

PARKDALE RESIDENTS TO PUT UP FIGHT TO ELECT REPRESENTATIVE IN COUNCIL

John Symington Nominated at a Lively Meeting Last Night for Township Council—Reeve Kendrick and Deputy Reeve Jennings Have an Argument.

That the residents of Parkdale will do all in their power to have a representative on the Township Council was shown last night at a largely attended meeting of ratepayers held in the Bellview school. Mr. John Symington was chosen as the candidate for Township Council honors. All the members of the Township Council were present and addressed the meeting. Many matters of vital interest to the district were discussed, the general talk-fest being the order of the hour.

Mr. John Robertson was chosen as chairman and Mr. Hugh Atwell as secretary. Mr. Robertson said the district had enjoyed a good year. Although he had chastised the council, he was nevertheless quite satisfied with what the council had done for Parkdale during the past year. There had been improvements made, and there was an improvement in view, viz., the lighting of the district by Hydro-Electric. He had no doubt but that the 40 lights asked for by the district, and which have been approved of, will be furnished. The original arrangement with the Township Council had been that the district was to be supplied with light for \$500 of the revenue from the district. He believed that the ratepayers were willing to bear the special charge arising from the lighting of the district. In times gone by he had been a candidate for council honors, but this year he would not be. The residents were gathered together for the purpose of choosing a candidate to represent them on the Township Council, also the residents of Echo Place and Grand View. A man was wanted who would work for the district, which had not always received a fair deal in the past.

That Sidewalk.

Then the talk-fest started. Rev. Dr. Linscott was the man who opened up. If Mr. Robertson had nothing to "kick" about, he had. There was the wooden sidewalk on the Cockshutt road, which was not only a disgrace, but dangerous. The Doctor recited his personal experience with the sidewalk in question. While walking with a friend a loose board flew up, and he was sent sprawling, and his friend had nearly broken his leg. The Doctor was not kicking for the purpose of kicking, but to save his bones.

Mr. Robertson acknowledged that the meeting was going to be a feast with a little vinegar mixed. He had tumbled by reason of the condition of the sidewalk, but since a cement walk had been laid on the other side of the road he walked on it.

When he used to fall through the sidewalk it was a drop of six feet. This had been filled in; also a bridge that was everlastingly out of repair had been looked after.

Candidates Nominated.

The nominations for candidate followed these remarks. Mr. John Campbell nominated Mr. John Symington, and ex-Ald. Fred Billo seconded the nomination, stating that he believed that Mr. Symington was a good man for the position. Whatever was done, Mr. Billo wanted the meeting to be unanimous. While he would support anyone the meeting chose as candidate, Mr. Symington was his preference.

Mr. Atwell moved that Mr. John Campbell be the candidate, and Dr. Linscott seconded the nomination.

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SCENE OF EXPLOSION AND STENOGRAPHER WHO WAS KILLED BY BOMB WHICH WAS SENT TO HER EMPLOYER



WRECKAGE IN OFFICE OF THE O.K. BOTTLING COMPANY AND SHATTERED TOP OF DESK AT WHICH MISS IDA ANUSEWITZ WAS SITTING WHEN SHE OPENED BOMB.

Miss Ida Anusewitz, a twenty-year-old stenographer, was killed by the explosion of a bomb sent in a small parcel by express to the O. K. Bottling Company, of New York, where she was employed. Her body was hurled across the office and under the desk of the general manager. Miss Anusewitz survived her terrible injuries only a few minutes, and did not regain consciousness before she died. Both arms were torn off at the elbow, her features were torn away and her body mangled. The bomb tore a hole through her desk and wrecked it.

The bomb was plainly not meant for Miss Anusewitz, for it was rarely that in the course of her duties she was called upon to open such packages.

MANY PHASES OF CIVIC IMPROVEMENT DISCUSSED AT MEETING LAST NIGHT

Tree Planting Will be Carried Out On a Local Improvement Basis—The City Hall Market Questions Receive Attention as Usual—Other Interesting Notes of Meeting.

Mr. Frank Cockshutt presided at a meeting of the Civic Beautification Committee held in the City Hall last night. Almost every section of the city was represented in a large gathering.

The main business of the evening, as introduced by the chairman, was "The Systematic Planting of Trees on the Streets," upon which Mr. Dunnington-Grubb of Toronto gave an exceedingly interesting discourse. Opening the business, Mr. Cockshutt said that in the streets of Brantford trees had been planted indiscriminately. Individuals had each planted here and there, and no uniformity existed. There should be only one head in these matters, and people wanting to plant a tree should first obtain permission from the Parks Board, or some such regulation should exist. The following suggestions were given out with a view to meeting the necessity, and as a plan to secure the systematic planting of trees on the streets:

1. Place the exclusive responsibility of planting, removing, protecting and caring for trees on streets on the Board of Park Management.
2. Park Board to appoint an experienced overseer or forester to superintend the work.
3. Trees to be planted only under the regulations and at the discretion of Park Board, and to be made a charge against the property abutting, and said cost to be collected as a frontage tax by the city tax collector

with the other taxes of the municipality.

4. The entire care of street trees, including removal and replanting of dead or defective trees, to be made a charge on the general tax revenue. The Park Board to be empowered to require from the City Council an annual appropriation of an amount equal to one-tenth of one per cent. upon the total value of the property of the city assessable for taxes for the purpose of caring for the trees on the streets.
5. That the Park Board be authorized to enact such rules and regulations as may be deemed necessary in order to plant, remove, care for and protect all trees under their control.

The Parks Board, said Mr. Cockshutt, would be given complete jurisdiction in all matters pertaining to the planting and upkeep of the trees. The board had an established fund of \$7500 a year, but this amount was never used, and never taken. The amount necessary for the upkeep of the trees would be very slight, and the speaker suggested that one-tenth of one per cent. of the assessable total of one per cent. of the property would bring in value of the property would bring in \$1500, which would be sufficient for the maintenance of the trees in good condition. This practice was followed in the States and found to be very satisfactory.

Mr. Dunnington-Grubb was the next speaker. "It seems to me," he said, "that work of this kind is of the

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CITY TAKES ACTION RE SULPHUR SUPPLY NOW POURING INTO THE CITY

Provincial Board of Health Notified That it is Detrimental to Public Health—Public Really Suffering, Nausea Being Chief Complaint—Many Have Thrown Gas Out—Letters by Dr. Pearson.

"It will be a matter of only three or four days before the Brantford Gas Company is brought to time. The public should have a little patience. We are securing data which will give the city the whiphand over the company in regard to the present noxious situation. It is impossible at present to make a further announcement." The above statement was made by Acting Mayor Spence at noon to-day. Evidently the civic authorities have something up their sleeve re the gas situation, and that something is likely to fall in a day or so. It will probably mean a special meeting of the City Council this week.

Further trial of sulphuretted gas and further nausea have caused the municipal authorities to call the officials of the Brantford Gas Company into court on a charge of a breach of the Public Health Act. This decision was arrived at last night after a conference between acting Mayor Spence and the Board of Health authorities. The action against the Gas Company was felt to be the only recourse the city had in order to secure an abatement of the nuisance.

The action is being taken by medical Health Officer Pearson and the following correspondence in connection with the matter explains itself.

Provincial Officer Notified.
Medical Health Officer Pearson has advised the Provincial Board of Health as follows:
Dr. J. W. S. McCullough,
Secretary Provincial Board of Health, Toronto, Ont.
Dear Doctor—I am writing you in reference to "gas supply" of the city. We are at present being supplied with gas that is decidedly sulphuraceous, and, in my opinion, is detrimental to the health of the consumers.

I have notified the gas company of these facts, and have requested them to put in purifiers to rid the gas of these noxious materials so await yours in reference to the matter, as I do not know if you have inspectors forthwith purpose, if so it will be advisable to have one along here at once.

Any information in regard to this matter will be gladly received.
Yours truly,
F. G. E. PEARSON,
M. O. H.
Dr. Ellis Asked.

The following letter has been forwarded to Ottawa:
Ottawa, Ont.
Dear Sir—As your name is being used here in connection with the present supply of gas, being brought from the Tilbury fields, and distributed to the consumers here, stating that the percentage of sulphur gas is small and not injurious.

I am inclined to think there is some mistake in this, as the fumes here are decidedly offensive, and, to my mind, detrimental to the health of the community as a whole, and especially to the householders using the gas, for lighting, heating and cooking.

I am, therefore, asking you for your report on this supply as given by yourself, as in my opinion the gas should be purified of the sulphur gases before distribution.
I await your reply.
Yours truly,
F. G. E. PEARSON,
M. O. H.

The company has received the following notice:
The Brantford Gas Company,
City:
Gentlemen—On account of the "Sulphur Gases" in the present gas supply being distributed to the consumer in the city of Brantford.

The gas is injurious to the health of the community. You are hereby notified to forthwith have this supply purified of those noxious sulphur gases, otherwise proceedings will be taken to prohibit the supply being used.

Yours truly,
F. G. E. PEARSON,
M. O. H.

The situation to-day was even more depressing or distressing than yesterday. Hundreds of people have actually been made sick as the result of the inhalation of the sulphuretted oxygen, which the new gas supply contains. In certain parts of the city on the streets, the odor is odoriferous, showing that when it comes to loose joints and faulty connections the gas company has its share of these as well.

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BISHOP FALLON DENOUNCED BY BILINGUALISTS IN CITY OF MONTREAL LAST NIGHT

They Propose to Fight to See That French Language is Language of Instruction in Ontario's Public Schools—An Interesting Session.

(Canadian Press Despatch)
MONTREAL, Dec. 16.—Denunciations of Bishop Fallon for his stand on the bilingual question in Ontario and defiance of the Orangemen in regard to teaching French were launched by speakers at a meeting of the members of St. Jean Baptiste Society last night in Monument National. The featured address of the evening was delivered by Dr. J. K. Foran, K.C., of Ottawa, on the question of "Dual Language in Canada," but spirited addresses were also made by F. R. Armstrong of the Separate School Board, Ottawa; Oliver Asselin, President of the St. Jean Baptiste Society, Montreal; and Rev. A. M. Brosseau, secretary of the society, Montreal.

President Asselin scored some of the French papers for their indifference to the cause of their race in Ontario and denounced Bishop Fallon of London for his opposition to the French language.

Rev. Father Grosseau, was more scathing in his reference to Mr. Fallon.

"The Irish are not all against us," he said; "it is but a small number led by a certain individual. But when this battle is won we will erect to this individual a monument for the good he has done, by rousing the dormant spirit of our people. At the foot of the monument we will carve:
"Bishop Fallon, the saviour of the French language in Ontario."
"And as all bishops have somebody to hold their train, we will place on the back holding the train of Bishop Fallon, Father O'Gorman of Ottawa, the bishop's little friend."
"I challenge Father O'Gorman to prove his last assertion that his archbishop is back of him in his recent crusade and if his archbishop is backing him and he is supported by all the Bishop of Quebec, we will appeal over them all to Rome."
School Trustee Armstrong said he would remind those who wished to break the guarantees of the constitution of Limerick's broken treaty. "To our enemies we will say: Go to Hell or Quebec, and we will stay in Ontario and fight and not spike our guns for 5,000 fighting Orangemen."

After arguing that under confederation the French language had equal right with English in Ontario, Dr. Foran said the fear expressed by some that if the twin languages were given equal rights in Ontario, there would still be the difference between the Irish and French Catholics, was unworthy of consideration, as the difficulties would be settled in the family. He said that the Irish race was in strong sympathy with the fight being made by the French Canadians, and that the government would be better served if the dual language were placed on the same footing.

THREE WOMEN ARRESTED FOR STEALING CHICKENS

Suspected of Having Taken 300 Fowl From Norwich Farmers.

WOODSTOCK, Ont., Dec. 16.—Three Otterville women, May Church, Eva Andrews and Louise Fournier, are under arrest here charged with stealing poultry. The trio came into the market on Saturday with over 50 birds dressed and ready for sale. The police had been notified by numerous farmers around Otterville who had lost many fowl lately to be on the look out, and the women were arrested as they were about to offer the fowl for sale. Nearly 300 chickens and other fowl have been stolen from the Norwich farmers recently, one man having lost 80. The women arrested have been under suspicion for some time. They are out on bail now.

Hunter Blair, found dead in his room, belonged to a prominent English family.

SHAMEFUL CAMPAIGN METHODS ADOPTED IN MONTREAL CITY

MONTREAL, Dec. 16.—Caricatures of King George and the Prince of Wales and offensive references to the late King Edward form part of a "comedy" called *Baptiste on Tour*, now being played in French at the Novelty Theatre. The offering is a sort of mixture or review and burlesque, being a more or less pointless series of experiences, "met with by the Mayor of St. Scholastique, his wife and daughter, on a world tour." They meet the King, the Prince of Wales and other notables and the antics of the high personages form the subject mainly of the piece. The King of England, who in make-up is an excellent likeness of King George,

is presented as a sort of weak-kneed person, attired in pyjamas which he covers with a cloak of purple when occasion demands. He is depicted as treating with levity the exalted position he holds, the general trend of conversation amongst himself and other royalties present, being a reference to the "King business" as a huge bluff. His Majesty is further represented as officially opening the cow stables of "Sir" David Lafortune, at St. Laurent and authorizing the latter by cable to name one of his strongest bulls after the sovereign. The Prince of Wales is depicted as a "sissy" who endeavors to engage in flirtations with the daughter of the visiting mayor of

Scholastique. His capers give rise to unsavory reference to the memory of the late King Edward.

An effort is made to give a political turn to the performance. The King is represented as receiving Sir Wilfrid Laurier and Premier Borden, the latter of whom submits a cheque for \$35,000,000 as a contribution to the imperial navy. Sir Wilfrid is shown as urging the sovereign to refuse to accept the cheque as it has not been endorsed by the Canadian people. The King, thereupon, complies with the representations of the Opposition leader and urges Mr. Borden to make use of the money for good roads and education.

Mr. Pitcher handed in the following list of the trees and fruit damaged by the railway cutting on the property. 4 cherry trees, at \$10—\$40; 6 plums at \$4.50—\$27; 6 apples at \$3.00—\$18; 2 pears, at \$3—\$6; 50 current bushes at 20c—\$10; 25 raspberry bushes at \$40c—\$10; Strawberry bed, 10x30, \$5; garden beds, \$100; 25 pine trees at \$2.50—\$62.50; 6 oaks at \$10—\$60; 45 cedar posts at 10c—\$4.50; 25 cords of wood at \$1—\$25. Total \$2,200.

Want Boost In Their Fees

The Township Councillors Think Present Rate Not Enough.

While addressing the ratepayers of Parkdale at a meeting held in the Bellview school last night, Councillor Greenwood said that he understood there was a movement to increase the fees of the township councillors. Owing to the duties required, Mr. Greenwood was quite in sympathy with the movement. It was learned to-day that the township councillors had it in their power to increase the fees, but as the last meeting of the council has been held, if an increase is agreed upon it will likely fall to the lot of the 1914 council to boost their own fees. At the present the councillors receive \$3. per day, and the reeve the same amount, and additional grants for acting on the board of health and other boards.

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