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MISSIONARY CONFERENCE.

Program Being Prepared for Gathering at Whitby.

A committee of mission officials met in the Wesley Building yesterday to arrange the program for the inter-denominational missionary conference to be held at Whitby in July. The conference will last a week.

Harry Wade Hicks, one of the secretaries of the Congregational board of Boston, and S. E. Taylor, one of the secretaries of the Methodist board of New York, have consented to take part in the program, which will include addresses from secretaries of the Canadian boards and returned missionaries from Japan, China, India, Africa, South America and elsewhere. Canada with special reference to work among the North American Indians.

Present at the committee meeting were Dr. R. P. MacKay, general secretary of Presbyterian foreign missions; J. G. Brown, secretary of Baptist missions; Rev. T. B. Hyde, president, and H. W. Baker, treasurer of Congregational board; Rev. L. Norman Tucker, general secretary of Anglican missions, and Dr. F. C. Stephenson, secretary of the Methodist forward movement.

Mid Money in His Ear.

At progress at Ing Sing's laundering establishment, 85 East Queen-st., on April 1, when the police joined the fun, and in yesterday's court the game was pronounced to be fan tan, resulting in the parting of Ing Sing from a jail and costs.

The money seen on the table (65c) and half a dollar, hidden in the ear of the proprietor, was said by him to have been a present to a friend who was shortly leaving for the land of sunshine, rice and opium.

For Blisters.

Sergt. G. M. Whitby, Q.O.R.; Staff-Sergt. H. Kerr, 48th, and Major R. Renne, Q.O.R., are the three Toronto men who have been offered places on the Blesley team.

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BREAKING A COMBINE.

Bickerdike, M.P., to Assist Grain Exporters.

Montreal, April 9.—Canadian grain exporters, headed by Robert Bickerdike, M.P., have decided to take drastic action to break the combine that exists among Canadian inland steamship companies to try to hold the rate for grain across the upper lakes at 2 1/2 bushels. Bickerdike will appeal to the government to allow American steamers to haul the grain from Canadian ports down to Georgian Bay ports, as they were willing to carry it for 1 3/4 bushels.

Owing to the combine among Canadian lines scarcely any grain has so far been booked down the St. Lawrence route.

CITY SHOULD PAY INSURANCE

Suit to Recover for Fire Losses, Alleges Firemen's Inefficiency.

Montreal, April 9.—Action is being heard in the superior court for \$50,000 against the City of St. John, Quebec, in which J. E. Molleur is the plaintiff. He alleges the inefficiency of the fire department, and the insufficiency of the water supply were responsible for the loss of his factory, while the city has called the waterworks company in warranty.

Mr. Molleur has taken this action at the request of the insurance companies, who claim that the city and not they should bear the loss.

Mr. Potter Home Again.

Chas. E. Potter, general manager of the City Dairy Co., returned to the city yesterday after spending several months at Portersville, Virginia, whither he had gone to recuperate from the effects of his accident at the company's new stables on College-street last December. On his arrival, Mr. Potter was met by the entire staff, who gave him a hearty reception, singing "For He's a Jolly Good Fellow" and other appropriate songs. Mr. Potter has much improved in health by his sojourn in the south, and expects to be able to resume his regular duties almost immediately.

The Last Washington Excursion This Season

Via Lehigh Valley Railroad Friday, April 13. Tickets only \$10 for the round trip from Suspension Bridge. Stop-over allowed at Baltimore and Philadelphia on return trip. Tickets good ten days. Side trip to Atlantic City \$1.75. Just the time of year to visit Washington and Atlantic City. Call at L.V.R. office, 10 East King-street, for maps, guides and particulars. Phone Main 1558.

Fewer Imports.

The National Dispatch line reports that the importation of goods from the United States to Toronto is greatly decreasing. During last fall 1000 tons a day were imported, while at present it only averages 500 tons. The export of goods from Toronto to the States shows a large increase. The average daily export is about 800 tons of freight.

Jim Found Five.

Winnipeg, April 9.—James McDonald, agent of the Toronto Street Railway Employees' Union, leaves for the east tomorrow. While in this city he succeeded in locating five non-union employees of the Toronto Street Railway, who were operating cars during the strike.

David Kennedy's Will.

Application has been made for probate in the estate of the late David Kennedy. He left a cash and real estate \$37,827 to his children and grand children. Anne M. Hamilton, not related to deceased, was bequeathed \$5000 and a room at 76 Dominion-street for life.

Postponement of Conference.

Berlin, April 9.—The German government has suggested an adjournment of the second peace conference at the Hague in order not to interfere with the Berne (Red Cross) conference.

WHAT'S HAPPENED TO JONES?

Deported, Sues, Gets Verdict and Loses It in an Appeal.

Judgment was yesterday given against James Jones, an Englishman who had lived in Toronto for some years, who refused to pay the United States poll-tax at Lewiston, and who brought action for \$100 against the Niagara Navigation Company for alleged illegal arrest in bringing him back to Toronto.

The court found for Jones, who was awarded the \$100, but the judge held that the company was entitled to the money for the ticket, and Jones was ordered to pay the \$100, but the judge held that the company was entitled to the money for the ticket, and Jones was ordered to pay the \$100.

TEST SUNDAY LAWS.

Two Trolley Lines in Western Ontario to Make a Case.

Windsor, April 9.—Some prominent lawyers have expressed the opinion that the government's refusal to permit electric lines chartered within the past five years to operate on Sunday will not stand the test of the courts, and it is expected that one of the new electric lines now being constructed out of Windsor will make the test.

The Windsor, Essex & Lake Shore road, from Windsor to Leamington, and the Windsor and Tecumseh line, both of which will be in operation by July 1, were projected with an idea of tapping the summer resorts on Lakes Erie and St. Clair, where many Detroit and Windsor people have summer homes.

CAPT. LESLIE'S POSITION.

Kingston, April 9.—Capt. William Leslie has received the appointment of chief inspector for the Canadian Inland Lloyd's Capt. Leslie is a well-known wrecker.

Low Rates to New York.

New York Central Railroad announce an excursion to New York for Easter time. Rate \$10.25 for the round trip from Suspension Bridge or Buffalo; tickets good for return in ten days. Remember the date, April 12.

Protecting the Birds.

Belleville, April 9.—The Hastings County branch of the Ontario Fish and Game Protection Association will offer rewards for the conviction of all persons violating the game laws and for parties shooting robins and other insectivorous birds.

Dr. Chase's Ointment.

Dr. Chase's Ointment is a certain and guaranteed cure for every form of itching, bleeding and protruding piles. See testimonials in the press and ask your neighbors about it. You can use it and get your money back if not satisfied. 6c. at all dealers or EDMANSON, BATES & CO., Toronto.

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COUNCIL SANCTIONS \$5000 TO BOOM CITY'S INDUSTRIES

Publicity Campaign to Be Inaugurated—Ald. Noble's Plan to Sell Vacant Land.

Something tangible will be done now in regard to the new civic office, which will be known as the department of industries and publicity, for the bylaw has passed its final stage and the board of control has been ordered by council to place in the estimates the sum of \$5000 for the expenses of this department for the balance of this year. This was the interesting feature of yesterday's council meeting.

Soon after the mayor had taken his seat Controller Hubbard in his smooth-tongued vein welcomed back to council Ald. W. T. Stewart, who has spent some months in the south. The controller expressed the gratification that the health which had been sought by the worthy alderman's wife had been found. Ald. Stewart had not forgotten his fellow-councillors, and at each desk there was a little note welcoming him to the council of Mr. Stewart with his compliments.

Will Only Spend \$5000.

The third reading of the bill to create an office of industries and publicity was passed on the following division:

Yeas (13): The mayor, Controller Jones, Ald. Adams, Fleming, Hay, Keeler, McBride, Noble, Oliver, Sheppard, Stewart, Vaughan.

Nays (5): Controllers Hubbard, Shaw and Ward, Ald. Chisholm, Dunn.

The discussion came on Ald. Oliver's motion that \$10,000 be inserted in the estimates as none too much to give the new office a chance. Ald. Sheppard said the \$10,000 must be in the estimates in order that the new officer could be appointed. Ald. Vaughan thought it was a lot of money to put the estimates in the middle of the year. Controller Shaw thought \$5000 was enough. Eventually Controller Jones agreed to make it \$5000, notwithstanding the protests of Ald. Fleming, Hay and Oliver.

The motion to make the sum \$5000 carried on the following division:

Yeas (13): The mayor, Controllers Shaw, Ward and Jones, Ald. Keeler, Chisholm, Hay, McBride, Oliver, Adams, McMurrich, Church, Noble, Sheppard, Vaughan, Graham, Gentry.

Nays (4): Controller Hubbard, Ald. Dunn, Fleming, Harrison.

An interesting notice of motion was given by Dr. Noble in the following: "That it be an instruction to the assessment commission to offer for sale the lands held by the city for arrears of taxes at such a price as will cover assessed values per foot, together with arrears of taxes to date of the sale, and to the extent of any, upon condition that the purchaser shall forthwith erect thereon a dwelling house or dwelling houses, the assessed value of which shall be at least twice that of the land. And that in such sales the commissioner accept 10 per cent. of the purchase money and the balance in easy instalments."

Sales of lands acquired by the city for arrears of taxes, as recommended by Assessment Commissioner Forman, had little favor with Ald. Noble, who complained again that the assessments in Toronto were not on a basis of equality. The recommendations, however, were passed, as also the motion by Ald. Noble, seconded by Ald. McBride: "That the council order a thorough investigation to be made forthwith by the board of control as to the assessment made throughout the city, in order to ascertain why it is that properties are being sold for amounts which are two or three times greater than the assessed value."

On the initiative of Ald. Noble the city engineer will be asked to report on the advisability of the city erecting shelters or protections of some kind at certain street railway intersections where there are frequent waits for transfers.

Another motion of Ald. Noble's is that the engineer report upon the advisability of ordering that all scavenger carts or in some way the streets be kept free of snow.

Time Something Was Done.

The wretched condition of the pavements, particularly down town, was mentioned as it was moved by Ald. McMurrich, seconded by Ald. Adams, "that the board of works be requested to take into consideration the advisability of the board of control as to the assessment made throughout the city, in order to ascertain why it is that properties are being sold for amounts which are two or three times greater than the assessed value."

Will Fight It Out.

That suit of Brooke v. Toronto caused some comment by Ald. McBride. This is an action brought by Daniel O. Brooke, who by a strange coincidence, died yesterday in his 33rd year, and Emily Brooke to set aside a tax sale of a parcel of land on the east side of Logan-avenue, containing nearly nine acres. The property was bought in by the city at the adjourned tax sale of March 6, 1902. The plaintiffs recently submitted a proposition for settlement of the sale and asked for the full amount due to the city for taxes, interest and costs of sale proceedings, judgment to be issued preserving the lien to the city, or in some way the rights of the city to be satisfactorily secured. The board, upon the advice of the city solicitor, recommended the acceptance of the offer upon the terms set forth by the city solicitor.

Another Matter.

Another matter that created some comment was that recommendation to spend \$1600 on St. Lawrence Hall tower. Ald. Hay opposed it on straight business lines, but Chairman Dunn of the property committee championed the expenditure from sentimental reasons set forth in his own poetic fancy of words, with the result that the item went thru on a division.

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about the tenders for the new fire engine, which were of the same amount, and he hinted that there was connivance. The recommendation passed, but incidentally Ald. Noble mentioned other cases where even more peculiar circumstances existed. For instance, two tenders of the engine being just \$3 each over those of a contractor, and this for bituminous paving, which the engineer could not do \$1 worth of. He called it using the city department to protect a monopoly, and if he had his way the engineer would be given the contracts, even if the city did pay \$6 more, just to see what the department would do.

Here We Are Again.

That fairy tale about a bridge at the foot of Yonge-street, sneaked into the city business on an item in the accounts of \$41.35 for copies of evidence regarding it. Ald. Church asked if anything further would be done about the myth besides paying bills. To have a discussion, he wanted the account referred back, but he was told to get it some other way, and, as usual, the matter dropped.

The Catharine-street extension was, at the request of Ald. Harrison, again referred back, so was the Landsdowne-avenue subway. Ald. McBride was unable to attend the meeting.

Once more the matter of island baths was sent back to the committee after a scurry among the controllers as to what they had decided upon.

Wouldn't Be Much Use.

Ald. Noble withdrew his motion, "that the board of control be instructed to secure the services of a street railway expert, who after a thorough study of our present street railway service, shall report to this council what changes, if any, he would recommend to improve said service."

"Out of order" was the fate of Ald. Vaughan's motion, that the salaries of aldermen be abolished. Ald. Adams had seconded it.

About That \$50,000.

There was a little talk over the motion by Ald. Noble, seconded by Controller Jones, that the council ask for legislation for power to issue debentures for the \$50,000 voted for a consumptive hospital, and that the proceeds be used to establish a municipal sanatorium for consumptives, according to the act passed by the legislature for that purpose.

Ald. Noble claimed that there should be no difference of opinion as to what the money was meant for. The motion carried on the following division: Yeas—Controllers Jones, Ald. Hay, McBride, Keeler, Vaughan, Dunn, Gentry, Noble and Stewart.

Nays—Controller Hubbard, Ald. Graham.

At the suggestion of Ald. McMurrich, the city engineer will see that Simcoe-street is put in recent condition before the royal visit.

Ald. McMurrich gave notice of motion that outsiders get city water if they want to on paying for it so long as there is sufficient water supply.

The Assessment.

City Clerk Littlejohn reported the statement of the assessment of the City of Toronto for the year 1906, as revised by the court of revision, and the county judge, as follows:

Draft assessment	\$189,195.76
Additions by court	91,285
Deduction by court	1,918,916
Assessment confirmed	167,367,685
Additions by county judge	23,815
Deduction by county judge	12,385
Final assessment	167,383,107

The sum of \$354,600, being the net assessment of the City of Toronto, as finally revised, and upon which amount the rate of taxation has been fixed at four mills less than that charged to the other portions of the city, is not included in these figures.

TO SUPERINTEND EDUCATION OF CHINESE STUDENTS ABROAD

Peking, April 9.—Yuan Shi Hai, vice-roy of Chih Province, who was forced by the pressure of the anti-foreign faction to accept the resignation of Prof. C. D. Tenney, foreign director of education, has given Tenney an imperial mission abroad. For the next four years he will act as superintendent of all Chinese students in America and England, numbering just now about 400. Prof. Tenney will soon start for America with sixty students, who will enter eastern colleges.

\$10—Easter Washington Excursion—\$10.

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OBITUARY.

Dr. J. W. Moke.

Essex, April 9.—Dr. J. W. Moke is dead, at McGregors, near here. He was a graduate of the University of Toronto, 31 years of age, and unmarried. The remains will be taken to Lunenburg, Ont.

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Whalers Short of Food.

Seattle, Wash., April 9.—A special from Dawson says the Canadian Mounted Police have brought news that the ice-bound whalers at Herschel Island are short of food and clothing. They will have no relief until July 25. He was Harrington, the explorer sent by the British Royal Geographical Society, proceeded this winter with three Esquimaux via Herschel and the Arctic coast to Barffland and Brookland.

Took the Baby Home That's All.

Little Bertie Page Robinson, who was missing all Sunday night, turned up yesterday morning in care of her nurse. The nurse, who comes daily to take the baby girl for an outing, took the baby home with her without informing Mrs. Geo. Bennett, the child's aunt, of her whereabouts.

Jap Cruiser Launched.

Tokio, April 9.—The Japanese armored cruiser Ikoma of 13,750 tons was successfully launched at Kure to-day.

Dunn of Poetic Thought.

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