

# WILL NOT BUILD HOUSE OF REFUGE.

County Council Sets Government Inspector Smith's Instructions at Defiance.

Councillor Hills Suggested Prince's Square as a Site for Refuge.

By a unanimous vote the County Council, at yesterday afternoon's session, decided to shelve the building of the county house of refuge for this year. The result was not unexpected, as the members feel there is no necessity for rushing the matter, or doing anything in regard to it, unless compelled to by the Government. That the county is in a better position to look after its poor than any other county in the Province, was the consensus of opinion.

At the opening of the session the Council went into Committee of the Whole on the House of Refuge question. Councillor Waite moved, seconded by Councillor Pickard, that no action be taken in regard to Dr. R. W. Bruce Smith's communication in reference to the erection of a House of Refuge. Councillor Lawson took the chair, at the request of the Warden.

Councillor Hills thought it would be just as well to hear the Grand Jury's report and Dr. Smith's letter at the same time. The clerk read both communications.

Chairman Lawson thought the Council was getting rid of the matter too quickly. It was one that required serious consideration.

Councillor Waite said he had introduced the resolution for the purpose of opening the way for a discussion. He thought that Wentworth was well provided for in having the House of Providence, and there would be no sense in having too many places.

Councillor Binkley thought the resolution was somewhat useful. It was dealing with a letter from the Government, which was official. The letter pointed out that it was imperative that the building be gone on with at once. For a set of men intelligent enough to be elected to the County Council to disregard a communication from the Government, was, to his mind, the height of folly. The county has no permanent arrangement with the House at Providence. It was not a question of whether the Councilors themselves were in favor of having the House of Refuge or not, but whether the Council was going to act in compliance with the Government's order, or not. The statute states very clearly that the building of the House of Refuge must be commenced and completed this year. He did not think it was doing the fair and square thing to dodge the issue, by hiding behind mere excuses.

Councillor Vance wanted to know if the Government would go ahead with the building of the House of Refuge, in case the county refused.

Warden Gage said that he was not opposed to caring for the county poor, or for that matter, to the building of a county house of refuge, if necessary. He was satisfied that the poor of the county are better and more cheaply cared for at the present time than they would be in a house of refuge under the direction of the county. Such institutions encouraged pauperism. If a house of refuge were built the taxes of the county would have to be increased. There are a lot of men who would be willing to enter such an institution who are well able to do a good day's work. If the Government wants the county to go on with the building of such an institution, why does Dr. Bruce Smith change his mind so often? The warden said he had in his pocket at the moment a letter from that gentleman to the effect that so long as the county poor are being well looked after there would be no need of building a house of refuge. Surely this was somewhat inconsistent with the attitude of Dr. Smith at the present time, when he is demanding that the council build the refuge before 1910. It was the warden's opinion that the council would find that the cost of maintenance of such an institution would be considerably more than the different municipalities are paying at the present time. He had not heard of any complaints from the various townships that their poor were not being looked after.

Councillor Hills said he thought the council should go very slowly in the matter, because it involves a serious responsibility on every member. The difficulty, he said, had been brought about by the vacillations of the Government. In 1903 a bill was brought in urging the building of houses of refuge. Later the time was extended to 1905, and again it was extended to 1908, and now the present Government have again extended the time until 1910. He did not think the Government would take any drastic action against the county until it had an opportunity of presenting its case to the right officials, and not through Dr. R. W. Bruce Smith.

Councillor Hills said that the hysterical vapors of grand juries had little effect on him. He considered that in charging these juries the bench had been unfair to the council in its remarks. The latter had had little or no opportunity of presenting its case to the public, except when some fair minded reporters of the press helped the council out.

He stated further that the difficulties that have been placed in the way of the building of a house of refuge are on the increase, rather than on the decrease. He considered that Dr. Smith by his action has laid himself open to fair criticism by the Council. He has said that if the poor were properly provided for there would be no need of a house of refuge, and now he states that it is absolutely imperative that the matter be taken up at once. The question that was uppermost in the councilor's mind was: "Are we positively compelled to build before 1910?" If the poorhouse had to be built, then let the Council go ahead with the scheme at once. To his mind it was largely a question of domicile. If the Council is going to look for a site it would be best to have one with every convenience within reach, and not going into the country and select a farm. He suggested that the ground in front of the court house be utilized. As far as he could see it was disfigured by the carter's stand, the year round, and the grounds themselves are inhabited largely by idlers and bums.

Councillor Binkley said such a plan could not be entertained, as there are provisions which distinctly state that the grounds in front of the court house are to be used for park purposes only. He did not think that Dr. Smith should come in for so much criticism, as it was clear that he is simply complying with the demands of the Government.

Chairman Lawson then put the motion to the committee, and it was carried without a dissenting voice.

When Warden Gage resumed the chair he put the motion to the Council, where it again carried, unanimously. Then there came a mix-up when Councillor Binkley presented a resolution to the effect that the reeves of the Council be a committee to go ahead with the selection of a site for the building of the house of refuge.

Warden Gage ruled the motion out of order after hearing Councillor Hills' spirited objection to leaving the duty reeves off such an important committee. The Warden explained that the motion was Dr. Smith's letter for the reason that, in passing the resolution in regard to taking no action on Dr. Smith's letter the whole question of building a house of refuge was involved.

Councillor Lawson said he had been under a misapprehension, believing that only Dr. Smith's letter was taken into consideration in the motion of Councillor Waite. In reply to several of the councilors the Warden stated that the matter could be brought before the Council at the June session.

Councillor Hills wanted to know what Councillor Waite intended to do in regard to the paying of the taxes due the county. If the matter was not disposed of at once, he was prepared to take action.

Councillor Millen said that he would give the Council a definite answer this morning.

The Council ordered County Treasurer Cochrane to pay the bill of \$320 for the preparation of the abstract in connection with the Beach by the registry office.

## THE LAST DAY.

Great January Sales End To-morrow—Extraordinary Bargains.

The Right House announces in this paper some wonderful value-giving for to-morrow. The last day of the great January sales that have been exciting so much attention and enthusiasm.

Three great free offers told of in their advertisement, will be withdrawn to-morrow night. It behooves every reader of this paper to take instant advantage of these great sale events. By all means get your orders in, for to-morrow the goods will be sold at a price that will make you wonder how they got so low.

She will deliver several lectures here, and will also speak in Ottawa, Toronto, Hamilton and other eastern cities. She seems terribly cut up over the fact that she will not get back to the city in time for the doing when the British Parliament opens.

## NEW RECORDS.

To-morrow should establish new records for Treble's two stores, judging by the great values advertised. Saturday closes for this progressive firm one of the most successful year's business, and before stocks are entered on the books, they are making last day efforts by ignoring both profits and costs to make a final sweep of all broken lines, many of which are to be sold at half price. Be sure and make the most of this great event in men's furnishings.

## At the Alexandra.

Special Saturday afternoon admission, including skates, 25c. In the evening a programme of fifteen skating numbers will be given.

**A Free Trip**  
We will refund amount of your round trip fare to Hamilton from any point to-morrow. The refund is regulated by amount of your purchase. Ask at store.

# The Right House

"HAMILTON'S FAVORITE SHOPPING PLACE"

## January's last business day brings many extraordinary bargains for every section of the store: Come early

A fitting climax to the greatest series of January sales we ever held

THE last call. There is just one day left of the greatest series of January Sales we ever put before the public. And this last day will be a fitting climax to what has gone before. Every section from basement to roof is beckoning you here to-morrow with such an array of money-saving opportunities as can only happen once a year and then only to a store enjoying great buying prestige like The Right House. Great

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sales of carpets and homefurnishings, household linens, pillow cottons, sheetings, embroideries, white muslin underwear, white blouses, white muslins, furs, dress goods, coats, skirts and many other lines will stir the enthusiasm of every person in Hamilton and vicinity. These sales have been the talk of the country for the past month. We urge everyone to come early to-morrow and share in their truly wonderful saving chances

## Household Linens, Pillow Cottons and Sheetings--- A wonderful sale with extraordinary saving chances

ATTENTION, housekeepers, boardinghouse keepers, clubs, restaurant keepers, hotelkeepers and public institutions! To-morrow is the last day of the greatest linen sale Hamilton ever saw. Are you going to get in your orders for the year ahead and reap a harvest of savings? Leave your order to-

morrow and share in these matchless bargain opportunities that are stirring every one to enthusiasm and bringing to this store the greatest business in our history. We can only hint at a few of to-morrow's offerings here—a visit to the store is absolutely essential to a proper realization of the magnitude of the chances to save money. Will you come?

### Crashtoweling

HEAVY, good-wearing closely woven, absorbent weaves in plain crash, Barnsley crash, Russia Crash, unbleached, bordered and twill makes, plain or with colored borders. All linen qualities in 16 to 18-inch widths. Included are the famous Silver Bleach Crashes. All thoroughly shrunk, free from dressing. These are much used now for glass toweling.

8 1/2c, real value 10c  
10c, real value 12c  
12 1/2c, real value 15c  
15c, real value 18c  
17c, real value 20c

### Good sheeting

Best English and Canadian makes, in all widths and various weights, plain or twill weaves in bleached or unbleached finishes.

19c, reduced from 25c  
25c, reduced from 30c  
30c, reduced from 35c  
35c, reduced from 40c  
40c, reduced from 45c

### Pillow cottons

All widths in plain or circular weaves; Canadian and English makes. 12 1/2c, reduced from 15c.  
15c, reduced from 18c  
19c, reduced from 22c  
25c, reduced from 30c  
27c, reduced from 32c

### Table cloths

BEAUTIES in pure snowy white Linen, exquisite patterns; rich, good-wearing qualities.  
\$1.69 for special \$2.10 lines  
\$2.59 for special \$3.75 lines  
\$3.00 for special \$4.50 lines

### Napkins to match

All sizes and qualities in beautiful patterns; many to match above cloths.  
\$1.53 for special \$2.00 lines  
\$1.75 for special \$2.88 lines  
\$2.25 for special \$3.00 lines  
\$3.25 for special \$4.00 lines

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### Table linens

SNOWY white and cream Irish and Scotch Table Linens in woven-to-wear-and-wash-well qualities; exquisite patterns.  
59c for special 70c lines  
69c for special 95c lines

### Imperfect tablings

A dropped stitch or a heavy thread here or there and we call them imperfect.  
39c for special 50c lines  
59c for special 70c lines  
69c for special 95c lines  
79c for special \$1.10 lines

### Bath towels

A GREAT English manufacturer's "seconds." They are slightly imperfect, but wear or appearance is not impaired. Hundreds to choose among, from medium to very large sizes; bleached and fancy patterns; fringed or hemstitched ends. Very absorbent, good-wearing qualities. Remarkable bargains.

10c, real value 15c  
20c, real value 30c  
33c, real value 40c  
59c, real value 85c  
69c, real value \$1

## All Carpets Bought To-morrow will be Made, Laid and Lined Free: Last Day of Sale: Tremendous Bargains

If you want to take advantage of the great January reductions and in addition get your carpets all made, laid and lined free—an additional saving of 12c to 14c a yard—it will be necessary to get your orders in to-morrow. To-morrow is the last day that this great free offer holds good. It is the last

day of the greatest carpet and homefurnishing sale we ever held and we are going to make it the biggest and best day of this greatest sale. These wonderful bargains will help. We strongly urge that you select early in the morning if it is possible.

\$24.75 Brussels room size stock rugs, January sale \$17.75  
\$27.50 Brussels room size stock rugs, January sale \$18.75  
\$25.00 Brussels room size stock rugs, January sale \$16.75  
\$40.00 Axminster room size stock rugs, January sale \$31.00  
\$12.25 Tapestry room size stock rugs, January sale \$ 8.25  
\$21.25 Tapestry room size stock rugs, January sale \$12.75  
\$17.25 Tapestry room size stock rugs, January sale \$11.75  
\$15.50 all wool room size art squares, January sale \$11.19  
\$10.00 all wool room size art squares, January sale \$ 8.19  
\$1.10 reversible Smyrna door rugs at only 95c  
\$2.50 reversible Smyrna hearth rugs at only \$1.75  
\$4.75 reversible Smyrna hearth rugs at only \$3.95

Our special \$1.65 Wilton and Axminster carpets at \$1.29  
Our \$1.75 and \$1.90 Wilton and Axminster carpets at \$1.47  
Our \$2.25 and \$2.35 Wilton and Axminster carpets at \$1.69  
Our regular 95c Brussels carpets, January price 69c  
Our regular \$1.25 Brussels carpets, January price 95c  
Our regular \$1.50 Brussels carpets, January price \$1.09  
Our special 60c tapestry carpets, January price 51c  
Our special 80c tapestry carpets, January price 63c  
Our special 90c tapestry carpets, January price 75c  
Our special 85c inlaid linoleums now at 62 1/2c  
Our special \$1.10 inlaid linoleums now at 78c  
Our special \$1.35 inlaid linoleums now at 98c

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## NO LET-UP IN CAMPAIGN.

Citizens Will Go After Reduction Harder Than Ever.

An enthusiastic and well-attended meeting of those citizens of Ward 7 who are interested in the question of license reduction was held in Victoria Avenue Baptist Church school-room last evening. Mr. Jas. L. Sibbald occupied the chair, and Mr. A. H. Lyle acted as secretary for the evening.

It was decided to proceed to organize in permanent form, under the name of "The Seventh Ward Citizens' Campaign Committee."

The platform adopted was as follows:  
1. License reduction.  
2. Moral reform.  
3. Honest administration of civic affairs.  
4. Betterment of conditions in the ward.

Any man subscribing to this platform is eligible for membership, and becomes a member by paying the annual fee of 25 cents.

It was decided to hold monthly meetings throughout the year, in the school-room of Victoria Avenue Baptist Church, if arrangements to that end can be made with the Board of Management of the Church.

The following officers, who also form the Executive, were elected:  
Hon. President, Henry Banwell.  
President, James L. Sibbald.  
Vice-Presidents, N. G. Boggs and John Poir.

Secretary, A. H. Lyle, 205 West avenue north.  
Treasurer, Ira Green.  
Press Correspondent, Rev. H. Edgar Allen.

Chairman of the three standing committees: Temperance Committee, C. P. McGregor; Moral Reform, James B. Williams; Good of the Ward, Thomas Rossell.

## WILL DEMAND OVER \$20,000.

Board of Health Adopts Estimates for the Year.

Another meeting of the local Board of Health was held last night to pass on estimates for the year, and it decided to ask for \$20,187. This is an increase over last year, and including a thousand dollars for a semi-weekly collection of garbage during the months of July and August. Formerly the garbage was collected weekly, and during the hot weather this led to unhealthy odors. The present garbage system costs the city less than in any other city in Canada, and averages only 2 cents per week per house. A resolution was passed that the two of the inspectors receive an increase of \$50 per year, and the third to be made inspector-in-chief and receive an increase of \$100. In the past the work of inspection has been under the supervision of the health inspector, and as his other duties fully occupy his time this resolution was passed to allow him more time for the looking after of contagious diseases.

It was decided to ask the City Council for a contingency fund of \$1,000 to meet any emergency in case of a smallpox epidemic. The estimates were as follows:  
Drugs ..... \$ 200  
Printing ..... 100  
Stationery ..... 75  
Livery ..... 20  
Fuel ..... 20  
Uniforms for inspectors ..... 165  
Tickets ..... 120  
Telephones ..... 240  
Sinking ice ..... 10  
Salaries ..... 4,232  
Collection of Garbage ..... 13,585  
Mountain collection of garbage ..... 150  
Increases in salaries ..... 260  
\$20,187

Mr. Thomas Crooks presided.

### License Reduction

Did not pass the Council, but they have nothing to say about the reduction of sickness. Laxa-Food will prevent much of this by furnishing the body with necessary elements to properly sustain it. Ask your grocer.

## WHAT ABOUT YOUR OLD AGE?

(Woodstock Sentinel-Review.)

Have you taken steps yet to familiarize yourself with the Government's plan for providing old age annuities? If not, don't you think it might be worth your while to do so? It will cost you nothing but the trouble of asking your postmaster for a free postcard, which will bring you all the information you require.

Perhaps you have nothing to fear from the approach of old age; if so, you are fortunate, but if you have not yet made ample provision, and are desirous of doing something to save yourself from worry at a time when you cannot very well afford to worry, the Government's plan will interest you.

One merit of the Government's system is that there is no suggestion of charity about it. The Government gives you its services as banker and its security. It is simply a form of insurance in which all the profits go to the insured, and nothing is deducted for management. There are various plans to suit the convenience of the applicant's purse, the annuities ranging from \$50 to \$800. But there will be no forfeiture under any plan for any cause. At the date fixed for the annuity, such an annuity will be paid as the amount to the credit of the contributor will purchase, and if there is not sufficient to purchase a \$50 annuity, the amount paid in will be returned with 3 per cent. compound interest. In the event of death before the first annuity falls due the amount paid in will be refunded to the heirs with 3 per cent. compound interest.

Even the seamy side of life may not be all that it seems.

## LATHROP DEAD.

Was Manager of the Grand 25 Years Ago.

James M. Lathrop, who, in 1884, came from London to manage the Grand Opera House here, is dead in Detroit from a complication of diseases.

He was born in Plymouth, Mich., 56 years ago. When he was ten years old he went to Detroit and obtained employment in one of the old Whitney theatres.

He was advanced rapidly and soon was given the management of opera houses in London and Hamilton. After accepting a position as manager of the Posa's Opera House in Grand Rapids, he finally went back to Detroit. His last theatrical position was with the Lafayette Opera House. His health ruined, he resigned as treasurer February 22, last year.

Since then he had been confined to his home. During the last two weeks he declined rapidly. He leaves a widow, a brother and a sister who reside in Detroit, and another brother in Seattle, Wash.

The funeral took place in Detroit to-day.

### TARIFF NOT RESPONSIBLE.

(Mackenzie King on Cotton Industry.)  
"That the tariff, apart from the present temporary depression with which it was admitted it had nothing to do, was not in any way responsible for the falling-off in trade in the cotton factories of Quebec, or the consequent recent reduction in wages, is abundantly proved from the statements of the head officials of the companies and the annual reports of the directors." Mr. King adds, "the evidence as a whole proves conclusively that under the existing tariff the cotton manufacturing companies of the Province of Quebec have until the present depression set in, enjoyed prosperous years, that the tariff has been in no way responsible for the depression which has been world-wide and greater in England and the United States than in Canada. That until the depression set in so prosperous were conditions that the effects of foreign competition were not felt. At most all

## ROMAN CATHOLICS.

Census of Them Shows 14,235,451 in United States.

Milwaukee, Wis., Jan. 28.—There are 14,235,451 Roman Catholics in the United States, according to the advance sheets of the 1900 Wiltz Official Catholic Directory, published in this city. The statistics are furnished by the archbishops and bishops of the United States after the taking of a census in all dioceses.

### A CLEAN SWEEP.

On Saturday Finch Bros. are making a clear sweep of everything in the store that has a winter effect and at prices that are bound to create a stir. They must have the room for the rush of the new spring goods that are now arriving every day. It will also be the last day of their great January sale and prices are made for a record day. Among the savings are: The great sale of women's coats at \$6.89 and \$9.89, regular up to \$20; half price clearing of dress skirts at \$5.50, \$4.25 and \$2.50; stylish millinery at \$2.49 and \$4.49; and children's wear also greatly reduced.

On the first floor every section shares in the great saving events. The offerings too numerous to mention here, only to say a great clean-up in women's gloves at 59c, regular to \$1.35. Every person should visit Finch Bros. to-morrow when the greatest price reductions of the year will be in progress.

### GRIMSBY CROSSING.

Ottawa, Jan. 29.—Assistant Chairman Scott and Dr. Mills, of the Board of Railway Commissioners, will on February 10 hold a sitting at Grimsby to consider the question of the better protection of the Ontario street crossing over the Grand Trunk where the recent accident which resulted in the death of five people occurred.

### Potatoes Going Up.

Winnipeg, Jan. 28.—The extreme cold of the early portion of this month caught the people of Alberta and British Columbia napping and the majority got their supplies of potatoes frozen. This is creating a brisk and rising market for potatoes and prices are stiffening. Already they are retailing at 75 cents per bushel, and are likely to go much higher.

## NEW PUBLICATIONS.

The Times has just received a copy of the encyclopedic work on "Intoxicating Drinks and Drugs in All Lands and Times," now in its tenth edition, enlarged and revised. Dr. and Mrs. Wilbur F. Crafts and Mary and Margaret W. Leitch have provided the world with a ready and complete work of reference, compiled from many sources useful to all who are interested in the study of the effect of liquor and narcotics on the race and in the progress of the temperance movement throughout the world.