

## ENQUIRY HAS BEEN ORDERED INTO THE EXHIBITION FIRE

Chief Coroner Johnson to Undertake It—What Police Investigations Show—City Hall Notes.

An investigation into the origin of the fire at the exhibition grounds is to be held after all. A requisition, signed by the mayor, Ald. Harrison and Ald. Church, has been sent to Chief Coroner Johnson, asking that the cause of the fire be enquired into, and investigation made of the caretaking at the grounds as well as any other matters in connection. The cost will be borne by the city.

When the matter was brought before the attention of the coroner yesterday, Controller Hubbard agreed with the mayor, that there were some things to be found out. He said that there was doubt in the public mind as to whether an alarm was turned in with enough alacrity. It had been stated that the alarm was rung in from the street.

The mayor said the fire department had been notified by telephone before the box struck in.

The requisition from the civic officials was mailed to Coroner Johnson last night, and a letter of instruction also.

To the World, Coroner Johnson stated that he was prepared to make a thorough investigation. He proposes to ask the authorities for a competent detective and a stenographer to aid the investigation.

"It is all nonsense taking evidence from everyone that comes along. I propose to sift the matter to the bottom and go at it in proper style. I can't get for a day or two until I get matters in shape."

The police department have made an investigation into the cause of the fire. They have not unearthed anything that would lead to a suspicion of incendiarism.

Some days before the fire, Darling and Micks, who had the restaurant under the grandstand, were connected by the fire from the stove. On the day of the fire a football match was played in front of the stand. The players were scattered and the fire broke out under the east end of the stand, where the fire is supposed to have originated.

The detectives also discovered this man, who said the transportation building caught fire from a large candle which fell on the roof. This fact does away with the surmise that the grandstand and transportation building were set on fire about the same time.

To Sue Street Railway.

The city is to enter suit against the Street Railway for damages done to water mains thru electrolysis. This was decided upon by the board of control yesterday, when upon the recommendation of the city engineer and city solicitor Mr. Chisholm was given instructions to proceed against the company.

As the extent of the damage is not known, no stated sum will be mentioned. It will be sought after by the action to check further injury.

The request of the board of trade, to be allowed a private conference with the board of control will be allowed, although the Controllers Shaw and Hubbard were against the proposed closed door idea. The meeting will be held on Tuesday. It is understood that the business men wish to discuss the bridge's Bay industrial district.

Tenders for the iron fence to be placed around Alexandra Park were opened and referred to the board of control yesterday.

Tenders were opened for construction work on the Lansdowne-avenue subway. There were seven tenders for the subcontract, ranging from \$48,369, at which the Golden Contracting Company obtained the work, to \$58,486. The steel work tenders will be called for in a few weeks.

The city engineer's plan for building Yonge-street bridge is approved by the railways, with the exception of some minor changes in the location of the piers to allow more lines of tracks under the bridge. Mr. Rust is making the required alterations in the plans.

## MONEY INTERESTS STEP IN TO STOP COAL-STEEL WAR

Makes Representations to Both Companies to Come Together.

Sydney, C.B., Nov. 7.—(Special).—Hopes are entertained here to-night that the solution of the difficulty between the coal and steel companies is in sight. Manager Jones is optimistic in this respect.

Manager Clouston, Bank of Montreal, has made representations to both companies with a view to a temporary settlement. It has been ascertained whether any action has been taken on the lines indicated by Mr. Clouston.

Senator Forget, Montreal, one of the biggest holders of the Dominion Coal Company, has also interested himself in the way of bringing about an adjustment of the difficulty.

Officials of the Coal Company still refuse to make any statement.

## ELECTION BRIBERS FINED DISFRANCHISED FOR 8 YEARS

Decision in Actions Brought by Conservative Organizer.

Halifax, Nov. 7.—(Special).—Mr. Justice Townsend filed decisions in the Antigonish election cases of Davidson v. Hall and Davidson v. Armstrong. The actions were for penalty for violating the Nova Scotia Elections Act, it being alleged that the defendants, at the election for the house of assembly in Antigonish in March last, promised to pay money to persons qualified to vote.

Both were found guilty, and a penalty of \$400 imposed on each. In addition to the monetary penalty the defendants are both disfranchised for the period of eight years.

The actions were brought by A. L. Davidson, Conservative organizer.

NATIONAL MILITIA RESERVE.

(Canadian Associated Press Cable.)

London, Nov. 7.—Premier Deakin of Australia gave a sympathetic answer to a deputation which proposed the voluntary enlistment of 50,000 Australian citizens in a national militia reserve. Personally he did not shrink from compulsory service. But some such scheme should first be tried.

## O.R.G. LACKS CO-OPERATION VEGETABLE GROWERS SAY

Departments Do Not Work Together for the General Good.

The committee appointed to visit the Guelph Agricultural College by the Vegetable Growers' Association presented a report to the directors' meeting yesterday, which was less complimentary than such reports are usually expected to be.

The report, which was presented by W. C. McCalla, St. Catharines; Joseph Rush, Humber Bay, and Thomas Delworth, Weston, found fault in almost every direction. The worst done to the college was not satisfactory to the vegetable growers. The lack of co-operation between the several college departments was specially commented upon.

When bugs were destroying the vegetables, the head of the horticultural section was not interested in the matter because they didn't belong to his department.

When fertilizers were needed, that belonged to another branch, and the departments seemed to work together.

The committee advised that the professor of horticulture should have more power given him to see that work was carried thru to a conclusion.

Expert is Restricted.

The expert on vegetables, appointed at the request of the association, did not appear to be given a free enough hand in his work, and was thus constantly handicapped.

The delegates, who were from Sarnia, Tecumseh, Chatham, St. Catharines, Hamilton, Toronto, Brantford, Kingston and Ottawa, saw the minister of agriculture, and laid their report before him, and he promised consideration.

The belief was expressed during the discussion that it would be advisable to establish vegetable experimental stations thruout the province, so that the practical men might conduct experiments in growing vegetables, and the results be made known, as in the case of fruit.

Want Larger Grant.

An increased grant was also requested, in view of the relative importance of the association, which has the largest membership among the allied agricultural and horticultural organizations, who have only 350 members, get a grant of \$1800. The vegetable growers only get \$600, and ask \$1000.

It was decided to hold a meeting in January thruout the province and to arrange with the farmers' institutes for competent speakers, as the speaker of agriculture has not been familiar with the vegetable growers' aims.

The meeting was held in the parliament buildings, F. F. Reeves, Humber Bay, presiding.

The vegetable growers' convention will meet at 10 o'clock this morning at the city hall, and continue thruout the day and to-morrow.

## ELECTRIC EMPLOYEES OFFER

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tomorrow. The company insists that additional militia shall be brought here to aid them and they may do nothing until their request is complied with.

Additional strikers have arrived this morning and there are now about one hundred men prepared to go to work, mainly French-Canadians.

Many citizens are urging the mayor to call upon the Ontario Railway and Municipal Board to take over and operate the city railway system.

Should the Ontario Railway and Municipal Board refuse to furnish power, an application will be made to the hydro-electric power commission. Secretary Reeves is in favor of this, but the men at the line are opposed to any action by the board, fearing that they would refuse to employ strikers in operating the line.

Traction Men Stoned.

A sensational happening of the afternoon was the stoning of D. N. Miller, superintendent of the traction company by some workmen in the Deering district. Some cars have been sent every evening for the 1500 people employed by the International Harvester Company and other great corporations in that locality. They are the people who have suffered most from the strike, as they live two or three miles from their work; nevertheless, they have been almost unanimous in refusing to patronize the cars.

To-night Superintendent Miller drove out and stationed himself near the cars and urged the men to get on board. This led some bystander to address the superintendent, and he reminded them that Miller was quite lately president of the Hamilton Street Car Employees' Union, and a vice-president of the International Union of Railroads.

R. L. Reeves, international secretary, left at midnight for Detroit.

Fred Fay of the International board, and famous as a strike conductor, will take his place. Mr. Reeves took occasion to-night, at an informal gathering of union men, to acknowledge the friendly stand taken by The World in behalf of the strikers. He also declared that, in his opinion, the strike could be won without calling out the other employees of the Cataract Power Company.

THREE MORE GO.

London, Nov. 7.—(Special).—Three Grand Trunk conductors were dismissed by Superintendent Brownlee this afternoon. They are a London man, who has been running the Poplar Owen Sound run; McKeever, on the Toronto-Paris run; and Foot on the Brantford-Palmerston run.

Splendid Daily Service to Chicago.

via Grand Trunk Railway System. Through Pullman sleepers leave Toronto 7.35 a.m., 4.30 p.m. and 11.20 p.m.; with an address from the colored evangelist, Rev. Mr. Tuttle, who is holding meetings in the above mission.

At the Gideon Mission, 185 East Queen-street, a free supper was given to about 60 men, also a social time, when a number of workers took part in recitations and songs, including the colored jubilee singers, with an address from the colored evangelist, Rev. Mr. Tuttle, who is holding meetings in the above mission.

At the evening session Mr. Fowler was again heard. Mr. Shepley took up with him the agreement made between the union and the Hon. Geo. E. Foster, when witnesses were negotiating for the Kamloops limits to the Union Trust Company. This was drawn on Feb. 8, 1901,

## FOWLER AGAIN IN STAND ADDS NOTHING TO STORY

For the First Time Insurance Commission Holds Night Session and Finishes With I.O.F.

Ottawa, Nov. 7.—(Special).—For the first time in the history of the insurance commission, a night session was held to-night, and the examination of George W. Fowler, M. P. for Sussex, N. B., was concluded. Mr. Fowler was calm and deliberate, and Mr. Shepley did not draw much new information from him regarding his land deals in British Columbia. Consideration of I. O. F. affairs was concluded for the present.

The commission adjourned at 10 o'clock, to meet again to-morrow morning.

Mr. Fowler Recalled.

George W. Fowler was the first witness. Mr. Shepley called upon him to produce the document relating to the Great West land deal which he had been asked to look up. Mr. Fowler could not find any maps or any correspondence with F. T. Griffin, the C. P. R. land commissioner, regarding the purchase of the Shuswap property. He could not find any correspondence with Mr. Curry of Toronto, nor with other members of the New Ontario Farm and Townships Company, nor with western real estate men. He agreed substantially with the statements made by Mr. Griffin yesterday, but he had no copy of the contract made with the C. P. R., nor could he remember having written a letter to Sir Thomas Shaughnessy.

Mr. Shepley then turned to the consideration of papers relating to the purchase of the Shuswap property. A document was found. It was an estimate of the company, prepared by Mr. Fowler.

Poster to Fowler.

There was a letter, dated April 13, 1904, from Hon. George E. Foster to Mr. Fowler. It dealt with the purchase of the Shuswap property by the Kamloops Company, and brought in the names of Messrs. Irwin and McCormack. This property belongs to the Kamloops Company, and includes a shingle manufacturing plant in Celeste Creek. B. C. Mr. Fowler said he received an option under the direction of the company, at the figure of \$40,000.

Mr. Shepley: Were you entrusted with the task of closing the matter?

Mr. Fowler: The money was paid directly by the company.

The cheques paid for the lands were produced, and it was seen that they were cashed by the Union Trust and the Kamloops Lumber Company. There were three of \$10,000 each by the Lumber Company, and one of the same amount by the Union Trust.

Mr. Ryan's Commission.

"Some time after the agreement," said Mr. Fowler, "Peter Ryan told me that he had a commission of \$5000 on the deal from Mr. Shields. He offered to split this with me. I received some money from Mr. Shields, and gave Mr. Ryan credit for it on the Kamloops account, which was not then satisfied."

"How much did Shields give you?"

"I think about \$4000."

"Did you ever get paid for it?"

"The \$40,000 originally paid for it, which reached the Shuswap people only to the extent of \$20,000."

"Not even from Mr. Shields. I certainly didn't get it."

"Why did Ryan offer you this commission?" asked Mr. Shepley.

"I supposed Ryan knew that the recommendation was made, and the property sold."

The Okanagan Deal.

The Okanagan deal was next under discussion, in which Mr. Fowler also interested. Thru the recommendation of Mr. Irwin, the Kamloops Company was finally offered by Mr. Irwin as the vendor, and Mr. McCormack was interested. Witness said he was "not sure."

Witness said Mr. Irwin was very strong in urging upon the Kamloops Company the advisability of purchasing the Okanagan property, saying that he would buy it himself, and that he would buy it for himself.

"Did Mr. Irwin say he would stay with the Kamloops Company if they would not buy?"

"Yes."

Witness received all the purchase money, which was \$175,000, some of which he gave to Mr. Irwin, and some he put in the Bank of Montreal to the credit of the Okanagan. He gave some to Mr. Irwin and Mr. McCormack.

Witness said he had paid various amounts to others, and some in liabilities.

"What liabilities?"

"There were liabilities to me, for instance. This was for money advanced. I had advanced it to the company some time before the transaction. It was something like \$25,000."

Witness said he had destroyed the cheques in connection with this money. At the end of each year, when his cheques came in, he usually destroyed them.

"Who got the big profit?"

"The shareholders."

"Were you treated in the distribution as a shareholder?"

"Yes."

"What amount of stock were you supposed to have?"

"Twenty-two thousand dollars."

"Do you see any inconsistencies in making a profit as vendor out of a purchase trip?"

"Anybody could have taken the option."

## INVITE MORE ARCHITECTS FOR HOSPITAL CONTRACT

Trustees Refer Back Recommendation of Committee—Reorganization of Staff.

The board of trustees of the General Hospital, at a meeting held yesterday, appointed a committee to consider the reorganization of the medical staff. The committee will consist of two representatives from each of the interested parties.

A meeting will be held some time this month.

Mayor Coatsworth and Ald. Noble will represent the new hospital, E. Walker and W. T. White the university, J. W. Flavelle and C. P. Larkin the donors and Dr. J. O. Orr and Prof. A. B. Macallum the government.

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The appointment of Sprout & Curry as architects for the new hospital building was referred back to the committee, with the recommendation that the names of several firms be submitted to the board.

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## TO PUSH POWER SCHEME ENGINEERS APPOINTED

Winnipeg Commission Names Assistants for C. B. Smith.

Winnipeg, Man., Nov. 7.—(Special).—The power commission is making preparations to push rapidly ahead the city's power scheme. At a meeting this morning it was decided to recommend to the council that the following board of consulting engineers be appointed:

Professor Lewis Herd, McGill University; Montreal, electrical work; William Kennedy, Jr., Montreal, mechanical engineer, and H. N. Rutan, hydraulic engineer. C. B. Smith of Toronto, who has been appointed chief engineer, was allowed to select one of the engineering board, and selected Professor Lewis Herd, Montreal, as his representative. Mr. Smith has also got the appointment of the officials under him.

TO CONFER VOTE ON WOMEN KIER HARDIE, M.P., HAS BILL

Premier Says Measure Will Not Be Passed This Session.

(Canadian Associated Press Cable.)

London, Nov. 7.—In the house of commons, Kier Hardie introduced a bill to confer the parliamentary vote on women.

The premier said there would be no opportunity of dealing this session with the measure, which was read a first time.

BEEKEEPERS' STATISTICS.

Objection to Providing Government With Certain Figures.

The annual meeting of the Ontario Beekeepers' Association opened in the York County Chambers yesterday, and was well attended, delegates being present from all parts of the province. The chair was occupied by the president, B. J. Sibbald, of Simcoe.

One of the questions with which the members wrestled for some time was as to the existence of a combine, as defined in modern phraseology, and whether in the course of ordinary business any transaction could be entered into which would be detrimental to the members of the association, at least, that no such violation of the law had ever taken place, as had in some quarters been suggested.

The proposal to incorporate the question of a combine and of honey in the government returns, while tending to favor in some quarters, was warmly opposed by others. It was argued that the retention of the matter wholly in the hands of the beekeepers' association, "We are capable of handling our business as the government," said Mr. Evans, "and the information that might not be given out broadcast over the land."

Hon. Mr. Monteth, who had been elected president, gave a short address, urging the members to more aggressive action along the lines of the association, and the common necessities of every-day life. The convention continues to-day.

SHAKESPEARE THE MAN.

As Reviewed by Dr. Goldwin Smith Before Browning Club.

Dr. Goldwin Smith addressed the Browning Club in Jarvis-street Unitarian Church last night, speaking on the character of Shakespeare as revealed in his writings.

In a thoughtful analysis, the speaker declared that the great dramatist showed a strong sense of religion, despite his secular jests at the different sects, and the "gentle scepticism" exhibited in the so-called "Measure for Measure." Shakespeare was a Royalist, and a thorough Englishman.

Referring to the contention that Bacon was the author of the plays bearing Shakespeare's name, Dr. Smith said his belief was untenable, certain points known to have been written by Bacon being entirely different from those of Shakespeare. The speaker exhibited feebleness, his remarks being broken by long pauses. He was heartily applauded at the close.

SUGGEST ARBITRATION.

Managers of Railways Make Proposition to Switchmen.

Chicago, Nov. 7.—The Switchmen's Union to-day declined the proposition made by the managers of the railroads entering Chicago, to arbitrate the demands of the men for an increase in wages of 10 cents an hour.

The railroad managers then offered the men an increase of three cents an hour and proposed arbitration of the question whether the men should receive the 10 cents increase.

The questions at issue are now under consideration with the prospects that there will be no strike.

A GOOD IDEA.

The city is proposing that the government allow the \$46,000 paid by Toronto to the Ontario Railway and Municipal Board to be applied as part payment on the Garrison Commons park purchase.

A Successful Concert.

A concert was given by St. Alban's Lodge, S.O.E., last night, the program being contributed by Wm. Schmidt, the one-armed pianist; Fred Fairbairn, monolog; Jas. Butler, baritone; Crawford Butler, pianist and bass; soloist for the singing, and W. Leathers in a physical culture exhibition.

Four Years for Killing.

Perth, Nov. 7.—At the Lanark County Assizes Mr. Justice Macdonald sentenced George Bradley to four years in Kingston Penitentiary for killing his brother, John, during a drunken carousal on a gasoline launch near Carleton Place.

Mission Work in India.

Before a fair-sized audience, the Westminster Presbyterian Church last night, Rev. Dr. Lucas of Allahabad, for more than 18 years has devoted his life to missionary work in the North India mission field, spoke concerning the outlook for the spread of the Gospel.

Goody for Supreme Court.

Washington, Nov. 7.—The president to-day announced the appointment of Attorney General Wm. Henry Moody of Massachusetts as justice of the supreme court of the United States to succeed Justice Henry Billings Brown, who retired some time ago.

Way It Works.

"My wife and I believe in reading each other's mail."

"So you open her letters, eh?"

"Well, not exactly. She opens mine."