

GRATUITY IS REFUSED INSPECTOR McCALLUM

Mayor Is Charged With Unfair Tactics—Council Evenly Divided.

ACCEPT RESIGNATION
Council Refuses Conference On Successor To Rev. Warner.

While accepting the resignation of Relief Inspector MacCallum last night, the city council refused to sanction a motion and an amendment to give him a retiring gratuity. The motion of Alderman Greer to allow the inspector his salary for the balance of the year and his salary for 1925 was defeated six to six.

The vote was: Yeas, Ald. Douglass, Anderson, Greer, Hayden, Towse and Shaw. The opponents of the motion were: Ald. Drake, Walsh, Smith, McKay, Bottrell, and the mayor.

An amendment proposed by Ald. Smith (to grant one year's salary) was defeated by seven to six. The vote was: Yeas, Ald. Warren, Towse, Smith, Walsh, Drake and Anderson; and the nays, Ald. Douglass, McKay, Greer, Hayden, Shaw, and the mayor. At the conclusion of the meeting, Ald. Douglass introduced a motion to reopen the subject at the next council meeting.

Ald. Greer took issue with the mayor on the treatment, he claimed, had been meted out to the inspector, and was very outspoken.

"Mr. MacCallum," he said, "has been hounded and accused by you, Mr. Mayor, as has no other employee of the city, to my knowledge. All sorts of false charges have been made against him, and on one occasion you told him that he was responsible for the death of a man."

Here the mayor ruled him out of order. Later he withdrew his remarks on this point, only to fall foul of the mayor again with a statement that in consideration of all that the inspector had suffered he would agree to the suggestion of Ald. Douglass that his gratuity be reduced from two years to the balance of this year and his salary for 1925.

"I object to this gratuity grant," said the mayor, "on two counts. It is not fair to the ratepayers who have perhaps worked just as long for the city, but never had the same opportunity, and it is not fair to the ratepayers generally. In any case, I find that Mr. MacCallum is in a financial position that makes a grant unnecessary."

Attacks Mayor.

"I also have investigated this case, your worship," answered Ald. Greer, "and I find that he is not in a position to live without some help from the city. This is the same kind of thing that has happened to other city employees since the time when you became mayor, but it was with stronger men, like Turner and Brazier. Only the procedure rules prevent me from saying what I really think of all this."

Ald. McKay opposed the grant on the grounds that it was unfair in that it would compel ratepayers to contribute who were not at all hopeful that they would be accorded the same treatment in their declining years, and that it would tend to make the federal government forget its duty in the way of old age pensions.

In the matter of the resignation of Rev. Quintin Warner, judge of the London Juvenile Court, a motion from Alderman Greer asking the attorney-general to accept the resignation was passed, only three aldermen, McKay, Drake and Smith, opposing it. In its place an amendment by Alderman McKay that all organizations in the city which were instrumental in the selection of the judge at the institution of the court be asked to meet and make a recommendation as to the successor to Mr. Warner, was lost eight to five. Alderman Douglass, Anderson, Walsh, Greer, Bottrell, Towse, Warren and Shaw opposing it.

Unemployed Heard.

A large deputation of the unemployed in the city, headed by William Tite, waited on the council, stating the position of workless men in the city and asking forcibly for work or maintenance. The council having listened to their exposition, decided that it had no business to consider the matter, but carried unanimously a motion from Alderman McKay that the city council delegation on unemployment visit both the federal and the provincial governments, accompanied by both members for the city, and impress strongly on the respective governments the needs of the city for help in solving the unemployment crisis. The delegation is to consist of Alderman McKay and Drake and the mayor, and will visit Toronto and Ottawa during the conference on September 3.

Another motion dealing with this question of unemployment from Alderman Smith is in the nature of a petition to the C. N. R. to refrain from renting cars from the States while their own cars are lying idle and needing repairs. Alderman Smith and McKay said they had heard that this was the case, and were backed up by some members of the "unemployed" delegation.

Plumbing Bylaw.

Alderman Douglass offered a solution of the plumbing bylaw imposition to which the council agreed, in the calling of a special meeting of the council which would be attended by an officer of the provincial board of health, Dr. Hill, dean of the Public Health Institute in London, the plumbing instructor from the London Technical School, and members of the R. E. O. A., to consider the possibility of any changes and amendments in the present bylaw. A letter from Gordon Wright to the council stating that an alderman had made certain overtures which would have meant the "prostitution of his citizenship" in the matter of getting round the plumbing bylaw, was referred to the board of health to deal with. It was regarded as a reflection on all members of the council. In the meantime the case of the city vs. Gordon Wright will be postponed sine die.

Ald. McKay termed the action of the council in recommending the attorney-general to accept the resignation of Rev. Quintin Warner as an insult to a most capable judge and pleaded for a meeting of the various organizations concerned in the matter of the selection in the first place

Crop Prospects Bring Happiness

Special to The Advertiser.

Chatham, Sept. 2.—A crop of oats grown by Armand Pugh of Kent Bridge has yielded 97 bushels to the acre. The crop in the county this year is proving much higher in average than in previous years. Wheat has run as high as 60 bushels to the acre, and 45 to 50 bushels is quite common. Sugar beets promise to be a record crop, and tobacco is showing well, so farmers of the county are happy and business houses are anticipating active business this fall.

to bring in a recommendation as to his success without avail. Both William Tite and Frank Crookford, members of the delegation of unemployed made it clear that the situation was serious and that either work or maintenance was the determined aim of the unemployed this winter.

Mr. Tite stressed the fact that many of the men with whom he returned men, and that they had a right to something more than unemployment. He laid the whole blame on the federal authorities and brought in a resolution asking that the action of the district immigration officer, John Farrell, be discontinued until such time as the employment situation improves, and to use the money now used for immigration to build public buildings and carry out public works. He suggested the building of a postoffice and a customs house in London as meeting part of the local need.

Work Wanted.
"What we want," he said, "is not charity or doles. We want work in order that our wives and children may eat. The situation is serious, and worthy of your best efforts. We are asking you to do all you can to bring pressure to bear on Ottawa to do its duty in meeting the present conditions."

The question of the Springbank dam went back to the finance committee when Alderman Douglass said he could not vote in favor of it going to the people for a vote this year, as it would mean the installation of a purification system for all city sewage, a most expensive operation. He said that if the river, when dammed, was to be used for boating and swimming, a purification system was necessary, and the matter was referred to the committee for further information.

**NINETY-NINE HOUSES
ERECTED DURING YEAR**

Building Continues Active in Stratford—Fire Loss Is Small.

Special to The Advertiser.
Stratford, Sept. 2.—Building continues active. During August the city engineer's department issued 45 building permits for work valued at \$45,527. This brings the value for this year up to \$549,424. Included in the building for the year thus far are 99 dwelling houses.

Vital statistics for August as reported from the city clerk's office are: Births 32, marriages 13, deaths 14.

The fire loss in the city for the month of August is estimated at \$290. There were five alarms during the month.

A decided decrease in customs figures for the month of August is reported with receipts of \$47,388.14, while in August, 1923, the receipts totalled \$59,347.02. In July the receipts totalled \$51,096.03.

Indications now point to almost a record crop in Perth County this year, despite the rather poor outlook earlier in the year. The crop is about 60 per cent harvested and huge yields have been reported from many districts. Corn, which until a couple of weeks ago was being classed among the failures, has picked up remarkably well with the warm weather. Fall wheat is already being sown.

Winter apples in all probability, will be scarce. It appears that the cold spring killed many of the buds and kept the bees from doing their work of pollination. Fall apples survived much better, and there will be a good crop of pippins, snows, maidens bluish and similar apples.

A record enrollment of upwards of 700 students is expected at the collegiate institute as today, the opening session of the school, 650 students presented themselves, or 50 more than on the opening day last year.

New teachers on the collegiate staff are Miss Cowan of Seaford, Mr. Bryon of Blenheim, Mr. Niece, commercial specialist, and Mr. Burnett of Milverton.

Three new teachers on the public school staff and one who returned from England this summer are: Miss A. Cook, Miss Jean Elliott and Miss Martha Scoble. The returned teacher is Miss F. Irwin.

Following a lingering illness that had kept him from work since last May, Thomas Dawes died at the residence of Mrs. M. Kilpatrick, 112 Falstaff street, about noon today. The late Mr. Dawes was widely known as a florist. For the last 27 years he had conducted a greenhouse at 114 Falstaff street. He was born at Rotherham, near Sheffield, in Yorkshire, England, 63 years ago. He was a boiler maker by trade until he was 33 years of age. On coming to America he settled in Stratford, and had lived here for the last 20 years. The late Mr. Dawes is survived by three children, Mrs. E. Brown of Cleveland, Mrs. E. Helmiz of Detroit, and a son, Thomas, of Winnipeg.

**TWELVE BUILDING PERMITS
ISSUED AT GALT IN AUGUST**

Special to The Advertiser.
Galt, Sept. 2.—During August only 12 building permits were issued of which two were for new buildings. For the first 8 months of the year, 141 permits, value \$91,746, were taken out, while in the same period last year 129 permits were issued, but they had a value of \$109,856.

MORE PASSENGERS FOR STREET CARS

Report For August Shows An Increase, But Deficit in Cash.

PARK IMPROVEMENTS

Special to The Advertiser.

St. Thomas, Sept. 2.—A special meeting of the parks and street railway committee was held at the city hall this evening to receive the reports of Manager Johns and discuss the parks situation. In the manager's report an increase in passenger traffic for August over the corresponding month last year of 2,762 was announced, while the deficit was \$784.01. The total receipts were \$2,364.89.

They authorized the purchase of another 5,000 metal tickets and 10 new money-changers for the conductors, and referred the question of damages to George A. Ponsford's car back to the city solicitor and the chairman.

The parks committee were notified that they had \$6,000 of their appropriation for Pinafore work left after the summer had passed. The committee asked City Engineer Miller to mark out the proposed new improvements at once so that there will be no delay in the work of laying out the flower beds for the spring.

Park Improvements.
Engineer Miller was asked to make a survey of the Athletic Park so that

Elusive Swift Finally Caught In Dutton Shop

Special to The Advertiser.

Dutton, Sept. 2.—A swift, which in appearance is like a baby alligator, which has been terrorizing the fair sex of the village, was captured today when it rammed into William Ransteln's tontorial parlors.

This unusual reptile has been making nightly appearances on Main street, but has always managed to escape capture by darting down the water mains on the street.

The animal was chloroformed and put on exhibition in B. Schultz's window. It measured nine inches long and two inches across the shoulders. It was light green with brown markings.

the committee can lay out baseball diamonds, cricket pitch, and fields for other branches of sport.

Some new rulings will be enforced regarding the parking of cars around the baseball ground inclosure. The committee recommended to the committee that two firemen be designated to patrol the grandstand during games to guard against the possibility of fires.

An increase from 27 to 41 births is credited to last month in comparison with August of 1923. Twenty-one of the newcomers are girls, while 19 are boys. July of this year also had 41 births. Marriages for August totalled 18 and deaths 17, as compared with 15 marriages and 18 deaths in August, 1923.

A decrease in the custom receipts for last August of \$26,003.96 was

experienced when compared with August, 1923. The August income, 1924, amounted to \$41,632.20, while August, 1923, showed a total entry of \$67,636.16.

Rutter—Waite.
The marriage of Miss Mildred Waite, daughter of Mrs. John Waite, Dutton, to James Rutter, St. Thomas, was solemnized at the First Methodist Parsonage, September 1 by Rev. Wilfred Gaetz. The bride was gown in pale pink georgette with old gold lace, and carried a shower bouquet of roses. Mr. and Mrs. Rutter left on a wedding trip to Buffalo and Niagara Falls, and on their return will reside at 11 College street, city.

The wedding of Grace May Dowd of this city to Joseph Cameron Gillan, also of St. Thomas, was solemnized at the First Methodist Church Parsonage Saturday, August 30, Rev. Wilfred Gaetz, officiating.

A quiet wedding was solemnized at the First Methodist Church Parsonage at 11 o'clock Monday morning, when Edna Pearl, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Squire K. Smith of Sparta became the bride of William Irwin Smith, Malahide. Rev. Mr. Gaetz officiated. The bride, who was unmarried, wore a becoming costume of sand and blue silk canton crepe, and carried a bridal bouquet of sweet peas. Following the ceremony, the popular young couple left for Toronto, where they will make their home.

Plan Tag Day.
The Amasa Wood Hospital Alumni Association will hold a tag day next Saturday for the purpose of raising money to complete their contribution to the Memorial Hospital. A meeting has been called for next Wednesday to arrange final details.

The death of George Taylor, an old and respected resident for many years, occurred at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Thomas G. Jones, River road, Southwood, after an illness of six months. Mr. Taylor was 82 years of age, and was born in Aberdeen, Scotland, coming to St.

Thomas 52 years ago. He had been a resident of this city till recently, when he moved to his daughter's home near Port Stanley. While here he was employed in the freight shed of the C. P. R. and M. C. R., and his home on Arthur avenue. He was a member of Alma St. Presbyterian Church. Besides his daughter, in Southwood, he is survived by a step-daughter, Mrs. J. C. Ray, Toronto, and three stepsons, Frank Lee, 52 Barnes street, city, David Lee, and John R. Lee, Kansas City.

A private funeral will be held on Wednesday to the St. Thomas Cemetery, Rev. D. C. Soues officiating. The death of Samuel Jenkins, an old and highly-respected citizen of this city, took place in Amasa Wood Hospital this evening, following a lengthy illness.

He had resided in this city for 40 years, coming here from England. He had been employed on the M. C. R. as a fireman with the gas company before the city took over the plant, and for the past 20 years with Conley Brothers in the Talbot Hotel, Hotel.

**ALLEGED SPEED CHARGE
JUDGMENT IS RESERVED**

Special to The Advertiser.
St. Thomas, Sept. 2.—When L. A. Thayer of Aylmer appeared in police court today on a charge of speeding his attorney alleged that the charge was laid because of ill-feeling between the defendant and Special Officer Baker, who laid the charge.

Baker, in his evidence, alleged that Thayer was travelling 30 miles an hour in the city. Thayer testified that his car has a special high-gear for use in the city and does not travel at that speed. He also declared that several cars were traveling ahead of him during the time he was alleged to have been speeding.

After hearing much contradictory evidence, Magistrate Maxwell reserved decision until Friday morning.

HERRIOT BREAKS GENEVA RESERVE

Enthusiastic Welcome Given French Premier—MacDonald Is En Route.

Associated Press Despatch.

Geneva, Sept. 2.—Republican Geneva, accustomed to greatness within its borders, rarely gets excited over a distinguished visitor, but tonight it flung reserve aside and gave to Premier Herriot of France one of the most enthusiastic greetings in its history. The huge crowds, which had waited patiently for hours, greeted the premier with cries of "Vive Herriot."

But there was another development of great importance. This was the redrafting of a pact for disarmament and security by a committee of its American authors, who are now in Geneva, and presentation of the new text to M. Herriot.

Prof. Shotwell, General Tasker, Bliss and Mr. Miller, working at Geneva, have put the first eleven clauses of their original text into a separate declaration which is called "outlawry or aggressive war." This declaration is cast in the form of a treaty, so that the powers accepting it may be bound to a contract.

Another feature of the new text is the treatment of disarmament, covered in three draft resolutions, which are expected to be presented to the League assembly. A preliminary resolution asks the assembly to declare its approval of the decision outlawing aggressive war and provides for its submission

to the members for adoption in the form of a protocol.

Associated Press Despatch.
London, Sept. 2.—"The road is clearer than ever for a real discussion of armaments and national security," Ramsay MacDonald, the British premier, is quoted by Reuters' correspondent, as having said to him aboard the train which is taking Mr. MacDonald to Geneva to attend the fifth assembly of the League of Nations.

"Nobody has yet devised a satisfactory disarmament scheme," Mr. MacDonald continued, "but we are nearer it as various obstacles are successively moved."

The premier, according to the correspondent, said he was emphatically opposed to the application of force in carrying out decisions of the League of Nations, declaring such action would only destroy the league's power.

**CUSTOMS AND EXCISE
SHOW DECREASE AT GALT**

Special to The Advertiser.
Galt, Sept. 2.—The customs and excise collections at the port of Galt in August totalled \$61,727.24, a decrease compared with the figures for August, 1923, of \$27,415.27.

**EXETER SCHOOLS HAVE
BIG OPENING ATTENDANCE**

Special to The Advertiser.
Exeter, Sept. 2.—The attendance at the opening of the Exeter schools today was over 200 in each department. The staff comprises:

High school—Mr. Wethey, Mr. Bowers, Mr. Webb, Miss Ross, Miss Hale and Miss Payne. Elementary school—Mr. Howard, Miss Murray, Miss Kinsman, Miss Medd and Miss Taylor.

GRAND STAND PERFORMANCE

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The Vaudeville Performance in front of the grand stand will maintain the high standard set in previous years. The various acts have been selected with painstaking care, and will meet with the approval of all who can crowd the stand to see them.

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TUESDAY, SEPT. 9.

2:15 trot, mile heats.

2:25 pace, mile heats.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 10.

2:30 trot, mile heats.

2:10 pace, mile heats.

THURSDAY, SEPT. 11.

2:30 pace, mile heats.

2:50 pace, mile heats.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 12.

2:20 trot, mile heats.

Half-mile free-for-all.

THE MIDWAY

The Johnny J. Jones Exposition Shows, which will occupy the Midway this year, are in a class by themselves for clean, healthy amusement. The Midway will consist of numerous rides and shows, providing a whole exhibition of itself for the amusement of everybody, the kiddies, the young folk and their parents. You cannot afford to miss this.

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