

CITY SLOW IN PREPARING FOR EXPROPRIATION CASE

Commissioner Fleming Opposed to Acquisition of Property on Front Street.

Commissioner Fleming has no fear that any of the city's tenants in the burned district will leave on account of a probable increase in their rentals. The majority of the leases do not expire for years, but he is waiting for the plans showing the property wanted by the G. T. R. before making any calculations. He has not yet figured on any price to be placed on the property by the city at the meeting of the railway commission on the 17th inst. when the matter will come up.

The question of rentals can be settled by arbitration if the tenants think we are charging them too much," said the commissioner, "but the city is not going to hold anybody up. Some of them think they can get better terms now than in a year or two hence, but they will see that all is to be treated in the same way. There have, not long ago, been rentals fixed which will form a basis for future negotiations."

Mr. Fleming was of opinion that the railway company would use the property for three lines and would probably desire to close the Esplanade between Yonge and York and start a new street running from Station-street to the lane between the custom house and the examining warehouse on the east. This would close Bay and Lorne streets below the new street and afford good shipping facilities for the warehouses to be erected on Front-street.

The commissioner was opposed to the acquisition by the company of all of the property to the Front-street line.

"If you want to know what effect it would have on the street," said Mr. Fleming, "look at Front-street west of Simcoe. The only ground upon which I would favor it would be that there should be erected on the property a new union depot."

Mayor Urquhart also took this position, but had not considered the question, as the board of control was awaiting the reports of the commissioner and the city solicitor.

"We could not use the money received from the expropriation for current expenditure," said his worship. "It would have to be placed to the credit of capital account, and all that could get would be the interest, which would likely be less than the amount we have been receiving from the rentals."

It is impossible as yet to say what the attitude of the city will be when the question is brought before the railway commission on Tuesday next. There has been apparently nothing done as yet to protect the city's interests, and the board of control will be compelled to act quickly in order to have the matter presented properly before the commission.

A number of prominent officials of the Lehigh Valley Railway are in the city on a tour of inspection. They arrived yesterday in their special car and will proceed to Detroit and St. Louis. They are C. S. Lee, general passenger agent; J. A. Middleton, second vice-president; T. N. Jarvis, freight traffic manager. Yesterday they inspected the company's handsome new freight car at No. 10 East King-street, which is in charge of Mr. Lewis, the local agent.

Local railway freight offices of both the Grand Trunk and C.P.R. have been advised by officials of the Lusden Line of steamers plying to points north of Teniskaming, that they are prepared to accept freight. As the district which embraces the thriving towns of New Liskeard and Hulsebury, has no rail connection, traffic is almost wholly suspended during the winter, and the steamers should have a busy season between carrying freight supplies up and lumber down. The Canadian Pacific has been also notified by Assistant Freight Traffic Manager F. W. Peters, at Winnipeg, of the opening of Rainy River navigation on the 14th inst.

A meeting of the Lake Ontario Navigation Company was held in the Queen's Hotel yesterday, at which suggestions were made for the improvement of its running organization. Judge Morson and R. L. Joynt, M.L.A., were in attendance. The meeting adjourned without any definite steps having been decided on, and a further session will probably be the result.

William Evans, inspector of Dominion steamboat hulls, who yesterday returned from Sarnia, stated that the practical doubling of the grain rates from Port Arthur would be of decided benefit to the grain-carrying vessels, and should considerably stimulate navigation for a while. He thought, however, that the high rates would be only temporary, they being due to the holding back of shipments, and that so soon as the movement became free a return to the normal standard would be the result. Speaking of navigation conditions at Sarnia, Mr. Evans said that the Huronic for her initial trip Tuesday had a cargo of 180 tons. The Monarch had been caulked and overhauled and was being fitted up with a new smokestack, preparatory to an expected start this week for Fort Williams and Duluth. The United Empire was looked for from Collingwood very shortly, and on her arrival would be loaded and sent up the lake. The boats mentioned are of the Northern Navigation Company's fleet.

FAULTS AMONG MINISTERS ALSO AMONG CHURCH-GOERS

Rev. Mr. Pigeon Believes That Societies and Organizations Are Submerging the Church.

Yesterday morning the Presbyterian synod reassembled in Knox Church, the new moderator, Rev. J. A. McKee, presiding. The treasurer's statement of the synod fund showed receipts \$24 and expenditures \$33. Rev. W. R. McIntosh reported on the Young People's Societies. The total number was 166, a decrease of 6; 56 were Christian Endeavor societies and one a literary society. Toronto had 21 societies, an increase of 7. "Uniformity is not good Christianity any more than good art," said the report. Rev. Mr. Potter, Peterboro, would establish Young Men's Guilds, and Rev. J. R. Robinson, Guelph, wished to support field secretaries.

Rev. J. B. Fraser, D.D., Assan, presented the report of the Sunday school committee. The adoption of improved methods of equipment and to further the efficiency of the schools was dwelt upon. Toronto has 36 schools, with 153 teachers and officers, and 15,221 scholars.

Wylie C. Clark presented the augmentation fund report. The receipts amounted to \$185, about \$100 increase. Only six congregations out of 330 support the fund, and 45 congregations had been assisted. Rev. Dr. Lyle spoke at some length on the administration of the fund, and the synod after hearing him passed a resolution in favor of raising the minimum of \$50 paid to weak congregations.

Ministerial Adaptability. Rev. George Bruce, D.D., opened the afternoon discussion on "Ministerial Adaptability." In their call to the ministry they require the skill and tact of the fisherman with the devotion of the map. Paul's desire that he should by all means save or catch some was a literal application of the idea.

He would not place on the minister the study of the Bible and theological knowledge. Yet they had not the familiarity with and knowledge of the people to whom they preached which was necessary in order to reach their hearts.

Dr. Bruce referred to the work of the Salvation Army, with the submerged tenth. They used methods which he would rather do without, but he knew what it was to stand where it seemed complete. Churched where it seemed complete. Churched where it seemed complete. Churched where it seemed complete.

The greater part of a lawyer's work was not the study of law, but the study of the men he had to examine or address in the jury box. He asked if ministers studied and understood their charges as lawyers did their witnesses and clients. While they were not bound to ritual and missals they were bound by ecclesiastical formalism and tradition, which prevented them entering into the hearts of the people.

Loss One Among the Many. Rev. Alfred Gandier thought that none of them valued as they should the individual soul, individual cases being lost sight of in the mass of church work. They were satisfied with a large and successful congregation without getting the personal grip.

Dr. McTavish said that independently of all other things they must have a love for men. Naturally there were men he could not love, and would stand away from, and it was only by being possessed of the passion for men inspired by the love of Christ that they could come into touch with such ready ones. Belief in their message should take the place of literary study and attractiveness.

Rev. Mr. Clarke believed that when the children got away from the Sabbath school they were practically lost, and a supreme effort should be made to gain the children, and train them and hold them.

Rev. Mr. Atcheson declared that many ladies were deeply interested in reaching the soul of a Hindu or a Chinaman who forgot the needs of souls at their own doors.

Should Retain Strength. "The Epistles of Timothy" was the subject of Rev. George C. Pigeon's paper. Paul wrote after his imprisonment to Timothy at Ephesus to strengthen him.

It was better to get ten men to work than to do ten men's work, and Mr. Pigeon instanced the case of a minister who built up a great congregation through seventeen years' work, neglecting his studies and impoverishing himself mentally, and who was waited upon at the end of that time by a deputation asking for his resignation, as he was not a strong enough man for the pulpit he had erected. They

should not leave the word of God to serve tables. "To settle dress by rule was something which even Paul did not attempt." Generally speaking, he thought that ladies should not dress so as to attract attention or cause self-consciousness. He believed that one of the ways in which the church would grow in the future was by giving the elders a greater share in its work and government. The societies and organizations called into existence by Christianity were supplanting and submerging the church, and the church had made a great mistake in permitting the control of hospitals, schools and other institutions to slip away from her. People forgot that there was any connection between them.

Principal Caven defended the Pauline origin of the epistles, the evidence for which he considered complete. Churched where it seemed complete. Churched where it seemed complete. Churched where it seemed complete.

Work in Home Missions. Rev. Mr. Childers read the report on home missions at the opening of the evening session. The great home mission field was in the west, but 177 mission fields lay within the bounds of their own synod. He was towards home missions work of the progress it did under the circumstances. There were three classes of men to be reached in the northern districts. The railway builders, to the number of 1000; the ordinary railway operatives, reached from three chief centres, and the lumber men, numbering 20,000. The young men of Ontario were going in train-loads to the west, and the Catholics and French-Canadians were taking their places, following the railways, and these could not be reached.

Rev. Dr. Warden said that they had 1400 preaching stations in the west. The sum of \$50,000 had been contributed by the 150,000 communicants there towards home missions, and the Toronto Presbytery, which ought to give more, had given less, the 57,000 members contributing under 45 cents per head, while the greater part of the \$27,000 given came from one presbytery. Lack of system accounted for it. Nearly all depended upon the ministers. Dr. Warden instanced a congregation in which the minister strenuously advocated the cause to which he and his six elders only contributed one dollar. It was not right that missionaries should be asked to work for the amount that sufficed 15 years ago.

Principal Caven condemned the haphazard plan by which all effort was left to a single collection in the year. A committee, consisting of Rev. Drs.

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