

RICHARDSON ACTING MAYOR

Expresses His Opinion That the City of Toronto Will Have Tax Rate of 19 Mills.

GARDENS SUGGESTED FOR LIBRARY

Board of Control Will Not Make Any Salary Increases on a General Scale.

Controller Richardson was acting Mayor yesterday, in the absence of Mr. Worsfold, who, with several aldermen and civic officials, attended the conference at Berlin. He took advantage of his limited suzerainty to express his opinion that Toronto will have an increased assessment revenue of \$100,000, and the fact that there is \$300,000 less in overdrafts this year than last, both of which should help in knocking down the rate. He also affirmed that the Board of Control is not going to make any salary increases on a general scale this year. There may be a few, but they will be specially deserving. He also took a ding-dong at the estimates of the Property Committee as presented to the board. He considers that the various committees should revise their estimates carefully before handing them over to the tender mercies of the controllers, to be further increased.

Court of Revision.
Before the Court of Revision yesterday, a. h. Harnett appeared as spokesman for a corporation of property owners on Marlborough-place, protesting against certain orders of the board of control. The corporation is a new one, and is a corporation of property owners on Marlborough-place and Marlborough-avenue. The corporation is a new one, and is a corporation of property owners on Marlborough-place and Marlborough-avenue. The corporation is a new one, and is a corporation of property owners on Marlborough-place and Marlborough-avenue.

Plenty of Civic Fuel.
The Street Commissioner's Department has a good supply of civic fuel on hand, and is issuing orders that have been placed by the city for the same. The supply of wood on hand will be sold at \$8 a cord, split.

Building Permits.
The City Commissioner issued the following building permits:
Charles Dennis, three brick dwellings, 160, 162 and 164 Spadina-avenue, \$200.
John Casey, four brick veneered dwellings, 160, 162 and 164 Spadina-avenue, \$200.
Joseph Elford, dwelling and addition, St. Joseph and Young streets, \$250.

Court Poet for Monroe Doctrine.
Berlin, Feb. 17.—Ernest von Wildenbruch, Emperor William's favorite contemporary poet, and sometimes, for that reason, called the court poet, has written an article on "Germany and the Monroe Doctrine," in which he says it is clearly in a line with Germany's interest and policy to join with the United States in maintaining the doctrine, and expresses the hope that the United States will extend its authority over all Latin America.

Brokers Made Merry.
J. Melady of the firm of Coffey & Co. left yesterday afternoon for a business trip to New Orleans. The members of the grain section of the Board of Trade met in the room of the Standard Mining Exchange, and presented Mr. Melady with a case of traveling requisites. The presentation was the occasion of an exhibition of conviviality.



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COMPANY SUES DIRECTORS.

Money Paid to Government Was Withdrawn by Them.

In the Non-Jury Assize Court yesterday, before Chancellor Boyd, argument was heard in the suit of the Highway Advertising Company against John F. Ellis, Thomas Milburn and J. K. McCutcheon of Toronto, C. S. Hotchkiss of Detroit and J. T. H. McKeay of Alvinston. Mr. Ayresworth appears for the company, which claims that the defendants were promoters of the plaintiff company and acted as directors for it. The sum of \$5000 was paid into the Dominion government before incorporation, which was returned after that necessary proceeding, and the company claims that the directors used it for purposes other than for the benefit of the company. Another \$5000 had also been withdrawn. The defence is that the \$5000 was paid for a patent for use in the company's business, and that the money was not used for the purposes of the company. Judgment was reserved.

How Much Coke Have They?
The situation of the strike in the West End of the city is unchanged. This information was received by the World at the company's head office. Col. Bell, when seen as to the report that the coke companies had on hand, said the coke companies had on hand, and since the strike commenced the coke had not been in operation.

Postman Canned.
The routine of work was broken at the postoffice on Monday when James Barnes, the oldest letter-carrier in the service, was presented by his colleagues with a suitably engraved gold-headed cane on the occasion of his retirement from the service. He has delivered letters for twenty-eight years, and today the veteran is hale and hearty.

Poisoned by Eating Fish.
Washington, Feb. 17.—News has been reported to the Navy Department from Tutuila, Samoan Islands, that on Jan. 14, 15 of the crew of the gunboat Wheeling were poisoned by eating fish caught over the ship's side. None proved fatal.

CANADA MAY HAVE TWO.

Government Strongly Urging Ample Representation at Alaska.

Ottawa, Feb. 17.—The Globe correspondent hears that the Dominion government is strongly urging that two of the three British representatives on the Alaska Judicial Tribunal shall be Canadians. This point is forming the subject of correspondence. If the decision should be to limit Canada to one representative, a great many people think the Dominion government should decline to make any recommendation, but leave the three jurists to be chosen by the Imperial authorities. This belief is based on the assumption that Great Britain is to a large extent bent upon conceding the contentions of the Americans, in order to maintain the friendship of the United States. None of the British representatives will be appointed until the outcome of Canada's contention is learned. Should Canada be allowed two representatives, Hon. Justice Armour will probably be one. Hon. Edward Blake will be leading counsel. It was never contemplated that he should be a jurist, although positive statements to the opposite effect have been made in certain newspapers. Mr. W. P. King, the Chief Astronomer of the Dominion, will be scientific expert for Canada.

Some More Testimony.
Alfred E. Cox, manager of the Hutchings Meat Company, said, a few days ago: "The sale of Campagna's Italian Balm more than doubled within six months of its introduction into the market. We had been advertising for two years previously, but on going to the World, we were surprised to find it had been so successful." Campagna's Italian Balm is a skin beautifier of great merit, and is sought principally by the ladies. And yet some of our weaker brethren will argue that The World is "only a man's paper." The World is a manly paper, and both sexes admire a well-written, straightforward man or newspaper.

International Pilots Organized.
Detroit, Mich., Feb. 17.—Announcement is made of the organization of the International Pilots Association, affiliated with the American Federation of Labor. Captain John McGregor of Detroit is president.

COMBEE MADE THE MEETING

Convention of Mining Men Gathered in the Rotunda of Board of Trade Yesterday.

SOMETHING WILL DEVELOP TO-DAY

Committees Struck and Resolutions Showing Reason of Assembling Will Be Presented.

The "gathering of the clans" of mining men in the rotunda of the Board of Trade yesterday, in other words, the "Convention of Mining Men," Operators, Prospectors, Engineers, Brokers, Assayers and Metallurgists, etc., was attended by a large number of delegates, the greater part of whom knew not wherefore they had come together. James Combee, M.L.A., in the chair, and in the absence of any Agenda it was impossible for the chairman to state precisely why the convention had been called, and when the meeting proceeded to elect resolutions and resolutions committees, the anomalous situation was too much for B. T. A. Bell, who asked to be informed what was the real object of the convention. Mr. Combee made a supreme effort to evade order from chaos and succeeded so far as to adjourn the meeting until 10 o'clock this morning, giving the resolution committee an expected to-day. Among those who attended the meeting were: Geo. A. Loney, Don O'Connor, Major R. G. Locks of Sudbury, Everett Macrae, J. A. Hall, J. M. Webber, J. A. McIlwain, J. L. Mitchell, D. G. Loney, A. M. Stewart, J. O. Dunstan, T. D. Ledyard, Llewellyn A. Morrison, Major W. Parsons, A. McMillan, Eugene Coste, president Canadian Mining Institute, W. E. H. Carter, Bureau of Mines, William Leak and S. R. Clark of Toronto, Sam Laver of Sudbury, John of Toronto, R. W. Trotter, Sault Ste. Marie, D. M. Brodie, R. C. Bay, Joseph E. Roberts, R. F. Burke, Massey, F. S. Wiley, D. P. Burke, Port Arthur, V. Doran, Port William, Thomas A. Phillips, W. J. Haight of Parry Sound, A. J. Hathaway of Timmins, N.Y.; G. P. Smith of Syracuse, N.Y.

AT THE THEATRES.

Princess—Gus Welberg in "The Burmester."
Grand—Ward and Vokes, in "The Head."
Trinity—"Only a Sheep Girl," comedy.
Shea—"Fiddle-De-Dee," Weber-Feld burlesque.
Star—London Belles' Burlesques.

M. Sardou has outlined his and M. Moreau's new play, "Dante," which S. R. Henry Irving will produce in America. The play is a political side of Dante's life is not touched on by the dramatist, who have made of the poet, a man of the people, generous and liberal, who denounces the baseness and corruption of the Middle Ages. His descent into hell will be made the great show scene of the play. The closing scene of the play is between Dante and Pope Clement V. The Pontiff is approached by the poet for his cruelty to the Church of the Holy Spirit. The Grand Templar, who has been seen in hell by the great Florentine, to whom the poet is approaching the death of Clement V. The Pope dies slowly in the presence of the poet, and thus the play ends.

The musical triumph, "A Chinese Honeymoon," comes to the Princess next week. The Oriental subject is now the leading favorite in drama, and it seems as if the public nowadays wants to be carried into the land of chop suey and rice for entertainment. The stage settings are magnificent, and the costumes are a riot of rainbow tints, beautifully harmonized. Some of the musical bits are: "Fiddle-De-Dee," "A Paper Fan," "Twiddle-Dee-Dee," "Spunk to Be a Lady," "Welcome Off to the Moon," "When the Moon is Spunk the Grand Piano" and "A Chinese Honeymoon."

Syracuse, N. Y. Hibernians have placed "McFadden's Flats" under the ban of their displeasure.
In "Her Marriage Vow," at the Toronto next week, two farcical expressions, coming from opposite directions, and running at great speed, pass in plain view of the audience.

Two of the latest sensational melodramas are "The Younger Brothers, Bank Robbers," and "The Johnstown Flood." And yet they say that the stage needs elevating.

Rose Sydney's London Belle Burlesques are pleasing hit houses at the Star Theatre. Next, Harry Williams' Imperials.

Henry V. Esmond's new play has been reported to the Navy Department from Tutuila, Samoan Islands, that on Jan. 14, 15 of the crew of the gunboat Wheeling were poisoned by eating fish caught over the ship's side. None proved fatal.

"A Bird in the Cage," one of Clyde Fitch's latest plays, will be offered at the Grand Hotel. It is the original Frohman production in every sense, and is presented by a superb company, headed by Edna Harrigan, and including Sandoz Miliken, Charles Mackay, Arnold Daly, Guy D'Arcy, and Grace Henderson, Jennie Satterlee and others.

"Fiddle-De-Dee" has pleased crowded houses at every performance so far at Shea's. Its rollicking fun, catchy music, pretty dances, attractive chorus and general all-round fun-producing qualities have made it a favorite amusement in Toronto.

The hardest "hump" that Ward and Vokes ever got in their professional career was a hot adverse criticism of their performance from the dramatic critic of a small Ontario town newspaper, not a thousand miles from Toronto. Says "Happy" Ward, "He handed the show one of the hardest lumps that ever a typewriter ticked off, and it stung me I replied: 'To the Editor of The One-Night Oracle, One Night, Ontario, Can.'"

Dear Sir—I see you are wise to the fact that we are shiners. For heaven's sake, don't spoil our game by tipping it off. We've got the people of the United States hypnotized. They think us great. Keep hum. Yours, to a ship, Ward and Vokes.

To Examine Humbert's Heart.
Paris, Feb. 17.—Mme. Therese Humbert, the central figure in the Crafoord millions litigation, has complained of suffering from an affection of the heart, caused by confinement in her cell, and the presiding judge of the court before which the case is to be tried, has ordered a medical examination of the prisoner and postponed the proceedings, which were set for to-day.

It is in the New Directory.
The new city directory just out contains the announcement of the passenger office of the New York Central, page 429. It is at 69-1-2 Yonge street. Phone 3461.

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