TELLS MR. GRANT HE IS TO BLAME

Mayor Applies Dismissal Resolution To Assessment Commissioner.

SHAW BEGS TO DIFFER

Declares Martin O'Sullivan Should Lose Position for Alleged Tampering.

There seems to be a great variance of opinion at the city hall today, as to what assessor should pay the price for alleged tampering with the assessments, as stated in the city council last evening.

The council, it will be remembered, passed a resolution calling for the dismissal of the assessor guilty of tampering with the assessment of Bishop Fallon.

Mayor Stevenson notified Assessment Commissioner Grant today that he was responsible for the error, having at least assumed it, and that he must go. However, he took no action on the matter, pending the disposition of the motion of Controller Shaw's to dismiss Martin O'Sullivan.

Blames Mr. Grant.

"I tell you, Mr. Grant is responsible," said his worship, in discussing the matter with Controller Shaw at noon today.

"Martin O'Sullivan is the man, as his sworn statement shows," insisted Dr. Shaw.

That is where the matter stands. Mr. Grant will be on the job for some time at least. The council will have to deal with the motion to dismiss Mr. O'Sullivan, and many things are likely to happen in two weeks.

Mr. O'Sullivan is at work today and seems not to be worried about the situation at all. He asserts that he is not at all alarmed, that he can improve his position if he is relieved of his duties.

Not Worried About It.

"I have given my best services to the city," he said. "I am unconcerned as to what may happen."

While no confirmation can be obtained it is stated that Bishop Fallon is seriously considering the removal of the seminary from London to another city, and also the removal of other institutions. That this will be done is not certain, but it is known that several favor this action.

The council will deal with the matter at the next meeting, and finally clear the situation up.

LONDONERS ON CAR THAT REACHED GORGE SOON AFTER TRAGEDY

Party Witnessed Harrowing Scenes at Wreck.

GROOM SAVES BRIDE

Saw Woman He Had Just Married Going Down and Saved Her.

Edward Shaw, superintendent of the cart-sole department of the Murray Shoe Company, and a bridal party were on a Gorge Route car that arrived at the scene of last Sunday's catastrophe at Niagara Falls about fifteen minutes after the ill-fated car plunged into the whirlpool rapids. The Londoners arrived home last night. Bad roads delayed the auto party, which accounted for their delay of one day in getting home. Friends were anxious yesterday as to their safety.

Mrs. Whibley, bookkeeper at the London Engine and Supply Company, was one of the party.

"It was a terrible sight," she told The Advertiser this afternoon, "and I hope I shall never see anything like it again. Our car arrived at the scene about fifteen minutes after the one that plunged into the river. There was an awful crowd around the place.

"I saw one girl who was extremely brave. She was caught underneath the car, and her leg terribly crushed, but she insisted that the rescuers get her sister out first. I believe that this was done.

"There was a bride and groom on the car. He was hurled on to a rock, and when he came to, saw his wife going down. He jumped in after her, and both were rescued. Our whole party was terribly upset over the affair, and it will be a long time before I will be able to get it out of my memory."

CAR OVERTURNS AND PARTY OF LONDONERS IS THROWN INTO DITCH

Mr. and Mrs. Brimblecomb and Mr. and Mrs. Miles Have Narrow Escape.

Mr. and Mrs. Brimblecomb of 581 Piccadilly street and their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Miles, of 585 Piccadilly street, while returning from a week-end motor trip, had the peculiar and at the same time painful experience of being tossed out of their automobile, which tipped completely over, then seeing the car right itself and sail along without them.

They had motored down to Drayton on Saturday, and were on their way back on Monday afternoon. About 3 o'clock in the afternoon, when they were a mile and a half west of Tavistock, they came to a newly-graded section of the road. The hind wheels of the automobile skidded, then the car turned turtle, pitching out the occupants. Up to this point there was nothing unusual about the accident. The unexpected happened when the car turned back on all fours again and proceeded down the road a short distance before coming to a stop.

No bones were broken, but all were seriously bruised. Mrs. Brimblecomb had her face, hand and left side cut and it required four stitches for a cut received by Mr. Brimblecomb.

Mr. Miles, who was driving the car, had his wrist and knee sprained. The party were taken to Tavistock, where their injuries received attention. They returned home today on the Grand Trunk.

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CITY BREVITIES

ON SICK LEAVE.—Capt. James Moore, Canadian Army Medical Corps, has been granted three months' sick leave, beginning June 26.

OFF THE STRENGTH.—Lieut. J. L. Young, formerly of the 153rd Battalion, has been struck off the strength of casualties, effective May 24th, according to today's camp orders.

NEEDS $2,800.—County Clerk Stuart today put in a requisition for $2,800 to the Dominion Patriotic Fund, Ottawa, to cover the requirements for this month for county patriotic purposes.

APPOINTMENT APPROVED.—The employment of Nursing Sisters Jean Gillespie and Frances H. Fisher in the military hospital, Military District No. 1, is approved in today's camp orders.

UTILITIES MEETING.—The utilities commission will meet on Thursday afternoon in the new office at 238 Dundas street. There is little business of importance coming up for disposition.

MEETING CANCELLED.—The board of works will meet on Tuesday evening next the session for this week having been withdrawn. There is not a great deal of business coming up for settlement.

"THE ANTI-CHRIST."—"Is the Kaiser the Anti-Christ?" will be the subject of an address to be delivered this evening at the Egerton Street Baptist Church by Rev. A. C. Bingham, pastor.

SANITY QUESTIONED.—Price Morley Morris, farm laborer, was arrested in London Township late yesterday afternoon and brought into the county jail, where he is being held on remand pending an inquiry into his sanity.

RECTOR RETURNS.—Rev. R. W. Norwood returned last evening from Philadelphia. He stated to The Advertiser that he had no statement to make in connection with the call to that city until he places the matter before the vestry of the Memorial Church at a meeting to be held on Friday evening.

LEARNING TO FLY.—Corson Lind, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Lind, formerly of London, and now of Toronto, is taking an aviation course at Long Branch, Toronto. Last week he made his first flight alone to Hamilton and around the Island. Cadet Lind joined the colors last March on his 18th birthday.

SUING C. P. R.—Joel Cass, Ekfrid Township, has taken action in the county court against the C. P. R. to recover an unstated amount for damages to his land, pastures and fence on lot 2, concession 6, Ekfrid, claimed by plaintiff as due to fire alleged to have been set from sparks from a passing locomotive.

RECITAL OF PUPILS.—A number of the piano pupils of Miss Ethel Haines were heard in a most enjoyable recital at her home, 461 York street, recently. The following pupils took part: Ethel Corbin, Olive Dear, Marguerite Durdin, Dorothy Staley, Olive Little, Ross Noel, Fred Durdin. Those who assisted were: Miss Marjorie Piercy, reader, and Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Haines, soloists, whose numbers were much enjoyed.

DIES AT TORONTO.—Salvation Army officers in this city yesterday learned with regret of the death in Toronto on Tuesday of Brigadier William H. Green, who was formerly an officer of this division, with headquarters at Hamilton. The late Brigadier Green was well known to Londoners, having taken part in services in this city on several occasions. The funeral will take place in Toronto on Thursday.

PATRIOTIC CONCERT.—A patriotic band concert will be held in Victoria Park this evening as a tribute to Britain's latest ally, the great American Union, on her national day, the Fourth of July. American citizens of London will have an opportunity of hearing a program of American airs. The concert has been arranged by the Senator Coffey Chapter, I. O. D. E., and the proceeds will be devoted to the soldiers' comfort fund.

WIFE CHANGED HER MIND.—Although Magistrate Graydon appeared on the scene at police court today, he found it unnecessary to take his place on the bench. One entry only had been made on the book, that of a Simcoe street citizen, who was charged by his wife with having used abusive language toward her. After some consideration the wife took advantage of a woman's prerogative, changed her mind and refused to testify against her husband, and the case as a consequence was withdrawn.

SPEND WEEK-END AT LAKESIDE.—Twenty-two girls, members of Y. W. C. A. clubs, formed in connection with the extension work, enjoyed a happy holiday outing at Summerholm, Port Stanley, over the week-end, under the chaperonage of Miss Archibald, extension secretary. To a number of the girls it was a first experience in camping and their pleasure was unbounded. Monday's frolic ended up with a bonfire on the beach and camp supper, including grilled bacon, bonfire toast and coffee. The appreciation of the girls manifested itself in a vote of thanks to the hostess, Miss Archibald, and the ladies of the association who had made the outing possible.

ONE CHAPTER'S FINE WORK.—Although the Nicholas Wilson Chapter, I.O.D.E., has only been organized a few months it has rendered splendid service. The band concert held June 17th, proves the energy of the chapter, $190, the amount realized, being devoted to the soldiers' comfort fund. The proceeds from the garden party held by the chapter in the university grounds, amounting to $95, will be given to the Western University Hospital Unit. The members of the chapter have been paying weekly visits to the Wolseley Barracks with flowers and fruit for the sick. This has been much appreciated by those who happened to be on the sick list during these visits. On account of many of the members being out of the city on holidays, there will be no regular meetings held by the chapter until September.

NO NEW STAFF CHOSEN FOR INCINERATOR AS YET

City Engineer Says Necessary Repairs to Plant Under Way.

City Engineer Brazier has not recommended a new staff for the incinerator at the present time, nor has he made any changes in the collection staff. Superintendent W. B. Walker is still acting in this capacity.

"We are making the necessary repairs to the plant," said Mr. Brazier. "This will take some time. In addition we are building a partition and dust walls to protect the machinery in the future. I have some good men in mind for the position of engineers, but will not make a selection until I have thoroughly satisfied myself that they are the men I want. The collection work is proceeding much better than before and there are very few complaints that have come to my notice. I hope to have the matter well in hand in a short time."

WAR BRIEFS

American destroyers convoying the American transports to France drove off several attacks of submarines, sinking one of them.

Baron Hardinge defends his administration of India, declaring that the Indian Government was not to blame for the blunders of the Mesopotamian campaign. He charges the responsibility to the home government.

Canadians to the number of 22,067 are now on the invalid list of the United Kingdom.

Replying to a letter from the B. C. Labor Federation, the secretary of the Canadian Trades and Labor Congress says that conscription will only be supported when wealth and every natural resource has been conscripted.

NEW MASTER MECHANIC.

Montreal, July 3.—Announcement was made tonight that D. J. McQuaig, acting master mechanic, has been appointed master mechanic of the Ontario lines of the Grand Trunk Railway, with headquarters at Toronto.

BULLET WHIZZED BY HEAD OF BOY AS HE KNELT IN THE GRASS

Arbuckle Had Close Call When Friend Killed.

SAYS GUN WAS LOCKED

And Does Not See How Fatal Accident Could Occur.

Hubert Arbuckle, 5 Brighton street, narrowly escaped the bullet that crashed through the brain of Harry Fillmore yesterday at noon in the little patch of wild strawberries on the bank of Boug's Creek, Manor Park.

The little Arbuckle boy, who had taken his brother's rifle yesterday morning when the lads decided to go swimming, stated today that he was on his knees beside Harry Fillmore of 14 Edward street, picking berries when the bullet which killed his friend whizzed by his ear.

"I'm not exactly sure how it happened," said the Arbuckle lad to The Advertiser this morning. "I know that when I left the house I put the safety lock on the rifle, and I don't see how it could have gone off.

"Elgin Spearin had the gun, and he was standing about four or five feet behind us with the barrel pointed toward the ground. The first thing I knew I heard the report of the rifle and the bullet whizzed by my head at the same time, and struck my friend. Elgin said that somebody pushed him, but I don't think that there was anyone behind him. Harry just lay there and groaned for a few minutes before he died. We had a hard time getting a doctor, but when we did get one, he said that Harry would never have recovered."

Harry Fillmore was a great little athlete and the leader of all the sports played in the vicinity of his home. He was an excellent swimmer and a fine ball player, as well as football and hockey. His comrades, among whom he was so popular, are heartbroken at his tragic end.

The boy's sister, Miss Merle Fillmore, who resides in Tillsonburg, arrived home Tuesday night, and will stay till after the funeral.

Services will be held at the home, 14 Edward street, on Thursday afternoon, and the remains will be forwarded early Friday morning to Embro, where interment will be made.

LICENSE FEES GO HIGH; CITY NEEDS MONEY AT PRESENT

Large Theatres Are "Jacked Up" From $80 Per Year to $500.

ALL VEHICLES ARE TAXED

Everything That Goes On Wheels Must Contribute To City Upkeep.

The new schedule of licenses, which will be adopted at the council meeting on July 16, has been issued.

Some Large Increases.

The rates have been increased, with few exceptions. Circuses, no matter what size, were formerly charged $200 a day. Large circuses will now have to pay $500 a day, and the others are graded. Theatre licenses are advanced. All formerly paid $80 a year; now the smallest must pay $100, and some of the larger places will have to produce $500. Taxing all vehicles is an innovation, and will affect every person owning a horse and rig, motor, motor truck, bicycle and the like.

The council may make some changes at the next meeting.

Schedule of Rates.

The special committee has completed the work, and the new rates are as follows: Auctioneers, $50, an advance of $10; billiards and bagatelle, $25, an increase of $5; additional tables, $10, the same; billposters and distributors, $10, no change; bowling alleys, $30, no change; additional beds over two, $5, as compared with $2; butchers, $1, no change; cigarettes, $75, the same; circuses, 1 to 10 cars, $25 a day; 11 to 20 cars, $50; 21 to 30 cars, $100; 31 to 50 cars, $200; 50 cars and up, $500; sideshows, $15 each; concert halls and amusement places, $40, up to capacity of 1,000; over that, $200; exhibitions, $5 a day; garages, public, $10; intelligence office, $5; laundry, $10; mechanical devices, $5; milk venders, $1; merry-go-rounds, $5 a day, or $20 a month; pawnbrokers, $60; peddlers, two-horse, $40; one-horse, $30; motor, $30; bicycle, $15; on foot with cart, $15; coal oil and fish, $10; on foot with pack, $10; on foot with basket, $1; shooting gallery, $25; roller coaster, $25; slot machines, $2 each; additional, $1 each; theatres, less than 500 capacity, $100; less than 1,000 capacity, $250; less than 1,500 capacity, $400; more than 1,500 capacity, $500; transient traders, $250; wheeled vehicles, including bicycles, $1; victualling houses with a capacity of 50 or less, $8; more than 50 persons capacity, $15.

TWO CATHOLIC PRIESTS CHOSEN BY BISHOP TO GO AS CHAPLAINS

Two Catholic priests of the Diocese of London, Rev. F. P. White and Rev. T. P. Hussey, have been chosen to go overseas as chaplains with the Canadian troops, and expect to leave the city today or tomorrow for an eastern embarkation point.

Bishop Fallon, into whose charge the business of supplying English-speaking Catholic chaplains has been placed, selected Fathers White and Hussey from this diocese, and they will be joined by four other priests selected from other parts of Canada, before proceeding overseas, where they will have the rank of honorary captain. No information has been received regarding the units to which they will be assigned, but they have received orders to proceed overseas at once.

Father White is at present pastor at St. Columban, and Father Hussty at Kingora. Both are natives of Western Ontario, were classmates at Assumption College, Sandwich, and at the seminary in Montreal, and were ordained in 1904. Father White was assistant rector at St. Peter's Cathedral for about five years, following his ordination.

PTE. HAYLES KILLED.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Wingham, July 4.—Mr. and Mrs. H. Hayles have been notified that their son, Pte. George Hayles, was killed in action about the 15th of June. He was 19 years of age, and before enlisting was employed in the Western Foundry. Another son, William, is on the firing line for the second time, having been wounded some time ago.

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CITIZENS WILL MAKE APPEAL TO MINISTER OF JUSTICE FOR RELEASE OF MISS THOMPSON

Petitions are in circulation today asking the minister of justice to release Miss Margaret Thompson from jail, because of her failure to reveal the whereabouts of Jean Link, the 15-year-old daughter of William Link, 89 Mamelon street, this city. Miss Thompson was arrested yesterday, and is now in jail. A great deal of sympathy is being shown the woman.

"I think that this is a great injustice," said David Ross to The Advertiser. "The proceedings may be according to law, but there is no justice in it, in my judgment. Miss Thompson has had this girl ever since she was a baby. She has looked after her, cared for her, and she is devoted to her. The father paid no attention to her in all these years, but now that she is getting in a position to be useful he is trying to get her from Miss Thompson. I think it most unfair.

"Miss Thompson will never reveal the whereabouts of this girl, if she has to spend the rest of her life in jail. Justice will never be obtained by leaving her in jail. Every citizen with whom I have conversed thinks the woman deserving of the greatest praise and sympathy. She is a mother to the girl in everything but blood. Petitions are being circulated asking the minister of justice to pardon her. That is nothing but right, in my judgment."

Other citizens expressed themselves in a similar way.

Still Firm in Her Stand.

Miss Thompson was seen at the county jail today by two citizens who have interested themselves on her behalf. She again asserted her determination not to disclose information concerning the child or give her up to William Link as ordered to do by the court.

The claim is made by Miss Thompson that the father was incapable of caring for the child and giving her the attention that she should have received, and that as a consequence she assumed care of her when Jean was 4 years old.

The obligation of caring for the child, Miss Thompson states, was a promise made to her sister, Link's first wife, as the latter was dying. In the presence of the father she claims the promise was made, and to this Link agreed and allowed Jean to go with her aunt.

Considerable sympathy is felt for the woman, and the petitions it is expected will be largely signed.

COMMITTEE WOULD CUT IN HALF TAXES ON STANDARD HOTELS

And Recommends Assessments Be Similarly Treated.

GIVEN BEER PRIVILEGE

Council Asked To Limit Grocers To Selling by Half-Dozen.

The special license committee of the city council met this morning to discuss license fees in general, and hotel assessments in particular. After some consideration it was decided to recommend to the council that the taxes on the standard hotels be reduced 50 per cent this year, and that hereafter the assessments be cut in half.

It was also decided to recommend that the hotels be given the sole right to sell temperance beer in glasses and bottles, the grocers to sell in half dozen lots or more. Grocers will not be asked to pay any fee for this privilege. Some time ago it was proposed to levy a tax from $25 to $250 for the right. However the committee thought that there should be no tax.

"We thought it advisable to recommend the reduction in hotel assessments," said Controller Little. "The hotelmen were hit hard by prohibition. Some of the hotels have closed up, and more will be closed. Hotel accommodation is vitally necessary for this city, and we must act, or we will be in a bad way."

"That is my idea of the whole proposition," declared Ald. Dyer.

These recommendations will be considered by the council on July 16.

FORMER LONDON RECTOR CHAPLAIN AT BORDEN

Hon. Capt. C. E. Jeakins, who was formerly rector of St. John the Evangelist, this city, has been appointed Anglican chaplain at Camp Borden, and will act as chief chaplain of the camp during the absence of Lieut.-Col. Williams with the British recruiting mission in New York, according to a message received from Camp Borden yesterday.

Capt. Jeakins well overseas with the 55th Battalion, and was later invalided home, and resumed his charge at Brantford.

BENEFICIARIES ON LIST OF PATRIOTIC FUND ARE 792

The names of 792 beneficiaries appeared on the list of the London patriotic fund for July. This, however, is not the greatest number of dependents of soldiers to receive allowances at one time. Very few new names have been added in the past few weeks owing to the falling off in enlistments. At the time of recruiting for the Railway Construction Battalion, a big jump was made. The largest number to receive allowances in any one month was 900. This number has been reduced owing to the return of men from overseas, in the majority of cases owing to their being over age or medically unfit, and not because they have suffered from wounds.

STRUCK BY CAR

Bruce Township Farmer Injured by Motor in Port Elgin.

PAISLEY, July 3.—While attending the Dominion Day celebration at Port Elgin, Allan Bell, concession 10, Bruce, sustained a broken leg and other injuries in an auto accident.

Mr. Bell was standing beside a telephone pole when a car, driven by Miss Hunter of Kincardine, who was endeavoring to avoid colliding with another auto, ran into him. He was brought home later in the evening.

During the electrical storm, two valuable cattle owned by Andrew Cormack, cattle dealer, were killed. The home of A. Parker, Victoria street south, was also struck during the storm.

83 1-2 PER CENT INCREASE IN STRATFORD CUSTOMS

Unusual Jump Recorded by Figures for Past Month.

STRATFORD, July 3.—Customs returns for the month of June showed an increase of upwards of 83½ per cent over the corresponding month of last year. For June this year the total was $51,673.71 as against $28,230.17 a year ago.

Inland revenue returns increased from $2,224.51 in May to $2,505.16 in June.

There was but one fire call, it being caused by a short circuit in an automobile, causing slight loss.

Building permits numbered 38, representing new work and repairs to the value of $19,396. Plumbing and drainage permits numbered 24.

DEATH OF MRS. WALSH.

STRATFORD, July 3.—Early this morning the death occurred, after a lingering illness, of Mary Teresa Walsh, wife of Edward O'Flaherty, 32 Dufferin street, aged 48 years. The late Mrs. O'Flaherty was a native of St. Marys, and spent the early part of her life there. Seven years ago she came to the city with her husband. She was a member of St. Joseph's Church, and besides her husband and three small children, he is survived by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Walsh, of St. Marys; one brother, Matthew, and four sisters, Mrs. Thos. Nagal, Mr. S. Tevlin, of St. Marys; Mrs. J. O'Flaherty, of Woodstock, and Miss Nora Walsh, of Cobalt.

KEPT IT QUIET FOR HIS SAKE

Chairman Says Committee Did Not Desire To Brand Mr. Nutter.

ARRANGING TO PAY OFF

Suspended Architect Has Received $1,200 and Will Likely Get $600 More.

The Technical School advisory committee will this week endeavor to straighten out the accounts on the school, in order that A. E. Nutter, the architect, who has been suspended by the board of education, may be given the salary to which he is entitled.

According to the agreement with the board, the architects were to be paid 4 per cent on $120,000, the amount of the contract for the building. One per cent was to be paid when the plans were finished, one per cent when the walls were partially up, one per cent when the roof was on, and one per cent when the final certificate was issued for the completed building.

Has Received $1,200.

Two of these payments have been made, Mr. Nutter receiving $1,200, or half the amount. The roof is about ready to go on, so there will be about $500 or $600 due Mr. Nutter for his work on the structure. This will be adjusted as soon as possible.

The story of the expose of Mr. Nutter came most unexpectedly to the advisory committee and the board of education. For more than a month, the investigation had been under way, and the facts presented a week ago last Thursday. At this session, it was decided to ask Mr. Nutter for his resignation. It was in Secretary McElheran's hands several days before the story was published.

Chairman Silverwood, in explaining the silence of the committee, stated that there was nothing to hide, so far as the committee was concerned.

Why It Was Kept Quiet.

"We had the facts, and we had determined on our course of action," said Mr. Silverwood. We were determined that Mr. Nutter should go. The members of the committee desired to be lenient. We did not care to deprive him of his living, nor did we particularly wish to brand him before the public. We considered himself and his family, and our only desire was to let him get out quietly and end the trouble. We intended to have his resignation in our hands, accept it in committee, and report these facts to the board of education with as little publicity as possible. However, the story got out. Mr. Nutter did not see fit to accept our position, and we were forced to suspend him. Those are the facts in a nutshell."

To Interview City Solicitor.

Trustee Silverwood and Trustee Langford will interview City Solicitor Meredith as soon as possible to lay the facts before him and decide on the course of action necessary. The intention of the trustees is to dismiss Mr. Nutter from the service of the board, and pay him what is due him, after the adjustment has been made with the contractors and Watt & Blackwell, the other architects. That will take some little time, but Mr. Nutter's connection with the building has ceased.

Neither Mr. Nutter nor J. M. McEvoy, his solicitor, would discuss the case today. Both declared that there was nothing to make public at this time, but that a statement would probably be made in the near future. There are rumors of other exposes, but of this no definite information could be secured.

CONTROLLER WOULD LIKE TO HAVE LOOK AT HYDRO SURPLUS

Dr. Shaw Expresses Desire When City Is Asked for Money.

SUM TO CHANGE HANDS

City Will Pay Utilities If the Water Board "Comes Across" With Check.

The board of control had a special meeting at noon today to finance the utilities commission, which is short of money.

Mayor Stevenson, in opening the meeting, stated that the commission had debts outstanding amounting to $38,000, for which there was no money. Of this $25,000 was for power purchased from the hydro-electric commission, and the balance was for sundry accounts.

A statement of the financial position of the hydro and waterworks departments was presented by City Treasurer Bell.

Debtor and Creditor.

It showed that in the hydro department, debentures had been issued to cover capital charges amounting to $251,058.80. On this sum, $154,082.66 had been advanced, leaving a balance of $96,976.14. The commission owed the city $38,346.02 for interest and sinking funds, leaving a balance of $58,630.12 due the commission. It was decided to issue a check to the commission for the amount.

On going into the waterworks department it was found that the commission owed the city at the end of December, 1916, the sum of $127,999.90. The city owed the waterworks department $62,949.50, leaving a balance of $65,050, to which the city was entitled at the end of 1916.

Case of Give and Take.

The commission will get the city's check for $58,630.12 at once, provided the waterworks department hands the city $65,050 from the waterworks department immediately.

In addition the city had issued debentures this year amounting to $60,000 for waterworks extensions, and the mayor was authorized to pay over $40,000 for this work at once.

"It does not look as if the commission had that surplus about which we hear so very much," commented Controller Shaw. "I would like to have a look at it."

CHAIRMAN FAVORS GOING TO COURTS IN NUTTER CHARGES

Chairman Thomas Rowe of the board of education is in favor of an investigation into the charges against Arthur E. Nutter.

He was conversing with several members of the board this morning, and expressed himself as favorable to a court inquiry.

"That would place the blame where it belongs, and will free the board and the committee from all suspicion," said Mr. Rowe. "Mr. Nutter virtually asks us to prove the charges, and I think we should go to court and prove them."

The other trustees thought that the purposes of the board had been accomplished and that the fact of Mr. Nutter's guilt was sufficiently established to make it imperative that his services be dispensed with.

PERSONAL MENTION

Alex Johnston of Winnipeg is visiting Mrs. Lyell Johnston of 107 Beaconsfield avenue.

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Miss Margaret Johnston is home from Branksom Hall, Toronto, where she has been attending school for the past year.

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William H. Lee, Wolfe street, teller of the B. N. A. Bank (Market branch), has been transferred to the Exchange, New York City, and left Sunday evening.

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Miss Frances Weir of London and Miss Vera Hogg of Thorndale have returned after spending a few days with their friend, Miss Arlene Anderson, Palmer Park Boulevard, Detroit, Michigan.

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Mr. and Mrs. Fred T. Chapman of St. Thomas were guests of Mr. and Mrs. George Kelly, Wharncliffe road, South London, for the holiday.

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Mrs. R. M. Graham returned home yesterday after six weeks' absence from the city, during which she attended the annual meeting of the National Council of Women in Winnipeg, and subsequently visited friends in Toronto and Galt.

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Miss Alice Roberts of this city left on Tuesday to spend a few weeks with friends in Massachusetts.

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Mrs. Gunn of Calgary, daughter of Rev. W. M. Martin and Mrs. Martin, Ridout street, South London, has returned to the city after spending some weeks in Palmerston, a guest in the home of her sister, Mrs. Cranston, the manse.

CORNWALLIS WEST DEAD.

London, July 4.—Col. William Cornwallis West died today at Ruthin Castle, North Wales, aged 82.

Col. William Cornwallis West was lord lieutenant of Denbighshire since 1877, and honorary colonel of the 4th Battalion of Royal Welsh Fusiliers. He married in 1872 the eldest daughter of Rev. Frederick Pitzpatrick and Lady Olivia, who was a daughter of the second Marquis of Headfort. Mrs. William Cornwallis West became involved in an army scandal in January of this year. She was severely scored for her interest and subsequent antagonism to a young Irish lieutenant. The officer was promoted and then punished, largely through her influence. Field Marshal Viscount French, who was named in the report of the court of inquiry, was criticized, while Lieut.-Col. Demle Redcliffe was removed from command. Col. William Cornwallis West was one of the greatest landed proprietors in England.

A SECRET SESSION.

Paris, Tuesday, July 3.—The Chamber of Deputies continued to sit behind closed doors today, and probably will do so tomorrow. The secret session will be followed by a public debate before the vote on the interpellation.

SHIP IN TROUBLE.

Quebec, July 4.—The ship that had run ashore on Monday near Little Metis was floated herself yesterday morning and came to Father Point where she awaits help sent from Quebec. She is making water.

WEDDING BELLS

BISHOP—DECOW.

A pretty wedding took place on Tuesday, June 26, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. D. A. DeCow, River road, Harwood, when their eldest daughter, Edna Pearl, was united in marriage to William J. Bishop, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. George C. Bishop, of Howard, who formerly resided in Dover.

The bride, who was gowned in an ivory spun silk gown, trimmed with lace, and carrying a bouquet of peonies, entered the parlor on the arm of her father, and took her place beside the groom before a bank of ferns. They were unattended. The ceremony, which took place at 3 o'clock, was performed by Rev. Mr. Mathews of Louisville.

Following the ceremony an buffet luncheon was served to the immediate relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Bishop left, amid showers of rice and hearty congratulations, on a motor trip to London, Woodstock, Niagara, Simcoe, Thomas, Port Stanley and other eastern points.

Prior to her marriage the bride was the guest of honor at a miscellaneous shower given by Mrs. J. L. Williams.

WATT—EDWARDS.

The marriage was solemnized this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock in the Church of St. John the Evangelist, of one of London's popular girls, Ann Sifton Edwards, youngest daughter of Inspector C. B. Edwards and Mrs. Edwards, and Lieut. Joseph Frederick Watt of the 4th C. M. R., son of the late Rev. Joseph Watt and Mrs. Watt of Toronto.

The ceremony was performed in the presence of relatives and a few intimate friends by Rev. Canon Craig, rector of the church, Clarence Gilmour presiding at the organ.

The bride, who was unattended, looked charming in a smart tailored suit of cream serge with touches of Kelly green, and becoming white hat. She wore a corsage bouquet of orchids and pink sweet peas, and carried a white prayer book.

Following the service the wedding party drove to the residence of Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Edwards at 24 Belgrave Place, where a tempting wedding luncheon was served. The happy couple are leaving on an extended motor trip.

Lieut. Watt went overseas with the 111th Battalion, and in England was transferred to the 4th C. M. R. He was wounded early in the winter, and is in Canada on furlough. He expects to go back in another month.

The only out-of-town guests were the bride's sister, Mrs. Alex. Noxon and children from near Toronto, and Miss Charlotte Reaume of Windsor.

MONROE—McBRIDE.

At the Church of St. John the Evangelist on Saturday afternoon last Miss Edith Marjorie McBride, Elias street, was united in marriage to Dr. J. G. Monroe of Montreal.

The event was marked by a full choral service, the ceremony being performed by Rev. Canon Craig.

The church was decorated for the occasion, and a large number of friends and relatives were present.

The bride is a well-known vocalist having been connected with the First Presbyterian and Colborne Street Methodist choirs.

Miss Gwendolyn Lashbrook acted as flower girl. Miss Frances Cullis sang "The Crown" at the conclusion of the ceremony.

Dr. and Mrs. Monroe left the same evening for Montreal. They will reside in the city of Quebec.

YOUNG—JONES.

On Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock a quiet wedding was solemnized at the parsonage of the Talbot Street Baptist Church by Rev. H. H. Bingham, when Miss Ethel Matilda Jones was united in marriage to William John Young, both of this city. They were unattended.

Mr. and Mrs. Young left on the 4:25 train for points east, and on their return they will reside at 166 Wharncliffe road, West London.

DEATHS AND FUNERALS

DEATH OF MRS. HUTCHISON.

Mrs. James Hutchison, formerly Miss Mary Cardno, died at her home in Cardiff, Wales. Mrs. Hutchison was for several years a resident of this city. She is survived by her husband, one brother, George, of Detroit; one sister, Mrs. A. H. Wheatcroft, of Sarnia; an aunt, Mrs. William Bruce, Wharncliffe road, and her step-father, John Simpson, 934 Waterloo street, city.

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By the Way

London, considering its size, has done well in supplying short stories for the markets of the world.

Most every month some of the local men who have gone into the literary game appear in the foremost Canadian magazines. Hubert McBean Johnston, formerly a reporter on The Advertiser, has a story this month in The American Magazine. Harvey O'Higgins is doing a number of big magazine assignments. Arthur Stringer has many commissions, and George Pattullo of Woodstock, well known here, is a "regular" in the Saturday Evening Post. Hopkins Moorehouse appears in a number of good publications every once in a while.

The late Robert Barr, at one time chased the elusive news item on the streets of London for this great family journal. Quite frequently the aspiring cub is shown the desk at which Barr wrote his first stuff. Although the identity of the desk is a little obscure it has the age, and it's rather good incentive stuff, the reflected glory thing.

"Drat the censors," said a local moving picture manager today. "They have canned one of my comedies because it burlesqued a preacher." That's the first time the censors ever gave the preachers a little protection, at that! They seem to be the "goops" of the screen, and the comedy parson is an institution. The censor must have just attended the local Methodist conference of his district, being seized of the horror of making game of the cloth.

Speaking of ministers, the presentation of a motor car to a Baptist clergyman by his loving congregation should send the motor salesmen to church. This is a brand new line of prospects, and we may now expect to see the boys who demonstrate in the front rows of choirs, carrying collection plates, etc. One of them might quietly drop a suggestion on the collection plate reading like this: "Inclosed find $5 as a nest egg to start a collection to buy our beloved pastor a motor car to carry him through his burdensome duties. Dearly beloved brethren, let it be a Cornhusker Six, the only real value on the market."

The family was out for the holiday. The old man had two kids in his arms and three or four underfoot. "Ma" was also well supplied with two-footed anxieties. Little, dainty sister-in-law was along also. It was distinctly a case of "this is my family, and it's no picnic."

The family squeezed into a crowded Oxford car. Ma and pa and the kids got inside. But the dainty, little sister-in-law had to stay on the back platform. She was in a very happy company of "rear-enders." She was very welcome.

As the car came to a turn the old man got anxious.

"Oh, Lucy," he called from the front of the car, "Look out when you come to the curve. Don't slip and fall."

"All right, old man; don't worry. We'll look after Lucy," came in a chorus from the rear end.

And while Lucy blushed prettily, it is certain that there was no danger of her mussing up her finery by a fall in the road. London's gallantry again demonstrated.

The Mere Man went to church on Sunday evening, not because he is in the habit of going to church on Sunday evenings, but because he thought he would like to improve his knowledge of confederation. In any case, it seemed a religious duty to celebrate in some such manner fifty years of national life for the Dominion. But he didn't get as much good as he expected, and all on account of a hat, and a woman's hat at that. The hat was in front of him, a few seats to the right.

He had just settled himself comfortably and begun to absorb a dim religious feeling and to wonder why he didn't always go to church on Sunday evenings, when he saw the hat. At first, he was perfectly sure that the lady, in a fit of absentmindedness, had heeded the injunction of the Apostle Paul to women to cover their heads in the sanctuary not wisely, but too well. She was not only hatted but double hatted, and beneath the load her fair head—what he could see of it—seemed on the point of extinguishment, and her swanlike neck nigh to breaking.

He longed till it became an obsession to lean over, touch her on the shoulder, and ask her to remove one of her hats.

First, there was a yellowish-gray, high crown (his wife told him afterwards it was a delicate shade of fawn), with a brim of what he called sky blue, and his wife called copenhagen. So far, so good; it was a respectable and human-shaped sailor hat with a yellowish top and of straw and a blue cloth brim. It might just as well have all been made of straw, but there was no accounting for the tastes of women, especially as the blue brim was made of thin cloth that looked like a veil.

Below the brim and for an inch and a half or more descended another length of straw that hugged the lady's hair right to the escaping tendrils of her scolding locks in the back, embraced her ears almost to the tips and hid from view the brow with which nature endowed her. This much he could see from a profile view.

Right round the top of the lower band of straw was a wreath of pale pink flowers (he was sure of pink), and he was also sure that the wreath was the only thing which prevented the sailor from swallowing up the whole of the under hat.

He began to wonder what would happen when she stood up to sing. Would the top hat topple off? But nothing happened. Then she bent her head for prayer and both structures remained firmly rooted, meantime the Mere Man watched in fascinated wonder.

Toward the end of the sermon, he figured it out for himself. It was two hats sewed together, one on top of the other. He went home, not in the least improved by the service. He had missed practically the whole sermon about confederation, and he had seen a tangible evidence of the extravagance and folly of women in wartime, wearing two hats at a time,