

FIREMEN FOR NEW STATION.

Row in Committee Over the Method of Selection.

Ald. Lees Accuses Colleagues of Playing With Loaded Dice.

New Waterworks By-law Will be Taken Up Soon.

The appointment of six new firemen for the Sanford avenue station caused a lively clash at the Fire and Water Committee meeting last night. Alderman Lees charging that it was a pre-arranged plan and that the aldermen were playing with "loaded dice."

There were twenty-three applicants. Ald. Lees said that if Chief TenEyck would recommend six men he would vote for them.

"They are all good men," said the Chief. "There are the names and you can pick them out."

Ald. Hopkins said he thought the quickest and most satisfactory way to settle it was to appoint the first six men on the list. Ald. Gardner supported this.

"Don't you think a fairer way to do it would be for each alderman to mark the names of six men and appoint those receiving the larger number of votes?" asked Ald. Morris. He made an amendment to that effect and Ald. Lees seconded it.

"We might be voting all night doing that way," protested Ald. Hopkins. The amendment was voted down and the first six men carried. The men appointed were, R. Spratt, N. Twinn, W. Robson, W. Boylan, G. J. McKeown and P. Maloney.

"Gentlemen, I believe that is a pre-arranged plan and I don't like that sort of thing," protested Ald. Lees. "What makes you think that?" asked Ald. Hopkins.

"That is not fair dealing," replied Ald. Lees. "It is playing with loaded dice."

"And you have some man you wanted to have appointed?" asked Ald. Hopkins.

"Yes," said Ald. Lees. "If the Chief had named six men I would have supported them, but when there are six men, some aldermen know about and others do not, I say that is playing with loaded dice."

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BIG D.

Highlanders Had Theatre Party and Supper Last Night.

It looked like a big night for D Company, of the 91st Regiment, last evening, but when the members of the company got through they found that it had been bigger than they expected. There were about 65 in their party, including two ladies, when they assembled at Bennett's Theatre, where the performers proceeded to make the guests feel at home. After the show the party proceeded to the dining room of the Strand Hotel, where a good meal was enjoyed. This was followed by a short toast-list, which was:

"The King."—Responded to by Col. Bruce, Major McLaren and Capt. Bell.

"The Guests."—Responded to by Q-M. Sgt. McAndrew.

"Company Officers."—Responded to by Acting Captain J. Moodie and Lieut. Burrill.

"The Ladies."—Responded to by Capt. Bell.

This was followed in turn by the presentation of the prizes for attendance and shooting by Col. Bruce to the deserving members of the company.

Society

Mrs. W. R. Harper, Herkimer street, received for the first time since her marriage, in her lovely new home, yesterday. Mrs. Harper received in her new home, which was decorated with white silk and net with embroidered applique, and was assisted by her sister, Mrs. C. P. Tuckett, who wore white silk crepe de chine with Dresden trimmings, and long coat of Irish lace. Mrs. R. A. Gledhill, of Toronto, was matron of honor, and was gowned in crepe de chine with gold and silver yolk and sleeves. The drawing room and reception hall decorations were bride's roses and the art shades in pink and gold blended beautifully with the color scheme of the rooms. The tea room was presided over by Mrs. Henderson, wearing green moire silk with handsome lace trimmings and lavender bonnet, and Mrs. Calvin Davis in black silk empire gown, black turban and violets. They were assisted by Miss Nan Hunt in cream net frock with fawn velvet hat, and Miss Marjorie Davis, in pink, some aldermen know about and others do not, I say that is playing with loaded dice."

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THAT PRESS TRIP.

Something About the Imperial Press Conference.

High Old Time Awaiting Canadian Newspaper Men in Britain.

The programme of the Imperial press conference to be held in London in June is now nearing completion. The gathering will be not merely unique in the history of English journalism, but an event of national importance. It is being treated as such by the Government and by the great political and social forces of the country.

For the first time nearly a thousand British journalists, representing every shade of opinion and every part of the motherland will be gathered together to do honor to the press of the Empire. The other sixty are picked delegates from the three thousand newspaper of Great Britain chosen by their colleagues.

Canada will send a delegation which has been described by Lord Strathcona as men "worthy of representing not only the Canadian press, but the Canadian people."

Australia and New Zealand have chosen not only delegates from the splendid dailies of the older States, but others—pioneers typifying the romance of the press in a new land, men who started with their hand presses in gold-field dugouts and "boom" town shacks, and saw their ventures grow into the powerful organs of mighty communities. India, the far east and other parts are all adequately voiced.

HISTORIC SURROUNDINGS.

The surroundings of the conference have been moulded on lines worthy of the occasion. The assemblies proper will be held in the conference room of the Foreign Office, the only official chamber large enough to hold the delegates. This has been lent by the Government, and marks the historical side and the Imperial character of the assembly.

Leading statesmen, Liberal and Unionist alike, and great professors, such as Lord Cromer and Lord Milner, will participate in this gathering. Lord Rosebery will strike the note of Imperial unity and aspiration at the inaugural banquet.

The social side will be, as the Spectator has well put it, "the kind of welcome ambassadors could not expect to have offered to them." The Government, the Prince and Princess of Wales, the Lord Mayor and Parliament will all in turn entertain the delegates. There will be a special military review at Aldershot, and a naval display at Portsmouth in their honor. The great cities of the north are arranging for visits from them when the conference proper has concluded. Upon all sides it has been realized that this affords a great opportunity of showing to the men who are the eyes and ears of Great Britain what the power and resources of the motherland are.

The Australian and New Zealand guests will reach Vancouver on May 5, and will spend about a week in the province. Preparations are already in progress to give a welcome there worthy of the best Canadian traditions. This will culminate in an official reception by Lord Grey, the Governor-General, at Ottawa. The Canadian delegates will join the Australian contingent, and will travel on with them. Arriving in London, they will be housed at the Waldorf Hotel.

INAUGURAL BANQUET.

At the inaugural banquet, in the Hall of Music at the Imperial International Exhibition on June 5, nearly one thousand British journalists and delegates are expected to be present. Lord Rosebery will give his opening address.

The conference meetings at the Foreign Office start on Monday morning, and last each day from 11 to 1. These meetings will be private. Some of the great statesmen of the day, Imperial as well as national, will join in them, discussing various aspects of the mission and work of the press throughout the Empire.

The list of receptions and entertainments includes the following: Some of the visiting editors will be the guests of Lord Burnham at Hall Burn.

On Monday, June 7, a luncheon will be given at the House of Commons by members of the Houses of Commons associated with the Imperial press, and in the afternoon the delegates will be received by the Prince and Princess of Wales at a garden party at Marlborough House.

On Tuesday, June 8, an official banquet will be given by the Government, with Lord Grey in the chair.

On Wednesday, June 9, there will be a reception and luncheon at the Mansion House, given by the Lord Mayor of London.

On Thursday, June 10, Mr. Balfour will preside at a luncheon to be given by the Constitutional Club. In the evening the Duke and Duchess of Sutherland will give a reception at Stafford House.

On the invitation of Mr. Haldane a day is to be spent at Aldershot, where the guests will be able to see something of the British Army.

On Saturday, June 12, the week will conclude with a visit to the fleet as the guests of the Admiralty.

On Monday, June 14, Lord Northcliffe will entertain the delegates at luncheon at Sutton Place.

Mr. C. Arthur Pearson will give a dinner at Ranelagh.

An afternoon will also be spent at the Horse Show as the guests of Lord Londsdale.

On the completion of their stay in London the delegates will take a short tour through a few of the leading cities of the north. Invitations from municipalities have poured in far more than can possibly be accepted. Such great centres as Manchester, Liverpool, Edinburgh and Glasgow must be included.

WILLIAMS-TAYLOR.

A very quiet, yet pretty, wedding took place at Cobalt on Wednesday, March 17th, when Miss Wilhelmina Edith Lambert Taylor, of Burlington Beach, eldest daughter of Mr. Harry Taylor, Construction Superintendent of the Ontario Power Company, was married to Edmund Henry Williams, of Cobalt. Miss Alice Williams was bridesmaid, and Mr. Frank Cook best man. Mr. and Mrs. Williams will reside in Cobalt, where Mr. Williams owns considerable mining property.

PORTRAIT OF GEO. DICKSON.

A portrait of George Dickson, principal of Upper Canada College will be unveiled in the college hall on Friday. The portrait was subscribed for by old friends and old boys in appreciation of his valuable services to the institution. He was principal from 1885 to 1888. Before coming to Upper Canada Mr. Dickson was principal of the Hamilton Collegiate Institute for many years.

ONE ON THE DOCTORS.

Madame J. Rioux, St. Moies, Que., says: "Fruit-a-tives cured me of severe Liver Disease. Neither doctors nor any other remedy did me any good, but Fruit-a-tives promptly cured."

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Caistor Centre

Mr. C. Fritshaw has started up the sawmill and is doing a rushing business. Mrs. Flannigan has been very ill and under the care of Dr. McLellan, of Caistorville.

Owing to the changeable winter and not much snow the wheat is very badly injured here.

Mr. Will Shilton is preparing to move the house that he bought from L. Lounsbury, to his mill lot.

Miss Lulu Fehrman returned home last week, after spending a few weeks with her sister, Mrs. Isaac Collins, of this place.

Mrs. E. Kelly returned home last week after spending a couple of weeks with her mother at this place.

Mr. and Mrs. D. Piper, of Bismarck, spent Sunday with their mother, Mrs. Lounsbury.

Frank Lymburner and mother have moved to their new home at Caistor Centre, on the John Leavary farm.

Mr. Wilbert Lounsbury has purchased a very fine buggy from A. J. Weaver.

Vineland

Mrs. May Meyer, of Campden, is a guest at the home of Mrs. G. Overholt.

Mrs. D. W. Fry has returned home, after spending several days with friends at Buffalo, N. Y.

Mrs. A. Honsberger has returned home after a short visit at Buffalo, N. Y.

Rev. Mr. Hehn, of Campden, spent Monday at Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Fry's.

Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Culp spent Sunday at S. Overholt's.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Hutton and Miss Ethel Tufford spent Sunday at the home of Mrs. James Honsberger.

Misses Mabel and Maud Housser, of Campden, spent Monday at the home of T. H. Meyer.

An auction sale was held at the home of Mr. Henry Overholt on Tuesday afternoon. Mr. Jacob Wiemer was auctioneer.

Mr. and Mrs. Lydens called on T. H. Meyer on Sunday.

Mr. Isaac Kraus and his son, Sylvester, called on friends in the village on Sunday.

Miss M. Honsberger is on the sick list. The little baby of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Culp is on the sick list.

Mr. Joseph Fry, of Campden, has been the guest of his son, Mr. D. W. Fry.

Quite a large number from here attended the review Sunday service at Jordan Station.

Private services are being held in Zion Tabernacle at present.

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Woodburn

Ernest Benner, of Burlington, has been visiting friends here this week.

Chas. Daw had a wood bee on Thursday.

Albert Daw has purchased the farm recently owned by Fred Packham.

A number of residents here have been ill with the grip.

Mr. Shields, of Hamilton, is visiting with Miss Annie White.

Merritt Bros. have started their basket factory again.

W. B. Thomson was in Brantford on business on Monday.

Alf. Mayhew has purchased the farm owned by Wm. Polemy.

Valens

Messrs. Norman and Cecil Robson, Robt. Valens and Bert Robson left for the west on Tuesday of this week. They purpose residing at Melfort, Sask., and have taken the full outfit for farming operations. All wish them prosperity.

Mr. Melvin Taylor, a former school teacher of this place, is calling on old friends in the village.

Mr. Robt. Telford spent Saturday and Sunday in Toronto, where he was met by his son, Mr. Robt. Telford, and wife, of Vancouver, B. C., who are on an extended trip to Edinburgh, Scotland.

Miss Carrie Hood is under the doctor's care. Her many friends wish her a steady recovery.

Miss M. J. Robson, of Galt, is spending a few days at her home here.

Miss Moore spent Sunday at Westwood, the guest of her sister, Mrs. Norman Jamieson.

The first regular meeting of the Women's Institute was held at Mrs. Robson's on Friday afternoon of last week, with a large attendance. The officers are: Mrs. John Lowthian, President; Mrs. Geo. Jamieson, First Vice-President; Mrs. John Valens, Second Vice-President; and Sadie B. Coburn, Secretary-Treasurer. A very interesting paper was read by Mrs. F. Martin. Music was rendered by Mrs. A. Robson and Miss Charlotte Robson, of Valens, and Misses Etta McQueen and Marion Harvie, of Kirkwall. The next meeting will be held at Mrs. Geo. Jamieson's, Kirkwall, on the 20th of April.

Fisherville

Maple trees have been tapped by the owners of maple groves. Mr. Fred Held tapped over 700 trees in his bush.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Ruch, of Stevensville, are visiting friends in this locality.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Hunsinger, who had been making a lengthened stay among relatives in Pennsylvania, are on their return trip.

Some changes in real estate were re-

cently consummated. Mr. Greenbury purchased the Holrod estate; Mr. Jacob Packer bought the farm of Mr. John Single, and the latter purchased the farm of Mr. Abner Neuman.

Mr. Richard Holtermann, the well-known apiarist, of Brantford, formerly a resident of this village, was here looking for suitable sites whereon to place a number of beehives the coming season. Confirmation services will be held in the Lutheran Church on Sunday, April 4th.

Vanessa

Smallpox is spreading in this place. Last week there were two cases. This week there are twelve. The disease is in a mild form.

Several have tapped their sugar bush this week.

Mrs. W. H. Bartholomew spent a few days in Brantford this week.

Mr. Jas. Bannister, of Niagara Falls, is visiting his parents here.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Kelly visited his brother at Kelvin on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Mason and Master Thorne spent Saturday and Sunday in Simcoe, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Cameron.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Gould, Town line, and Mrs. Nellie Buck, of Nanticoke, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Roberts.

Mrs. Church and Mrs. S. J. Crane were very ill at the time of writing.

Attercliffe

Rev. Mr. Granda, of Cayuga, preached an instructive and forceful educational sermon here on Sunday morning.

Some talk of a rural telephone line from Attercliffe north and west this spring.

Mr. David Fralick and wife have been away to Toronto on a pleasure trip.

Friends here regret the death of their old neighbor, Nelson Dochstader, of St. Catharines, which took place in that city on Wednesday, the 17th inst., following a stroke on Sunday morning, the 14th inst.

Mr. and Mrs. William Shafley, of Wellandport, were the guests of Father Shilton, here, on Sunday.

The young people will hold a league social on Tuesday evening, the 30th inst. Refreshments, good programme, all invited.

Mr. Thomas Fralick took his son Fred to the Belleville Institute for the deaf last week, in hopes of having his hearing improved.

Mrs. Jane Wood, an old neighbor, is very poorly at the present time.

Mr. Joseph Harrington will discontinue the manufacture of cheese at the Bloomingdale factory this spring.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Lymburner were presented with a fine baby boy last week.

Mr. Joseph Harrington, who has been almost helpless for a number of years, is growing weaker.

Mrs. Joseph Meyer, of Moulton, is still very low from the effects of a stroke some time ago.

Warner

A very pleasant evening was spent at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Leslie. Friends from Attercliffe, Caistor Centre and Warner were entertained in a pleasing way, after feasting on all the delicacies the season could afford. Games and music were indulged in till a late hour in the evening, when all journeyed homeward, thanking the host and hostess for the very enjoyable evening spent.

Mr. John Martindale, from Minnesota, was called to the bedside of his mother.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Silverthorn and family visited at O. M. Lymburner's on Sunday last.

Mr. and Mrs. George Vail visited under the parental roof on Thursday last. Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Merritt attended a farewell party held at the home of Mr. Jonathan Fulson, Moote Settlement.

Mr. Frank Silverthorn spent Sunday with his sister, near Beamsville.

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