INVESTIGATION

Committee Decide That the Word Inquiry Shall Be Substituted for Investigation.

ONE OFFICE WAS VISITED

Others Will Be Gone Into Today-Ald. Richter Tells What He Wants to Find Out.

The investigation into city hall affairs commenced yesterday afternoon, and will be continued until every department has been thoroughly gone

The finance committee are in charge. with Ald. Tancock, chairman of the Gibbons, Angus Elliott, and others. board of works, and Ald. Ashplant, chairman of No. 3 committee, assist-

Only two members of No. 1 were present-Ald. Richter and Ald. Eckert. Ald. Underwood was ill, and Ald. Stevenson was out of the city.

When the meeting was at last organized, there being considerable delay in the hope that a quorum would be tained. Ald. Tancock registered his objections to the word "investigation" being used in connection with the mat-

A Wrong Impression.

"That conveys a wrong impression altogether," he commented. "It implies that there is something wrong, when that is not the idea present in our What we want to do is get acquainted with the different departments, and discover whether or not the method of handling the department is in vogue.

"We want to become acquainted with the departments, of course," said Ald. Richter. "There has been considerable criticism of the city hall, particularly last year, more than for many years, and we must sift things thoroughly. I think the officials would welcome the most thorough investigation. It would clear the atmosphere. If everything is properly managed, all well and good. If not we want to know it. No harm can come from the most searching inquiry into the city hall."

Call It an Inquiry.

"I am rather opposed also to using the word investigation," said Ald. Eckert. "It conveys a wrong meaning."
"Say we call it an inquiry." said Ald. Richter, and all agreed to that.

be examined—the method of receiving and checking out supplies, how the pay sheet was handled, and all such information be obtained. The cost of maintaining these departments from the standpoint of salary was also to be taken into account. The heads of each department were to be questioned as to be reasons for the reason to the reasons for any increase in ex-

penditure for salaries, etc. "I do not know what good it will be to have the heads of departments excommented Ald. Tancock.

it is correct," said Ald. Richter.

Ald. Eckert Objects. Ald. Eckert registered a strong ob-

rights in examining the books, method swept through the building, as a fitof checking supplies, and that, but I ting climax to a splendid programme.

Stratford carriers would be able to do not think we should interfere with the departments themselves," said Ald. Eckert. "If they have any dirty linen let them do their own washing. We will investigate the financial aspect of each department, but not the personnel. If the heads of the departments and their friends in the banquet hall of the church, between two and three hundred sitting down. When the superseveral interesting reminiscences, and are not competent, or there are changes to be made anywhere, let the committees discover those things for them-

selves, and report to us or to the council. That should be their work." This was agreed to by the aldermen present and this will be the plan fol-

Statement of Cost.

A statement was furnished the committee of the salary expense sheet of board of the Centenary Church, and saunders; song, J. Dillon, Stratford; since 1895. It was figured out on a board choir for their kindness and keough; recitation, Walter Taylor. since 1895. It was figured out on a per capita basis.

It showed that some of the departments had grown in expense somewhat during the past fifteen or twenty years. A number of them remained practically stationary, however.

The first department visited was the assessment department. Assessment Commissioner Grant explained the growth and development of the work to the members of the committee, and the method of assessing the city was gone into fully.

This work was not completed last evening and will be taken up today.

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Invitation Has Been Extended by Liberals of the Ambitious City.

The Young Liberal Club received a communication from the Young Liberal Club of Hamilton, asking that a team from the local club debate with their team in the Ambitious City on Feb. 10 or 11.

The invitation will be accepted, and debaters will be chosen for the task. Some change may be made in the dates, as that mentioned is the week of the hardware convention, but that may be arranged satisfactorily.

The Liberal Club debaters will be hosen from Messrs. Jared Vining, Alex. Calder, J. H. Fowler, George S. On Wednesday evening a euchre evening will be given. Valuable prizes have been put up for competition.

HAMILTON CHURCH CHOIR

Artistic Concert Rendered Last Night in the First Methodist Church.

The concert given by the choir of the association is doing and urged all the Centenary Methodist Church, of carriers, and especially the younger Hamilton, under the direction of Mr. men, to join it. W. H. Hewlett, more than fulfilled the has been favored in some time.

almost faultless shading, that was one of the distinguishing features of the passion. choral work, was especially noticeable in Sir Frederick Bridges' setting of "When Christ Was Born," which was perhaps, the most pleasing number on the programme.

Christmas Carol.

The other Christmas carol, "The The other Christmas carol, "The sort to such practices as those credited to them." another greatly appreciated number. It was for ladies' voices only, and show-ed to perfection the wonderfully clear and true quality of the voices in that part of the choir. The violin obligato by Mr. Arthur Osler, added greatly to The method of conducting the investigation was then considered. Ald.

Richter suggested that all the books the baritone soloist, was greatly appriess and the supgranuated London

> Mrs George Allan's rendition was among the most attractive fea-

tures of the programme. Mr. Hewlett Remembered.

A group of three organ selections of Letter Carriers is doing for the was rendered by Mr. Hewlett, and re-widows and orphans of deceased car-We will have to rely largely on what ceived quite an ovation, Mr. Hewlett riers, and urged all to become mem-"We can obtain all the information possible from them and then form our the "Hællelujah Chorus" from the of insurance that can be had. own conclusions as to whether or not. Messiah, by the massed choirs of the Centenary and First Methodist Churches. The white dresses of the ladies of the First Church made an for the guests, said that he was agreejection to interfere with the working of the men under No. 2 or No. 3 committee's control.

attractive contrast with the gowned ably surprised to find such a splendid association in London, and congratulated by Mr. Hewlett, with Mr. Jormittee's control. dan at the organ. With the whole aud- their strong membership. "I think we are well within our jence standing the mighty strains them also for the splendid hospitality

A Banquet. banquet was tendered to the two choirs tioned the benefits of the association. and their friends in the banquet hall of per was disposed of Dr. Eccles took spoke of the benefits of the associacharge of the proceedings, and intro-

choir," he said, "and our expectations have been more than fulfilled." tribute to the leaders of the two choirs, greatly enjoyed: Songs, Sandy Dren-"each men of no mean city, and men nan; instrumental, J. J. Feney; recitaof no mean gifts."

Mr. J. E. McGee, president of the First Methodist choir, and Mr. Roy McIntosh, president of the Centenary Choir, each expressed the hope that the Company Comp future.

Boost Musical Matters.

Mr. W. H. Hewlett and Mr. A. D. Jordan were the last speakers. In the course of his speech, Mr. Jordan remarked that there had been a good deal of talk about boosting London, but it seemed to have been confined entirely to the idea of factories and

industries.
"I wish," he continued, "that our in musical matters the Mendelssohn Choir, went to New York, and taught the New Yorkers something new choral work, and it was one of the best advertisements Toronto ever had. Hamilton is following in the same lines. And it would be worth London's while to foster a similar move-

ment here. Mr. Jordan also spoke at some length on the aid the newspapers could give in these matters. Shortly before 12 o'clock the gathering broke up, the men of the choir returning to Hamilton, while the ladies were billetted in the homes of the congregation.

Unstinted praise was given to Mr. George McCormick and Mr. Jordan for their efforts in bringing the choir here and to the Ladies' Aid who had provided the banquet for their entertain-

THE RACE-TRACK BILL

bill, consideration of which will be rebill, consideration of which will be lead to sumed tomorrow, will not pass in its ain.

The weather is terrible in Spain, the west and north

meets will be curtailed, and specifically limited, and also the operations of the handbook men stopped.

BIG PRICE FOR SEAT.

Montreal, Jan. 25.—The highest price on record for a seat on the stock exchange was paid today, the amount being \$26,000. The vendor was Nar-cisse Belleau, who has decided not to become a member after having pur-

HELD A BANQUET

Splendid Affair Last Night in yer, Will Not Write His the Palace Cafe.

MANY VISITORS PRESENT

Speeches Delivered by Carriers and Out-ofTown Guests-Lemieux Act Referred to in a Commendatory Manner.

held last night in the Palace Cafe, and proved to be a most enjoyable affair. Stratford association, and many of the superannuated letter carriers of this charge of the banquet. The supper was a splendid one, and

hairman FitzGerald extended a warm MADE DEEP IMPRESSION welcome to all the visiting brethren and superannuated carriers who were welcome to all the visiting brethren not to be lifted now.

crease in the membership of the London association of nearly 50 per cent.

Federated Association. The toast to the "Federated Association" was replied to by Messrs. P. The concert given by the choir of Talenty spoke of the splendid work

Mr. Cushing, on behalf of the Loneconomical and most efficient high reputation that had preceded, and don association, took advantage of the proved to be one of the most delight- opportunity to correct an absolutely ful musical events with which London incorrect statement that appeared in as been favored in some time.

The First Methodist Church was fill. ed to its caracity, and the audience any sympathy for carriers when they was unstintingly enthusiastic. The because it was done to stir up com-

Absolutely Wrong.

"This is absolutely wrong," he said. A deputation of the carriers waited volume and in scope. As the law on the official who it was thought gave out the information, and he denied having said such things. The letter carriers of London do not need to re-

telt pretty sore over the insinuation, says that a man who steals a nickel and he wished to correct it.

Is a thief, but the man who steals a million dollars is a genius. Many of inauguration of the London branch three years ago, has been its secretary, spoke on "Labor." He extended promoters during the last decade have the baritone soloist, was greatly appreciated; especially did his splendid voice show to advantage in the anthem number, "A Song in the Lemieux act, he thought, is doing a large right of the large resulting distribution of the large resulting dis men. Labor question, he said, affect amine the methods employed we find splendid work towards settling disputes, and he said that if employees and employers would more often get together and talk things over, it would be much more satisfactory in every way and save a great deal of trouble Mr. Empey pointed out the splendid work that the Federated Association being compelled to respond with an bers and share in its benefits, as it

The Guests.

Mr. McGuire, of Stratford, speaking entertain London delegates shortly. Mr. Gough, of Stratford, spoke along At the conclusion of the concert a a similar line, and also briefly men-

duced several speakers.

"We expected much of the visiting nuated carrier, made a brief address." During the evening a splendid musical programme, including the fol-Rev. Mr. Whiting paid a glowing lowing numbers, was rendered and tion, Mr. Austerbury, Stratford; song, Mr. Sweet spoke on behalf of the Wm. McAuley, Stratford; songs, E.

Service, Hardy Lawson, Stratford; Stratford; Charles E. Moore, Albert J. Warner, John Bannon, Stratford.

GREAT STORM RAGING ON BRITISH COASTS

Hurricane Conditions in North Sea. Bay of Biscay, and English Channel.

London, Jan. 25. - The violent weather is not confined to France. A biting northerly gale swept the British and Northern and Western Europe today. Hurricane conditions prevailed in the North Sea, the English Channel and the Bay of Biscay The mail and passenger services between England and France were suspended for the first time in vears. Several small warships on a practice cruise and 50 other ships had to run for shelter into Sheerness.

A three-masted sailing vessel was MAY END HAND BOOKS driven ashore at Dunkirk. Two steamers were wrecked in the Bay of Biscay. Ships entering British ports re-Ottawa, Jan. 25. — The impression port having experienced the worst prevails that the race-track gambling weather they ever met with. Snow has

ing made out a good case.

It is likely, however, that the race meets will be curtailed, and specifical-meets will be curtailed, and specifical-meets will be curtailed.

Many casualties on the Auantus coast are reported and there has been great destruction inland. tional snowfall and floods. Several villages are isolated, and many wrecks

THE OTHER SIDE.
Only drawback on these glowing eulogies of horse-racing at Ottawa is that men at other places still insist on being sent to jail for embezzling money to play the game.

BIG LAWYER RETIRES HOLDER OF SECRETS

Lewis, the Famous English Law-Memoirs.

London, Jan. 25 .- Though Sir George Lewis announced his retirement from active practice of the law soon after the opening of the new year, it now can be stated on authority that he has not kept a diary and that he will not write his reminiscences. Though all the world would have read the latter with avidity, there are many per-The third annual banquet of London branch, No. 4, of the Federated Association of Letter Carriers, was with great relief. For Sir George with great relief. For Sir George Lewis during the greater part of his A number of the members of the career, which brings its activities to a close just before his seventy-seventh city were present, and all were de-lighted with the excellent arrange-sician. His business was rather to adbirthday, has been a sort of legal phyments made by the committee in just social difficulties quietly than to recommend the public operation in the was opened by a short prayer by law court. He made his successes, it Chaplain C. O. Stapleton, after which truly may be said, by cases that never law court. He made his successes, it came into court. But the curtain is

"No reminiscences for me," laughed this distinguished barrister. "I haven't kept a diary for more than twenty-five years. When I found my business was becoming so confidential I determined that I would never chronicle another thing, even in a private diary. So when I die the confidences of London society will die with me. That's official."

Views of United States.

In view of some things that have happened in the financial world of the United States it will be of interest to know that Sir George again laid emphasis upon an opinion expressed a few years ago relative to "mushroom financiering" and the legal steps which have been taken against that eyil. As far back as the early seventies he had made a big name in connection with several banking prosecutions. therefore, spoke with authority when

'It seems to me that fraud has been and is on the steady increase, both in tightens its grip, so the dishonest rascal exercises even greater ingenuity in his methods, and the result in the end is the same—the surplus money many fools slides into the rockets of o them."

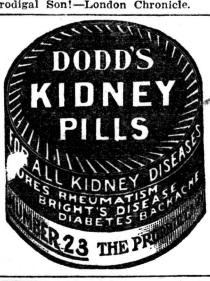
Many of the carriers, he said, had There is an old yankee, 'saw' which been built up on foundations of trick ery, deceit and fraud, and if we exthem little different from those of the

Living Tomb of Secrets.

The mere recital of the list of famous cases in which he was professionally engaged since his admission as in 1856 epitomizes British legal criminal history for that long span of years. He is a living tomb of His first important case was secrets the prosecution of the captain, first officer and insurance broker of the steamshir tling the ship. Counsel in that case were Sir J. B. Karslake, Sir Hardinge Giffard, now Lord Halsbury, and Monagu Williams. The insurance broker absconded, was traced to Switzerland, from where his extradition was obtained, and the three accused went to penal servitude.

He was connected with the famous Bravo case. Mr. Bravo, a barrister, was found dying in his bed, and at the inquest an open verdict was re-The man died from poisoning. but was it murder or was it suicide? Another coroner's inquiry was ordered by the court of Queen's bench, and it lasted a month. The late Sir John Holker, then attorney-general, and Sir John Gorst, then solicitor-general, represented the crown; Sir James, now Lord James of Hereford, appeared for Mrs. Bravo. Tir George, though that was long before he became a knight, appeared for the decedent. The jury returned a verdict of willful murder, but declared that there was not sufficient evidence to say by whom it was committed, and that was the end of the case. It went into the list of London's unsolved mysteries, but while it lasted it created as much excitement as the Maybrick trial of later years, and newspapers sold at three to four times their face value.

First Methodist choir might pay a re- C. O. Stapleton, T. Brennan, John to indicate a change of speakers, which turn visit to Hamilton in the near Wilson, T. F. Currie, J. Gillbank, D. N. is just as bad. Certainly, many punctu-Cameron, Geo. E. Rider, L. D. Graham, ation marks are sadly misused or over-C. M. Evans, James Cushing, W. G. used. Dickens flung unnecessary com-Short, Walter Logan, Walter Taylor, J. mas all over his pages—whole battal-N. Beattie, John D. Cushing, W. R. lons of them. Walter Pater also empate, D. E. Graham, W. C. Cooney, J. ployed them with extraordinary prod-L. Dillon, Stratford; John J. Feeney, B. W. Kennedy, P. C. Flaherty, R. Marley, S. Bird, M. J. McCauley, Stratford; Floar them superfluous. Pater was also overford; Sandy Drennan, Kent Elson, fond of the mark of exclamation, so Henry Bernard, M. S. McCracken, Wm. that when he drops a "yes" into his that when he drops a "yes" into his measured style it must needs appear people would think a little of boosting Richard Bowers, Clarence S. Maguire, as "yes!" But though the Bible does without inverted commas, there is a real art in its punctuation. How admirably it marks the cadence and helps the drama in that great story of the Prodigal Son!-London Chronicle.





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