

FIREPROOF ROOF OF SMALL BENEFIT

Compulsory Use Is Not Approved Generally.

ADD TO HIGH COSTS
Fussy Restrictions Would Delay Activities.

The compulsory use of fireproof roofing, which is being asked by the Ontario Fire Prevention League, which met in Toronto recently, will benefit only a certain class, says E. Nugent, of William Gerry & Sons, referring to the situation. The league at a recent meeting decided that legislation should be passed banning the use of shingles on any other combustible material on the roof of any structure which is closer than 50 feet to any other building.

Other businessmen of London are opposed to any such general legislation and agree with Mr. Nugent that it would have a tendency to increase the cost of building and would also aggravate the stringency which now exists in the housing situation. On the other hand, it is conceded that there may be some reason for restricting the use of shingles within certain congested districts in the business centers.

NOT GREAT HAZARD
Edward Tovey, an insurance man of the city pointed out that the insurance companies do not consider the shingle roof a great hazard. He pointed out that a residence the proximity of another building, with a shingle roof, makes no difference in the risk, he stated. Of course, a brick dwelling with a slate roof is considered a better risk than the same house with a combustible roof. It is pointed out that a frame building with a shingle roof is a fireproof roof than it would be covered with shingles.

Mr. Nugent stated that the proposed legislation would only add to the present high cost of building. He pointed out that a restriction would be to the interest of a few persons or firms, said he. "It would not be for the benefit of the general interest at all. If the Fire Prevention League wishes to strike the root of the fire evil let the members get after the culprits."

START IN BASEMENT
"We all know that the vast majority of fires start in the basements, and if these were regularly inspected and kept clean the fire loss would be much reduced. It seems to me that it is folly to pay so much for a fireproof roof where there is little danger of fire, as shown by various reports. We seldom hear of any roof fires destroying residences."

Mr. Nugent thought that all public buildings, such as churches, schools and other structures, should be roofed with noncombustible material, but there is no use in restricting house building by any such law as the league is asking. Chairman Dennis of the Housing Commission, says that the hardship caused by the restriction of houses will be greatly augmented if the legislation to be asked for is granted.

FUSSY RESTRICTIONS
"It would not be a case of a lot of fussy restrictions placed around house building, which would only cut down the building activities, but it would be below what is needed," said he. "For business blocks and in certain restricted areas the compulsory use of fireproof roofing may be quite in order, but no such restriction should be placed on the building of houses."

So far as can be learned the opinions here given appear to express the general thought of the city on the question of fireproof roofing.

ONE COMMITTEE TO HANDLE FUNDS

Aldermen To Propose a Revolutionary Step.

TO PROMOTE HARMONY
Spending Bodies Would Be In Closer Unity.

A revolutionary step in civic administration will mark the next session of the City Council. The City Clerk, supported by Ald. Harley, J. C. Wilson, Mr. Robinson and other members of the plan, will make a proposal to harmonize the work of the various committees that will endeavor to act as the balance wheel in civic expenditures and planning. That will make for harmony, united action and general economy.

Whether the plan will be carried through or not is said to depend on the attitude of the various independent or semi-independent bodies of the municipal government, but its proposal comes, it is stated, as a result of a third failure of commission government at the hands of the Ontario Legislature.

NO INTERFERENCE
The committee, it is proposed, will not interfere in the internal working of any board. It will merely stand in an advisory capacity, designed to play a co-ordinating role, with full co-operation as its reason for existence. It is pointed out by members of the City Council that the policy of one board is made known to the other only through press reports and terse communications requesting the granting of funds or the issue of debentures. How silly rules, in a greater or lesser degree, for the departments, look with jealousy at the plans of another. Credit for work accomplished goes to one department or another, whereas, it is stated, the whole civic administration should be run as one.

Proposals for park improvements are given as an example. Funds have been allowed that department because members of the Council, which body determines its income, have not a vital interest in park development. If they are a success the parks become a liability; if they fail, the fault is laid at the doors of the H. C. L.

WORK AT CROSS PURPOSES
Council and playground committee work at cross purposes, it is pointed out. The Council, jealous of its power, refuses to place the playground pool under the playground supervision, although the playground and swimming pool are within a stone's throw of each other.

Buildings are built, Mr. Seabrook states, without the city being asked to plan their paying program in relation to such building. The number of instances, Mr. Seabrook states, that show the lack of co-operation between city departments could be multiplied by the number. He asserts that the time has come to move toward forming a general staff of municipal activities.

Apply the Foot to the Pedal
"Apply the Foot to the Pedal," says Mr. Seabrook, "or else be defeated in detail by the emphasizing of petty interests."

COMPLETES CANVASS. — Mile. Guerin, representing the Secours National, completed her canvass of the city schools yesterday. She received a splendid response from each of the public schools, the promise of the support of a child in the Franco-Catholic language having been given in each case. St. Mary's Separate School, Oakhurst, and the combined Technical and Commercial schools have respectively promised the support of a child, and the London Collegiate has promised three, or possible four. In all, 25 or 30 children will be supported from the London schools, the sum total of which is hoped to establish this winter.

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Abroad on our streets and meet Master Little, that is a notable man of business and civic affairs. He speaks comfortably of many matters, and finally applies for membership in our new church. Which I tell him I will present for consideration. But it is noteworthy how much of his estate to our city do look upon our church, with its two towers and the sure hope of the world.

Which reminds me how our minister do issue a call for a sunrise service. This to the province of our faith and there, gladly, which joy him and us. Showing again that a religion, to achieve the hearts of men, must be a continual challenge. For most of our churches, Mr. George, have made a life too easy for inhumanity. For 'tis a basic demand of men's hearts that they should not be allowed to continue, and so far as I can do I will endeavor to remedy the situation.

GREATEST ASSET
"It is recognized that good roads are the greatest asset of any community," continued the mayor. "One of the best advertisements that London could have would be the fact that it has good paved streets. This would spread her fame abroad and in advertising alone it would be worth nearly the entire cost of the paving. That is the goal that I should like to see the city, and towards which we should all work if we have the will."

Out to my tailor where I am measured for a new suit of blue cloth, as fine, rich stuff as I ever saw and called wool. The price of it reasonable, and expect to go pretty spruce in it. But no more time than that my wife and I have to go to the city and see the new garments to me for a whole year. But make a shift to compromise with her, and all peace again.

Hear that a man goes out to see the Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde and he highly impressed. Especially where the doctor has the power to make a man a better creature by the good and evil natures. And another man also highly impressed. For he saw the doctor's power to make a man a better creature by the good and evil natures. And another man also highly impressed. For he saw the doctor's power to make a man a better creature by the good and evil natures.

Last night I do box with my nephew, a thing I have not done for a long time, what with his seafaring and other matters. He played beyond everything to see how skillful he is at it. He hitting me a great whack on my pate, which gives me a headache. And owing to a weakness I have to my head, I tell him to stop. Whereat he laughs, ridiculous, which is strange.

Out on the streets and meet young men who stroll along looking at the things displayed in windows and hear one say to another, "Look at that town plan, we hope to get there sometime, but are in no hurry about it!"

Struck by the fact that signboards do get largely by law, which is a disgrace to us. And also that they play houses show the same show over each other. Silly plays that are no more than mental soothing syrup for pulling infants. A grievous, pitiful thing that no theater masters with courage to present Master Shakespeare, his things. A man, after reading near every play, has a great deal to say about it. A great singer with pleasure without first seeing the plays. But our youth is robbed of a lot of the heritage because we have allegories and musical fairy tales instead of the plays of Shakespeare and Ben Jonson and other great writers.

On our street a young maid that has no sense of love. And one night, so my wife and I, the father of her slip up on his daughter and a young man, which gives me a headache. And owing to a weakness I have to my head, I tell him to stop. Whereat he laughs, ridiculous, which is strange.

Note that a paper in the Union States has disclosed a great thing. This it shows by a picture of a darkened cemetery of soldiers and above them the banners of the allies. And this paper says: "There is a league. As noble a cartoon as I ever saw in my life, and touching the secret places of the heart. But the safe men, the men that make war and refuse peace yet rant over this and that reservation while mothers of the world, like those of Bethlehem, 'refuse to be comforted.'"

Goes a woman to a department store that has a sale of skirts on, and she says: "I want a fashionable skirt that is after the mode." And a selling woman says: "Yes, madame, you have it too short or too long?" Which is ridiculous.

As a constitution for the League of Nations, some nations objecting to Master Wilson's fourteen points, my grandiose suggests the ten commandments of Moses as a substitute. He asserts that they are just as effective and pertinent to the issues there would be. He says, if the world agreed to no murder. The atrocities of Belgium would never be repeated if the world obeyed the law: "Thou shalt not adultery." Secret diplomacy, he points out, would disappear if men obeyed the law: "Thou shalt not covet." And men would walk uprightly if they believed in "A jealous God visiting the iniquities of the fathers unto the fourth generation." Which is pretty subtle of my grandfather.

Hope that this hunger striking spreads generally to all who get into goods. This to the saving of our revenue and clearing the way for the world. Also it shows live by their wits. Which brings me back to the high joke to hear of some poor man's wife of some men, that is, a night of Scotch whisky leaving out a night. This, St. Andrew, is not a matter of humor, but a catastrophe.

The news is how an association of designers of buildings plan to invoke the tariff because architects of the United States design the buildings for our Western University. Which is said to think on that there are not architects in this country competent to design it. Yet any one comes with poor grace when it is privately known that a citizen of this London has for these designs out of his pocket. Also it shows narrowness. For did Michael Angelo object to his designs for a cathedral, they calling him a "Wop" and other things.

See that a judge to our courts advises his jury that they, nor he, could tell what Jesus would do. Which is the fault of the world to-day. The world of Name; yet we understand him not. Were that Man to return to-day and speak, without miracles, it is a certain worst sort of Bolshevism and forthwith imprisoned for vagrancy. He not having a place to lay his head.

FOREST CITY NOT ILLITERATE CITY

Unrelated Statements Would Prove Otherwise.

EXCEPTION TO THE RULE
Deductions Arrived At By Number of Children.

Two seemingly unrelated statements, one by a prominent educationist of this city and the other appearing in a scientific magazine of the United States, when considered together give London the name of being one of the most illiterate cities of the world. Of course, every one knows that this is ridiculous in the extreme, but the irony of the situation is that no one can be blamed for the gross insinuation.

In the October issue of World's Work a deliver into research work contented the cities with the largest number of children per capita are the most illiterate. Supporting his argument by citing examples in the country of the Star Spangled Banner, the author takes up a matter of three or four columns to show that he is right. Fortunately, however, he did not mention the Forest City in this connection.

As if to correct this latter possible oversight, comes the statement from Mrs. A. T. Edwards, member of London's Board of Education, that London is in the fact that she has more children for every adult than any city in the Dominion. One could hardly accuse Mrs. Edwards of terming this illiterate city but that is what is directly implied if one would follow the truth of the magazine statement.

It is the exception to the rule in this instance. That there is no race suicide in the children of this generation there will be no citizens of the next.

And London can refute any argument to the effect that her people are illiterate. With her public continuation, technical and business schools crowded to capacity, the Forest City can be satisfied that there is the minimum and not the maximum of illiteracy among her residents.

PATRICIA'S BAND TO BE STRENGTHENED

Sergeant Everson, of Scotch Guards, To Join Splendid Organization Shortly.

The Princess Patricia band will be strengthened shortly by the addition of Sergeant Everson, of the Scotch Guards, and recognized as one of the best cornets in Great Britain. Lieutenant James, leader of the band, has received word that Sgt. Everson will join the band as quickly as possible. The band are sailing this week for London. They were selected from 63 applicants overseas and 120 in Canada.

With the addition of these men, James will have the best band in Canada and a band which he proposes to make a national organization. The band at present consists of 120 pieces, but all have been carefully selected as artists in their particular instruments and already under Lieut. James' training can equal the best bands in Canada.

It is planned when the new men arrive from overseas to give a concert in the armories and possibly a Sunday concert in the Grand Opera House. Before the regiment is moved to Winnipeg, which will be some time in November.

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SEBIDICK TAKES FIRE
A burning bedtick in a house on Dundas street, near the Dundas street bridge, took the fire department out a few minutes before 6 o'clock last night. The damage was confined to the bedtick.

How It Feels To Get Separated From Job
"When I get the letter asking for my resignation, I feel as if I were being kicked in the stomach," said John O'Brien yesterday. "I will feel like the judge did when he received a letter from 12 criminals in jail whom he had sentenced and who demanded his resignation. But as yet I have had no notification that I am to resign. I read where the Council had passed a resolution calling for the resignation of the entire committee, but if the aldermen do not follow this up any better than they have followed other matters started in the council chamber there is no danger of any one of the town planning committee being directly asked to step down."

The town planning committee consists of four members of the Council, Mayor Little, Aldermen Seabrook, Cameron and Wilson, and three citizens appointed by the Council, John Cottam, R. J. Murphy and George B. Belton. In the ordinary course of events it would fall to the lot of City Clerk Baker to send out the notices of the Council meeting and inform Chairman Seabrook that this duty would fall upon him.

Do You Pay An Abnormal Rent?

The fair price committee has decided to take up the question of rent profiteering in London. If you think you are being overcharged by your landlord, the members of the committee would like to have full information so that the case can be decided on its merits. The idea is to reduce any rents that are found to be out of proportion to the legitimate costs of upkeep.

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It was hardly a fair contest, for the automobile as the car easily held the advantage in weight, but the coupe was game and finished the half in thrilling style. There were thrills aplenty for both spectators and the occupants of the car. The street coach refused to thrill.

Attempting to cross Ridout street from the west ahead of the street car was the wheeler that started the game. It was ended almost as soon as it started. The motorman was on the crossing before the automobile flashed out from behind the buildings at the corner. He put on the brakes, but the two came together. The coupe tipped dangerously, but kept going without a spill.

When the Ridout car reached the corner of Dundas and Talbot streets the coupe was letting off a passenger and the motorman, interested to see what damage had been done, went over to look at his adversary, but could not find any marks of the encounter. Honorary referee, neither driver nor building changed his opponent to a second frame.

DANGEROUS TO FISH IF STORIES TRUE

If certain ardent fishermen in the city are doing as they are said to be doing, it is not for a minute to say that the city is a dangerous place to fish. There is some wonderful bass fishing in the north branch of the Thames.

If all the stories they tell are true the gamey ones are starting to die. They are dead and report some splendid catches. This is the trouble, they are too good to be true, even when they have pictures to back up their statements. Peculiar things happen to photographers when the operator knows his business. For instance, one of the pictures is of an immense bass being held by one of the party, who, however, is unrecognizable owing to the size of the fish. There is a suspicion that the member of the dinky tribe was held at arm's length directly in front of the camera.

But apart from that there is evidently some fine sport in both branches of the Thames. Bass fishing is getting to be real catches and they are at liberty to tell how the hungry black ones tread water in the mud and the side of the river and the line.

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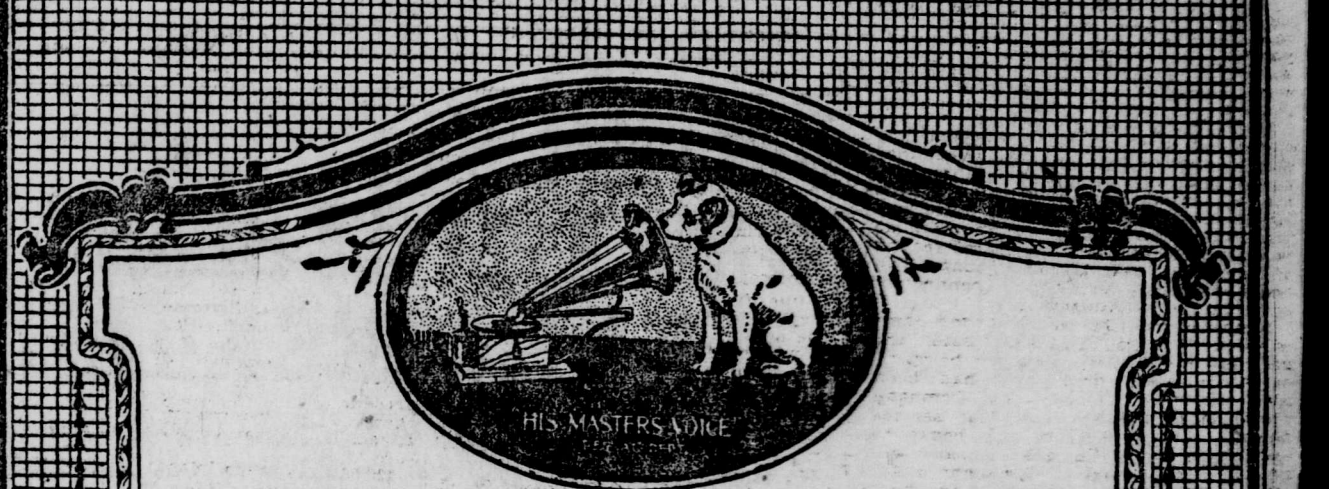
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