SUBURBAN AND COUNTY NEWS

MOSHER DEFENDS CHOICE OF SENATOR

Hits Out at St. John Standard for Criticizing McDonald Appointment.

Ottawa, Feb. 20.—The attack on the Meighen government by The St. John Standard for the appointment of J. A. McDonald of Shediac, N.B., as senator, has brought forth a vigorous reply from A. R. Mosher, grand president of the Canadian Brotherhood of Railroad Employes, of which organization Mr. McDonald is a member. Mr. Mosher, in a statement issued this evening, praises the administration for its courage in making the appointment, and declares that a few more such "political blunders" will guarantee its perpetuity in office. Mr. Mosher's statement follows:

Not a Spell-Binder.

"The St. John Standard seems to acknowlege the fact that Senator McDonald is a man of outstanding ability and character, but still maintains that it was a political blunder and an outrage that he was appointed. One must naturally ask if men of ability and character must take second place to political spell-binders. In my opinion, the government has done well to show its independence in this matter, and it is a step in the right direction. The government will have nothing to fear from those whose only objection is that they did not get the appointment themselves.

Says Labor Will Applaud.

A few more such 'political blunders' as this will be the best guarantee of those responsible for Mr. McDonald's appointment that they could have for their perpetuity in office. I feel satisfied that the unprejudiced and reasonable-minded citizens of the maritime provinces, including organized labor, will applaud the government for this appointment. We need more men of Mr. McDonald's outstanding ability in the counsel of the nation.

"The Canadian Brotherhood of Railroad Employes is proud to state that Hon. Senator McDonald is a member of its organization. We backed him to the limit for the appointment, and will back him and his friends to the limit in future.

"The statement that he was born in Truro, N.S., is incorrect. He was born in Shediac, N.B., and has a home there at the present time."

NEW PLAN TO STOP IRISH EMIGRATION

Boarding Houses in Liverpool Raided and Tickets and Passports Seized.

Liverpool, Feb. 20.—A new scheme, which, the police believe, is intended by the Sinn Fein to prevent young Irishmen from emigrating to the United States and thus depleting the ranks of the "Irish republican army," was inaugurated here Friday night, when armed men raided three emigrant boarding houses and seized the tickets and passports of a dozen Irish youths who were ready to sail on the steamer Carmania. The victims were ordered to return to Ireland immediately.

No personal injury was inflicted on the youths and no damage to the houses. The raids were carried out by large bodies of men.

More Fires Near Manchester.

Manchester, Eng., Feb. 20.—A number of farmhouses in isolated districts in the vicinity of Manchester were set on fire simultaneously Saturday night. The fires were similar to those which occurred in Manchester a short time ago. Much damage was done. The police express the belief that the fires were set by Sinn Feiners.

Altogether 14 farm fires occurred in the vicinity of Manchester Saturday night. Machinery, buildings and stacks were damaged to the amount of £40,000. The sky was lighted up for miles around.

The places visited by the incendiaries included Altrincham, Dunham, Humston, Chorlton, Bagsley, Whitefield and the country around Southport. In one case a farmer and two of his sons were ordered by a man to put up their hands. When they refused to accede, the man fired. They dashed for home and five more shots were fired at them, but without doing any harm.

CABINET CONSIDERS REQUESTS OF LABOR

Understood Federal Ministers Also Talked Over Oil Lease Amendments.

Ottawa, Feb. 20.—(Can. Press—No statement was forthcoming following the meeting of cabinet council, which took place on Saturday afternoon. It is understood that the legislative program set forth by labor was under discussion. Some of the requests of the labor delegation, which interviewed a committee of the cabinet on Saturday morning, included enactment of legislation to bring about the eight-hour day, unemployment insurance, measures for decreasing unemployment in Canada and repeal of the section of the criminal code providing for deportation of British subjects.

The cabinet is also understood to have considered suggested amendments to the oil lease regulations.

MAKE HASTY EXIT.

Fire breaking out in the store owned by Charles Branstone, at 355 Yonge street, at 11.17 last night, spread to the apartment of Misses L. McMillan and Fields at 353 1-2 Yonge street, and the two young ladies had to make a hasty exit in night attire thru blinding smoke. The fire, which was of unknown origin, caused damage of $1,000 to the building at b55 Yonge street, and damage of $150 to 353 1-2 yonge.

KILLED BY CHINAMAN'S CAR.

Vancouver, B. C., Feb. 20.—J. O. Arsensault, a logger, fifty years of age, was killed late Saturday night when he was knocked down and run over by an automobile driven by a Chinese, named Lee Kam. Kam is under arrest charged with manslaughter.

CAPACITY CROWDS AT NEW THEATRE

Opening of "Palace" Bespeaks Brilliant Future—Film Pictures the Feature.

DANFORTH

Very large crowds attended the opening of the new Palace Theatre, Danforth and Pape avenues, Saturday night, and so well were the arrangements carried out that there was no difficulty experienced in admitting the first patrons. The theatre, seating 1,650, was filled to capacity within a few minutes after opening.

Controller Maguire officiated at the opening ceremonies and heartily congratulated the Famous Players Canadian Corporation, Limited, and N. L. Nathanson, managing director, upon the erection of so beautiful an edifice. He bespoke a brilliant future for that section of Toronto and for the photo-playhouse that would serve to entertain the people not only with the finest of motion pictures, but also with a standard of music that would encourage a taste for the best.

The speaker referred to the management as being under Charlie Querrie, who is so well known in Toronto, and said he was sure Mr. Querrie would prove a success in his new field.

Marjorie Pringle was the soloist for the occasion, and Marjorie Stevens, leader of the Palace ladies' orchestra, gave a violin selection. The orchestra acquitted itself admirably and is an innovation that will undoubtedly prove very popular. The feature picture was "Midsummer Madness," while other films, comprising comedies and scenics, helped to round out a full program.

In its design, the Palace occupies a unique place among neighborhood playhouses, the color scheme being a blending of black, ivory and gold. The auditorium is most tastefully decorated and presented a charming picture with its variegated lighting.

At the inaugural meeting of Christy Camp, No. 163, held on Saturday in Playter's Hall, a euchre box social was the feature. The winners of euchre prizes were: Ladies—1st, Mrs. Liddell; 2nd, Mrs. Black. Gents—1st, Bro. T. Lawson; 2nd, Bro. D. Calder. After the euchre Bro. A. Forbes mounted the auctioneer's platform and disposed of the boxes, the receipts netting a tidy sum for the funds of the entertainment committee. An unusual number of propositions for membership have already passed thru the camp, and a record initiation of candidates will take place at the next meeting on March 4. A large percentage of these prospective members are ladies.

In the death of Albert Hanna, which occurred at his late residence, 731 Carlaw avenue, on Friday, Riverdale loses one of its well-known and popular residents. Mr. Hanna, who was in his 72nd year, suffered from anaemia for some time and was confined to his house for the past four months. Born in Durham county, he was educated in Bowmanville and Belleville, in the latter place teaching school in early life. Coming to Toronto, he took up his residence in the east end, where he became active in the life of the section. He was a Liberal in politics, secretary of the Danforth Ratepayers' Association, and a member of the Central Council of Ratepayers. He is survived by his widow and daughter, Miss Leah. He was a member of the Chosen Friends.

Funeral takes place today at Mount Pleasant cemetery.

Rev. R. J. D. Simpson, superintendent of the Methodist superannuation fund, was the preacher at the morning service in Danforth Methodist Church yesterday. He reviewed the rapid progress of events in China during the past twenty-five years.

Rev. John G. Coulter, pastor, preached at the evening service on "Christ's ministry to women and women's ministry to Christ."

The services were in aid of the women's missionary society and good offerings were received. The choir rendered appropriate music.

Jeremiah Leslie, a well-known resident of the Riverdale district, is dangerously ill at his home, 7 Dagmar avenue.

Mr Leslie, who is in his 83rd year, is a member of Simpson Avenue Methodist Church.

The line-up in connection with the opening of the new Palace Theatre, corner of Pape and Danforth avenues, on Saturday evening was unprecedented in the history of the section. Long before the doors were opened the crowds began to gather, and the queue stretched from Pape avenue as far as the eye could reach. Allen's Danforth and the other local theatres also had capacity audiences.

The Eastdale Athletic and Community committee, recently appointed by the school trustees and ratepayers of S. S. 26, Secord School, will visit the Y.W.C.A. building, McGill street, today and Hart House and Central Y.M.C.A. on Tuesday. The objects of their visit are to inspect the equipment and study the various amusement systems, in order to inaugurate an athletic association and equip an amusement centre at Secord School, as requested by the residents of the district.

Acording to W. H. Bessey, secretary, a sum of $1,000 has been voted for equipment by the school board.

S. A. Davis is chairman of the board.

A well-attended "at home," under the joint auspices of the Danforth Park and Eastdale Ratepayers' Associations, was held in Secord School, Barrington avenue, recently, when community dancing and games were enjoyed. The proceedings were under the capable supervision of Dave Harris, W. Oxley, J. Hillier, D. McCarthy and members of the entertainment committee.

WISDOM FROM WEST

The education system of today is in the swaddling clothes of fifty years ago. Alex. McGregor, K.C., president of Amalgamated Ratepayers.

Some fellows are afraid to boost a ratepayers' association lest somebody will think they are crazy. Keep right on talking. Maybe the other fellow is as crazy as you are.—Dennis McCarthy, secretary of Amalgamated Ratepayers of York Township.

The police of Toronto have done some good shooting since they gathered up all the firearms in the city.—Voice around the corner.

The condition of the sidewalk on Silverthorn avenue is an absolute disgrace. Somebody is going to break their neck there.—T. Donnelly, president of Silverthorn Ratepayers' Association.

CHILDREN WARNED KEEP OFF THE ICE

School Teachers Instruct the Pupils to Use Bridge Crossing Credit River.

PORT CREDIT

The teachers in the public schools of Port Credit have been asked by Town Constable Lackie to warn the children to keep off the ice on the Credit River. As was pointed out in The World a week ago, the ice is full of holes, which are a menace to anyone making use of the river as a short-cut crossing, and it is to be hoped that, as a result of Constable Lackie's action, the school children will be brought to realize that the bridge is the only safe highway over the river. Since The World's article on this subject appeared last Monday, the ice men at work on the south side of the river have so far complied with the law as to place red lamps around the holes after dark, but those engaged on the north side still rely upon a few blocks of ice and some brushwood placed around the holes as a preventative of disaster.

The new home of Port Credit library on Brock street has now been put in apple-pie order. There is plenty of floor space, and the book shelves are situated so that there is easy access to the volumes. It was announced that at the formal opening ceremony on Tuesday last 14 new members were secured, and that the silver collection taken amounted to $22.

The Methodist Church, Port Credit, has presented a call to Rev. Jas. Dudgeon of Tottenham. The term of the present pastor, Rev. J. G. Rogers, expires on July 1.

Port Credit Brass Band is likely to lose the services of its popuplar bandmaster, J. Clancy, in the near future. He is much in demand at other centres, and thruout the week will be on trial at Walkerton with a view to taking over the conductorship of the band of that town. Deputy Bandmaster J. Munday is carrying on during his absence.

As regards weather conditions and automobile traffice on the highway, yesterday was a repetition of the previous Sunday at Port Credit, there being a constant stream of traffic over the Credit bridge from early in the forenoon until well on towards midnight. The snow has almost entirely disappeared from the highway, and the ice on the river is breaking up in places, especially on the south side.

The Port Credit Horticultural Society have arranged with Prof. Crowe, chief of the department of horticulture of Guelph Agricultural College, to address a free open meeting of the society tonight in the Anglican Church.

NEW TORONTO TO INSTALL FRESH PUMPS SHORTLY

The work of installing the new pumps in the pumping plant at New Toronto is to be commenced within the next few days, and as soon as weather conditions will permit the relaying of a part of the intake pipe, which was damaged last year, will be started. These operations will be the means of further relieving the local unemployment situation.

York Consolidated School May Locate Near Oriole

The first meeting of the ratepayers and trustees of the school section to discuss the proposed consolidated school to be composed of the Don Road School, Oriole School, Zion School and Milne School, will be held at Don Road School on Friday evening next.

The proposal is to locate a consolidated school at or near Oriole, at a cost of $250,000. It wil contain 4 rooms and a community hall adjoining. The proposed school will be served by three bus lines.

YORK TOWNSHIP.

The World was talking to a farmer in York township about the proposed division of that municipality. He said there must be a "clean-up" or there will be trouble. "My suggestion is that the city should annex the two central concessions adjacent to Yonge street right up to the top of the township and build a high level viaduct on Yonge street from the present north city limit across the Don valley at York Mills. Next the city ought to annex all on the south side of the West Don, including Leaside and south of the Canadian Northern's Winnipeg line, up to the north boundary of lot 2, con. III. from the Bay, and east over to the town line between York and Scarboro. And on the west side annex all south of Macdougall avenue clear over to the Humber. Let the two blocks of farms left in the township on either side of Yonge street remain as York township, York township east and York township west, or annex the part east to Scarboro township and the part west to Vaughan township. The city would then include all the suburbs, making a metropolitan area including the present Toronto and its suburbs. The city ought to have a special charter enabling it to adjust the assessments and public services, a necessary incidence of such extensions. But it would allow the new city to deal with all her problems in a big way as to water, sewers, fire and police protection, education, parks and boulevards. A metropolis and its suburbs must have metropolitan government, especially in its growing outskirts."

OTTAWA MAN SHOT.

Ottawa, Feb 20.—Stanislaus Demollin, a young man residing in Hull, is in a dangerous condition with a bullet in his body. It is stated that he was on intimate terms with the housekeeper where he boarded, and after a quarrel, when she ordered him from the house, he turned a revolver on himself, the bullet entering just below the heart.

OPPOSE CAR LINE ON LOCAL PLAN

Commission's Proposition Denounced—City Committed for Mt. Pleasant Service.

NORTH TORONTO

"That this meeting, having heard the proposition of the transportation commision to lay street car extensions on the local improvement plan, go on record as being absolutely opposed to any such system."

The above resolution was passed practically unanimous at a special meeting which had been called Saturday night in the Eglinton Town Hall to discuss the matter. The only dissenting voice against it was Mr. D. D. Reid, who had called the meeting. It was a peculiar meeting, and for some time it was a job to find someone who would take the chair. Mr. Reid almost begged with tears in his eyes, but one and all politely refused the honor; finally, however, Mr. W. Cutell came to the rescue, and taking the chair asked that someone would explain what the meeting had been called for. This was Mr. Reid's opportunity and at great length he explained.

Force It Next Year.

He stated that the proposed street car extensions must be paid for, and they would either have to be charged up on the local improvement plan or else by increasing the fares. If charged on the latter plan it was a question if it would not come dearer than if paid by the foot frontage. He was of opinion that it would, and for the man with a family be a much greater hardship. Under the proposed system the taxpayer would have twenty years to pay, and he thought it would mean a very small amount a year, perhaps only three or four dollars on a twenty-five foot lot, but supposing the fares were to be raised only one cent, if a man made two journeys downtown a day, it would mean about $6 a year. He said it had been mentioned by The World that a car line running past property would increase that property by at least $5, and he thought The World had been very moderate, as he thought it would enhance property much more.

"The World is taking a great interest in the matter," he said. "No doubt they are thinking of my terracre lot, which I sold the city. If the fares are raised every man, woman and child in the city will suffer, as the cheaper our fares are the better." In conclusion he maintained that if the transportation commission put a line on Avenue road and put the charge on the fares, while it enhanced the value of the land, he did not think they were capable of holding their positions. He threw out a veiled threat that if the people turned the foot frontage proposition down now, it would be practically forced on them next year, so they might as well submit to it now. "It has been said there is a principle at stake," he said, "but if you want the Mount Pleasant car line you must let the principle go and pay for the line, and you will get it."

A storm of protests were raised when he had finished, Mr. Chalk declaring that it was "the most damnable proposition that had ever been put forward," while Mr. W. G. Ellis asked if Mr. Reid would explain exactly what the plan of the commission was. "I understand you have been discussing the matter with the commission," he added.

"The commission would be very foolish to take me into its confidence," said Mr. Reid, evading the question, but a unanimous shout of "They would," seemed to imply that the meeting was at least agreed with him on that point.

"Is it with the consent and wish of the transportation commission that this meeting was called tonight?" asked Mr. H. H. Ball.

For some time Mr. Reid also evaded this question until asked pointedly by the chairman to answer, and then in a hesitating manner he said "No."

Transportation Propaganda.

"It appears to me that this is a piece of propaganda on the part of the transportation commission," said Mr. Ball, "in order to force public sentiment," and explained to the meeting that Mr. Reid had presented a plan, together with an explanation, to Mr. Maclean for insertion in The World, which the latter (Mr. Maclean) refused to insert, as being the sentiment of the paper, "because he was against it, but told Mr. Reid if he would allow it to appear over his name he would insert it. This Mr. Reid refused to do, and the plan afterwards appeared in The Telegram.

"It is a matter that should be left entirely in the hands of the citizens," declared Mr. Ball, who added that it was a piece of impertinence on the part of the transportation commission to suggest that any extensions should be paid for on the foot frontage. With regard to the Mount Pleasant car line, the citizens of Toronto were already committed to this line. He said he would take it for granted that such a line would add $5 to the value of the land, then what would happen? Just as soon as the railway was put down the assessment on the property would be raised. "And then a man would not only be charged so much for twenty years, but he would have to pay for ever or as long as he is the owner. It is simply to promote real estate" He doubted even if it passed council, which, he felt, it would not, it would never pass the Farmers' government.

Proposition Outrageous.

Mr. Ellis said that for economical reasons to met the cost of such extension, rather than take it out of the fares it should come out of the general charges, as in a urban community he argued that the whole community had a responsibility. Mr. Pugh and Mr. Durrand also spoke on the matter, both condemning it as being "outrageous," and it was agreed that another meeting should be called in the near future, when a more representative gathering could be obtained.

WHISKEY THEFT CHARGED.

Roy Loy, 11 Elizabeth street, was arrested on Saturday night by P.C. Knox on a charge of theft of whiskey from Mark Park, a fellow-celestial.

WYCHWOOD HOCKEY TEAM CELEBRATE BIG VICTORY

To celebrate their victory at Willowvale Park, when the Wychwood Crescent hockey team won the western city hockey championship, the entire team attended a banquet on Saturday evening at the home of Cyril Robinson, Dovercourt road. After supper an enjoyable program of music and dancing was carried out.

Officers for 1921, of the T. & D. Football League, are as follows: President, Tom Jones, J.P., Wychwood Crescent Athletic Association; first vice-president, Thomas Unsworth, Lynfield Rovers; second vice-president, Mr. Percy, Todmorden; secretary, Mr. Brooks, B. I. A. Football Club; treasurer, Mr. Bland of Cedarvale Football Club; council, Messrs. Stockdale (Kenwood Rovers), Knowles (Western Athletic Club), Broadfoot (Davenport Football Club), Raynor (Beaver Football Club), Morgan (Tiger Football Club) and Potter (Rover Football Club). Auditors, Messrs. Armstrong and Norley.

Bishop Sweeny delivered an appropriate lenten sermon at the Church of St. Michael and All Angels yesterday morning to a large congregation, and Rev. E. Burgess-Brown, M.A., was the speaker in the evening.

DISTRESS CASES SHOW NO DECREASE

Unemployment Problem Still Serious—Veterans Hold Benefit Concert.

EARLSCOURT

For the purpose of increasing the distress fund, Earlscourt G.W.V.A. held a concert at the Royal George Theatre Saturday night. The hall, which was filled to capacity, was suitably decorated with patriotic colors and Union Jack flags. C. Johns occupied the chair. The objects and accomplishments of the association were outlined by Mr. John, who also impressed upon the members the seriousness of the unemployment problem in Earlscourt and the resultant distress cases.

Among the talent who contributed to the concert were. Sid. Robinson, soloist, Mrs. Ada Morgan, soloist, Comrade C. J. Hall of the Dumbells, Master W. Dawson, violinist, A. Dawson, pianist, Master J. Simpson, soloist, and the Misses Hall. All selections were much appreciated.

"It is the Labor power in this country that has the majority" said J. W. Buckley, provincial president of the I.L.P. of Ontario, in a forcible address at an open forum, held in Belmont Theatre last night. Conditions among the laboring class were outlined and the difference that machinery made was pointed out.

"The machinery, evident everywhere today," said the speaker, "decreases the number of workers otherwise required and, therefore, the laborer of today is not so well clothed and housed."

There was a fairly good attenadnce and the chair was occupied by Comrade J. Higgins, who gave a brief speech on unemployment.

Captain Oliver Hazelwood gave an interesting review of Canadian poets and their works yesterday at an open meeting of the Earlscourt Central Methodist Men's Own Brotherhood. Altho Capt. Hazelwood had read the works of various poets, he favored those of Dr. Campbell and gave his reasons for doing so.

During the meeting W. Holmes acted as chairman and much appreciated selections were rendered by the men's own orchestra.

PROSPECT PARK MEN'S OWN HEAR ADDRESS ON UNITY

"If we could get more of our men united in brotherhood, we might hold political and public matters completely in our hands," was the opinion of W. E. Lemon, who gave an interesting address on the practical side of brotherhood, at Prospect Park Men's Own meeting yesterday. There was a good attendance and S. Wall presided.

W. E. Lemon, postmaster of Toronto gave an interesting address at the Caledonia Road Methodist Men's Brotherhood yesterday when he outlined the growth of the organization and the service rendered by the organization. Established twenty years ago in England under the title of the P. S. A., it was the first society to render relief to the distressed people in Belgium during the war and later established and maintained an institution in Kent to care for thousands of Serbian children.

Mr. Lemon's employment of a large number of returned men in the postal service speaks well for his interest in the ex-soldiers.

Sam Wall, president, occupied the chair, and there was a large attendance.

FAIRBANK CLUBHOUSE IS NEWLY DECORATED

After considerable agitation on the part of various members, the Harvie avenue club house has been newly decorated in a nile green shade which showed to advantage on Saturday evening while the Toronto Heights Social Club dance was in progress. The usual good attendance was in evidence and novel features were introduced during the evening.

YOUTH BROKE THRU ICE; SAVED FROM DROWNING

Lorne Mix, aged 17, 21 Fuller avenue, had a narrow escape from drowning on Sunday morning when he broke thru the ice on Grenadier Pond, on which he was skating. He was pulled out by Richard Jose, 17 Empress crescent, and taken to the office of Dr. Spohn, 29 High Park avenue, and later home.

DO NOT SEPARATE NORTH FROM SOUTH

Advice of Reeve Miller, York Township — Reasons Advanced Against Move.

MOUNT DENNIS

Reasons for opposing the separation of the rural part of York township to be called York Township North, which was placed before the legislature on Friday, were given by Reeve F. H. Mills in an address at Mount Dennis on Friday evening.

"I do not see any reason why the north should go away from the south," said Mr. Miller, amid applause. "The line of boundary chosen was Macdougall avenue on the west and Lawrence on the east. The statement given of the assessment of this rural, or northern, district in 1920 was $5,128,404, compared with $22,344,914 in the south. The population in the south, as taken in April last, was 40,532; that of the north barely 10,000. So you see the north has been paying but very little more than its share."

Expenditure On Improvements.

Mr. Miller then gave figures on improvements given to this rural portion. "On bridges alone in 1919, $70,025 was spent in the north, and $10,041 in the south," he explained. These were not built under the local improvement plan, as streets and sidewalks are in the south, and when they are distributed over years, but out of the township taxes the year they were built. All bridges built since 1910 have been of reinforced concrete.

"Then, too, of the roads and highways assumed by county highways commission, twenty miles have been north of Lawrence avenue and ten miles south, 31 1-3 miles of roads being built in the whole township of York. The cost of these has been borne thirty per cent. each by the county, the city of Toronto, and the township. If they get separation they should be forced to pay their half of their twenty miles of roads."

"If Toronto were to take all below Eglinton avenue, there would be scarcely enough left in the township to form a village. We know the time will come when all this great section will be part of Toronto."

Township School Question.

Speaking on the school question, Mr. Miller regretted that the township had no control over the school boards. "We have no power over the education of our people. We elect our trustees the same as you elect your council. But the act provides that two or more schools can amalgamate and form a school board. It is entirely in your hands. The minister of education pointed out to me today that the proper steps be taken by a petition, and also by resolution at your meeting, and that you get in touch with other boards and discuss matters. If a majority carries in each, the council has no alternative but to unite them into one school board."

Money Would Be Saved.

"I am satisfied that one secretary-treasurer's salary would be a saving over having many as at present, and that one purchasing agent could save thousands of dollars." Mr. Miller suggested the circulation of a pamphlet composed jointly by representatives from the Amalgamated Ratepayers' Association and the township officials, on school and any other matters pertinent.

"I think if our government can spend large sums of money on a harbor scheme, Toronto and Montreal contributing also largely to it, I don't see why our education should not be a national matter, too."

"I do not think the railways should be charged on a frontage basis," said Mr. Miller, touching lightly on transportation.

Mr. Miller has been a trustee in York township for over thirty years. Reminiscently he covered the relations of the township and city since 1869, when the latter had 65,000 population.

New Officials.

The new officials of the association elected on Friday night are as follows: President, R. R. Russell; vice-president, James Armstrong; secretary, Wm. Buckler, and treasurer, M. J. Connor. The executive is Messrs. Severs, Rush, Mason, Bayliss, H. Briton, F. Wainwright, Gilbert, Poulton, Sleighman, J. Miller, Nightingale, Kidd and Dawnham.

LAMBTON PARK CADETS GIVE EXHIBITION OF SKILL

Lambton Park School Cadets' Bugle Band gave an exhibition of cadet work at the school building on Saturday evening, the boys making a promenade of the district at 7.30, their parents and friends being interested spectators. At the school they were reviewed by Major A. Shaw, chairman of the school board.

A lantern lecture was added by Principal (Major) C. J. Sproule, with 60 views of northern Ontario, taken while on the teachers' excursion last fall, London, England, was also given in picture, and a trip over the British Isles added by Rev. F. Sullivan of Scarlett Plains Methodist Church. A musical program was contributed by Miss E. Quarrington, F. Ineson and Miss Cole, Percy Gilbert, one of the founders of the band, giving an address. There are over thirty boys in the brigade and twelve in the band.

West Toronto Orangemen Deny Catholic Charges

The county L.O.L. of West York met Saturday afternoon in Colvin Hall, West Toronto, the following officers being elected for 1921: Worshipful master, J. Davis; deputy, Harding Taylor; chaplain, C. King; recording secretary, C. A. Carter; financial secretary, R. Farrow; treasurer, E. Connolly; director of ceremonies, W. J. O. Dempster, and lecturer, Geo. Ellison. A resolution was forwarded the press protesting that no blame was attached to the Orange Order for the anti-national feelings expressed at Massey Hall and at two meetings in West Toronto recently, as charged by Catholic publications. Grand Master Hockens was roundly condemned for "signing a petition and then failing to appear." It was decided to celebrate the 12th of July at Georgetown. H. A. Moffat, W.M., was in the chair.

ELIXIR OF LIFE NOT IMPOSSIBILITY

Experiments Have Shown That Normal Life Cycle Not Irreversible.

London, Feb. 20.—Popular interest in the oft-discussed question whether it is possible to keep old age at bay indefinitely and correspondingly prolong the span of life has been revived by Professor Julian Huxley of Oxford. Julian is a grandson of the great Huxley and inherits no inconsiderable measure of his talent for painstaking scientific research.

"The common-sense view of the life-cycle, drawn from the observation of man and the familiar animals," said Professor Huxley, "is that it proceeds always and inevitably in a definite direction with a definite plan. The normal life-cycle of man, for instance, is as follows: The individual starts as a minute single cell, then follows a period of rapid growth, accompanied by differentiation, then growth without differentiation, then senility and finally death, which supervenes as a natural phenomenon, even if not thru disease or accident."

Experiments had shown, however, that this process was not irreversible, and was not inevitably similar in all animals; that it was possible to modify the rate of growth and the length of the period of growth and thus prolong life.

Discovered for Flatworms.

"It has been shown," Professor Huxley continued, "that by alternately starving and feeding planarian flatworms they can be kept not only within certain definite limits of size, as was to be expected, but also within certain definite limits of age. One animal has thus been kept of the same age—that is, the same lively activity, the same form, the same type of behavior—for a time during which the rest of the brood have passed thru nineteen generations; a period which, translated into human terms, would take us back to Chaucer. Thus age does not merely depend on the lapse of time; it is the expression of internal processes.

"The elixir of life so long sought in the middle ages has at last been found—but, alas! only for flatworms."

As an illustration of reversal in mental life, Professor Huxley mentioned that in some shellshock and neurasthenia cases the patients revert to an earlier stage of mental existence, having the minds of childiren in the bodies of adults. "The most striking case," he said, "was that of an Australian soldier who reverted to the condition of an infant, unable to walk or talk, and incapable of taking any food but milk. This is known as mental regression.

Professor Huxley held that numerous other examples showed that the apparent irreversibility of the life-cycle was only apparent, and that the ordinary type of life-cycle had been adopted as the most convenient but not as the only possible method of grappling with existence. In the case of mammals, the normal life of rats has been prolonged by about 40 per cent.

"Observation of life process," said Professor Huxley in conclusion, "has given way to experiment as the chief method of research, and experiment is leading to control."

China Levies Income Tax For First Time in History

Peking, Jan. 20.—China has fallen in line with other nations, and for the first time in her history, has imposed an income tax, dating from Jan. 1. The ministry of finance has posted notices about Peking announcing the fact.

Merchants with capital invested amounting to $20,000 or more must contribute one per cent. of their net profit at the end of each year. It is specified that the proceeds can be used only for educational and industrial purposes.

FOUR FISHERMEN DROWNED SURVIVOR TELLS STORY

Hull, Mass., Feb. 20.—A shivering man, standing in the lee of the Stoney Beach station tonight, told beach guardsmen that four of five fishermen, who started from Boston in a fishing boat Saturday night for the banks between Plymouth and Provincetown, had been washed overboard and drowned.

The man was Teresco Joseph, the fifth member of the party. He said that one of the men was lost at sea, and the other three were drowned as the boat made a landing here late today.

HAMILTON

Hamilton, Feb. 20.—Satisfactory arrangements for the use of the American jumbo basket have been made with the Dominion government, it was announced at a meeting of the directors of the Niagara District Grape Growers' Association, held in St. Catharines Saturday afternoon. T. J. Mahony was in the chair.

That the city fathers are making a mistake in slashing so much from the estimates, is the opinion of many residents, who admit that they like a low tax rate, but who state that work necessary for the welfare of the city will suffer.

There is a possibility that all city grants, amounting to $200,000, and representing one mill of the tax rate, might be done away with. The feeling is growing that with the economy program and the hard times facing the controllers in keeping the rate down, that it is unfair to give such an amount out to the different institutions when the money is collected from all the residents of the city. Controller Tope is in favor of the no-grant scheme and has many supporters.

With the announcement of Alderman David Newlands that he is thru as chairman of the works committee, following a tilt with City Engineer E. R. Gray, the city fathers have a new problem on their hands. It will be straightened out at the first of the week, and the alderman will be asked to continue.