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SATURDAY'S GAMES.

World's Championship—At Louisville—Louisville, 3; Brooklyn, 5.

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SWIMMING.

A London cable says: "Joe Nuttall, of Manchester, has won the 1,000 yards swimming championship in 13 minutes 54½ seconds, breaking the record for this distance in still water. In fact, he beat the record for all distances over 400 yards."

LACROSSE.

At Baltimore, on Saturday, the Montreal team defeated the Druid lacrosse team 5 to 4.

The match at Toronto between the Torontos and Shamrocks was won by the former—4 to 6.

FOOTBALL.

The Southwestern Association match between Detroit and Windsor was postponed on account of the wet state of the Windsor grounds.

On Saturday the Ottawa Football Team could not be got together to go to Kingston and play against the Queen's College team, and consequently forfeited the game.

Ayr presented a strong combination of players in the match against the Hurons of Seaforth Saturday, and the game ended in a victory for Seaforth by a score of 3 to 2.

The Toronto and 'Varsity Rugby teams met for the first time this season on Saturday on the Bloor street grounds before a big crowd of spectators, the game closing 17 to 6 in Toronto's favor.

On Saturday morning the football teams of the Parkdale and Toronto Collegiate Institute lined up on the Exhibition Grounds to decide the superiority of the two clubs. Parkdale won 3 to nil.

The Southwestern Association match at Essex Center on Saturday between Essex and Chatham, was called off by Referee Elliott, of Windsor, after fifteen minutes play in the rain. Neither team had scored.

The best football match played in Ottawa for years came off on the Ottawa College grounds Saturday afternoon, the contesting teams being McGill University and Ottawa University. The champions won by a score of 17 points to 13.

A friendly game of Rugby was played on Saturday in the Queen's Park, Stratford, between the Ontario Agricultural College Club, of Guelph, and the Stratford club, which resulted in a victory for the home team by a score of 38 to 4. The game was well contested.

The London Rugby football team could not visit Hamilton Saturday, and an exhibition game between Upper Canada College and Hamilton was the only match there. The game was won by the Hamiltons. Score—Hamilton 35 points, Upper Canada College 10 points.

THE TURF.

At the meet of the Toronto Hunt on Saturday at the Woodbine race course, Mr. Louden rode Lochiel in to victory, as expected, Mr. Doane finishing second with Oliver B. Glenora was third. This was Lochiel's third victory and the handsome cup now becomes the property of Mr. F. E. Macdonald, Lochiel's owner. Lochiel will now be shipped to Washington, where several cross-country races are to be given at the coming meeting.

"Stone Dead"—A Narrow Escape.

ST. THOMAS, Ont., Oct. 20.—Saturday afternoon a man who had just arrived in the city per C. P. R., put up at the Wilcox House, and gave his name as W. Stewart, of Yarmouth township. He came down stairs at 6:50 yesterday morning, and a few minutes afterward was found seated in a chair in the sitting-room with his head resting against the wall, stone dead. The cause of death is supposed to be heart failure. He had no money on his person and nothing by which he could be identified, and from the clothing, boots, etc., it is supposed he was a laborer. He was about 45 years of age, six feet high, black hair and gray whiskers.

J. H. Smith, of the Ridgetown Collegiate Institute, had a narrow escape while experimenting in the laboratory making Dutch liquids on Wednesday. Thinking all the gases might be absorbed, he was rising the vessel to make an examination when something attracting his attention caused him to bring it to a level with his mouth, when he inhaled the gases and was nearly strangled. After some time he was able to reach the pump, where he got water, and was slightly relieved after spitting up a quantity of blood.

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BISHOP O'CONNOR.

Imposing Consecration Ceremonies at St. Peter's Cathedral.

Right Rev. Dr. O'Connor Installed as Bishop of London.

The Proceedings Witnessed by an Immense Audience—Sermon by Bishop Foley.

Addresses Presented to the New Bishop by the Clergy and Reply of the Bishop—Sketch of the Ceremony—The Music.

Yesterday's rain no doubt kept many citizens at home who would have otherwise made an attempt to gain admittance to St. Peter's Cathedral and witness the consecration services of Dr. D. O'Connor, London's new bishop. In spite of the disagreeable weather, however, there was a very large audience present when the ceremony began, and after the excursionists from the West had arrived at 9:45 o'clock even standing room was at a premium. The special from Windsor was delayed for some time, as the weather looked too threatening, but the excursionists finally made up their minds to come, and boarding the train were landed at the G. T. R. station a few minutes before 10 o'clock. The Knights of St. John from Windsor and Detroit and the band of the Twenty-first Fusiliers of Essex accompanied the visitors, and the whole party were met at the Richmond street depot by delegations from the C. M. B. A. and E. B. A. headed by "D" Company, I. S. C., band. A procession was formed in the drizzling rain and the company marched to the cathedral.

The church dignitaries present were Archbishop J. Walsh, Toronto; Archbishop Cleary, Kingston; Bishop Dowling, Hamilton; Bishop O'Connor, Peterboro; Bishop Mahoney, St. Paul's, Toronto; Bishop Foley, Detroit; Bishop Maes, Covington, Kentucky; Bishop Richter, Grand Rapids; Prelate M. Joos, Kalamazoo; Very Rev. Dean O'Brien, Kalamazoo; Very Rev. Dean Van Lawroe, Port Huron; Revs. Ryckeart, Mount Clemens; Buysse, Jackson; Van Antwerp, Kalamazoo; Finigan and McGlaughlin, Detroit; O'Donovan, Grosse Point; McManus, Battle Creek; Lynch, Kanokee; Waters, Detroit; Pulcher, Grand Rapids; Crumley, Grattan; Grand, Detroit; Vicar-General Heenan, Hamilton; Very Rev. Dean O'Connor, Walkerton; Very Rev. Dean Lennon, Brantford; Doherty, Guelph; Archdeacons Cassidy and Campbell, of Toronto; Most Rev. Teefy, O. S. B., E. Murray, P. O'Donahue, L. Brennan, R. McBrady, A. Doumusted and Jeffcott, of Toronto Archdiocese; Rev. J. Brick, Philadelphia; Rev. P. Dawd and Quinlanson, Montreal; and Rev. F. J. McGovern, Ottawa. The London Diocese clergymen present were: V. R. Dean Wagner, Windsor; V. R. Dean Murphy, Dublin; V. R. Dean Kilroy, Stratford; Reverends Marseille, London; Ryan, Amherstburg; Girard, Bell River; Cummings, Bothwell; Ronan, Wallaceburg; Flannery, St. Thomas; Molphy, Ingersoll; Northgraves, Ingersoll; Brennan, St. Marys; O'Neil, Kinkora; West, Goderich; McGee, St. Augustine; Mugan, Coronna; Paul, Chatham; Mungavan, C. S. B., Lemande, C. S. B., Cuskin, C. S. B., Hayden, C. S. B., Cote, C. S. B., Aboulin, C. S. B., Assumption College, Sandwich; Rev. Connolly, Biddulph; Rev. J. Walsh, Toronto; Keilly, Mt. Carmel, and Gahan, Kennedy, Noonan, Tiernan, of London.

The celebrants of the mass were Archbishop Walsh, assisted by Deacons of Honor Wagner and Heenan, and Deacons of Mass Flannery, O'Brien and Kilroy; Bishop-elect D. O'Connor, attended by Revs. Cushing and Marigon; Bishop Foley, attended by Revs. Donovan and Brennan; Bishop Dowling, attended by Revs. Doherty and Quinlan; Archbishop Cleary, attended by Revs. Cassidy and Murphy; Bishop Mahoney, attended by Revs. McGuglickin and Brennan; Bishop Maes, attended by Revs. O'Connoll and Paul; Bishop Richter, attended by Revs. Pulcher and Campbell, and Bishop O'Connor, attended by Revs. Walsh and Molphy. The chanters were Revs. McGee, Von Antwerp, Aboulin, Cote, Baubat and Gerard.

The Consecration.

A few minutes after the appointed hour the ceremony began and was followed with close attention by the immense audience which had by this time taken possession of all the seating accommodation in the edifice. The imposition of hands, the essential rite by which the power of episcopacy is communicated, the delivery of the emblems of pastoral authority, and the various other parts of the impressive ceremony of consecration were well calculated to interest and deeply impress even those accustomed to the displays of a church noted for its ritual. In the chancel two chapels were prepared one for the Archbishop and one for the Bishop-elect; in the latter were the pontifical vestments and articles required for the performance of the ceremony. A few minutes past 9 o'clock the procession came down the center aisle to the chancel, the Archbishop, vested in full pontificals and attended by pages, while Dr. O'Connor wore the amict alb cincture and stole crossed upon his breast.

The consecrator then seated himself at the altar and the elect wearing his small cap was led up to him by the assisting bishops, and after saluting the Archbishop they seated themselves. Rising again in a few moments one of the bishops assisting addressed the Archbishop with the Latin words equivalent to:

Most reverend father, our holy mother the Catholic Church, requires you to raise this priest to the burthensome office of a bishop.

The consecrator in reply asked the petitioners if they had the apostolic commission, and the same being presented and read, the Archbishop concluded with "Thanks be to God." Dr. O'Connor being sworn as to duty and fidelity he and his assistants seated themselves, and he was thereupon subjected to a rigid examination, in the course of which he solemnly declared his determination to adhere to traditions of the orthodox fathers and to be governed by the holy and apostolic see.

On the conclusion of the examination the bishop-elect was led around to the consecrator, and kneeling before him kissed his hand, after which the Archbishop laid off his miter and turning to the altar proceeded with mass in the usual way, with Dr. O'Connor on his left hand, and receiving the confession, continued the celebration of mass, while the assistant bishop led the elect to this chapel. Here the cope was laid aside, and opening the stole he put on the pectoral cross, and then girded on the stole without crossing it as before. He was also in turn vested with the tunic dalmatic and chasuble, and, standing at his altar between the two bishops, read the mass.

Mass concluded, the consecrator and assisting bishops knelt forward upon their seats, while the bishop-elect prostrated himself on the left hand of the Archbishop and with the rest of the clergymen kneeling, the Litanies of the Saints were sung and the blessings given. The consecrator then rose, as did also the assisting bishops, and the bishop-elect rose to his knees. The book of the Gospel was then laid on the neck of Father O'Connor and the consecrator and bishops simultaneously placing their hands upon his head said in chorus, "Receive Thou the Holy Ghost." The Doctor's head was then bound with linen and Archbishop Walsh dipping his thumb in the chrism anointed his head. A special prayer for the bishop-elect was then offered by the Archbishop, which was in turn followed by an antiphon by the choir. This concluded, the hands of the bishop-elect were anointed and another prayer was offered for his guidance and strength. The new Bishop then rose and the crozier being blessed, was sprinkled with holy water and delivered by the consecrator to the consecrated, who received it while on his knees. The ring also after being blessed was placed upon the Bishop's finger by the consecrator, after which the Bible was presented, and on the book being touched by the consecrated, he was charged to preach the Gospel to those committed to his care, after which the kiss of peace was again exchanged.

The newly-made Bishop then repaired to his chapel, where his hands were washed, after which he again appeared before Archbishop Walsh and made the customary offerings. The miter of Bishop O'Connor was then formally sprinkled with holy water and placed upon the wearer's head, the action being accompanied with an appropriate prayer.

The Sermon

Bishop Foley, of Detroit, preached the sermon. Possessed of a rich voice and a good flow of language, he held the attention of his audience until the last word was uttered. In the first part of his discourse he explained the scenes which they had just witnessed. "The ceremonies dearly beloved," said he, "that have been carried out beneath the roof of this grand cathedral evidence the sublime dignity of the divine character that is conferred upon the priests of the living God when elevated by the church to the hierarchy. Moved by divine goodness the Almighty God in the plentitude of time sent his only son to become man for us, 'and the word was made flesh and dwelt among us.' He came in all the humility of Bethlehem and in all the lowliness and poverty of Nazareth that he might become first the model and exemplar, and then the leader and teacher. In God's own good time he came forth and commenced the grand work of announcing the truths of the revelation to all men and teaching them the way whereby they might obtain salvation for their immortal souls. He came not only for those who heard his voice then, but for those as well who should live 2,000 years after his incarnation." The preacher then described the methods adopted by the Saviour in forming his church on earth, his leaving of the Book of Holy Writ for the guidance of those who came after him, his calling of the twelve apostles together, and the charging of them to go into all the world and preach the Gospel, with the assurance, "Behold I am with you all days, even unto the consummation of the world," described how the church was constituted, and how the apostles were made participators in Christ's work, being co-equal with him. Armed with this wondrous power, he pictured them preaching the same truths and doctrines which Christ himself had announced in every part of the known word, irrespective of the prejudices of the people among whom they were sent. He pointed out how the apostles, after planting the seed, had by the imposition of hands and the invocation of the divine spirit communicated their apostolate to successors; how the apostles were set as the foundations of the church, and Rome chosen as the center and head; how Simon Peter was elected head of the church on earth, and had conferred upon him a singular prerogative, evidencing his superiority and supremacy over the other apostles; how he had afterwards been three times compelled to answer the question, "Peter, lovest thou me?" and had each time more fervently replied in the affirmative; and how he had as often received the injunction, "Feed my sheep." "Our episcopacy comes from Jesus himself," said the speaker, coming to the second head of his discourse, "being delivered by the apostles to their successors, enduring and living through all ages. It is this fact of our unity with the root, of our adhesion to the rock, which makes indestructible the Catholic episcopacy and the Roman Pontiff, that has continued the ministry and mission of the apostolate in all ages and will continue them until the consummation of the world. Men may talk of branches, but what is a branch that has been cut from the trunk? Take any quantity of branches, separate them from the trunk whence they derive their vitality, and what are they? Only withered and useless. There is no life in the foliage. All the genius of man cannot vivify a severed branch. Separation from that rock that Jesus Christ established, separation from that trunk that has grown up during the 2,000 years, from the days of Peter until the time of the present Leo XIII., produces the same effect. The church was instituted as one, with the same doctrine for all ages and for all places, and will continue the same as long as God reigns triumphant in heaven. Since its establishment empires have risen, flourished and fallen; the whole map of the world has changed; new worlds have been discovered, new persecutions adopted; but the church remains unchanged. How insignificant do the persecutions of modern men appear when contrasted with the mighty efforts of pagan Rome to crush the successors of Peter. They have all the malice of their pagan predecessors, but lack the courage."

In conclusion he said: "I congratulate the people of London Diocese upon the mercy and goodness of the Almighty in securing for them so worthy and distinguished a prelate. No feeble words I may utter could add one iota of beauty to the character of him upon whom the Holy Ghost has just descended. He has been among you from infancy. You have known him as a child and as a seminarian, as a priest of the living God, and as the head of a noble institution that by his wisdom and his administration holds so high a place among our educational institutions. While I congratulate you, the people of London Diocese, I must sympathize with the institution which has been deprived of so valuable a head. Right reverend father, I offer my congratulations for this day, and welcome you in the name of the esteemed prelates of the Apostolic College. May your episcopate be bright, and may it be continued for many days."

At the conclusion of the sermon the assistant bishops, wearing their miters, led the newly-consecrated Bishop through the church and the congregation kneeling reverently received his blessing as he passed. On the return to the altar the Archbishop repeated a few short sentences invoking the blessing of the Almighty upon the Bishop. A short service at the Gospel and epistle sides of the altar and the kiss of peace concluded the imposing ceremony.

Address from the Laity.

After Bishop O'Connor was formally installed in his own chair and the clergy had kissed his hand, he was waited upon by a delegation from the laity, composed of Messrs. Thomas Coffey, D. Regan, J. Keary, H. Beaton, S. R. Brown, J. Loughlin, R. Hough, A. Wilson, J. O'Meara, J. Wilson, F. McNeil, F. Harper, and others, and the following address was read to the Bishop by Mr. Thomas Coffey, publisher of the Catholic Record:

To the Right Rev. Dr. O'Connor, D.D., Bishop of London:

My Lord,—On behalf of the Catholic people of your Cathedral parish we desire to tender our warmest welcome on the occasion of your assuming the exalted position of bishop of this diocese. Its history does not go far into the past, but during the time of its organization much has been accomplished for the good of religion, its condition to-day in every parish proving that the first foundations were laid wisely and well, and its growth and advancement watched and guarded with a care and a prudence that will for generations to come reflect honor on the name of the present illustrious Archbishop of Toronto. But while we have abundant reason, my Lord, to be grateful for the blessings bestowed upon us in the past, we feel satisfaction in declaring our conviction that we should likewise be most thankful because of the bright future so full of promise which is spread out before us.

You come to us to-day as our chief pastor, and joy is felt and satisfaction expressed amongst your people. You are not, my Lord, a stranger amongst us. The years of your priestly life have been spent in the diocese and important and responsible duties have been performed by you in a manner which called forth commendation on every hand. When, then, the See of London became vacant, priests and people were imbued with the fervent hope that you would be named to assume the duties of the Episcopate.

Their hopes have been realized, Rome has spoken; and we are given one more illustration of her foresight and prudence. She has sent us a bishop who will be dear to the Catholic people; for what can be more consoling than the presence amongst us of one who will be our trusted guide when the way seems dark and uncertain—our friend when the hand of misfortune is placed heavily upon us—and our counselor when doubt and perplexity overshadow our pathway as we proceed on the road of life. All this we have full assurance you will be to us. We know that as a priest your every thought and every act have been in strictest fulfillment of the solemn pledge you made on the day of your ordination. This day, then, is to us a period of joy—it is the beginning of another era of progress for the church; and we desire to assure you that in every undertaking you may contemplate for the advancement of religion, for the promotion of Catholic education, and for the care of the poor and afflicted, you will find us ever desirous to second your efforts.

All this we solemnly promise you, my Lord, and we humbly beseech our Blessed Redeemer to grant you length of years in his service as bishop of the Diocese of London.

Asking your blessing for ourselves and for our families.

We remain, my Lord, your obedient children: D. Regan, chairman; F. Harper, secretary; Thomas Coffey, M. Masuret, S. R. Brown, John Garvey, James Wilson, J. D. LeBel, P. Pocock, J. V. Vining, Stephen O'Meara, J. O'Higgins, B. C. McCann, J. P. O'Byrne, P. Mulkern, F. McNeil, John Pocock, P. F. Boyle, Arch. McNeil, Jas. Egan, T. J. O'Meara, John Dromgole, J. M. Keary, Wm. F. Harper, Dr. Hanavan, Dr. Rourk, John Forrestal, Thos. Connors, Patrick Kelly, J. D. Dewan, M. F. O'Meara, M. Gould, M. O'Meara, H. Dignan.

THE BISHOP'S REPLY.

The Bishop in reply thanked the laity for the kindly feeling exhibited in their address. He expressed his pleasure at being fortunate enough to secure so readily an evidence of the hearty support of the laity of the church, and predicted that with such support and the favor of the Most High his mission would most assuredly be a success. The speaker acknowledged the eulogy of Archbishop Walsh, which the address contained and considered the tribute well placed, but modestly refused to receive like commendation for himself. He concluded by invoking a divine blessing upon his visitors.

The musical programme for the morning service was: Lambilotte's "Te Deum," Zwing's "Kyrie," "Gloria" and "Sanctus"; duet, "Agnus Dei," Mr. Watt and Miss Milligan; solo, "Child, Give Me Thine Heart," Miss Mamie Coffey; solo, "Ave Marie" (Cherubini), Miss O'Keefe, of Strathroy.

NOTES OF THE DAY.

Over 1,700 excursionists came in by the G. T. R. from the west.

During the afternoon Bishop O'Connor was serenaded by the visitors from the west and invited to speak. He accepted the invitation and took occasion during the course of his remarks to thank the Roman Catholic and Protestant citizens of London for the very hearty reception he had received.

Bishop Maes, of Covington, Kentucky, preached the sermon during the evening service. The following programme was presented: Plain chant vespers; Lambilotte's "Magnificat," choir; solo, "O'Salutarus," Miss O'Keefe; quartet, "Von Winter," Messrs. Watt and Ranahan, and Misses Dibbs and Hennessy; Goebe's "Tantum Ergo," Mr. W. C. Davis, and Millard's "Ave Verum."

Supplies for One Fragile Creature.

A cynical doctor, withal a man of wonderful resources and quick mind, lives on one of the avenues on the south side. He was in his study a few nights ago when a young man came in and began questioning him about his (the young man's) propriety of marrying. The young man foolishly raved over his sweetheart and called her angelic and so on. He was afraid that she was too fragile for this world. The old doctor grunted.

"Fragile, eh?" he asked. "How fragile? Ever test her fragility? Let me give you some figures about her, and womankind in general, showing how fragile they are. Let us suppose that this piece of perfection is in moderately good health. She will live to be, say, 60 years old. Women don't like to die any more than men do—not as much—for women never grow old, you know. Listen to me: She will eat one pound of beef, mutton, or some other flesh every day. That's 365 pounds of meat in a year. In sixty years it's 21,900 pounds. How's that for fragile? She will eat as much bread and as much vegetables per diem, and there you have it in sixty years 43,800 pounds of bread and meat. If she is not too angelic she will drink daily no less than two quarts of coffee, tea, wine, or beer. And by the time she is ready to have a monument she will have consumed 175 hogsheads of liquids. Fragile?

"Now, young man, these figures do not include the forty or fifty lambs she will worry down with mint sauce. It does not take into consideration the 2,000 spring chickens, the 500 pounds of butter, the 50,000 eggs, and the four hogshead of sugar she will consume in 60 years. It doesn't take into consideration her ice cream, her oysters, her clams, and such. All this means about 45 tons. Fragile? Think of your affinity in connection with these figures, and then rave over her being fragile. Young man, you are a fool. Boof!"

The Cost of Filling Teeth.

A French scientist declares that American dentists insert in American teeth each year 1,800 pounds of gold, of the value of $450,000. He figures that in a century the American cemeteries will contain a larger amount of gold than now exists in France.

BEECHAM'S PILLS act like magic on a Weak Stomach.

Riding School Notice.—Riding lessons will be resumed on Monday, Sept. 15. For time and terms apply to Fulcher's livery. J. FULCHER, riding master. ywt

DISCORDANT DISCUSSION.

The Water Commissioners Will Not Disgorge $60,000.

Mayor Tayor Promises that as a Result the Rate of Taxation Will Go Away Up—The Debenture Dispute at the Commissioners' Meeting.

The much-talked-of waterworks debentures promise to figure prominently in the approaching municipal campaign and will no doubt be handled by the ward politicians as "Exhibit A" when they begin to hanker after the breath of the electorate. The trouble which has been brewing between the Water Commissioners and the City Council over this matter was brought to a head on Saturday evening when the following letter was read from Mayor Taylor at the commissioners' meeting:

THE MAYOR'S PROPOSITION.

George C. Davis, L. D. S., chairman of the Water Commissioners.

Dear Sir,—On the preliminary calculations for striking the rate for the current year a rate, of 22 4-10 mills, is found to be necessary which can be reduced to 20 mills if the sum of $37,000 from the debenture issue on waterworks account can be made available. I think this ought to be easily arranged and if you can get Mr. Essery's confidence, I will advise the issue of the remaining $60,000, the balance of $23,000 to be left in the hands of the Water Commissioners until it is seen how much of it will be required and the $37,000 to be handed back to the city forthwith. If this cannot be agreed to, your Board must be prepared to assume the responsibility to the citizens for the higher rates. An immediate reply will oblige, as the estimates are now in hand. Yours respectfully,

GEORGE TAYLOR, Mayor.

THE COMMISSIONERS' DEFENSE.

A few minutes silence which followed the reading of the communication was broken by Commissioner Essery who made the following motion:

That the letter of Oct 18 now read and signed by Mayor Taylor be entered upon the minutes and filed for future reference, and that the Secretary be instructed to inform the Mayor in reply that the Water Commissioners are not responsible for the actions of the City Council as to the rate of taxation they impose upon the citizens. Also that the Water Commissioners are further of the opinion and always have been, that a sufficient amount of waterworks debentures should be issued for the purpose of providing for all the extraordinary expenses of the year, such as laying of mains in South London and other parts of the city and a few other necessary waterworks extensions, but they protest against waterworks debentures being issued for an electric light plant, cedar blocking and other municipal purposes as proposed by the Mayor and other members of the City Council.

Speaking in support of the motion he said: I think it is a fraud upon the citizens of London and the waterworks department, and upon the Ontario Legislature, that an attempt should be made to obtain debentures on a side wind. This is a broad statement to make, but I am prepared to prove it. It was the duty of the Mayor and Council if they wished to raise $60,000 for general city purposes to have obtained the money as provided for by statute. If money was to be issued for that purpose they should have been honest enough to have asked the Legislature for it. The Water Commissioners are willing to carry out the wording of the by-law authorizing the issuing of the debentures to the letter, but we are not going to be handicapped by a mayor who is serving two masters, because you all know the story of the man that served the two masters. The Mayor did not require to write such a letter as this one, and if my motion carries it will be recorded in the minutes. Had the city called for debentures for $60,000 for an electric light plant, the application would have been rejected, because the Legislature would have required a vote of the citizens, which could not be secured. This is the fourth time that the Mayor has made an attempt to place the commissioners in what he calls a tight place, and by the time this present job is settled, and he has appealed to the great bar of public opinion, he will find that he is no better off than on previous occasions. He will find that there is one commissioner who picks up his letter and bid him defiance. The Council charges the commissioners with dishonesty, but such is not the case. As a member of this Board I am not responsible for the rate of taxation outside of that fixed in the waterworks office.

Mayor Taylor, in reply, explained that $60,000 of the $120,000 was to be handed back to the Council should the commissioners not require it. The debentures read "for waterworks purposes," but it was understood that part of it should be applied to general purposes of the city. The compliance of the commissioners with the Council's request would insure a reduction in the city's rate of assessment. Last year the City Council decided to purchase an electric light plant, but there was no money forthcoming to pay for the purchase and the Council had no power to issue debentures, and so the above plan was resorted to. During the past five years about $60,000 has been spent by the commissioners in extensions in the city, and this was raised by direct taxation from the city. The aldermen decided that debentures should be issued for $130,000 and that the amount spent on capital account during the term would be returned to them. "The statement has been made," said the speaker, "that I was advised that I could not issue debentures for the purchase of an electric light plant. I was never so advised. The Council made application to raise $60,000 for general purposes, but this was eventually changed to $130,000 for waterworks purposes, on the understanding that the $60,000 would be handed back after the work of extending mains in London South and the purchase of the spring extensions had been effected." Continuing, the speaker said he thought the Council's action perfectly consistent and honest, and if the rate was not reduced the commissioners were responsible.

Chairman Davis then placed himself on record. He had allowed the discussion to go on, that each member might place himself on record before the public. As for himself, he said: "I will never be a party to the issuing of any debentures other than waterworks debentures. If the Council had kept faith with us I would have seen, as far as I was concerned, that we kept faith with them. I do not, however, think much of a man who assures me that he trusts me and then proceeds to lock up his valuables, and this is the course that the City Council has shown in dealing with the commissioners. The debentures read for $130,000 and we will spend all of that amount if we require it, but what we don't require is to go back to the Council. If the Council says anything else now, they are not acting fairly with this Board, and if the Council raises the rate of assessment they are responsible and not the Board of Water Commissioners. If the Council had acted fairly they would not be in the position that they now find themselves nor compelled to levy so heavy a rate. For these reasons they now find themselves in the hole, and they are not going to get out with my vote.

Mayor Taylor—Well, suppose the Council was wrong in the stand they have taken. On account of the Council not doing what they should do, you are going to impose a rate almost 3 mills higher than need be.

Chairman Davis—I expect very soon to retire from public life, and I want to be only directly charged for moneys which I have had to do with in expenditure. When I was in the Council I had to do with expending money for hospitals, sewers, cedar blocking, etc., but I did not come to this Board for that purpose and I am not going to be charged with the expenditure of $60,000 with which I have had nothing to do. These are the reasons why I will second the motion.

The motion was then put and carried, Commissioner Essery and Chairman Davis voting for it, Mayor Taylor being recorded as a "nay."

Mayor Taylor moved a reduction in the rates to manufacturers.

Commissioner Essery said he could not see why the Mayor brought this matter before the Board unless that it was that elections were drawing near. The Mayor had brought forward no motion regarding rearranging the rates.

Mayor Taylor said he had brought the matter forward, but he had been told to leave the matter over.

Mr. Essery asked for figures which justified such action. He was against class legislation.

Mr. Davis moved in amendment that action be deferred until the entire subject of revision of rates came up. Mr. Essery seconded the amendment, and it was declared carried.

Inspector Platt reported that it would take 132 feet of pipe to supply the houses of Mr. Childs on Beecher street. The Board decided to lay the mains.

Mr. Thomas Marshall's communication respecting the copying of the rolls was again laid over.

The Board then adjourned.

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