

COUNCIL DIVIDED ON MAYOR'S SUCCESSOR

Probability of Mayor Geary's Resignation Leaves Aldermen to Choose Between Controllers Church and Hocken — Want Lights in Parks.

On the assumption that Mayor Geary will resign upon his return from England, the council has already divided as to who shall be the next mayor. Acting Mayor Church and Controller Hocken will both be candidates for the position and many of the aldermen are now pledged to support one or the other. Of course there is nothing definite yet that the mayor will resign, but such a step would be necessary should he be appointed as corporation counsel, or to a seat on the hydro-electric commission. As regards the latter position, his appointment is considered a probability.

That both Controllers Hocken and Church will be candidates for the deposed mayor's chair has already been assured, and just what support each will receive cannot be estimated yet. In recognition of his work as president of the council, and as acting mayor, Mr. Church is sure of support, while on the other hand it is generally conceded that Controller Hocken would succeed Mayor Geary when the latter's term was up.

Change the Aspect. The mayor's resignation should it be received, will, however, likely change the whole aspect of the situation. As acting mayor, Controller Church has certainly got a line on the position, and the ability to do things which he has demonstrated of late, has strengthened his position. But could the council elect Controller Hocken? This is the question which is causing considerable discussion at the present time and will not be finally settled until the vote is taken.

Why No Lights? Aldermen and controllers are being questioned these days by indignant citizens who want to know why it is that Allan Gardens and Reservoir Park have not been lighted. Respectable people, it is claimed, will not enter these parks after dark. The city has been liberally censured, but the aldermen point out that the council is not to blame. Some time ago the parks department was instructed to have hydro lights placed there, but this could not be done at once owing to the fact that it was necessary to send to England to get the cable. At present there is a strong agitation that temporary lights be installed.

Scarboro System. In spite of the vast expenditure involved, and the length of time it will take to complete the work, it is very doubtful whether the ratepayers will be asked to vote upon the Scarboro Heights waterworks system before next January. As yet the city council has taken no action with regard to the report of the waterworks experts other than to obtain options upon some of the property which will be required.

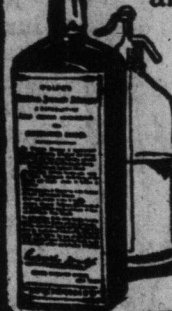
May Use Stanley Park. Aid, O'Neill, chairman of the property committee, announced yesterday that it was probable the new civic auditorium would be in Stanley Park, on the south side of King-street. The council, however, designs to purchase the property, and if it is not decided to locate the auditorium there it is possible that the land will be subdivided and sold, the proceeds to go toward the purchase of the Trinity College property. Another scheme is to sell the lots facing on King-street, and use the proceeds to purchase the auditorium site, since it would then be adjoining the present cattle market.

Must Dump Garbage. Speaking of the complaints of the Shaw-street residents that garbage was being used to fill in land, Dr. Hastings stated yesterday that such a practice was absolutely necessary until incinerators were provided. Every precaution, he said, was taken to avoid creating a nuisance and the refuse

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Gas vs. Electricity. To demonstrate to the public that gas is still in many ways superior to electricity, the Gas Users' Association, who will hold their convention here at the time of the exhibition, have started the entire building. The hydro-electric will also have a large exhibit, in which they will endeavor to prove the other side of the question. To look over Toronto streets for the purpose of getting some ideas regarding pavements in their own town, the aldermen from Barrie have decided to pay a visit to the city.

PRESENTED TO THE KING. Head of the Firm of D. & J. McCallum, Proprietors of Perfection Scotch.

Mr. Duncan Stewart, head of the firm of D. & J. McCallum, proprietors of the celebrated "Perfection" Scotch Whisky, was among the notables who had the honor of being presented to His Majesty King George V. at the levee held at St. James' Palace, London, on June 18.

This honor conferred upon Mr. Stewart possesses unusual significance owing to the worldwide popularity which McCallum Perfection Scotch whisky, being tantamount to a royal recognition of this firm's leadership in this industry.

LABOR FATALITIES DECREASE. OTTAWA, July 17.—(Can. Press).—According to the industrial accident record of the department of labor, 62 persons were killed and 249 injured during the month of June in the course of their employment.

DEAN CONNELL DEFENDS KINGSTON. July 17.—(Special).—Dean Connell, the medical faculty of Queen's University writes an open letter to Dr. J. S. Hart, Toronto, in regard to the length of the Queen's session. Dr. Hart complained that Queen's University School of Medicine did not comply with the regulations of the council for an eight months' session, and that the Toronto University Medical School was the only one in the province that did comply.

The dean points out that in actual teaching days Queen's has 132 and Toronto 149.

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MASONIC GRAND LODGE SESSION

Total Membership in Ontario West is Now 50,300, and During the Past Year More than \$32,800 Was Given to Those in Need—Tribute to Memory of Late Judge Mabey

It was a warm welcome that Acting Mayor Church accorded the members of the Masonic Grand Lodge of Ontario West when the fifty-seventh annual convention of the order was opened in convocation hall yesterday morning. Mr. Church cited the fact that the history of the order started shortly after the French Revolution, a mainstay to morality, and an exponent of Christian charity. For all of these things the order was noted, and the outlook was certainly bright. The total membership is now 50,300.

As a member of the lodge and also chairman of the reception committee, Mr. Church gave a welcome to his brethren which made them at once feel at home in Toronto.

W. Bro. George Smith of Zetland Lodge presented Grand Master M.W. Aubrey White with an illuminated address on behalf of the city lodges. In his address the grand master drew attention to the fact that since the order had been in existence in Canada, the Duke of Connaught had been appointed by King George as Governor-General of Canada. He also pointed out that His Royal Highness on receiving the commission had expressed his interest in the lodge and his desire to see that the lodge was in the best of health.

The speaker was sure that the delegates, as well as every other Canadian, were pleased that the grand master of the Masonic lodge in England had been thus honored by His Majesty King George. Mr. White stated that he was commissioned by His Royal Highness as grand master of England to extend his fraternal greetings and best wishes for the future of the order.

Judge Mabey Remembered. An eloquent tribute was paid to the memory of the late Judge Mabey for his character as a Mason and his tireless energy which he used to get justice for the public.

The grand master touched upon the loss of the Titanic, and remarked that it had been regarded as unlikely that it would be so soon. What shadows were cast by the disaster. The sympathy of the Masons went out to all those bereaved by the disaster.

Renting Halls. The matter of Jews engaging the Masonic Temple for the last night of the year was also taken up. The grand master said that a considerable amount of trouble and anxiety had been caused by the Jews holding feasts and dances on Sunday. Learning about the matter, the grand master had written to the Jews for such purposes. Recently he had been informed that the president of the company, also a Mason, wanted to rent the grand master to hold his wedding. When he refused the president threatened to run the affair anyway. The result was that the other lodges meeting at the temple were notified that if drinking and bawling were to go on in the building, their warrants would have to be recalled from there. The wedding was not held.

Benevolent Work. The contributions to those in need during the year amounted to \$23,875.50, including the \$15,000 from the semi-centennial fund. This was one of the largest amounts in the history of the order in this grand lodge and the grand master hoped that the year would be a record.

Some of the rulings made by the grand master during the year were: A dispensation for a Masonic picnic in Michigan; members must not be removed during the year; if there should be two or more ballots, a paroled convict from a penitentiary; Masonic social clubs not recognized; that with physical qualifications as a candidate for initiation; that a man of sound judgment and strict morals, although somewhat physically imperfect, where bylaws of the lodge call for two black belts, is not sufficient to reject candidate; Masons must be held to be innocent until proven guilty. This does not permit a Mason to make charges against a brother on un-Masonic conduct for what he does in his official capacity.

In this connection a brother of the legal profession who was debauched by the benedictions of his province was disallowed the right to make charges against judges and lawyers as an officer of the order. Lodges must keep their records clean.

General Fund. The general account of the grand treasurer, M.W. Bro. E. P. Allen, showed a bank balance on May 31, 1911, of \$4531, with a revenue of \$47,000, of which \$38,000 is receipts from lodges, \$4926 interest on investments, and \$4015 paid for matured debentures. This makes a total of \$51,246.

The total disbursements for the year were \$50,863. Of this amount, \$27,323 was paid in benevolent grants, \$1000 to the fire sufferers of North Ontario, and \$4710 invested in debentures. The total investments of grand lodge amount to \$109,362, consisting principally of municipal debentures.

Semi-Centennial Fund. The semi-centennial fund has reached \$27,270, of which \$24,851 has been invested in debentures and bonds. The Grand Secretary R. L. Gunn of Hamilton received during the year contributions to this fund amounting to \$8845 with \$2835 interest on investments. Over \$20,833 was received from matured debentures of the City of Ottawa, and \$17,324 has been re-invested.

How the Money Comes. Referring to the semi-centennial fund, the grand master said in part: "Those of us who know anything about the collecting of money will know that the two most difficult periods are the making of a satisfactory start and the winding up when nearly all the money has been obtained. After consistent and strenuous effort by my predecessors we had on hand at the end of May, 1911, on account of the semi-centennial benevolent fund \$20,837.50. During the year we have received \$8845.25, so that on the 31st of May, 1912, there was at the credit of this fund \$29,682.75. It is now \$32,270.00, and will be paid in to complete the \$100,000. This balance will be reduced somewhat before grand lodge adjourns."

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MUSEUM TRUSTEES. Three of the four trustees appointed by the Ontario Government on the Royal Ontario Museum Board are Sir Edmund Osler, James Birch O'Brien and Mrs. H. D. Warren. The fourth will be appointed in the near future. The museum is the McMaster University, Bloomsburg. It is in charge of Prof. C. T. Curry.

MR. SOTHMAN'S POSITION. P. W. Sothman, who recently resigned from the Ontario Hydro-electric Commission, is regarded in some well informed quarters as likely to succeed W. B. Boyd, as chief engineer of the Toronto Power Co.

Sparrow Lake Most Popular Summer Resort—Excursion Saturday. July 20th, \$1.75. Rugby Lodge, S.O.E., will run a special excursion on the Canadian Northern Ontario Railway to Sparrow Lake next Saturday. This will be a great opportunity to visit this resort, which is fast becoming one of the most popular in Ontario. The excursionists will have a special solid vestibuled train leaving Toronto Union Station at 9:00 a.m. Queen-street 9:15 a.m. The public are invited. Very low rates, for the round trip—\$1.75 for adults and 90c for children. Tickets good to return until July 22. Tickets from the committee or at ticket offices, corner King and Toronto-streets.

DENIES WRONG-DOING. G.T.R. Conductor Says He is Innocent of Any Crime.

Conductor Wyley, one of the employees of the G.T.R., who has been running the Niagara Falls-London train for some time and who was arrested Tuesday on a charge of "knocking down" fares on his run, appeared in the police court yesterday and absolutely denied that he had done what he is charged with doing, namely, working the company for "dead" fares. His case was remanded and he was allowed out on bail of \$200. His only offence, so he says, has been in the carrying of employees free.

NEW BARRACKS AT EDMONTON. OTTAWA, July 16.—(Special).—The government have decided to build a large new barracks for the use of the north-west mounted police at Edmonton. Tenders have been called for a large building to be designed after the most up-to-date barracks in Great Britain.

It is understood that the lowest tender thus far has been received from Messrs. Nesbitt and Millers of Edmonton.

INQUESTS ADJOURNED. At the morgue last night an inquest into the death of a man who was smothered when a cave-in at the excavation at the corner of Rowntree-avenue and Blackmore-avenue buried five men. No evidence was taken and the inquest was adjourned until Friday evening next. Coroner Russell is in charge.

The adjourned inquest into the death of the unknown man who was found dead at York Mills one day last week will also be reopened Friday evening.

CHURCHILL TO EXPLAIN POLICY. Announcement of Program For Imperial Navy to Be Made Next Monday.

LONDON, July 16.—(C. A. P.).—It is now authoritatively stated that Winston Churchill will on Monday make an important pronouncement on the British course of action in view of the German naval program. He'll deal fully with the policy of the government regarding the fleet in the home waters and Mediterranean, and he'll go out for a united imperial navy. He has consulted the highest authorities, Lord Fisher, Lord Charles Beresford, and in addition, his chief professional adviser, Admiral Sir Francis Bridgeman.

The supplementary estimates which Churchill will introduce, are expected to contain a provision for the addition of men to the whole fleet, and the acceleration of certain ships for the year's program, and a special program for the Mediterranean.

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