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## SOME STARTLING FACTS REVEALED AT CIVIC PAVEMENT ENQUIRY

Bithulthic Agent Promised Money for Influence— Says he can Furnish Other Exposures— Some Sharp Questions

The investigation into the alleged bribery and fraud in connection with the securing of a petition for a bithulthic pavement on Murray street was held in the Council Chambers last evening and proved very interesting, and some very amusing evidence came out in connection therewith.

The charge was laid by M. Houston, setting for some of the residents on the street, against Frank Goodman, a promoter for the Bithulthic Company. O. L. Lewis appeared for Mr. Goodman and the investigation was held before Ald. Bell and Austin.

The evidence showed that Goodman had offered money to some of the ratepayers on the street, in fact he admitted that he did, but he claimed that in return for the money the ratepayers were to get out and work for the pavement and thus would be paid by him for their work in furthering his interests on the street. Mr. Lewis claimed that it was not a bribe because Goodman would receive value for the money he expended and the people also would receive value in the pavement.

Mr. Houston in opening the proceedings stated that the promoter, acting for the company, gave bribes in order to get enough signatures to carry his petition, and called upon his first witness, Hector McGregor.

Hector McGregor, a resident of the street, sworn said: Mr. Goodman came to me and wanted me to sign a petition for a bithulthic pavement and offered me two cents a yard on all of the street and enough dirt to fill up the front, and I told him I would not sign any petition to hurt my neighbors. All he wanted me to do was to sign the petition and he would also give me work for my team. This was about three weeks ago. I always told him that I did not want a pavement. This was before the first petition.

To Mr. Lewis he said he had been living on the street very long and his word went pretty well with the other residents on the street. It was hard to convert him to have a pavement. He did not know that Mr. Goodman wanted him to help get other signatures.

Mr. Lewis—Did you tell Goodman that the asphalt people would give you \$230?

Witness—No, I did not.

Mr. Lewis—Did you show him a paper with \$230 written on it?

Witness—Yes.

Mr. Lewis—What did you do that for?

Witness—I wanted to get rid of him.

Mr. Lewis—Did you say anything about asphalt block?

Witness—No.

Mr. Lewis—Well, what did you show him the paper for?

Witness—I told you I wanted to get rid of him.

Mr. Lewis repeated the question re asphalt block, but witness repeated over and over again that he "wanted to get rid of him."

Chas. Moore testified that he had been offered \$20—his share of the first year's assessment on the pavement—if he would sign.

Miss Ryan said that she had been offered a free grandchild sidewalk if she would sign the petition. She signed at first and afterwards withdrew her name. This was the first petition. She did not sign the last.

Amanda Brown said an offer had been made to her son on the first petition. Mr. Goodman had told her that he would renew that offer and give her \$10 if she would sign the last petition.

Mr. Lewis—Did you sign?

Witness—No, I wouldn't sign it for the angels in Heaven.

Mr. Lewis—Consequently not for Goodman on earth (laughter).

It turned out that although Mr. Houston assured Mr. Lewis that the son had an interest in the property his name does not appear at the Registry Office. Here Mr. Houston referred to the bribery and Mr. Lewis said:

"It is not bribery, and your using that term may cause you trouble."

Mr. Houston—Bring on your trouble.

Mr. Lewis—It is not bribery.

Mr. Houston—I use the term advisedly.

Mr. Lewis—It was stated to us that opposition contractors secured the services of men and we also got the services of men to help us promote the street.

Another woman on the street said that Goodman had offered her first a good position for her husband on the electric railway, and at another time offered her \$10 if she would sign the petition. She did not sign the last petition.

Another woman said that she had been offered \$20 to sign the petition.

She was to secure another man to sign a petition for another street, however.

Frank Goodman then gave a statement and, in short, he denied everything that had been said. He claimed that in return for the money offered the people were to use their influence to get other signatures for the petition. He said McGregor had said to him at last that he, Goodman, was not in it for the asphalt block people but offered him \$230. He wanted Chas. Moore to use his influence to get the Christ Church people to sign and was willing to pay him for his work. He also wanted to pay the Brown boy for working on the street. Young Brown has been working on the street and talking up bithulthic pavement.

In referring to the woman who said she had offered to get her husband work on the electric road, he denied her evidence in toto, and said she had demanded \$10 from him. He refused and said he was surprised to find women so greedy.

Mr. Houston—There is no graft about you?

Mr. Goodman—No.

Mr. Houston—You are an honest, decent man?

Witness—Yes.

Mr. Houston—How many papers did you give?

Witness—As many as I could.

Mr. Houston repeated the question several times and received the same answer each time.

Mr. Houston—You give your word against everyone who has given evidence?

Witness—Yes.

Goodman refused to give the name of the company and denied any connection with the company. He was working on the street.

Mr. Houston—Is there any person on the second petition that has had an offer from you?

Witness—I won't deny that.

Mr. Houston—What do they receive the money for?

Witness—For influence.

Mr. Houston—Are there any fourths of the people on the street receiving money?

Witness—No; not more than ten.

Mr. Houston—What is the largest amount paid by you?

Witness refused to answer and Ald. Bell suggested that if he continued to refuse to answer questions the commission would draw their own conclusions.

Witness thought \$20 was the highest amount paid.

Mr. Houston—Did you tell Mr. Austin that if this investigation went on you would open up other public contracts and make exposures?

Witness—I told Mr. Austin and the Mayor that if this contract was stolen from me I would open up other streets and make exposures.

The Mayor told me that he would give me all the assistance possible in making exposures.

Mr. Houston—Have you good foundation?

Witness—I have good foundation.

This concluded the evidence and Mr. Lewis, in addressing the commission, claimed there was no bribery in it, because here value was being received for the money. There was nothing in the statute book to govern such a case.

Mr. Houston made a lengthy address on the second petition that has had accused all the rest of lying and called them grafters, while he was the only one telling the truth.

"If there ever was a grafter on earth that man is who says he would give any amount of money to secure the last name on a petition," said Mr. Houston.

He thought there was fraud, because people signed that petition supposing that the other people who signed would have to pay just as much as they would for the pavement. This man gives the money to the son just so that the people cannot get at him for bribery. He did not have much faith in a man who works for a company and then asks the company to repudiate him. He claimed that the petition was nullified through this man's actions.

The commission promised to consider the evidence and bring in a report at the next Council meeting.

## A GOOD SHOW

Manager Driscoll has at the Grand this week the Stoddard Stock Co., which is the best repertoire show that has played Chatham in a long time. Last night they presented a very funny comedy, "A Friend in Need," with one of the best vaudeville bills between acts that was ever seen in the Grand. The unanimous verdict of the large audience last night was, "As good as any one-night show seen at the Grand this season."

To-night the new Faust will be presented, with new specialties, and those who want a good, clean and enjoyable evening's entertainment should attend. There is no doubt but that the Opera House will be well filled.

## TORNADO IN RALEIGH TP.

Terrible Electric Wind Storm Broke Over the Township Last Evening

Buildings Unroofed, Fences Swept Away and Great Trees Slivered—Rivers of Water Fell

Little short of a tornado was the terrific storm that swept over Raleigh Township last evening, unroofing barns and buildings, carrying away outhouses, cracking off huge trees and sweeping cattle through the air like chaff. The grounds, moreover, were simply covered with water like a huge sheet.

"It was the worst storm I ever witnessed," said County Commissioner James E. Chinnick this morning, "fences were swept right across the road and limbs of trees were blown 200 feet in the air. A great deal of damage was done."

The district which suffered most severely included the Frederick farm, Mounter's slaughter house, Payne's place and George Stephens' farm. Nearly all these buildings were unroofed and the cattle in some cases blown right over fields. Woodsheds and outhouses were swept away and the fury of the wind cracked off pines sixteen inches through like matches.

The rain fell in torrents and the whole district was literally flooded for several hours. The electric storm broke in all its wildness, but fortunately no homes in the district were struck by lightning. The damage, however, from the wind and rain will be very material.

Harry Keeley, driver of Mounter's meat wagon, Thomas Lewis and Duncan Williams were out at Mounter's slaughter house at six o'clock and were preparing to come home when the storm struck them. All three men were rendered unconscious, being knocked down by the terrific wind. Both stables were completely demolished and 125 chickens destroyed. A large chicken coop was completely demolished and three barrels that were in the barn were blown through the door and carried by the wind a distance of half a mile. The three men had a very narrow escape from death.

The storm came across from the east, crossed the 6th and ripped up elm trees three feet in diameter and carried them away with it. The roof was torn from the slaughter house and an addition to it 20 feet by 40 feet was ripped up and carried away. Fences were torn and completely ruined. A horse and rig was picked up, carried in the air for 30 feet and smashed up against a torn fence. Mr. Mounter's loss will be about \$800.

John Moore, who owns a farm in Raleigh, also sustained serious damage to his property.

Reg. Pleasance was at the light-house fishing when the storm came up. Hail stones, he said, as big as hen's eggs, fell, accompanied by rain and thunder and lightning. The storm tore down fences and wind mills and took the roofs off several barns. It lasted about 15 minutes. The roof of George Stephens' barn was taken off, and Mr. Fleming's barn on the 5th was moved eight inches. Mr. Fleming also had eight apple trees destroyed.

The tornado made a clear sweep through Barr's bush and made a path through it, tearing up trees. This storm came from the south and happened about three o'clock in the afternoon. It did not reach Chatham but passed north on either side.

Chatham experienced a severe storm about six o'clock which came from the northwest and considerable damage was done in town. This storm was also accompanied by severe thunder and lightning and in many cases window glass was broken, fences and trees damaged, and telephones were damaged.

The merry-go-round, which has been causing so much amusement near the Montana House for both young and old, is not running today, being put out of business by the storm. The smokestack of the M. Wilson Cordage Company was struck and badly damaged. The lightning was very close, and W. K. Merrifield, who was at the C. P. R. crossing on King street when it happened, could feel the effects of the shock. The bolt went down the smokestack, came out the furnace door and struck a nearby telephone pole. Other damage was also done, all of a trivial character.

## SEPERATE SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

The regular monthly meeting of the R. C. Separate School Board was held last evening. Present, Messrs. Drew, Tschirhart, Pinsonneault, McDonald, Blonde and Doyle, also Rev. Father James.

In the absence of Chairman Stephens, Mr. Pinsonneault was elected chairman pro tem.

Salaries were ordered paid for the past month, and also the following accounts:

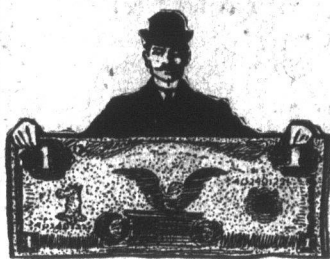
Gilbert & Co., coal, \$5.25.

W. J. Kenny, supplies.

Chatham Gas Co., coke, \$7.50.

G. W. Sulman, supplies, 50c.

The Supply committee were authorized to arrange for next season's supply of fuel.



One dollar in American money although it is foreign currency will go farther in the purchase of a Hammock at our store than the same amount of any kind of money will do at any other store in the city. We buy only the best quality of Hammocks and sell them at a smaller margin of profit. If you need a Hammock this year you might as well have one of ours and be sure of getting the worth of your money.

We have Hammocks at 50c but they are not much good.

We have Hammocks at 75c that are a little better.

We have Hammocks at \$1.50 which are good.

We have Hammocks at \$2.50 which are first class.

We have Hammocks at \$3.00, \$3.50 and \$4.00 that cannot be duplicated at the price in Canada.

Come and see us about Hammocks.

## Sulman's Beehive...

Corner of King and Sixth St.

## TWO GIRLS HIT BY TRAIN.

Watching One, Missed the Other—Both Will Die.

St. Johns, Que., June 6.—A lamentable accident occurred here last evening. Two girls, about ten years of age, daughters of Samuel Raymond and Prudent Potvin, on their way home about 5.30 p. m., halted on the C. P. R. main line crossing to allow a freight train from the east to pass on the siding. Their attention being drawn to the freight, they did not notice the local passenger train from Montreal, which came along at the same time.

One of the girls was struck by the engine and thrown against the railway platform, receiving very serious injury. The other was drawn under the engine and had both legs crushed. It is doubtful if either will survive.

Two Settlers Drowned.

Winnipeg, June 6.—Two settlers have been drowned at Shoal Lake, Manitoba.

Crazed; Tries to Kill His Wife.

Montreal, June 6.—Max Lassende is in a padded cell at police headquarters a raving maniac, as a result of attending the meeting of a French-Canadian Protestant revivalist named Mage.

Sunday night Lassende tried to kill his wife and then destroyed all the things in his house, saying that he had no further use for worldly light, heat or food.

He made an effort to kill himself before being locked up.

Eight Years in Sing Sing.

New York, June 6.—Samuel Lobley, who confessed to taking part in an alleged conspiracy by which the Equitable Life Assurance Society was induced to loan \$55,000 on a life insurance policy that had been stolen from its vaults, was sentenced to eight years in Sing Sing Prison yesterday. His share was \$10,000.

Military Camp Opening.

London, June 6.—To-day is the opening for the first of the two big camps to be held on Carling's Heights this month, and yesterday the Army Service Corps from Guelp, which arrived on Saturday, was busy in the work of preparation.

Lancaster Burglar Identified.

Montreal, June 6.—Chief of Police Stalker of Balderville, Mass., has identified the bank robber who was shot and killed by Father Meibler at Lancaster, as Alvin Wentworth, formerly a resident of that place.

Coal Propeller Ashes.

Milwaukee, June 6.—The propeller Harlan, 2,800 tons, coal laden, bound from a Lake Erie port for Milwaukee, went ashore yesterday on North Point, ten miles north of this city, during a dense fog.

Well meant advice often is taken as unfriendly criticism no matter whence it comes.