

# SEPTEMBER GABFEST OF CITY COUNCIL.

Aldermen Talked for Three Hours and Then Adjourned Until This Evening.

None of the Important By-laws Considered-----  
Talk of Graft in Elections.

With the same reckless regard for time that has characterized it throughout the year the City Council wasted three hours last night attempting to transact business that should easily have been dispensed of in less than an hour. When big Ben tolled 11 o'clock and the last weary back bender had fled, these voracious aldermen were still hard at it talking against time. It was necessary to move an adjournment until to-night then to take up the really important business, that was neglected to transact over matters of minor importance which have been thrashed out time and again. When they could get nothing else to air their opinions about, they tried to work up an argument over the legality of the motion to adjourn, until Mayor Stewart and one or two of the less talkative ones fled in disgust from the Council Chamber. Like every Council meeting since last January it was one long gabfest, and one of the most unbusiness-like yet, unless gush talk flowing like beer from a spigot throughout the evening.

## The Ward System.

The proposed by-law to return to the ward system caused a long discussion, so long that it will be resumed this evening. The by-law as drafted proposed to have the vote taken on Thursday, October 3. Ald. Lees, in his anxiety to have this changed to the first Monday in January, seconded by Ald. Jutten, moved an amendment before the clause was reached. He deplored the alleged fact that it would cost \$1,000 to submit the by-law and declared that there was no necessity for going so or submitting the one for electric pumps before January.

Ald. Dickson said it would cost \$2000 to submit the by-law for pumps and only \$200 more for to submit the ward by-law at the same time.

"The duty of the aldermen here is to obey the will of the people, in preference to preserving their seats," he said.

Ald. Jutten said if the polls could be kept open until 7 o'clock, he would favor it, but did not think a fair expression of opinion could be secured otherwise in the legal time prescribed.

"I think we should have a fair expression of opinion from the general public on this matter," said Ald. Sweeney, who wanted it to wait until January. He deplored "ward evils" of the old days which he alleged were noticeably absent now.

## Talk of Graft.

Ald. Clark said the very reason advanced by Ald. Lees was an argument in favor of submitting it now. It would give the workmen a proper chance to vote, something they did not have last January, and would not have next year with a number of by-laws being submitted. There has been talk of graft and ward heeling," he said. "We have had rumors of certain men in certain sections doing such a thing, but I think a majority of the aldermen are fairly honest."

Ald. Peregrine said he had not heard any arguments advanced yet of sufficient reason to go back to the old system. "There is nothing so conducive to graft as the ward system," he said. "If a body of politicians want to carry out graft it is the easiest way of doing it."

Ald. McLaren and Farrar opposed going back to the ward system.

When the clock was tolling 11 o'clock Ald. Dickson moved that the committee of the whole be permitted to sit again and for the Council to adjourn until to-night. The usual procedure is to suspend the rules of order and proceed with the business.

The idea was to permit the Mayor and some of the aldermen who live at the Beach to catch the last car. Several of them protested against this, but the Mayor declared that he felt justified in adjourning the Council until to-night.

## Would Have More Light.

Before the Board of Works report was passed Ald. Peabees referred to the fact that there was nothing in the report about the Henry case, either concerning Mr. Henry or otherwise. There had been considerable talk through the press and on the streets about the accusations made.

Chairman Sweeney said he thought the Board of Works had disposed of the matter.

Mayor Stewart said he did not think the matter should be left in its present state, in justice to all parties, and suggested that it should be taken up again at its next meeting. The Mayor admitted that C. R. Reed, of the Building Trades Council, or other officers of that body, had not been notified.

Chairman Sweeney said he had no objection to taking the matter up, although he did not care to assume the responsibility.

Ald. McLaren said the Fuel Committee appeared to be the proper body to deal with it.

"It is too bad that a charge like this, which there seems to be some ground for it, should be allowed over in this way," said Ald. Peregrine. "We want to know whether it is right or wrong."

"The most serious part seems to be the opening of the men's envelopes," said Ald. Lees.

The Mayor suggested that the Board of Works and Fuel Committee deal with it jointly. The council voted upon this advice. The matter will be taken up at the next meeting of the Fire and Water Committee.

## Approved of These.

The council approved of the Board of Works' action in granting the Hamilton Bridge Works Company permission to construct and maintain, during the pleasure of the council, a stairway from their pattern shop on the north side of Barton street to the boulevard, also an additional railway track crossing the street with a gauge of 2 feet 8 inches, the company to execute an agreement approved by the City Solicitor and City Engineer indemnifying the city.

The Board of Works' recommendations that the City Solicitor apply to the Dominion Railway Commission for an order compelling the completion of the Ferrie and Wellington street bridge and for an order compelling the use of hard coal in locomotives for shunting purposes was also sanctioned.

## That County Agreement.

The Fire and Water Committee's recommendations to construct six-inch

main on Burris street at a cost of \$200 and on Ontario avenue at a cost of \$450 were referred back for further consideration. The committee has no money for the work and the council will have to think it over too.

The new form of agreement under which township residents on the borders of the city limits will be given water, is as follows:

(1) Obtain the consent of the Municipal Council of the corporation of the Township of Barton for the construction, maintenance, alteration, renewal and repair of the necessary mains, works and pipes under or upon the highway, without any claim whatever for compensation or damages being made by the said township corporation against the city corporation, the said mains, works and pipes being the property of the city corporation.

(2) Execute and register said agreement.

(3) Pay to the treasurer of the corporation of the city of Hamilton the amount as estimated by the City Engineer to be necessary for the introduction of the water into said premises.

## Pass Pump By-law.

The Fire and Water Committee's permission to introduce a by-law asking the council to introduce a by-law for \$40,000 for electric pumps provoked another discussion.

Ald. Evans contended that by doing this the council was committing itself to the principle of buying the pumps. He thought it was a matter requiring more careful consideration.

Ald. McLaren said the people had already voted this matter down once this year, and he thought it should stand over until next year.

Ald. Sweeney and Ald. Peabees thought a fuller expression of opinion would be secured if the by-law was left over until the municipal election.

Ald. McLaren said among other objections might be found the fact that the Hydro-Electric scheme might not be sufficiently advanced to get power. Although the city might be rather hard pinched, it was better to go slowly and make no mistake. Trouble might be experienced, too, disposing of debentures.

Mayor Stewart refused to shoulder any responsibility, he said, if the by-law was not passed. If it was put off until January and it took eight months to get the pumps it would mean the city would be in exactly the same condition during the summer season, when consumption is heaviest, as this year.

Ald. McLaren said the Hydro Commission would be prepared to make a contract with the city. As regards the selling of the debentures the Mayor explained the money could be taken out of the sinking funds.

Chairman Clark said there was no doubt the by-law did not receive proper attention at the last election on account of the big ballot and the number of by-laws.

"I don't think the people generally are seized of the facts," said Ald. Peregrine. The pumps were now working to full capacity, and the matter was one of such importance that if the ratepayers did not sanction it the aldermen should go ahead with it on its own responsibility. "As business men I think we should go ahead and arrange to get these pumps," said Ald. Peregrine.

Ald. Lees wanted to know if it was true the old pumps were not working all the time. Chairman Clark said the old pumps did not work within 50 per cent. of their capacity. They had been in use for many years, and might give out at any time.

Ald. McLaren moved that the matter go back for further consideration. Ald. Sweeney seconded this, but it was lost on the following division:

Yeas (13)—A. J. Wright, Kirkpatrick, Clark, Nicholson, Lewis, Gardner, Peregrine, Evans, Bailey, Dickson, Allen, Farrar, Anderson.

## Sent It Back.

The Council referred back for further consideration the clause in the Sewers Committee's report that connections made by E. D. Cahill on the west side of Emerald street, south of Stinson street, be cut off unless \$433.39, local improvement rates on this sewer, is paid by Mr. Cahill forthwith.

The Mayor said Mr. Cahill was quite willing to sign the necessary agreement.

## Go on Hospital Grounds.

Another clause that exception was taken to was the Finance Committee's recommendation that the Board of Governors of the City Hospital be permitted to erect, manage and maintain on the Hospital grounds the Wm. Southam Home for advanced cases of tuberculosis.

Ald. Anderson, seconded by Ald. Farrar, moved that it be referred back. Ald. Anderson said that he did not think it was a desirable place for the home. Any one who said there was no noise there did not know what they were talking about.

Ald. Lees, Evans and Peregrine favored it going on the Hospital grounds. Mayor Stewart declared himself for the Hospital grounds, too.

Ald. Farrar later withdrew his opposition, and his name as seconder of Ald. Anderson's amendment. Ald. Lewis, who strenuously opposed the building going on the Hospital grounds, seconded it.

After a long discussion the amendment to refer the matter back was defeated on the following division:

Yeas (9)—A. J. Wright, Kennedy, Kirkpatrick, Nicholson, Jutten, Lewis, McLaren, Bailey, Anderson.

Nays (10)—Lees, Clark, Gardner, Peregrine, Evans, Sweeney, Dickson, Allen, Peabees, Farrar.

## Three Burned to Death.

Charlotte, N. C., Sept. 9.—Fire early this morning destroyed the hotel at Cleveland Springs, N. C., and three persons were burned to death. They are Miss Smith, of Ellboro', N. C., and two unidentified negro employees. The money loss is about \$25,000, with \$10,000 insurance. Little was saved by the guests. Lightning started the fire.

## CHIEF JUSTICE HOWELL ILL.

Heart Failure Suddenly Strikes Manitoba Jurist.

Winnipeg, Man., Sept. 9.—Chief Justice Howell was suddenly stricken by illness this morning while driving from the C. P. R. depot to his home. Two physicians were immediately summoned, Drs. MacDonnell and Milroy, and they decided, after holding a consultation, that the Chief Justice was in a very critical condition.

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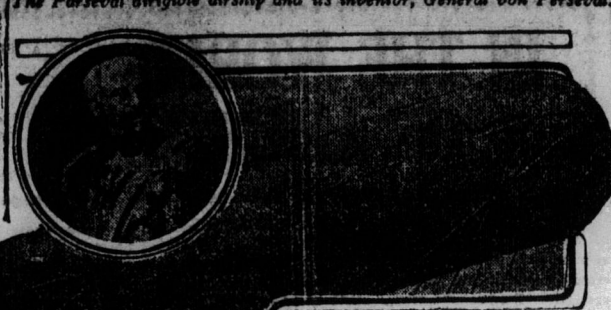
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DOUBLE TRAGEDY FOLLOWED LARK OF TWO YOUNG MEN.

Tried to Steal a Supper—One Mistook the Other for the House Owner and Fatally Wounded Him.

Kittanning, Pa., Sept. 10.—Following the accidental shooting of his companion, Robert Ramsey, jun., shortly after midnight, Howard Riley committed suicide by jumping in front of an express train on the Allegheny division of the Pennsylvania Railroad, near his home at Graff, early to-day.

Ramsey and Riley had started on a lark and when passing a farm house decided to take some eatables for a feast. Ramsey went into the farm house and Riley went to the chicken coop. While Riley was in the coop Ramsey opened the door, and as he struck a match, Riley, thinking it was the owner, shot Ramsey through the breast.

Riley became almost insane when he found that he had shot his friend and tried to shoot himself. Ramsey, although terribly injured, succeeded in getting the weapon from him. Riley took the injured man home, then hurried for doctors, remaining near the bedside until early this morning. Then he went home, told his mother of the shooting, changed his clothes and returned to Ramsey. He seemed to be beside himself with the grief.

Without saying anything he left the house, walked out on to the railroad track and when the express from Buffalo came rushing along he threw himself in front of the engine and was ground to pieces. Ramsey is still alive but his recovery is doubtful.

SUSPECT COUNTESS OF MURDER.

Strange Story of Conspiracy in Venetian Tragedy.

Venice, Sept. 9.—Count Komarowski, who was shot in a mysterious manner last Thursday by a young man who succeeded in gaining access to his rooms and who afterward stated that he had come here expressly to settle a most delicate question with the nobleman, died to-day.

After the shooting the assassin escaped, but the Count was able to ascertain his name, Nicholas Naumoff, on a pad for the police, and the man was arrested at a railway station. A telegram from Vienna announces the arrest there to-day of the Countess Tarnowsky, the fiancée of Count Komarowski.

The woman was arrested on suspicion growing out of the fact that the Count's life was insured in her favor for half a million roubles (\$250,000) and she has been in constant communication with Naumoff, who loved her madly. It is suspected that the Countess took advantage of Naumoff's jealousy to induce him to commit the crime. The Count left a child eight years old by his first wife.

MR. M'GUIGAN HAS RECOVERED.

Railway Manager Suffered From Attack of Appendicitis.

Montreal, Sept. 9.—The friends of Mr. F. H. McGuigan, former fourth vice-president of the Grand Trunk Railway and latterly first vice-president and general manager of the Great Northern, will be glad to learn that he has so far recovered from his recent attack of appendicitis as to be able to come to the city on a business trip. Mr. McGuigan arrived from Portland this morning, and although somewhat thinner and paler than when he last was might well be expected of a man who had just come through a very serious illness, seemed to be in good health and spirits.

"I am feeling all right," he said, "and am almost ready to get back to work."

"Can you outline your plans for the future?" was asked.

"No, I haven't formed any plans as yet. I am going to devote all my thought and energies to getting back my old strength first. I will be in this city for a few days to arrange some matters of business requiring my immediate attention. Then I will return to Portland to resume my holidays."

BISHOP INGRAM IN MONTREAL.

Welcomed at the Depot by Many Anglican Clergymen.

Montreal, Sept. 9.—There was little formality attendant upon the arrival of Bishop Ingram, of London, at Montreal to-night. When the English prelate arrived from Quebec there were about a hundred of the Anglican clergy set at the Windsor Station, and Bishop Carmichael, of Montreal, welcomed his English colleague to the metropolis.

After presenting Bishop Ingram to several of the leading clergy and laity the Bishop of Montreal escorted his distinguished guest to Bishops-town, where a dinner was given in his honor, at which many of the most prominent citizens of the Anglican persuasion in the city were present.

GAS EXPLOSION AT YORKTON.

Hotel Shattered by Imperfection in Acetylene Plant.

Yorkton, Sask., Sept. 9.—A terrific acetylene gas explosion occurred in the kitchen of the Royal Hotel at 9 o'clock on Sunday evening, which shook the town and could be heard for miles around. The explosion was caused by some imperfection in the hotel's private gas plant.

The wall was knocked out of the kitchen, and fragments were hurled over 100 feet. Nine plate glass windows were smashed in neighboring stores, and about thirty small windows were broken to fragments. Beyond a cut in a man's hand, no one was injured.

"Is this weather good for hay?" asked the green boarder. "It orber be," returned Farmer Stump. "It's bin rainin' pitchforks."

Will Return to England.

Montreal, Sept. 9.—Rev. H. P. Plummer, assistant rector of St. George's Church, has resigned to accept a living in Nottinghamshire, rendered vacant by the death of his brother. The living is the gift of his eldest brother.

He came to Canada six years ago as dean of Wyldlife College, Toronto. In December, 1903, he came to St. George's Church.

He was taken to his home, where he is now lying under the most careful medical attention.

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REFUSED TO ARBITRATE.

Position of Springhill Mines Coal Company.

Halifax, Sept. 9.—The Conciliation Board reconvened in Springhill to-day after adjournment since the 1st of August. The men stated they were willing to go ahead. It remained for the company to answer, and their answer proved a small-sized bomb. It was to the effect that the men were no longer employees of the company, and, therefore, the board had no power to deal with any matters in dispute.

The offset took the men a little by surprise, but they were ready with an answer. Seaman Terrie stated in reply that the company could not refuse to call the men employees until all indebtedness had been paid to them in full. The company had still in their possession the men's lamps and tools, and there was a vast amount of coal in the chutes that had not yet been measured and paid for. The chairman stated that he thought it better to take time to consider the objection of the company, and adjourned till to-morrow.

In the meantime he has wired to Ottawa for a decision on the matter in dispute.

New Car Shops at London.

London, Ont., Sept. 9.—Contracts for the erection of a \$50,000 addition to the car shops here have been let to Mr. John Hayman, and work will be commenced immediately. The capacity of the car shops will be nearly doubled by the extension.

Minister of Railways.

Ottawa, Sept. 9.—Hon. George P. Graham, Minister of Railways and Canals, arrived in Ottawa this morning, and will return to Brockville to-night, where he will meet the Liberals of the riding to-morrow.

Prison Labor Committee.

The prison labor committee of the Legislature will tour as follows: Detroit, Sept. 10 and 11; Cleveland, Sept. 12, 13 and 14; Chicago, Sept. 16 and 17; Milwaukee, Sept. 18 and 19.

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