

## DETAILS OF THE AWFUL OVERDRAFT.

Council of 1908 Spent \$112,000 More Than It Collected From All Sources.

If the new City Council, with a business man like Mayor McLaren at the helm, makes good the promise to wipe out the legacy from the 1908 aldermanic board, a deficit of \$112,000, and steer shy of an overdraft for the balance of the year, it will be entitled to a tablet in the hall of Fame. The City Council's record for years past is a solid succession of overdrafts, but last year's was the greatest ever. Including the \$25,000 overdrawn on the new sewer account, the overdraft in reality is \$137,000. The sewer overdraft, however, will be paid out of the money voted by the ratepayers to complete the work, which will reduce the overdraft to \$112,000.

The detailed statement for the year, prepared by City Treasurer Leckie, and submitted to the Finance Committee yesterday afternoon, shows that the big overdraft of any one account was that of the Board of Works, overdrawn \$40,576. The Board of Health over \$9,600 behind, of which nearly \$8,000 was caused by the smallpox epidemic, and which was not provided for, is next in line. Then comes the Harbor Committee, over \$8,300 behind; the charity department, over \$7,300 overdrawn, and the fire department, \$7,200 behind. Overdrafts in other departments, ranging from trifling amounts to over \$2,000, swell the total to \$137,000.

Chairman Peregrine, of the Finance Committee, points out that as a result of the period of depression the taxes are \$28,000 behind. Had this money come in the overdraft would be cut down to nearly \$80,000. This money is looked upon as an asset, but as there is no guarantee that it will be received, it must be placed in the overdraft column. The statement in detail is as follows:

EXPENDITURE.		Estimated.	Actual.	Over Expended.	Under Expended.
Overdraft, 1907	\$ 42,000	\$ 42,000			
Adm. Crim. Justice	9,800	10,098 70	298 70		
Board of Health	17,000	26,697 01	9,697 01		
Board of Works	52,450	93,026 20	40,576 20		
Cemetery	15,000	15,418 40	418 40		
City Hall	5,200	5,805 41	605 41		
Charity	10,000	17,367 36	7,367 36		
Damage claims	2,000	1,731 56		268 44	
Fire Department	56,500	63,705 91	7,205 91		
General salaries	39,000	39,592 26	592 26		
Gen. Sewer construction	7,000	6,787 71		212 29	
Hospital	56,000	70,374 33	14,374 33		
House of Refuge	14,000	15,575 79	1,575 79		
Harbor	500	8,860 59	8,360 59		
Interest gen'l.	7,000	9,416 86	2,416 86		
Jail	6,500	6,242 29		257 71	
Markets	6,500	8,641 57	2,141 57		
Miscellaneous	22,000	19,669 21		2,330 79	
Police Department	71,000	70,267 42		732 58	
Police Patrol Station	6,000			6,000 00	
Printing and advertising	2,800	4,475 28	1,675 28		
Sewage Disposal	19,000	19,596 41	596 41		
Street lighting	42,500	41,225 83		1,274 17	
Waterworks expense	52,000	51,967 34		332 66	
Weigh scales	3,600	3,298 84		301 16	
Street watering	18,000	18,694 44	694 44		
Board of Education	195,500	195,500 00			
Separate Schools	16,400	16,059 63		340 37	
Separate Schools spec. grant	2,000	2,053 00	53 00		
Parks Board	17,800	17,800 00			
Library Board	17,800	17,800 00			
Local improv. secured	50,000	51,175 39	1,175 39		
Local improv. city share	46,300	46,375 14	75 14		
Gen. deb. int. & s.k. fund	260,100	258,148 64		1,951 36	
Barton Township	3,300	3,393 63	93 63		
Hospital, excess of debent.		141 47	141 47		
Base line survey		141 54	141 54		
Home for Incur. in ex. debent.		2,265 46	2,265 46		
	\$113,450	\$128,215 53	\$101,575 71	\$13,810 18	
Balance over-expended		87,765 53		87,765 53	
	\$128,215 53		\$101,575 71		
REVENUE.		Estimated.	Actual.	Surplus.	Shortage.
Cemetery	\$ 15,000	\$ 15,419 39	\$ 419 39		381 20
Hospital	34,000	33,618 80			189 96
House of Refuge	3,500	3,311 04			188 96
Jail	2,300	3,181 62		881 62	
Markets	12,500	12,842 90		342 90	
Police Department	6,000	5,240 44		759 56	
Bell Telephone Co.	2,500	3,450 00		950 00	
Dog Taxes	2,400	2,444 00		44 00	
Hamilton St. Ry. Co.	35,500	32,537 87		2,962 12	
Licenses	35,700	36,415 40		715 40	
Rents Real Estate	1,700	1,700 00			
Registry Office	5,500	5,407 53		92 47	
Taxes, general	717,200	688,897 69		28,302 31	
Local improvements	47,000	52,416 65		5,416 65	
Sever rents	4,500	3,792 44		707 56	
Water rates	263,900	263,832 82		67 18	
Sundries	2,400	3,397 28		997 28	
Supplementary estimates:					
For Board of Works	450			450 00	
For House of Refuge	1,000			1,000 00	
	\$113,450	\$116,894 87	\$ 9,277 24	\$34,832 37	
Balance, shortage		25,555 13	25,555 13		
	\$113,450 00	\$ 9,277 24	\$34,832 37		
Revenue, shortage		\$113,450 00	\$34,832 37		
Expenditure, over-expenditure			113,329 68		
Overdraft			113,329 68		
Interest and advertising on Local Improvement which cannot be ascertained for a few days yet will reduce the overdraft by say \$13,200.66, making it \$112,000.					

## ST. JOHN'S.

Installation of Officers of Lodge of Masons.

Last evening Wor. Bro. W. M. Logan, assisted by R. W. Bro. W. G. Reid, W. Bro. H. Birrell, T. McCallum, R. M. Stewart, A. Somerville and other Past Masters, installed and invested the following brethren as the officers of St. John's Lodge, A. F. & A. M., for the ensuing year:

W. Bro. R. A. Thompson, W. M.  
James Gill, I. P. M.  
A. G. Bain, S. W.  
F. M. Barnard, J. W.  
H. Torrance, Chaplain.  
A. Pain, Treasurer.  
W. Bro. W. J. McAllister, Secretary.  
Geo. A. Turner, S. D.  
W. A. Smith, J. D.  
A. H. Maxwell, Organist.  
W. Bailey, D. of C.  
F. J. May, Steward.  
P. E. Lumsden, Steward.  
R. J. Wilson, Steward.  
F. W. Sprules, Steward.  
R. L. Simpson, Steward.  
A. S. McPherson, L. G.  
W. Tocher, Tyler.  
R. W. Bro. T. McCallum and W. Bro. W. J. Aitchison, Auditors.  
R. W. Bro. W. Birrell, Trustee.  
W. Bro. J. F. Mervin, Representative on Benevolent Branch.  
Sick Committee—A. G. Bain, chairman; and Bros. T. H. Keller, W. Marshall, W. Malcolm, A. W. Palmer, A. H. Harris, R. R. Moodie and G. M. McGee.

Qualifications.  
Editor—Have you ever done any work on a newspaper?  
Applicant for Position—Yes, sir; for nearly six months I contributed to a column in our home paper under the heading of "For the Uplift of Mankind."  
Editor—Go to the office of the building on the top floor and see if they want an elevator man.

## CANNIBALISM.

Belgian Trapper Arrested Accused of Eating Companions.

Montreal, Que., Jan. 21.—A Belgian trapper named Grasset is under arrest at Fort Albany, a Hudson Bay Company post on James Bay. Two murders and cannibalism are charged against him. Notice of the case has been received here by the Attorney-General of Quebec Province, who has issued orders that the prisoner be detained through the winter so that his trial can be held some time in the spring.

About eighteen months ago, according to the information forwarded here, Grasset and a French companion named Bernard, with a guide named Lemieux, started out for the Chibabgamoo country to trap. A few months after that, a hunting party came upon Lemieux's body. The man had been murdered and parts of his body had been cut off and there were evidences that the portions missing had been eaten.

A search was begun for Grasset and his companion. One party came across the body of Bernard and it showed similar usage. What remained of that body was taken to Roberval, where Bernard lived.

Trappers ran Grasset down near James Bay. Grasset asserts that he is innocent.

ASKED FOR HER TICKET.

Conductor Found That Woman Passenger Was Dead.

Barnardville, N. J., Jan. 21.—Conductor William Blake asked Mrs. Mary Garafane for her ticket last night as she was riding in his train between this place and Summit, but he got no answer.

When he asked again and nudged the woman, he found that she was dead.

Beside her sat a trained nurse, under whose care Mrs. Garafane was on her way to the Overlook Hospital, but the nurse knew nothing of the death of her charge until the conductor made the discovery. The body was brought back here on another train.

Mrs. Garafane was suffering from pneumonia. She was 35 years old.



GIRLS' DRESS.

Mother's daughter will look quite smart wearing a dress of this fashion; the yoke and lower sleeve portions may be of lace or tucking; the dress proper of cashmere, panama or cloth, with buttons and braid for trimming. The sleeve cuff may be omitted or the sleeve may be made in elbow length and finished with this cuff.

## ANTI-JAPANESE.

San Francisco Merchants Protest Against Legislation.

Would Do Much Harm—Japs Living Up to Promises.

San Francisco, Jan. 22.—A strong protest against anti-Japanese legislation has been sent to the members of both Houses by the San Francisco business men, who recently returned from an extended visit to Japan at the invitation of various Japanese commercial organizations. The protest is conveyed in a letter addressed to the Speaker of the House, President of the Senate and all members of both Houses.

"During our visit to Japan," says the letter, "we ascertained that the Emperor and the Government of Japan are acting in absolutely good faith regarding the restriction of Japanese immigration to the United States."

"We firmly believe that any action by the Legislature which is directed at the Japanese residents of this State will be taken as an affront by the entire Japanese nation."

"The oriental trade passing through the ports of this State has assumed large proportions, and is likely to be seriously crippled by such proposed action."

"We, therefore, respectfully request that action of any of these bills that affect the Japanese people be deferred indefinitely as being unwise and injudicious."

STUPENDOUS BARGAINS.

Great Grafton Offering in Men's Clothing For To-morrow.

Grafton & Co. are offering men's overcoats, suits, pants, underwear and collars at less than half the prices that other stores charge.

In overcoats and suits the sale is divided into four great price groups. Over two hundred and eighty suits and overcoats are in this big sale to-morrow and prices are cut almost in two.

They are smart fast selling lines in which the ranges have become broken. All sizes in each lot however; \$12 to \$16 overcoats for \$9.98 to \$12.22 overcoats for \$14.98, \$10 to \$14 suits for \$7.98, \$16 to \$20 suits for \$13.98.

Grafton & Co. also announce an immense mill clearance sale of all kinds of winter underwear for men and boys at about half price.

The Old Maids' Chance.

"Do you ever lose that umbrella of yours?" asked the maiden.

"No, I don't," replied the man, sternly; "the person who takes that umbrella will have to take me."

"Do I understand that to be a proposal of marriage or a threat?"—Yonkers Statesman.

JUST "BUBBLES."

Report Says Promoters Took Advantage of Silver.

Toronto, Jan. 21.—Three hundred and twenty-one mining joint stock companies were incorporated in Ontario during 1907, according to the Provincial report just issued. Their total capitalization was \$319,876,000. The figures for 1908 are not yet obtainable, but are reported to be almost equally large.

A perusal of the lists shows, says the report, "that the fever for dealing and speculating in the shares of silver mining companies, which followed upon the discoveries at Cobalt and Montreal River, was responsible for the formation of a large proportion of these companies, many of which were of the veriest bubble kind."

WAS WHITE.

Weds Negress and is Sent to Jail For 18 Years.

Richmond, Va., Jan. 21.—In the sentencing in Farmville to-day of Marcus Lindsay and his wife, a negress, to serve 18 years in the penitentiary, one of the most unique cases in the history of the State has developed.

Lindsay is the son of a white woman, and although he had negro blood in his veins and associated with members of that race, the court held that he had enough Caucasian blood to be legally white.

Lindsay recently was married to Sophy Jones, a negress, widow of another negro. The two were indicted on the ground that Lindsay is a white man, who married a negress woman, and because Sophy married a white man, being a negress, the law prohibiting intermarriages between the races.

## JANUARY THAW

Ties Up Railways and Threatens Other Damage in Oregon.

Portland, Ore., Jan. 22.—As a result of thaws and heavy rains, which have been general in Washington and northern Oregon during the past week, the Northern Pacific, Great Northern and the North Bank Railroads are in considerable trouble, the last mentioned losing a bridge near the Cascades of the Columbia, and is completely tied up.

About one hundred passengers are stranded at Pendleton. Spokane is cut off from rail communication with the west and south.

Reports from various towns in the Northwest indicate that the loss occasioned by the floods will be heavy. Huge cakes of ice threaten hundreds of thousands of dollars damage at Coquille and reports from the Cascade of Kalamia are that the aggregate damage to docks and other shore property will also be high.

FATAL FIGHT.

Deputy Sheriff Killed One Wounded and Negro Shot.

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