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T.E.L. WILL ON MAY 2 DEAL WITH CITY'S OFFER

Notices Sent Out to Shareholders —Prospects Seem to Favor Acceptance.

The meeting of the Toronto Electric Light Co.'s shareholders has been called for April 8, leaving only two days to accept or reject the city's offer. The notices were sent out yesterday morning. This is the adjourned annual meeting, which has been twice postponed, awaiting the action of the city towards the purchase of the plant.

It was rumored in financial circles that the shareholders would have two offers for purchase to consider when assembled, but this was flatly denied by General Manager H. H. Macrae last night. He says there is absolutely no truth in the statement that Sir William Mackenzie is likely to make the company an offer.

According to Mr. Macrae the shareholders will have only one offer to consider, and that will be the offer of the city for $125 per share. As the shareholders of the company will have the liquid assets to distribute among them, it is estimated that the city's offer will amount to about $135 per share. It is said that the shareholders are coming around to the view that this amount would be preferable to a fight with the city's electrical department, which would oblige them to cut prices so as to prevent the possibility of dividends and would possibly reduce the value of the stock to considerably below par.

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OBITUARY.

Frederick Ferguson.

Frederick A. Ferguson of New York, formerly of Philadelphia, died suddenly yesterday in this city, after a comparatively short illness. Mr. Ferguson was well known in Toronto, having spent the greater part of the past two years at the leading hotels here. He was in his 53rd year. He leaves no relatives in Toronto. His brother, G. Alfred Ferguson, died about eighteen months ago. The remains were taken to Philadelphia for interment.

C.N.R. SHOULD HELP TO COLONIZE NEW ONTARIO

Extension Into Clay Belt Needed—Encourage Immigrants to Settle.

The World discussed the question of opening up the clay belt in Northern Ontario with a prominent member of the board of trade yesterday. He said he agreed thoroly with the policy of The World that New Ontario should be opened up so as to connect the Canadian east with the Canadian west and to have a line of settlement from older Ontario right up to the existing settlements in Manitoba.

He thought Sir James Whitney ought to adopt a liberal policy of settlement and that as a first move the Canadian Northern should be asked to extend its line from its present terminal, Gowganda Junction, up, say for 150 miles, fifty of which would be in the clay belt. Once the road was in the clay belt then the proposition would be to put settlers in on the first fifty miles and to keep on extending the road ahead of settlement.

The member of the board of trade went further and said that the government might make some arrangement with the Canadian Northern to bring settlers from the old country on their line of steamships and to locate them in the clay belt. He said that Colonel Davidson, who is connected with the lands department, and Mr. Howell, who is now connected with the immigration department of the Canadian Northern, could bring out thousands of settlers if their energy were turned in that direction. He said further he was in favor of the government helping each settler in the way of clearing a piece of land and putting up a house. At least that experiment was worth trying in the case of the first thousand settlers.

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MAY ENLARGE ENQUIRY TO PROBE COAL CONTRACTS

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board and p.astised amongst the teachers would there be anything wrong.

"If the teachers sought their services it might be all right."

"Then the whole thing resolves itself to the fact that the only thing wrong was the canvassing?"

"Yes."

Mr. Drayton: "I think we're all agreed upon that point."

"I think, your honor, in view of what the witness said yesterday and what he is saying to-day, that there should be some application for perjury in his case," said Mr. Starr, after he had concluded another brief examination of Sturgeon Stewart, ex-secretary-treasurer of the Slocum Medicine Co. Witness' attention had been called to letters that had been signed by him, enclosing statements showing the growth of the business and the profits accrusing therefrom," and stating that 27 per cent had been earned on the paid-up capital. Witness thought there was no harm in sending statements so long as he did not sign them. Pressed as to the letter, and other letters that bore his signature, he said he did not read them, as they were only form letters, and he was under constraint to sign them.

He was shown a letter, porportunly tobe in his own handwriting, in which it was stated that the writer had every reason to believe that an investment in the stock would pay over 25 per cent. He answered that the writing was like his own, but he declined to take the responsibility for the letter.

Rogers Bought Stock.

Alf Rogers of the Elias Rogers' Coal Co., said he had five shares of Slocum stock. His company had been a tenderer for coal contracts with the board of education for years, and were successful until the last four or five years.

Witness had been led to subscribe thru Mr. Levee having told him he wanted two or three men to take a controlling interest in the company; but after looking things over he only took five shares, and that was so that Mr. Levee would not be offended.

("Was that the only reason?" asked corporation counsel.

"Well, I didn't think the move would do our coal company any harm when our tender came before the school board."

Mr. Rogers said he found he wasn't right. Perhaps he didn't have enough stock.

"Our prices were considerably lower, but we didn't get the contract. I have been informed since that there were at least two members of the schol board selling coal on commission for the successful tenderers."

"Did you get any dividends?"

"I got a cheque for 19109."

"What time did you receive last year's dividend?"

"A month or so agod."

"After this question was taken up by Saturday Night?"

"Yes."

"Did Mr. Levee make any suggestion that it would pay you, in the way that you have mentioned, to take Slocum stock?"

"No. I wouldn't say that he did."

"And you did not express to him the view that you have told us here?"

"No."

"Wheels Within Wheels."

To Mr. Starr witness said: "We have reason to believe that there were wheels within wheels that we couldn't control, and it was useless to tender for school contracts."

"And was Mr. Levee one of these wheels?"

"His name was mentioned along with Trustee Smith. I think these were the two principals."

"And having subscribed to Slocum stock, you were disappointed that this didn't fizz on Mr. Levee when it came to awarding the coal contract?"

"O, no. I did believe, tho, that Mr. Levee, as well as Mr. Smith, was handling the coal on commission for other people."

Mr. Rogers related that he had employed a detective named McNamara of the Thiel agency, who learned from Trustee Smith that Levee was getting a commission from the Connell Coal Company.

"I don't mean to say," said Mr. Rogers, "that they got commissions on the coal sold to the schools. I mean that they got commissions for selling coal for that company elsewhere."

"If I am right, you wish to withdraw the statement that these people got commissions on coal sold to the school board."

"I did not make any such statement."

"That would be all right if they got commission for selling coal to other people?"

"Not that I see."

"Tell me about this great discovery that you made. To whom did you break the news?"

"It may have been to several. I couldn't say."

"Mr. Harris of Saturday Night, for instance?"

"I believe I did say something to him. I gave him the information about a month ago."

"Why did he come to you"

"I suppose he knew we had had trouble getting a contract."

Mr. Starr asked if a test hadn't been made of the coal samples from both companies by a professor of the university.

"A professor in the furnace room."

Was Inferior Coal.

Mr. Rogers stepped down, while C. H. Bishop, superintendent of buildings for the board of education, exhibited the tenders. The Connell Company's figures were $5.15 a ton, and the Rogers' were $4.80 delivered in December, or $4.95 delivered in July. Mr. Bishop said the Rogers' tender was clearly the lowest, but from a test that had been made at the university under the direction of Mr. Campbell, with representatives from the board, and the two coal companies present, the quality of the Connell coal was superior.

Mr. Rogers went into the stand again, and said the test was not satisfactory. Connell coal couldn't be superior, as the openings in the mine from which both companies were supplied were only few hundred yards apart.

"The Rogers are willing to put their coal up against any other, and if the other coal is found superior the Rogers will supply the schools free for a year," he declared.

Mr. Starr went into the report furnished by the detective agency to Mr. Rogers. It stated that the Connell Coal Company could bank on Levee and Smith for support, as these gentlemen did practically all the business on the board of education. It also stated that Manager Wheeler of the Connell Company had at one time been in despair because he could not break in on the business that the Rogers people were doing with the board of education, and that he had decided that the only way was to elect his own trustees.

A Real Kingmaker.

The report stated that to this end Mr. Wheeler had learned which trustees would be retiring on a certain year, and he put Smith up and got him elected, or words to that effect. It quoted a subsequent conversation between Wheeler and Smith in the latter's tailor shop, wherein Mr. Wheeler told Smith he was to be chairman of the property committee the next year. Smith replied that he could do as much for him on the committee as by being chairman, but Mr. Wheeler was insistent and Smith got the office. Mr. Wheeler, the report went on, had it all planned that Smith was to be chairman of the board this year, but Mr. Smith was nosed out at the polls.

Again the report quoted Wheeler as saying he would never have had a ghost of a show with the Rogers' people if he hadn't elected candidates and got control of the board. It said further that Alf. Rogers had begged Wheeler to let him in on half of the business.

At this point Mr. Starr indulged in some fine sarcasm at Mr. Rogers' expense, but when the laugh that was created, subsided, Mr. Rogers declared the statement as accredited to Wheeler rwas false. Continuing, Mr. Starr read from Wheeler's alleged statements: "When Alf. catches me napping, I'll take my hat off to him."

At the conclusion of the reading Mr. Rogers said there had been nothing personal in the fight between the two companies, but it was purely business competition.

Did Work for Teachers.

Architect Henry Simpson, ex-school trustee, swore that while on the board he had often heard the remark amongst disappointed teachers: "Well, if we had subscribed for stock we would likely have been alright." To Mr. Starr, witness admitted that he had done architectural work for teachers while a trustee; but he would not let that influence him.

Trustee Fairbairn said he had had a conversation with Mr. Levee after The Saturday Night articles appeared regarding what action the board should take, but that talk was without prejudice. He ran against Mr. Levee in ward 4, and supplanted Trustee Smith, and he had handed Mr. Harris of Saturday Night information about teachers who had subscribed for Slocum stock. He had gathered that information before the election.

A Losing Venture.

F. W. King, one time secretary-treasurer of the Slocum Company, said the company was losing all the time. Mr. Levee had personally guaranteed certain stock at 10 per cent. which could not be legally guaranteed by the company, yet the company's funds paid it.

Principal Hagarty of Harbord-street Collegiate, said Mr. Levee had canvassed him three years ago, and had twice called on him last fall, one time at the school, but he refused.

Miss Jessie Semple, superintendent of drawing, said an agent called on her at her home twice about Christmas.

Dr. Embree, senior principal of high schools, said an agent had seen him late in September.

Secretary W. C. Wilkinson said he had been canvassed, but not by Mr. Levee.

Inspector Elliott said he held no stock.

Inspectors Elliott and Chapman also testified. The former denied that Slocum stock had anything to do with his appointment.

Inspector J. L. Hughes said he had known Mr. Levee for 20 years, and always respected him as a good fighter. He had been rather prejudiced against witness when he first came on the board, but got over that about five years ago, when he began calling at the inspector's office for information.

Mr. Hughes' Investment.

Mr. Hughes' firs t investment in medicine stock was made thru Mr. Levee guaranteeing him 10 per cent. In 1908 he took 10 shares more, and paid $1000 for 10 shares in 1909. Later he invested another $5000. The last investment was the result of a conversation at the exhibition when Mr. Levee told witness of the change from 10 per cent. to 7 per cent. The chief inspector said he had only heard of the canvass amongst teachers last fall from Miss Simms. He called up Mr. Levee, who replied that he had already warned his agent, and it had been stopped. Mr. Hughes said he had no other reasons for investing than that the proposition looked good.

As to Inspector Elliott, he had recommended him as he would anyone else, because he thought he was the best man.

Inspector Hughes objected to Mr. Fraser's calling the nomination of Dr. Embree as a "blind." When he found the trustees almost unanimous in favor of a local man, he had called together four or five trustees to consider it, and they supported Dr. Embree. meeting as I thought he would be

"I did not ask Mr. Levee to this against it. I was afraid of him."

Miss Hunter, on the stand, testified that she had received a letter from Mr. Levee and an anonymous postcard.

Questioned as to whether Oates had suggested that she get a principalship, Miss Hunter said he incidentally mentioned it, but not as an incentive to buy Slocum stock.

The anonymous postcard received by Miss Hunter read:

"You'll get yours where the chicken got the ax. See Saturday Night."

Dr. Noble's Views.

Trustee Dr. Noble, who seconded the resolution calling for an investigation, was asked to define the difference in principle between Levee selling stock and witness selling his brains to teachers whom he might be treating.

"I don't sell them; they're too precious," he replied.

Evidence more or less a repetition of things that have been said in the previous days of the enquiry was given by the following, the majority of whom had been canvassed: W. J. Hendry, principal Jesse Ketchum School; A. Hendry, principal Alexander Muir School; E. A. Stevens, former principal of Fern-avenue School; H. P. Carr, principal Fern-avenue School; G. H. Armstrong, principal Huron-street School; R.W. Hicks, principal of Queen Victoria School; Alexander McMillan, an applicant for the position of inspector; Principal Parker, Winchester School; G. K. Powell, principal of McCaul-street School; R. W. Doan, Dufferin School; R. A. Gray, principal of Oakwood High School; Principal Ward, Borden-street School; James McIntosh, principal Parkdale School; Principal Bryce, Leslie-street School; Principal Smith, Parkdale Collegiate; J. W. Rogers, principal Dewson-street School; Miss Jewell, teacher Rose-avenue School.

A. E. Jewett, science master in Oakwoow High School, who receives a $600 salary as accountant at the Slocum Company, had no stock in the company, but his nephew, J. L. Hopwood, had. He had done no canvassing since his appointment to the company.

"Did you before you became an employe of the company?"

"Only incidentally."

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WHAT OF CHILDREN? REV. DR. HINCKS' QUERY

Problem Arising from Annulment of Marriages Must Press for Solution.

Rev. Dr. Hincks laughed heartily last night over The Catholic Register's declaration that he had commenced "to bellow too soon" regarding mixed marriages.

"The real issue," said Rev. Dr. Hincks, "is: 'Shall the canon law of the Roman Catholic Church be allowed to over-ride the state law as it has done in the Province of Quebec?'

"That is the issue, and the only issue. Other questions are merely raised to divert attention.

"There is a question arising out of the issue which the Roman Catholic Church will have to answer. It is: 'What about the children of the marriages annulled by the canon law; what about the children of the marriage just annulled in the Province of Quebec?' That is a question I am going to take up from the pulpit. 'What about the children of annulled mixed marriages?'"

NORTH TORONTO.

NORTH TORONTO, March 29.—(Special.)—At the debate held in the Eglinton Methodist Church last night, the relative merits of the teaching and clerical professions were vigorously debated, and the award, according to the referee, was given to the affirmative or ministerial section. For the ministerial side the champions were Rev. G. W. Robinson and Rev. Mr. Balfour, and for the teaching profession George H. Reed and Robert Shaw of Harbord-street Collegiate.

A joint meeting for the furtherance of the Georges and Marys was scheduled for to-night in the town hall, but there was little doing.

A meeting of the fire and light committee takes place on Thursday night. T. Aird Murray, C.E., the engineer in charge of the sewerage plans, stated to a citizen to-day that he was placing in charge of the work a man eminently capable and one who was actively identified with the installation of the Glasgow sewerage works.

Bridge.

Thompson: Do you like to play bridge with your family?

Johnson: No. If I'm going to lose money I'd rather lose it where it may do me some good.—Life.

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FIFTEEN-YEAR OLD FIREBUG

Pleads Guilty to Causing Three Outbreaks in Montreal.

MONTREAL, March 29.—Fifteen-year-old Hector Lefebvre, who has served a four-year term in the reformatory for theft, was brought before Judge Leet to-day by Detectives Riopel and Mercier, when he pleaded guilty to the charge of being a firebug. He admitted he had been the direct cause of three outbreaks in the north end of the city, in one of which four horses were destroyed.

He was remanded until to-morrow, when he will be brought before Fire Commissioner Latulip, who is holding an investigation into the outbreaks in sheds on Berri-street.

How to Choose a Teapot.

The real secret in choosing a teapot, be it made of silver, crown derby or even the humble but useful brown "mug," is this: Never buy a teapot with the root of the spout low down in the body of the pot. Let the spout be set high in the body, then you can fill the pot well up, without the tea dribbling over, as it never fails to do when having a low-built spout close to the teapot's foundation. Far too many fancy articles are made and sold more fit to stand among chimneypiece ornaments than to brew and pour that welcome beverage which cheers but does not inebriate.