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STORM IN COUNTY COUNCIL OVER GRANT TO THE MILITIA

Some Councilors Would Have the Matter of Increase Placed Before the Government—Engineers' and Financial Reports.

The question of making the customary grant of 25 cents per day to the officers and men, residents of Middlesex County, of "B" Squadron, First Hussars, Field Battery, and Fifteenth Field Ambulance Corps, aroused a storm of discussion this morning in the county council. The first report of the finance committee had contained a recommendation for a grant.

Councillor Gillson started the ball moving by arising and stating that the county council of Middlesex was not a charitable institution, and furthermore, was not entitled to pay Government men for their services.

The speaker appreciated the fact that the soldiers were very much underpaid, but believed that it was the Government's duty to attend to such matters.

"The Government, with its enormous revenues, is well able to pay its soldiers a proper wage," said he, "and I for one, am in favor of taking no action in the matter."

Says Soldiers Underpaid.

Councillor Gillson further stated that

he realized that the soldiers were very much underpaid, while many of the Government officials were receiving salaries which they could never possibly earn.

"It was distinctly up to the Government to move in the matter," he said.

Councillor Oakes' View.

"We have a right to further the best interests of our militia," suggested Councillor Oakes.

The speaker said that the county had always made such grants in the past, and should continue doing so. If the results were to benefit the Canadian militia the money, he thought, would be well spent.

Councillor Glass was of the opinion that Councillor Gillson would do well to bring up a motion later on, where, by the various county councils would be moved to act in union in an effort to place the responsibility on the Government.

The grant was finally sanctioned. (Continued on Page Eight.)

First Presbyterian Church Flourishes Annual Meeting Very Satisfactory

Congregation Pledges Itself To Raise Its Share of the Missionary Fund.

The annual meeting of the members of the First Presbyterian Church was held in the lecture room of the church last night, when reports of the most gratifying nature were received from all departments.

During the first part of the meeting, while the missionary and other re-

ports were being read, the chair was occupied by Rev. Alex. Henderson, the interim moderator.

The session statement was read by Mr. L. Gibson, after which reports were received and adopted from Mr. Ed. E. Reid, superintendent of the Sunday School; Mr. Thomas Bryan, of the missionary committee; Mrs. Raymond, of the Women's Foreign Missionary Society; Mrs. J. Vining, of the Ladies' Aid; Miss Jessie Anderson, of the Young Women's Home Mission Circle; Miss McLarty, of the Pious-foot Mission Band; John Cameron, of

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Surveying Begun for North Midland Work To Be Commenced in Spring

Mr. A. E. Welch Leaves Shortly for England To Interest Capitalists.

"The work of surveying the new North Midland Radial Railway has been commenced," Mr. A. E. Welch told The Advertiser this morning, "and in all probability construction will be started in the spring."

"Two surveys will be made, one by way of Thorncliffe, and the other by way of Bryanston, and the fourteenth concession."

"Thorncliffe people are very anxious

to secure the road through their village, and the company estimate that by going that way they may save about \$70,000 including the cost of two bridges, one at London and the other at Dagenham.

"Thorncliffe people have also offered to take stock liberally and grant rights of way if the road is built that way."

"Several deputations from both Thorncliffe and Bryanston districts have been interviewing the promoters of the road."

Mr. Welch states that he expects to leave shortly for England, where certain financial firms will be approached to obtain the largest part of the capital required to build the road.

Jerome Sums Up for the State Tells Jury How It Must Act

New York, Jan. 30.—There was another great crush at the criminal courts building today to hear District Attorney Jerome make the closing address for the people in the Thaw case. When the doors were opened the court chamber was found to be already filled with practically privileged spectators, some of whom had made their way through the Tombs prison, over the Bridge of Sighs, and through the carefully-guarded passageways used for prisoners. Justice Dowling was late in getting down town, and it was some time after the hour set for convening when he took his place on the bench.

New York, Jan. 30.—Evelyn Nesbit

Thaw and Josiah Thaw were the only members of the defendant's family present when Mr. Jerome began his argument at 11 o'clock. He declared the case had been handled by him with some difficulty, as he had had many other matters of importance to attend to at the same time.

Jerome Apologizes.

"If I have at any time lacked in the dignity that attaches to my office," he declared, "it is at any time I have shown any asperity or lack of consideration, I only say now I regret it. Any personal impressions I have made or have not made should be forgotten."

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Brakeman Gave Life for Another

Montreal, Jan. 29.—Walter J. Scott, the G. T. R. brakeman who was killed at Strathmore last evening, sacrificed his life to save that of a woman passenger. When a woman got off the train on the wrong side, Scott, know-

ing that the Ottawa express was due at that point then, and that the woman was in imminent danger of her life, jumped to the rescue and succeeded in throwing her into the snowbank at the side of the tracks, but was too late to make good his own escape.

Western University Raises Standard

Toronto University has raised the standard for junior matriculation from 23-1-3 per cent on each paper to 40 per cent.

The official notice of that move was given yesterday in Toronto by Mr. James Brebner, registrar of that university.

The movement is general, and all universities in Ontario will do the same.

McMaster, Queen's and the Western University have given notice that henceforth the standard will be 50 per cent on each paper.

Provost James of the Western University confirmed this move today. The new regulations go into effect in 1909.

Here are the sad details as given in the official notice handed out by Registrar Brebner of Toronto University yesterday:

1. The pass standard for 1909 will be 40 per cent on each paper.

2. The recommendations of the principals of approved schools will be accepted in lieu of formal examinations in English, grammar and arithmetic in July, 1908.

3. In determining results the confidential reports of the principals are hereafter to be considered.

May Recommend Architect Nutter For Building Inspector of London

Engineer Graydon Will Report To the Board of Works Tonight.

The board of works will meet tonight and will discuss the appointment of a building inspector.

For some weeks Mr. A. O. Graydon, city engineer, has had a number of prospective candidates for the position drawing plans to show their qualifications as applicants.

In fact, there have been so many students drawing meaningless plans in the back room of the city engineer's office that the gentleman's abode resembled nightly the immortal front parlour of Mr. Seth Pecksniff, of

"Martin Chuzzlewit" fame, in the famous two-story house in Selisbury.

But, of course, it is not necessary to point out that there is no similarity between the characters of the good-natured engineer and the beautifully religious architect of the Dickens creation.

It is said that Mr. Graydon will tonight recommend for the position of building inspector a Mr. Nutter, who has just recently arrived from England, and who is a partner of Mr. J. Lewis Thomas, the local architect.

Mr. Graydon, when seen by The Advertiser, refused to state his intentions.

"The matter will come before the committee tonight," he told the reporter. "Until that time, I am not at liberty to say anything on the subject."

Aged and Penniless, Dies in a Home Sad End of the Late T. H. Colwell

Was the Husband of a Well-Known Vocalist Who Once Resided in London.

The death occurred in the Aged People's Home today of T. H. Colwell, at one time a well-known bookkeeper of this city.

Mr. Colwell was the husband of the famous Mrs. Colwell, who in the old days was wont to delight London audiences with her singing.

Some years ago the couple moved to New York, where Mr. Colwell for a long time held a lucrative position. He, it is said, was earning about \$2,000 per annum, while his wife received \$900 from a church there for her work as a soloist in the choir.

A few years since, Mrs. Colwell died, and Mr. Colwell came back to London. He acted as bookkeeper for the Bennett Furnishing Company, and also for one or two cigar factories in this city. Then he became decrepit and feeble, and he was placed in the Aged People's Home at his own expense, and later as a ward of the city. Today he died, and there is no one to claim the body.

It is said Mr. Colwell has a son living somewhere in the United States, but where no one knows.

This morning Inspector McCallum had a conference with Mayor Stevely to see what shall be done regarding the funeral.

It is said the old man died without a dollar. Once he had money in plenty, but it slipped through his fingers, leaving him a charity ward in his old age.

Aged Citizen Badly Injured By Fall On a Slippery Dundas St. Pavement

Mr. Richard Dagg So Badly Hurt That Fatal Results Are Feared.

Mr. Richard Dagg, who for very many years resided at 277 Adelaide street, but who for some time has lived at 623 Waterloo street, fell on a slippery walk in front of the law office of Meredith & Fisher, this morning, and sustained injuries the results

of which are greatly feared by his physician. His head was very badly cut.

Mr. Dagg is 56 years of age.

The old gentleman is well-known to most Londoners, from the fact that for very many years he was mail clerk at the Grand Trunk depot.

Some years since he retired, but has been a well-known figure about town, always taking a keen interest in civic and other affairs.

Years ago he was an assessor in East London, before the amalgamation with the city, in 1885.

School Board Will Ask Big Sum Estimated \$160,000 to 170,000

Increase in Salaries Last Year Is Accountable for the Boort.

The London school board will this year ask for something between \$160,000 and \$170,000 for public schools and Collegiate purposes.

Last year about \$150,000 was received.

The reason for the increase this year is the boost in salaries made last year.

In 1907, the salary of every teacher in London was raised, with the result that the salary item alone goes up between \$12,000 and \$15,000.

And the janitors have yet to be dealt with.

In addition to the amount above noted the board will ask the council to sanction an issue of debentures to cover the cost of adding to and putting into proper shape Lorne avenue and Talbot street schools.

Board Is Absolute.

Whatever the board asks for to run the schools, the city council must grant.

This point was settled by a famous lawsuit, waged years ago, in which the council and the board of education were the contending parties, and the city the payees.

The result was the board won, and there has been no trouble on that score since.

But the council has it in its power to refuse to sanction the issue of debentures, if it chooses.

It is not likely the council's estimates will be taken up till March.

Would-Be Suicide To Be Deported Carl Wray To Be Sent Across Line

Man Who Attempted His Life Must Go Home To His Own Country.

Carl Ray, of Zanesville, Ohio, man who recently attempted suicide by the carbolic acid route, on the Hamilton road some time ago, was ordered deported by Judge Macbeth this morning in the county judges' criminal court.

Ray will be taken to the G. T. R. station tomorrow morning at 11:20.

and placed aboard a through train to Port Huron.

How he does after he arrives there, penniless and homeless, will be a matter of interest chiefly to himself.

Has a Wife?

Ray claims to have a wife in this city, residing a few doors from where he attempted his life. As has been the case with all men, save Adam, he blames his mother-in-law for his troubles.

Ray had nothing to say when brought before the judge today, but he appeared to be relieved when he learned that he would not be sentenced to a term in prison.

The maximum penalty for attempted suicide is two years.

Grand Trunk and Operators Agreed

Mr. W. W. Ashland, of Montreal, superintendent of the Grand Trunk telegraph system, was in the city yesterday afternoon, and to The Advertiser stated that it is now believed that all differences between the operators and the company have been arranged to everyone's satisfaction.

Between four and five hundred operators will receive an increase in their pay of 10 per cent dating from Jan. 1.

These are the lowest-paid men among the operators. The higher-paid men do not yet know what increase they will get, as in the case of many of them it will be left for the arbitration committee to decide which ones shall receive an increase.

This increase applies to Grand Trunk operators in Canada only, the men in the United States not being affected by the finding of the committee.

FIREMAN M'NISH FATALLY SCALDED

St. Thomas Railwayman Killed in Accident To a Michigan Central Locomotive.

Comber, Jan. 30.—A fatal accident occurred on the Michigan Central Railway at Ruscombe, four miles from here last night. One of the flues of the locomotive boiler gave way and Fireman McNish was frightfully scalded, death resulting shortly afterwards. The engineer escaped injury. The remains will be taken to St. Thomas, the late home of the deceased.

WAY BELOW DOWN EAST

Twenty-eight Below Zero at Kingston, and Twenty-five at Montreal.

Kingston, Jan. 30.—Last night was the coldest in five years. The thermometer registered 28 below zero. The night was still and clear. Today is very bright and cold.

Montreal, Jan. 30.—The coldest snap of the winter to date prevailed yesterday and today. Hereafter the temperature has gone very little below zero, but this morning the mercury touched 25 below, and was even colder at not far distant suburban points.

LEAP YEAR BRIDE IS 70

Romance of Half Century Ends in Union of Long-Parted Souls.

Superior, Wis., Jan. 29.—Mrs. P. M. Leffingwell, of Chicago, and S. P. Carpenter, of this city, were married today after a half-century culminated in a fifty-year romance. The groom is 72 and the bride 70 years of age. In 1850 when both were residents of Palmyra, they became engaged, but Carpenter soon went to California in search of gold. Finally letters ceased to come from the young man, and the sorrowing girl gave him up as dead. After some years Miss McKenzie married Leffingwell and moved to Chicago. Two months ago she accidentally learned that the lover of her youth was still alive, and, having been widowed in the meantime, and it being leap year, wrote him a note telling him of her situation.

GOOD MARKET FOR SALMON

Consumption Shows Growing Demand in United Kingdom.

Vancouver, B. C., Jan. 28.—Under the influence of a record consumption of canned salmon in the United Kingdom since September last, that market, which is the best in the world for this British Columbia product, will be in the best condition to receive the big pack of 1909, which is the next "big pack" of the United Kingdom. The market of the United Kingdom carried approximately 241,000 cases of all classes of salmon, including Alaskan. That stock was about one-half of that on hand in the same market at the end of December, 1906, when the demand had been practically annihilated as a consequence of the Chicago meat scandals.

The pack of British Columbia and the coast generally this year will be a poor one, so that the coming season's product will not glut the market.

COLD AT NEW YORK.

New York, Jan. 30.—Intense cold prevailed down the bay this morning. At Quarantine the thermometer registered four degrees below sunrise. All the frozen vessels were covered with ice caused by the freezing of the flying spray.

THE WEATHER

TOMORROW—SNOW

FORECASTS.

Toronto, Jan. 30.—8 a.m.

Today—North and east winds; fine and very cold.

Friday—Easterly winds, with snow.

Local Temperatures.

The temperatures recorded at the local observatory yesterday were: Highest, 20.5° above; lowest, 3.5° below.

TEMPERATURES.

Stations. 8 a.m. Min. Weather.

Calgary. 8. 6. Cloudy

Winnipeg. 22. 28. Clear

Port Arthur. 16. 24. Clear

Toronto. 14. 24. Fair

Ottawa. 29. 39. Fair

Montreal. 18. 20. Clear

Quebec. 12. 12. Clear

Father Point. 4. 6. Cloudy

Minus (—) means below zero.

The first column in the above table records the temperatures at 8 o'clock this morning, and the second column records the minimum temperatures during the 24 hours previous.

WEATHER NOTES.

An area of low pressure now south of Nova Scotia is developing rapidly, and, backed by the high pressure over Ontario and Quebec, is likely to cause severe gales along the seaboard.

Extreme cold prevails from Quebec westward to Manitoba, with the temperature in the Ottawa Valley ranging from 20° to 42° below zero.

Storm signals are displayed in the Maritime Provinces.

YESTERDAY'S TEMPERATURES.

Dawson, 22 below—6 below; Victoria, 34—38; Vancouver, 23—40; Calgary, 4—18; Edmonton, 2—16; Regina, 25 below—20; Winnipeg, 25 below—12 below; Port Arthur, 23 below—8 below; Parry Sound, 20 below—zero; Toronto, 8 below—4; Ottawa, 8 below—2 below; Montreal, 8 below—2; Quebec, 2—16; St. John, 16—32; Halifax, 15—38.

NOTHING BEFORE THE COUNCIL REGARDING ELECTION RETURNS

Matter Will Not Come Before the Mayor and Aldermen Next Monday Night—Certain Deputies Are To Be Dispensed With.

It is not at all likely that the matter of the mistakes made by certain deputy returning officers at the last municipal elections will be brought to the attention of the city council at its next meeting, nor at any meeting for some time.

The city clerk's powers in the matter are discretionary, and he is not likely to be hurried into making charges against anyone on the evidence which was adduced by the recount.

One thing is certain, there will be nothing before the council on the subject on Monday night next.

MINOR CHANGES MADE.

The recount showed beyond peradventure that there was no conspiracy to defeat any of the candidates, and though there were some changes brought about by the recounting of the ballots, it is a fact that the aldermen stand in the same relative position as the figures of the deputies placed them in.

Not one of the candidates was materially affected by the judge's figures.

CONFIDENCE IN DEPUTIES.

Around the city hall, there is no excitement on the subject, and City Clerk Baker says he has the greatest confidence in the deputies as a whole who acted at the last election.

Of course, Mr. Baker says that men who, by their returns, have proven themselves incompetent, will not be given a chance to again act as deputies.

Thermometer Registered 3.5 Below Night Was Very Cold, But Not Coldest

Of the Present Winter—Water Pipes, Etc., Suffered Severely.

Once again the weather man fooled the people of London, who thought it extremely cold last night.

There were some who were ready to bet that it was the coldest night of the season, but it wasn't, as the official thermometer only registered 3.5 below zero.

This is half a degree warmer than the thermometer showed a few weeks ago.

Still it was cold enough for most people who had occasion to be out, and in the still air the crackling sidewalks and crunching snow gave the impression that it was really much colder than it was.

Many of the factories and other large places of business kept on extra fires all night in order to have their premises warm this morning, but notwithstanding these precautions the plumbers have been kept busy repairing frozen steam and water pipes today.

The London Canning Company Likely To Join "Independents"

Some Thirty-seven Firms Are Interested—More Canneries To Be Built.

In all probability the London Canning Company will join the association being formed by the independent canners of Canada, and which, it is estimated, will comprise 37 independent firms. The object of the association is to unite in order that they may secure supplies, not only more promptly, but at more reasonable prices.

In the past the independent canners have had considerable trouble in get-

ting labels, bottles cans and other articles essential for their output. If the new plans materialize all business of this kind will be done through one office from which each company will get the supplies whenever they are needed. Millions of labels, cans and other supplies are needed every year, and by placing the orders all at once it is thought that the manufacturers will be given a much better show to get the product out in a reasonable time. This will also make a considerable reduction in the price.

The next meeting of the canners will be held after the big convention of American canners, which is being held in Cincinnati next month. It is stated that next spring several new canneries will be erected, and that Ridgeway has

Reginald Post of England Is Wanted

Inspector McCallum yesterday received a communication from Mr. Geo. E. Blake, of Toronto, asking him if he knew of the whereabouts of Reginald Post.

The latter is a young Englishman who came to America some time ago. He was traced to Toledo, Hamilton,

and then to London, but he has not been located since coming to London. His mother is very ill in the old land, and is very anxious to hear from her son.

He is described as 23 years of age, fair complexion, and about 5 feet 6 inches in height. Post comes from a rather a wealthy family in England.

FIGHT FLAMES AT FIFTEEN BELOW

Montreal, Jan. 30.—A disastrous fire broke out this morning among the wholesale warehouses on the west side of McGill street, south of St. Maurice street. The damage probably will exceed \$100,000. The firemen suffered severely during their three hours' fight to subdue the flames, the temperature being fifteen degrees below zero. The firms most seriously affected were P. D. Dods & Co., wholesale painters; E. F. Walters & Co., wholesale hardware and felts; Frost

& Woods, agricultural implements; agency; To the north, Herman H. Wolff & Co., drygoods, sustained some damage by smoke and water. The Dods establishment made a fierce blaze on account of the large quantity of paints and oils in the building, and the firemen were unable to prevent the fire spreading to the buildings adjoining on the other side. The Walters firm was only recovering from a blaze that damaged their place the first week in January.

No Local Sleighing Without Bells

Chief Williams has given the police orders to rigidly enforce the bylaw against persons who drive around the city without any bells attached either to their horses or cutters.

Persons who break this bylaw are liable to a fine of \$5, and two persons at night.

will appear in court tomorrow morning charged with driving without bells. Several narrow escapes have been reported by citizens who claim that people have driven by them, and that as they had no bells they were unaware of their approach, and had no chance to get out of the way.

The practice is especially dangerous

FLAT CARS TAKE FIFTY-FOOT DROP

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Woodstock, Ont., Jan. 30.—Early this morning a G. T. R. flat-car train started out from Woodstock station west. Three flat-cars were directly behind the engine, then some heavily loaded box-cars. When considerable

speed had been attained the brakes were suddenly applied. The movement sent the heavy box-cars against the flats, and toppled them down a 50-foot embankment, where they smashed to kindling-wood. No person was injured, for the track was blocked for several hours.