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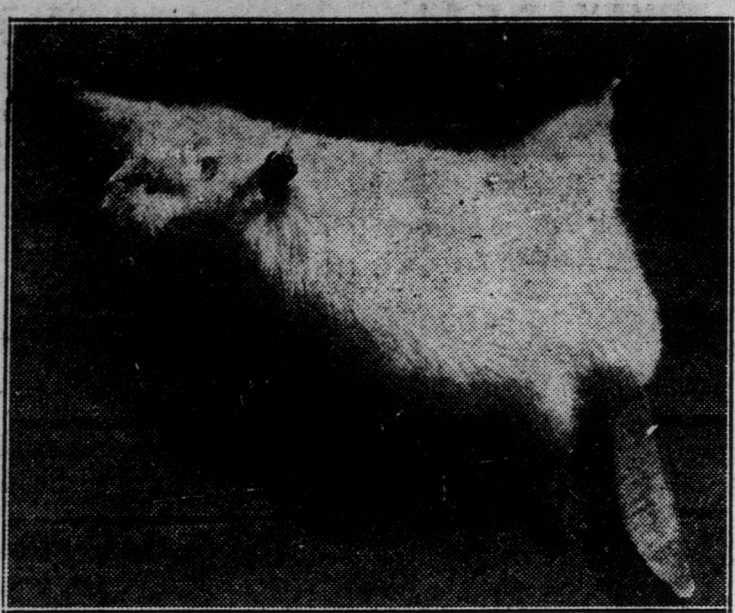
Interesting and High Class
Program in Catholic Club
Auditorium.

A very interesting recital was given yesterday afternoon and evening in the Catholic Club Auditorium by the pupils of St. Angela's School, assisted by Miss Agnes Holloway and Miss Leona Murphy. Each pupil taking part reflected great credit on the school in the competent manner in which they executed their different roles.

The program was a varied one, ranging from a piano solo by tiny Miss Catharine Finney, it being the occasion of her debut into the musical world, to a clever interpretation of Mendelssohn's concerto in G minor, by Miss Gertrude Manley, accompanied by Miss Mary Catalano. Other piano solos worthy of praise were: "Coasting," by Miss Constance Givins; "Spring Showers," by Edward Orendorff; and "Toccata," by Miss Agnes Holloway. Some of the vocal numbers were: "Ave Maria," by Master John Ashwell, who possesses a very sweet soprano voice, and "The Woodpecker," by the Misses Rowena, Lenore and Geraldine Smoothy. The reciting of "Exodus" by Miss Heloise Coles brought great applause from the audience.

Others taking part were: Misses Dorothy Hart, Geraldine Kelleher, Mary Nolan, Bertha Gilles, Anna Kinsella, Mary Murphy, Daisy Beard, Cecilia Finney, Ruth Beard, Aileen Finney, Shirley Thompson, Marion McConvey, Mary Jane McHale, Mary Di Luca, Janet Nolan, Evelyn Purran, Kathleen Kelleher, Marjorie McPhillips, Margaret Kinsella, Margaret McNeil, Elmal Lawless, Margaret Ward, Katharine Givins, Nora Kelly, Angela Forriest, Antoinette Gilles, Agnes Mullins, Norma Murphy, Bernadette Murphy, Christine Dawson, Erit Doyle, Nora McConkey, Marion Dromgole, Eleanor Chantler, Edith Kiley and Masters John and Charles Ashwell, Edward Orendorff, Eric and Erwin Jarvis, Allan Kelleher, Anthony Di Luca, Wilfrid O'Rourke.

WHITE BEAVER



A very rare specimen, caught in the English River, north of Fort Francis, Ontario. It is pure white, and weighs 31 pounds.

Terence Dromgole, Ignatius McDougall, Wilfrid Kelleher.

STRATFORD FIRE LOSS FOR MONTH ONLY \$50

STRATFORD, April 1.—Stratford's fire loss for the month just ended was one of the lowest on record. There were only four calls, and the total damage amounted to \$50.

Vital statistics for March show 40 births, 15 marriages and 20 deaths. During the month 33 building permits were issued, valued at \$14,691. Most of the work is alterations.

The customs returns for the fiscal year totalled \$588,604.75 as against \$497,891.19 in the year previous. Prof. Graham of the O. A. C. G. G. will address the agricultural section of the chamber of commerce on Saturday afternoon on "Poultry."

Although it is estimated that there are upwards of 1,000 persons in the city

MAY TAKE OVER TELEPHONE SYSTEM

INGERSOLL, April 1.—Announcement was made today that a conference between representatives of the Ingersoll and Bell Telephone Companies and others interested in the question of elimination of the dual service will be held in the council chamber on Monday afternoon. It is understood that the Ingersoll Company, which has some 1,600 subscribers, is now in a position to treat with the Bell Company relative to taking over their local system. Mayor Henderson will preside at the meeting, and a large attendance of the parties interested is expected.

WATER BILLS FOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS WORRY TRUSTEES

No. 2 Committee Orders Investigation Why Accounts Are So High.

SKATING RINKS BLAMED

Former Janitor Presents Statement For Long Overdue Car Fare.

Consideration of accounts occupied the attention of No. 2 committee of the board of education yesterday afternoon for the major portion of its nearly two-hour session. Although called for 4:30 o'clock, it was 20 minutes later before enough of the trustees were in attendance to permit the opening of business.

Heavy accounts for water at several of the public schools were the cause of adverse comment, and Secretary W. A. Tanner was instructed to investigate the cause before the bills will be passed for payment. Some of the accounts presented by the waterworks department for water at Aberdeen were \$71.70, at St. George's \$40.05, at Ryerson \$49.50, at St. George's \$49.50, at Worthy road \$40, while the account for the Belling school was only \$2.80.

The trustees were unable to understand the difference in the size of these accounts. Mr. Tanner stated, however, that at least so far as the Aberdeen account was concerned he understood that the making of a skating rink was largely responsible. He had been informed that owing to the changeable weather it had been necessary to spray the rink several times. With regard to the other large water accounts no explanation was forthcoming. A suggestion was made that the P. U. C. parks committee should pay for the use of the water for skating rinks.

Presentation by a janitor who has left the employ of the board, for car fare spent during four years' service, caused considerable discussion. The applicant charged ten cents a trip, the journeys being divided between trips to the secretary's office once a month for the monthly pay checks of the teachers, and weekly trips to the bank where he paid a boy to collect the money, and take them to the bank. Inspector Greer explained that the work of the Penny Bank was a gratuitous service, carried on to teach and encourage thrift among the boys and girls. The account, which was for \$20, will be recommended to the board for payment, on the understanding that it is not to create a precedent.

Discussion over plumbing. Some discussion occurred over plumbing repairs in the schools, and Trustees agreed that the board should employ a practical plumber of its own for the board to annually call for contracts for doing the year's plumbing repairs in the public schools. The secretary was instructed to prepare a statement of the cost of plumbing repairs in the public schools during last year.

Secretary Tanner raised a question as to the right of heads of departments making purchases for their departments without reference to him, and without his knowledge, until he is confronted with the accounts.

Trustee Coleridge, chairman of the board, stated that the board's own by-laws specifically state that the secretary is to be the "purchasing agent of the board."

Possibility of delay in the securing of supplies needed in an emergency was noted by a trustee. Another trustee surmised that the secretary should have common sense enough to know when an emergency justified immediate action without recourse to routine. The committee finally decided that the heads of departments shall be notified that all supplies, except in the case of an emergency, must be obtained through the secretary.

Will Purchase Desks. Chairman H. Hayman and the secretary were empowered to purchase four desks and eight chairs for the use of teachers at Belling and Worthy road schools. The matter of modern seats for the continuation class room at Victoria was laid over.

The janitor of Tecumseh school wrote, asking for \$100 a month in lieu of his present salary of \$75.00; otherwise he would quit his job on Saturday. It was pointed out that this man was being paid on the same scale as all the other janitors, namely, at the rate of \$105 a year for each room, and that with the addition of two more rooms to the school this year his monthly pay would be \$105.

Secretary Tanner stated that he had explained this to the man, and that he had declared that he would not satisfy him. The committee therefore decided to accept the resignation, and the chairman was authorized to engage another janitor for this school.

During the discussion the great difference in the manner in which the different janitors did their work was noted, and the trustees agreed that there should be a rating whereby the men who keep their schools in the best condition should be entitled to a bonus.

Clubs Ask Concessions. Several letters from mothers' clubs, asking for various concessions, were read, but no action taken. Knollwood Mothers' Club asked for the provision of some music in the form of a piano organ or photograph. Lorne Avenue Mothers' Club wants some folding chairs provided for the kindergarten chairs are uncomfortable. Aberdeen Mothers' Club complained of the mud in the playground.

The committee decided to ask for board for authorization to call for tenders for coal or to purchase coal by the car lot, as has been done during the past year.

Will Build New Church. LEAMINGTON, April 1.—The Baptist congregation will commence work this summer on a new church to cost \$50,000. Plans are now being prepared by Architect Wm. G. Murray of London. The new church, which will be of red brick, will be the most modern design and one of the handsomest in the province. It is expected that work will be commenced about the first of May.

NEW GOVERNOR FOR IRELAND

LONDON, April 1.—Field Marshal Viscount French will be succeeded as lord lieutenant and governor-general of Ireland by Lord Edmund Bernard Talbot, who has held the post of joint parliamentary secretary for the treasury.

Viscount French was appointed lord lieutenant of Ireland in 1918. At the outbreak of the world war he was in command of the British forces in France and Flanders, a position he held until he was relieved by Field Marshal Sir Douglas Haig in December, 1918. One of his famous achievements was in the battle of Ypres, the winning of which barred the channel ports from a German invasion and saved England from invasion. On his retirement in France he was created Viscount French of Ypres.

In December, 1919, an unsuccessful attempt was made to assassinate Viscount French while he was motoring in Ireland. His party was ambushed and fired upon, but the lord lieutenant escaped injury. For some time there have been rumors of the possible resignation of Viscount French.

NEW CITY ENGINEER ARRIVES AT GALT

GALT, April 1.—"Fire Chief Kaye's" building report for March is most satisfactory, showing 12 permits issued for a total value of \$19,909. Nine permits are for new dwellings. Despite the fact that business has been very quiet the customs returns for the past year show an increase of \$45,357.55. The March returns show a decrease of \$22,668.57.

So far only about 350 names have been added to the voters' list for the referendum, and while a rush is expected by the revising officer on Saturday, the final day, it is not expected that the total added names will reach \$50.

D. T. Black of Niagara Falls, Galt's new city engineer and manager, reported for duty today. He has moved his family and household effects here, and is now on the job.

The annual meeting of the Western Ontario Cricket League will be held at the local Y. M. C. A. on Saturday afternoon.

M'CRAE BILL

to continue service under old rates. Certain gentlemen from Guelph, he said, had attempted to throw dust in the eyes of the people by declaring his measure as "Anti-Hydro," but at the same time they were applying for increased railway fares for Guelph, which would be taken advantage of by the hydro should the commission eventually take over the road.

Fares in Excess. If the whole outcry against the measure came from the hydro commission, Mr. McCrea declared, he would point out that on the London and Port Stanley Railway operated by the commission fares were charged in excess of those actually permitted by provincial statute. But if the hydro did not want to come in under the Ontario Railway Board he had no objection to excluding hydro operated or even municipally operated railways from the terms of his act. Mr. McCrea instanced that the Dominion Railway Board exercised supervision over steam railway rates with great benefit, he thought, to the country. He warned the House that a situation was rapidly being created which would drive all the capital out of the province.

Says It's Objectionable. Hon. Thos. Crawford characterized the measure as "a very objectionable bill," and one, he thought, introduced solely "in the interests of corporations."

It took away the rights of the people to transact their own business, and it ought not, he maintained, to occupy the attention of the House further, but should be killed on second reading.

A. C. Lewis, Northeast Toronto, condemned the measure as "a dangerous piece of legislation," and opposed its going to committee. K. K. Homuth, South Waterloo, pleaded for at least fair consideration of a measure which might remedy difficult situations in some parts of Ontario. Mr. Homuth pointed out that the five cents for three miles fare limitation was placed on away back in 1886. In North Waterloo, the electric railway had practically ceased operations because of the impasse that had arisen over fares to be charged and he thought such a situation and that existing in London might ultimately prove hurtful to the province.

A Serious Situation. J. A. Calder, North Oxford, in-

stanced the London situation as one urgently requiring some sort of a cure. If Mr. McCrea's measure also provided for lowering as well as raising of railway rates with changed conditions he would support its going to committee. London's railway rolling stock, he said, was being allowed to deteriorate under present operation. J. W. Curry, South-east Toronto, said that as the bill did not appear to affect Toronto he would support its going to committee.

Condemns Lyon. Mr. McCrea condemned J. W. Lyon of Guelph for opposing the bill, especially in view of the fact that there was a bill before the Legislature which, if pursued, would enable the collection of 7-cent cash fare on the Guelph Radial Railway. He said that there were always persons who were "ready to beat the drum and throw a little dirt in the eyes of the people so that they will not see what they are trying to hide from them."

The hydro commission, he said, was "very solicitous that in no case should a higher fare be charged than allowed by the law," but at the same time they were going to operate the Guelph radial line, which wanted to charge a 7-cent fare.

"Is not this Guelph line the same one that the Government would not allow the hydro to take over?" asked A. C. Lewis (Northeast Toronto).

Hon. W. E. Hager, attorney-general, replied that the city of Guelph and the hydro had thought of taking the line over, but the Government did not approve. Since then these parties had been in further negotiation, and legislation dealing with the matter might be brought down this session.

Will Hurt Business. Continuing his argument, the member for Sudbury said that the time was coming when the capitalists would not feel like investing in the Province of Ontario. "People are hesitating to invest, and I do not blame them a bit," said Mr. McCrea. "If the hydro commission or any municipality did not want to have railways owned by them come under the provision of the bill, the member for Sudbury said, 'I do not want to force them to, but let them give an opportunity to railways in municipalities which were not served by hydro.'

The Ontario Railway and Municipal Board had the right to fix telephone rates, and Mr. McCrea said he could not see why they should not have the power to fix railway rates. So far as the city of London was concerned, where his bill would be particularly applicable, Mr. McCrea said that now the railway in that city was only being operated "so long as the road hangs together, and the position capitalists is getting worse."

Says It's Dangerous. Major A. C. Lewis took the same view as Hon. Thomas Crawford, that the bill was a very dangerous one. A whole question, he said, was that railway companies, after making large profits over a long term of years, were now to be relieved of an agreement which they had made with the municipal body. It was taking away from the people the right which they properly enjoyed to make a bargain with corporations and expect them to live to the terms of the agreement.

K. K. Homuth (South Waterloo) supported the bill.

Second reading was refused to be introduced by Major A. C. Lewis, and the early closing act passed the last session of the Legislature. That act exempted fruit stores from its operation, and Major Lewis proposed that fruit stores which also sell groceries should not share the exemption.

Hon. Nelson Parliament, speaker of the Legislature, today gave the following ruling concerning the attorney-general's bill amending the public inquiries act:

Speaker's Ruling. "Where changes to be made in a committee are so extensive as to amount substantially to a new bill, proper course to take is to withdraw the first bill and introduce a new one. There is no rule or custom which restrains the introduction of two or more bills relating to the same subject—and containing similar provisions—much less is there anything to prevent the introduction of two or more bills dealing with the same subject—in an entirely different manner. Bill No. 65 proposes to deal with a certain situation in one way; Bill No. 193 proposes to deal with the same situation in another way. No. 65 was withdrawn without House having passed upon the principle involved, but even if a vote had been taken and the motion for second reading defeated, there would have been nothing to prevent Bill No. 193 being introduced and considered. They are entirely different measures. (See Parliamentary Practice, 12th ed. p. 344-355).

While the English authorities clear, it may be added that the principle followed in the present instance has been adopted in numerous instances in this Legislature, so that the principle is well settled here that a member may with the consent of the House, withdraw a bill at any stage and substitute another containing similar, or as in this case, totally different provisions."

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