T. G. MEREDITH REFUSES POST OF CITY COUNSEL

Turns Down Offer of $15,000 a Year—No Detention Hospital for South Parkdale, as Another Site is in View—More Assistance Needed in City Architect's Department—Civic Car Lines.

A letter was received from T. G. Meredith, K.C., by the board of control yesterday declining the position offered him as city counsel, chiefly on account of his inability to give up private practice.

His letter was addressed to Controller Church and read as follows: "I have just received your leter of the 9th inst. When my last letter to you was written, my intention was to confer with my friends and clients in London upon my return and then give a definite answer to the offer which I have had the honor of receiving from the council of the City of Toronto thru you.

"I now learn that the appointment is to be subject to the condition that the person appointed shall cease to practise his profession except as counsel for the City of Toronto and so really become a city official only, and as that is a condition which could not be accepted by me under any circumstances, permit me to say that I cannot accept the office.

"I wish to express the great pleasure the offer and the very kind manner in which it has been presented have afforded me."

The matter has been tabled until the return of Controller Hocken.

Church is Sorry.

When Controller Church was asked what he thought of Mr. Meredith's refusal he stated "I am very sorry that we could not succeed in securing his services as corporation counsel. He would have been a safe man, a splendid counselor and a negotiator. I did my best to secure him. I am sure his choice would have commended itself to the citizens generally. The only thought I had was of the city's interests to secure the best man available. The city council ratified the matter almost unanimously. The whole matter was arranged by wire. There was no undue haste."

Detention Hospital.

The detention hospital controversy is closed for the time being insofar as South Parkdale is concerned. The option on the Cook property has expired but the mayor has another site in view. At the board of control meeting yesterday he said: "I think that perhaps the next best site is our property on Bathurst-street, in preference to the Industrial farm or the Mimico school. The price seems to be a big factor standing in the way of purchasing the Cook property, and I think we should write Dr. Smith with a view to choosing another location."

Commissioner Harris registered another complaint against the actions of Controller Foster in bringing matters up before the board before giving him a chance to straighten them out. "If the controller will only come to me," said he, "I will give him all the information desired and a correct statement as to progress on the civic car lines."

The Associated Charities have approached the board of control with a view to obtaining the members' support towards the erection of a hospital for the care and treatment of indigent inebriates.

Wright-avenue Extension.

No objection can be raised against the extension of Wright-avenue. It extends to Keele-street, and Assessment Commissioner Forman states that the street can be carried right into the park if necessary.

It is not safe to open the lagoon at the Clandeboye-ave. cut, according to a report from Dr. Hastings and Commissioner Harris, altho the water has become more or less stagnant.

Gaps in Dams.

There are gaps in the dams at Block House bay as well as at Centre Island, but they suggest that if the piling, which has been placed across in front of these openings were removed, they would immediately fill with sand. It is also feared that a current would set up in the cuts sufficient to wash away the material behind the sheeting. The bay water would also flow into the lake, and affect the supply of water at the intake.

Another Playground.

The parks commissioner and Playgrounds Association will confer with regard to the loaning of Earlscourt Methodist Church lawn for use as a supervised playground for three afternoons a week during August and September.

A letter was received from Rev. P. Bryce, the pastor, suggesting that the city purchase the necessary playground equipment.

Opposed to Swifts.

Controller Church raised an objection against the letting of a portion of St. Lawrence market to the Swift Canadian Company, on the grounds that the firm will put the small retailers out of business. It was pointed out by the mayor that the city would not allow the company to go into the retail business while occupying space in the market, but if the retailers have any grievance at all, he will be pleased to hear from them.

Commissioner Harris stated that he was surprised to hear the reports that water pipes had been laid above the surface of the ground at the north end of the city, but beyond this, he would not give out any statement with regard to the charges laid by the Ossington Ratepayers' Association.

Conference Report.

Controller Church submitted a report of his conference with W. D. Lighthall of the Municipalities Association, on the line of action agreed upon between the city and the Niagara Power Company.

More Assistance.

Congestion in the city architect's department was the cause for some comment by the mayor at the board of control meeting yesterday morning. "It may be necessary to secure a little assistance in this department," said he, "as there have been a few complaints."

These remarks were followed by considerable discussion at the fire and light committee, which met in the same room two hours later.

The question arose out of action taken by the Davenport Lumber Company in erecting a mill in a restricted area, contrary to the orders of the committee. It was afterwards discovered that a permit had been issued by the city architect.

Wants Reorganization.

At this juncture, Ald. Austin caused some surprise by stating that houses are being erected in this city without permits, and he made a motion to the effect that the city architect's department be reorganized and put in a position to cope with the increased demands placed upon it by the rapid growth of the city.

"The architect's department is weeks behind in its work," said the alderman, "thru lack of help and bad methods. The department is all tied up. Moreover, there are numerous buildings in this city which are unsafe—they ought to be torn down. There are a number of structures which have been erected without permits, or before the permits have been issued. I have absolute proof of what I am saying.'

"This question has been coming up for a long time," declared Ald. Maguire, "and a county judge should hold an investigation into this department."

Ald. Austin will lay his charges before the council on Monday next.

It was suggested by Controller Church that City Architect McCallum be appointed consulting architect, and that Assistant City Architect F. Price be appointed to the chief position.

Consulting Architect.

"I have nothing against Mr. McCallum," declared the controller, "but I think he could better serve the city if he was appointed to the position of consulting architect. They are both zealous and efficient officials, but it would greatly facilitate matters if the department was reorganized and the changes made."

Ald. Dunn thought that the committee should go slowly in its accusations. "There has been no charge of dishonesty, and our officials should not be forced to stand for insinuations from us. I do not think that these charges should come from the fire and light committee."

"I will bring matters to a head on the floor of the council chamber, then," affirmed Ald. Austin.

Down It Comes.

The temporary building in course of erection at the Technical School on College-st. is to be demolished by order of the fire committee, because a permit was refused.

"This will teach the board of education and set an example to other departments that the orders of this committee must be complied with," stated Ald. Maguire.

A letter was received from Fire Chief Thompson, asking that the committee make an allowance to the widow of late Fireman William Phillips. He was a driver at the time of the Hanlan's Point fire, and left his post in order to help his comrades to fight the flames, on account of their being short-handed. He stood in the water for four hours, and contracted Bright's disease.

"We are morally bound to give this widow something," declared Ald. Maguire.

Mrs. Phillips gets $250 from the benefit fund. Ald. Hilton will take the matter before the board of control.

WAFTED FROM FOREIGN SHORES

By next year the Suez Canal will have a depth of 36 feet, and vessels with a draft of 31 1-2 feet will be allowed to pass thru. The Panama Canal, 45 fet deep, will accommodate ships drawing 40 feet.

The British Government's plans for development of aviation contemplate the establishment of a central flying school on Salisbury Plain at which 179 pupils will be instructed annually, of whom 15 are to be civilians.

Every German cit yof consequence has a number of palatial cafes which are nothing else than huge clubhouses without membership formality. In any one of these cafes are hundreds or thousands of patrons glancing over domestic and foreign newspapers and magazines.

A remarkable series of explorations was carried out in Iceland during the years 1910 and 1911 by a Swiss traveler, Herm. Stoll, who covered upward of 3100 miles in the course of the two years.

German banks, according to newspaper despatches, have begun to introduce the finger print as a mark of identification on checks. The method is already in use in the United States.

In China women carry their children from baskets that hang from a bar that crosses the mother's shoulders.

A blackish incrustation, in some places four inches thick, on the under side of the cornice of St. Paul's Cathedral, due to the action of sulphuric acid upon the stone, testifies to the extent of the smoke evil in London.

Froissy, a small French town between Paris and Amiens, is said to be "run" entirely by women. The mayor is a woman, the station agent, the mail carrier, and even the town barber. The town crier is a woman over 80 years old, but she clings faithfully to her duty of announcing the mayor's proclamations.

The Dunshaughlin, Ireland, District Council gave the bachelor tenants of the laborers' cottages three months in which to get married or leave the cottages. Only a few have obeyed the edict, and legal action is t obe taken as soon as a list of the offending bachelors is made out.

Five years in prison and a fine of 15,000 marks was the punishment inflicted in Munich on a man convicted of usury. He rented houses and exacted up to 350 per cent. a year of his victims.

A policeman, a quarryman and a road-mender were among the prize winners at an arts and crafts exhibition held in a Yorkshire, Eng., village recently.

For testing guns safely the British army fires them from within steel cages made strong enough to catch flying fragments should they burst.

THE CELL WORKERS IN THE HUMAN BODY.

The blood cells are important members of the cell community, and are exceedingly numerous, there being over 75,000,000,000 of the red-blood cells alone. These red blood cells move in the blood currents, carrying thru the arteries each its little load of oxygen, which it transports to the distant tissues that they may be invigorated and vitalized anew; and, returning, carrying thru the veins the debris and waste products of the system to the great crematory of the lungs, where the waste is burnt and thrown off from the body.

Like the ships that sail the sea, writes W. W. Atkinson in The Nautilus, each cell carries its outgoing cargo and returns with another one. Some of these cells perform the office of special repairers, forcing their way thru the walls of the blood vessels and penetrating the tissues in order to perform their special task.

There are several other kinds of cells in the blood besides the carriers last mentioned. There are the wonderful soldier and police cells, which maintain order and fight battles when necessary. The police cells are on the constant look-out for germs, bacteria and other microscopic disturbers of the peace of the body. When these tiny policemen discover vagrant germs, or criminal bacteria, they rush upon the intruder and, tying him in a mesh, proceed to devour him. If the intruder be too large or vigorous, a call for assistance is sent out, and the reserve police rush to the assistance of their brothers and overpower the disturber of the peace.

Sometimes, when the vagrants are too numerous, the policemen throw them out from the body by means of pimples, boils and similar eruptions. In case of infectious diseases an army corps is ordered out in full strength, and a royal fight is waged between the invading army and the defenders of home and country.

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These birds did not survive very long, and since that date none has gone to Europe, altho for some years past one has been kept by the governor-general at Khartoum, and three in the Zoological Gardens at Giza, near Cairo.

The Balaeniceps is a rare and somewhat solitary bird, frequenting the swamps bordering the Nile, and its range extends as far south as Uganda. Its food appears to consist chiefly of small fish and other aquatic animals, tho how it manages to capture them with its extraordinary coal-scuttle-like bill is uncertain.

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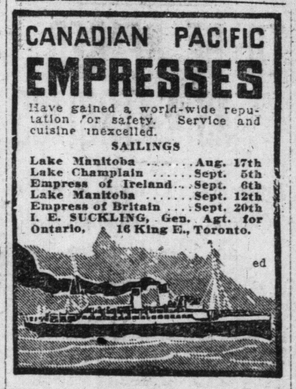

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