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NORTH TORONTO COUNCIL DECIDES TO MAKE APPLICATION AT ONCE FOR ANNEXATION TO THE CITY

Proposal To Take Another Vote Was Defeated by Four to Three at Remarkable Meeting, When Councillor Lawrence Changed His Vote and Decision Was Made To Apply to Railway Board Forthwith.

It is expedient that the Town of North Toronto be annexed to the City of Toronto, and that an application be made forthwith by the Council to the Ontario Railway and Municipal Board, with the consent of the said city to make the necessary order to carry out such annexation, and define the terms and conditions, and that the seal of the corporation be affixed thereto.

This resolution, prepared by Councillor Lawrence and seconded by Councillor Ball, was passed on the stroke of eleven last night, at a remarkable meeting of the North Toronto Town Council. Those who voted in favor were Mayor Brown, Councillors Ball, Huston and Lawrence, while the opposition consisted of Councillors Howe, Baker and Reid.

To accommodate an interested crowd of ratepayers, the meeting was held in the main hall, instead of the usual council chamber, and even then the room was packed to the doors.

Monstrous Petition. T. W. Banton presented a petition signed by 455 ratepayers praying the council to give effect to the vote of July 6, when unconditional annexation was carried by a majority of 59.

The petition, said Mr. Banton, "represents purely voluntary action on the part of the signatories. There have been no paid canvassers, and no regular organized canvass, or we could have just as easily obtained a thousand names. This readiness to sign the petition shows that in spite of the opposition of the past two weeks, there is no change in opinion as regards the wishes of the majority of the people. Our opponents claim that there was a certain amount of unfairness in the vote of July 6, but if there was any advantage, it lay with the anti-annexationists, who sought to kill annexation by insisting on the insertion of the word 'unconditional'."

Councillor Muston proposed that the petition be received, while Councillor Howe moved an amendment that the petition be received and filed.

Momentous Issue. Councillor Ball, who has consistently advocated in council and in public the annexation of North Toronto with the city, said:

"This is the most momentous issue which the Town of North Toronto has ever had to decide. As one who has always taken a prominent part in supporting the annexation proposal, I consider it would be a gross injustice and a serious hardship if the council, by their action, ignored the vote of July 6. The ratepayers of the town have a definite knowledge of the merits and demerits of the question, and they fully realize that on your vote depends the progress or the stagnation of the town. I can give concrete instances where building operations have been suspended owing to the dilatory attitude of the council in completing annexation, for potential builders prefer to have titles rather than idle stories. I know of cases in Castledale avenue and Glenstone avenue where builders have stopped work until some assurance was forthcoming that this council would give effect to the vote of July 6. We have reached a stage when the financial standing of the town is questioned by the banking institutions, and it is absolutely imperative that the town should be linked up with the city and so share in its benefits and responsibilities. There are districts which would pay handsomely to be taken into the city, and I advise you not to let this opportunity pass."

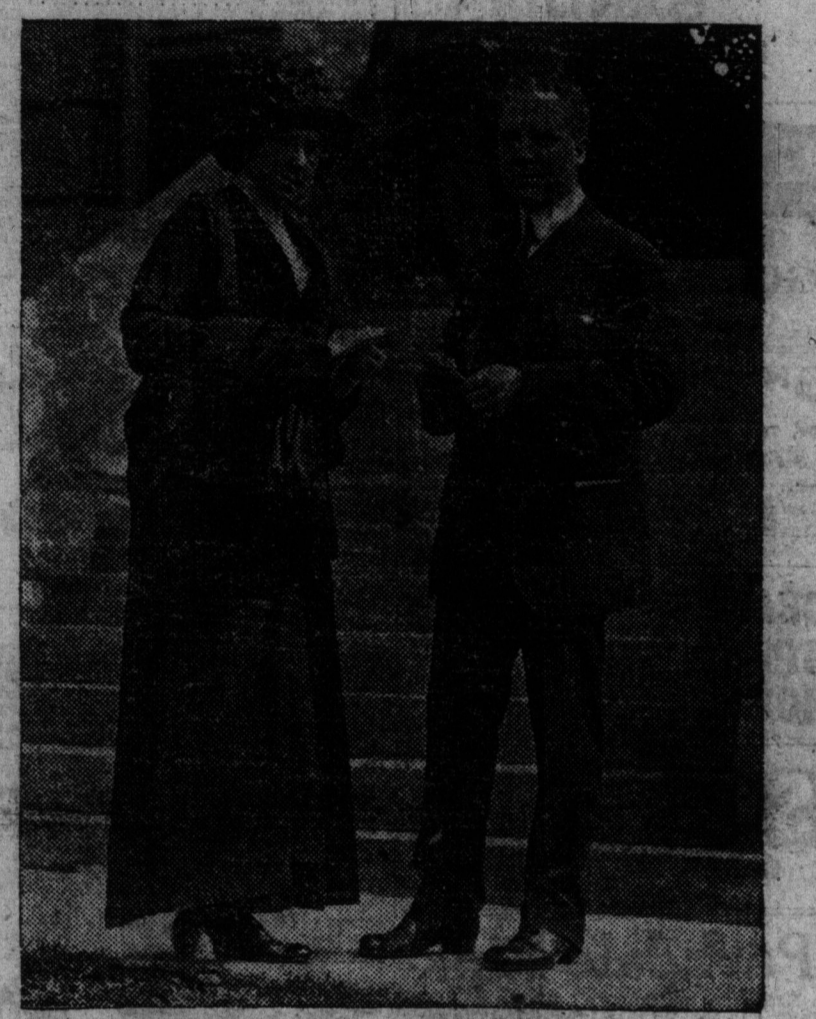
Howe is Opposed. Councillor Howe said: "I can speak with confidence as to the undesirability of being annexed to the city. Mr. Ball's

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CANADIAN MINK.

Canadian Mink is in great demand in the fashionable centres of Europe and in New York. The supply heretofore has been shipped by the Hudson Bay Company from Hudson Bay to England by its own boats, but now with the opening of the Canadian West, most of the fur comes thru Edmonton and by rail from there to the seaboard. This means that Toronto and Montreal get the first choice of the select skins where some few years ago London, England, was the distributing market. The Dineen Company, 140 Yonge street, have direct from the Northwest during the last six months. The display of garments now in the show rooms cannot be duplicated elsewhere in the world for the price.

CANADIAN PUBLIC HEALTH CONVENTION



Miss E. Dyke, superintendent of nurses of the health department, Toronto, talking to Dr. Duncan Anderson, also of Toronto, local secretary of the C. P. H. A.

Surplus Products Will Demand Wider Markets Sir Wilfrid Confident

Farmers Will Be Ruined Unless Reciprocity With United States is Adopted, He Asserts at Sturgeon Falls—Hon. Charles Murphy Makes Personal Onslaughts on Borden Cabinet Members.

(By a Staff Reporter.) STURGEON FALLS, Sept. 17.—(Special.)—The chief tendency of the speakers at Sir Wilfrid Laurier's opening meeting of his Ontario tour was to criticize the course of the present administration rather than to give an account of their own stewardship or reasons why the Liberals should again be placed in power at Ottawa. But a notable exception to this was the leader himself, who diverted the whole of the hour in which he occupied the platform to the advocacy of wider markets for the sale of Canada's future surplus supplies. He asserted with a deal of emphasis that reciprocity is not a dead issue, but that the "shallow" loyalty cry employed at the elections a year ago by the opponents of the pact resulted in a false step being taken by the electorate, from which the public will recover in the near future of its own accord, because markets must be found for Canadian products, which he anticipates will be left on the producers' hands, with results ruinous to the latter.

R. E. COOK TO REGAIN OFFICE

Printing Bureau Official, Whose Dismissal Caused Sensation, to Be Made Superintendent.

OTTAWA, Sept. 17.—(Special.)—Following the investigation conducted by the public service commission into the government printing bureau, and the scathing denunciation of the methods used by Hon. Charles Murphy, ex-secretary of state, to bring about the dismissal of R. E. Cook, the announcement made tonight after the meeting of the cabinet council, that the government would appoint an assistant superintendent of printing, is regarded as significant. The marine commission recommended the reinstatement of Mr. Cook and it is believed that he will be given the new position.

YOUNG MAN HELD FOR VETERAN'S DEATH

George Green of Owen Sound Fatally Injured While William Smith Was Engaged in Fight With Boarder—Smith Asserts Green Met Death as Result of Fall.

OWEN SOUND, Sept. 17.—(Special.)—With his head covered with bruises and cuts, George Green, aged about 70 years, a Fenian-rigid veteran, is lying dead, and William Smith, aged 22, now under arrest, may have to answer to a serious charge.

Last Thursday Smith went to the Green home on East 11th street, where he had formerly boarded, and asked to be taken in again. He was refused and thereupon attacked another boarder named Weaver.

While the fight was in progress Mrs. Green ran out and phoned for the police. When she returned she met Smith leaving the house and discovered her husband lying on the floor, bruised and insensible. She called medical aid at once and Green was removed to the hospital, where he died this morning without having recovered consciousness.

After viewing the remains the coroner's jury adjourned until Wednesday evening for a further hearing on the case.

George Green came to Owen Sound last year from Williamsford, where he had lived for many years. He was a frail old man, rather eccentric and was subject to fits. It is thought that he may have fallen down stairs and injured himself. This is the theory advanced by Smith.

ORCHESTRA PLAYS AT ALL CONCERTS

Nahan Franko Will Appear Eight Times During Musical Festival With World's Greatest Artists.

Judging from remarks heard on the street, some skepticism appears to be abroad concerning the musical festival that will mark the opening of the new Arena. The management is naturally a little resentful that it should be thought capable of playing double with the public of Toronto, whose experience has hitherto been of only occasional concerts at high prices. There is no mystery about the engagement of the greatest singers and the leading orchestra on the American operatic and concert stage, and the very moderate prices. These have been rendered possible by the seating capacity of the Arena, which permits of an audience of 7500, all of whom can listen and enjoy. When the public realizes what this magnificent auditorium means for the musical future of the city, they will require no more convincing. To correct another prevailing misconception, it may be added that the Nahan Franko Orchestra will appear at all performances.

YORK PIONEER DIED AGED 93

George Gamble, a Former Resident of Newmarket, Was Lifelong Orangeman and Conservative.

George Gamble, a highly respected pioneer of York County, died yesterday at his late residence, 19 Charles street, in his 93rd year. Mr. Gamble was a son of the late Capt. Nathaniel Gamble of Newmarket, a United Empire Loyalist. He was a life-long Conservative, an enthusiastic Orangeman, and a staunch adherent of the Anglican Church, having been a member of the Church of the Redeemer since becoming a resident of Toronto. His wife predeceased him eighteen months ago. Two daughters, both living at home, are the surviving members of the family. The funeral, which will be private, will be tomorrow afternoon to St. James' Cemetery.

Will Not Remove C.M.A. Offices

MONTREAL, Sept. 17.—(Can. Press).—After a deputation of Toronto manufacturers had talked over with some of the members of the Montreal branch of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association here this morning the proposal to move the head offices of the association from Toronto to Ottawa, the matter assumed such an aspect that it is believed the project will fall thru. Amongst the Toronto visitors were A. R. Clarke, chairman; R. D. Fairbairn, vice-chairman; F. J. M. Stewart and Frederic Nicholls.

The Toronto members objected strongly, and as they represented the bulk of the members of the association who live in Toronto and east and north of that place, their wishes were considered sufficient to veto the project. A number of the Montreal members also thought it would be better to have the headquarters in a large centre like Montreal or Toronto.

OPERATOR HELD ON SERIOUS CHARGE

Hugh Taylor, Elevator Man in Continental Life Building, Charged With Manslaughter in Connection With Death of James Robertson, Prominent Member of I.O.O.F.

Following the death of James Robertson, who was killed when he fell down the elevator shaft at the Continental Life Building at noon yesterday, Hugh Taylor, elevator operator, was placed under arrest by Detectives Newton and Wallace on a charge of manslaughter. Robertson was riding up in the elevator, according to Taylor, when he attempted to open the outside door of the shaft at the fourth floor before the car stopped. The elevator continued upward with the result that Robertson's head struck the door jam.

The man was stunned and slipped down between the car and the shaft wall, falling on an iron post at the bottom of the shaft. He was dead when picked up.

An inquest was opened in the morgue last night by Dr. Gilmore. After viewing the remains the hearing was adjourned until Sept. 24 at 8.30 o'clock. By that time Dr. Clendinning will have a post-mortem report ready.

The dead man had been treasurer of Queen City Court, I.O.O.F., for the past 32 years. He was also a Mason. Robertson was born in Scotland 58 years ago. He was well-known in real estate circles here, conducting a business on Queen street. The widow and children survive. Mr. Robertson lived at 302 McCaul street.

The funeral is in charge of H. Ellis, College street. It will take place from his late residence on Thursday afternoon to the Necropolis.

SIXTEEN KILLED IN LIVERPOOL WRECK

Fifty Others Injured When Chester to Liverpool Express Jumped Tracks and Crashed Into Station Platform—Victims in One Coach Were Cremated.

LIVERPOOL, Sept. 17.—(Canadian Press).—Sixteen persons were killed and fifty injured by the derailment this evening of the express from Chester to Liverpool at Ditton Junction. The train had passed over the long bridge spanning the Mersey and was running down the incline leading to the junction, when at the crossover points the engine jumped the rails and crashed into the buttress of a bridge spanning the line.

The coupling of the car next the engine parted and the train of nine cars sped on to the station. The leading car crashed into the platform with terrific force and was wrecked. One car was overturned and caught fire. In spite of the efforts of a fire brigade it was soon consumed. Several bodies in this car were cremated, but some of the injured were rescued from windows.

The engine driver was crushed to death between the engine and tender and the fireman had both legs broken. He was plimbed under the locomotive for two hours. Hundreds of laborers and railway employes took part in the work of rescue, while the waiting-rooms were turned into an emergency hospital.

STREET WIDENING SHOULD NOT PROCEED

G. T. Somers Says it Might Be Prudent to Drop the Subject for a Time in Order to Study Question of Diagonal Streets—Board of Trade Contentious.

G. T. Somers, president of the Toronto Board of Trade, was interviewed by the representatives of the morning papers yesterday in regard to the Teraulay street situation.

Speaking for the board of trade, Mr. Somers said: "I am satisfied there is not a member of the board but would unhesitatingly endorse the board's action, that if Teraulay street is not widened to 86 feet as a main thoroughfare, the proposition ought not to be gone on with."

"I should be sorry if it was not gone on with, but, in view of the inflated values as a result of undue publicity and hesitation on the part of the council, I can hardly hold the present council blameless; even though I am satisfied that at present values the proposition could be handled commercially so as to cover its initial cost and provide a revenue in after years."

"You say 86 feet is a necessity. Why?" "Modern transportation is by way of motor cars and in large street cars. Even freight is now handled by large auto trucks, and with less than 86 feet there is not room for adequate thoroughfare and sidewalks, and for a fast moving vehicle to pass a slow moving vehicle without interfering with street car track allowance. So that 86 feet is absolutely essential under modern conditions for any main thoroughfare."

"Do you think the council ought to let the matter drop?" "Well, it might be prudent to do so for a time, at all events for any distance farther than College street, provided expert advice is taken, without publicity, as to an alternative route, and further, as to the wisdom of first opening up diagonal streets. In my opinion the gain in time and in shorter distance by way of diagonal streets, and the saving in cost in not having to buy an established frontage, would probably work so as to save the city not only considerable money, but give them more useful thoroughfares and new frontages that would sell at a price that would more than pay for the undertaking."

"I would, of course, urge that any projected undertaking of this character should be carried on by civic officials, under expert advice, without publicity, and that every feasible route should be considered and the relative advantages of each route weighed one against the other."

WELLAND CANAL SOON TO BE STARTED

Construction Work of Huge Project to Cost \$50,000,000 Likely to Be Begun Early Next Summer, Says Superintendent Weller—Will Be Rushed to Completion.

ST. CATHARINES, Sept. 17.—(Special.)—Superintendent J. L. Weller has issued a statement to the effect that construction work on the new Welland ship canal will commence early next summer, and will occupy five years, in building. The cost will be about \$50,000,000.

Tenders will, it is expected, be called for next winter, and work will be well under way by the end of 1919. Mr. Weller's opinion is that the work is in many ways as stupendous as the Panama Canal project. It will be almost as great an engineering undertaking as regards the locks, the walls of which will be just as high as those of the Panama Canal.

The plan to be followed is that the work is to proceed at various points, and be rushed to completion. Fifty to seventy-five steam shovels and several dredges will work at different sections at the same time.

Plans for the waterway are now almost finished and will be sent to Ottawa in a short time.

Superior Music and Dancing. For those who enjoy superior music and dancing no better entertainment could be found than "The Red Rose," the musical comedy which is holding forth at the Princess Theatre this week.