

WANTS INDEPENDENT COUNSEL FOR SCHOOL CONTRACT PROBE

Trustee Fairbairn Objects to Alleged Political Affiliations of Geary, Doughty and Armstrong — School Age and Split First Book Time.

Trustee Fairbairn threw a bomb at the board of education meeting last night. He called attention to the fact that the investigation before Judge Winchester into school contracts had been at a standstill for over a year. Trustee McGargart said that Judge Winchester had informed him that he would be ready to resume the investigation on Feb. 15. The delay had been unavoidable, as Judge Winchester had not had time to go on with it until about a month ago, and it was adjourned then owing to the change in the board's solicitors.

Trustee Fairbairn said that he was glad to learn a date had been fixed for the resumption of the investigation, but he considered it was to be a waste of time. He would require independent counsel. He strongly objected to the political relationship of Mr. R. Geary, plumbing inspector of the board, and Mr. Armstrong, plumbing contractor, to the investigation. Mr. Geary was president of the Central Conservative Association. Mr. Armstrong was president of Ward One Conservative Association and Mr. Armstrong was president of Ward 4. That they were in close relationship politically was shown by the sequel to the Central Conservative Association elections, when Mr. Armstrong was defeated for president. After the election the ward committee held a meeting, at which Mr. Armstrong moved the appointment of Mr. Geary as chairman of the committee, and he was supported by Mr. Geary. He would therefore give no credit to the board of education, and he requested to employ special counsel to carry on the investigation.

CLARA BUTT SANG IN CHARMING WAY

With Her Husband, Kennerley Rumford, She Repeated First Success.

MRS. CAMPBELL SINGS

Excellent Program of Songs Finely Rendered by Toronto Singer.

A thoroughly enjoyable program, with Madam Clara Butt as the star, assisted by her husband, Kennerley Rumford, and the Toronto Symphony Orchestra, were the foundations of the success of one of the best concerts ever given in Massey Hall, which filled the building last night almost to capacity with an enthusiastic audience. They had one of the most successful evenings when Mrs. Rumford came on the platform and announced that her wife was suffering so severely from a bronchial cold that it was with very great difficulty she could sing. A gasp surged round the hall, and visions of a local substitute arose. But Mrs. Butt, who had been told to sing, proceeded to sing, and her husband, who had been told to sing, proceeded to sing, and her husband, who had been told to sing, proceeded to sing.

CITIZENS FOUGHT ST. THOMAS FIRE

Business Area Saved After Five Hours' Battle in Cutting Wind and Zero Weather.

ST. THOMAS, Feb. 6. (Special.)—

The heart of the business centre of St. Thomas was saved today from destruction by fire by the determined efforts of the fire department, assisted by a citizens' brigade, including merchants, bankers, managers and real estate men, all of whom worked five hours in a cutting north wind at zero weather, to prevent the fire from spreading east of the Baldwin Robinson store, which is situated on the south side of Talbot street, almost opposite the St. Thomas Daily Times office. The loss is estimated at about \$100,000.

Shortly after the store was opened up for business this morning dense volumes of smoke swept up from the basement. The employees saved only part of the firm's books, and fled to the street. The store, three stories high, filled with furniture and pianos, burned fiercely, and the flames and smoke prevented the firemen from entering the building. Two who ventured in with the hose were overcome and had to be carried out.

At one time it was feared nothing could save the adjoining building to the east, in which the jewelry store of C. H. Hepinstall, and the new Merchants Bank. The valuable stock of Hepinstall was removed to safety. The store and bank, also Dr. Kamis' surgery, on the west side of the fire, were badly damaged by smoke and water.

AMERICANS MUST PAY HIGH FEES

Holstein-Friesian Association Raised the Prices of Import Certificates.

TO PROTECT CANADIANS

No Trust or Combine Is Wanted, But Only Better Cattle.

Owing to the refusal of the American Holstein-Friesian Association to enter into a pact with the Canadian Association for the reciprocal interchange of stock records and registrations, the Canadians retaliated yesterday when they passed a resolution raising the import certificate fees from \$10 and \$5, to \$25 and \$10 on males and females respectively.

Almost all the Holsteins imported into Canada come from the United States, and on account of this the Canadian breeders for a number of years have been trying to arrange for reciprocity in records. The Dominion Government, in an effort to encourage the Canadian breeders, has been letting in pure bred stock duty free, provided that the animals are recorded in the herd book after they have arrived. The cost of these certificates has been \$10 and \$5, and the duty thus escaped has been 30 per cent. The new price for certificates will be \$25 and \$10.

Some of the members of the Canadian Association claim that no "retaliation" was responsible for the raising of the certificate fees, but this claim cannot stand in light of the fact that Dr. Farewell of Oshawa moved that the fees should be raised to \$100 and \$50 in order to protect the Canadian breeders.

Adams' Sale of Office Furniture Special Today

Arm Chairs \$6.75 and Tilters

Regularly Priced up to \$13.00

Here's a collection that ought to be seen early this morning for there are some dandy office chairs in the lot; Quarter-cut oak in golden early English and fumed finish, mahogany and Austrian bent wood chairs; some with genuine leather backs and seats, some solid seats and a few cane seats, hardly two alike, a few in sets.

Lots of Other Bargains in Desks and Chairs Just Now

Adams Furniture Company, Ltd. CITY HALL SQUARE

ELLIOTT SAYS PREMIER GAVE TAX REFORM A BLACK EYE

Liberal Member For West Middlesex Expressed Regret That the Government Has Not Acted on the Will of the People by Providing For Assessment Reform.

After attacking the government, particularly Sir James Whitney, because of the opposition to tax reform, J. C. Elliott, ex-Liberal member for West Middlesex, in the legislature last night moved an amendment to the motion favoring the adoption of the speech from the throne, to the effect that the house regretted that the government had not acted upon the will of the people in revising the Assessment Act.

Mr. Elliott spoke of the speech as a "black eye" to the government, and he said that the government had not acted upon the will of the people in revising the Assessment Act.

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TWO WORKMEN WERE BURIED BENEATH TONS OF EARTH

Working on St. Clair Avenue Fill Thirty Feet Below the Surface When the Earth Caved in on Them—Italians Were So Badly Injured That Their Recovery Is Very Doubtful.

Caught by a landslide while working below the surface of the earth in the new fill for the St. Clair avenue bridge, two Italians were so seriously injured yesterday afternoon that one of them is not expected to recover. Comrades worked madly to free the unfortunate fellows, who were almost buried beneath tons of dirt.

After a desperate fight the rescuers succeeded in freeing St. Pedro. It was some time later, however, before C. Sutto could be raised from the hole. He was unconscious, and had both legs broken, as well as being severely injured. Pedro was found to be suffering from a fracture of the right leg and minor injuries.

Both men were rushed to the Western Hospital, where the staff was in waiting. It is thought that Pedro has a fair chance of recovery, but Sutto's life is despaired of.

The city work's department is removing the old embankment on St. Clair avenue, just east of Bathurst, to make way for the new bridge.

A gang of Italians were engaged piling dirt, the clay in the fill about 30 feet below the surface.

About 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon, while several men were in the hole, one of the trench caved in for a distance of fully 20 feet.

The mass of dirt, weighing many tons, fell right on top of the men below. Some of the workers were struck with lumps and stones, thus receiving slight injuries.

Pedro and Sutto were unable to escape. They rushed all the men to the surface, and with shovels and other appliances they worked frantically to free the two imprisoned men before they died of asphyxiation. Fortunately the Italians were able to breathe, but when taken out they were both unconscious.

Engineer G. G. Powell, who is in charge of the work, said that he did not recall the report of the accident when the World called on him last night.

FAR-OFF FIELDS LOOK GREEN.

Canadians Ask Power to Engage in Foreign Enterprises.

OTTAWA, Feb. 6.—The railway committee today reported Claude Macdonnell's bill respecting the Grand Trunk Company. It is a Toronto concern which goes to do business in the United States.

Mr. Macdonnell's bill regarding the Grand Trunk Company was afterwards amended along with that of the "Ethio" and "Purver" Co., a Canadian organization, that would do business in Spain.

Indigestion for 2 Years

Dr. Bowie and Dr. Brien Caught Two Children Thrown From Window.

CHAIR WAS GIVEN TO FORMER REEVE

Handsone Present For John T. Watson From County Officials.

FINE SPEECHES MADE

Third Presentation of Similar Kind in History of the Township.

A banquet was held at McFarlane's Hotel, Jarvis-street, last night in honor of ex-Reeve John T. Watson of York Township.

Ex-Reeves Henry Duncan, George Syme, Jr., and George S. Henry were present, and the evening was presided over by Mr. Watson.

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BADLY CRUSHED IN AN ELEVATOR

James Lemon, a Western Farmer, Probably Fatally Injured.

HE FELL INTO THE CAR

Attempted to Go to Next Floor After the Gates Were Closed.

In attempting to enter the elevator car at the Walker House last night while it was in motion, James Lemon, aged about 48, a wealthy farmer on Weyburn, Sask., received serious injuries, which may prove fatal.

The injured man was found in the elevator car, which had fallen into the shaft. He was rushed to the hospital, where he is now lying.

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SOON TO BE WITHDRAWN

Five Big Volumes at \$1.98

REGULARLY SELLING AT \$12 A SET

It should be understood that this beautiful and useful five-volume reference set can be had for only one coupon and \$1.98, and that it is needed in every home—in every business place—in every public and private institution. Be you old or young, rich or poor, married or single—this reference appeals to all—to the classes as well as the masses—knowledge plays no favorites, and every man, woman and child in this land of the free is entitled to it. But act quickly, for the sale ends soon.

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