

WARDEN BUTTREY THINKS COUNTY WILL FALL IN LINE FOR JOINT BUILDINGS!

City and County Met This Morning and Had an Informal Talk in Which the Best of Feeling Prevailed—Another Session Friday.

PROSPECTS APPEAR BRIGHT NOW FOR SELECTION OF COURT HOUSE SITE

Chairman Hawkshaw Says Some Councillors Regret That the Motion for City to Pay 75 Per Cent. and County 25 Per Cent. Did Not Pass.

A two hours' conference was held at the city hall this morning between the special committee of the city council and the joint committee of the county council, relative to joint municipal buildings. No definite propositions were submitted, but it was decided to meet the county council on Friday evening, when propositions will be considered and the matter perhaps finally disposed of.

The meeting this morning was an informal talk between the representatives of the various municipalities, and the whole situation was thoroughly canvassed. Judging from the temper of the gathering, there is every prospect of the county and city getting together.

There were three different phases of the question discussed—joint buildings, including court house, jail, and municipal offices for city and county, a joint municipal building without either court house or jail, merely to accommodate the offices of the city and county, and a free site for the city on which to erect a city hall.

The county representatives took part in the discussion, and seemed to be conversant with the whole situation.

MAYOR EXPLAINS CITY'S POSITION.

Mayor Graham occupied the chair, and introduced the subject. He pointed out that the different phases should be carefully considered. The meeting would be, he said, an informal talk on the whole situation.

"We went to the county some months ago with a proposition covering the erection of buildings to replace all the structures on the court house square," explained his worship. "We offered to bear 65 per cent of the cost of these buildings, and the county 35 per cent. I am afraid the county did not realize exactly what our offer meant. We were in addition to purchase the rest of the block to make it a proper square, improve it, and erect a monument for the city as well as the county. Moreover, we were to assume the liability for the work already done in repairing the court house. That was indeed a generous offer we made. However, it was not accepted, and now we come to talk the matter over. Since we last met another phase to the question has arisen in that joint municipal buildings, without reference to court house or jail, are to be discussed as well. Some suggest a free site for a city hall alone on the court house square, but I am not particularly in favor of that, nor is the council so far as I am informed. Now we can talk the matter over informally and see what can be done."

COUNTY WILL FALL IN LINE.

"My own opinion is that the county council will fall in line with the proposition for joint municipal buildings," said Warden Buttrey. "It will be some time, perhaps not long, either, when we will have to discuss court house and jail matters, but at the present time it is my opinion that we could discuss a building for municipal offices only better than the larger proposition."

"Have the city council discussed percentages?" asked Chairman Hawkshaw. "We would like to know what proposition we are to receive from the city council. Some of the county councillors regret that the motion that the city pay 75 per cent and the county 25 per cent did not pass. I think it should have passed."

"We regretted that fact, also," answered Mayor Graham. "Had it passed we would have gone further, and I think we could have agreed on a basis of 70 per cent and 30 per cent. That would have been acceptable to the city council, and would have settled the matter."

Councillor Beach expressed the opinion that the smaller proposition would be more acceptably discussed by the council.

A Prison Farm.

"There is no question but that a prison farm will be established in Middlesex before long," he stated. "For that reason it would not be wise to consider the jail in the discussion whatever. The court house as repaired will do for some time yet. We could make use of new municipal buildings, and the county councillors will talk that over with you."

"That is all very well, but I think that the larger proposition, which would include a prison farm, should be discussed by you at this time," declared Mayor Graham. "If the court house and jail are to be built without reference to the present negotiations, you must remember that the county, not the city, will have to pay the lion's share of the cost. It will be at least on a basis of 50 per cent each. I doubt that we would pay that much. For joint buildings alone for municipal purposes, we would have to pay the major portion, as we would use it more and need much more room."

"I doubt that the county councillors will listen to the larger scheme," said Councillor Beach. "I think that idea is losing ground."



REV. DR. MCQUEEN.
New Moderator of the Presbyterian General Assembly.

JOHNSTON MAY BAR OUT POWELL

Umpire Says He Will Keep London Player Off Field in St. Thomas.

NO SUSPENSION AS YET

President Fitzgerald Had Not Been Heard From Up Till 2:30 This Afternoon.

[Special to The Advertiser.] St. Thomas, June 6.—No word has been received from President James Fitzgerald as yet of the suspension of First-Baseman Powell, of the London team, who was put of yesterday's game at Pinetree Park by Umpire "Chief" Johnson when he called Johnson names and stepped on his toes.

However, Umpire Johnson states that he will not allow Powell to play in today's game, and it is likely that Manager Bowerman will be seen at the initial corner in both games this afternoon.

While Umpire Johnson can keep Powell out of the games today is a question. He only banished him during yesterday's game, and it is doubtful whether he has the power to prevent Powell from playing today, unless acting on instructions from President Fitzgerald.

SPARLING CASE VERDICT CAUSES SURPRISE

Jury Decides Against Dr. Macgregor, But Appeal Will Be Entered.

[Special to The Advertiser.] Bad Axe, Mich., June 6.—The jury in the Sparling case, after three days' deliberation, returned a verdict of guilty against Dr. Robert Macgregor. The verdict came as a surprise to all, as it had been decided by those who heard the evidence that there was uncertainty about a disfigurement at the very least. The conviction is based upon circumstantial evidence largely. It is said that there was not one American-born citizen on the jury which brought in the verdict. The entire community seems to feel deep sympathy for the doctor and his relatives.

Mrs. Carrie Badie Sparling is now awaiting trial on a charge of murder, and it is believed that the facts adduced will throw favorable light on the connection of Dr. Macgregor with the case.

It is certain that an appeal for a new trial will be entered, and it is expected that the young physician will eventually receive complete vindication.

Protests His Innocence. "There is a God above who knows I am innocent. I am glad there is another Judge."

These were the words on the lips of Dr. Macgregor as he was led to his cell in the Huron County Jail after he had been convicted.

"Dr. Macgregor is the coolest man in Huron County today said the sheriff this morning. When I went up to take him his clothes, he was sleeping peacefully."

No hint has been given by the judge as to the time sentence will be pronounced. It was reported this morning that the prisoner would hear the sentence this afternoon, but the rumor was discounted.

The Case Against Mrs. Sparling. Prosecutor Boomhower has announced that Mrs. Sparling will surely be tried, but her case probably will not be called until fall.

The case of the people against Margaret Gibb, the nurse who is charged with being an accessory after the fact, will be placed on the docket at the next term of court, according to Mr. Boomhower, but the charge against her will not be pressed if she gives the prosecution all the information regarding the Sparling case which she possesses.

Reports differ among the jurymen as to the number of ballots taken in the court room of the prisoner's guilt. One of the jurors said that two ballots were taken, the first resulting in a vote of ten to two for conviction and the second resulting in the unanimous vote. Three ballots were taken, according to another report, the first standing nine to three for conviction, the second ten to two, and the third twelve for conviction.

THOS. WILKINSON DEAD. Brockville, June 6.—Thos. Wilkinson, a leading citizen of Brockville for more than half a century, died today at an advanced age. He was one of the founders of the Brockville Gas Company in 1853, afterwards becoming general manager, which he held until the plant was taken over by the town in 1900. He also established the Central Canada Coal Company, of which he was president. He was well known as a currier. His wife, four sons and a daughter survive.

BALLPLAYERS HAD CLOSE CALL WHEN AXLE OF AUTO BROKE

Accident to Manager Bowerman's Car on St. Thomas Hill.

[By Our Own Man.]

St. Thomas, June 6.—Manager Frank Bowerman, of the London baseball team, and three of his players—Cocash, Powell and Fursedon—had a miraculous escape from serious injury yesterday afternoon, when the rear axle of Bowerman's automobile broke as they were coasting down a long hill just north of St. Thomas. One of the wheels fell off, and the car swerved

into a ditch, throwing Manager Bowerman and Cocash out. A slight ridge prevented the car from tumbling down an embankment. None of the party were seriously injured, although badly shaken up. The car was only travelling about 20 miles an hour at the time and the foot brake was on. When the broken axle was examined after the accident it was discovered that there had been a break in it for some time.

A car from a St. Thomas garage arrived on the scene shortly after the accident and assisted the party in, besides the axle, the brake rode of the car were also broken.

MONTREAL PROTESTANT COLLEGES MAY COMBINE THEIR FORCES

Proposal Was Presented to London Methodist Conference By Principal Smythe—Rev. A. J. Langford Elected President of Theological Union—Prof. Duxbury Addresses Convention.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

St. Thomas, Ont., June 6.—The morning session of the London District Methodist Conference was largely given up to a recital of the Book of Revelations by Prof. John Duxbury, of the School of Eloquence, Manchester, England. Mr. Duxbury's reading and interpretation met with much applause.

The annual meeting of the Theological Union resulted in the election of the following officers, President, A. J. Langford, secretary, Rev. R. Fullerton Irwin, Rev. W. L. Hiles, Harrow, was chosen as lecturer for

next year to succeed Rev. Mr. Langford.

Rev. Principal Smythe, of Wesley Avenue Theological College, Montreal, addressed the conference for a few minutes on behalf of that institution. He announced that a plan had been evolved by means of which the four Protestant colleges of Montreal might combine forces, each getting the benefit of the best minds on the faculties of the other schools, while retaining its own individuality. The conference heartily endorsed Principal Smythe's address and expressed continued confidence in the work of the seminary.

TWENTY-SIXTH REGIMENT WILL MARCH FROM LUCAN CROSSING

Middlesex Corps Will Have a Special Train Part of Way to Goderich.

Mr. J. C. Crombie, master of transportation of the Grand Trunk, spent some time this morning conferring with the officers of No. 1 militia division, regarding the moving of the troops of Western Ontario to the Goderich camp.

The city regiments from London, Woodstock and St. Thomas will go up

on Sunday, June 23, and will all be sent through this city. Chatham and Windsor are due on June 24, and may be turned north on the London, Huron and Bruce from Hyde Park. However, if the weather conditions are unsuitable, it may be necessary to bring the trains to London for ice and water.

The Twenty-sixth Regiment is to have a special train to Lucan Crossing on June 17, and will march from that point to the camping grounds, and then perform along the lines of actual service. The Grey's Horse, the First Hussars and the other rural regiments are to be moved on June 17 also.

REV. J. E. FORD OF CLINTON LOOKS LIKE NEW PRESIDENT

[Special to The Advertiser.]

St. Thomas, June 6.—The elections are in progress this afternoon, and the opinion is strong among the delegates that Rev. J. E. Ford, of Clinton, will

be the new president of the conference. It is known that Mr. Ford has received a very large vote, and there appears no doubt of his election.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY DEBATE COLLEGE FOR SASKATOON

Great Reception Accorded the New Moderator, Rev. Dr. McQueen.

[Canadian Press.]

Edmonton, Alta., June 6.—The work of all the colleges of the church is being considered by the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church today. Seven institutions sent in reports and arrangements have been made to secure from the assembly permission to create a new one at Saskatoon.

Matters in connection with the colleges relate chiefly to those in the West, where changes are taking place in the teaching staff.

No successor will be named by the assembly to Rev. Dr. Patrick, the late principal of Manitoba College. The board of management of the college will be given power to make the appointment.

A similar action will be taken in connection with the appointment of a professor at Robertson College, Edmonton. There is some difference of opinion among the delegates with reference to the creation of a new college at Saskatoon.

Queen's University.

The committee appointed to meet the trustees of Queen's University makes a report concerning the sever-

ance of the tie which formerly bound that institution to the church, and indicates that all was done in accordance with the wishes expressed by the assembly. The theological college at Queen's reported a very successful year at that institution.

The New Moderator. The election of Dr. McQueen as moderator of the assembly is greeted with much pleasure by the citizens of Edmonton, as well as by the members of the assembly. The warmth of the assembly, the theological college at Queen's reported a very successful year at that institution.

The various committees of the assembly commenced work at 9 o'clock this morning. Twenty-two minutes of other charges are asking to be received in the communion of the Presbyterian body, and 26 infirm ministers are asking leave to retire. Mention has been made of the great loss sustained during the year by the death of ministers and elders of the denomination, and for one of them, Dr. Robert Murray, of Halifax, it is proposed to create a public memorial. Dr. Murray was for more than 50 years editor of the church paper of the Maritime Provinces, and was commonly known as the author of the hymn, "From Ocean Unto Ocean." Special reference was made by the retiring moderator last night to the lamented death of the late Principal Patrick, who was for a number of years a most prominent member of the court.

LONDON MEN GET POSTOFFICE JOBS

Messrs. Spry and Ruse Are Named for Positions at G. T. R. Depot.

Mr. J. L. Spry, of 49 Palace street, a machinist at Wortman & Ward's, and Mr. Charles E. Ruse, printer, of 283 Maitland street, have been appointed by the Postoffice Department to have charge of the local postoffice branch at the G. T. R. depot, which is to be reopened on Monday next.

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SPRINGBANK PARK IS MECCA OF SCHOOL CHILDREN OF LONDON

Thousands of Happy, Singing Little Ones Carried on Scores of Special Cars Down the River for the Annual School Picnic—Big Programme of Sports.

Springbank Park is the Mecca of all the Collegiate and public school children in the city, and over 6,000 youngsters are now having the time of their lives at the annual school picnic.

However, it brightened during the morning, and at noon, it was an extremely pleasant day.

Weather Not Ideal.

It was cloudy during the early portion of the afternoon, but there is no chance of rain, and as a result, the play of the youngsters will not be interfered with.

This picnic always furnishes great amusement for the youngsters. The prize lists are generous, and with scores of children for every event, the races are keenly contested.

So far no accidents have been reported. The teachers are in charge of each class, and the greatest of care is being taken to prevent any such occurrences.

"Everything is going along finely," declared Inspector Edwards. "The children were taken down in good time, and without mishap. The weather is good, and the arrangements perfectly satisfactory. I am satisfied with the day so far."

DUCHESS OF CONNAUGHT WELL ON ROAD TO CONVALESCENCE

Doctors Issue Optimistic Bulletin—Duke Visits the Royal Patient.

[Canadian Press.]

Montreal, June 6.—That the Duchess of Connaught is now well on the road to convalescence is indicated by the bulletin issued at ten o'clock this morning by the doctors attending her royal highness after a conference at the Royal Victoria Hospital this morning.

tending the duchess has now been augmented by the presence of Dr. W. F. Hamilton, a prominent local specialist on women's diseases and nervous troubles.

The bulletin follows: "Her Royal Highness the Duchess of Connaught passed a fairly good night, and is making as satisfactory progress towards recovery as can be expected. Dr. W. F. Hamilton has been called in consultation. (Signed), E. S. Worthington, M. D., A. E. Garrow, M. D., W. W. Chipman, M. D."

The duke visited the hospital this morning and stayed for a couple of

The forces of medical advisers at hours.

TO FORM A HUMANE SOCIETY

There will be a meeting in the board of trade rooms on Friday evening to organize a Humane Society.

For some time there has been a society in connection with the Charity Organization Society, but it is the intention now to work on more independent lines, so the meeting is called to make the arrangements necessary for the organization and secure funds.

An active campaign to prevent cruelty to animals will be undertaken. For this purpose an independent inspector will be appointed.

\$8,455 FOR THE HOSPITAL BUT FUND IS STILL SHORT

Contributions Are Still Coming in and More Is Urgently Needed.

Much-appreciated contributions still continued to come into the fund being raised for the improvements required in that ward of Victoria Hospital in which malignant diseases are treated, and the trustees have pleasure in acknowledging the following:

Previously acknowledged \$7,935 00
Wm. J. Wright 10 00
M. Hornstein 5 00

Geo. C. Gunn 25 00
A. Friend 25 00
Charles Chapman Company 10 00
Thomas Bryan 25 00
Anonymous 50 00
G. N. W. Telegraph 25 00
Dr. Hadley Williams 20 00
Bell Telephone Company 100 00

\$8,455 00

The fund is still considerably short of the amount required, however, and the trustees hope that the generosity of those friends of the hospital, from whom they have not yet heard, will enable them to eventually realize their needs for this purpose.

BELAYED EACH OTHER WITH THEIR LANTERNS

A Vicious Fight in a Caboose On the Pere Marquette Railway.

A fight between two Pere Marquette brakemen who became involved in an argument in their caboose on a siding here about midnight was reported to the police, together with the information that both of the men, whose names were given as Mike O'Toole and J. A. Millen, had been somewhat seriously injured in the exchange of blows.

Dr. Hugh A. Stevenson was also summoned, and fixed up a couple of cuts on the head of Millen, while O'Toole departed for Victoria Hospital with a felled leg. Later he was found on the street, but since then nothing has been heard of him. It is understood that he left this morning for his home at St. Thomas.

According to the story of other railroaders both men had been friendly, but a row started in some manner in the caboose, and before Conductor Harry Norman, of 113 Colborne street, could interfere, each was belaying the other with his lantern.

When O'Toole was found in a weakened condition with blood oozing from his head it was thought that he was dying. Later he was taken to the hospital, but there was no ground for such fears.

CANOE UPSET.

Portage La Prairie, Man., June 6.—Sidney Hercol, of Winnipeg, and Graham Paisley, of Portage, were drowned when their canoe upset today in the Assiniboine River.

SEVERAL KILLED BY WRECK IN ROCKIES

A Serious Accident Is Reported On Mountain Division of Canadian Pacific.

[Canadian Press.]

Winnipeg, Man., June 6.—A very serious wreck is reported on the main line of the C. P. R. in the mountains. Several passengers are among the dead, it is said. All wire communication with the coast has been broken. No statement has yet been issued by the headquarters at Winnipeg.

IMPROVEMENTS MADE AT VICTORIA PARK

Commissioners Heard Report of Superintendent Dilger.

The parks commissioners held their first meeting since organization this morning, and talked over matters in general.

Mr. W. Dilger, parks superintendent, was present, and informed the commissioners what had been done up to date. The boulevard at Victoria Park had been removed, and the cannon placed on permanent foundations. Satisfactory progress was being made in other matters. Plans for a lavatory on Victoria Park were being prepared.

Those present at the meeting were Mr. John Murr, chairman, W. E. Saunders, W. W. Gammar, Emery B. Hamilton and Mr. William Dilger.