Serious Charges.

Squire Lacey Says London West's Council Was Negligent.

That the Village Board Was Steered Into a Sea of Chaos.

Councilor Spence Assisted by Mr. D. C. Macdonald of Toronto for Municipal Supplies While a Member of the Council.

Though the meeting held in Jones' Hall, London West, last night to discuss municipal matters was generally quiet in its character, there were occasional outbursts on the part of the speakers that stirred the audience and prevented anything like ennui.

Squire Lacey was asked to preside. He said that he was sorry they had not appointed someone else to the chair. He wanted himself to raise some of the candidates. (Laughter.)

Mr. Edward Pudney and Mr. R. A. Jones, candidates for school trustee, spoke on school board matters.

After the school matter had been discussed the chairman asked Mr. William Spence to speak first. He refused.

Mr. Macdonald then came forward. He said there was nothing babyish about him. (Cheers.) He thought Mr. Spence, after the events of the nomination evening, would only have been anxious to meet the ratepayers. There were rumors going the rounds, the truth or falsity of which he would like to see established. He thought they had the most ignorant and neglectful council under the canopy of heaven. (Laughter and applause.) The council should have, as provided by law, produced a financial statement on Dec. 15. This had not been done. They had ignored the law, derided the people, evaded the facts. He would like to know whether the people ruled the council or the council ruled the people—whether the dog wagged the tail or the tail wagged the dog. (Laughter.) His object in seeking election was mainly a selfish one. He wished to see that the affairs of the corporation were administered so as to best serve the interests of the people. He could not very well make a statement now. It was, as they were, completely in the dark. The council had been negligent of its duty, and the consequence was that the people did not know whether there was $1,000 or 10 cents in the treasury. Mr. Macdonald said if he were elected he would see that all the extra money procurable would go to strengthening the breakwater. (Cheers.) The Wortley Road bridge also should be built as soon as possible. This would be very advantageous to the municipality. During Mr. Spence's eleven years of service that gentleman had been guilty of being a contractor for the corporation.

Mr. Spence—I deny that. Stick to the truth.

Mr. Macdonald continued that Mr. Spence had received $57 from the corporation during several years. The speaker closed with an appeal for some support of his hearers at the polls.

Councilor Spence said that the unkindest thing which the previous speaker had said was hissed when he had violated some law in tendering for municipal supplies. He had done no wrong. He had tendered just as any other person might have done. Some charges had been made that there had been squandering of village funds during the past three years. This was false. Mr. Spence then gave an explanation of why a financial statement had not been prepared at a proper time, attempted to prove that during Mr. Macdonald's two years at the council he had incurred $1,400 expense for law.

Mr. Macdonald denied that this was so.

Mr. Spence said Mr. Macdonald had given the Lorne Gun Club the use of certain lands for $15 for five years, when that sum should have been demanded annually.

Mr. Macdonald repudiated this statement.

Squire Lacey said that he had no doubt that a false statement had been prepared, it was, in order to cover up defects, the published statement, not being upon a resolution in the council had been withheld. He would like to see sent to the council men who were capable of managing the financial concerns of a village, and not men, like Mr. Spence, who had litigated the municipality into a self-loss. (Cheers.) He would not say anything in regard to Mr. Spence having disqualified himself by becoming a tenderer for the municipality. He did not think, though, that any explanation could extenuate the breaking of a law and the blindingotl electorate by withholding a financial statement after the legal date had expired. He thought that no one in the present council should be returned. He did not think that all were equally liable. Some might not have given the concurrence, but they should have insisted that the law should be carried out. Some of the councilors had evidently been compounding a felony. The speaker thought that Mr. Spence was a good man personally, but he was not a fit person to represent London West.

Deputy Reeve Scarrow said that if the facts regarding the non-production of a financial statement were known the motives of the councilors would not be impugned. The business of the reeve had necessitated delay. There was nothing wrong or crooked in the matter. In regard to the failure to amalgamate, he would say that the delay was owing to the pernickety character of the present City Council. The bill had evidently started out with the intention of knocking everything that the preceding council had set up. Amalgamation, however, will surely be effected before long.

Mr. Dennis, rolling a candidate for the deputy reeveship, spoke briefly.

Mr. A. Murdock said that Mr. Scarrow had stated his of stealing $500 or $600. This was a downright, deliberate lie. And he didn't think a good Methodist could do it. When a man accuses me of underhand goods consider him as only blathering. His remarks are not worth considering. You could always try to tell a straight story, said Mr. Murdock.

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AT THE POLLS.

Scrutineers and Electors Study These Hints,

And Save Time and Trouble on Election Day.

The manner of taking an open ballot should be thoroughly understood by each returning officer, but the accounts received from some polling subdivisions last year would suggest that such was not the case. The voter who must, for any cause, take the open ballot, should stand before the returning officer's table, in the presence of all the scrutineers, and, as the returning officer reads aloud the names of the candidates for each office, signify the ones for whom he desires to vote, the officer marking the ballots for him.

In like manner the several bylaws must be marked, for or against, in the presence of all the scrutineers. For the returning officer to go with the voter into the booth and suggest the kind of ballot that should be cast is illegal.

The ballot box must stand in such position as to be in full view of all the scrutineers.

All ballots, folded singly, and with the initials of the returning officer plainly visible, should be handed to the returning officer to be placed in the ballot box. For the voter to crumple the papers into a roll, and himself stuff them into the ballot box is contrary to the law.

At the close of the poll, when the counting begins, each ballot must be so handled by the returning officer as to permit every scrutineer not only to hear but to see whether it be for or against prohibition.

The special attention of the returning officers is called to the following sections of the Prohibition Plebiscite Act:

22. Immediately after the close of the poll in every polling place the deputy-returning officer shall, in the presence of the persons authorized to be present, count the votes given "yes" and "no" on the said question, and shall make up in separate packets, sealed with his own seal and the seals of such of the persons authorized to be present as desire to affix their seals, and marked upon the outside with a sworn statement of the contents of such packet, the date, the name of the deputy-returning officer, and of the ward or polling sub-division and municipality:

(a) A statement showing:

(1) The votes given "yes" on the said question by male voters.

(2) The votes given "yes" by female voters.

(3) The votes given "no" by male voters.

(4) The votes given "no" by female voters.

(b) The used ballot papers which have not been objected to and have been counted.

(c) The ballot papers which have been objected to but which have been counted.

(d) The rejected ballot papers.

(e) The spoiled ballot papers.

(f) The unused ballot papers.

(g) The voters' list with the certificate of the deputy returning officer thereto attached, setting forth (1) the number of male voters who were entitled to vote on the said question, (2) the number of female voters entitled to vote, (3) the total number of male voters who have voted, and (4) the total number of female voters who have voted, and a declaration in the form set out in schedule "F" to this act, that the said list was used in the manner prescribed by law, and that the entries therein were correctly made:

And shall forthwith deliver the said packets to the clerk of the municipality.

23. Every deputy returning officer, upon being requested to do so, shall deliver to the persons authorized to attend at his polling place a certificate (1) of the number of votes given at the polling place "yes" and "no" to the said question, distinguishing particularly between the votes so given by male voters and those given by female voters, and (2) of the number of rejected ballot papers.

MONDAY'S ELECTIONS.

Vote for the Money Bylaws that Will Give Work.

The Kind of Men to Elect as Representatives.

To the Editor of the ADVERTISER:

May we ask space for a few lines in the workingmen's column to review the questions that are now before the voters of this city? Workingmen are not large property holders, and they are to be called upon to vote on the bylaws that will bring the property holders into debt for the $500,000 asked for by the present council, which says it is wrong in principle to bonus any way or any works, and yet asks the electors to vote this one and not that one. You voted for free library but did not get it. You carried it all right, and when you do unite you always can carry what you want to. Property holders wanted grant after grant for gas and railroad and Western Fair, etc., etc., without end, and got them, and we are told that the city is $2,000,000 in debt, while the assessable property is about $15,000,000.

Your property is work and your need is wages, which you must have—must have. This is the all-important matter for you. Will it cause a demand for more work, which we sell to the best advantage? If it does, then you vote for it. But don't give the money away. It would be an easy matter for me to give your money away, but the property owners do not want me to give their property or money away, and say I should not be allowed to vote on these questions.

Now, you will be called on to vote for aldermen, mayor, etc., who will do the giving, if it is not for a free library or a site for a free swimming bath, in regard to both of which the past set of aldermen say, "If you want them you are well able to pay for them." You have always found yourselves where the Indian found himself. He had gone shooting with a white man, and they agreed to share the game. They had a crow and a turkey to divide. The white man said, "You shall have the crow and I will have the turkey, or else I will have the turkey, and you may take the crow." "Ha!" said the Indian. "You don't talk turkey to me at all." The property owners get the turkey and you pay rent. It will perhaps be better to discuss at some other time who pays the taxes. The past alderman may have been to the mind of the majority of the voters; but have they been the kind that give work in the city? Your readers will say "Yes." Ald. Cartehore, Wm. Bowman, Wm. Yates, Murray Anderson and Ald. Jones, who have done more to build up the city than all the others put together, why should the men that give employment be left at home? Are property men only to be considered? Is it property men and capital only that build the city? Fairly, is it not the employer and the employed who have built this fair city, and not the importer and the men who invest in property only? Take away the manufacturers and the people, then who will pay the taxes? Dundas people did that same thing, and the hundreds and thousands they borrowed from the Government for the canal and other improvements were lost in the lake, and the Government bore the loss. Had not you better select your men and not have them selected for you? For mayor you have three to select from—none of them employers, but all well known and tried, and perhaps all know your needs. But you say, "Work is what is wanted." Don't forget to appreciate the editor of the ADVERTISER at your next election. Of course, all will vote the temperance reform. Yours, etc., JOHN LAW.

A BOY'S MADCAP CAREER.

Forger, Burglar, and Finally a Murderer.

From Massachusetts He Goes to Montreal to Prepare for the Church—Dissipates, and Drifts to Denver—His Wild Ways Lead to a Quarrel, and He Shoots the Girl and Himself.

DENVER, Dec. 29.—Edward Handfield, son of the proprietor of the Handfield Carriage Company, with offices at Fourteenth street and Broadway, this city, lies dead with a record as a burglar, forger, and possible murderer, established since June, when he came to this city from the east.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Handfield, whose country place is in Ashfield, Mass., are wealthy. The mother is highly educated. Her son, after completing his studies in an academy, was sent to Montreal to prepare for the priesthood by a course in the Jesuit College there.

From statements made here to friends at various times it seems that young Handfield led a wild life in Montreal. The prospects of a life in the church were not to his tastes, and he finally determined to give it up. He came to Denver in June and entered upon a round of dissipation. He dressed well whenever he received money from home, and his parents were lavish in their remittances. While awaiting these he would do anything to make a living. He hung about a livery stable doing odd jobs, and it was while there that he fell in love with Miss Ida Hall, the youngest daughter of Mrs. Mary Hall, who keeps a restaurant. Young Handfield lavished considerable money upon the 18-year-old daughter of the Hall family when he had means, and he was provided for at the table when he had no money. At first the family were pleased.

Handfield became impatient to get married, but he was made to understand that it required money. While upon a carousal one night he forged the name of a friend upon a card, by which means he was permitted to enter the friend's room, where he stole two overcoats. The same night he captured a bicycle and a large bundle of woman's clothing, by which he intended to procure funds for his wedding. This was late in October, and a few days afterward he was arrested and put in jail. Then Mrs. Hall began to suspect that she had been listening to fairy tales about a wealthy family, and forbade the girl having anything more to do with Handfield.

After much trouble a bondsman was secured here, and the boy was released from jail. He said he had repented, and would marry the girl and return to his parents. They stood ready to receive both him and his wife, and money was sent on to assist in securing as good a defense as possible in the trial, which was set for next month.

It was expected that with a promise of reform and a speedy return to his home in the east, the charges against him would be nolled. He told his lawyer that he intended to reform and settle down, and seemed quite jubilant over his chances for escape from a possible term in the penitentiary. The girl meanwhile had trouble with her family to get their consent to the proposed marriage. Her family did not credit Handfield's repentance.

Mr. Hall finally said that the young girl must decide at once between the young man and her home, whereupon the girl decided to go to him and declare the engagement off. About 1:20 o'clock she entered his apartments on Welton street and told her story. The young man was reading a novel when she entered. He heard her story then dashed for a revolver, and before the girl could call for help or escape he had shot her in the breast and had sent another ball into his brain.

He fell upon the bed, dying almost instantly. The girl crawled to the door and gave the alarm before she fell. She was taken to the hospital, where an examination showed no possibility of her recovery.

That he had contemplated some rash act was disclosed by the finding of a brief note in a book, stating that his attorney would know what to do.

Fatal Coasting Accident.

NEWPORT, Me., Dec. 29.—Boys coasting on a double runner last night collided with a team, resulting in the death of Fay Parshley, a lad 15 years old. Walter Scott had a leg broken.

Clear Case of Ballot Box Stuffing.

WINNIPEG, Man., Dec. 29.—A clear case of ballot box stuffing in the recent election was made out against Jake Holman at the preliminary trial yesterday, and the accused was committed to stand trial at the next assizes. It was proved that the poll was opened twenty minutes ahead of time and thirteen votes were stuffed in. There were five more ballots than appeared on the poll book, and a number of dead men were voted. The magistrate committed the accused without even hearing the arguments, and so serious did he regard the case that he doubled the bail.

Previously It Did.

"Do you believe," he said, as he tenderly stroked her hair. "Do you believe that a deep, abiding love like ours can never die out?"

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COMING ATTRACTIONS.

The Grand Opera House Has Some Good Shows Coming in January—"The Outcast" To-Night, World's Fair Views on Monday and Tuesday, Spider and Fly on Wednesday.

SPIDER AND FLY.

M. B. Leavitt's new spectacular production will be presented at the Grand next Wednesday, with the same company of 50 people who were selected from both hemispheres for the World's Fair engagement at Chicago, where this magnificent spectacle was produced for 100 nights to crowded houses. The same gorgeous scenery, imported costumes, electric and mechanical effects will be seen here. The play has been entirely rewritten, scarcely anything remains of the first text but the name. Many novelties have been added. Notable features in the production is the Columbian ballet of sixteen beautiful English dancers from the Alhambra, London, headed by Mlle. Vercellesi, premiere danseuse, and Mlle. De Filippi, danseuse from the principal European theaters; the famous French dancers, Mlles. Marie Nordier, Nanette Minnuer, Frances Martine, Nadine Balfour, from the Folies Bergere, Paris, said to be the most daring, unique and bewildering of terpsichorean artists. A grand transformation scene illustrating American historical events from 1492 to 1893, is said to be a masterpiece of stage mechanism and scenic art.

THE OUTCAST TO-NIGHT.

Frank Tucker, the manager of the excellent company of players who recently filled a successful engagement at the Grand Opera House, reappears this evening in a drama that appeals to the heartstrings, entitled "The Outcast." The caste is good, and the stage mounting will be all that is required. Mr. Tucker will introduce a novel feature, being the distribution among the audience of twenty live turkeys, which will enable a number of families to enjoy their New Year's dinner without any expenditure for the main dish. The prices are popular, 10 cents, 20 cents and 30 cents, and the house should be packed.

WORLD'S FAIR VIEWS.

Those who did not visit the World's Fair can have its beauties and wonders vividly brought before them by seeing Sheppard's Grand Stereopticon entertainment in the Grand Opera House Monday and Tuesday, and matinee Monday. No entertainment of the kind has ever been presented to the Canadian public on such an elaborate scale, being perfect in every detail. The views of the White City, which are the only colored ones in Canada, are most magnificent and realistic, being displayed on a canvas 30 feet square. Mr. W. E. Ramsay introduces several songs during his lecture, which are humorous as well as interesting and instructive. Altogether the entertainment is said to be the best of the kind yet placed before the public.

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