

LEGISLATORS HAVE DULL DAY

The rest of Canada. More especially, higher education in the new provinces should be provided for by a land endowment.

5.—The exemption from taxation enjoyed by the C. P. R., constitutes a portion of the price for that railway which should not be wholly borne by the western provinces.

6.—The seed grain distribution of 1908 had worked badly. The cost was excessive and the conditions imposed were so onerous that many settlers refused to accept it.

7.—He suggested that the government take up the question of harvest labor in the west, which he described as extremely important.

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Objections Heard to Liquor Licenses

Applications Of M. Harney, James Bartley And M. J. Nugent Opposed At Meeting Of Commissioners Yesterday — Delegations From Y.M.C.A., Seamen's Mission, And Moral And Social Reform Committee Put Up Strong Opposition.

Strong objection in the granting of three different licenses was made at the public meeting of the Liquor License Commissioners at the Seamen's Institute yesterday afternoon.

The Seamen's Institute directors opposed the license to M. Harney at the corner of Duke and Prince William streets, the Y. M. C. A. and others interested objected to a hotel license being granted to Mr. James Bartley at the Rideau House at the corner of Union and Chipman Hill.

The Moral and Social Reform committee supported the petition of a number of ratepayers against the renewal of Mr. Nugent's license on Douglas avenue.

In the course of the debate Rev. A. A. Graham made a statement to the effect that the action of the commissioners in first granting a license to Mr. Nugent was against the advice of members of the legislature.

Commissioner Eagles presided and opened the meeting by inviting the reception of reports and the making of objections. He called on Mr. P. D. Tilley.

Mr. Harney's License. Mr. Tilley said he represented Mr. R. M. Smith, president of the Seamen's Institute. The objection was to granting a license to M. Harney on the corner adjoining the institute.

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THREE PERCHERONS ARE GREATLY ADMIRER

Many Horsemen Here To Inspect Latest Importation — Are Among The Best Ever Brought To Province.

Many interested horsemen from different parts of the province are daily visiting the three Percheron stallions at West St. John imported by Mr. A. H. Thomson, and all are enthusiastic in speaking of them.

Speaking to a representative of The Standard, Mr. Hubbard said the horses were undoubtedly among the best Percheron ever brought to the province, and unlike most stallions of this breed brought out for sale, were not overladen with fat, and consequently repaired for breeding purposes.

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Chairman Of Treasury Board At Meeting Forecasts 9 To 12 Cents Increase — Delegations Heard With Reference To Grants — Ald. Belyea Has Pension Fund Scheme For Police — Estimates Recommended.

At a meeting of the treasury board yesterday afternoon the estimates for 1910 were recommended to the council. In almost every instance the estimates were larger than last year.

When the estimate for street plant repairs and removals which was \$575 more than last year, was being considered, the city engineer said he was anxious to get a new machine for sweeping the streets that would clean the depression in the roadway.

The chairman said that the increased estimate would mean an increase in the tax rate from 9 to 12 cents unless there was more sharp assessment. It would bring the rate up to nearly \$2.10.

In reply to Ald. Belyea Ald. McGoldrick said he thought it was \$5000 on the West Side need it \$500 could be spent on them.

Ald. Kelley moved that the warrant for the public works be \$78,000 instead of \$82,000 and that the expenditure be \$75,000.

Ald. Potts asked if the estimates of the police department were next taken up item by item.

Ald. Belyea speaking on the increase of 25 cents on the policemen's pay said he proposed to introduce a motion at the city council that half of his increase be paid and the other 12-1/2 cents be put aside for a pension fund.

The chairman stated that he and some of the other members had suggested a scheme like this some years ago but the policemen had turned it down.

Ald. Vanwart moved that the expenditure be \$48,000 and the warrant \$49,500. The motion was carried.

Holiday for Engineers. The estimated expenditure for the fire department was next taken up. The item of \$1,000 for a holiday for the engineers was discussed and it was decided to strike it out.

On motion the estimate was made \$62,500 and the warrant \$65,000. Last year's warrant was for \$54,000. The estimated expenditures for lighting were next taken up. Some objection was made to the new lights but the item was not changed.

INTEREST GROWING IN BOARD OF TRADE ESSAY COMPETITION

Boys And Girls Out For Information Regarding St. John — Closing Date Will Be Early In March.

The struggle in the prize essay writing competition is now merrily going on among the school children. Inquiry discloses the fact that the boys and girls of grades VII. and IX. are busily engaged during their spare moments securing sufficient information to make interesting papers.

Others are using their own observation for their subject matter. The actual questions to be answered in the essays are as follows: (1)—In what way has St. John improved in the past 15 years? (2)—What improvements are most needed at the present time? (3)—How can these improvements be accomplished?

The \$45.00 in cash to be awarded the successful writers will be divided into a \$10.00 and a \$35.00 award in grade VII., and \$10.00 and \$5.00 in grade IX. The grand special prize of \$150.00 for the best all-round essay irrespective of grading.

School teachers are co-operating in this beneficial contest and pupils will find hundreds of citizens willing to assist them in any information forthcoming. The contest is an easy one. While literary quality will certainly be of value to the paper it will not by any means be a predominating essential.

Of the 100 points in excellence 75 will be given for the treatment of the subject and 25 for punctuation and composition. The closing date for the competition has not been set, but it will be early in March. This should not tempt intending competitors to leave off entering the lists at once, however, for the best thoughts are often the earliest, especially whilst the contest is in the tongues and in the minds of the many.

At a largely attended meeting of Marlborough lodge, Sons of England, in Oddfellows Hall last evening, District Deputy Supreme President R. Harless installed the following officers for 1910: A. Webb, Pres.; W. O. Fry, vice-pres.; A. Clayton, chap.; Rev. R. Mathers, hon. chap.; C. Ledford, sec.; E. Lawrenson, treas.; G. A. B. Addy, physician; H. Holland, 1st guide; W. R. Marley, 2nd; W. Shepherd, 3rd; W. E. Pearson, 4th; Wm. Harris, 5th; Geo. McKinnon, 6th; A. B. Thorne, P.P.; F. A. Morton, I.G.; C. W. Hill, O.G.; Messrs. G. H. Lewis, P. L. Griffin and F. Ewers, auditors; B. W. Thorne, R. Howland and H. Pearce, trustees; R. Cason, supreme lodge delegate.

Reports showed that the lodge was in a flourishing condition both financially and in regards membership. Several new members were introduced last evening.

After the initiation ceremonies an informal social was held and a pleasant programme was carried out in which the following took part: E. G. Brittain; violin solo, Mr. W. Brox; song, Mr. E. Howland; instrumental duet, Mr. and Mrs. Panter; cornet solo, Mr. Shepherd; song, Mr. G. J. Hunter; song, Mr. C. Calvert; vocal solo, Roberts and Clayton; song, Mr. H. Lowe; speech, Mr. C. Ledford; song, Mr. H. Porter; song, Mr. A. Porter; God Save the King.

MEETING OF BOARDS OF ANGLICAN SYNOD HELD YESTERDAY

Seven Missions Now Reported Vacant To Be Supplied — S. P. G. Grant To Be Surrendered.

EVANGELISTS AND SINGERS SECURED FOR THE CAMPAIGN

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The music committee reported that they would at once organize the choruses and begin practicing the Alexander hymns.

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The Russians have always been great tea drinkers but formerly were satisfied with cheap teas. Lately, however, the tea merchants have been cultivating the taste of their buyers until Russia now demands the best quality of tea.

The curtailment in the production of cheaper teas has had an effect on the market generally and local importers who have been selling a good grade of tea at 25 and 40 cents per pound, in order to meet the demand

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COURTS WILL REVIEW DIRECTORS' STANDING

Question Of Personal Responsibility Will Be Taken Up On Application Of Belmont And McMahon.

Saratoga, N. Y., Jan. 12.—The personal responsibility of directors of trust companies will probably be reviewed by the highest state courts to which an appeal was taken today by Perry Belmont and James McMahon, two of the thirteen former directors of the Trust Company of the Republic of New York city.

A lower court held them responsible for losses sustained by the company in 1902, through loans from the company's funds upon United States Shipbuilding Company securities.

Soit was brought by Charles H. Kauffman, a stockholder in the company to recover these alleged losses from the directors and in his decision Justice van Kirk held the directors liable for \$39,712.

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