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April 7

VICTORY FOR MUNICIPAL OWNERSHIP

By a Vote of Five to One Citizens

Go In For a Progressive Policy.

Chicago, Ill., April 7.—By a vote of five to one, Chicago voters Tuesday affirmed their belief in municipal ownership of the street railways and their desire that the council should proceed to give effect to that policy.

What is known as the Mueller law, passed by the state legislature, was submitted to the voters for adoption. It authorizes cities in Illinois to construct, own, operate and lease street railways and to provide the means therefor.

The voters Tuesday also balloted on the question, "Shall the council, upon the adoption of the Mueller law, proceed to acquire ownership of the street railways under the powers conferred by the Mueller law?" and "Shall the council, instead of granting franchises, license the street railway companies until municipal ownership can be secured and compel them to give a satisfactory service?" These were also answered in the affirmative by majorities of nearly three to one.

Probably the chief contributory cause for the decisive majority in favor of municipal ownership was the miserable car service Chicago has at this time, which has been the subject of bitter complaints on the part of the citizens. For this reason the movement for municipal ownership had the support of nearly every newspaper in the city, and practically all the city's organizations favored the proposal, holding that its adoption would enable Chicago to secure favorable terms from the companies, who have hitherto been standing out for the so-called ninety-nine-year act, and other concessions the city was decidedly unwilling to grant.

Mayor Harrison says that the vote authorizing the city to proceed to acquire immediate ownership of the car lines carried because the majority of the voters did not understand its meaning. But the vote cast in favor of the proposition is so heavy that it cannot be explained except by a general conviction on the part of the citizens that municipal ownership is a good thing and should be brought into effect as soon as possible.

The fight, however, is not yet over, since the city cannot act upon the vote until it gets enlarged borrowing power from the legislature. And apart from this the financial condition of Chicago would not permit of the scheme being carried out immediately. But the city is now committed to the policy of "ultimate ownership," and the citizens are not likely to change their opinion that municipal management should be given a fair trial.

The various civic bodies that assisted in carrying through the municipal ownership victory, highly elated over the result and at once proceeded to consider the steps necessary for giving effect to the measure. Meetings were hastily convened, perhaps the most important of these being that of the municipal ownership committee, which met at the more quickly to achieve the end desired, a "Traction Committee" was appointed and instructed to take whatever action was requisite to make the vote operative. With that object in view the committee at once proceeded in co-operation with the city council for the early submission of a bill to the legislature.

Nothing will be accomplished until the city is able to raise the money necessary to carry out the plan. The city is now in a position to raise \$1,000,000, but it is not likely to be able to raise more than that amount.

Not long ago Philadelphia tried to own and conduct its own gas plant, but it was not a success. It opened the city to various kinds of corruption, and the citizens were anxious to have the lighting plants back in the hands of private corporations.

While municipal ownership of public utilities has been widely advocated by many in all American cities for the last ten years, the tendency toward individualism in ownership has prevailed and the city has been made.

Glasgow is one of the cities always pointed to as illustrating what municipal ownership can do. For fifty years it has furnished its own water supply; for thirty years it has owned and controlled its gas plant, and for ten years it has owned and operated its transit facilities, and conducted them at a profit to the city.

In 1874 the city bought out all of the private horse car lines and improved them very much during the next year.

Under the city's control wages of the employees were raised, their hours shortened, clean and death insurance established, clean and safe cars were added, the service increased and street car fares were reduced. In addition to all this the city's gross profits to the city were \$112,000.

Many years ago Glasgow bought out all of the gas plants, and within a year and a half had reduced the price of gas from \$1.14 a thousand to 60c a thousand.

This is a fair sample of what has been accomplished in Glasgow in every branch of public service under the city's ownership. But there it is a matter of fact.

In Berlin, Germany, the receipts from the gas plant under the city's control are \$1,000,000 per year. All of the city's expenses in Richmond, Va., where the city has three living plants, are being met by about 7 per cent, and are growing more profitable to the city each year.

(Canadian Associated Press Cable) London, April 8.—Miss Frances Cobden's proposal to leave her brain to an anatomical museum has three living parallels. The Irish chronicler says, in Prof. Goldwin Smith and his brain, Sandow and his body and Max. Fatti and her larynx.

(Canadian Associated Press Cable) London, April 8.—The British Weekly publishes a letter from the minister of Johannesburg, representing Methodist, Congregationalist and Presbyterian, approving of Chinese labor.

POOR SERVICE DID IT.

Chicago, April 7.—Mayor Harrison, speaking of the result of Tuesday's election, says: "The result of the vote simply shows how strong is the popular feeling in behalf of municipal ownership. More than anything else it shows public criticism of the stretched car service that the corporations have given Chicago for the last four or five years. The people are willing to try municipal ownership at any risk."

"It is now the duty of advocates of immediate municipal ownership to show us how we can get it. The vote on municipal ownership is in question, and so affirmative opinions were registered on all the radical propositions as well. This affirmative vote carried the proposition to elect members of the board of education instead of having them appointed by the mayor."

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County Councils Bill Gets Second Reading and Taxation Bill Passes Committee.

Hon. E. J. Davis' bill declaring for the principle of local option in the constitution of county councils was given a second reading in the legislature last night. The house divided on an amendment of Mr. Tucker to give the bill the three months' hold.

The vote was 42 to 45. The absentees were: Conroy, Jameson, Gamble, Kribs, Beck, Liberal, Latchford, Stratton, Conroy, D. C. Cameron, John Smith.

One official pair was recorded: Latchford and St. John. The original motion was then carried on the same division.

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Sickening Tragedy in the Bush Opposite Munro Park Last Night.

Alone and intoxicated in a little log cabin which he had himself constructed Frank Munro, a son of the late John Munro, for many years landing wharf for the port of Toronto, met a horrible death by fire last night. Dragged down by drink until he was an outcast and shunned by members of his own family, he for the last eighteen months had spent a solitary existence in the midst of the bush opposite Munro Park.

From the proceeds of sundry sales of timber from the estate and from an inheritance from his grandfather he managed to live and satisfy his craving for liquor, spending his days in town and his nights in his poor shack.

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MUNRO'S LONELY CABIN.

totally destroyed cabin and watched by a half dozen nearby residents and fire fighters.

The Road to Ruin. Frank Munro was a prominent figure in the neighborhood. He was about 25 years of age and well proportioned, and is said to have been of unusual promise. He lost his position in a local bank thru drink, and his family connection as well. A year ago last September he himself built the cabin which he had himself constructed.

He kept a gun and revolver on the premises, and when under the influence of liquor was very strict in his guardianship against trespassers. When sober and with those who knew him he was a "good fellow," and during the summer often entertained friends around his smartly dressed table. For the last year he has, however, been on an almost continuous spree. He sold trees for flag poles and firewood, and the money went for whiskey.

How the end came no one can tell. It may have been the result of attempting to light a fire in the little stove, or it may have been from the volunteer firemen hurried to the spot. It is outside the town limits, and there is no water anywhere near. The flames had then full possession of the shack, and the roof had fallen in. Under Chief Lyon's direction the firemen began to tear away the boarding with axes and hooks.

Suddenly, Frank Robart one of them, was sickened by the sight of a man's leg hanging over the side of the hill, and being actually roasted before his eyes. Water was secured in pails from neighboring houses, and used with good effect. Chief Lyon, with fire hose attached, directed the nauseating task of raking the burning charred remains from the burning building. They were carried to Eastview, and were buried in a hole dug under a tree and covered with canvas and wire netting. At midnight the remains were removed to the glaze of the embury of the

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Thoroughly Enjoyable Evening at Toronto University Brings the Latest Convention to an End.

Venus smiled on Vulcan last night at the university, and claw-hammers and cream lace were mingled in a brilliant display of radio-activity. The close of the Ontario Educational Association meetings was marked by a rare evening in the city. The rooms and corridors were crowded with a constantly moving procession, while the halls were filled during the proceedings held there. At the conclusion of the address a continuous performance program was inaugurated and all the pedagogic people repaired with appropriately pretty girls to the scenes of scientific wonder and mystery. Some of these were very popular, and the dark scenes not the least so.

Exhibits of Interest. Fluorescent phenomena in room 16 were specially favored, and the vibratory experiments in the elementary physical laboratory were perhaps next in interest. The mercury vapor lamps played strange pranks with the lovely complexion of some of the girls, but nobody seemed to mind. Colored photographs and stereo views were shown in the psychological room, and photographs in room 16. Much attention was paid to artistic subjects, the west hall having pictures showing scenes in the history of art, room 3 photographs of ecclesiastical architecture in France, and the east hall, E. B. Oler's collection of historical photographs by Paul Kane. These interesting paintings covered the walls and formed a very complete representation of scenes in the life of the artist. Kane excelled Catlin in his portrayals, and the collection possesses the highest ethnographic value.

Big Things Seen. In the senate chamber Professor Galbraith's mammoth oyster was still in season, waiting for the May, and beside it was the palate of a mammoth from the Yukon, about the only organism capable of disposing of the oyster. A series of fossils showed the evolution of the horse, and models of skulls in various stages of development, naturally of interest to teachers, as were able to overcome their antipathy for fossils under a microscope. Glona's orchestra discoursed smart music under the tower, and refreshments were served in the dining hall.

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That Electric Road.

Durham County a Unit to Grant It Heavily Support.

Newtonville, April 7.—A public meeting was held here this afternoon under the auspices of the Newtonville Ontario Electric Railway Association, when about 300 people were present, comprising ratepayers from Clarke, Hope and Newcastle, together with representatives of the above councils. Among them were: Mayor Quinlan and Mr. H. A. Ward, M.P. of Port Hope; Reeve White of Hope and Reeve Coj. John Hughes of Clarke.

The meet was addressed by Messrs. F. W. Dickson, M.P., representing the municipalities of Newcastle, Hope and Clarke, present at a public meeting held at Newtonville, after hearing the discussion of the proposed Ontario Electric Railway to run between Toronto and Kingston, with a view to the extension of the line to the said road and we do hereby pledge ourselves to do what is possible to secure the early construction of the same.

After the meeting a banquet was given in the Orange Hall to the various representatives, and prominent citizens by the ladies of the village.

ONE MAN FINED.

Woodstock, April 7.—John Hutton of Eastwood, on whose premises the cocking main took place last week, was in the police court today, charged with allowing a cock fight to take place on his property. He pleaded guilty, but claimed that he had no knowledge of the matter. He was fined \$25, and costs \$10, and ordered to pay the same by Saturday.

Dunlop's New Hats—Second Edition

The second edition of the Dunlop, New York hats, derbies and alpine hats arrived at Dunlop's yesterday morning. These include the latest styles of colored felt alpines and light weight derbies for spring wear. You know of course that Dunlop is the greatest of the world's hat makers. His Company is the sole Canadian agent.

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Meteorological Office, Toronto, April 7.—(8 p.m.)—Light snowfalls have occurred in Manitoba and Quebec and rain has fallen in the Maritime Provinces. Another well defined depression is approaching the lakes, indicating some unsettled weather.

Minimum and maximum temperatures: Toronto, 32-49; St. Catharines, 32-42; Victoria, 28-39; Calgary, 22-49; Qu'Appelle, 8-39; Winnipeg, 22-39; Port Arthur, 28-34; Pelly Sound, 22-34; Toronto, 32-49; Ottawa, 34-46; Montreal, 32-42; Quebec, 28-32; Halifax, 28-40.

Probabilities. Lower lakes and Georgian Bay—Fresh easterly winds; showery to clear evening or during the night.

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Steamship Movements.

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