

## ESTIMATES BEFORE CITY COUNCIL

### REDUCTIONS MADE AT MEETING LAST NIGHT

Proposed Expenditure on City Hall Whittled Down—Routine Business Transacted.

(From Tuesday's Daily.)

The preliminary consideration of the estimates for the current year was satisfactorily concluded by the council last night. One item alone gave rise to some discussion, namely, that with reference to the proposed alterations in the city hall, and the amount down for this—\$18,000, was whittled down to \$5,000.

At the beginning of the consideration of the estimates the proposed sum was \$29,000 above the estimated revenue. By a process of cutting down this was reduced to an amount of \$14,000 above. The following was the estimated revenue as shown in a sheet laid before the aldermen.

Cash on hand	.....	\$ 3,852
Land and improvement taxes	.....	272,500
Water rates	.....	25,000
Liquor licenses	.....	25,000
Interest from investment of sinking fund	.....	18,000
Interest and costs on overdue taxes	.....	3,000
Liquor taxes other than liquor	.....	16,000
Cemetery fees	.....	3,500
Dog tax	.....	1,500
Fire insurance taxes	.....	9,300
Market fees and rents	.....	1,000
Police court and fines	.....	3,500
Pound fees	.....	300
Road tax	.....	4,000
Miscellaneous receipts	.....	1,500
Educational	.....	23,125
Government grant	.....	55,000
Special rate	.....	38,125
Board of Health	.....	13,500
Sewer rental and tax fund	.....	22,500
Total	.....	\$60,057
Increase on last year	.....	71,000

W. W. Northcote, the city assessor, then laid before the council reasons why extensive alterations should be made in the city hall. He was of opinion that the hall was not in keeping with the character of the city. The various departments should be remodelled. The heating plant should be put in afresh at an estimated cost of \$6,000. The council chamber should be where the present police court is and the latter should be moved to the council chamber space in the office now occupied by the treasurer and his staff.

After some discussion it was decided that only \$5,000 could be expended this year, \$15,000 for general repairs and the balance for alterations to allow the city assessor and the council chamber space in the office now occupied by the treasurer and his staff.

In the course of discussion a proposal was made by A. J. Vincent that the market hall should be sold, and that the proceeds, which would reach \$150,000, should be devoted to the building of a new public hall. The proposal was warmly approved of, but nothing definite could be done at that time.

The estimates were finally carried through their preliminary reading after some minor sums had been struck out. The routine business gave rise to no matter of any grave importance. Manager Van Sant wrote acknowledging his responsibility for the dirt accumulated in those parts of the market hall which were used by the Y. & S. railway. He stated that he would expect the city to attend to those portions used by the city.

The matter of extending the proposed sidewalk on Heywood avenue to Wallace street advocated by J. J. Shallcross was referred to the streets, bridges and sewers committee.

To this committee also was passed a letter from B. F. Sheppard asking that the surface drain on Government street be extended as far as Toronto street.

The same course was adopted with reference to a petition from a number of residents on March street, asking for the removal of the Y. & S. trestle as it was a menace to the public safety.

A petition from Arthur J. Burn and some residents on Washington avenue asking that the street from Burnside road to the Gorge road be improved met with the same fate.

To this committee was also passed a letter from Marcy Criddle asking for a cement sidewalk on Ontario street between Bridge Walk and Beacon Hill park.

The city solicitor wrote stating that the city could not be held responsible for a claim with reference to plumbing work made by Mrs. Marshall.

The above matter was referred to the sewer connections on Humboldt street should be put in force.

On behalf of the school board Trustees Jay wrote asking that a by-law should be introduced for the provision of \$35,500 to build a school in Victoria West and to purchase a lot adjoining the Kingston street school for a playground.

Another matter referred to the streets, bridges and sewers committee was a letter received from W. Ridgway Wilson asking the city to take an interest in band promenades. He proposed that an agreement should be entered into with the Fifth Regiment for the purpose of providing entertainments during the coming summer.

It was decided to call for tenders for the watering of the streets. It was further decided to ask the government to take the trust for the Belleville street water lots. Ald. Fell moved that three of those be set aside for a public wharf, which might be needed in the future, and the recommendation was adopted.

The question of the incinerator by-law was mooted, but on this matter there seemed to be a ruling ignorance. The figures being wrongly entered in the papers laid before the council with reference to this by-law it was decided

to postpone the matter until such time as rectification should be made. The next matter was taken up for consideration was the Liquor License By-Law, which is dealt with elsewhere.

## DISTRICT ORDERS.

Changes in Various Provincial Regulations—Accounts to be Forwarded.

District orders issued by Col. Holmes, D. O. C., contains the following: "The Canada Gazette, dated Ottawa, Saturday, March 2nd, 1907, are published for general information:

"Rocky Mountain Rangers—No. 2 company, Captain P. McL. Forin, is transferred to the reserve of officers, 12th December, 1906.

"Lieutenant J. F. Templeton is transferred to the reserve of officers (Engineers), 12th December, 1906.

"To be captain: Lieutenant L. Stewart, vice P. McL. Forin, transferred, 12th December, 1906.

"To be provisional lieutenants: Coleridge Alexander Carle and Corporal Charles Thomas Partington, 12th December, 1906.

"To be provisional lieutenants: (Superintendent) Sergeant Gilbert Anderson, 20th January, 1907.

The 31st March being the end of the present financial year, the following instructions are issued for the guidance of officers and others concerned: All claims for work performed, supplies received, or any other service, which authority has been obtained during the financial year 1906-7, should be forwarded to the district paymaster, not later than 25th March.

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## WILL PUT IN A BLAST FURNACE

### HADLEY SMELTER IS TO USE NEW SYSTEM

Thomas Kiddie Will Install One and Will Assume the Management of Works.

(From Wednesday's Daily.)

Thomas Kiddie, the well known smelter man, who for some months has had a contract with the Brown-Alaska Company owning mines and a smelter on Prince of Wales Island, will leave this evening for the north to take charge of the operations at the works. The property has been leased to the Hadley smelter at this time, but expects to return to Victoria in about two weeks.

The object of the trip to the north at present is for the purpose of making preparations for the installation of Mr. Kiddie's blast furnace at the smelter. This system of treating the ores was a feature of the work carried on by Mr. Kiddie at the Tye smelter at Ladysmith, and won for him the greatest praise from the experts who visited the smelter and made its consideration for themselves the admirable work which Mr. Kiddie, then manager of the works there, was able to carry out so economically as well.

The Brown-Alaska people have decided that Mr. Kiddie shall install the system in their works, and it is for the purpose of inspecting the ground, preparatory to ordering the equipment that he will visit the smelter at this particular time.

Following that, Mr. Kiddie will remove to Hadley and take over the management of the smelter. The works there have a capacity of 400 tons a day and have an up-to-date smelter.

The Brown-Alaska people have recently acquired the mines at Maple Bay, on the Portland Canal, and will increase the output from them to the smelter. The property has been leased under option for some time, and there has been about 50 tons a day sent from the mines to Hadley. The shipments are made by the steamer, and the ore is taken from the company's mines on the Island.

## AN EXCITING TIME.

Experienced by Two Timber Cruisers With a She Bear and Her Cubs.

Messrs. G. Young and E. T. Barnum, two timber cruisers, while out at Lake Quiguitan last Saturday, had a hand-to-hand fight with a full-grown she bear and two cubs. The men were surprised and the men were surprised.

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single out for a position which will grow in importance.

The Montreal Gazette, in referring to the appointment to the position of Mr. McNicholl, says: "Although only 30 years old, Mr. McNicholl has been in the Grand Trunk for almost 18 years. He began railway work under the old management of the Grand Trunk, starting as an apprentice. Later Mr. McNicholl was promoted to the position of secretary until he left the Grand Trunk. Then Mr. McNicholl became secretary to Frank W. Morse, the then vice-president of the Grand Trunk, and continued with Mr. Morse when he was transferred to the Grand Trunk Pacific as vice-president and general manager. Mr. McNicholl is regarded as one of the brightest young men in the Grand Trunk service, as is shown by the responsible position to which he has just been assigned."

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## LARGE MILLS FOR THE ISLAND

### REDCLIFF COMPANY ACQUIRING TIMBER

Block of Twenty Thousand Acres Purchased in Vicinity of Alberni By Concern.

(From Wednesday's Daily.)

W. E. Knapp, of Duluth, representing the Redcliff Lumber Company, perhaps the largest mill operators in northern Michigan, after spending some little time here, left a few days ago for Alberni. Mr. Knapp was in charge of the company's timber lands in the vicinity of Alberni, and was acquiring timber limits on Vancouver Island.

Some months ago mention was made in the Times that representatives of the company named were in this city looking into the situation with the object of beginning work on this coast. Several of the officials of the company, including the solicitor of the concern, were here at that time and as a result of their visit it was decided that they would invade Vancouver Island as a field for milling purposes.

Since that time they have had cruises at work and quite a area of timber lands has been acquired by the company. These are located for the most part in that part of the province lying north of the Alberni canal, and extending to the northward to the mouth of the Great Central Lake. A block of about 20,000 acres was acquired from the E. & N. at that point. The company, it is understood, are still seeking additional lands and intend to go into the milling business on this coast on a very large scale.

While Mr. Knapp, in a conversation with a Times reporter, was not inclined to speak of their schemes in a bombastic way, he conveyed the information that they would in due course erect on the Island gigantic mills. There is reason to believe in fact that if the Redcliff company acquires all the timber which is now being cut on the Island, the largest plants in the province will be erected to take care of the manufacture of the timber.

The location of the mills and the time when they will be erected depends in large part upon the limits acquired. The company is of such a character, however, that it is safe to say that its operations will be among the most important on the coast.

There is reason to believe, however, that the mills may be located somewhere on the Alberni canal, and will be so placed as to take advantage of the water power there afforded for shipments. The export trade is understood to be the one which will receive the greater part of the attention of the company.

But there is also a growing local business in the province with the prairie sections of the Dominion which will be of great importance to the province. The projected line of the E. & N. to Comox by way of Alberni will in all probability pass through or near the limits which have been acquired, and will afford the opportunities for shipping which may be sought.

## YUKON AFFAIRS.

Speech By Dr. Thompson in the House of Commons.

Ottawa, March 12.—Dr. Thompson, Yukon, on the motion to go into ways and means, in the Commons yesterday, made his annual speech on Yukon affairs. He advocated a full elective council. At present the council is half elected and half appointed. He did not see the need to give full autonomy to the Yukon yet. The Yukon should have the same autonomy as the Northwest had for many years. He was simply voicing the sentiments of the people in pressing for this. He condemned the locking up of land with hydraulic leases. It should be worked or cancelled. Yukon is the only country producing gold to any extent in Canada.

Dr. Thompson asked for a subsidy for light draught boats for the river. He also spoke of the agricultural capabilities of the country.

Sub-Treasury Robbery.

Detectives Working on Theory That Money Was Borrowed by Bank in Temporary Difficulties.

Chicago, March 13.—A new feature in the investigation of the sub-treasury robbery is being explored by the federal authorities. It was suggested that a Chicago banking institution needed a large sum to tide over temporary difficulties and is responsible for the disappearance of the \$173,000.

The secret service operatives are working on the theory that the money that disappeared from the cage of Alarming Teller George W. Fitzgerald on February 20 was borrowed for a day or two at the instance of a tottering institution by some employee who now fears to restore it.

Chief Wilkie and Capt. Porter were not surprised, it is asserted on the highest authority, if the missing money were to be restored any day.

In pursuance of this theory, the financial status of more than one banking institution in Chicago has been quietly investigated.

## THE THAW CASE.

It Is Now Believed Jury Will Be Allowed to Decide Fate of Prisoner.

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to a luncy commission, and has irrevocably pointed his course toward proving that Thaw was sane the night he shot and killed Stanford White, and that, being sane, his crime constituted murder in the first degree. Within ten days or two weeks the case should be in the jury's hands.

Mr. Jerome to-day probably played the strongest card he holds, evidence which came to his knowledge but a few days ago and undoubtedly influenced him to abandon the idea of trying to send White's slayer to an asylum, and to seek a conviction under the criminal statutes. The evidence came from Mrs. Stanford White's brother, James Clancy Smith, who told a remarkably clear and succinct story of the events in Madison Square garden on the night White was killed, and of a long conversation he had with Thaw just prior to the shooting.

## COLUMBUS SHOOTING.

Two Men Are in Prison Charged With Attempted Bribery.

Columbus, Ohio, March 12.—Fred J. Immel, president of the Columbus board of public service, Nelson Cannon, formerly superintendent of the Trinidad Paving Company of Cleveland, and Arthur Beck, former assistant city engineer of Columbus, have been arrested on indictments returned by the grand jury charging them with attempted bribery in the paving contract in East Broad street. Immel gave bonds and Beck and Cannon were taken to the county jail.

HON. H. E. YOUNG IS ELECTED IN ATLANTA

Provincial Secretary Unopposed in By-Election—Legislative Committees Organize.

(From Wednesday's Daily.)

Yesterday afternoon the new provincial secretary, Hon. H. E. Young, received the news that he had been returned at the by-election in Atlanta without opposition. He was the only candidate nominated, and was therefore declared elected by acclamation.

The message received further stated that the returning officer would leave Skagway on the 19th.

Hon. Mr. Young was the recipient of many congratulations about the coronation of the House yesterday afternoon upon the result of the by-election.

The various standing committees of the House are being organized. Last evening the municipal committee met and elected A. E. McPhillips chairman and Dr. Kerin secretary. Nothing more than the formal organization was done at the meeting.

This morning the private bills committee, one of the hardest worked ones of the House, organized, with W. J. Bowser, chairman, and Neil P. McKay, secretary. Several petitions were considered by the committee and passed.

## THE CANADIAN CLUB.

J. S. Dennis Will Speak at Luncheon on Friday Afternoon.

J. S. Dennis, assistant to the second vice-president of the C. P. R., will be the guest of honor at the luncheon to be held by the Canadian Club on Friday next. The subject of his address will be the "Development of Western Canada." A rare treat is expected by the members of the club, as Mr. Dennis is one of those whose life has been devoted to the upbuilding of the country.

Members are requested to purchase their tickets early so that the managing committee may know the number to be provided for. Tickets are on sale to-day at Hibben's, and to-morrow till 8 p.m. Tickets are available for members on surrender of their cards of notification.

A meeting of the club will be held in the rooms of the Tourist Association this afternoon for the purpose of voting on the large number of applications for membership, which are in the hands of the executive committee.

## QUESTION OF AMNESTY.

Russian Radicals Unable to Agree Regarding Matter of Raising Subject in House.

St. Petersburg, March 11.—The lower house of parliament assembled this morning to consider instructions for the presentation of credentials of members.

The Radical party are hopelessly at odds regarding the manner of raising the question of amnesty. The Socialists persist in forcing it immediately in the form of an open declaration.

A caucus of several Revolutionists and members of the Peasant League last night rejected this as well as a proposition to make an appeal or demand to the Emperor on the subject, and it was decided to introduce a regular bill providing for political prisoners. This is undoubtedly constitutional, and hence unacceptable to the Constitutional Democrats. The cabinet in any event will not regard the introduction of amnesty resolution as warranting the dissolution of parliament.

## BULGARIAN PREMIER SLAIN.

Sofia, Bulgaria, March 11.—M. Petkov, the premier and minister of the Interior, was assassinated here to-day. Mr. Petkov with other ministers was walking in the Boris Garden when attacked by unidentified men who fired at him with a revolver. The premier was wounded by three bullets and died immediately.

Mr. Guemadziev, the minister of commerce and agriculture, who was accompanying the premier, was also wounded.

## CRUSHED TO DEATH.

New York, March 13.—One Italian was killed and eight others were injured, some seriously, by a cave-in of rock in the Pennsylvania railroad station excavation early to-day.

## CASE IN REBUTTAL ALMOST COMPLETE

### TRIAL OF THAW IS DRAWING TO A CLOSE

Mr. Delmas Invokes Rule of Court In Order to Shut out Evidence.

New York, March 13.—The prosecution in the Thaw case has practically finished its rebuttal with the exception of its experts, and by to-night District Attorney Jerome will have examined all of his witnesses, except the three or more alleged to be in the Thaw case. This morning Mr. Jerome will try and call Abraham Hummel and his clerk in an attempt to secure the admission in evidence of a copy of the affidavit making charges against Thaw which Evelyn Nesbit Thaw says she was tricked into signing. The court may repeatedly refuse that evidence may be introduced to show that the story she told her husband was not true. Mr. Delmas, who in the early days of the trial stated that the defence would not take advantage of that rule, but would allow the district attorney to go as far as he liked into the truth or falsity of the story, since Mr. Jerome demanded that he stand by his statement and offered to prove that Thaw was not wise, Evelyn Thaw says he was on the night of the alleged assault. Mr. Delmas made no further reply than to invoke the rule of law which shuts out the offered evidence.

Last night Mr. Jerome did not know of any other witnesses to be called. He was, however, called by the Thaw's chorus girl friend and Mazie Folette, her chorus girl enemy, are both under subpoena for the prosecution, and both of them were in the court building yesterday, but it is doubtful if either of them will be called. It seems likely that to-day's session of the court will be the last of the Thaw trial, and that an early adjournment will be taken so that Mr. Delmas and Mr. Jerome may agree upon the exact language of the hypothetical question which Mr. Jerome will read to his last expert on Thursday.

Witnesses on Stand.

New York, March 13.—James Clinch Smith, Stanford White's brother-in-law, was called to the stand by the Thaw trial this morning. Mr. Smith was late in arriving and Mr. Jerome summoned him to the stand. Mr. Smith had hardly taken his seat when Smith put in his appearance. Thereafter, Hummel was temporarily excused. Mr. Jerome took his place. Hummel had answered two questions by the district attorney. He said he knew Evelyn Nesbit Thaw, and saw her on the night of the shooting, and following her return from Europe.

Mr. Smith was questioned by Mr. Delmas for the defence, having been summoned to the stand by the district attorney. He received from district attorney early in February.

Former President Dead.

Mr. Casimir-Perier Passed Away Suddenly in Paris.

Paris, March 12.—Mr. Casimir-Perier, ex-president of France, died suddenly at 11 o'clock last night of embolism of the heart at his residence on the Rue Niot here. The news of his death was not published until this morning.

The ex-president had been unwell for two or three days, but it was supposed he was suffering from influenza. He was not even confined to his bed, but lunched and dined with his family on Sunday, and was in good spirits. At about three o'clock yesterday an apoplexy occurred. The ex-president was taken to bed. Dr. Landrou was called in, and the patient was given morphine injections. He did not respond to the treatment, and his death followed. The cabinet to-day decided on a national funeral, but the family of the deceased declined the honor of deference to his expressed wishes.

Narrow Escapes.

Whitcomb, Ont., March 11.—Emil Yungmans and wife went to church leaving their three children at home. The house took fire by too much wood being put in the stove, and the oldest girl ran two miles for help, leaving an infant and a girl five years old behind. This little thing carried the infant away from the flames, but getting tired, let her down several times, and both were badly frozen. Before leaving, the oldest girl tried to free the stick. She freed one row, but could not save the other. The house and contents were in ashes when the distracted parents came back.

T. MARTIN, M. P. DEAD.