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MAY ABOLISH CIVIC COAL DEPARTMENT

If Board of Education Drops Out.

Large School to Supercede Two Old Ones.

Move to Increase Firemen's Time Off.

The civic fuel department, which Mayor Stewart estimates has saved the city thousands of dollars, may be put out of business if the Board of Education refuses to continue purchasing its coal under the old arrangement and advertises for tenders from the local dealers. The matter will be settled by the Finance Committee of the board this afternoon. The Mayor says he has no doubt that, if the Board of Education is so foolish to break with the city and go back to the dealers, the department will not be abolished. City Clerk Kent is not so sure that the city would have to go out of the fuel business, but he admits that it would have a great deal of difficulty in placing a small order. He thinks that the coal dealers, failing to do anything with the Council, have got after the school trustees in the hope of forcing the city to buy its coal from them. It has been intimated to the Mayor that the difficulty the Board of Education is having with the city in trying to get its money monthly is at the bottom of it. The schools require about 1,200 tons of hard coal a year. This is sold to them for \$5.72, a saving of \$1,000 a year, the city officials estimate, over what they would pay if they bought from the dealers. The Mayor thinks that if the board buys its coal from the dealers they will get it as cheaply as the city could supply it this year, but that as soon as the fuel department is abolished the prices will be jumped up again. He recalls the trouble the city had with what he terms the coal combine in the past. The trustees this afternoon will also discuss the refusal of the city to hand over its appropriation monthly. Although the board's solicitor, W. L. Ross, has not given his opinion yet, he intimates that the board will have no difficulty collecting this money monthly if it wishes to urge the point. It is said that the trustees will agree to the old arrangement this year of having the money paid over in October, but that next year they will insist on the monthly arrangement. The Mayor says he has no desire to quarrel with the Board of Education, and he will attend the meeting this afternoon to explain matters. The board has no power to borrow money, and it complains that the interest is compounded monthly, while the city's is only compounded quarterly. The Mayor says if this is the only objection he is willing to have an arrangement made for the city to borrow the money for the board.

No Use for U. S.

San Francisco, March 16.—As a result of friction with the United States officials in crossing the border line between the United States and Mexico, Liang Hsun, the charge d'affaires of the Chinese legation in Mexico City, who is at the Fairmount, said yesterday that he would never return to the United States. Liang is a graduate of Amherst, well acquainted with American customs and international courtesies, but the zeal of those Federal officers of the border line in probing into the character of the Minister has filled him with anger and disgust. Liang Hsun is returning to China to mourn the death of his father.

WHAT IS A CLUB?

Ottawa Member's Bill to Define What It Really Is.

Toronto, Ont., March 16.—(Special).—Mr. May (Ottawa) has introduced in the Legislature an Act to amend the Assessment Act, by which the definition of a club will be clearly defined. At the present time there is some uncertainty over the exact definition. Mr. May's bill sets forth that "Club shall mean and include not only a proprietary club owned by an individual or with a share capital or a club carried on with the idea of profit, but also a members' club, whether incorporated or not, carried on for the social purposes and convenience of its members without any idea of profit or gain.

HAS PNEUMONIA.

Case of Italian Who Was Stabbed is Complicated.

Antonio Riesz, lying at the point of death in the City Hospital from the cuts of a would-be assassin's knife, has a hard fight ahead of him for life, as he now has pneumonia. When Dr. Rennie was spoken to this morning in regard to his patient's condition, he said that it was a very serious complication at present, but that even with the injury and the pneumonia to combat his patient stood a fair chance to recover. Detective Greer and Chief Twiss, of Dundas, have despatched telegrams with a full description of the two Greco brothers, who are charged with doing the stabbing, all over the country. The two sleuths will work around the scene of the stabbing to-day in an endeavor to get closer to the facts of the crime. The police say they think the two men are in hiding, and do not think they have jumped on a freight train or have managed to get across the line unnoticed.

TRIBE SURRENDERS.

Paris, March 16.—A despatch received here from Gen. d'Amade, commander of the French forces in Morocco, says that upon the arrival of his column before Serrat the notables of the Mزاب tribe came out and surrendered.

REJECTED LOVER SHOTS 4 PERSONS.

Was Suitor for the Hand of the Woman Whose Daughter Was Probably Fatally Shot—Assassin Shot by Policeman.

San Pedro, Calif., March 16.—Gracio Elgueta, a lumber handler, last night fatally shot Margaret Manes, 12 years old, wounded Minnie Shackelford, 7 years old, shot her grandfather, Jas. Shackelford, through both shoulders, fired at Mrs. A. Manes, and was himself killed by a policeman.

The map turned his weapon on the woman's daughter, firing a shot which hit the girl's left side and pierced the right lung. He fired two shots at Minnie Shackelford, the first shattering the left hand and the other going through the right arm, and going into the next room, where Shackelford, a cripple, was lying on the floor, fired two more shots at the prostrate man, one taking effect in each shoulder. Elgueta then fled from the house and was shot by a patrolman.

RACE TROUBLE.

Shooting In Alabama Lumber Camp—Cut In Wages.

Aloha, Ala., March 16.—Another serious outbreak has occurred in the lumber camps of Grant parish, where friction was recently brought about by negroes accepting a cut in wages, according to reports brought here by a special train last night en route from Verda, Louisiana, to Alexandria, carrying a number of persons who have been wounded at Verda. The trouble grew out of the dissatisfaction and friction over wages and the recent race trouble, in which the negroes were driven from Verda. It is said the negroes returned, causing a renewal of the outbreak between the lumber camp and white laborers. Reports brought here say that there is great excitement at Verda and further trouble is feared. Among those who were injured were George Poole, of Orange, Texas, and Robert Strong, Geo. Smith, bookkeeper for a lumber company, also was injured. More than a score of shots were exchanged.

By Constant Use

Of a good tooth brush and Parke's Thymol Tooth Paste, you can keep your teeth in perfect shape and save your dentist bills. This paste whitens the teeth and is antiseptic, keeping the mouth in a healthy condition. Sold in tubes at 15 and 25c each.—Parke & Parke, druggists.

English Shag Tobacco.

W. D. & H. O. Wille, of Bristol, are the manufacturers of the celebrated English Shag smoking tobacco. It is sold in this city for 20 cents a tin at W. D. & H. O. Wille, 107 King street east.

THE MAN IN OVERALLS

Top of the mornin' to you. Clean the crossings. "Unaccustomed as I am to public speaking," listened to the Canadian Club oratorical contestants. Now, why couldn't Whitney have been honest about it, and admitted that what Ross did with the Falls power privileges he endorsed and supported? Some of our fortune-tellers might earn a little fame by telling us the fate that awaits Mr. Theaker at the hands of the arbitrators. Nobody has suggested outside stairs as fire escapes for the schools. The ward chairman might be looking over the ground just to see how the forces stand. Mr. Smith, M. P. P., Of Sault Ste. Marie, Will chief speaker be Next Thursday eve, At Lib. Club jamboree. Don't forget the date, see. A good novel to begin to-day—"Mid-dlemarch," by George Elliot. Many a man gets his death of cold by beginning too early in the season to tidy up the back yard. Police Magistrate Jelf's figures may be correct and yet not prove much. Figures do lie—sometimes dreadfully. You can't make me believe that Mayor

FRENCH TREATY GOOD FOR BUSINESS.

Even before the new French treaty has come into effect its beneficial effects are being felt, and the department at Ottawa is in receipt of requests from France asking that it be brought into operation with the least possible delay, in order that the shipping of goods may be expedited. On Friday an urgent letter was received from the purchaser of a very large shipment of Canadian hams explaining that this was the first purchase from Canada that the firm had made, it being placed immediately after the terms of the new treaty had been announced. Hamilton has two large houses that pack and export pork products very extensively, and they are sure to come in for some of the benefits. A gentleman prominently connected with the International Harvester Company made the statement on Saturday that if the new treaty had come into operation on the first of March the company would have been able to export practically its entire stock on hand, in certain lines, to France. That would have been a great thing for Hamilton—and the benefit will come, although it may be delayed owing to the fact that the treaty could not be brought into effect so soon.

TO FORM EXCHANGE.

Local Building Contractors Are Getting Together.

On Saturday night there was a meeting of representatives of the various building contractors' associations for the purpose of discussing the advisability of forming a builders' exchange in Hamilton. The matter was fully discussed, and the representatives of each separate association will report back to the body which appointed it, and will then be instructed how to act at the next meeting. The idea of organizing an exchange is chiefly to put the local contractors in a position to buy to the best advantage. A case in point is cited in which Hamilton builders, buying as individuals, were paying 20 per cent. more for a line of supplies that are largely used than they would pay if they bought in bulk, through an exchange.

THEY ARE HOPEFUL.

Latest News From Canon Wade Is Encouraging.

The latest information received as to the condition of Rev. Canon Wade, rector of the Church of the Assumption, is to the effect that he is improving. He had a stroke of paralysis shortly after arriving at Gibraltar, his throat and tongue being affected. It was the intention of the party to proceed to Athens and spend some time there, but Mrs. Wade decided that they should remain on shipboard until the vessel reached England. His progress under the ship's surgeon has been satisfactory. It is believed he will recover his voice. In other respects he was not affected.

SAFETY DEPOSIT BOXES.

To rent at 25c per year and upwards, for the storing of deeds, bonds, stocks, wills, silver and other valuables. STANBANK OF CANADA

WILL BE OF CEMENT.

\$25,000 Job to be Begun at Canal Piers.

Contracts will soon be let for the rebuilding of the east end of the south pier at the Beach, and the lake side lighthouse, which were washed away by the great storm of the late fall. The department at Ottawa has had its engineer here, and he has examined the pier and made plans and estimates for the new work. It is intended to build the pier end of cement, and to make a permanent job of it. The cost will be about \$25,000. A new lighthouse will also be constructed, and, in the meantime, a temporary light will be rigged up as soon as navigation opens. The department will, at an early date, have a thorough examination made of the channel, it being feared that some of the wreckage from the crib that was carried away by the storm may have lodged in the canal. This would, of course, be a menace to navigation, and if anything is found in it will be removed at once. Indications are that navigation will open about the beginning of April—probably before.

Three Drowned

Stratford, Conn., March 16.—By the overturning of a rowboat opposite Lordship Park by a sudden squall yesterday afternoon Peter and Andrew La Cruz, father and son, aged 30 and 16, respectively, and Henry W. Ellison, also about 30, all of Bridgeport, were drowned. Their bodies were washed ashore, where they were found several hours afterward.

MARRIAGE ENGAGEMENTS.

St. Catharines, March 16.—(Special).—Rev. Dean Morris yesterday morning read the new law of the church regarding marriage, including a regulation that hereafter engagements must be signed by two witnesses and cannot be broken unless a sufficient reason can be given. He promised to speak on the new law at some future date.

FINE POINT RAISED IN AN HOTEL CASE.

Disastrous Flood

Walla Walla, Wash., March 16.—Not for years has this city faced so serious a situation as it does to-day from the floods which have come down from the Blue Mountains and made Mill Creek a roaring torrent. The Fourth street bridge has been washed out; part of the Third street bridge has been blasted out; the gas works have been flooded and closed down; Main street for several blocks above Sixth street is reported to be under water. In the business district the water is rapidly filling basements. Flood conditions are apparent in all parts of the Walla Walla valley.

HAD FIRE DRILL.

Collegiate Pupils Did It Well This Morning.

Fire drill was introduced in the Collegiate Institute this morning. The Board of Education recently decided to have six bells put in, and three of them have been installed. These were used this morning. Mr. R. A. Thompson, Principal, who had charge of the trial, had asked Drill Instructor Huggins to be present, and he was well satisfied. The building is very large, and some of the classes did not hear the bells, but those which did responded quickly and in excellent order, and were soon out of the school. The actual time was not kept, but the trial was in every way good. The classes did not wait for wraps or hats, and were not kept out more than a few minutes. Principal Thompson has concluded that nine bells will be required. Drill Instructor Huggins put the Stinson street public school children through fire drill this morning.

BILLS INTRODUCED.

Board of Control—Two Years For Aldermen—Date of Election.

Toronto, March 16.—(Special).—Several bills to amend the municipal act have been introduced in the Legislature. Mr. Downey, South Wellington, has an amendment which provides for the extension of the privilege of having a Mayor and Board of Control to all cities, irrespective of population. Mr. Bradburn, Peterboro, has a bill to make two years the length of the term for aldermen in cities. Mr. Preston, Durham, has a bill to permit any city or town to pass a by-law providing that civic nominations take place on the last Monday in November and elections on the first Monday in December.

R. T. OF T. DOMINION COUNCIL WILL OPEN HERE TO-MORROW.

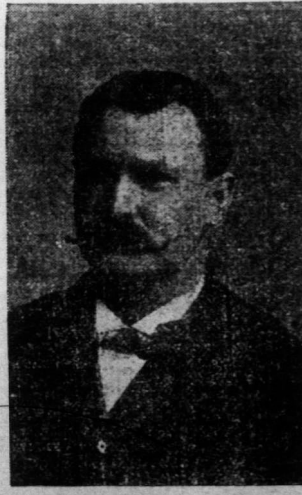
Extension Will be the Chief Business—Some New Features Introduced.

The biennial meeting of the Dominion Council of the Royal Templars of Temperance will be held in this city this week, beginning to-morrow. The sessions will be held in the County Council chamber, Court House building. The officers and directors began to arrive to-day, for the preliminary work. The session will be an important one, and the most important feature will be arranging for an aggressive campaign of expansion. The officers expect to see great growth and extension in the immediate future. Two years ago, at the last meeting, the chief business was the re-adjustment of rates in two particulars. The first provided for a scale increase by about 15 per cent. over the old. The second obliged old members to start over at the rate for their attained age, with a rebate of six years. In other words, the old members' rates were increased to what they should have been if they had joined in 1900. Of course this action caused a good deal of dissatisfaction at the time, but this is all over now, as it is recognized, in view of the course followed by other fraternal insurance societies, and by the Government, to have been a wise step. The expectation of life among total abstinents being greater than among non-abstainers, and the insurance rate proportionately lower, the order expects to receive a great influx of new members seeking insurance at the more advantageous rate, and it is to organize special effort to secure this increase that the Dominion Council will devote much of the time of this session. Propagation and extension will be the watchword. With this end in view several new propositions will be submitted by the directors. One will be a special inducement for those who do not wish to carry insurance beyond the prime of life. Many men insure for the sake of their wives and families, and when their families grow up and are able to provide for themselves they no longer need the insurance, and favorable terms will be submitted for this class. Term insurance with certain options will also be offered; especially the option of ceasing to make payments and receiving back a certain amount upon attaining a certain age. These propositions will be thoroughly discussed. To-night, in Knox Church, seven o'clock, a council of instruction will be held.

THEAKER IN CIVIL SERVICE IN THE P. O. DEPARTMENT.

Letter Boxes in Business District Will be Cleared For Every Mail Hereafter.

John Theaker, President of the Hamilton Street Railway Men's International Union, and whose dismissal from the Street Railway Company's employ brought about the recent arbitration, judgment in which has not yet been handed out, does not now need to care, as far as his own personal welfare is concerned, whether the decision goes for or against him. Mr. Theaker is now in the civil service, having been appointed to the post office staff through the instrumentality of Mr. Adam Zimmerman. For some time the merchants and business men of the city have been asking for a more frequent collection of the mails from the boxes in the centre of the city. Not very long ago the department arranged to give an extra collection, and in some places two extra calls a day, but even that did not fill the bill. Mr. Zimmerman was not slow to see the need of more frequent collections, and he set about quietly to see that the need was supplied. He brought the matter before the department at Ottawa, and succeeded in securing the appointment of an extra man, whose duty it will be to make special collections, and now all the uptown business men will have their boxes cleared for every mail every day. This will mean, in many cases, a whole day saved in getting back answers to important letters. Having secured the department's sanction, the choice of a man fell upon Mr. Theaker, and he was notified of his appointment to-day, and has entered upon the duties. The salary will be



MR. JOHN THEAKER. For several years President of the Street Railwaymen's Union, now of His Majesty's Postal Service.