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COMMITTEES TO BE ABOLISHED BY COUNCIL

Works, Property and Parks Committees Will Be Retained, But Others Will Be Dispersed With When Necessary Bylaw Is Passed—The Board of Control Criticized.

A few members of council at its meeting yesterday strenuously objected to Controller Foster's efforts to have the smaller committees abolished.

"We want to make things easier for the members," said Controller Foster. "The aldermen haven't cut their eye teeth yet, so that they cannot understand my motives. It would simplify matters if council meets once a week to check up the work of the board of control. Good business men would then have time to belong to council."

Many of the aldermen stated that they got a better understanding of matters coming before council when they had an opportunity of discussing them in committee.

"Controller Foster is trying to ensure his election," said Ald. Sam McBride. "It is an insult to the committee."

The board of control was severely criticized on account of the alleged lack of efficiency and ability. Ald. Anderson stated that the people were responsible for that and not council.

Try it a Year. "Try it out for a year," suggested Controller Maguire. "When the citizens are hounded about from pillar to post when searching information and protecting their own interests, it suggests red tape and village government."

"This new proposition simplifies the present system," said Controller Maguire. "The people do not need to get more impatient than they are on account of the progress of business, the various organizations. A modification must come about. Nobody knows where the work of the committees ends and the board of control's work begins. The degree of progress of civic work is too slow at present. Some individual member must have specific control over a department. It would facilitate the work. If the people had an opportunity of voting for commission government, they would do so, but I am not prepared to say off-hand what would result of such a move. You must do something to facilitate the city's business."

Ald. Wanless' amendment to retain the committee of works, property and parks was passed by a vote of 7 to 6; therefore the smaller committees will be abolished subject to a bylaw being passed.

By a vote of 13 to 5 the treasury board will not be abolished according to the recommendation of the board of control, which wanted the board's powers limited.

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ANOTHER BOOST FOR LEATHER

Prices Should Be Advanced, Says F. G. Clarke at Annual Meeting of Ontario Tanners.

That the market price for hogs has reached on the average a position more than 25 per cent. higher than was ever known in the history of the trade, was the statement contained in the address delivered by Charles F. G. Clarke at the annual meeting of the Tanners' section of the Toronto Board of Trade, held yesterday afternoon.

This high price, it was pointed out, was even more remarkable when it was considered that at the beginning of the year the level of prices then existing was thought by some to be dangerously high.

In this connection it was further stated that the price of South American B. A. dry hides, which sold in January for 22½¢, had advanced at the first of this month to 32¢, an increase in the class of 40 per cent.

Chicago hides, which sold under expense in January, brought 7½¢ per cent at the sales this month with supplies very limited.

Canadian hides in the same time advanced from 12¢ to 16¢, and in all the markets there is no accumulation.

The cause given for these greatly increased prices is the change in the relative number of cattle grown in the last few years, compared to the increased population, and more varied use of leather.

No Decrease. "Taking everything into consideration, it would appear as though we were likely to see hides and skins remain for a length of time at least at the same level as at present," declared the chairman.

"The situation, that the tanners have to face at present time, is that the advance in the price of leather is not commensurate with the advance in the price of hides, and that as there has been a considerable advance in the hide market since September, action should be taken for a further increase in the price of leather."

The increased demand for light leathers has also led to the accumulation of skins which have been on the market for some years, and prices of raw skins have advanced equally and in many cases more than hides.

The officers elected for the coming year were as follows: Chairman, J. Sinclair, Barrie, Ont.; vice-chairman, S. Morley Wilcock, Toronto; and secretary-treasurer, F. G. Morley, Toronto.

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SOCIAL PROBLEM NEEDS MORE ATTENTION

N. W. Rowell Says Existing Conditions Must Be Altered So That Ontario Will Become the Best Possible Home For the Workingman and His Family.

In the following address, delivered before the Men's Union of the Episcopal Methodist Church last night, N. W. Rowell refers to the social problem as the one upon the solution of which, the people of Ontario should work most diligently.

"One of the most encouraging and significant facts in modern life is the new and almost worldwide interest taken in social problems. In the past the emphasis has been laid upon the rights of property. Now the emphasis is being laid upon the rights of humanity. Our problems of the future will be largely social."

"In this new country with its great natural resources and its rapidly increasing wealth, it should be possible to work out a social and industrial system under which every industrious citizen would secure a return for his labor sufficient to provide a comfortable home with sanitary surroundings, to maintain and educate his family, to pay by sufficient to tide him over periods of sickness or unemployment, and to make a reasonable provision for old age. This is the minimum with which anyone interested in social conditions could be satisfied."

Not the Condition. "This is not the condition today, and in the meantime we must do all we can to improve the existing conditions. Workmen's compensation, important and vital as it is, will only cover accidents and industrial diseases sustained and incurred in the course of employment. With the present high cost of living and high rentals, many workmen cannot afford a house to live in and are forced to rent two or three rooms. They cannot lay by money to tide over periods of sickness or unemployment, and if these come there is actual want. They cannot make reasonable provision for old age."

We must deal more adequately with the housing problem, and devote more attention to sanitation and public health. We must not only provide a suitable Workmen's Compensation Act, but we must also take up for consideration provision for sickness, unemployment and old age. We should no longer ignore or postpone a consideration of these problems."

Training Citizens. "The most valuable asset of the state is its property, but its citizens, he continued. The most valuable service the state can secure is the training of its citizens. Today, if thru sickness, accident or death the wage-earner is no longer able to provide for his family, the mother is compelled to do so, and in so doing is compelled to neglect the training of her children. They may be neglected in the home or cared for in an institution provided or assisted by the state, but in many cases the child and the state lose that which both the child and state need, the parent's care and thought and influence in the life of the child."

Many progressive countries are recognizing the unwisdom of this course, and are taking steps to change these conditions. We should direct our attention to these problems also. We should study what has been done elsewhere, so that we may profit by the experience of others. Let us endeavor to make this province the best possible home for the toiler and his family."

Foreign Missionary Likely to Be Made Presiding Officer by Presbyterians of Canada.

Rev. Dr. Murdoch Mackenzie, for many years foreign missionary on the Honan, China, is likely to be the next moderator of the general assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Canada.

Several presbyteries have already nominated him. The Livingstone centenary will be in 1913, a year for prominence to be given to missionary affairs.

The general assembly has not had a foreign missionary as moderator since 1894.

WHITE RACES IN AFRICA GROWING.
Process of Establishing Latin Population in North Progressing—South Africa's Foreign-Born.

It is shown by a recent compilation of the official figures for the 1911 census in Algeria and Tunisia that the process of establishing not a French, but a Latin population, in North Africa, is actually making material progress.

Thus in 1911 there was something over 900,000 people of European birth or derivation actually settled in Algeria and Tunisia, 752,000 in Algeria and 148,000 in Tunisia, exclusive of some 50,000 soldiers, functionaries and inmates of hospitals and other institutions.

In the figures are included 72,000 Algerian Jews, survivors or descendants of the Jews made French citizens by the French Parliament more than forty years ago. The total of 900,000 represents an increase of 90,000 since 1906.

An analysis of the character of this European population indicates the largely diverse elements which make up the immigration into this North

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African region. In the total, as might be expected, the French have the largest share, 350,000, but the Spanish are not far behind with 250,000, and the Italian with 175,000. The only other considerable race is the Maltese, numbering between 25,000 and 50,000.

But while the French have the largest share in the total, they are outnumbered by two to one in Oran, in the west of Algeria, where the Spanish predominate, while in Tunis 45,000 French are overbalanced by 85,000 Italians. It is only in the centre about Algiers that the French are numerically supreme. Still, by the operation of the naturalization laws, a very large percentage of the foreign element in Algeria has already acquired French citizenship.

Algiers remains the city with the largest European population in Africa, having 130,000, against 120,000 for Johannesburg in South Africa. Oran, with more than 100,000 Europeans, two-thirds of them Spanish, is third, and Tunis, with 75,000, fourth. Of the 75,000, less than a third are French and more than 40,000 Italian. The larger share of the European population is found in the cities, hardly more than a quarter of the 900,000 belonging to the rural districts chiefly in Africa.

The total population of Algeria and Tunisia approximates 7,000,000, and the Europeans numbered 1,300,000 in 1911.

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DOG'S ANCESTRY DATES WAY BACK

Conclusion of Scientist is That Indian Wolf is Progenitor of Sheep Dog.

Naturalists and the world at large seem to generally accept the theory that the domestic dog is, in some sense, a collateral descendant of the wolf or jackal, says Harper's Weekly. A professor in the Natural History Museum of Paris has communicated results of his study of various canine skulls to the Academy of Sciences. He appears to have noticed certain peculiarities of growth which have hitherto escaped zoologists.

He states that the skull of almost every species of wolf and jackal differs from the skull of the shepherd

dog to an extent that makes it impossible that this dog should belong in the same classification. The skull of the Indian wolf, on the contrary, shows some points of resemblance. This, indeed, is the only savage canine the top of whose head projects like that of our dog.

There are, moreover, other characteristics which the Indian wolf has in common with the dog, and which the ordinary wolf does not share with them, altho his origin and that of the dog have long been supposed to be a common one.

The conclusion of this scientist is that the Indian wolf is the progenitor of the shepherd dog and the bloodhound. There were two primitive races of dogs analogous to those which were first domesticated in Central Asia, whence they passed to Europe and there seems no reason to doubt that the bloodhound of today is the direct descendant of the dog spoken of by the ancients as "the dog of the ago of bronze."

SNOW'S LIBERTY MELTED AWAY

Caught by Constable Carter When He Went Home For Coat—Second Run For Freedom.

Bob Snow is again safe behind the bars in the Court Street Police Station. He was not actually in the station on Thursday night when he escaped from the police, but he was the next thing to it.

Constable Snap was just opening the door when "the reindeer" bolted and made his way for the railway yards, at the foot of Jarvis street, in Longboat fashion. Here he was lost and all efforts of the police to find him were fruitless.

Snow might never have been recaptured had it not been for the snow which fell upon him during the night and froze him into submission, or, rather, to shelter. The police judged that as he was without a coat when he escaped he would be forced to pay a visit to his home at 429 Margueretta street some time in the morning.

This is just what he did. At 8 a.m. Constables Carter and Todd, who were stationed at the house, saw him pushing his way up the street on a bicycle.

Snow was wearing an ill-fitting coat which Providence had sent him, but he needed a better one, and almost walked into the trap the police had set for him. He jumped from his wheel in front of the house and was in the back yard before he noticed his mistake.

Then his old habit came back to him and he vaulted over the back yard fence, with Carter in pursuit. Carter had better luck than Snap, and after a long chase caught the man as he was taking another fence. Snow fought desperately and sank his teeth into Carter's hand before he was overpowered.

Snow appeared before Magistrate Denison later in the day and was remanded until Dec. 27 without bail.

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