DEMANDS INSTITUTION FOR CUSTODIAL CARE OF DEMENTED CHILDREN

Commissioner Starr, in Strong Letter to Board of Control, Cites Cases of Children Who Need Care, But Cannot Be Looked After Because of Lack of Suitable Institution—Charities Commission Is Announced—Censoring the Theatres.

Commissioner J. E. Starr made an insistent demand for an institution for the custodial care of demented children in his communication to the board of control yesterday morning. He stated that at least forty per cent. of the total cases brought before him since the inception of the juvenile court are feeble minded, and, in order to place them somewhere under supervision for personal protection as well as for protection from others, who prey upon their physical and mental disabilities he has sent them to industrial schools, the last place, so he says, to which they should be consigned. He also states that if the civic authorities want to do something that would eventually be a public good they will have to act quickly, as further delay only means greater numbers added to the ranks of the feeble-minded. His communication reads:

"Gentlemen,—I have the honor to submit for your consideration the following representations:

"1. Since its organization in January last, the juvenile court has had to deal with the cases of upwards of eighteen hundred juvenile delinquents.

"2. Of these fully ten per cent., I am safe in saying, are mental defectives, say one hundred and fifty to two hundred.

"3. Perhaps sixty per cent. of this number are not so abnormal that they cannot be looked after and guided and helped under the probation system of the court.

"4. The forty per cent. residue, however, are in absolute need of proper custodial care, so much so that to protect them from themselves, as well as from being made the victims, if not the prey of older persons and used in disgusting ways, I have been compelled, not having any place else available, to send at least twenty of them to one or other of the industrial schools, when an industrial school, I submit, is the very last place to which any of them should have been sent.

A Worse Feature.

"5. A worse feature of the case is that besides those sent to industrial schools, there is an even larger number of these poor creatures who are unfit for commitment to industrial schools, yet in all this great, wealthy city and province, there is absolutely no available place to which I can send them for proper custodial care.

"6. For want of such a place, the following are some of the instances within the knowledge of the court: (a) 'Bob,' the poor imbecile, whom, in order to attract attention to this want, I committed, last spring, for a few days to the care of Governor Chambers of the jail as a 'suitable person,' and for doing which I was criticized both in the press and from Queen's Park—Bob, during the summer was drowned in the Humber! (b) Three girls, under 16 years of age, the victims of unknown park prowlers, are about to become mothers; (c) A sixteen-year-old lad, afflicted with religious mania, is making his home miserable by threatening to do away with himself; (d) Half a dozen other boys, not yet ten years of age, are wearing their mothers into nervous wrecks; (e) the same is true of several girls with a mania for roaming; (f) some three months ago a boy, barely twelve years of age, indecently assaulted three different little girls—one so seriously that she had to have the services of a doctor, and to the knowledge of neighbors was, in addition, guilty of five nameless offences. The same boy, three weeks ago, decapitated a cat by means of a hatchet and knife—the cat's head being produced in evidence, and the following week he chased a neighbor's child, ax in hand, threatening to 'cut her head off,' yet no place to which I can send him!

"I cite you these facts, gentlemen (1) to show you the handicap under which, in this respect, the court is laboring; (2) to absolve myself as far as in me lies from responsibility for possible future untoward eventualities; (3) to respectfully draw your attention to the report of the committee re feeble-minded children, etc., transmitted by you in your report No. 8 to the city council, and (4) to respectfully urge, if your honorable body have any power of 'initiative' by which to bring to the attention of the city council and the public, the dire need for a training school of the residential colony type for feeble-minded girls and boys, that in the name of God and humanity, you will make quick use of it.

"I have the honor to be, gentlemen, yours obediently,

"J. E. Starr.
"Commissioner, etc."

PRISON LABOR TO DISAPPEAR

New Jersey Commission, Now in Toronto, Will Abolish Former System of "Selling" Convicts.

Four members of the New Jersey Prison Labor Commission stopped off at Toronto yesterday en route to Guelph, where they are to inspect the new prison farm. They will also investigate the Canadian system of convict labor.

Mr. Kirkbridge stated that the system of selling convicts of New Jersey prisons to contractors who paid the state 50 cents a day for each convict, had been discontinued. The contractor often installed his plants in the prison and endeavored to squeeze out of the prisoner every ounce of his worth.

As soon as all the contracts of the prisoners have expired, which will be next year, the convicts will work solely for the state, and they will be paid 50 cents per day, whereas formerly they worked for nothing. Their wages will go towards the support of their families.

The commission is composed of six men, four of whom were in Toronto, namely, S. W. Kirkbridge, president; J. P. O'Lore, secretary; R. Moore and C. Corkine.

These men have traveled thru many of the different states and provinces, and they found that wherever the new system of prison labor is in vogue it has been very successful.

The visitors left yesterday afternoon for Guelph.

CEMENT WORKERS MEET

New Union Formed and Officers Elected Last Night.

At a special meeting of the Toronto Cement Workers in the Labor Temple last night, complete reorganization was gone thru. The union will become associated with the American Brotherhood of Cement Workers, and the F. of L. charters, from which organizations will arrive shortly.

The following officers were elected: President, J. Marshall; vice-president, S. Bluett; recording secretary, C. Anning; financial secretary and treasurer, G. H. Banks; trustees, Messrs. Moore, Lambie and Stevenson; sergeant-at-arms, A. Lambie.

LITHOGRAPHERS' BANQUET.

At a meeting in the Labor Temple last night the Toronto Lithographers Union decided to hold their annual banquet at Lovey's Cafe, on Nov. 29, at 9 o'clock.

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THE JUMPING FROG: 'Sno blame use, Wilf, they've doped me with buckshot.

SPECIFIC TERM FOR FIREMEN'S PENSIONS

Amendments Made to Rules Governing Benefit Fund Provide for Retirement After 30 Years' Service, Half Pay for Life After 25 Years, and Other Changes.

The amendments to the Firemen's Pension Fund were received and approved at the fire and light committee yesterday afternoon. The principal item was the abolition of the age limit, substituting a specific term. The former has caused a deal of dissatisfaction among the younger members of the force, they stating that the younger they join the longer they have to serve in order to obtain a pension. They also affirm that a period served by a younger man is just as valuable as that served by an older man.

Subsection 18 of clause 23 is amended to read as follows:

"Any member may retire from the department after completing 30 years' service, said service to mean a continuous service from the date of appointment to date of retirement, and shall, upon his retirement, then or thereafter, be entitled to receive an annual compensation for life of one-half the salary he was receiving on the date of his retirement, provided that he shall have occupied the position from which he retires for a period of at least three years prior to the date of his resignation, but no member shall be compelled to retire upon completion of such service, if in the opinion of the chief of the department and the medical health officer, such member is still qualified to perform his duties. The compensation paid under this subsection shall be in lieu of, and not in addition to, any other sums payable to members under this bylaw. The word 'member' wherever used in this bylaw shall mean a member of the department entitled to participate in the said fund."

Half Pay For Life.

Another amendment made is, "that after 25 years' service a fireman shall receive one-half pay for life." Under the present rule, the men receive three-eighths, after serving 20 years, and it is increased one-eighth when the 25 years has been reached in active service.

The other amendments are:

"If a member dies in the service who has served five years and under, his executors or administrators shall receive $500, and after five years' service, the sum of $1000, or a sum made up at the rate of one month's pay for each year's service completed (whichever shall be the larger sum), on a report of the committee, and approved by the fire and light committee."

"After 20 years and up to 25 years, a pension for life on three-eighths of his pay."

"In the event of a pensioner dying before he has drawn an amount of pension equal to what his death benefit would have been, if immediately before the commencement of his pension, he had died at his service, then the said death benefit will become payable, less the amount which he has drawn in pension."

ISSUED NOTE FOR PENNY.

Once a Bank of England note for one penny was issued by mistake. It got into circulation, and was a source of great annoyance to many persons when making up accounts. Search was made by the bank, and at length it discovered the holder of the note, who returned it to them for a fancy price.

This is the smallest amount for which an English note has ever been issued, for of course notes under £3 are never drawn up unless by mistake.

On no account are notes issued twice from the bank, and they are always canceled even if exchanged for cash immediately on their issue. About fifty thousand notes are presented for payment every day, and in one department a large staff of clerks is employed entirely to count and sort the notes that have been paid in on the previous day.

The cancelled notes are burned five years after the year of presentation. More than ninety million of old notes are stored away in the bank, and about every fortnight a large quantity of old notes is destroyed.

GOES TO FIGHT AGAINST TURKEY

Louis Roumeleotis is a prominent young Greek, who is leaving Toronto to join the army fighting against Turkey. He is a young man of excellent business ability and good family. For several years he has been in charge of the Slater Shoe Company's shoe shine department.

UTTLEY'S NAME IS NOT ON BALLOT

Suffrage Reform Candidate in North Waterloo Threatens to Protest the Election.

BERLIN, Ont., Oct. 23.—(Special.)—A queer condition of affairs exists in North Waterloo. Eight thousand ballots, the required number for the election, have been printed, and the name of Jas. Uttley, suffrage reform candidate, has been omitted from the list.

This has been done much against the will of the candidate, and he states tonight that if his name does not appear on the official ballot an election protest will result.

International Rugby Games

New York Times, Oct. 21, 1912.

The Carlisle Indians will play an international Rugby game with the Old Boys of Toronto University. This will be the first important international college Rugby contest ever played.

The contest will be played under American rules, but with proper coaching in the American rules the Canadians should give the Indians one of the hardest battles of the year.

It is hoped that college Rugby games will eventually be played between American and Canadian teams.

"What does the busy bee teach us, Freddie?"

"Not to go too near the hive, uncle."

Grand Trunk Acquiring Great Western

CHICAGO, Oct. 23.—(Can. Press.)—Great interest was created today by the announcement that E. J. Chamberlin, president of the Grand Trunk system, and Morley Donaldson, general manager of the Grand Trunk Pacific, spent yesterday and today inspecting the lines and properties of the Chicago and Great Western Railroad, formerly called the Maple Leaf and now known as the Cotton Belt route.

The Canadian officials are accompanied by A. M. Felton, president of the Great Western, and are traveling on a special train. The story that the Grand Trunk is about to acquire the Great Western is given general credence here. The road is owned by British capital and controlled thru J. P. Morgan & Co.

CHURCH STREET ASSESSMENTS APPEALED

Slight Reductions Made on Some Properties, and Report Will Be Obtained on Others—Young Men Advised to Get Married in Order to Secure Exemption.

Vigorous appeals against this year's remarkable increase in assessment were made to the court of revision at its session yesterday afternoon by a number of property owners on Church street.

On the unrevised list the southeast corner of Church and Queen streets was assessed at $600 a foot on the Church street frontage of 24 feet 9 ins. Last year the assessment was only $400 a foot. J. W. Nettleton, the owner, objected to the doubling process and asked for a reduction. W. E. Blake, owner of 18 feet at 123 Church, just south of Nettleton's corner, also asked for a reduction, in spite of the fact that his property was assessed at only $450 a foot. Last year the figure was $225 a foot.

Assessor Nixon was unwilling to admit that any of the assessments were too high. The corner of Church and Lombard streets, he said, had sold for $500 a foot and he maintained that the Church and Queen corner could be turned over any day for $1200 a foot. "The rent from only a portion of the property amounts to 18 per cent. of the gross assessment," he said. In answer to a question by Chairman Drayton he said that the assessment of the property at 121 Church street was only $350 per foot and that the difference between it and the assessment of Mr. Nettleton's corner was due to the fact that the street car intersection made his latter propert yvery valuable. Chairman Drayton thought that the figures on Nos. 125 and 123 were a little high, and he then reduced the assessments to $750 and $425.

J. Cooper Mason was another Church street property owner to enter an appeal. His property is at Nos. 78 and 80 and has a frontage of 28 feet. Last year's assessment was $185 a foot and this year's $350. The appeal was held over pending a report on the property.

Joseph Beamish was one of a number who appealed against the income tax. He claimed that he had friends who were earning just as much money as he and yet they paid no income tax.

"Are they married?" asked Chairman Drayton.

"Certainly."

"Well, that's the reason," replied the chairman. "It makes no matter whether you are a property owner or not, if you want the $1200 exemption you will have to get married."

Several of the city's young men have qualified for this exemption during the past year. Some of them were on hand to press their claims, and in all cases they went away smiling. The exemption of the single man is only $600.

BAPTIST YOUNG PEOPLE

Great Activity Manifested by the Societies in Hamilton.

Great activity is being manifested by the Baptist Young People's Societies of Hamilton and district. G. W. Frazer, associational president, has issued a call to the unions to organize a series of young people's rallies.

Kensington Avenue Baptist Church expects to have the largest junior union, not only in Hamilton, but for the province.

Owing to the enthusiasm aroused at the Victoria Park Mission, B.Y.P.U. by Paul Kolesnikoff, city missionary to foreigners, a second collection at the close of his address was taken up for his work, and amounted to $10.

ST. JOSEPH'S ALUMNAE.

The annual banquet of the Alumnae Association of St. Joseph's College will be held at the college on Saturday, Oct. 26, at 6 p.m.

PRICE OF HARNESS LEATHER IS INCREASED BY TANNERS AND SHOE LEATHER IS NEXT

Town Planning

President Falconer has notified Secretary Morley of the board of trade that Thos. H. Mawson, the eminent town planning expert, London, England, would deliver an address in the physics building, Toronto University, Friday next, the 25th inst., at 8 p.m.

All members of the board are cordially invited to attend and bring their friends.

Entrance to the physics building by College street, head of McCaul street.

Cool Eight Millions For Glen Campbell?

Uncle Died in Australia and Left Him Fortune, He's Advised—Wants Confirmation.

WINNIPEG, Oct. 23.—(Can. Press.)—Glenlyon Archibald Campbell, more familiarly known as "Glen" Campbell, who sat for a number of years in the Manitoba Legislature, and during the last Dominion Parliament represented Dauphin at Ottawa, now chief inspector of Indian affairs in the west, has received a letter from a firm of solicitors in Australia saying that his uncle, Archibald Sterling, a big sheep rancher, has left him sole heir to an estate of $8,000,000.

Mr. Campbell has not corresponded with his uncle for many years and until he has more definite information prefers to be a little skeptical about the estate.

In Consequence of Advance in Prices of Hides, Toronto Dealers Have Been Forced to Raise Prices to the Consumers.

F. G. Morley, secretary of the tanners' section of the Toronto Board of Trade, has received notice from one of the largest tanners belonging to the section that, in consequence of the increase in cost of hides, it becomes necessary to advance the price of harness leather on all selections.

Consul-General Ethelbert Watts, Brussels, Belgium, reports on the advance of leather prices in Europe as follows:

"The high price of raw skins is about to cause an increase in prices of shoes manufactured in Belgium. The Association of Shoe Manufacturers of Belgium is aroused because of this situation and is considering remedial measures. Not only are the skins held at inflated prices, but they are also scarce and the highest prices ever known are anticipated.

"A large leather dealer says that tanners in Norway have increased their quotations $2.68 per 100 kilos (220 pounds). In England the executive committee of the federation of associations of shoe manufacturers has decided to advance the price of shoes to correspond with the increased cost of raw material. The same measure has been taken by the syndicate of leather and skins of Marseilles and the south of France. The union of the boards of trade of leather and skins of the Rhine and Westphalia has increased the price of tanned leather 5 per cent., and it proposes to make a 10 per cent. increase in the price of manufactured articles and raw material. In France and Italy there have been similar advances for raw skins and leather.

WANTS CIVIC EQUIPMENT IN EVERY RESPECT FOR EVERY CIVIC CAR LINE

Mayor Hocken Does Not Favor the Proposal to Allow Toronto Railway Company to Operate Civic Car Lines, and the Controllers Share His Opinion on the Question.

If the Street Railway Company is willing to run its own cars over the civic car lines, the majority of the board of control are not, and trouble is likely to arise out of Alderman Sam. McBride's attempt to sidetrack Commissioner Harris's desire to run city owned cars on the city owned line at the earliest possible date.

An evening paper yesterday stated that R. J. Fleming, general manager of the Toronto Railway, had agreed to operate the civic car lines with the cars of the Toronto Railway Co., and to give one fare trips to the heart of the city, and that he would later on let the city know upon what basis he would confer the favor.

Controller McCarthy stated that such a move would only be resorted to as a last resource, with the ultimate end of giving eastenders a service during the wintry weather.

Only under exceptional conditions would Mayor Hocken agree to such a move, as he states that he wants a civic equipment in every respect on the civic car lines, and will do his utmost to bring this about.

Controller Church stated that the conference committee should never have been appointed, and if such a move as is reported is to be the result of their efforts, they might just as well go out of existence immediately.

Controller Foster, too, is dissatisfied with the work of this special committee. He is reported to have said that he would resign from it.

Increased Grants.

H. G. Levetus, a member of the Sons of England Hospital Board, and connected with other fraternal societies in the city, yesterday attended the board of control with the request that the city increase its hospital grants, in order to enable the hospitals to reduce their minimum charges to 50 cents per diem.

"It is hard for the working men to pay the $1 per day," declared Mr. Levetus, "because his salary ceases when he enters the hospital, and, therefore, I would like to see the city increase its grant, so that the various hospitals will see their way clear to admitting patients at 50 cents per day in the case of men who are dependent upon their own resources, also to include members of fraternal societies, as the high rates charged make large and unnecessary inroads into the latter's hospital funds."

His request will go to the special committee which is looking into such matters.

Charities Commission.

The membership of the civic charities commission was announced yesterday, and they included Messrs. R. S. Hudson, Controller Foster, J. A. Tory of the Sun Life Insurance Co., G. T. Somers of the board of trade and W. H. Smith.

Controller McCarthy suggests that the commission be renamed, as its present title does not give the commissioners sufficient scope, and, under the circumstances he would rather the new board be called "The Social Service Committee."

The board will commence work as early as possible, and legislation will be sought at the next session of the legislature based upon its reports.

Treat All the Same.

F. W. Stair, proprietor of the Star Theatre, has communicated with the city fathers, requesting that all theatres be treated with the same degree of strictness when the question of the morality of any particular play visiting Toronto is made the subject of censorship.

His communication read: "I see that you are about to appoint a board of censors for the Toronto theatres, and I wish to assure you that the board, when appointed, will have every assistance from me, as the morality inspector, from Inspector Archibald down to the present incumbent of the office, will assure you that I have done everything they have demanded, without question.

"It is my desire to give a clean, meritorious performance, and any assistance your censors can give me to that end will be appreciated by me. I would only request that you instruct them not to make fish of one and flesh of another."

Chief of Police Grasett forwarded the following resolution to the board of control, from the police commissioners:

"That the board of control be requested to appoint a censor of plays, whose duty will be the supervision of all plays in theatres in this city, and relieve the police of such duties which do not properly belong to them."

On account of the many private meetings now being held in the city hall, Mayor Hocken was forced to abruptly bring the board meeting to a close when only a few of the many tant items down for csdi siusohnadS important items down for discussion had been dealt with, and it was decided that the board will meet every morning at 10.30 until the pressure has been relieved.

WEST WILL HAVE GRAIN MARKETS

Growers' Requests to Be Met by Establishing Centres at Winnipeg and Fort William.

OTTAWA, Oct. 23.—(Special.)—Acting upon the recommendation of the grain commission, the government has decided to establish sample grain markets at Winnipeg and Fort William to be in operation by next September. For some years past the western grain growers have been persistently advocating the establishment of these markets on the ground that great advantages would accrue from them, including higher prices in foreign markets for lower grades of wheat and other grain.

Provision was made for their establishment in the Western Grain Act, passed by parliament last session. Since then the matter has been under consideration by the grain commission. The recommendation for the adoption of the scheme is the result, and it is felt that in operation it will give satisfaction and supply a long felt want.

PRESENTATION TO FIREMAN.

Daniel Best of aerial truck No. 2 at Adelaide street fire station, who has recently been promoted to lieutenant of No. 1 hose wagon, was presented with a handsome pipe by Captain Corbett on behalf of the boys of the aerial truck and wate rtower last night.

May Establish Research Stations.

OTTAWA, Oct. 23.—(Special.)—The government has decided to appoint a committee to consider the request of the Royal Society of Canada that research stations be instituted thruout the Dominion for the purpose of gathering and preserving documents of historical value.