp, 3/4 length sleeves, tucked at cuffs, silk lined, beautiful style skirt, trimmed with shaped strapings, price \$30.00

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TWEEDSIDE

The anniversary services which were held in the Presbyterian Church at Grassie's on Sunday were especially good. Rev. Mr. Sarkissian, of the Bimbrook circuit, preached afternoon and evening to large congregations. On Monday evening a tea meeting and lecture was held in the church. After tea had been served a short musical programme was given, followed by a lecture by Mr. Sarkissian on "The Massacre in Armenia in 1896, and How He Escaped From that Country." The church was more than filled with people. The proceeds amounted to \$47, which, with the collections on Sunday, made up a sum of nearly \$60.

Miss Clara Althouse spent a couple of days with her aunt, Mrs. Elmer Hildreth.

Victor Patterson, of Hamilton, visited Howard Fleming over Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Nichol, of Grassie's; Mr. and Mrs. Augustus Althouse, Mr. John Edward Stevenson and Mr. Joseph Alton, of Waterdown, visited at Mr. David Fleming's last week.

Mr. George Smye and Miss Maggie Pyott, of Grimsby; Mr. Filford Bradt and sister, Clara, of Fulton, and Mr. Will Bush and sister, Ella, of Woodburn, were guests at Mr. E. Bradt's on Sunday.

Tweedside was well represented at the anniversary services at Grassie's on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Elgin Althouse visited at Mr. Ernest Penfold's on Wednesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. David Fleming spent Thursday last with Mrs. E. Tweedle and family.

Mr. Elgin Althouse, tenor, assisted in the Grassie choir at the anniversary services on Sunday.

ORDERED TO REMOVE GOWN.

Dramatic Moment in Lawson Mining Action.

Toronto, Feb. 28.—Contrary to general expectations, the High Court action to force the carrying out of an agreement settling the dispute over the Lawson mine was not concluded yesterday, although the arguments of counsel for Mr. Thomas Crawford had been delivered. Mr. S. R. Clarke, who is appearing on the defence for himself, announced at 1 o'clock, when an adjournment was ordered, that it would probably take him about two hours to finish his argument. The frequent crossing of swords between Chief Justice Meredith, who is trying the case, and Mr. Clarke again kept the proceedings decidedly interesting. The objection which his Lordship has had since the trial opened to Mr. Clarke appearing in his own defence came to a head when the lawyer was ordered to remove his gown while giving argument.

MORE TROOPS FOR MOROCCO.

France to Send an Additional Force of 3,000 Men.

Paris, Feb. 27.—The Petit Parisien says it understands that the Government has decided to send 3,000 reinforcements to Morocco, making the force there 10,000 men. It adds that Gen. Lyautey, who very successfully commanded on the eastern frontier round Oudja, will take command of the forces, superseding Gen. D'Amade.

RUSSIA WANTS TO FIGHT BRITAIN.

Will Repudiate Recent Anglo-Russian Convention.

London, Feb. 27.—Prof. Arminius Vambery, of Budapest, whose information and views upon international politics command respect throughout Europe, makes a gloomy prophecy. He declares that the recently made Anglo-Russian convention will be repudiated by Russia whenever she may consider such a course convenient. He asserts that Russia is preparing for war against Great Britain as a means of diverting attention from internal revolution.

He adds: "Nothing could be more popular in Russia than a war with England. The Russian peasants have been educated to believe that Russia was not defeated by Japan, but indirectly by England. The new convention may serve for a time, but it is not the sheet anchor England supposes it to be."

Grand Trunk Issue Oversubscribed.

The issue by the Grand Trunk Railway of one million pounds 4 per cent. guaranteed stock was oversubscribed to the extent of more than five hundred thousand pounds, showing the popularity of these securities in England, and this is considered very strong evidence of the financial standing of the company, especially when it is considered that the securities of other leading American railways carrying a higher rate of dividend are selling on much less favorable terms. New York Central 5 per cent. shares are selling at 94 and 95. Pennsylvania 6 per cent. shares are selling at 111 and 112. Union Pacific 10 per cent. shares selling at 113 and 114.

DIAMONDS IN FUSIBLE PLUGS.

How the Precious Stones Got in the Crucibles.

Paris, Feb. 27.—The Temps, says that the examining magistrate in the case of Lemoine, the electrical engineer who is accused by Sir Julius Wernher, of the De Beers Mining Company, of obtaining from him by fraud over \$300,000 in connection with an alleged invention for the manufacture of diamonds, is alleged to have discovered a person who supplied Lemoine with fusible plugs, in which it is supposed were concealed diamonds which were alleged to be made.

Lemoine has now formally charged Sir Julius with forgery and swindling in reference to documents Sir Julius submitted to the magistrate.

The engagement is announced of Harriet Peebles, Elora, daughter of the late Rev. Alexander S. Falls and of Mrs. Falls, Grosvenor street, London, Ontario, to Mr. Charles Everard Brown, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Brown, of Nithgrove, Haysville, Ontario.

It wouldn't take a fruit dealer to convince us that bridal pairs are so festive when they are green.