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A QUESTION OF STAFF

Causes a Warm Argument Between the Architect and the Hospital Building Committee.

The hospital building committee met in regular session last night, with Ald. Jolly (chairman), Parnell, Carrothers, Graham, Wilkey, McPhillips, Architect McBride, Secretary Bell, Mr. Dodd, the clerk of works, in attendance.

The staff work in the main hallway, caused considerable discussion. Ald. Jolly thought the specifications called for staff work in all the hallway, while he understood that Architect McBride was going to leave a portion without this work. Architect McBride explained that the details did not call for staff work around the elevator, and this was the only portion of the wall that would be without it. Ald. Jolly thought the staff work should be used there. Some hot words were then exchanged between Ald. Jolly and Architect McBride.

Martyn & Hammett's certificate for \$1,200 was included in the accounts. Some \$23,500 has already been paid them. No money will be paid them at present until their work is further advanced. A certificate for \$1,500 for Mr. Purdon for carpentering work was passed.

A communication was received from Martyn & Hammett, notifying the committee that they would not be responsible for any damage that might result to the walls of the administration building by reason of the excavations for a foundation for the engine and generators.

New tenders were ordered, to be called for the wiring required from the generators to the motors.

On motion of Ald. Carrothers, another water main will be put in to run direct to the boilers. The main will lead in from South street. The water commissioner will be asked to proceed with it at once.

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METEOROLOGICAL

Toronto, June 27—3 p.m.—Heavy rain has fallen in Manitoba and over a large portion of the territories, but from Lake Superior eastward the weather has been fine. The temperature has been a little lower today than yesterday in Manitoba and in the St. Lawrence valley, while in Ontario and the Maritime Provinces it has been about the same. The highest reported temperature was 82° at Sault Ste. Marie and Toronto. Minimum and maximum temperatures: Victoria, 48-64; Kamloops, 48-70; Calgary, 40-70; Qu'Appelle, 60-68; Winnipeg, 64-74; Port Arthur, 46-64; Parry Sound, 48-78; Toronto, 52-82; Ottawa, 52-74; Montreal, 52-72; Quebec, 48-70; Halifax, 50-76.

Local temperature.—The highest and lowest readings of the thermometer at the observatory on Tuesday, June 27, were: Highest, 85°, lowest, 45°.

Today sun rises 4:38; sets, 8:03. Moon rises, 11:09 p.m.; sets 10:52.

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A LOCAL BUDGET

—A Springbank car ran off the track this morning at the Wharfedale road railway crossing.

—The Memorial Church choir took part in a concert at Ballymore last night. They wheeled out in a body.

—Mrs. O. Mulvey and family, of 574 William street, have returned after an extended visit to relatives and friends in the west.

—Miss Bella Brown, teacher of singing at the Conservatory of Music, was presented with a magnificent bunch of roses and carnations last night by her pupils.

—At the annual meeting of Court Magnolia, A. F. Bro. S. T. Gale was elected delegate to the High Court, to be held in Toronto in August. Bro. E. L. Fysh was elected alternate.

—The Christian Alliance Convention, in this city, will begin tonight, at the Christian Workers' Hall on King street, and will be in progress for two days. Dr. Zimmerman, of Peterboro; Rev. George E. Fisher, of Toronto; Evangelist Kenny, and Mr. and Mrs. Philpot will take part in the services.

The many friends of the late Dr. S. S. Murray and family, of Thornedale, will be pleased to know that his daughter, Miss Alma Murray, has successfully finished the course of study in the hospital at Toronto. The graduating exercises were held on June 23. Miss Murray passed with full marks, and was given the seat of honor as being first. She was also made one of the head nurses.

A strawberry festival under the auspices of the Epworth League was held at the Colborne Street Methodist Church Monday evening. Mr. Knott presided and introduced a pleasing programme, which included solos by Miss W. Hooper, recitations by Miss Fawcett, Mr. Westman and Wallace Crawford, and instrumental duet by Misses May and Pearl Warner, and selections by the band and guitar club.

A garden party, held on the grounds of the old St. James' Presbyterian Church last evening was largely attended, and proved very enjoyable. A handsome sum was realized for the building fund. It is probable that the next social event under the auspices of the St. James' Presbyterian congregation will be in their temporary quarters. Leave has now been formally taken of the old grounds. They were set off to advantage last night by illuminations. Delightful music was furnished by Dayton's orchestra. The refreshments were served in the school house.

—Mr. Duncan McKee, of Melbourne, was on Saturday last honorably acquitted by Squire Lacey of the charge of stealing Eli Snake's horse. The facts were that Mr. McKee had become security for Snake and one Logan for the payment of a binder, and had received the horse in order to secure him against loss. He returned the horse to Logan, who made a lien note to Mr. McKee, and the binder bill still being unpaid, Mr. McKee, as he was legally entitled to, proceeded on the strength of the note and authorized Constable Peter Jones to seize the animal. The facts being apparent from the documents in Mr. McKee's possession, the magistrate at once dismissed the charge.

—At the invitation of the Hamilton Road Methodist Church, Epworth League, about 75 members of the York Street Mission Hall Epworth League attended their meeting on Monday night, and took charge of the exercises, which included the following programme: Duet, Mr. and Miss Stewart; reading, Miss Minnie Squires; address.

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LONDON AND SOUTHEASTERN RAILWAY.

The London and Southeastern Railway Company held their annual meeting in the board of trade rooms yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock. The chair was occupied by the vice-president, Mr. T. H. Smallman. Others present were: Ex-Mayor Little, secretary-treasurer; John Labatt, Hume Cronyn, John Dillon and John Campbell. The financial statement for the year showed that the annual rental of \$3,000 had been promptly turned over to the city, and that the interest on deposits had paid all expenses of the company. Mr. W. J. Reid was re-elected president. Mr. Smallman, vice-president; ex-Mayor Little, secretary-treasurer; and Messrs. Reid, Campbell, Smallman, C. S. Hyman, M. Masurel, Little and Mayor Wilson, directors.

STUDENTS' CLOSING RECITAL.

The pupils of Miss Jennie Steele (A. L. C. M.) gave a closing piano recital at the Conservatory of Music last evening, which reflected the greatest credit on their talented instructor. The Misses Gunn, Burke and Robinson, vocal pupils of Miss Brown, also contributed to the programme, which was as follows:

- (a) Nocturne Brassin
- (b) Ballet Dance No. 2 Chamblade
- Miss Alice Greene.
- (a) Gavotte Bach
- (b) Narcissus Nevin
- Miss Julia Schaefer.
- May Morning Denza
- Miss Margaret Gunn.
- Arietta Lack
- Miss Edith MacArthur.
- Gavotte, E. Major Bach
- Love in Springtime Arditt
- Miss Nellie Robinson.
- Sweet and Low Macfarren
- Miss Mayme Smith.
- Manzanillo Robyn
- Miss Jean Deane.
- Cradle Song Lohr
- Miss Hazel Gilean.
- Dreamy June Lane
- Miss Emma Burke.
- Ballet, Valse Bechmann
- Miss Madge Dearness.
- (a) Nocturne Paderevski
- (b) Valse Arabesque Lack
- Miss Mabel Reid.

CRUSHED TO DEATH

Fatal Accident to Little Whitson Mottashed—Caught in the Wheel of a C. P. R. Lorry.

Whitson, the 5-year-old son of Mr. William Mottashed, of 639 Queen's avenue, was fatally injured about 4:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon. He had been playing in front of the house, when a C. P. R. lorry, loaded with barrels, passed. The child saw older boys hanging on the wagon, and toddled after it to do likewise. In some manner his foot caught between the spokes of one of the wheels, and the poor little fellow was frantically crushed between the wheel and the gearing. The driver had been unaware of the child's presence, but when the accident occurred he pulled up the horses as quickly as possible. The boy when extricated was unconscious, and died about twenty minutes later. It was a severe shock to Mrs. Mottashed, and also to the residents in the vicinity, all of whom had been strongly attached to the bright little fellow. As soon as the accident occurred Dr. English was called. He found that the spine was broken and the body terribly torn and crushed. Coroner Ferguson, after an investigation decided that no blame could be attached to anyone. The sympathy of the community will go out to the grief-stricken parents.

On Monday, about midnight, fire broke out in the waterworks building at Ironquits, Ont., and the building and machinery were soon a heap of ruins. The loss to the Waterworks Company is estimated at about \$6,000. About \$2,000 worth of electric plant, belonging to Mr. Keefe, was also destroyed.

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CITY COUNCIL TAKES A HAND

And Will Try to Settle the Street Railway Strike.

Special Committee Appointed to Conduct the Negotiations Between Company and Men.

Voluntary Committee Expecting a Settlement by Tonight—Majority of Council Not So Sanguine

The city council met last night and appointed a special committee to negotiate between the street railway company and their striking employees for a settlement of the difficulty. The appointment of an official committee was opposed by three or four aldermen on the ground that the voluntary committee already at work had hopes of securing a settlement within 24 hours. Very little stock was taken in those expressed "hopes," however, by the majority of the council. Many spectators were present, including a large representation from the Trades and Labor Council. The discussion was confined chiefly to the question as to whether or not an official committee should be appointed. All the members of the council, except Ald. Rumball and Winnett, were present.

The mayor's opinion was read. It was as follows: "If a breach of the regulations lettered 6 in section 25 of the street railway bylaw [the regulations refer to the speed and service necessary], the council has the power to give the ten days' notice referred to in section 26. As to what is expedient to be done under the circumstances, that, of course, is a question for the council to decide."

The mayor had something to say which he thought had some bearing on the case. During the afternoon there had been a meeting of Mr. Smallman and the employees' committee. Matters had been laid before each in a friendly way, and he trusted that if nothing were done to jeopardize the negotiations the strike would be settled in 24 hours. Each side was to consider matters over and come together again to-day.

Ald. Parnell—What are you dealing with now—the city solicitor's opinion? The Mayor—I just mention these facts as having some bearing on the question under consideration. Ald. Parnell—I quite agree that nothing should be done which would in any way menace impending negotiations. But there is this to be said: The citizens look to the council to act. There are three parties interested in the strike—the company, the men and the citizens. The citizens look to the council to represent their interests.

Ald. Pritchard—Ald. Parnell is out of order. Ald. Parnell, proceeding, moved that a committee consisting of Ald. Rumball, Douglass, Carrothers, Graham and Wilkey, consider fully the difficulty as it now stands between the street railway company and their employees, with a view to a settlement of the questions at variance between them; also that an advisory committee of citizens be invited to act if their services be required, the committee to consist of Sir John Carling, C. S. Hyman, A. B. Cox, W. J. Little, Col. Leys, Dr. Rooms, President of the Board of Trade, and President Hunter of the Trades and Labor Council.

Every precaution should be taken, said Ald. Parnell, not to interfere with present negotiations. Those suffering most today are the men out of employment. It was the duty of the council to do something for them. The citizens generally desired the strike settled. It was an opportune time for aldermanic interference.

Ald. Parnell—Would the employees of the street railway be satisfied with that committee? The aldermen should be very careful how they act in this matter. They should get employers of labor on an arbitration board. Ald. Pritchard—Does the mover know the advisory committee will act? Ald. Parnell—I do not know, but I have no doubt they will when invited to do so.

Ald. Parnell—The way it stands, if the company is satisfied with a number of the employees and asks the council to appoint an arbitration committee, it would then be time to do so. Ald. McPhillips had no objection personally to the company's suggestion; but considered the appointment of any committee just then unwise. Negotiations had been in progress for the past week or ten days, and had Ald. Parnell thought over the question carefully he would not have complicated matters by moving such a resolution. He (the speaker) had worked hard to bring the company and the men together. That end was accomplished. Concessions were expected, and he believed that the strike would be over. It would be better not to transfer the negotiations from those who had been conducting them to twelve or fifteen others, who have to go over the whole ground again. It would probably delay the settlement of the strike three or four weeks. A number of the aldermen had met the men and the company, and a lot of work had already been done in the matter. All the arguments had been carefully gone over. A sort of draft agreement had been drawn up and submitted to each side, and they were awaiting the outcome.

Ald. Pritchard—On what authority was this alleged committee acting? Who appointed it?

Ald. McPhillips said the aldermen in their efforts to bring the men and the company together had been acting as private citizens. He had started the committee with the city's best interests at heart. It had never been a committee of the council and never intended to be such.

Ald. Parnell said all credit was due to those who had been working to bring the men and the company together. The work of the committee moved was the city laid down—to aid in bringing about a settlement. The time has come when everybody desires the strike settled, he said, and the quicker we get about it the better for the citizens.

Ald. Graham agreed with Ald. Parnell. Last week he had been on the committee referred to by Ald. McPhillips, and so far as he knew nothing had been achieved. He thought it time that decisive steps be taken. If things were going along as nicely as had been predicted, the committee would not interfere. He couldn't see any objection to appointing a committee of the style named.

Ald. Pritchard said he had refused to sign the requisition for the meeting that evening. The difficulty was entirely between the company and the men. If things got worse it might be necessary to interfere. But at present the council should be neutral. They were

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there as a body to consider the interests of all classes. It was the duty of the council and the employees to settle this matter themselves. He would vote against any committee.

Ald. Wilkey couldn't see it that way. The council was interested. Great credit was due Ald. McPhillips for the work he had already done. He moved that Ald. McPhillips' name be put on the committee in place of his (Ald. Wilkey's).

Ald. McPhillips—Thank you, but I must decline. I'll do my work in my own quiet way. Ald. Greenlees thought the committee could do no harm unless rash. There were three parties interested, and the council was there chiefly to see that the interests of the public were looked after. He did not think the committee would interfere with the present negotiations. He had been on the committee last week, and they had distinctly told the men and the company that they were not acting in their aldermanic capacity. Their acts could have no binding effect, because they had achieved nothing.

Ald. O'Meara—It's bad enough to have the street car company and the men in trouble without having the members of the council at variance. This committee seems to me to be an election dodge. Everybody wants to be there. Personally, he hoped that any committee—self-constituted or otherwise—would not be too weak-kneed in the interests of the poor workman.

Ald. Carrothers was also on the so-called committee and believed that nothing had been accomplished. As for the new committee, he was quite ready to drop out, and suggested some names to be substituted for his own. He admitted that all the members of the advisory committee were not employees of labor, but thought they were probably just as level-headed as some employees of labor. Ald. McPhillips had put himself out a good deal to bring the company and the strikers together, and he was the object of nearly every alderman around the board. They all realized what a bad position a strike put the city in. The sooner it was brought to a focus the better.

The speaker, on visits to other cities, had been impressed with the fact that it would be a death-blow to the city to have it said London is a city of strikes. He was sorry the employees had to strike because of the non-fulfillment of the agreement. Although the employees said they had lived up to the agreement, one was forced to the conclusion that something was wrong. Ald. Carrothers suggested that as Ald. Rumball was apt to be often absent from the city, the mover of the resolution substitute the name of Ald. McPhillips or Ald. Pritchard.

Ald. Parnell said his only reason in selecting Ald. Rumball was that he was an employer of labor. He would have Ald. McPhillips' name added.

Ald. McPhillips did not want to be misunderstood. He was not annoyed at being left off the committee. His sole reason for objection was that a new committee would cause delay.

Ald. Jolly thought that a great mistake would be made in appointing a committee. It was the council's duty to carry out the bylaw. It would be far better, he said, if any aldermen wished to act as mediators, to do so with those who have already been at work.

posed to assume anything. They found some of the conditions of the bylaw violated. The speed at which the cars were allowed to run through busy thoroughfares was monstrous. There were also violations as to the number of cars in operation and the number of hours' service given. The city solicitor said the council had the authority to compel the company to operate the system according to lines laid down. It was true the citizens deplored the fact that there was a strike on. The council should endeavor to find out who is to blame, then they would know better how to act. The speaker had been present at the conferences with the company and with the men. He could not see that anything had been done. It was well understood that the men had granted a concession about the permit cases. They were willing to leave, what the company termed the most objectionable clause out of the proposed agreement. But the company did not make any concessions. On the contrary, Mr. Carr and Mr. Smallman, said they wanted 30 more men, and that if the old employees made personal application they might be taken back. There was nothing in that very enticing for the employees. The speaker would gladly support any committee who worked for the desired end.

Ald. Parnell's motion was carried on the following division:
Yeas—Ald. Douglass, O'Meara, Carrothers, Reed, Graham, Parnell, Dreaux, Flann, Wilkey, Parnell, McCallum and Greenlees—13.
Nays—Ald. McPhillips, Pritchard, Jolly and Garratt—4.

Ald. Parnell, to the mayor, said he would not call the committee together until his (the mayor's) advice was obtained regarding negotiations in progress.

The Mayor—I shall be only too thankful to hand over the negotiations to the official committee.

The city solicitor's opinion was referred to the newly-appointed committee.

COMMUNICATIONS.

The following petitions against cement walks were received: From Y. F. Mossos, north side Queen's avenue, from English to Ontario streets. H. J. Heath, south side Queen's avenue, English to Ontario. S. Seacombe, north side Lorne avenue, Ontario to Quebec streets. George F. Trebilcock, west side Wortley road, Bruce street to Elmwood avenue. John Wattam, north side Empress avenue, St. Andrew's to Argyle and Napier to Argyle. Referred to No. 2 committee.

The Canadian Fire Underwriters' Association called attention to the insufficiency of the water main from the pumps to the reservoir at Springbank. An application for the position of caretaker at the Victoria Hospital was sent to the hospital committee.

On account of W. G. Raymond resigning his position of mayor of Brantford to accept the postmaster's office, another mayor has to be elected. Thos. Elliott and H. Cockshutt, both Conservatives are candidates.

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