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WRITING THEMSELVES DOWN.

London Electric Light Co. has followed the example of the Toronto Electric Light Co. by eating its own words and so confessing itself a base deceiver. For months the press was flooded with correspondence, and pamphlets were circulated declaring that the Hydro-Electric Commission would never deliver power, and that if it did, the rates would be higher than those charged by the corporations. Now these same corporations are trying to get their rates down to the level quoted by the commission.

The London company has made offers to the citizens to close contracts for long terms at the same rates the commission has scheduled. The citizens will not be so foolish, as they know that by that time the commission's rates will have been reduced with the increase of business. The corporations have no apology or explanation to make about their former misleading statements. The citizens will not forget, and will be cautious about receiving any further information from corporation sources.

STILL KEEPING THE CHILDREN.

Mr. John Ross Robertson has added another to the jewels in the crown of gratitude which Toronto owes him. His benefactions for the sake of the little ones of the city form a splendid record, for which the credit goes in greater proportion to the city than it deserves. The credit is entirely Mr. Robertson's, and the city can only claim a sorry measure for the dilatory encouragement which as a rule is accorded to private generosity. To accept such generosity as a matter of course is by no means a courtly recognition of what is done, and yet many seem to think this is all that is necessary.

Such men as Mr. Robertson have no wish for any public mark of their work and they find their sufficient reward in their own good deeds, but the community which is churlish in the reception of favors does itself an injury, and loses the priceless participation in the gentleness of nature which prompts such acts.

There are many men in Toronto who could do similar things for the city, but they may not feel encouraged by the attitude of the citizens in general. It is better that they should refrain from benefactions undertaken only from a love of applause, until they are warmed with the same fine spirit which has constituted Mr. Robertson the good genius of the children of the city.

A SUGGESTION TO SIR JAMES.

After reading Premier Roblin's campaign address to the electors of Manitoba and his reference to the success of state-owned phones in that province, The World begs to suggest to Sir James Whitney that he send Hon. I. B. Lucas on a tour of observation to Manitoba and the provinces beyond to investigate this important subject.

A BAD TASTE.

The more the results following are noted, the worse the bad taste in the mouth after the Reno prize fight. The most sinister of all is the race feeling as exemplified in the United States. Perhaps the fight, however, can be justified on this score, that it makes our neighbors realize what a scourge came to them the day they made a feature of slavery. Some day the United States will be forced to deal with the race question as they are now being forced to deal with trusts, railways and the war on public rights by individuals and corporations.

COUNCIL OR COMMISSION?

Why did not the magnificent system which The Telegram takes so much pride in keep R. J. Fleming at the head of the departments which The Telegram believes him so to have ornamented? The Telegram can argue as it pleases, but it does not face the issue. There is no continuity about the present system of city government. The present system does not get the best men in the places where they are needed. The present system does not enable the best men to have a chance of being elected.

UNLESS A MAN GETS DOWN AND TOUTS

Unless a man gets down and touts for a job, sets favors from The Telegram and other papers, cringes to the ward heeler, bargains with the party organizers, and generally shows himself willing to do the reciprocity set through his civic career, he has no chance of civic service. There are exceptions which emphasize the rule, but everybody knows that these are the facts.

The World would prefer to trust a body like the public library board, which appointed a man like the present librarian, to the system which places the city in charge of such an aggrega-

tion as the city council, even when as well advised as it is by such an astute and sagacious councillor as The Telegram. The public library board could appoint a commission to govern the city, and under the pressure of public opinion would appoint a commission, which would govern the city better than any council that has ever been elected in Toronto.

GLOBULAR BREAD.

The Globe had one editorial yesterday which stated that "the law provides no remedy against a multitude of small loaves, and the customer must reject them," and another which says: "No one wondered that the loaf under the McNaught law grew smaller without a shrinkage in the price. Now the bakers should freely be credited with a restoration of the loaf to normal proportions without an increase in price." In The Globe's news columns to-day will appear the account of the charges laid by Dr. Sheard against the leading bakers of the city for selling short measure bread. Just what the bread law is, and how much a loaf ought to weigh is more than The Globe will be able to say for another session or two. It has thoroughly bedeviled the bread situation, and the result to the citizen is that bread is no bigger, better or cheaper.

COMMENDABLE CORRECTION.

The board of control took the only possible course in retreating from an indefensible position on the question of salaries in the electrical department. There was nothing unreasonable about the requests made, and there appears to have been a total lack of appreciation, probably from a want of due consideration of the case, on the part of the board. The board is to be commended at least for promptly correcting a mistake which might have had serious results.

The Globe suggests that the newly-made land at the western entrance to the bay be dedicated as a park to be known as Laurier Park. The Tories of Toronto would probably rather run over his park than look at his status, so that if Sir Wilfrid is to have a Toronto memorial at all, The Globe's suggestion ought to carry.

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOURERS ARE SAID TO BE INTERESTED IN A WORLD-WIDE MOVEMENT

to prevent the Johnson-Jeffries fight picture being exhibited. The fight picture people must be behind the endeavorers in this campaign for the sake of the advertising. All the Endeavorers need to do is to sit tight. Nobody wanted to see the pictures of the tame old fight, anyway. They ought to get after the Jeffries-Sharkey pictures if they mean business.

THE CITY BAND CONCERTS.

Editor World: Your timely and very sensible editorial in this morning's World concerning the city park band concerts should receive more than passing notice from those in authority. Publicity and agitation thru the papers seem to be the only way to improve matters.

The bandmasters of the various bands have time and again advised and suggested that proper "kiosks" be erected in all parks, properly constructed with design, which will not only serve as a stand but equally as well as a shelter pavilion for the public.

A better system of lighting the stands during a band concert would be much appreciated by the bandmen, whose uniforms are very often damaged thru the filthy oil lamps now used.

Your suggestions that certain nights of each week be devoted to certain parks, that programs be printed and sent, which could be rented, should be adopted without argument.

We should also copy the English method and segregate the public attending band concerts, that is to say, all noisy boys and girls, and all disturbers of any and all kinds, are kept strictly behind a line of officials stationed well back from the bandstand.

Your reference to the bandmasters not playing old or new music cannot be entertained seriously; to use your own words, "the bandmasters can be trusted to gauge the taste of the public in this respect"; and I know from first-hand experience that the bandmasters are the best judges. In fact, I quote an example of the program in Queen's Park the other day, which included music by Lincke, besides patriotic selections containing old favorite airs, as well as the latest popular music and songs of the day, together with instrumental solos, not forgetting some unaccompanied vocal choir singing.

It is to be hoped the authorities will allow more men to a band to enable the bandmaster to present works which otherwise cannot be given with the present small band of 30 men. Thanking you, Mr. Editor, for the opportunity given to help along a good and worthy cause.

John Slatter, Bandmaster, 48th Highlanders, July 6, 1910.

A DARING DASH.

PITTSBURGH, July 6.—While firemen poured powerful streams of water upon him, W. A. Weaver, superintendent of the Atlantic Refining plant, of Standard Oil Company, dashed thru flames and smoke early to-day and shut a valve which prevented fire spreading from a burning still of benzoline to great tanks of oil nearby.

\$30,000 Blaze at Berlin. BERLIN, July 6.—About 6 o'clock this morning fire broke out in the furniture factory of Baetz Bros. & Co. and the plant was completely destroyed. The origin of the fire is unknown, but is supposed to have started in the finishing room and spread very rapidly. The loss is estimated at \$30,000, with insurance \$27,000 on the building and contents.

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Metropolitan Ry. Dicking AT OSGOOD HALL

for a Double Track on Yonge Street.

Osgoode Hall, July 6, 1910. Motions set down for single court for Thursday, July 7, at 10 a.m.: 1. Hamilton v. Haley. 2. Re Iredale estate. 3. Kaiserhoff v. Zuber. 4. Baldwin v. Hunter. 5. McCracken v. Townships of Sherbourne and McClintock. 6. Diebl v. Carrutt. 7. Brodie v. Patterson.

It is understood that the York Rail Company is making overtures to the North Toronto Council for the double tracking of Yonge-street. The offer of the company is said to be a payment of \$600 a mile for the track in the town, a return of \$1650 if the 4000 is for a single track, or \$3900 if this is to be paid for double track mileage.

Putting Yonge-street in shape for double tracking has been estimated to cost anywhere from \$150,000 to \$200,000, and according to the payment made by the town from the payment of \$600 a mile for the track in the town, a return of \$1650 if the 4000 is for a single track, or \$3900 if this is to be paid for double track mileage.

It is needless to say that no deal between the Metropolitan Railway and the town should be entertained on any such basis, and in fact it would be unsafe to attempt to enter into negotiations with the Metropolitan pending the decision in regard to the siting of the town to the city. Double-tracking the Metropolitan in the town in any way with the plaintiff in his judgment would be a violation of the law.

The North Toronto Council in the interest of the town will be well advised to keep clear of any dealings with the Metropolitan. The town has had enough experience with this company, any extension of the railway privileges on Yonge-street must be arranged on a safe and equitable basis for the people who are now in bondage to the company.

EXCURSION STEAMER ABLAZE.

Steamer Ship of Ill-Fated Slocum Takes Fire in New York Harbor.

NEW YORK, July 6.—The big triple-decked steamer Slocum, returning from Rockaway Beach this afternoon, with about thirty excursionists on board, was on fire in the lower part of the hull when she was sighted by the ill-fated General Slocum.

Dense clouds of smoke enveloped the Grand Republic and a fleet of tugs hurried at once to her aid to prevent a repetition of the Slocum disaster, in which 100 lives were lost.

The fire is believed to have started in or near the galley. After a stubborn fight the flames were got under control, but the thought of the steamship being able to proceed under her own steam, as the fire did not reach the engine room or boilers. All thousands of people had gathered along the shores to watch the blazing vessel.

AFLOAT ALL NIGHT IN SMALL BOAT.

NEW YORK, July 6.—Four men in a small boat, survivors of the wreck of the two-masted schooner Garfield White from Nova Scotia, which sank seven miles east of the Ambrose Channel Lightship, were rescued to-day by the Rockaway Beach life savers. The men, who had drifted about all night in their small craft, were exhausted.

They All Want Space.

The government of Alberta has applied for additional space for its display at the exhibition, but owing to the fact that every province will exhibit this year, it may not be found possible to accede to the request.

New College Residence.

Victoria University has applied to city architect for permission to build the proposed Barwash residence in connection with the college. It will be three stories high, of stone and brick, and will cost \$230,000.

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CLEAN OUT RESERVOIR DR. SHEARD'S ADVICE

Water is "Dirty," Says M. H. O.—Electrical Department Man Get Salary Increases.

"The reservoir needs to be cleaned out," so Dr. Sheard told the local board of health yesterday.

The question of the city's water supply was introduced by the chairman, Ald. McMurrich, who asked the medical health officer whether he thought it necessary to test the soundness of the waterworks tunnel under the bay. Dr. Sheard didn't, for the reason that analysis had shown the water at the city or tap end of the tunnel to be "cleaner and better" than at the south end of the tunnel.

"Contamination by the bay wouldn't improve the water," ventured the M.H.O., who was then asked what he thought of the reservoir. His answer was emphatic that it should be cleaned out.

Water in Reservoir Dirty. "The water there is dirty, but not excessively so," he said, remarking that when the general water supply was showing only about 200 colonies of bacteria per cubic centimetre, the reservoir displayed 1500.

Ex-Ald. J. J. Graham asked what was being done to enforce the law against overcrowding in lodging houses of "the ward." Dr. Sheard replied that the congested conditions prevailed chiefly in the winter, and that notices were posted in the lodgings, stating the number of persons who could be housed, the estimate being based on the requirement of 400 cubic feet of air space for each.

Health Good. Dr. Sheard reported the city's bill of mortality to be satisfactory. The figures for contagious diseases are: Diphtheria, 21; Measles, 141; Scarlet fever, 141; Typhoid, 18. There were seven smallpox cases, all mild, during the month.

Ald. McMurrich is leaving at the end of the month for a two months' trip to Europe. Ald. Rowland was appointed temporary chairman.

Passed Salary Increases. The employees of the city electrical department will get the full amount of the salary increases recommended by the Ald. McMurrich report of the department.

Chief Inspector Robert Wilson of the medical health department, Charles Chambers of the parks department, and John Watson of the city treasurer's department, were promoted from the position of first clerks to chief clerks, which will make their maximum salaries \$1500 a year instead of \$1100 as at present.

Would Hustle Extensions. Controller Spence said he would like to see the special committee on street railway service take action without delay towards making extensions in the new districts. The board will continue with the special committee next week.

Ald. Hilton introduced a deputation of 25 Redwood-avenue residents, who complained that, although they had been paying water rates since last November, they had received no water. The explanation of the waterworks department was that their bond was \$40 below the amount necessary to provide sufficient revenue. They undertook to make up the deficit, and the mains will be extended.

Profits in Sand Dredging. Controller Church declared that companies dredging sand in Toronto had been paying the harbor commissioners \$180 a year for the privilege of "apparently making a revenue of \$10,000 or \$15,000 out of sand. He said that while this sand really belonged to the city, it had to be bought from the companies for use in laying sidewalks, etc.

The marine department at Ottawa will be asked to report on the meeting of the city council scheduled for to-day has been called off and will be held next Monday instead.

FISHERIES ARBITRATION

Dispute Caused by Desire of Americans to Fish for Herring.

THE HAGUE, July 6.—Continuing his argument on behalf of Newfoundland and before the tribunal, Sir James Winter applied himself to showing that during the negotiations concerning the treaty of 1818, Americans only desired to have access to the bays and harbors of the southern portion of Newfoundland for salting and drying their cod, but not in order to fish there. Moreover, old fishing is not carried on in the bays of Newfoundland, because that fish is only found in deep water and on the coasts of Labrador.

Sir James Winter then endeavored to show that until some years ago Americans had never fished in Newfoundland waters, and that the present dispute was merely caused by the claim of Americans to catch herring in those waters, whereas the treaty only provided for cod fishing.

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SALE OF FIREARMS TO FOREIGNERS IS TOO EASY

Says Supt. Rogers in Semi-Annual Report—13 Charges of Murder—Force Improving.

In a report to the attorney-general for the half year ended June 30 last Supt. Joseph E. Rogers of the provincial police force reviews the work of the reorganized service. During that period 70 persons have been prosecuted, 531 convicted, 100 discharged and 105 remain to be disposed of.

"Since the beginning of the year," says the report, "warrants have been issued for the arrest of 13 persons on charges of murder. Three persons have been convicted, two hanged, one being a Chinaman escaped owing to the delay in notifying the police. In all the other cases the criminals are foreigners of the laboring class, and it has been found almost impossible to obtain information from them from their fellow-countrymen.

In view of the number of crimes of violence it is to be regretted that the sale of weapons is not more under control. The total amount of fines collected is \$35,194.55. Under the Liquor License Act 151 persons were prosecuted, 223 have been convicted, two are awaiting trial, and seven persons are at large. It may be pointed out that in one case two men suspected of murdering a Chinaman escaped owing to the delay in notifying the police. In all the other cases the criminals are foreigners of the laboring class, and it has been found almost impossible to obtain information from them from their fellow-countrymen.

There were 24 prosecutions in connection with wolf bounty frauds, and 11 keepers of houses of ill-fame and 7 inmates convicted.

"With regard to the force, I am able to report that there has been a steady improvement in the work and there has been loyal effort on the part of the constables. I have also to acknowledge the co-operation of the police departments of Winnipeg, Montreal, Toronto and London and other points, as well as that of the R.N.W.M.P." Supt. Rogers says in conclusion.

Gorst Will Remain. LONDON, July 6.—Replying to a question in the house of commons, Edward Grey, the foreign secretary, stated that Sir Eldon Gorst would remain in Egypt as the British diplomatic agent and consul-general.

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