WHEW! BUT THE TALK IS HOT

Where Will Mayor Macdonald and Controller Spence Wind Up Some of These Days?

FIXING FEES FOR ARCHITECTS

Who Will Supervise the Construction of the New St. Lawrence Market—That Gas Company Suit.

At the meeting of the Board of Control yesterday morning the St. Lawrence Market agreement, as revised, came up for consideration. Mr. Siddall was agreeable to the conditions contained in it regarding the appointment of an associate architect, and was prepared then and there to sign it, but Ald. Spence first wanted to have a few words to say about it. The agreement did not quite suit him, and he wanted some changes made. His eloquence so wearied his Worship that he said Ald. Spence that they would give him anything he wanted if he would only sit down. Ald. Spence, tho, expressed his determination to remain upon his feet until he was there.

The Mayor: I guess we'll have to grip and bear it, then.

Where I But It Does Get Hot!

Ald. Spence next addressed himself to Corporation Counsel Fullerton, asking him to explain a point in the agreement that was not quite clear to him, but the Mayor did not like this sort of business. "We want the information as fast as you do," he said, "and in future if you wish to ask questions Mr. Fullerton you must do so thru the chair."

Ald. Spence: Mr. Mayor, will you ask Mr. Fullerton—Oh, nonsense! Mr. Fullerton, will you tell me—

"Stop that!" the Mayor fairly exclaimed, banging his fist down. "I won't have you asking Mr. Fullerton directly, while this board is in session."

In a Worship then enquired what architect's name would be in the agreement to associate himself with Mr. Siddall.

Ald. Spence: Is it fair for to put in a man's name and settle the matter without consulting him?

Ald. Sheppard: The architect is not obliged to accept it.

This did not satisfy Ald. Spence, who still insisted that it would not be right to send a man's name on to Council without first consulting him.

Fixing Architects' Fees.

This phase of the question was then dropped, and the Mayor suggested that the remuneration part of it be settled after best consulting Mr. Siddall.

Mr. Siddall's solicitor thought that the architect should be given a lump sum, say not to exceed $1500.

Ald. Sheppard: I move that a sum not to exceed $2500 be given as the fee. I'll tie something in this matter.

Ald. Spence voted against the motion, and, after it was passed, started to argue the question again, and brought down the wrath of the Mayor upon his head.

"Order! Ald. Spence!" His Worship cried. "The question is settled. You have no right to reopen it."

Ald. Spence: I have a very important statement to make, and I want to be heard, and will therefore move that the architect's remuneration be placed at $3000.

The Mayor (warmly): I would like to ask the Council to strike your name out this Board of Control. I am simply sick and tired of your altogether.

Ald. Spence did not reply to this last retort of the Mayor's, but whether inadvertently or not, he again begun directly addressing Mr. Fullerton, instead of thru the Mayor. His Worship was angry than ever at this breach of etiquette, and his severe rebuke drew forth the remark that it was pleasant at times to speak to a gentleman. The Mayor admitted this, and said he wished he had an opportunity of conversing with one now and again.

A motion by Ald. Sheppard that an architect's name be inserted in the agreement, but that a copy of the agreement be sent to prominent architects, carried, and settled the question for the time being. The agreement was approved of by the board, and the appointment of an architect will be taken up at a meeting to be held next Friday.

To Inspect the Plumbing.

A letter was read from Bigrar, Samuel & Co., asking for permission to inspect the plumbing at the new City Hall. The request was granted.

An Old Story.

The Controllers next occupied themselves for some time with discussing the estimates of the Board of Works. Nothing was done, but the Mayor and Ald. Sheppard reprimanded the City Engineer and City Treasurer because the money voted last year had not been expended upon the particular work for which the appropriation was made.

That Gas Company Suit.

The City Solicitor and Corporation Counsel waited upon the Attorney-General, Mr. Gibson, yesterday morning. In regard to the city's case against the Gas company, and the request that the Attorney-General become a party to it. The city's representatives were instructed to draft legislation that would be suitable in the case of municipalities, so that in future it would not be necessary for any corporation to request the Government to become a party to a suit.

THE MOULDERS' STRIKE.

Review of the Situation at the Massey-Harris Company, as Explained by the Men.

The trouble that caused the walk-out of the moulders of the Massey-Harris works two weeks ago has brought about by the company breaking an agreement made by the moulders with the firm last March, providing that no more apprentices would be employed until the proportion should be one apprentice to eight moulders. This agreement the company broke. They also put laborers to work on moulding machines. The men appointed a committee to wait on the management. The superintendent was seen several times and the grievances explained, but no satisfaction was given them. They then requested the International officers to assist them. The International vice-president then interviewed the manager and superintendent, and used every means to effect a peaceable settlement, but without avail. Since quitting work the committee has on several occasions waited on the firm, but received no satisfaction. The superintendent has asked several men in other departments to take the moulders' places, but they refused, believing that it would not be right to do so. They were then discharged. In some cases the moulders have had to pay their board until they secured work elsewhere. Owing to the firm not getting work made satisfactorily in the moulding shop, they have been laying off men in other departments nearly every day since the strike.

Things now look hopeful for the moulders, as, according to a telegram from Brantford, the moulders in the Massey-Harris works in that city quit work yesterday morning in sympathy with the Toronto moulders. They have been trying to bring about a settlement in behalf of the Toronto men.

"On the Veldt."

The authorities of Ryerson School have decided to repeat their cantata "On the Veldt," in the Pavilion, on Friday, March 2nd, and to devote one half of the gross proceeds to the Patriotic Fund. Any seat in the house may be reserved at 25c. The cantata was first given in Ryerson School on Saturday last, from 9 to 12 a.m. and on succeeding school days, from 4 to 5 p.m. Present indications are that the seats will go even more rapidly than they did for the initial performance.

CHIEF THOMPSON IS IN BED

And Investigation of the Charges Sent Before the Judge Has Been Postponed.

COUNSEL RITCHIE'S OBJECTION

That the Charges Did Not Come Within the Law Was Overruled by Judge McDougall.

His Honor Judge McDougall yesterday opened the investigation into the charges against Mr. John Thompson, chief of the Fire Brigade, for alleged interference in the municipal elections. Mr. E. E. A. DuVernet appeared on behalf of the city, while Mr. Charles H. Ritchie, Q.C., represented Chief Thompson.

Soon after the judge took his seat, Mr. Ritchie entered a protest against the whole proceedings. He argued that the matter referred to Judge McDougall by the City Council, so far as the position of Chief Thompson was concerned, did not come within the section of the Municipal Act upon which action was taken for the institution of the present investigation. One Walter Langdon had made declaration that Chief Thompson had interfered in the municipal elections of the past two years, and upon this the City Council had appointed a worthy city official before a county judge, which, at the worst, was a mere breach of the Council's own regulation, and it was the Council's duty to enforce them.

Mr. DuVernet, in reply, declared that any case in which the interests of good government were at stake was a proper subject for judicial enquiry.

His Honor agreed with Mr. DuVernet, and held that the investigation comes clearly within the scope of the statute. Mr. Ritchie submitted that if that was His Honor's decision it would be impossible for him to go on to any event at present. Chief Thompson had been too ill to give instructions, and is still confined to his bed, under the care of Dr. Bull. When the court resumed after luncheon, Mr. Ritchie pressed for a week's adjournment, and it was granted.

FOUGHT FOR A CROSSING.

Five Hundred Men of the General Electric Railway in Chicago Battled With Railroaders.

Chicago, Feb. 20.—Five hundred men employed by the General Electric Railway Company fought last evening with employes of the Western Indiana Railroad Company for the possession of the Dearborn-street crossing of the railroad company's tracks at Fifteenth-street. A dozen men were severely injured while fighting, and two others were dangerously hurt as a result of the wrecking of 14 cars of junk on the crossing by the railroad company. The wounded men were spirited away by their employers.

The trouble was started when word was received during the day that the Supreme Court of the State of Illinois had reversed the decision of the Appellate Court, and dissolved the injunction which for more than a year has kept the General Electric Company from crossing the Western Indiana tracks at Fifteenth-street. Immediately the management of the General Electric went ahead to secure possession of the crossing.

BAD EFFECTS OF WHISKEY.

Chaplain Wells Says Whiskey Has Sent More U. S. Soldiers to the Grave Than Bullets.

New York, Feb. 20.—Chaplain F. M. Wells of the First Tennessee Infantry, U.S.V., who lately returned from the Philippines, is in the city. In a talk about the bad effects of whiskey on the American soldiers in Manila, he said:

"Before the Americans went to Manila there were only three places in Manila where liquor could be bought. Now there are over 400 places. There are two thousand soldiers in Manila, and whiskey has sent more of our soldiers to the grave than Filipino bullets. For that reason I am trying to abolish the canteen. I never saw so much liquor on a Mississippi steamboat—and I have traveled on a good many—as I saw on the transport Indiana, on which I returned. I am not criticizing the Administration, but I think if the extent of the liquor traffic in the Philippines could be realized it would be stopped."

Canadian Patriotic Fund.

The treasurer of the Toronto Branch of the Canadian Patriotic Fund Association acknowledges receipt of the following subscriptions: Col. Sweny personal subscription, $250; Dominion Bank, $36, covering the following subscriptions received by the Winnipeg branch of the bank: Mrs H A Higginson, $2; M S Bogert, $5; W D McDougall, $2.50; W C Armstrong, $1; Whaley, Royce & Co., $2; E J Blatt, $1; F S Steele, $1; H Warren, $1; Archibald McLaren, $2; Mrs W C Richardson, $2; J Bakovske, $1; F J Patton, $5; T D Ross Gee, $1; F Barron, $1; E W Hamber, $1; J A Little, $1; F B Nevio, $1; K C Bedson, 50c; H W Husband, $3.

Prominent Midlander Dead.

Midland, Ont., Feb. 20.—Mr. Morgan R. Gladstone, a prominent citizen of this town, died to-day after a month's illness, which resulted from a fall. Deceased was in his 81st years. He was born in Essex, England, and came to this country some years ago, taking up his residence in Essex Township. Sixteen years ago he moved to this town, where he held the position of collector and assessor up to his last illness. He leaves a widow and two sons and three daughters: Mr. J. Gladstone of Toronto, Harry of Argyle, the daughters residing at home. He also leaves a brother, who resides here,' T. B. J. Gladstone.

B.B.B.
Better than Doctors.

Mrs. John Brown, Melboro', P. Q., made the following statement: "I suffered nearly twenty years with costiveness and headache and could get no relief from physicians. I then tried Burdock Blood Bitters.

I took in all three bottles, which entirely cured me, so that my bowels have been quite regular ever since."

B.B.B. not only permanently cures constipation and sick headache, but also such allied ailments as nausea, sick stomach, biliousness, coated tongue, liver complaint, pimples, blotches and all blood humors.

WHAT THERE IS IN VIRTUE.

Engineer Obalski Has Been Out in Idaho to Find Out the True State of Affairs.

Montreal, Feb. 20.—(Special.)—Mr. Obalski, chief mining engineer of the Province of Quebec, returned to-day from Silver City, Idaho, whither he had gone on an interesting mission some time ago. The more conservative holders in Virtue mine expressed a desire to see continued the rescue report of Mr. Thurston, the American engineer, as well as that of the engineer in charge, so they suggested that Mr. Obalski be sent west to look over the property, and this evening he states that he found the "Cumberland," all and even more than it had been represented. There are 50,000 tons of ore blocked out ready for the mill, which will be ready in April, and a conservative estimate places the value of the ore at $50 per ton. The North Star will be listed this week on the Montreal and Toronto stock exchanges.

A Jump in Virtue.

Over 800 shares of Virtue sold in Montreal yesterday, the stock taking a jump as high as 80, an advance of 11 points, not receding to 7¾ bid on the Stock Exchange with 78 asked.

Montreal Mining Exchange.

Montreal, Feb. 20.—(Special.)—Sales on the Mining Exchange to-day were: Morning board: Payne, 700, 300, 500 at 721; Winnipeg, 2000 at 19; Montreal-London, 100 at 26, 500 at 26½; Slocan Sovereign, 500 at 32; Deer Trail Cons. 1000 at 95, 4000 at 9; Republic, 700 at 98; Virtue, 2000 at 71, 1000 at 72, 500 at 72, 500 at 73, 1000 at 73½, 2000 at 73, 500 at 74½, 200 at 74½, 2000 at 71½, 500 at 71½, 500 at 73½, 300 at 74, 500 at 74, 3000 at 73½, 3000 at 75, 500 at 76.

Afternoon board: Republic, 1000 at 97, 500 at 98; Montreal-London, 1000 at 27; Slocan Sovereign, 1000 at 32; Payne, 200 at 720; Virtue, 500 at 73½, 500 at 73, 500 at 75, 4000 at 73, 1500 at 76½, 500 at 76, 500 at 75.

Deer Trail Consolidated Dividend.

At a meeting of the directors of the Deer Trail Consolidated Mining Company, Limited, held at the company's office to-day, the regular monthly dividend of one-quarter of one per cent. per share was declared, payable on March 1 to stockholders of record on March 1.

Standard Mining Exchange.

	Morning.		Afternoon.	
	Ask.	Bid.	Ask.	Bid.
Ontario				
Alice A. (Am.Can.)	5	3	5	4
Bullion	40		40	
Empress	1½		1½	
Golden Star	21	19½	21	19½
Hammond Reef	25	20	25	20
Olive	...	67	70	67
Trail Creek				
Big Three	7¼	6¼	7¾	6½
B. C. G. F. Sys.	35	27¾	33	27¾
Deer Trail Con.	9½	8½	9½	8½
Deer Park (assess.)	2		2	
Evening Star	4½	2	4½	2
Iron Mask	80	45	45	53
Mont. G. F.	9¾	8¾	9¾	8¾
Monte Cristo Con.	4	3½	4	3½
Northern Belle Con.	...	4½	...	4½
Novelty	3	2	3	2
St. Elmo	...	2	...	2
Victory-Triumph	4	3	4	3
Virginia (assess.)	4½	3	4½	3
White Bear	...	3½	...	3¼
War Eagle	157	150	158	154
Centre Star	140	125	140	125
Republic Camp				
Republic	98	90	98	94
Jim Blaine	22	19	22	19
Lone Pine	16	14	16	14½
Insurgent	8½	5	8½	6
Black Tail	12	10	9	8
Princess Maud (as.)	8	6	8	6
Camp McKinney—				
Cariboo	53	37	50	40
Minnehaha	11	8	11	9½
Waterloo	10	6	...	8
Boundary Creek and Kettle River—				
Knob Hill	80	...	75	...
Old Ironsides	100	...	100	...
Rathmullen	5	4½	5½	4½
Brandon & G. C.	21	18	21	18
Morrison	...	3	5	4
Winnipeg	...	20	20	19
Big (Ore Demon)	20	16	20	16
Nelson and Slocan—				
Van Anda(Tex.Isl.)	33	29	33	29
Crow's Nest Coal.	$35	...	$35	...
Dardanelles	...	5	6	4½
Noble Five	13	8	13	9
Payne	...	121	116	122	118
Rambler Cariboo	49	42	43	40
Fairview Camp—				
Fairview Corp.	3	2½	3½	2½
Cariboo District—				
Cariboo Hydraulic	...	100	...	100
Miscellaneous—				
Van Anda(Tex.Isl.)	4%	3%	4	3%
Gold Hills	4	2½	4	2½
Deer Trail No. 2	...	110	...	110
West.Canada	60	40	60	50
Virtue	72	68	80	70
North Star	...	115	110	115	110

Morning sales: War Eagle, 100, 150 at 156; Van Anda, 500 at 4c; Deer Trail, 500, 500 at 8½; White Bear, 1000 at 3½; Van Anda, 500, 500, 500 at 3½; Golden Star, 500, 500 at 19½. Total sales, 7750 shares.

Afternoon sales: Alice A, 500, 500 at 4; Big Three, 1000, 1000, 1000, 1000, 1000, 1000, 1000 at 6½; White Bear, 2000 at 2¾; Princess Maud, 500 at 7; Minnehaha, 500 at 9½; Van Anda, 500, 500, 500, 1000 at 3½; Deer Trail, 2000 at 6. Total sales, 16,000 shares.

Toronto Mining Exchange.

	Morning.		Afternoon.	
	Asked.	Bid.	Asked.	Bid.
Alice A.	...	6	3½	7½
Athabasca	62	56	62	56
B. C. Gold Fields	38½	4	2¾	4¾
Big Three	7½	6½	7½	6½
Black Tail	9	10	9	10
Brandon & G. C.	24	15	25	15
Butte & Boston	4½	3	4½	3
Bullion	43	32	43	35
Canadian G.F.S.	4½	4½	4½	4
Cariboo McK.	81	77½	83	78
Cariboo Hydraulic	...	100	...	100
Centre Star	136	130	140	135
Crow's Nest	$340	$30	$38	$30
California	11	9	11	9
Dardanelles	9	5	9	5
Deer Trail No. 2	10	...	10	...
Dundee	11	15	11	15
Evening Star	8½	7½	8½	7½
Fairview Corp.	5	2½	5	2½
Giant	10	5	10	5
Golden Star	21	19½	21	19½
Gold Hills	5	4½	5	4½
Giant	5	4½	5	4½
Hammond Reef Con.	25	19	25	19
Iron Mask (assess.)	50	45	50	45
Jim Blaine	20	15	20	18
Knob Hill	80	70	80	70
Lone Pine Surprise	16	15	17	15
Minnehaha	12½	8½	12½	10
Monte Christo	4	3½	4	3½
Montreal Gold Fds.	8	6	8	6
Montreal-London	27½	25½	27½	25½
Morning Glory (as.)	6	2½	4½	2½
Morrison	4½	3	4½	3
Mountain Lion	38	33	38	35
Noble Five	10½	7½	10	7½
Novelty	110	110	112	108½
Okanagan	3	2½	3	2½
Old Ironsides	100	...	100	...
Olive	...	67	70	67
Payne	123	118	124	119
Princess Maud (as.)	8	6	8	6
Rambler Cariboo	45	42	49	42
Rathmullen	5	4½	5½	4½
Republic	97	94	97	95
St. Elmo (assess.)	3	2	3	2
Smuggler	4	3	4	3
Van Anda	3½	...	3½	...
Victory-Triumph	4	3	4	3
Virtue	74	69	77	72
War Eagle Con.	158	154	162	156
Waterloo	10	6	10	8
White Bear	3½	3	3½	3
Winnipeg	...	18	20	19

Morning sales: Black Tail, 500 at 9½; Deer Trail, 500, 500 at 8; Lone Pine, 1000 at 15½, 500 at 15½; Minnehaha, 500 at 10; Monte Cristo, 500 at 4; Montreal-London, 500 at 26; Dardanelles, 1000, 5000 at 9; Carboo, 1000 at 104½; Deer Trail, 500 at 9½.

Afternoon sales: B.C.G.F., 500 at 3; Deer Trail, 500, 500 at 8½, 500 at 8; Gold Hills, 5000 at 4½; Montreal-London, 500 at 26; Dardanelles, 1000, 5000 at 9; Republic, 1000 at 96; Victory-Triumph, 500 at 3; White Bear, 400 at 3; Centre Star, 500 at 130; Deer Trail, 500 at 9½.

BRITISH STEAMER SANK.

The Restormel Went Down in Delaware River With Grain for South Africa.

Philadelphia, Pa., Feb. 20.—The British steamer Restormel, which was ready to sail from this port with a cargo of wheat for Limerick, Ireland, sunk in the Delaware River, off Knight's Point, N.J., late last night. Considerable mystery surrounds the sinking of the vessel, as it is reported that the grain was to be forwarded eventually to South Africa. The steamer had nearly 10 feet of water in her forehold when the first mate discovered that the vessel was settling. To-day the steamer was dragged from midstream to the New Jersey flats, where she now lies with 10 feet of water in her forehold.

William Wicke is Dead.

New York, Feb. 20.—William Wicke, the pioneer in the refrigerating car business, is dead, at his home in Brooklyn, at the age of 80 years.

The Canadian Freight Agents will meet to-day in the office of Chairman John Earls, at the Union Station, to consider summer rates.