

LABOR LEADER IN HAMILTON.

President of Stonecutters Paid a Visit Yesterday.

Banquetted by the Local Union Last Evening.

Went to Guelph To-day on Some Local Business.

A leader of labor was in the city yesterday in person of Mr. Joseph Evans, of Washington, D. C., President of the Journeymen Stonecutters' Association of North America.

The Times interviewed Mr. Evans last night and obtained his views of the city. He expressed himself delighted with everything he had seen here.

It is fourteen years since Mr. Evans was in Hamilton, and then he did not see much of the city, but his brother unionists resolved that he would see something this time to make him sit up and write home about.

"Hamilton is one of the prettiest spots I have ever seen," he said. "Traveller though he is, he had never before seen an incline railway that carries horses and rigs. The view from the mountain over the city he said was 'indescribably beautiful.'"

President Evans is a man about fifty years of age, stout and of an infectious personality. He has a face that is a study in itself—high intellectual forehead, heavy eyebrows over deep set eyes, from which flash kindness and sympathy; a fair sized aquiline nose over a protruding chin.

Recognizing that they had such a distinguished visitor, the local stonecutters held a banquet in the Labor Hall, at which President Evans was the honored guest, and over the subsequent hilarity he acted as chairman.

HUNTER CASE.

Committee Wants a Decision as to County's Rights.

The committee of county councillors appointed to deal with the action brought against the county by Mr. Andrew Hunter, in favor of whom Judge Snider gave judgment for \$200 damages in a runaway accident case, met yesterday to discuss the advisability of carrying the case to the Court of Appeal.

After examining the evidence given at the trial, it was decided to make another attempt to learn whether the road-repairers have any rights in the way of placing coal on the road or not. The county residents are quite willing to have the roads repaired, and are fully acquainted with the system followed in doing the work, but if any little accident happens in the way of horses being frightened and running away they blame the roadmaster and Council for having the necessary materials, etc., on the road for repair purposes.

The councillors are much annoyed over the situation in which they have been placed, and are determined to make a further attempt to extricate themselves from it.

Messrs. Gage, Lawson and Millen were appointed a commission to wait upon Hon. F. Cochrane re Beach taxes which have not been paid to the county for the year 1907-1908. The committee was appointed to see what arrangement could be made.

The Cigarette of Distinction.

Craven mixture cigarettes are made of fine tobacco, which is manufactured in London, England. The Craven celebrated cigarettes are sold in this city for 15 cents a box at peace's cigar store, 107 King street east.

SAFETY DEPOSIT BOXES

To rent at \$2 a year and upwards, for the storing of deeds, bonds, stocks, wills, silver and other valuables. TRADERS BANK OF CANADA.

THEY LAUGH AT RAILWAY STORIES.

Traction Manager Coleman Speaks Authoritatively of the Radial's Plans.

"We are certainly going to extend our line from Oakville to Toronto, but I cannot say when, for I do not know myself. We have not discussed, or settled the plans yet," said Traction Manager Coleman, of the Dominion Power and Transmission Company's inter-urban lines, to the Times to-day, when asked if it was true that work on the Toronto extension would be gone on with this year.

Mr. Coleman is much amused at some of the stories appearing in the Toronto papers, particularly the report of a merger with the Mackenzie & Mann interests.

"Most of these things are entirely new to me," said Mr. Coleman. "They must be looking for signs of a thunderstorm. The trouble is that there is nothing doing, but the papers must have something."

The Times is informed, from an authoritative source, that the time when the Dominion Power & Transmission Company's interests might have been absorbed by the Mackenzie & Mann people, is long past, and the Cataract people are quite content now to run their own show.

GRAND LODGE IN SESSION.

Hamilton Measns Liberally Supported Benevolent Fund.

Grand Master Freed's Address This Morning.

Four New Charters and Five Dispensations.

London, Ont., July 21.—(Special)—The Masonic Grand Lodge convened this morning at 10 o'clock in the Princess Street rink, with very large representation of members from all parts of Canada in attendance.

Proceedings were opened with an address of welcome by Mayor Stevely, following which the Grand Master, M. W. Bro. A. T. Freed, of Hamilton, addressed the gathering. After mentioning somewhat lessened progress of the past year, as compared with other years, a fact which he attributed to the financial stringency throughout the world, he went on to speak of conditions that had existed during the past year.

In the year which ended May 31st, 1908, the revenue of Grand Lodge was \$38,754.80; in the year just closed, \$37,446.60. Expenditure from ordinary revenue was \$11,349.33. Thus the outgo exceeded the income by \$26,093.33. Grants for benevolence from ordinary revenue were \$21,956.20 in 1908, and \$24,362 in 1909. Benevolent grants from interest on the semi-centennial fund were \$1,210 in 1908, and \$2,010 in 1909. Total grants from lodges for semi-centennial fund during the year were \$7,657.61, and the amount at the close of the year was \$1,759.90, or \$1,909, was \$41,759.90. There were 21 contributions of upwards of \$3,000 have been received, thereby increasing the capital account to nearly \$55,000. The Grand Master also spoke of the disaster in Italy and of his order that \$1,000 should be contributed for the aid of the Masonic order in that country and the letter of thanks from the Grand Master of the lodges in Italy was read.

Regarding the semi-centennial benevolent fund, he regretted that it had not been received by the Grand Secretary, making the total at the credit of the fund at the close of the year \$51,759.90, or a little more than half the sum to which the lodges pledged themselves in 1904. Notable exceptions were the cases of the lodges in the Nipissing District and Hamilton, who had contributed more than the quota assigned to them.

HIT HIS HAT.

Lightning Strikes Buggy and Knocks Man Unconscious.

Iroquois, Ont., July 21.—A narrow escape from death by lightning in a thunder storm is reported from Matilda township. While Dwight Hamilton was driving near Dundela lightning struck his buggy, destroying the top and rendering Mr. Hamilton unconscious. The bolt put five holes through Mr. Hamilton's hat and scorched his hair.

FINED \$100.

Iroquois, Ont., July 21.—The first case of violation of local option in Iroquois came up for hearing before Magistrates Jas. Collinson and Thos. Hamilton, when Charles Hawley was charged with selling or disposing of liquor to George Stewart. The evidence showed Stewart had received one bottle of liquor from the defendant, and the magistrates held this was a violation of the liquor laws, and fined Hawley \$100 and costs. Hawley will appeal.

Learning to Swim

Is easy if you wear one of our swimming collars. Your head can't sink, and it leaves your arms free to stroke out. When you want a bathing cap to keep the hair dry, we have them at all prices. Come in and let us show you these goods. Parke & Parke, druggists.

THE MAN IN OVERALLS

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CROWDS WITH THE GROCERS.

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The railway stations were a scene of bustle and bustle the first thing this morning. The grocers' Transportation Committee was on hand bright and early, and saw that everyone was well looked after. Four specials, well filled, left over each road, and the Grand Trunk put extra coaches on the 1.20 regular train for the Falls to accommodate those who were late.

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HOLD-UP MEN WERE BUSY.

Three Cases Occurred Within a Very Few Hours.

Louis Stevens Was Slugged and Rcb'ed on Merrick St.

Police Believe Tompkins Pal Has Skipped Out.

Although the police believe they know the man who was the pal of Mark Tompkins, who is under arrest on a charge of assault and attempted robbery of Fred Porteous, they have little hope of capturing him, as it is thought he left the city immediately. The man they are looking for is a well-known crook who has figured in two or three sensational cases and served time. He has been missing from his old haunts, where the police have watched in vain for him to turn up. Tompkins is to be arraigned on a charge of assault and attempted highway robbery on Monday. It has just leaked out that Tompkins when captured denied that he was the assailant. He put on a bold front and declared there had been a mistake. "I don't have got the wrong man," he said. When he was taken back to the scene of the assault, however, and claimed a hat lying on the road as his, the police were quite confident that Mr. Porteous had made no mistake.

Although no official report was made, the police last night heard of two other incidents on Saturday night, one at least of which they think the men who assaulted Mr. Porteous may have had a hand in.

Within a block and a half of the scene of the Porteous affair, Louis Stevens was knocked down and robbed at 11.30 Saturday night. He was walking on Merrick street, near Coppley, Noyes & Randall's building, when a short man of medium build stepped out of the shadows and snugged him with a billy. Stevens' head was badly cut and he was relieved of \$8. He did not think he would be able to identify the man again, and he made no report of the case.

About 10 o'clock a young lady who was crossing the corner of York and James street was twice jostled by a fellow who tried to snatch her purse. He escaped in the crowd.

The prompt action of J. Arnold, 48 Oxford street, the young man who tripped Tompkins, undoubtedly resulted in the veteran criminal's arrest. All interested in the upholding of law and order will give him credit for his act.

KURTZMAN'S IS SAD CASE.

He Is Now a Raving Maniac In the Jail.

Jacob Kurtzman, the German Jew, who was lately pronounced insane, is now a raving maniac in the Hamilton jail. Messrs. Chisholm, Logie & McQueen, who have been looking after his interests, have been trying to have him placed in the asylum, but so far, have been unsuccessful. They phoned Dr. English, superintendent at the asylum, and were informed that the institution was full, and that Kurtzman could not be placed there until some present patient was removed. Later they were told that there was room for him, but probably Kurtzman had not gone through the necessary legal proceedings to make his admission possible. This advice, however, was not given by Dr. English.

There is no question but that the patient has been legally declared insane, and that the necessary proceeding to place him in the asylum have been taken. The Legal Lunacy Board, composed of Dr. Roberts, the Medical Health Officer, Dr. McGillivray and Magistrate Jelfs, have met and pronounced Kurtzman insane, and under ordinary circumstances, he should now be placed in the hospital for the insane.

He is anything but a welcome guest at the jail. At times, it is said, it requires a large number of men to hold him, which certainly is no pleasant job for those in charge, and the prisoners complain loudly against the annoyance the insane man causes them. At night they are unable to sleep on account of his boisterous shouting. Jail fees, they think, is severe enough without being subjected to such ravings as his. They did not expect this new feature of punishment.

It is unfortunate that the poor fellow should be confined in the jail, as it is hardly fair to any of those concerned. The jail was never intended as a place for maniacs, and it is very improbable if the patient can get the best care in an institution of that kind. On the other hand, it is not likely that those in charge of the jail look upon him in charge as proper subjects of their care.

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SUFFERS A SEVERE LOSS.

Prominent Professional and Public Man Died In England.

One of Hamilton's most prominent professional men passed away yesterday in London, England, in the person of James Dickson, of the law firm of Nesbitt, Gault & Dickson.

Mr. Dickson had been ill for some months, and on the advice of his physician he gave up work, and went to Atlantic City for a rest. He seemed to improve considerably while there, and on his return he decided to take a trip abroad in the hope that he might fully recover, and accordingly left for England. The trip to England seemed to greatly benefit him, and in the letters Mr. Gault received from him he expressed his intention of soon returning to work, but about two weeks ago he took a turn for the worse. Last week a cablegram was received saying that he would not likely live very long, and Mr. Gault at once sent a message back saying that Mr. Dickson's brother, William, of the customs department, had left for England. In answer Mr. Gault received another telegram stating that Mr. Dickson would likely pass away before his brother arrived, but the latter sailed on the Mauretania, and she arrived at Queenston yesterday morning. Mr. Dickson did not pass away until last night, and it is possible that his brother was present before he died.

Mr. Dickson was born in Hamilton, and received most of his education here. After completing his law course he entered into partnership with Messrs. Nesbitt & Gault, and they have been in business together for the past fifteen years. He was a past master of Temple Lodge, A. F. and A. M., a member of Court Orontyathakha, I. O. O. F., a member of Red Cross Lodge, K. of P.; a member and past president of the Ramblers' Club, and president of the Britannia Athletic Association. Mr. Dickson was also active in church work, and at the time of his death was secretary of the Board of Managers of Central Presbyterian Church.

Mr. Dickson served in the City Council for five years, and while there was always recognized as a man of good judgment and sound principles. In 1907 he was elected chairman of the Finance Committee, and distinguished himself in that capacity. Last fall he announced himself as a candidate for Mayor for 1909, but retired in favor of Mayor McLaren.

Deceased was 36 years of age, and leaves a widow, a mother, three sisters, Misses Agnes, Annie and John street, three brothers, John, Robert and William. The remains will be brought to this city for interment.

PERSONAL.

Dr. and Mrs. Jones are holidaying at Cleveland's, Lake Rosseau.

Mrs. Tom Hazell and family left this morning for Port Carling, Muskoka.

Miss Veronica McGrath has returned home after visiting friends in Guelph for the last two weeks.

Messrs. Pete Willy, Ted Bevis and George (Scotty) Allen are among the passengers on the Y. M. C. A. boat Maple Leaf.

Mr. Frank Shepard is spending his holidays in Muskoka, but was in the city yesterday to give evidence at the Frank trial. He returned to Muskoka this morning.

G. Warburton, a St. Thomas, Ont., Ont., is visiting his aunt, 86 John street, and is with his cousin and family, on Kent street.

Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Nisbet announce the engagement of their daughter, Isabel Barr, to Mr. Percival Arthur Vale, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Vale, of Toronto, formerly of this city. The wedding will take place in September.

After an absence of 20 years, Mr. W. C. Boyle, of Jamestown, N. Y., where he is connected with the street railway, is back in Hamilton with Mrs. Boyle for a visit. What Mr. Boyle, as a boy, remembers of Hamilton has given place to what he considers one of the finest cities he has ever visited. He was greatly surprised with the progress seen everywhere, and especially with the cleanliness and beauty of the city. None of his people now reside here, but Miss Lizzie McTague, 99 Caroline street, is a cousin.

A canoe party made up of six well-known young men of the city, left on Saturday for a paddling trip in the Muskoka district. They are going to canoe fight up the Moon and Muskosh Rivers, and as a deviation will try a little fishing. Word was received from them yesterday that they are having the time of their lives, and their friends in the city are predicting there will be some very big fish stories floating around on their return. In the party are Stuart H. Lees, Roy Hamilton, James Ogilvie, Don Wilson, Arthur Cooper, and William Malcolmson.

ONE YEAR FOR A YOUNG MAN.

Victim of Bad Companionship Sent to Prison.

Mixed Up Chinese Case Stands Until Friday.

Seamens, the Greek, Again Fined For Sunday Selling.

For being a night prowler and a vagrant Thomas McCarthy, 174 MacNab street north, was sentenced this morning to 12 months in the Central Prison by Magistrate Jelfs.

McCarthy appeared before His Worship on Feb. 22 last on a charge of theft, and under the First Offenders' Act was let go. He was arrested on the night of July 19 for vagrancy and acting suspiciously on James street north. Several constables gave evidence of his being a bad character.

Mr. A. M. Lewis appeared for McCarthy, and made an appeal to the Magistrate on account of the boy's youth and for the sake of his sick mother.

His Worship said it was becoming monotonous having the First Offenders' Act thrown in the faces of magistrates continually. He had given the lad every chance, and was determined to make an example of him. McCarthy seemed momentarily stunned with his sentence. He is a nice looking boy, and has a face that bespeaks a deal of goodness. He is said to be a victim of bad companionship.

William Arnold, who was charged with being a frequenter of an immoral house, was discharged, with the warning from the bench that should he appear again he will get a "straight six months."

Walter Higham was again remanded, the police not having their case ready. The almond-eyed Celestials gave a little amusement to the visitors on the rear seats. Hong Sing appeared on a charge of theft. He was arrested on a warrant yesterday, accused of stealing \$10 from Charn Lung. Song Sing came from Ouyaga to give evidence against Pong, and Mr. A. M. Lewis, who appeared for the accused, Crown Attorney Washington, Magistrate Jelfs or anybody could not make head or tail of Sing's story. He told one tale one minute, and when cross-examined contradicted it. Lawyer Lewis was periodically amused and disgusted. The case was remanded till Friday.

John Saemens, 133 King street east, again appeared on a charge of breach of the Lord's Day Act. Constables McKay and Hay gave evidence that on Sunday night last a number of people were in Saemens' store talking cool concoctions without the essential accompaniments of "lunch."