York County and Suburbs of Toronto

BIG DECREASE IN BUILDING PERMITS

In Ward Seven During Last Few Months Owing to Stringency.

CUSTOMS RECEIPTS LESS

Women's Missionary Societies Have Amalgamated—Other District News.

The money stringency has made itself very apparent in Ward Seven during the last few months in the decrease of the building permits issued for buildings in West Toronto. During the month of January only 16 permits were issued with a total cost of $73,915. The list includes no large items at all and consists chiefly of dwellings, of which 36 are found in it. Last January the total amount of the permits issued was nearly three times as much, but the list then included several factories averaging $40,000 each.

Societies Amalgamate.

After existing and meeting for several years as separate organizations the Women's Foreign Missionary Society and the Women's Home Missionary Society of the Victoria Presbyterian Church, Annette street, have amalgamated and henceforth will meet as one. The following officers have been elected, representing both sections of the new organization: President, Mrs. D. T. L. McKerroll; vice-presidents, Mrs. G. W. Clendenan and Mrs. Fletcher; secretary, Mrs. A. B. Rice; treasurer, Mrs. N. Shunk.

The A.Y.P.A. of St. John's Church held a musical and literary meeting last night in the parish house. The president, Mr. Johnston, occupied the chair, and a most enjoyable program was rendered by several young people of the society.

The funeral takes places this afternoon of Gordon Candy, the 17-year-old son of James A. Candy of 34 Abbott avenue. The boy was well-known in West Toronto, and was employed for several years at a local distributing agency.

Customs Duties Less.

There is a big decrease in the customs duties at West Toronto ports. The collections for January amounted to $47,899.71. This is a decrease of $75,771.45 from the corresponding month of last year. In the first ten months of the customs year the duties collected amounted to $708,119.54. For the corresponding ten months of the previous year the duties totaled $749,215.66, showing a decrease of $41,096.12. This is believed to be caused by the mild weather, in having less shipments of coal than in former years. The duties almost reached the million mark last customs year.

LOWEST TENDER WAS ACCEPTED

North Toronto Conservative Association Approved of P. O. Contract.

At a meeting of the North Toronto Conservative Club in the Masonic Hall, Davisville, last night, two members of the North Toronto Conservative Association farther south, Dr. G. S. Ryerson and R. H. Smythe, were present to discuss the possibility of the societies being amalgamated. The original North Toronto Club was formed in the old town of North Toronto many years ago, and there has been frequent trouble owing to the names being similar.

Dr. Ryerson freely admitted that the Davisville Association was entitled to the name by priority, but thought it would be better to leave the matter over until after the redistribution had taken place, when the ridings would likely be changed.

Mr. Smythe also addressed the meeting, and, while he favored amalgamation, he was afraid it might be difficult to locate a meeting place which would be convenient for members of both associations. The matter was, therefore, left in abeyance.

A resolution was unanimously passed endorsing the action of the member for South York, W. F. Maclean, M.P., and Mr. Louden, the architect for the North Toronto branch postoffice, regarding the letting of contracts for the work on the building, the lowest tender having been accepted. President H. H. Ball occupied the chair.

MOORE PARK

The residents in this district are complaining of the delay in installing fire alarm boxes. It is now twelve months since the district was annexed to the city and still the only means of giving an alarm is by private telephones. It has been suggested that the connections could be made by installing wires on the hydro-electric light poles.

Work on the Grace Terrace sewer is progressing very rapidly and it is now completed as far as St. Clair avenue. The people in the locality are highly pleased with the way the work is being conducted, saying that no inconvenience whatever has been caused.

RIVERDALE

"The overcrowding of the jail still continues," said Governor Chambers to The World yesterday. "Sunday and Monday we had 394 men and 59 women inside, and the jail is only supposed to accommodate 320." Mr. Chambers said that every bed was filled and a large number of men had to sleep in the corridors. Difficulty was experienced in maintaining discipline among these prisoners, who were much better off than those shut in the cells. Quite a regiment of men are finding work in the park and the Don flats.

Work on the new Bank of Commerce building at the corner of Don Mills road and Danforth avenue has commenced.

FAIRBANK.

A new branch of the British Imperial Association has been formed in this district. Vice-President Burroughes informed the members that the branch would be named the British Imperial Association of Canada, incorporation papers having been taken out. The following officers were elected: President, Mr. Cole; secretary, W. H. Smith; executive committee, Messrs. Hardacre, Prothero, Switchen, Ward and Hutt.

WESTON

The reeve, Dr. Irwin, was elected chairman of the board of health at its first meeting. J. H. Taylor was appointed secretary at a salary of $10 per year.

The severe weather of Saturday night demoralized the local telephone service. The operators in the Bell Telephone office had much difficulty in attending to subscribers, owing to the breakdown of the hydro-electric.

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STICK TO THE POINT

It is not the veracity of motorists or the assiduity of county constables that is on trial before the county council, but the fee system of payment for magistrates and constables. The only proper test of a system for any purpose is an efficiency test, and the fee system has been found wanting in this respect. It has been proved by the evidence of the constables themselves that charges which should have been laid were neglected, and that in some instances a charge of a minor offence was substituted for a charge of a major offence.

While this evidence was advanced as proof that charges were not trumped up for the fees to be derived from them, it surely proves that cases which should have been brought to court were not pressed, thus defeating the purpose for which the whole system of county police administration was designed.

Since the system is so faulty it is evidently out of place to discuss the behavior of individual constables or the speed of automobiles. These things are side issues. If a magistrate is paid by fees which are the direct result of convictions, why not make it a rule that no juryman will be paid unless his verdict is "guilty"?

We do not question the purity of the administration of justice in county police courts at present, but it is surely evident that the fee system leaves a loophole for suspicion on the part of the person charged. He knows that his conviction is profitable to the magistrate and the constable, and he has serious doubts as to the adjustment of the scales of justice.

Referring to the county constable, The Toronto Globe said yesterday:

> He is on piece as well as peace work. As a consequence he must work to make wages. If on salary he could smoke his pipe at ease thru the long day and let the speeders speed to their heart's content.

Surely this is a low estimate of what a constable drawing a salary would do. Do our city police smoke their pipes and let speeders speed to their heart's content? What happens to the man who does this kind of thing in other walks of life? He is "fired."

EARLSCOURT.

Rev. Archer Wallace gave an interesting lecture, illustrated with lantern slides, to the Sunday school children of Silverthorne Methodist Church last evening. Over one hundred and fifty children were present. The new church in the Silverthorne district has made wonderful progress since it was opened.

T. Danson will give a lecture this evening in the auditorium of the Central Methodist Church at eight o'clock to the young men and women of the Epworth League.

There will be a meeting of the members of the clubhouse, Harvey avenue, tonight in the public school, Vaughan road, Fairbank. President Harvey will preside. All those interested in the clubhouse are invited to attend, as important business will be transacted.

Still Growing.

Hugh J. Macdonald, barrister, who resides in the Earlscourt district, has joined the Earlscourt District Voters' Association. The membership of the association is now one hundred and two.

Moon & Jeffrey report the sale of a solid brick, six-room residence, 43 St. Clair Gardens, owner Willis Pennock, to Joseph Murray Fee, price $3800.

The residents of Day avenue, in the Earlscourt district, still complain of the lack of street lights. The hydro-electric poles are up and wires strung, but no light has been put on since the work was completed.

Nothing Done Yet.

A matter which will be brought to the notice of the civic authorities by the District Voters' Association again, is the urgent need of a shelter at the Avenue road junction of civic and T. S. R. cars.

Principal H. Gray of Oakwood High School delivered an interesting lecture on money to the members of St. Edmund's Men's Club last evening in St. Edmund's Church basement hall.

M. J. O'LEARY AGAIN MADE PRESIDENT

Of North End Citizens' Association at Annual Meeting Last Night.

At the annual meeting of the North End Citizens' Association the advisability of changing the name of the association was discussed. Some of the members were in favor of a change, owing to the number of associations in the district with almost similar names, which seemed to make it difficult to define the locality they represented. Other members thought that out of respect for the founders of the association that the name should not be changed. After considerable discussion, A. C. Jennings gave notice of motion for the next meeting that the name be changed to "Centre of Yonge Street Citizens' Association."

Officers Elected

After the election of officers had taken place, the Rev. Dr. Frazer gave a short address on civic matters. Just having visited Chicago, the reverend doctor said that anyone who had seen its fine parks could not help but come away ashamed of the parks in Toronto. In comparison with other cities, he thought, Toronto had to take a back seat. If he were a young man he would take up the problem of parks in Toronto, because no city in America had such advantages for that purpose.

Favored Markets

Touching on the markets question, Dr. Frazer strongly favored the idea. "When one sees the advantage," he said "that suburban markets would be to housewives, I wonder that the scheme has not been adopted long ago."

The election of Mr. O'Leary was a surprise to that gentleman, as he had not been placed on the nomination list. A motion was passed to suspend the rule and place Mr. O'Leary's name on the list, with the result mentioned. The following officers were elected:

President, M. J. O'Leary; vice-presidents, Rev. Dr. Frazer and J. E. Murphy; secretary, T. F. Grubbe; treasurer, Thos. Knight; executive, W. Walker, W. J. Fennell, T. R. Haig, J. Alexander, W. Britnell, A. C. Jennings, J. W. Barry, Rev. S. W. Fallis, W. Armstrong, J. S. Hall, John Keith, D. T. McIntosh, M. Bernstein, W. L. Cuttell, Geo. Stevenson and D. D. Reid.

WYCHWOOD

The young men of St. Michael's and All Angels' Church will hold a debate tonight on "That the tendency of the stage is detrimental to religion."

YORK TOWNSHIP'S PERMISSIVE BILLS

Will Ask That Municipal Act Be Changed to Read "Municipalities.

IN CERTAIN SECTIONS

Instead of "Cities and Towns," Thus Giving the Township More Scope.

At yesterday's meeting of the York Township council copies of the bills embodying the permissive legislation desired by the township, which will be submitted to the legislature, were approved of.

Condensed, the applications are as follows: That sections 400, 401, 402, 406, 407, 409, 416, 418, 419 of the Municipal Act be amended, substituting the word "municipalities" for "cities and towns," thus giving the township the same legislative powers as a city or town.

Water and Sewers

That the City of Toronto shall permit the township to make connection with its water and sewerage system and supply the township with water, on terms mutually agreed upon, or failing agreement in terms to be determined by the Ontario Railway and Municipal Board.

Frontage Charges

That section 19 of the Local Improvement Act be altered so that the township may be enabled to charge the city rental for sewerage connection and the cost of construction of sewers and water mains directly against the property benefited by the installation of these improvements.

Abolish Useless Work

That the council of any county may pass a bylaw permitting the clerk of any municipality in the county to submit a summarized statement of the total population and total assessment of each of the various classes of property liable to assessment, instead of a statement in detail, as required by the act. With the exception that the clerk shall submit an itemized statement, if required to do so by the county judge, or by resolution of the county council.

Two Appointments

A bylaw was passed appointing R. P. Coulson truant officer for the township, and J. J. McBeth was appointed a collector to recover the cost, where possible, of the support of indigent patients in the hospitals. He will have to make a report on all cases weekly to the treasurer.

Money Bylaw

A general purpose money bylaw was passed, which amounted to $2521.28, $271 of this was for two weeks' maintenance of indigent patients in city hospitals.

Want Mail Delivered

The secretary of the Mount Dennis Ratepayers' Association wrote to inform the council that he had been in communication with the postal authorities regarding mail delivery in that district. The association wishes the council to pass a resolution that the municipality will take charge of renaming the streets that conflict with city streets and of numbering the streets, as when this has been done the postal department may take some action in the matter.

TODMORDEN.

A very successful sleighing party was held last night by the congregation of St. Andrew's Anglican Church. A large number turned out and quite a merry party enjoyed the outing. On returning refreshments were served by the Ladies' Guild at the parish hall, Pape avenue.

The second social of a series which is being given by the church thruout the winter was held last Saturday night in the parish hall, fully eighty people being present. Rev. A. A. Bryant, L.M., presided.

A euchre party will be held tomorrow night in St. Andrew's Hall by the Todmorden Conservative Association. The prizes will be: 1st, box of cigars, donated by Miss Gallagher; 2nd., neck scarf, by Hibbert and Maynard; 3rd., gents' tie, by James Howe; 4th., penknife, by J. C. McFadden, and the booby prize by J. Warren.

The committee have arranged for Thomas Humble to address the meeting, which is to be held on Feb. 18. Mr. Humble was unavoidably detained on the occasion of the last meeting, and the committee hope that a large crowd will be present.

EASTERN ONTARIO WANTS HYDRO-ELECTRIC POWER

Villlages of Williamsburg and Winchester Springs Now Considering the Project.

(Special to The Toronto World)

CORNWALL, Feb. 2.—At a public meeting held in the Village of Williamsburg to discuss the project of the village contracting for power from the Hydro-Electric Commission of Ontario, Charles D. Leacock, the commission's district engineer, gave much general information on the matter.

The village was offered power at a cost of $26 per horsepower. The commission would instal a pole type transformer at Morrisburg of sufficient capacity to serve the village with lights for the streets, houses and stores, and any motors that might be needed.

The ratepayers will vote on the question shortly.

ANNUAL MEETING OF HOLY NAME

James O'Hagan is President for Year With Strong Executive.

BOYS' CAMP THIS YEAR

Arrangements Made to Give Young Members Two Weeks' Outing.

The annual meeting of the Holy Name Society of the Archdiocesan Union was held last evening in St. John's Chapel, Church street. Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament was given previous to the business part of the proceedings by Rev. Austin Bonner of St. Michael's Cathedral. The members of the Holy Name Society sang the benediction hymns. At the close of the benediction service the hymn "Holy God We Praise Thy Name" was sung. V. Rev. Dean Hand, spiritual director, presided at the meeting. Also present were James O'Hagan, president, and Rev. Fathers Finnegan, St. Joseph's; Heintzmann; Jas. Minehan, Weston; J. Egan, Thorold; Ed. McCabe, St. Clare's; W. D. Whalen, and Austin Bonner of St. Michael's Cathedral; M. J. Maloney, C.S.S.R., St. Patrick's, and representatives from every parish in the city filling the church to the doors. The election of officers for the union executive for the ensuing year resulted as follows: James O'Hagan, president; first vice-president, J. J. Seitz; second vice-president, James Delaney; treasurer, Frank Russell; corresponding secretary, R. J. Kerr; recording secretary, Francis R. Boylan; marshall, P. M. Kennedy. Messrs. Henderson and Loftus were appointe dscrutineers for the election.

The reports of the various committees were read and approved, namely, presidential and executive committee's report submitted by President O'Hagan, in which was outlined the continued growth of the society, not only in Toronto, but thruout the arch diocese and the power for good among the Catholic men everywhere, enquiries coming from as far as Glace Bay in the east and Brandon and Saskatoon in the west.

More Members.

The membership has increased by 2000, just double the record of a year ago. Advances were also made in the junior societies and work has been forwarded among the Syrian and Italian peoples. The report of the special committee of the boys' camp was as follows: The offer of T. P. Phelan of the use of five acres of his property on the Lake Shore in the Oakville district for a summer camp for Holy Name boys be accepted.

The executive committee of the archdiocesan union be instructed to organize and equip and control a camp on the grounds designated to accommodate 65 boys between the ages of 12 and 16 years during the months of July and August, 1914.

TRUSTS AND GUARANTEE HAD A SPLENDID YEAR

Annual Statement Shows That Assets Have More Than Quadrupled in Less Than Ten Years.

The seventeenth annual financial statement of the Trusts & Guarantee Company, Ltd., was presented at the annual general meeting of the shareholders, held in the company's board room. The statement, as read by President James J. Warren, shows total liabilities of $12,411,981.55, against which the company shows a total of $6,198,496.39 in the estates and agency account, $3,821,687.62 in the guarantee trust account, $1,742,343.72 in the capital account, and uncalled capital stock to the value of $649,453.82. The most extensive division of the company's assets is that which includes the unrealized original assets, totaling $4,535,053.39.

That the company has grown materially from year to year is demonstrated in a total showing the asset figures since the year 1905. In 1905 the company's assets were $2,870,906.16, and since that time they have more than quadrupled.

The dividends declared on Jan. 1 amounted to $40,514.92, and at the end of the year the balance to credit of profit and loss account was $348,695.05. Among the liabilities are trust funds, with interest, totaling $3,821,687.62, and estates under administration to the value of $6,198,496.39.

The board of directors was elected at the meeting, and, following the general meeting, the board met and elected the officers of the company for 1914.

James J. Warren continues as president, and E. B. Stockdale as general manager.

CAN'T RECEIVE BEQUEST.

Western University Debarred From Taking $100,000 Gift.

LONDON, Feb. 2.—(Can. Press.)—Because the Western University is not a charitable institution, it can receive no bequest from the Blair estate, according to T. H. Purdon, in whose hands $100,000 of the estate has been left for disposal. A grant would be impossible, according to the will, says Mr. Purdon.

BY USING CAMPBELL'S LIGHT FARMERS COULD PLOW BY NIGHT

His Wonderful Illuminator Would Show a Medium Sized Potater a Hundred Yards Away — And Campbell Made It Pay—He's Feeling Bad Today.

Charged with obtaining money by fraud, Charles J. Campbell, with offices in the Tyrrell building, who claims to be president of a concern known as the International Illuminating Co., was arrested at his offices by Detective Guthrie yesterday afternoon.

Campbell, who calls himself a traveling promoter, is, according to the police, a high-grade flim-flammer, and the International Illuminating Co., for which he was selling thousands of dollars worth of stock, exists in name only. Campbell had half a dozen agents out working for him, to whom he promised 15 per cent. commission on all the stock they sold. A prospective stock purchaser was shown a prospectus of the company and a table of figures purporting to be the minimum profits of the concern during its first year. Campbell claimed to have purchased outright an oxy-acetylene plant which would startle the whole universe with the wonders it would perform in the matter of illumination.

Detective Guthrie, who called in the guise of an interested customer, was told that farmers could light their whole farm and plow the fields by night. According to the promoter, an arrangement he had perfected, when attached to a plow, would throw a searchlight on the ground 200 yards in advance.

The attention of the police was first called to the man's operations by a holder of the stock. Some of the agents also had become suspicious of the soundness of the concern which they represented.

Investigations by the detective office revealed the fact that Campbell's alleged holdings really covered an invention of a man named Genosky of 254 Carlton street, Toronto. Genosky claims to have perfected an acetoule lighting plant, for which he holds sole patents.

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MOUSSEAU WILL INVOLVE OTHERS

Accused Legislator Understood to Have Pledged Himself to Tell All.

ILLNESS IS SERIOUS

So Physician Testified, But Some Investigators Appeared Rather Skeptical.

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house all the evidence heard, or we may report our findings in the evidence."

It is reported here that Mr. Mousseau declared that if he were called to give evidence, he would tell the whole truth of the matter. The following is told in relation to this incident

Before the enquiry was commenced, Sir Lomer Gouin called Mr. Mousseau into the office of the Speaker of the assembly. There were present the Speaker (Hon. Mr. Delage) and the Hon. Mr. Taschereau.

A Dramatic Interview.

Sir Lomer was in a state of great excitement, pacing the room with great strides. Without ceasing in his walk he said:

"Well, Mousseau, are you going to talk at the enquiry?"

"Yes, Sir Lomer," replied Mousseau.

"And what are you going to say?"

"The truth, and nothing but the truth."

"And what is the truth?" Sir Lomer asked.

"The truth is that I accepted the money and handed it to others."

"To whom?"

"To Messrs. So-and-So, and So-and-So, and So," said Mousseau, naming three men who have not yet been named.

Hence the evidence of Mr. Mousseau is awaited with interest, and indeed by some individuals with anxiety.

It was decided to proceed with the enquiry and leave the question of Mr. Mousseau's appearance adjourned in the meantime.

Pleaded for Balance.

Mr. Beck, formerly editor of The Montreal Herald, under whose instructions the detectives' investigations were made, continued his evidence relating to Mr. Mousseau's visit to Mr. Hyland, when he spoke of the necessity of "settling with members of the lower house."

Mr. Marechal (counsel for The Daily Mail): "Did Mr. Mousseau admit then that he had collected $1050 already?"

Mr. Beck: "He did. He was pleading for the balance of $1050. He said the safest way was to pay the balance due the members of the lower house, as they had acquaintances in the upper house whom they would influence to vote for or against the bill. If, he said, the promises were not kept some of them might be inclined to oppose the bill thru their friends in the upper house."

The committee adjourned until tomorrow.

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UNITED STATES FISH MARKET

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dismissed, 57; 100 men served out their time, 21 were invalided, and 120 left the service at their own request.

Death Traps Abound.

The legislation passed some years ago to do away with the level crossing evil does not seem to have amounted to much. Altho the government has had $300,000 a year at its disposal for this work since 1908, only $60,000 has been expended all told. The fault, no doubt, lies in a great part with the municipalities, which do not apply to the railway commission for the abolition of grade crossings on account of their liability to be assessed for a part of the expense. Needless to say the railway companies do not move in the matter

About 137 miles of grading has been done on the Hudson Bay Railway, the steel being laid for 86 miles. The length of the line from the Pass to Nelson is 418 miles. The bridge across the Saskatchewan River has been finished and is now in use.

Another Raid.

Thirty-four thousand and fifty applications have been received for veterans' bounties on account of the Fenian raid, of which 3045 were refused and 14,337 are still under consideration. The time for filing applications will no doubt be extended, but the government declined to say whether the act would be so amended as to extend the bounties to the widows or veterans who died prior to April 1, 1912.

Postmaster-General Pelletier announced that he had cut down the claim of the railway companies for additional pay on account of the parcel post service from $4,000,000 to $786,000 per year.

Fish Transportation.

Mr. Sinclair (Guysboro) addressed the house in support of his resolution, declaring that the government should at once give consideration to the question of providing better transportation for fresh fish from the maritime provinces to the United States. He said that of late years Nova Scotia fishermen had built up a good market in Quebec and Ontario. Thru the assistance of the government they had been able to capture the market of Montreal and Toronto, formerly served by the United States. The industry had been so stimulated that the shipments of fish over the I.C.R. from Mulgrave west had increased from 1600 tons in 1903 to over 5000 tons in 1913. At present, however, the home market was not large enough. Two or three cars landed at Montreal would break the market. Fortunately, the United States had removed the tariff upon fish, thus opening a magnificent market at Boston, where the Nova Scotia fishermen could sell their catch at high prices.

Ontario Prices Mystify.

Mr. Bradbury (Selkirk) asked whether the price of fish was not as high in Montreal as it was in Boston.

Mr. Sinclair: "I must say that the retail price of fish in Ontario is beyond my comprehension. Fish that sells for 1½ cents per pound with us brings 10 cents a pound in the City of Ottawa. The point I am making is that Boston will take all our surplus and at a high price."

Mr. Sinclair believed that the government should subsidize a line of fast steamers equipped with cold storage to carry fish to the Boston market from Nova Scotia ports.

Mr. A. A. McLean (Queen's, P.E.I.) submitted that if the government had any money to spend in stimulating the fish industry it should be along the line of further developing the home market.

Mr. Kyte (Richmond, N.S.) said the government was paying a big subsidy for steamship service to the West Indies and South America, and also to South Africa. A much smaller sum expended in subsidizing a line from the Maritime provinces to Boston would yield a much larger return.

Home Market Limited.

Mr. Law (Yarmouth) and Dr. Chisholm (Inverness) talked in the same strain. The home market, they said, was a most valuable one, but its capacity was limited. The free entry of fish accorded by the Underwood law did not at all give the Nova Scotia fishermen the advantage that would have accrued to them under reciprocity.

So far as smoked fish went they would meet sharp competition from the United Kingdom, Newfoundland and Norway, which countries had been quick to seize the advantage offered them by the new tariff law.

Hazen Noncommittal.

Hon. Geo. E. Foster, minister of trade and commerce, was not in the house, but Mr. Hazen, minister of marine and fisheries, replied on behalf of the government. It was not, and for many years has not been the policy of the Dominion to subsidize vessels sailing between Canada and the United States. There was already a line of steamers between Yarmouth and Boston, and he believed that this service would greatly improve now that fish is admitted free of duty into the United States. He intimated that if the steamship company put on a daily service from Yarmouth to Boston that the government might subsidize a service from other Nova Scotia ports to Yarmouth for the benefit of the fishermen.

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