

HAMILTON HAPPENINGS

GORDON WILSON OFFERS HIS SEAT TO COCHRANE

Would Probably Run for Local House in North Wentworth if Offer is Accepted.

HAMILTON, Oct. 9.—(Special.)—Gordon C. Wilson, M.P. for Wentworth, in conversation with The World to-night, confirmed the report current here today, that he had offered his seat in the Dominion house to Hon. Frank Cochrane, who is slated for a portfolio in the Borden cabinet.

Mr. Wilson denied that he had made the offer to Hon. Mr. Cochrane, simply out of personal regard for the minister of forests and mines in the Whitney government.

Mr. Wilson's offer is made, of course, on the assumption that Mr. Cochrane is included in the Borden cabinet, and it cannot be known whether the offer will be accepted until the new federal cabinet is announced.

While it has been taken for granted that Mr. Cochrane would be allowed the seat by acclamation, it is doubtful if the Liberals would concur in that course and it is considered more than likely that if the proposed change is made, W. O. Stanley, the defeated Liberal candidate at the last election, would again enter the field and contest the riding.

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Mr. Wilson stated to-night that he had no intention of doing this, but might accept definitely what course he might adopt.

Express Robbery. George H. Kennough and John Hughes, the two former employees of the Canadian Express Co., arrested last week in connection with the mysterious theft of more than \$5000 from the company, appeared in police court today, their eight days' remand having expired.

Neither of the men was charged with the \$5000 theft to-day, and the matter will not even be mentioned in court to-day, but it is understood that the men are being held on the charge of stealing the sum of \$15 from the express company. It is alleged that the men collected this sum from the Hamilton Gaslight Co., and that he failed to turn it over to his employers.

the least suspected of complicity in the case. He is only 29 years old.

It was reported here to-day that the Harris Abattoir Co. of Toronto was negotiating for the purchase of the Stroud-Cattis Byres in this city. The report could not be confirmed.

A Town Meeting. A very tame affair was to-night's council meeting, altho a little interest was injected into the proceedings by some remarks by Ald. Ryan, who made one of his periodic appearances at the council board, his apparent mission to-night being to find out why one of his constituents in the north end of the city had lost his job with the city.

After threatening to move for a committee to enquire into the matter, he was persuaded by Controller Cooper to enquire of Chairman Wallace of the works committee for the facts in the case, being assured that the latter could satisfy him in five minutes that there was no reason for complaint in the matter.

Ald. Anderson was inclined to find fault with the fact that orders for municipal supplies were not widely enough distributed. Discussion of the matter brought out information to the effect that it was a practice of committees and other purchasing bodies to buy where they could get the cheapest.

The request from the legislation and reception committee for an appropriation for 1917 was approved by the council, a recommendation to that effect to next year's council having passed to-night.

Not of One Mind. The council members were not of one mind in the matter of compelling George F. Webb to conclude a contract with the city for the sale of the new hospital site on the mountain, without including in the contract Mr. Webb's provision that the property be used for no other purpose than for a hospital.

The recommendation of the board of control carried, however, and the city solicitor will endeavor to have the contract closed, minus the objectionable feature.

Chairman Davey of the reception committee reminded the council that the Toronto city fathers will visit Hamilton tomorrow at the guests of the city. The Queen City law makers are expected to arrive on the 2:15 p.m. train.

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SOCIETY

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Lennox have issued invitations to a dance at McConeky's on Thursday evening, Nov. 2, at 8 o'clock.

A reception will be held at the Donaghe Home, corner of St. Clair, Avenue and Avenue Road, from 4 to 6 o'clock this afternoon, for the delegates and visiting friends of the Ecumenical Conference.

The qualifying round for the Rosedale lady's golf championship will be played on Wednesday at 3 o'clock.

Mrs. Pankhurst will speak in Montreal on Dec. 11, under the auspices of the local council of women.

Mrs. Carruthers is visiting Mrs. Jack Moodie in Hamilton.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Patterson, who have spent the summer at Burlington, have taken an apartment at the Madison on the west.

Mrs. R. C. Stoddard has returned to Vancouver after a month's holiday.

Mrs. Roland Cooper is in Montreal, the guest of Mrs. David Macpherson.

Miss Edythe Neiles has arrived in town from Montreal to enter one of the hospitals as a nurse in training.

the residence of the bride's mother, McLeod-street, Ottawa.

Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Le Page announce the engagement of their daughter, Basile Louise, to Mr. Norman Collett, Guelph. The wedding will take place quietly on Oct. 14.

The marriage of Miss Florence F. Bellenger to Mr. Thomas E. Arrow-smith will take place on the 12th inst., at the house of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Reed.

Miss Margaret Versar of Italy is in town for a few days, making arrangements for her concert here on Nov. 21.

Invitations have been issued by Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Walker, Chicago, to the marriage of their daughter, Marjorie Stanton, to Mr. Jay Vandergriff Hall, on Thursday evening, Oct. 19, in St. Paul's Episcopal Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar S. Reade of Ottawa are spending a few days in town at the King Edward.

A meeting of the executive committee of the United Empire Loyalists will take place to-day, at 3 o'clock, in 410 Crown Line Building, Queen and Victoria-streets.

Dr. and Mrs. Cowan, Hamilton, announce the engagement of their niece, Ina Dickson, to Mr. W. Gordon Cole, Toronto, the marriage to take place the last week in October.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Sutherland, Hamilton, announce the engagement of their daughter, Katharine Eva, to Mr. Vance Richardson Bilton, Toronto. The marriage will take place on Nov. 1.

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Barnard have returned from Montreal and will be at the Alexandria this winter.

COLORED PORTER WILL BE TRIED FOR MURDER

Chatham Grand Jury Bring in True Bill Against Charles Hurst—Daring Daylight Robbery.

CHATHAM, Oct. 8.—(Special.)—At the fall session which opened here today before Hon. Mr. Justice Falconbridge, the grand jury brought in a true bill for murder against Charles Hurst, a colored porter, who is charged with slaying of Thos. Brown (white) on August 1 last.

The grand jury will be next asked to consider the depositions in the case of Rex v. Thos. Griffith, on July 15 last. If a true bill is brought in this case, Griffith will set his trial at the spring assize.

Daylight Robbery. Thieves picked the combination of the Aberdeen Hotel safe Sunday afternoon in broad daylight and walked away with \$1000 in cash.

DELINQUENT ON LAKE SUPERIOR. DULUTH, Oct. 9.—The delinquent SS. A. L. Hopkins, abandoned by his crew while on Lake Superior ten days ago, has been sighted again in the track of navigation between Ashland and Keeweenaw Point according to dispatches from Engineer Jas. H. Darling to the Hopkins' owners to-day.

Five a Week Buys a Piano. While a member of the local band which cannot be long, Heintzman & Co., Ltd., 183-191 Yonge-street, offer for sale some twenty-five second-hand square pianos.

Journalistic Vagaries. From a Michigan paper—"She was left a widow thru the death of her husband."

Aviator's Narrow Escape. Boston Transcript: Henrik Dahl of Acadou was a reader and follower of Darwin. Wishing to apply his theory of the limit of adaptability of a species to environment, Henrik procured a heron from a neighboring pond and carried it home in a tub of sawdust.

DOWN TO FINE POINT. Claus A. Spreckels, the sugar refiner, was talking in New York about economics in the sugar trade.

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CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS TAKE TRIP UP HUMBER

While Nearly All Were Enthusiastic for Boulevard Scheme, Ald. McBride Still Doubts.

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