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AVING CONTRACTS AWARDED TODAY

Germain and Union Street Work Is Arranged

GRANITE INSTEAD OF BRICKS

Strike Ties up Supply of Vitified Brick and Granite Blocks Will Be Used on North Side of King Square—The Contracts and The Estimates

Contracts for laying permanent pavements were awarded at a special meeting of the common council this morning. The contract for foundations, curbs, etc., in Germain street and Union street were awarded to Ernest Ryerse and A. R. C. Clark & Sons, respectively.

The mayor announced that the meeting had been called to deal with pavements for Union and Germain streets. The foundation work has been progressing so rapidly that it is necessary to deal with the contracts for granite blocks in order to save delay.

The council went into committee of the whole to hear the report of the Commissioner of Public Work. He submitted tenders covering the excavation, laying concrete base, setting granite curbs and laying granite pavement of vitified brick, between the rails on Union street and Germain street. The surface pavement is to be laid under separate contract by the Warren Bituminous Company.

The tenders were as follows:— Union street Granite Vitified Block Brick Michael George and Louis Cory \$6,387.50 \$7,500.00 Granite Street Paving and Construction Co. 4,755.50 4,850.00 B. Mooney & Sons 4,778.00 4,850.00 A. R. C. Clark & Sons 4,474.00 4,564.00 Germain Street A. R. C. Clark & Sons \$4,161.50 \$4,161.50 Ernest Ryerse 3,746.50 3,762.50 M. George and L. Corey 6,815.75 \$6,835.75

The lowest tenders were A. R. C. Clark & Sons on Union street, and Ernest Ryerse on Germain street. In reply to a question the commissioner said that Mr. Ryerse was new as a street contractor, but had considerable experience and had performed other city contracts. The road engineer suggested that the man new to pavement work might cause delay on a contract which he wished to hurry through. Mr. Schofield said that this might be an incentive to him to make a record for himself.

Mr. Agar explained the conditions under which the city could take over the work if necessary. The mayor thought that forty-five days was too long a time limit for Germain street, especially in view of the fact that the Warren Company expects to complete their whole contract in six days. He thought it would be necessary, in the resolution accepting the Warren Company's tender, to specify that their work was not to be commenced until the city was satisfied with the completion of the base.

Mr. Agar moved that the acceptance of the tender of Ernest Ryerse, with vitified brick in Germain street be recommended for acceptance and this was carried.

Mr. Agar submitted a letter from A. R. C. Clark & Sons, saying that, owing to a strike, they would not be able to secure vitified brick for their contract on the north side of King Square and asked that they be allowed to use granite blocks instead, in order to save delay.

The cost of the granite block, as specified in his tender, was lower and some of the commissioners seemed to believe that granite blocks properly housed to give a smooth surface, might be more satisfactory.

On motion of Mr. Agar it was decided to give permission for the substitution of granite blocks on this contract, as far as necessary.

Mr. Agar moved that A. R. C. Clark & Sons' tender for Union street, including granite blocks, be accepted. This was carried.

The road engineer reported that his estimate as compared with contract prices were as follows:— Estimate Contract Union street \$7,882.50 \$7,882.50 King Square 9,230 9,230.00 Sydney 5,700 5,700.00

He might need more money to cover the cost of inspection and contingencies. It was decided to provide \$200 addition for each street, to be provided by the treasury board.

School Doors Swing Open Today; 7,200 Pupils Free From Studies

Holiday Season Begins—The Closing Exercises—Superintendent Bridges, at High School, Sets Forth Some Things Needed

The summer holidays of the public school scholars began today when 7,200 happy students were freed from studies until August 28.

The High School At the high school this morning Dr. H. S. Bridges, who presented the diploma to the graduating class, said that the High School had two or three pressing needs which, in view of the advance being made by the city, should, in the course of the next few years, be satisfied. An athletic field was very essential to the success of the High School tennis program. The students experienced great difficulty in getting grounds upon which to practice and play their games. Every year, for the past few years, the assembly hall, an extension to the room was an imperative need. Doctor Bridges suggested that if the extension to the hall was not practical the addition of an annex to the ground floor of the building would provide room enough to do away with the present over-crowding.

All the features of the High School program for the next year were presented. The playing of the High School orchestra came in for particular praise. The essays which were read by the young ladies were of a high degree of merit, while the declamation from Clever given by Gordon Willard, were well up to the standard set by the excellent efforts of previous years.

Rev. F. S. Porter, pastor of Germain street Baptist church, delivered an eloquent and thoughtful address on "Education as a Stewardship." He compared the different theories of education—the vocational, the receptive and stewardship theory. He deprecated the vocational theory on the ground that, while it trained a man for making a living, it lost sight of the higher aim—how to live. The receptive theory the speaker also criticized and said that the presentation in his novels "Dombey and Son" and "Hard Times" the real theory of education should be that of stewardship, which all the graduates should have.

Dr. H. S. Bridges, in addressing the graduates, referred to the brilliant record of the school and the excellent work of Miss Mona McGrath, who had also won the chairman's gold medal for Grade VIII work. Mr. Emerson, chairman of the school board, presented the diploma to Miss Mona McGrath.

This year the valedictory address was given in the form of a short drama in which all the graduates appeared. This was a departure from the ordinary form of the farewell address, but was very interesting. Miss Mona McGrath took the leading role.

Among the guests were His Lordship Bishop LeBlanc, Dr. H. S. Bridges, Commissioner Agar and other members of the board of school trustees, and Rev. Fathers McCormick, C.S.S.R., D. S. O'Keefe and M. Howland.

The closing exercises of the Albert School were of more than usual interest. The blackboards of the different departments were decorated with drawings while in the assembly hall the display of bunting and flags presented a very pretty appearance. In the hallways and corridors flowers were tastefully arranged. Each number of the programme was well presented while the folk dances were very favorably spoken of by the large number of visitors present.

The children who took part in them reflected much credit on their instructors, Miss Emerson and Miss Smith of West St. John. The latter were pupils of Miss Murray, who conducted classes in folk dancing in St. John recently. The programme was as follows:—

Recitation—"O, Canada" school. Recitation—"Back to Grandpa's," Roland Woodworth. Zephyron solo—Fred Mayes. Doll drill—Florence Moore, Dorothy Craft, Miriam Pearce, Annie Emerson, Emma Campbell, Gertrude Ferguson, Hilda Walton, Evelyn Thompson, Bertha Campbell, Mabel McLeod, Muriel Craft, Lillian Bosence, Charlotte Wilcox, Bessie Marr, Bessie Ham, Thelma Campbell of Grades I and II. Recitation—"When I've Been Bad," Claire McDiarmid. Chorus—"Summer is Here," school. Recitation—"She Nodded at Me," Millie Peebles. Folk Dance—"Mountain March" eleven girls of Grade VI—Marjorie Fitzpatrick, Marguerite Barrett, Kathleen Archibald, Rita Warnock, Hazel Colwell, Gladys Keating, Marjorie Napier, Winnifred Lennox, Jessie Evans, Madeline Peck, Victoria Wilcox. Recitation—"Teacher," Gertrude Thomas. Chorus—"Hail to the Day," school. Recitation—"Vigilant Time," Milton Wilson. Folk Dance—"Highland Chattische," Girls of Grade VIII. Doris Kierstead, Sarah Levi, Margaret Stockhouse, Norma Fenton, Madeline Smith, Helen Britton, Ethel Chubb, Hazel McCavour.

Recitation—"The Slave that Saved St. Michael's," Jean Fenton. Folk Dance—"Reaping the Flax," Girls of Grade VI. Dialogue—"A School Girl's Troubles," Girls of Grade V, Helen Ougler, Willa McLellan, Hilda Haselwood, Olivia Lamb, Hilda Bestock, Annie Sanders, Mary Wilcox. Folk Dance—"Hungarian Militaire," Girls of Grade VI. Recitation—"Ripples on the Stream," Marion Thompson. Chorus—"Summer Days Have Come Again," school. Recitation—"Poppy Buds," Rhena Whipple. Folk Dance—"Spanish Waltz," Girls of Grade VIII. Address—Rev. W. R. Robinson. God Save the King. Winter Street Antax.

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The closing exercises of St. Malach's school took place before a large number of visitors. The following programme was given and much care and attention had been given to the preparation of the different numbers as shown:— Chorus—"O, Canada!" Recitation—"I used to kill birds, Gerald Godsoe. Recitation—"Whiney Bay and Smiley Bay," Sydney Maloney. Recitation—"Upon the Heights of Queenstown," R. Campbell. Recitation—"The True Friends, Henry Godsoe. Recitation—"Pictures of Memory, Harold Sullivan. Recitation—"The Little Mad's Amen, E. Dolan. Recitation—"A Problem, Willie Cole. Recitation—"A Leap for Life, Thomas Williams. Recitation—"Making Faces, James O'Brien. Recitation—"Press Onward, Edward Lalay. Additional Recitations. Kitten at Play, Arthur Burns. My Monkey's New Shop, Leo Riddard. What Little Shoes Said, Thos. Burns. Canadian Born, Jack McGrath. Drifted Out to Sea, Harold Beckwith. Dialogue—"The Pies of Trees," boys. Chorus—"Vacation Song. Recitation—"Woodman Spare that Tree," J. McHugh. Recitation—"Boys, T. Ellsworth. Violin selections—P. Gramann. Song—"Canada, I. Sullivan. Song—"Land of the Maple. Recitation—"Over and Over Again," M. McBratney. Recitation—"To My Mother, G. Ward. Dialogue—"Building of the Birch Canoe," boys. Recitation—"The Maple Leaf. Hymn—"Britannia's Hymn, H. Nichol. Recitation—"One King, One Flag, One Fleet, A Cunningham. Quartette—"Soldiers of the King. Recitation—"The Mortgage on the Farm, W. Briggs. Recitation—"England, J. Floyd. Violin Selections, R. McGilgivray. Chorus—"Our Beautiful Land, W. Markey. Chorus—"My Own Canadian Home. Dufferin School.

In the Dufferin School enjoyable and interesting exercises were carried out. A feature was the presentation of a picture of Lord Dufferin, after whom the school was named. It was presented to the school by Eli Codner. The programme of exercises was as follows:—

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A SENSATIONAL ENGLISH TRIAL

Murray Scott Case Is a Cause Celebre

LETTERS FIGURE IN IT

Epistles From Sir John Murray Scott to Lady Sackville, To Whom He Bequeathed Some \$5,000,000—Remarkable One From Her

(Canadian Press) London, June 27.—Council resumed yesterday the opening statements in the suit contesting the will of Sir John Murray Scott, who bequeathed about \$5,000,000 to Lady Sackville. It is becoming a cause celebre of the first order. Numerous letters from Scott to Lady Sackville, were read in them addressed to her as "Dear Old Joe," and they were written in familiar style. In one he wrote:—

"I got a rather short letter from you today. I hope you are not going to be a naughty girl. I am very glad you are coming next Saturday. Then he went on to plead with her to forgive Sir Benjamin Franklin, Scott's doctor, an intimate friend, for refusing to allow her to see him (Scott), when he was seriously ill. But Lady Sackville was incredulous and insisted that Franklin must leave the house before she would enter it. Another letter from him contained a poetic quotation beginning:—

"My dear, my chosen, but not mine, I send my whole heart to thee in these words:— 'I write to let the blotted lines, my soul's friend, 'Lie upon thine and thus be blest at night.'"

They had a dispute about a bill of lading that had been sent to him, and she wrote complaining of nagging letters, declaring also: "I haven't the slightest intention of giving your Rue LaFite house a bad name. Don't misunderstand the tone of my letter. Take care of yourself, dear Cheryl, and be a good boy."

Spilled the Music Party When Scott's two sisters were to be presented at court they were to wear two splendid necklaces belonging to him, but Lady Sackville objected and they went without them. Once, when Scott was giving a musical party, Lady Sackville took control, spoiled the whole entertainment and the testator complained: "I am helpless, the woman is mad!"

On another occasion when Major Rutland was shown into the library of Connaught Place, Lady Sackville, who had seen Lady Sackville in the library, Scott fell into a perspiration and exclaimed: "My God, I thought she was at Kiole."

Lady Sackville wrote a remarkable letter to Scott in 1911, when she feared he would cut her out of his will. "It is not fair," the letter reads, "to promise a friend as you did, keep the promise for twelve years, and then break it. As for my part, I am playing the game. You need not be afraid, that I shall start a great friendship with anyone else. You are absolutely the only person I have trusted in that way in my whole life. I am well repaid for it now, alas!"

They made up and then she wrote: "You are an old silly and you shall see how I receive you tomorrow. I have only one stamp and I am using it for you, wretch." In another letter, she said she liked to have him call her "littleascal."

Miss Alicia Scott, one of the testator's sisters, gave evidence of Lady Sackville's disruptive influence on the Scott family.

BOY OF NINE IS KILLED BY A GIRL

Saskatoon Hears of Murder at Town of Walker, 100 Miles Away

Saskatoon, Sask., June 27.—Saskatoon yesterday received message reports of a murder at Walker, Sask., 100 miles west of here, of Julian Genex, a nine-year-old child, said to have been killed by Kate Hanson, twelve years old. It is said that the Hanson girl confessed to the murder when the body was found. The murder was committed on June 21, but was not discovered until last Monday.

VAST SECRET CRIMINAL ASSOCIATION LEARNED OF

Palermo, June 27.—The police have just discovered a vast secret association with headquarters in the small town of Altavilla. It is wonderfully organized and there are male and female sections. The object of the association is to commit profitable crimes. Special attention was devoted to the white slave traffic.

ON TRIAL FOR ATTEMPTED MURDER OF A KING

Madrid, June 27.—The trial of Agre, a man who attempted to assassinate King Alfonso, began yesterday. The prisoner presented a special demeanor throughout his examination. He denied that he intended to kill the king.

DEVONA FIRST STEAMER THROUGH THE STRAITS

Montreal, June 27.—At 8.30 o'clock yesterday morning, the signal station at Pointe Amable reported the Thomson Line Devona inward from Middleboro via Belle Isle, the first vessel of the season to pass through the straits. It is evident that the field ice must have sent the scuttling of America. Justice and humanity which ever prevailed in the United States, combined with friendship for Japan, would, he hoped, bring about a satisfactory solution.

THE BRITISH CABINET

London, June 27.—According to the usually well-informed Birmingham Post's London correspondent, impending cabinet changes include, besides the promotion of Sir Rufus Isaacs, to be lord chief justice, the transfer of Postmaster General Samuel to the presidency of the board of trade, with John Burns taking the postmaster generalship, and Solicitor-General Sir John Simon or C. F. G. Masterman becoming president of the local government board.

The correspondent predicts that Stanley Over, Buckingham, M.P., will fill one of the vacant law officeships.

British Bye-Election London, June 27.—There is a bye-election in Leicester today. It is a three-cornered fight—government, opposition and independent socialist candidates, making the result uncertain.

WEATHER BULLETIN Issued by authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, R. F. Steuart, director of meteorological service.

Synopsis—The rain fall of the last week in the western provinces, has been general and copious and the weather continues cool and showery. Thunderstorms occurred last night in nearly all parts of Ontario and Quebec. The temperature was very high yesterday in Ontario, but moderate in all the other provinces.

Fair Tomorrow Maritime—Fresh southwest and west winds, warm and showery. Saturday, fresh northwest winds, fair and cooler.