

CEMETERY LUNCH IN PROSPECT PARK

Members of American Superintendents' Association Visit Earls Court.

Members of the Association of American Cemetery Superintendents held their thirty-fourth annual convention at Hamilton, Ont., this year, and delegates were the guests yesterday of the Toronto branch of the association to luncheon in the Prospect Park Cemetery. The guests were met at the union station, taken thru the city in autos to see the sights, and then to Mount Pleasant Cemetery. The delegates represent nearly every state in the United States, and over a hundred sat down to a fine lunch in a marquee in the cemetery. Members were shown the grounds for the hospitality shown them by Superintendent Fred Clark of Prospect Park Cemetery, one member expressing himself that this hospitality would go a long way in dispelling the idea that there was any bad feeling on the part of Americans to Canada and the British empire.

The luncheon tables were prettily decorated with some fine specimens of flowers grown on the cemetery grounds. H. S. Adams, Jamaica Plain, Mass., is this year's president, and F. H. Rutherford, Hamilton, Ont., vice-president. Maurice R. Nash, undertaker, St. Clair avenue, assisted Mr. Clark in making the visitors welcome.

The prize distribution in connection with the community picnic of the Silverthorn G.W.V.A., the Athletic Club and the Ratepayers' Association, was held last night in the G.W.V.A. hall, on Silverthorn avenue, which was well filled. Tom Donnelly, president of the Ratepayers' Association, presided. A musical program was rendered, and among those who took part were the following: Messrs. Ashworth, Wilson, Frank Richardson, Fred Clayton and Christie, Alexander MacGregor, K.C., presented the MacGregor silver cup to the ladies' tug-of-war, which was won by the West Fairbank team, represented by Mesdames Chard, Nichols, Lines, Lee, Easton and Fox. Mr. MacGregor also presented the silver cup to the winners of the Chartered Trust Corporation cup, which was won by Messrs. Ashew Wilson, father and son, Orchard, Butler, Lawrence and Harper.

Peter Leeds won the silver cup and gold medal in the one mile open race, and was handed the trophies by Rev. E. J. McKittrick, with a few appropriate words. Jane Duncan, Frank Richardson and J. Bassett were each presented with gifts for selling the largest number of tickets.

Chairman Donnelly outlined the objects of the association, and asked for the co-operation of members in coming events. Other speakers included Andy Duncan, chairman of the school board; Comrades Knox, Messick, Leith and Principal McCormick. It was the most successful affair yet staged in this district.

A roadway thru the Prospect Park Cemetery is the burning question of the hour in this district, and the British Imperial Association has made arrangements for a big meeting on Monday night to thoroughly discuss the question. York township council has been approached by the B.I.A. and has refused to entertain the suggestion that it should contribute towards the purchase of a roadway, as it contends that the city, which would have the use of the road as well as the township, should bear its part of the cost, which is estimated at \$80,000, and which the township say is absolutely prohibitive. Works Commissioner Harris, Fred Clark, superintendent of Prospect Park Cemetery, and Reeve Miller, have been invited to attend the meeting, which is expected to be a lively one.

The meeting will be held in the Earls Court public school, at eight p.m. Caledonia and Fairbank ratepayers' associations are with the B.I.A. in this movement. Other important matters will also be taken up at this meeting, especially the use of the small cars on Lansdowne avenue.

FIRE RANGER AIDED HIM TO GET PERMIT

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Bigwood said that such experiments might possibly be made on smaller areas. The venture was partly experimental and partly a business venture. The experiment had been discussed with Prof. Zavitz.

Justice Riddell: "Was it anything but a general brush burning proposition?"

"Nothing at all; it was all open and above board."

R. S. Robertson, counsel for J. P. Bigwood: "Was the matter of the election in any way a consideration in obtaining this limit?"

"None whatever."

Has an Awkward Look. Justice Riddell called attention to matters which in his opinion give an awkward look to the transaction. The first is that witness on his own behalf and on behalf of a government employee, obtained a license without disclosing the fact to the government, and associated with that was the apparent impropriety of a government officer taking any part in such a transaction at all. The second point is the extraordinary large size of the limit. The commissioner expressed the desire that further evidence on these points be obtained. Mr. Harding said Mr. Bliss and others would be called relative to them.

Justice Latchford said it was common talk among lumbermen that companies could not economically be operated if brush also was to be burned. Further evidence showed that the license for this 405 square mile area was for five years, with no renewal restrictions.

Favors Sale by Auction.

H. B. Walde of the Victoria Harbor Lumber Co. gave evidence as to the best method of disposing of timber limits. In his opinion the best way was by public auction with the limits to be sold for a lump sum. He opposed sale by sealed tender. Whatever system is used, sales should be openly conducted. If a lumber concern fails to obtain a property, they want to get another one. The government, not knowing till it is out what timber is on a property,

should not seek payment by the dues system.

Says Principle Wrong.

Mr. White: "What is your objection to sealed tenders?"

Mr. Walde: "The principle is wrong. We don't know what is going on behind the scenes, and we may have to bid on two, or three berths in order to get one."

"If the sealed tender system brought more money to the treasury that system is the best for the province."

"That has not been established."

Justice Latchford: "That is the point I cannot see any way of establishing. A comparison cannot be

made of things that are different."

Mr. White, to witness: "You object to the sealed tender system on account of the manner in which tenders may be tampered with."

Suspected Politicians. Justice Riddell: "We had a witness here giving similar evidence the other day, who evidently suspected all politicians."

Mr. White: "That is the trouble. There are too many people of that kind. If there were fewer of them our politicians would be better."

Justice Riddell: "I see in the news columns this morning that when the British authorities were selling German ships the officer in charge re-

fused to sell by auction, and invited tenders, thinking he could obtain more money."

Manley Chew, a Midland saw-miller, said some of his limits were obtained on the old license system and some on the new. His annual over-run for past 10 years had varied from 24 per cent. to 87 per cent., with an average of about 60 per cent.

Mr. Chew also advocated the sale of limits by auction, as it gave lumbermen an opportunity to get just what limits they want. If they are outside on one property they strive for the next to secure their supply of raw material.

Justice Latchford: "And your

striving and other lumbermen striving, the price is run up and the province gets more than they otherwise would?"

Mr. Chew: "That is undoubtedly the case."

Mr. White: "I want to know if prior to 1905 you obtained from the province of Ontario the right to cut timber without competition?"

"No. You probably refer to the old firm of Chew Brothers, of which I was not a member."

The inquiry will resume Monday.

REPORT STRIKE OF GAS.

Peterboro, Ont., Sept. 10.—While

boring for a well on the main street of Lakefield last evening the drillers struck a pocket of gas forty-seven feet below the surface. Drilling operations were resumed today.

THREE BYLAWS PASS

St. Catharines, Ont., Sept. 10.—(Special.)—Thorold ratepayers gave assent by large majorities to three bylaws to grant exemption from taxation for the G.W.V.A. clubhouse, to issue debentures for the laying out of a new park, to establish a system of fire alarm boxes, purchase an auto truck, and improve the fire hall.

ADD TO POLICE PAY

St. Catharines, Ont., Sept. 10.—An increase of 25c per day was granted all members of the St. Catharines police force by the police commission, as an incentive to encourage enlistment in the force, which is now considerably under strength.

DIES OF BURNS.

London, Ont., Sept. 10.—Andrew Martin, the Greek who was terribly burned when a gasoline tank in his booth at the amusement park, Springbank, exploded, died at St. Joseph's Hospital this afternoon after two days of great suffering.

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