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RATEPAYERS HEAR FROM CANDIDATES College Heights Association Listened to Addresses From Many Aspirants For Civic Honors.

President Hamilton Cassels presided at the meeting of the College Heights Ratepayers' Association, held in Brown's School last night. Aid. Yeomans, one of the speakers, said he would not support the rate increase, but would support the filtration plant as the biggest thing the city had ever done.

Controlled Church told the meeting that the works commission had promised him that there would be a car service on the St. Clair street, at the close of the winter. He, too, denounced the hike at the island.

Ex-Alderman Barry, who is running for the office of controller, advocated good roads for the suburbs, a home for aged people, and advocated a sink and home for weak-minded children, a civic improvement bureau, and motor trucks for the city.

Ald. McBride said that he would not support the tax reform bill. He stated that his alleged loyalty in the council meetings was conducive to the welfare of the city, as often presented in a wise action on the part of the council.

Controller Maguire expressed himself in favor of the bill, and he especially advocated the extension of Terway and Victoria streets to Broad street. He was in favor of the 38 ct. street.

The other speakers were ex-controller McPherson, who is running for the office of controller, and Geo. J. Castle, C. A. Brown and Thos. Davies, Mayor Hocken's opponent.

DEATH OF SISTERS DISCLOSED HOARD Thought to Be Almost Destructive, Women Who Succumbed to Pneumonia Had \$5600 in Cash.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 26.—(Can. Press.)—Examination of the body of Mrs. Sarah Wilson, who with her sister, Miss Mary Scott, died Christmas Eve of pneumonia, apparently in dire want, revealed that a bag around her waist contained \$5600 in cash and three gold watches. In Miss Scott's effects were found deeds and papers showing bank deposits.

Little is known of the sisters. They arrived two weeks ago at the address where death occurred, both suffering from colds, which developed into pneumonia.

They refused to have medical attention because of the cost, and even declined to go to a free hospital. After living in the same room, they died in single beds and used separate tables, dishes and silverware. Their bodies were buried in the same vault.

Winnipeg Bank Clearings BANK CLEARINGS FOR WEEK ENDED TO 4:30 P.M. DECEMBER 26, 1912. \$41,557 for the corresponding week last year.

THE WEATHER

Observations for Toronto, Dec. 26. (6 p.m.)—The weather today has been fairly clear, mild, and bright, with a slight breeze from the west. A slight disturbance, which was in the Upper Mississippi Valley this morning, is now over the Great Lakes, and gives indications of becoming a storm as it moves eastward.

Minimum and maximum temperatures: Victoria, 40-44; Vancouver, 35-42; Kamloops, 20-22; Banff, 10-15; Calgary, 20-24; Moose Jaw, 2-3; Winnipeg, 6-10; Port Arthur, 20-30; Parry Sound, 10-15; London, 20-25; Toronto, 30-32; Kingston, 24-30; Ottawa, 16-20; Montreal, 22-26; Quebec, 16-22; Halifax, 6-28.

Probabilities: Lower Lake Georgian Bay, Ottawa Valley and Upper St. Lawrence—Fresh strong northerly winds; snow-furrows a little colder.

Lower St. Lawrence and Gulf—Clear, with local falls of snow or sleet.

Maritime—Fresh to strong southerly winds; mild, followed by rain.

Superior—Northwesterly winds; fair, with a little lower temperature.

Manitoba—Comparatively mild.

Saskatchewan and Alberta—Fair and mild.

THE BAROMETER Time: 10 a.m. Bar. 30.1; 11 a.m. 30.1; Noon 30.1; 1 p.m. 30.1; 2 p.m. 30.1; 3 p.m. 30.1; 4 p.m. 30.1; 5 p.m. 30.1; 6 p.m. 30.1; 7 p.m. 30.1; 8 p.m. 30.1; 9 p.m. 30.1; 10 p.m. 30.1; 11 p.m. 30.1; Midnight 30.1.

STEAMSHIP ARRIVALS. Dec. 26. At: From: Russia, New York, Copenhagen; Bulgaria, New York, Hamburg; Sicilian, Halifax, Antwerp; Lake Erie, Liverpool, Boston; Nordam, Boulogne, New York; Kaiser F. Jos., Trieste, Boston; Santa Anna, Patras, New York.

DEATHS. BAIN—At her late residence, 22 Wellington street North, Hamilton, on Wednesday, Dec. 26th, 1912, Amelia, beloved wife of T. J. Bain.

DE LISLE—On Wednesday morning, Dec. 26, 1912, at his late residence, 133 Winchester street, Charles Alexander de Lisle, widower, in his 78th year. Service at Lady of Lourdes, Sherbourne street, at 8 a.m. Friday.

KEELER—On Thursday, Dec. 26, 1912, at her late residence, 414 Hazelton avenue, Toronto, Clara Poulton, beloved wife of Joseph Keeler.

LINTON—On Wednesday, Dec. 26, 1912, at her late residence, 143 West Toronto, in her 74th year, Mrs. Linton.

MATHESON—At his late residence, Maple, Ont., on Thursday, Dec. 26, 1912, Gilbert Matheson, in his 71st year.

MCPHERSON—At East Toronto, Dec. 26, 1912, Hester McPherson, wife of the late Alexander McPherson, Markham, in her 82nd year.

SMITH—On Christmas night, Dec. 25, 1912, at the residence of her son-in-law, G. F. Legg, 3 Bellevue place, Toronto, Eliza, beloved wife of H. J. Smith, aged 77 years.

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INQUIRING INTO REILLY'S DEATH

Important Evidence Expected at Inquest Today When Companion Will Give Testimony.

BEAVERTON, Ont., Dec. 26.—(Special.)—The inquest into the death of Ernest Reilly of this place, whose body was found near a water tank in the railway yard yesterday morning, will be opened here at 9 o'clock tomorrow morning by Coroner McLean of Orillia. Inspector Greer of the provincial police, who arrived here today, believes that he has already unearthed facts which may lead to the solution of the mystery which surrounds the death.

At the inquest today will be heard the evidence of George Walton, who got off the Lindsay train with Reilly, was at the water tank with him, but who says that he does not know why he went to the tank, what happened at the tank or how he subsequently reached his home. No arrests have been made, but those who were with Reilly on his trip to Lindsay are being kept under watch.

Today's Reilly's coat, vest and overcoat, which were missing when the body was found, were discovered near the spot where the body was found, turned inside out. It is not thought that robbery was the object of the crime, if crime it was, as Reilly was known seldom to have money.

Col. Farwell of Whitby, county crown attorney, will conduct the examination for the crown at the inquest tomorrow.

CONSTRUCTION OF G. T. P.

Continued From Page 1. steel bridges. Eighty-nine miles of this track were laid during 1912, and the line is in operation to Hazelton. From mile 189 to the Eendako River crossing (mile 341, Prince Rupert, or 152 miles) Winnipeg active grading operations are in progress in the winter.

Progress on Branch Lines. Hart to Brandon—Grading is under way on this branch and also 15 miles are ready for track as steel has not been laid. The total length of this branch is 23 miles.

Regina to International boundary.—Only the last 22 miles of this line require to be graded. The track is laid for 106 miles and has all put down this season.

Prince Albert branch.—This line extends from Topping on the main line, and is an opening from Waskaw, a distance of 67 miles. No track was laid in 1912. A large steel bridge has yet to be erected over the South Saskatchewan river, but with the exception of the entrance into Prince Albert the grade is practically complete.

Tofield to Calgary.—This line is 292 miles long and a few steel bridges have been erected but grading is not completed. During 1912 steel was laid from mile 107 to mile 166, and the track will be continued to Calgary in the early spring of 1913. The line is in operation to mile 162.

Other Branch Lines. Other branch lines reported upon are: Tainage-Weyburn line—Fifteen miles in length, of which thirty-nine per cent. of the track was laid in 1912. The Regina-Moose Jaw connection of forty-nine miles, which is now completed, and its extension at Moose Jaw in course of construction. Grading is completed on Moose Jaw northwest branch, but no steel has been laid.

All the track on the Olan-Battledore branch was laid during 1912 and the line is in operation. The Cut Knife branch from Battledore westward toward Wainwright is finished so far as grading is concerned, and four miles of track are laid. Steel will be laid through its length in the early spring of 1913.

A branch line is surveyed from Biggar to Calgary, but it is stated by the chief engineer that for the present this line on this portion was completed in 1912, and steel is laid to mile 27. The Alberta coal branch, which extends 66 miles southerly from Biggar on the main line, is graded for the whole of its present length.

Death Penalty for Woman

CHICAGO, Dec. 26.—(Can. Press.)—The death penalty will be asked in the case of Mrs. Harriet M. Burnham, who today was placed on trial in Judge Kenner's court, charged with slaying her husband, Herbert E. Burnham, June 16, last.

The jury was completed in two hours, breaking all records in murder cases in Cook county. A couple of the jurymen said they would inflict the death penalty if they were of the opinion that the woman had killed her husband, while intoxicated, abused her.

PLANNING TO CREATE VAST SLAV EMPIRE

Ambitious Project Which Will Disarrange European Alliances Is Credited to Archduke of Austria.

PARIS, Dec. 27.—(Can. Press.)—According to the Vienna correspondent of The Journal, a friend of Archduke Franz Ferdinand is authority for the disclosure of an ambitious plan which the archduke has conceived, and is now actively endeavoring to make effective. If the plan is successful it is expected to have the effect of completely breaking up all the existing political forms and the system of alliances of the Europe of today.

The new confederation, according to the same authority, is to include the Balkan states, Rumania, Bulgaria, Bohemia and Poland, each with its own personal ruler. Serbia, with its king, is to be included in the confederation, and still further increased by the inclusion of Slavonia, Montenegro, and the province of Herzegovina, and the other Balkan states.

It is said to have been quick to grasp the plan, and has signed an unconditional adhesion. Bulgaria is favorably disposed, and active pour paciers are now going on between Emperor Ferdinand and Archduke Franz Ferdinand. It is also said to be beginning to realize the advantages of the scheme.

SOLDIER OF FORTUNE ESCAPES.

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 26.—(Can. Press.)—Gen. Francisco Villa, known as "The Fox" who was arrested on the charge of looting and serving as a colonel with Gen. Huerta in his campaign against the rebel leader Orozco, has made his escape from the military prison here. Villa, who was awaiting trial, sawed through the bars of his cell.

For years Villa was a notorious bandit. He joined the Madero revolution, but declined to join the Orozco revolution. He defeated the Orozco forces at the battle of Parral, but in turn was defeated, and was charged with robbing a bank at Parral prior to its evacuation.

HEAVY SEAS AT QUEENSTOWN.

QUEENSTOWN, Dec. 26.—(Can. Press.)—A large number of small craft were swamped in the heavy seas caused by the storm today. Fourteen lives were broken over the quays and wharves.

MANY DEATHS FROM CHOLERA.

LONDON, Dec. 27.—(Can. Press.)—An Odessa despatch to The Times reports an alarming epidemic of cholera in Mecca, Arabia, where 10,000 pilgrims are now gathered. In the past four days 1714 deaths have been reported.

ATLANTIC'S ENGINEER DROWNED.

HALIFAX, N. S., Dec. 26.—(Can. Press.)—Angus Fisher, second engineer of the steamer Atlantic, was drowned in Liverpool harbor today while seeking to board the steamer Anita. He was the only son of Capt. William Fisher of Port Mouton.

NEW WAREHOUSE ON ADELAIDE ST.

Purdy, Mansell, Limited, Will Put Up Costly Building Early in the Spring.

A five-story and basement warehouse and factory building, to cost in the neighborhood of \$150,000, and probably a great deal more, is to be erected on the south side of Adelaide street, just east of John street, by Purdy, Mansell, Limited. The whole frontage of 131 feet will be utilized but not the entire depth of 188 feet. The property was bought from the University of Toronto for about \$75,000.

Only rough plans have been drawn up so far, but work will be started as soon as the frost is out of the ground.

NEGRO SURRENDERS QUIETLY AFTER DEFEAT—FEAR LYNCHING.

COLUMBUS, Ga., Dec. 26.—(Can. Press.)—After barricading himself in a house and keeping officers who surrounded it at bay for several hours, then escaping when he feared his adversaries would become too numerous, Howard Davis, a negro, was captured at Goat Rock, Ala., today without resistance. It is reported Davis confessed to killing Deputy Sheriff Wright near Tuesday night.

Davis kept up a steady fire from his barricade as long as the posse remained. It is reported Davis was taken to Atlanta for safekeeping, and threats of lynching him are numerous.

WHAT TURKEY PROPOSES.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Dec. 26.—(Can. Press.)—According to the Constantinople newspapers, the Turkish counter proposals which were forwarded by telegraph yesterday to the plenipotentiaries at London, comprise the maintenance of an effective sovereignty over the territory east of the river of demarcation, between the Maritza River and the Black Sea, including Adrianople, while west of the line, the government would be content with the recognition of Turkish sovereignty with an autonomous regime.

The government, however, refuses to entertain any idea of pecuniary indemnity.

INVESTIGATING TEXTILE CONDITIONS.

LITTLE FALLS, N.Y., Dec. 26.—(Can. Press.)—In an effort to settle the strike of local textile mill employees, W. C. Rogers, chief state mediator, and two assistants, E. J. Downey and James McManus, arrived here today, and tomorrow they will begin an investigation of the conditions. Public hearings will be held to give both sides an opportunity to present their views of the trouble. The investigation was ordered on Tuesday by Commissioner Williams of the state labor department.

FATAL FIRE IN FRISCO.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 26.—(Can. Press.)—Fire tonight destroyed a ten-cent lodging house in the tenement district and it is feared several persons may have lost their lives. Firemen rescued three persons found in a stupor and declare they heard the cries of others whom they could not reach. The interior of the building was entirely burned. The clerk of the lodging house could not be found and it is not known how many lodgers were in the building when the fire broke out.

TURKS DEFEATED WITH LOSS.

LONDON, Dec. 26.—(Can. Press.)—A Durazzo despatch to The Times under date of Dec. 25, says: "After four days' fighting in the district between Baba and Datochi, ten miles north of Alessio, the Turks were driven out of the neutral zone on Friday. They lost several hundred men and sides and while the Servian casualties numbered 200."

Wholesale Drug Ledger.

Table with columns for Name, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100.

DAVIES ADMITS LIABILITY IN MATTER OF TAX ARREARS

Will Send Cheque to the City Treasurer Today and Will Send Received Bill For the Amount He Claims Is Due Him in an Arbitration, But Which Is Repudiated.

Ex-Ald. Thomas Davies, candidate for mayor for 1913, admits his liability in the matter of arrears of taxes; also that he has a claim of \$75 against the city; thus furnishing two reasons of disqualification, even if he should get a majority of ballots in the election.

"What are you going to do about that claim of yours, which is repudiated by Assessment Commissioner Forman?" was asked by The World.

"I think it should have been paid out on those lines. I will take the chances of being unseated. I am not going to be shamed off by my opponents."

Section 80, which it is alleged, disqualifies him under the circumstances, reads: "No person who has, either by himself or with or thru another, any claim of yours, which is repudiated by Assessment Commissioner Forman, shall be qualified to be a member of the council or of any municipal corporation."

Assessment Commissioner Forman has repudiated his claim, saying it was not earned and he didn't act for the city.

"Can you legally accept a receipt for an account which another official repudiates?" The World asked City Treasurer Cook last night. "I can't see how I can. Such an action would be a direct contravention of the attitude of the official who keeps the accounts of our books. What account of I credit the money to?" asked the city treasurer, who was not posted as to the specific item referred to by The World.

Under these circumstances Mr. Davies cannot improve his position, as he states he will, by resorting to the courts, almost certainly.

The uncertain candidate also admits that he is liable for arrears of taxes. "I will send a cheque for that amount to the city today. But the declaration he swore out on Monday reads in part: 'I do solemnly declare that I am not liable for any arrears of taxes to the municipality.' His admission made last night to The World substantiates the contention that his declaration is null and void."

The city solicitor was loth to give an opinion which would hurt the chances of any candidate, but admitted that the declaration of any candidate would have to be perfect in every regard.

"What about the Davies claim?" asked The World. "That's his business and misfortune," answered the city solicitor, "and he will have to fix it up himself, if he can. I am not worrying myself."

"Did you ever own that lane on the east side of River street?" Mr. Davies was asked.

"Yes, but I wanted to deed it to the city, but the city hall people wouldn't have it."

"You didn't think the city was going to keep it, did you?" Mr. Davies was asked. "I was not going to give it solely for the use of the Evangelical Settlement and yourself?"

"I sold the property on the north side of the lane three years ago, but the lane still remained in my name, but the Queen City Vinegar Co. had running rights over it."

"I thought the people who used it would pay the taxes, since I owned no property in the neighborhood. However, I will clear that up by sending a cheque for the amount to the city treasurer tomorrow."

"Such an action would not improve his position. The ballots have been printed, but unless a conference held by City Clerk Littlejohn, City Solicitor Johnston and Corporation Counsel Geary, in whom the authority now rests until after the elections, decides otherwise, it is possible that the returning officer will declare Mayor Hocken elected by acclamation and withdraw the ballots."

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MR. LLOYD GEORGE'S EXPOSITION OF THE NEW IMPERIAL POLICY

Aberdeen, Scotland, Dec. 27.—A gathering of 2000 people in the Music Hall the other day listened with rapt attention to Mr. Lloyd George's exposition of what could be done for the betterment of the people. At the beginning of the speech there were interruptions from suffragettes, but these people were soon silenced.

Mr. Lloyd George observed that the success of a Liberal parliament depended upon whether the democracy of the country was sufficiently steadfast to face the inevitable delays and disappointments which must come in the path of every attempt at real reform. Periods of slackness in the party, Mr. Lloyd George went on, were inevitable when they were putting thru the work which ought to have gone thru at least twenty or thirty years ago. Between 1894 and 1896 the Liberal party had been making a tunnel for the Irish and Welsh nationalists to get thru to freedom and religious equality and self-government, but there was an accident; the roof fell in, and the government had been engaged in clearing the debris. Once upon the big work which was in front of the democracy—the great work of reconstruction.

"No party in history had ever gambled so recklessly upon getting a general election before they were found out as the present Conservative opposition. The misstatements, the distortions, the downright falsehoods that had uttered during the last few weeks and months about the Insurance Act were evidence of this. They must have known, however, that the people would discover them the moment the Act came into operation."

"One benefit has already begun—the sanatoria benefit. It has only begun; you cannot fill the sanatoria in a day; you cannot develop a great system for curing one of the most terrible diseases in the land in a few months. But we have begun. In the course of the next few years we shall rescue thousands of poor people, who are gradually sinking to the tomb in this terrible quicksand. Public hearings will be held to give both sides an opportunity to present their views of the trouble. The investigation was ordered on Tuesday by Commissioner Williams of the state labor department."

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