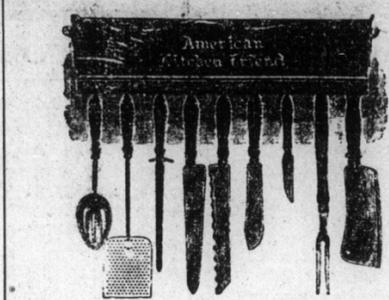


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INCREASED SALARIES.

County Treasurer and Road Superintendent Get \$1,500 Each.

Yesterday's Session of the Wise Men Was Quite Quiet.

Will Pay Part of Cost of Raising King Street.

The afternoon session of the County Council passed off quietly—none of the Councillors being in such a fiery mood as at the morning's session, although some of them at times spoke rather strongly. It was decided to help pay the expenses of raising a certain portion of the roadbed upon which the radial cars run, and which at the present time is too low.

A motion was carried as follows: Resolved that this Council grant the Hamilton Radial Company \$2,000 to assist in raising the tracks on King street, same to be done during 1909, under the supervision of the road Commissioner and superintendent.

The tracks referred to are on King street, between Kenilworth avenue and the English Church, a distance of three miles. The reason the Radial Company asked the Council to help pay the cost was because the roadbed had been lowered under their supervision. The cost of raising the tracks will be in the neighborhood of \$500. The company did not ask for any stated amount. Mr. Geo. Waller, superintendent of the company, appeared before the Council and explained the matter to the complete satisfaction of the Councillors. Is the by-law passed by the Council to provide for half the fines of automobilists to be paid to the person arresting them, legal or illegal? That is the question the Council cannot get away from. The Councillors were just beginning to congratulate themselves on having disposed of that question when up it popped again.

Magistrate Foran smilingly explained to the Council that he had some money which was weighing heavily in his pocket. He said it was not the usual thing for a person to appear before the Council to endeavor to give them money. The money he had collected for fines amounted to \$300, half of which had been paid to the constable making the arrests. He wanted to know what to do with the remainder.

Warden Gage informed the Council that the Solicitor's advice was that the money be paid over to the Government.

Councillor Lawson—I think we should take the money, give a receipt to Mr. Foran and let the Government sue for it.

Councillor Binkley said he thought such a course was improper as the solicitor's advice had been given in the matter.

"Not in writing, though," replied Councillor Lawson.

"No," responded the warden with a smile.

Mr. Foran suggested that the money be paid over to the county, and they could then regulate matters. The suggestion was acted upon, and as the money passed out of the possession of the Magistrate he heaved a sigh of relief.

An order was made that the county reimburse the Township of West Flamboro for the expenses of placing Joshua Arnold in the Insane Asylum. The amount was \$15.80.

The application of the superintendent for an increase in salary was discussed, and it was finally agreed that it be increased from \$1,000 to \$1,500.

It was explained by the warden that the reason Mr. Taylor had applied for an increase was because he had to bear his own expenses, which were considerable. The superintendent was an over-worked man, as very often when evening arrived he would have to drive 20 miles to get home. On numerous occasions he had to work on Sundays.

"No, no, Mr. Warden, it wasn't necessary for him to work on Sundays," broke in Councillor Binkley.

The Warden explained why this had been necessary.

Councillor Binkley then suggested that an assistant be engaged to look after the office work, but the Warden explained that the office work and the road work were inseparable.

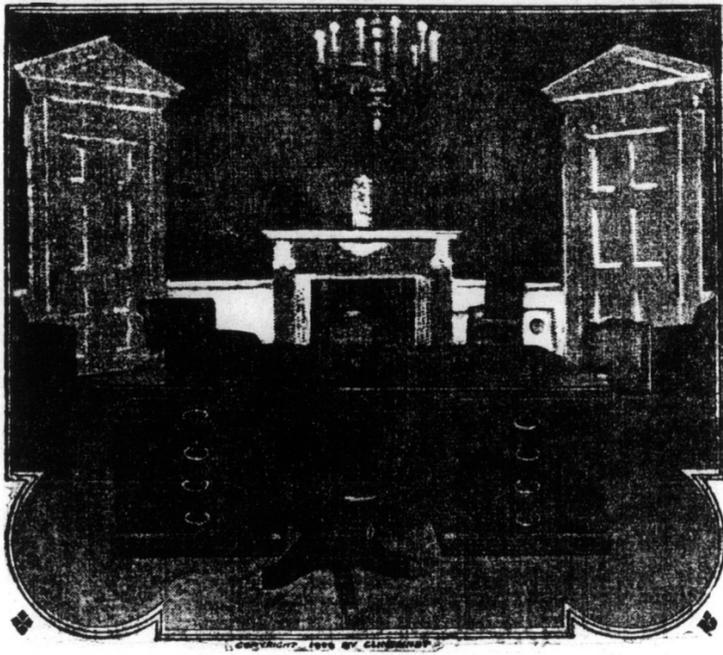
Councillor Lawson made the motion for the increase. Councillor French objected to such a large increase.

The yeas and nays were taken and 7 were for and 7 against. The Warden voted for it and the motion was declared carried.

Treasurer Cochrane was granted an increase from \$1,300 to \$1,500. No objection was raised, and some of the Councillors spoke in very high terms of the Treasurer.

It isn't enough to hope for the best. In these days of competition you must fight for it.

It seems as though women's styles change so often merely to keep the men's noses down to the grindstone.



DESK AT WHICH TAFT COMPOSED HIS ANNUAL MESSAGE.

SWIMMING. Beaver and Hamilton Clubs Gave a Carnival.

The Beaver and Hamilton Swimming Clubs held a joint swimming carnival at the Y. M. C. A. last evening, and the exhibitions were among the best that have been witnessed in this city for some time. The styles of swimming as shown by Prof. Corson were extra good. Prof. Corson is a veritable fish. He has been used to the water since seven

years of age. He has attained that stage of proficiency which makes him perfectly at home in the water. One of the remarkable features of his swimming is his ability to use his feet perfectly, a very hard thing to accomplish. Prof. Corson's body is also always behind his stroke, so that he obtains all the force out of it possible. In last night's swimming he showed some remarkable feats, including swimming with hands and feet tied, which necessitates a twisting of the body which is something original in the art of fancy swimming. He included in his exhibition three styles of crawl stroke, trudgeon stroke, revolving trudgeon, revolving crawl, English over-arm, numerous back strokes, shark scarer,

swimming backwards and an imitation of a porpoise. Mr. H. Lazier, champion long plunger of Canada, plunged a distance of sixty feet. Mr. T. Bath, of Oakville, one of the cleverest speed swimmers of Canada, gave an exhibition of the crawl stroke. He secured wonderful speed out of the stroke. The police life-saving stunts was one of the features of the programme. The police and Hamilton Swimming Club relay races were very hotly contested, and the finishes close. An exhibition of fancy swimming by Mr. T. W. Sheffield was much enjoyed. F. Blowey and S. Job gave exhibitions of under-water swimming.

CHRISTMAS HANDKERCHIEFS

At Wonderful Savings On Thursday



Nothing so acceptable as a few choice Linen Handkerchiefs for Christmas gifts. Afternoons are becoming frightfully busy now; it's more morning business we're after. You'll enjoy it better, especially with these savings in your favor.

Linen Initial Handkerchiefs 12 1/2c

A special purchase of Women's Pure Irish Linen Handkerchiefs, neat hemstitched borders, all letters hand embroidered. Regular value 15c, Thursday sale 12 1/2c each, or 6 in a fancy gift box, at **75c**

25c Women's Crossbar Handkerchiefs 12 1/2c

15 dozen only on sale at half price Thursday morning. Pure Irish Linen, in a fine sheer quality, with fancy white crossbar centres, with fancy corner, some with colored hemstitched borders, 25c, rush sale Thursday morning **12 1/2c**

Children's Handkerchiefs, Special 18c, 20c Box

Children's Handkerchiefs, in fancy picture boxes for the Christmas tree. Three in a box, in fancy and plain Irish linen, with hemstitched borders, fine quality, soft finish, Thursday special value **18 and 20c box**

20c and 25c Men's Handkerchiefs at 12 1/2c

Just enough for Thursday morning. 20 dozen Men's Pure Irish Linen Hemstitched Handkerchiefs, fine sheer qualities; a special purchase, worth 20, 25c, Thursday at **12 1/2c**

Rousing Coat Sale at \$7.85 Thursday

Just like a great January sale of Coats coming right in the midst of your gift buying. But don't you think many would appreciate such a sensible gift as one of these Winter Coats? A price like this commands your 8.30 a. m. attention Thursday morning.

Scores of styles, with materials in Kerseys, Broadcloths and Whalebone Serges, in navy, green, black or brown. Full 7/8 lengths, in half-tight or loose styles, with the college ulster collars or plain tailored effects. Some are double-breasted. In the regular way these coats would sell at \$12.50, \$15.00 and \$18.00. Thursday 8.30 a. m. **\$7.85**

Waistland in All Holiday Readiness

Our Waist section presents a gay holiday sight with its display of new styles, for what could be a more practical gift for a woman?

- Stripe Flannel Tailored Waists at \$2.00, \$2.50
- Fancy and Plain Lustre Waists at \$1.25 to \$2.25
- Cashmere and Panama Blouses, special \$2.75
- Exquisite Net Blouses, all styles, \$2.95 to \$10.00
- Silk Blouses, holiday styles, at \$2.95, \$3.50 to \$12.00
- White Lingerie Blouses, all kinds, 60c to \$3.50

Visit Our New Card and Calendar Section. **FINCH BROS.** An Exquisite Showing of Holiday Neckwear.

OVERLOADED CITY DOCK.

That Was Cause of Accident There Last Saturday

In Which Leo Barry Lost His Life in an Instant.

Men Heard Crackings, But Had Not Notified Company.

After an hearing that lasted over four hours, the jury brought in the following verdict at the inquest held last night in No. 3 Police Station, on how Leo Barry came to his death.

"We the jury find that Leo Barry came to his death on December 4, 1909, according to the evidence, by the dock giving way and throwing him into the water and drowning him. We also find the cause was overloading of the said dock, causing the death of the said Leo Barry."

Dr. Baugh was coroner. Over two dozen witnesses were called. Herbert Warring said he was piling wire at the warehouse in question. About 600 tons were piled. The shed or warehouse seemed safe, but occasionally a cracking noise was heard, to which no importance was attached. A few of the men working there mentioned to one another about the noise. No precautions were taken after the noises were heard. He was about 10 feet from the spot that gave way. It gave way suddenly, but he saw no one go down, as he had his back to the part that caved in. He knew it had given way by the loud noise. Prior to the accident he saw Leo Barry and William Warring working on the spot. Directly after the accident he saw William Warring, who was unhurt. Witness did not see Barry again until he was taken from the water. He had never heard any complaints made about the warehouse.

William Warring, 94 Wood street, said he was working at the warehouse last Saturday. He was employed piling wire, which was being taken from a boat alongside the warehouse. About 800 tons were put in the warehouse. At the time of the accident he was just about to throw on to the pile a bundle of wire, when the floor gave way without any warning. It was remarked among the workmen that the dock was not safe, and just a little while before the accident he heard remarks made about the unsafety of the dock. No precautions were taken to insure the safety of the dock, though the men, amongst themselves considered there was enough wire on it. He did not fall at the time of the accident, but just before it occurred he saw deceased working where the floor gave way. He did not see deceased fall. When the cracking noise was heard, no complaints were made to the foreman.

John Sullivan said he was rolling wire from the door of the warehouse to Leo Barry and William Warring. He knew nothing of the condition of the shed. He guessed there was about 600 tons in the warehouse. He did not notice the creaking noise, and as to the safety of the dock, he could not give an opinion. He saw Barry falling when the accident happened. Immediately after the accident a foreman appeared on the scene, and all the men were ordered out of the warehouse, as fears were expressed that the building would collapse.

Herbert Stride, also employed piling wire, said in his estimation there were about 600 tons piled in the warehouse, and the structure on which it was piled looked strong enough to carry more than that. He saw the accident, and told of how it occurred, which he described in much the same way as the previous witnesses.

George Johnson was working on the dock at the time of the accident. He said the dock had a heavier weight on lots of times. Witness said in his idea there were between 500 and 600 tons.

Patrick Mulvale, another employee on the dock, estimated the weight of wire at the time of the disaster at about 600 or 500 tons. He had seen the dock with more weight on it. The last time, about two-weeks ago. He had heard remarks made that the dock was not safe, when such heavy weights were on it. The remarks were only made among the dock employees. Witness said he had heard crackings noises on various occasions, but they did not excite his fears, as personally, he attached no importance to them. He was about 40 feet away when the accident occurred, but did not see it.

John Hughes considered there was between 500 and 600 tons of wire in the warehouse. He had often heard crackings noises. When he heard the crash he looked round and the floor was gone.

John Gorman, one of the foremen at the dock, said he was in charge of a gang of men last Saturday, unloading wire from the ship "City of Montreal." He estimated the weight of wire on the shed at the time of the accident, at between 500 and 600 tons. On different occasions heavier weights had been piled on the dock. About three weeks ago 800 tons were piled on it. He considered the dock safe, even when it had 800 tons on.

When the accident occurred he was talking to deceased and William Warring, when without warning the floor gave way, carrying Barry with it. Gorman said he had heard remarks that the dock was not safe, for some time. The remarks had never been reported to any of the authorities.

John Anderson, City Building Inspector, said he made an inspection of the warehouse and dock when it was being erected in July, 1908. His inspection consisted merely of looking over the superstructure.

Percy Grant, local agent for the Merchant Mutual Steamship lines, said he was not at the dock on Saturday morning. Gorman received his instruction from him (Grant). Witness declared that in his estimation the dock was safe enough to bear the weight of the whole cargo. No reports were ever made to him that the shed was not safe. The dock was leased by the company from the city. Several times the timbers of the dock had been examined by witness and his foreman. Mr. Grant admitted that goods had been taken out from the front end of the warehouse about a month ago. That answer was given to a question by one of the jurymen.

Edward Culligan said he did not know much about the accident, but in his opinion, the dock was a disgrace. Two weeks ago he saw the City of Ottawa steam in and strike the dock, which shook like a leaf. He said that Gorman said then, "This is a shaky dock."

Thomas Murphy said two months ago he saw men unloading wire there, and

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Wednesday, December 8th, 1909

Winter Coats \$8.98

For purpose of a quick clearance we are going to sell 40 Women's Coats, worth regularly at \$15, \$18 and \$20, on Thursday at a big cut in price. This lot is made up of the ones and twos of these prices. Maybe you will find the very size you have been looking for. The shades are in black, navy, fawn, brown, green and grey, tight and loose fitting, single or double breasted styles; step collars, body and sleeves well lined; for Thursday it is extra special at **\$8.98**

Flannelette Gowns at 39c Each

From 8.30 till 9.30 Thursday morning we will sell 100 Flannelette Gowns for women, in plain white or pink, also assorted stripes; made in a good generous size with yoke and finished with small ruffle. Remember, only one **39c** to a customer; special

- Gowns of heavy English flannelette in pink and white, and blue and white stripes, also in plain colors of white and pink, including outsizes; some have square yoke of embroidery insertion, clusters of tucks, and high neck, etc., for Thursday's selling **\$1.00**
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- Gowns of extra fine flannelette, made with square yoke of embroidery insertion, cluster of tucks and finished with embroidery frill on neck, sleeves and front; on sale **\$1.50**

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- SILK STRIPE DELAINES, all cream, in stripes of various sizes, 3 1/2 yards in each box, regular 40c, special for holiday trade, per box **85c**
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- FLORAL AND PERSIAN DELAINES, suitable for waists or kimonos, perfectly fast colors, 3 1/2 yards in each box, regular 50c yard, special price for box **\$1.40**
- CREAM LUSTRE, 2 1/2 yards in a box, worth 90c box, material is 40 inches wide and a perfect washing fabric, special price per box **65c**

Wool Toques for 25c

At 8.30 sharp we will sell 12 fine Saxony Wool Toques, suitable for either boys or girls, in all desirable shades; will fit any size head; regular 50c, for Thursday **25c**

Women's Union Vests, long sleeves and shaped waist, buttoned front, drawers to match, each **25c**

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that the tops of some of the piles were not in first-class condition. John Gorman was again called, and denied using the expression the witness Culligan swore he did, for he never saw Culligan at the time. Dr. McBride attributed death of deceased to drowning.

NEW BOOKS.

Additions to the Shelves of the Public Libraries.

Books received at public library during week ending December 4, 1909: Miss Selina Lee, etc., Davises, L8728. It Never Can Happen Again. De Morgan, L8742. The Man in the Tower, Holland, L8751. A Woman Against the World, Moberly, L8727. When a Man Marries, Binehart, L8738. Faces in the Mist, Steuart, L8739. Beasley's Christmas Party, Tarkington, L8740. Party Crasher and His Man Saturday, Burnett, M2269. Shawnee Wade, Pritchard, M2268. The Real Thing, etc., Bangs, 822B3. Marie Antoinette, Belleo, 944.035B. The American Flower Garden, Blanchard, R1163. The World We Live In, Beckett, 10432. An Interpretation of the Ring and the Book, Brown, 821.832H2. The Bridge Flood, Bruce, 821B3. The New North, Cameron, 917.127C. Currents Cyclopaedia of Reference, 8 volumes, R091C. The Prime of the Congo, Doyle, 916.75D. The Sunday Kindergarten, Ferris, 298F. Dame Curtsey's Book of Etiquette, Glover, 3835. Dame Curtsey's Book of Recipes, Glover, 641G3. Labrador, the Country and the People, Grenfell, 917.1922. Practical Guide to Latin America, Mexico, etc., Hamile, 392.516. Studies in the Old Testament, Jackson, 221J. Wireless Telegraphy and Telephony, Kennelly, 654K2. Vehicles of the Air, Longhead, 533.6L. Five Months in the Himalaya, Mumm, 915.42M. The Simple Way, Lantz, Old, 1001.2. Wildwood Ways, Packard, 500P5. The Land of the Lion, Rainsford, 916.74R. Three Premiers of Nova Scotia, Saunders, 29452. Krishna and Orpheus, Schure, 29482. Life Histories of Northern Animals, 2 volumes, Seton, R59952. Psychopathological Researches, Sidis, 15056. Leaves From a Madeira Garden, Stanford, 914.652. Finland, Juv. ed., Thomson, 914.71T. Ireland, Juv. ed., Tynan, 914.15T. When Mother Lets Us Give a Party, Yale, 793Y.

Books received at branch library during week ending December 4, 1909: Miss Selina Lee, Davises, L1433. It Never Can Happen Again, De Morgan, L1434. A Woman Against the World, Moberly, L1432. When a Man Marries, Binehart, L1437. The Florentine Frame, Robins, L1435. Faces in the Mist, Steuart, L1436. Beasley's Christmas Party, Tarkington, L1436. Landscape Painting, Harrison, 758. Old Friends, Winter, 920W3.

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