

45 YEARS IN CITY'S SERVICE

H. E. Wardroper, Deputy Clerk and Common Clerk Since 1878, Still on the Job.

Herbert Wardroper has served with the City of St. John for forty-five years as deputy clerk and common clerk, having been appointed under B. Leslie Peters in 1878. He served as deputy for thirteen years and was then made common clerk. In the first days of his appointment the common clerk was judge of the city court and the police magistrate was made judge of the city court, leaving the clerk free for his city hall duties. In 1880 and 1887 changes were made in the aldermanic system of government and in 1912 the commission form was adopted but Mr. Wardroper remained through all the changes.

Of the men who formed the city council when Mr. Wardroper was appointed deputy clerk only one is living today, J. Alfred Ring, who represented Brooks Ward at that time. Of the men who were in the council at the time of the union only four remain alive: C. B. Lockhart, Brooks Ward; John Kelly and J. A. Likely, Dufferin Ward; and John Connor, Stanley Ward.

4 Burned In Flood Of Blazing Varnish

Kettles Overflow in Brooklyn Plant and Liquid is Ignited—Employes Fight Flames—Clothing of One Ablaze.

New York, July 17.—Burning varnish, a foot deep, in the mixing room of the Massey Company, Plymouth and John street, Brooklyn, gave firemen a busy hour one night last week. Four employees were sent to hospitals suffering from burns, two being injured seriously. Overheated gas kettles believe sending a flood over the floor of a one-story building in the rear of the main plant. Smoke billowing out the windows caused excitement in the neighborhood and resulted in the turning in of a second alarm, which, however, proved unnecessary. The damage was placed at \$5,000.

The injured were burned by the thick, splashing liquid when they made vain attempts to beat through the smoke and flames to turn off the gas burners under the caldrons. They were: Arthur Schelling, 38, of 8713 104th street, Richmond Hill, Queens, superintendent of the plant, who was taken to Holy Family Hospital; John Williams, 35, of 223 Nassau avenue, Brooklyn; Charles Crowley, 42, of 51 Talman street, Brooklyn; John Wamock, 23, of 119 Bridge street, Brooklyn. The last three were taken to the Cumberland street hospital. Williams and Crowley were pronounced in a serious condition. When the varnish boiled over it dived over the burning gas jets, and instantly was transformed into a flaming lava sheet, alive with flame. Schelling was in the main office when his windows were suddenly darkened by the smoke. The violent bubbling of the varnish was plainly audible, he said afterward, and caused him to mistake it at first for explosions. He organized a volunteer fire force among employees and led an attack upon the fire with chemical extinguishers and water pails.

Falling this, Schelling, with Williams and Crowley, making their faces with their arms, tried several times to enter the mixing room and turn off the gas. The varnish itself splashed over them from the kettles and surged over their shoulders, popping into their faces. They were later joined by Wamock. Williams' clothing was afire when he was rescued, and he was found to have been burned from head to foot. Crowley was in almost equally bad condition. Wamock's face and arms were scalded.

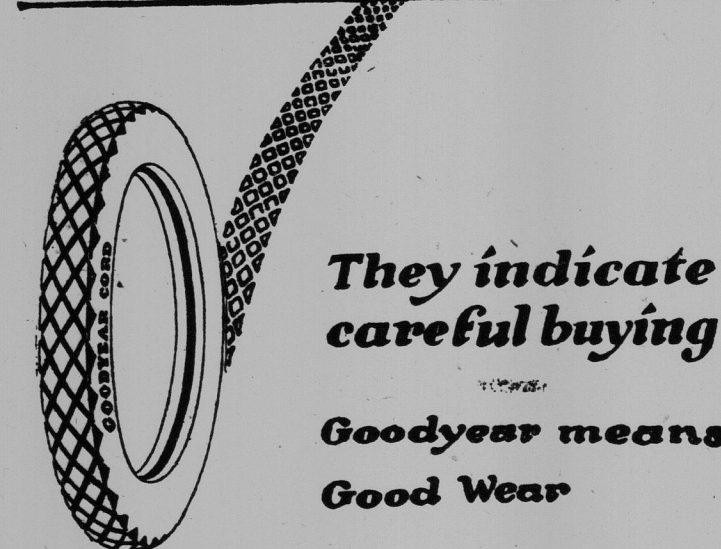
ANOTHER ELECTION IN FRANCE PRESIDENT OF THE FIRE TREES!

Paris, July 17.—To be "President of the Fire" of France entails the possession of a number of exceptional qualities, for there are in the forests of France many beautiful examples of perfect fire trees. In Jura, in the richly wooded section near Salins, stood a tree that was honored with that title—a slim, straight fir, 180 feet in height. It was about 300 years old when it was cut down after its recent sale. All the forest authorities were present at the ceremony, giving a loud whoop when the old giant fell and announcing the election of its successor with joyous trumpet blasts.

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Britton B. Cooke, Newspaperman and Author, Dies.

Gravenhurst, July 17.—Britton B. Cooke, well-known newspaperman and author and playwright of unusually brilliant promise, died last week at the Calvary Sanitarium near here. Although only thirty-five years of age, he was widely known. Last March one of his plays, "The Translation of John Smith," was presented in Toronto at the Hart House Theatre and was generally pronounced the most important dramatic staged at that playhouse.

Mr. Cooke was educated in Toronto and began his career as a writer on the staff of the Toronto Globe. He next served on the Star and later was appointed editor of the Canadian edition of "Collier's Weekly." Shortly before the war he was editor of "Maclean's Magazine." Ill-health interfered from time to time with his writing activities, but in spite of this he managed to go to England and France as a war correspondent.

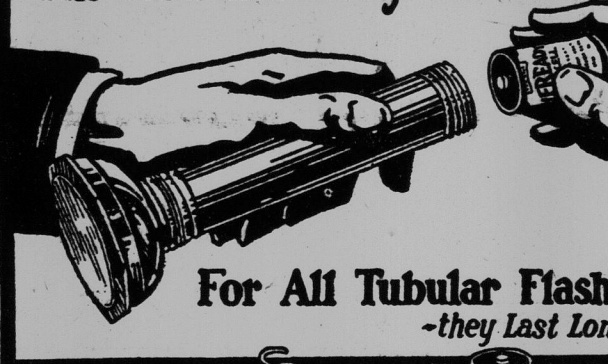
About five years ago Mr. Cooke moved to Montreal, and he had since lived at St. Lambert. It is only a few

weeks since he was removed to the Muskoka sanitarium, where he died. Mr. Cooke is survived by his wife, formerly Miss Jean Dewar of Vancouver, and two little sons and a daughter. Huckleberries grow as far north as Iceland.

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Radio To Be Tried As Anaesthetizer

Hypnotist Will Broadcast 'Powers' at Ridgewood to Patient in Park Place—A 'Wireless Chloroform.'

New York, July 17.—The possibility of anesthetizing a person by radio will be demonstrated by Joseph Dunninger, hypnotist and mind reader, who will broadcast his "supernatural powers" through the microphone at WHN station at Ridgewood, L. I., in the hope that catalepsy will overcome his subject in the radio laboratory of Science and Invention, a magazine, at 63 Park Place.

Dunninger predicts a medical use of the radio within a decade, asserting that painless and bloodless operations will be made possible, with wireless taking the place of chloroform. At a demonstration he hypnotized Leslie B. Duncan, 1,696 Broadway, a subject he has been using for a week, and as he says, caused his blood to leave one of his arms and stopping the pulse. After the air carries Dunninger's spell to the young man, if it does—some one in the room will pass a long needle through his bloodless arm.

Dunninger said he has administered hypnotic chloroform to five persons, who were unconscious while in that condition. All were bloodless and successful, he said. He would not "take a chance" with major operations, he declared, but insisted that he had cured several persons of epilepsy through thought transference.

Asked whether others who "listen in" might be hypnotized, Dunninger replied in the negative. Only those who have served as his subjects and whose eyes he has looked into will be affected, he said. When Duncan, pale, haggard and nervous, was "asleep" at the demonstrations he called out the name of a playing card on which a reporter was concentrating. Dunninger showed his mind-reading ability by adding figures which were in the mind of reporters and photographers in the room. Dunninger is chairman of the investigating committee of the magazine which is offering a prize of \$1,000 to the person who proves he can communicate with the dead. The hypnotist who has made several visits to City Hall and has read Mayor Hylan's mind says that spiritualism is impossible.

Ammunition Truck Afire; The Bursting Shells Spread Terror

North Acton, Mass., July 17.—Shrapnel exploded and cases of ammunition were discharged when a large army truck heavily loaded with ammunition and proceeding from Boston to Camp Devens, caught fire one evening last week on the state highway leading into Ayer. Terror and excitement prevailed in the district as detonations followed each other in quick succession, but no person was injured and comparatively small damage was done.

The truck was in charge of Sgt. W. H. Dwyer of Boston and four men, and was part of the ammunition train of the 101st field artillery. It was loaded with 600 shrapnel shells and 600 cases of powder ammunition. Fire, caused by a leak in the gasoline tank, which became ignited by the hot exhaust pipe, spread from the engine and set the forward part of the truck on fire. The soldiers on the truck, after calling the West Acton fire department, began the hazardous task of removing the load of explosives before the flames could reach it, but when the shells were fired they ran along the highway in both directions to warn motorists and others of the danger. Police were rushed from Concord and kept back the string of automobiles which lined up on each side of the road. One motorist abandoned his machine and disappeared along the highway on foot. Almost miraculously, only the propelling charges of the shells exploded, the fuses not having been attached, otherwise the damage might have been great with a probable loss of life. Twelve cases of powder also caught fire, but not being confined there was no explosion. Under the direction of C. D. Cram, district fire chief of West Acton, the firemen fought the blaze with chemical streams.

The cases of ammunition and shells that escaped the fire were transferred to another truck, and, with the damaged ammunition truck in tow, were taken to the camp without further mishap. Traffic was delayed more than an hour.

Support to the plan advocated by the local Board of Trade for the use of Canadian ports for Canadian trade has been promised in letters received from the Hamilton Chamber of Commerce, the Winnipeg Board of Trade and the Saskatoon Board of Trade. The Hamilton Board suggested a follow-up at the annual convention of the associated boards at Hamilton on Nov. 16 and 18.

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EARLY AUDIENCES AT
TRAGEDY ASKED TO
WATCH ONLY IN TIERS

Berlin, July 17.—Theatre-goers of the sixteenth century watched drama with great difficulty, according to a theatre programme which has come into the possession of the Braunschweig State Museum. The programme stipulates that the spectators must not laugh, "because the play is a tragedy." It also requests all persons in the first row to lie down, those in the second to kneel, those in the third to sit, and those in the fourth to stand, "so that every one can see."

Little Phyllis Groves entertained about twenty of her friends at a birthday party on Saturday afternoon at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Albert J. Weatherall, near Kane's corner. Mrs. Weatherall was assisted in her duties as host by Miss Dorothy Weatherall, Mrs. Groves and Mrs. Fitzgerald.

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Delinquent Groups In Colleges Found To Favor Easy Life

Evansville, Ill., July 17.—(Associated Press)—Too little sleep, too much play, not enough study, too much leisure; fast eating and diversified thinking are factors that devitalize students and are responsible for the "delinquent groups" found in every university, according to a report made public by Professor Delton Thomas Howard, of Northwestern University.

In Northwestern alone, out of 1,635 students in the college of liberal arts, Professor Howard has found a "delinquent group" of 265 composed of 166 men and 99 women. In other words, he points out, 16 out of every 100 students do not "pass." But delinquency

does not necessarily imply lack of intelligence, the professor found.

"No result of our study," the Northwestern professor writes, "is more significant and interesting than the discovery that the average intelligence of the so-called delinquent group is quite as high as that of the general student body."

Students found to be delinquent are put on probation at Northwestern and have to make good or be dropped from the roster. "The probationers," the investigator reports, "devote more time, as a whole, by their own confessions, to athletics, social activities, outside work, leisure, than do the freshmen; less time to sleep, campus activities, meals, classes and studies."

Among the total group of men interviewed, 15 were thought to be handicapped by "mental immaturity." Commenting on this Professor Howard remarks: "These are boys who have, for the most part, been reared under easy circumstances and who have never been required to view life seriously. Such students have a distinctly childish attitude towards their class-room work and have no intellectual interests, no definite ambitions, no sense of responsibility. In most of these cases, as might be expected, high-school preparation has been superficial and inadequate."

Illness, family troubles, and financial worries are among other causes leading to students being put on probation. Professor Howard drew attention to the comparatively high percentage of delinquent students, using his figures to illustrate the serious situation in American university life today.

An automobile, said to be going fast, knocked down a pedestrian on the Wall street bridge last night between 9 and 10 o'clock and kept steadily on its way, the driver apparently showing no interest in the outcome of the accident. Fortunately the man was not seriously hurt.

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