

Can't Use Niagara Power as Lever To Get Cheaper Fares On Street Ry.

Ex-Mayor Judd Gives His Opinion On the Matter of Discrimination.

The story to the effect that the city of London will use Niagara power as a lever to get reduced fares on the London street railway has no foundation whatever, it is said, as the city has no power in the matter at all. This is the opinion of Mayor Stevely and also of ex-Mayor Judd.

The city cannot hold Niagara power as a club over the street railway, as the matter of selling power to the company is in the hands of the hydro-electric commission entirely.

Whatever profits accrue from the selling of power to the railway must be turned over to the city, according to the statement made by Hon. Adam

Beck, the act governing the sale of Niagara power.

What the bargain will be depends altogether on the Government.

Mr. Judd's Opinion.

"I much question whether the hydro-electric commission can charge two prices for Niagara power," declared ex-Mayor Judd this morning. "I do not think it can charge one consumer one price and then charge a higher price to the London street railway or any other railway. I do not think it would be fair or just. I much question that it can do it."

City Can't Do It.

Mayor Stevely declared that the city could make no contract with the street railway for Niagara power, as that was entirely in the hands of the hydro-electric commission.

Whatever profits would accrue from this sale, however, would be turned over to the city.

Five Rinks Left in the Tecumseh And McNeely Trophy Finals Today

Curling in the Thistle Club bonspiel began at 9 o'clock this morning. The ice was very fast, and some excellent curling resulted.

But five rinks remain in the Tecumseh trophy match, and seven in the Bank of Toronto trophy competition. A number of curlers left the city last night and this morning. Many, however, remained over until this afternoon in order to witness the finals in the McNeely trophy contest, which began at 2 o'clock this afternoon.

Curling, of course, was confined today to the Tecumseh and the Bank of Toronto matches. The former will be completed tonight, the finals having been called for 8 o'clock. The Bank of Toronto match will not be finished today. W. Andrews, Jun., St. Marys, drew a bye in this contest, and has entered the semi-finals. The fact that two rinks scheduled to play this morning held off until this afternoon, tied up J. Purdon's rink, as it meets the winner.

McNeely's Rink Losses.

Skip McNeely's Chatham rink received a bad beating this morning at the hands of Allen's Thistle Club experts, by 14 to 4.

The scores in the remainder of the games were separated by fairly wide margins.

Third Round—Tecumseh Cup.

London Thistles. London Club. Dr. McDonald. 15 J. Stevenson. 10

London Thistles. Chatham. P. N. Allen. 14 J. McCool. 4

Stratford. Chatham. J. Welsh. 11 H. Gilles. 7

Fourth Round—Bank of Toronto Trophy.

St. Marys. Glencoe. W. Andrews, Jr. 16 S. J. McCreery. 11

Petrolia. London Thistles. J. C. Waddell. 14 S. D. Swift. 9

London Thistles. London. J. Purdon. W. Bartlett. Defaulted.

Chatham. Chatham. J. McCool. H. Gilles. Defaulted.

Work On Monument Will Be Rushed

The executive committee of the Daughters of the Empire met Saturday afternoon.

The members heartily welcomed the report, Mrs. Leonard, on her return from abroad.

The meeting was a very enthusiastic one, and it was decided to proceed at once with the erection of the

monument in Victoria Park, and steps were taken to this end.

The committee declared that the citizens of London may rest assured that the monument will be rushed with all possible speed, and that it will be such as will be a credit to the citizens and to the Daughters of the Empire.

Fire and Panic in St. Kitts Theater

St. Catharines, Jan. 15.—Through an electric spark firing a film today, the Hippodrome, a moving-picture theater here, was destroyed, a small panic started, and Operator Lorne McDermott was severely burned. The accident occurred just as the performance was concluding, and sent the audience, composed mainly of women and children, on a mad rush to the street. Fortunately the place was not crowded.

and there were no serious injuries. McDermott was taken to a local hospital for treatment.

Smoke and water greatly damaged Charles & McDermott's store, and also effected some loss to A. J. McGilmore's store and The Star-Journal office.

As yet the loss cannot be accurately estimated, though it is considered to be about \$3,000; partly covered by insurance.

Chairman Screaton Was Re-elected

The inaugural meeting of the hospital trust was held yesterday.

Mr. S. Screaton was re-elected chairman of the board on motion of ex-Mayor Judd and Mayor Stevely. There was little business to be transacted. It was decided to purchase an X-ray coil for photographic purposes, and

Mr. Judd and Chairman Screaton were appointed a committee to look into the matter.

The superintendent's monthly report was read and had the approval of the members present were Chairman Screaton, J. C. Judd, R. W. Jackson, Mayor Stevely and Superintendent Heard.

Snowstorm Bothers the Railways

Last night's snowstorm proved to be the worst of the season as far as the railways were concerned, and not a train is running on anything like schedule time today.

The storm, according to railroad men, was particularly heavy down east, and the trains from that direc-

tion are running all the way from one to three hours late.

So far the winter has been an ideal one for railroading, and no trouble has been experienced at all in operating the trains.

Several engines are reported to have died on the road where the blizzard was at its worst.

Supt. Murphy Goes To North Bay

Superintendent Murphy of the midland division of the C. P. R., who has his headquarters in this city, has been appointed general superintendent of the western division, with headquarters

at North Bay. Superintendent Murphy was notified last night of his appointment, and expects to leave for North Bay in the course of a week or two. It is not known yet who will succeed Mr. Murphy in this city.

Preliminary Objection Was Overruled

In the high court at Toronto, Wednesday, in *Saunby vs. London Water Commissioners*—L. F. Hellmuth, K. C., and C. H. Ivey (London), for the plaintiff, on a special case submitted to the court by the judge of the county court of Oxford, to whom this action had been referred, as to whether evidence in contravention of the judgment and former reference could be now taken.

W. E. Middleton, for the defendants, took the preliminary objection that the

referee had no power to submit the case in question in question to the court.

Preliminary objection overruled, and main motion stands indefinitely.

Dromogole of the firm of Ivey that this judgment does not effect the case in the main, and that the question of the submission of certain evidence is still to be decided. Thus the matter practically remains as it was before.

Hon. Wm. Patterson.

Hon. Wm. Patterson, minister of customs, was in the city today on his way to South Huron, where he will address several meetings in the interests of Mr. McLean, the Liberal candidate.

Horticultural Meeting.

The annual meeting of the London Horticultural Society will be held at the public library rooms this evening, when reports will be presented of the past year's work, and officers elected for the ensuing twelve months.

HARMONY AND HOPEFULNESS

Annual Meeting of First Congregational Church Shows a Satisfactory State.

The annual meeting of the First Congregational Church was held in the school room last evening, and was well attended. The reports presented revealed a most satisfactory condition of affairs, and a spirit of harmony and hopefulness prevailed throughout. The faithful and efficient services of the pastor were heartily commended, and the officers and societies were thanked for their cordial co-operation in the work during the year.

Rev. D. S. Hamilton, the pastor, presided during the evening, and after devotional exercises called for reports which were presented as follows: Church secretary's report, by Mr. F. W. Robins; deacons' board, by Mr. Robert Moule; Ladies' Aid, by Mrs. G. S. Amundson; ladies' missionary auxiliary, by Miss M. C. Marshall; senior mission band, by Miss Maggie Robins; junior mission band, by Miss Wright; Congregational Guild, by Miss L. J. Wright; boys' guild, by Master Alfred Amundson; Sunday School, by Miss M. D. Porteous. In the absence of the secretary, Mr. E. H. Marshall, choir, by Mr. G. E. Gosling; fellowship fund, by Rev. D. S. Hamilton; weekly fund, by Mr. C. B. Chapman; jubilee offerings, by Mr. G. S. Amundson and church treasurer's statement by Mr. R. Johnston.

A Progressive Year.

The church secretary's report characterized the year as "one of the most progressive in the recent history of the church, while the report of the deacons' board expressed the belief that the church has never been in a better condition than it is at the present time."

The Ladies' Aid registered a very successful year, having raised about \$750, while the Ladies' Missionary Auxiliary showed an increasing interest in missionary enterprise. The Senior and Junior Mission Bands are growing in numbers and interest, and promise to strongly reinforce the work of the Ladies' Auxiliary. The Congregational Guild has maintained its active interest in devotional, social, missionary and literary work and the programmes have been entertaining and edifying. The Boys' Guild is an active organization, and the reports presented by Master Alfred Amundson, the secretary, was very warmly received. The Sunday school, under the able leadership of Superintendent Alfred Amundson, is in an excellent condition, and his staff of teachers and officers can be cordially congratulated. The choir has rendered service which has been much appreciated by Mr. G. E. Gosling as leader and organist, and the members were thanked for their faithful service.

The Finances.

The financial statements presented by the different societies and by the church officers, Mr. G. S. Amundson, Mr. C. B. Chapman and Mr. R. Johnston, revealed a very satisfactory condition of affairs. The ordinary receipts from all sources and societies amounted to over \$2,100, and the expenditure had slightly exceeded this amount, leaving a deficit of \$125 in current account. However, there had been realized for reduction of mortgage by payment of subscriptions on jubilee account, sale of lot, etc., about \$2,500, which leaves only \$600 still owing on mortgage. It was expected that this amount would have been met by the central jubilee fund, but the central committee was unable to send the full amount estimated. The church will make an effort at some future date to clear off this balance.

The reports were all received and adopted with enthusiasm, after which the pastor thanked the people for their expressions of confidence and appreciation, and expressed his gratitude for their kindness and loyalty. He commended the officers for their devotion to duty, and expressed the belief that the present year would be a bright and encouraging one for the church. He made special mention of Rev. F. A. Steven, who had rendered much unselfish service from time to time. On motion of Mrs. Dixon, seconded by Mrs. Amundson, a cordial vote of thanks was tendered to Mrs. Holt and Mrs. Amundson, the retiring president and secretary of the Ladies' Aid. Refreshments were then served, officers were elected, and the meeting was brought to a close by the singing of the doxology, and the pronouncing of the benediction by Rev. F. A. Steven.

The officers for the year 1908, are: Honorary Deacon—Rev. F. A. Steven; Deacons' Board—Messrs. A. Moule, J. Armour, R. Johnston, G. S. Amundson, W. J. Walker, and Alfred Amundson.

Finance Board.—Messrs. W. T. E. Wright, R. Johnston, C. B. Chapman, G. S. Amundson, J. L. Spry, F. W. Robins, W. J. Walker, J. Armour, W. Ellis, A. Beck, E. H. Marshall, A. Mussell, R. Moule, A. A. Beck, C. H. Summer.

Church Secretary.—Mr. T. W. Robins.

Church Treasurer.—Mr. R. Johnston.

Assistant Treasurer.—Mr. Geo. S. Amundson.

Jubilee Fund Treasurer.—Mr. C. B. Chapman.

Few Allocation.—Mr. R. Moule.

Ushers.—Messrs. J. L. Spry, Alf. Taton, W. Spencer, and W. H. Eccles.

Auditors.—Messrs. A. Beck and E. H. Marshall.

Organist.—Mr. G. E. Gosling.

Agent and Correspondent for the Congregationalist.—Miss M. D. Porteous.

Church School Superintendent.—Mr. Alfred Amundson.

Clark Discharged.

E. L. Clark, who was remanded by Magistrate Love yesterday, pending a search of the house where he had been, as nothing would be found of the goods which it was alleged he might have stolen. One first-time drunk was allowed to go.

Local Items

Horticultural Meeting.

The annual meeting of the London Horticultural Society will be held this evening at the Public Library.

Broke His Arm.

While Mr. C. V. Lester, 255 Queen's avenue, was walking down Coburn street last evening he slipped and fell. He threw out his arm to protect himself, but he fell on it, breaking it near the shoulder. He was assisted by passerby, and taken to his home. Dr. John D. Wilson was called and reduced the fracture.

Hyatt Avenue Methodist Church.

The opening of the New Hyatt Avenue Methodist Church will take place Feb. 7. The cornerstone was laid on Aug. 25, 1907. The speakers will be Rev. Richard Whiting, B.A., of Hamilton, and Rev. James Livingstone, of London. The dedication will take place on the Sunday following, when Rev. Alex. Langford, D.D., Toronto, Rev. James Ross, of St. Andrew's Church, will preach. The service will be a large one.

Successful Banquet.

A banquet of the Building Laborers' Union was held in the City Hotel last evening, and was highly successful. About 40 members of the union were present. The chair was occupied by Mr. Wm. Burley, and the vice-chairman, Mr. T. Essery, presided. A splendid programme of toasts and songs was rendered.

Orangemen Elect.

At a meeting of the London Orangemen, the following officers were elected: district master, T. H. Pitt; deputy district master, T. Essery; chaplain, Anthony Nevin; recording secretary, George Loney; financial secretary, E. J. Luck; treasurer, J. E. Showler; director of ceremonies, J. A. Tompkins; lecturer, S. McCoy and John Mulligan.

Dr. Robinson Coming.

Dr. Robinson, the new superintendent of the asylum, will arrive from Guelph this evening, and commence his duties in the morning. The family will not remove to this city for next Dr. Robinson and his family will leave for Penetang, where the doctor has been appointed superintendent of the asylum.

Letter-carriers' Officers.

The local Letter-carriers' Association recently held a meeting and elected the following officers for 1908: president, P. Flaherty; treasurer, W. Logan; secretary, W. P. Empey. The principal object of the association is to procure better conditions for the local carriers, many of whom are at present obliged to work long hours at small pay.

Kilwinning Lodge Meeting.

At the regular monthly communication of Kilwinning Lodge, No. 44, A. F. and A. M., to be held at the Masonic Temple tomorrow Friday evening, Right Worshipful Bro. E. E. C. Kilmer, of Aylmer, district deputy grand master of No. 3 district, No. 3, will visit the lodge officially. Visitors cordially invited.

Painfully Injured.

Mr. James Evans, of 179 Maitland street, met with a very painful accident yesterday afternoon while coming down town. He missed his footing on the sidewalk and fell heavily. The ambulance was called and he was taken to Victoria Hospital, where it was found that the hip had been fractured. The injury will lay Mr. Evans up for some time.

Surprised Miss McFadyen.

The members of the choir of South London Baptist Church pleasantly surprised Miss McFadyen one evening recently when they presented her with a handsome traveling set. Miss McFadyen, who is one of the most popular members of the church, is leaving for Columbus, O., shortly. The presentation was made by Mrs. Gray, and Mr. T. H. Jones read a neatly-worded address.

A Costly Cutting.

R. K. Topalian, an Armenian, found something which interested him in the columns of a newspaper on file in the Toronto Public Library, so he cut it up with a penknife. The library authorities had the book arrested, and in the police court yesterday he pleaded guilty to the charge of willfully damaging the property of the public library. Magistrate Denison imposed a fine of \$5 and costs.

Union Meeting.

Rev. W. T. Stackhouse, who is superintendent of all Canadian Baptist missions from Lake Superior to the Pacific, will be one of the speakers at the great union Baptist meeting in Adelaide Street Church tonight in the interest of the laymen's missionary movement. Mr. Stackhouse is a great speaker—a typical "Sky Pilot" of the West—and has been called the Canadian Conwell. Mr. W. T. Ellis, the Philadelphia Journalist, will be the other speaker. The meeting is open to ladies as well as to men.

Mullin-Johnston.

A quiet wedding was solemnized at the manse of King Street Presbyterian Church yesterday afternoon, when Miss Elizabeth Johnston, daughter of Mr. Edward Johnston, of Pall Mall street, was married to Mr. Thomas E. Mullin. The ceremony was performed by Rev. James Rollins. Miss Lena Evans assisted the bride, and the groom was supported by Mr. James Dean. Mr. and Mrs. Mullin left last night for points west, and on their return will reside at 430 Hill street.

Organized Class Number Two.

St. James' Presbyterian Church will organize a men's new movement Bible class Jan. 26. The initial steps were taken at a meeting of the men last Tuesday evening, when Rev. E. R. Black, of the Christian Church, addressed them on the subject. The Christian Church has the only new movement class as yet. St. James' hopes to enlist fifty young men in the movement very soon. The young women of the church will be organized later. Other churches are talking up the matter and every church in the city should have one or more. There are 1,400 men each class in Chicago. It is the most promising movement of the present day. Let every church thinking of organizing be careful to adopt the international plan. There is much less danger of failure if this plan is adopted. Various classes in the city can organize a local union with great profit later.

WHIST MATCH AT THE LIBERAL CLUB

South Londoners Will Have a Big Time Friday Night.

Friday night the weekly whist match in the South London Liberal Club will be held.

Splendid prizes will be offered, and interest in the event is very keen. A large crowd is expected to turn out.

An invitation to all is extended.

WOULDN'T COMMIT EDITOR

Irregularities in Affidavits in Connection With Contempt Charge.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Toronto, Jan. 16.—Judge Riddell decided this morning that W. H. Greenwood, editor of the Toronto World, should not be committed for contempt of court for an article written concerning a case before the Ontario railway board. The decision is based on the fact that some of the affidavits were filed a little too late, while in another the word "is" was written, making no sense out of a sentence. He did not decide the question as to whether the railway board was a court.

KING STREET CHURCH AFTER NEW SITE

Annual Meeting Shows Splendid Progress Made During Past Year.

The annual meeting of the King Street Presbyterian Church is being held in two sections this year. Last evening the first meeting was held the pastor, Rev. James Rollins, presiding. George Duncan was elected secretary. The report of the session was most encouraging, showing that 112 members had been received, 44 on profession of faith, and 68 by certificate—the largest number ever received into the church in any one year. The total membership at present is 475. A net gain of 52 during the year. The greatest harmony prevails in all departments of the church's work and the outlook for the future was never so bright. The report of the managers will be presented next Wednesday evening, when the officers for 1908 will be elected and all business of the year closed up, after which refreshments will be served.

The financial statements presented last evening showed receipts as follows:

Session fund \$ 24.03

Missions (monthly offering) 123.15

Men's Association 9.50

Ladies' Aid 303.67

W. P. M. S. 126.98

Mission Band 15.40

Home Missionary Society 80.93

Young People's Society 43.50

Sunday School 278.64

Total \$1,005.95

Of this amount \$410.66 was raised for missions.

The seating capacity of this church is being taxed, it being very difficult to give sittings to those applying for them, and it is not improbable that a new church will be acquired in the near future.

THAW ROWLED LIKE AN ANIMAL

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Usher and eyewitness of the killing of Stanford White, was called, and testified to Thaw's irrational appearance on the roof garden.

Brown said he knew Thaw personally and spoke to him during an intermission in the performance, but could not get a coherent reply.

"Did you ever try to get a coherent reply from any other man twenty minutes before he took the life of a fellow human being?" asked District Attorney Jerome.

"No," replied the witness.

"That's all."

LATEST STOCK MARKET REPORTS

NEW YORK			
Reported by C. N. Spencer, Stockbroker			
Market Lane, For The Advertiser			
New York, Jan. 16.			
Open High Low Close			
Amalg. Copper	58 1/2	59 1/2	59 1/2
American Sugar	112 1/2	113 1/2	113 1/2
American Locomotive	85 1/2	86 1/2	86 1/2
American Foundry	82 1/2	83 1/2	83 1/2
American Cotton	78 1/2	79 1/2	79 1/2
American Cotton Oil	23 1/2	24 1/2	24 1/2
Atchafalpa	73 1/2	74 1/2	74 1/2
Baltimore & Ohio	89 1/2	90 1/2	90 1/2
C. P. R. Trans.	40 1/2	41 1/2	41 1/2
Chic. Great Western	55 1/2	56 1/2	56 1/2
Colorado Fuel & Iron	25 1/2	26 1/2	26 1/2
Chicago & North	14 1/2	15 1/2	15 1/2
Great Northern	15 1/2	16 1/2	16 1/2
Inter. Met.	21 1/2	22 1/2	22 1/2
Inter. Met. pref.	21 1/2	22 1/2	22 1/2
Kansas & Texas	78 1/2	79 1/2	79 1/2
Kansas & Texas, pfd.	85 1/2	86 1/2	86 1/2
Louisville & Nash.	105 1/2	106 1/2	106 1/2
Missouri Pacific	44 1/2	45 1/2	45 1/2
New York Central	101 1/2	102 1/2	102 1/2
Norfolk & Western	12 1/2	13 1/2	13 1/2
Ontario & Western	8 1/2	9 1/2	9 1/2
Pennsylvania	110 1/2	111 1/2	111 1/2
Pressed Steel	22 1/2	23 1/2	23 1/2
Reading	105 1/2	106 1/2	106 1/2
Rock Island	10 1/2	11 1/2	11 1/2
Southern Railway	10 1/2	11 1/2	11 1/2
S. P. pref.	78 1/2	79 1/2	79 1/2
Union Pacific	110 1/2	111 1/2	111 1/2
U. S. Steel	23 1/2	24 1/2	24 1/2
U. S. Steel pref.	23 1/2	24 1/2	24 1/2
Wabash	12 1/2	13 1/2	13 1/2
Wabash pref.	12 1/2	13 1/2	13 1/2

Wabash, pref.	107 1/2	107 1/2	107 1/2	107 1/2
CHICAGO EXCHANGE.				
Reported by C. N. Spencer, Stockbroker, Market Lane, for The Advertiser.				
Chicago, Jan. 16.				
Wheat—	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
May	\$1 03	1 06 1/2	1 02 1/2	1 03 1/2
July	98	98 1/2	97 1/2	98 1/2
September	94	95 1/4	94 1/2	95 1/4
Corn—				
May	59 1/2	60 1/2	59 1/4	60 1/4
July	58 1/2	59 1/2	58 1/2	59 1/2
September	58 1/2	59 1/2	58 1/2	59 1/2
Oats—				
May	53 1/2	54 1/2	53 1/2	54 1/2