LEGAL DEPARTMENT TO CONDUCT CASE

Outside Solicitors Will Not Figure in Fire Department Investigation.

TORONTO DOING MOST

Unemployed Deputation Told That Lack of Funds Stops Building.

Investigation into the charges made against the fire department will be before Judge Denton at 10.30 Saturday morning, and Mayor Church stated yesterday that the investigation would be carried on by the city's own legal department and not by any outside solicitors.

Deputy Chief Noble emphatically denies the charges made by Alderman Walton that liquor was brought into Portland street hall, and that a hand-book was kept there.

He would say nothing about the charges made by Alderman McBride that he had used a slide to cover the words "City of Toronto" on his buggy, and that he had used one of his men to do some private plumbing work for him. The deputy chief says that he is going to fight the charges.

From the charges made in council Monday it is quite evident that the whole department is in for a thoro overhauling, and there is no doubt that many more charges will be brought forward when the matter comes before the judge.

Doing Most Now.

When a deputation from the building trades appeared before the board of control yesterday, asking that work be resumed on some of the public undertakings, the board pointed out that work had been stopped on account of a lack of funds. They were also told that the city is doing more for the unemployed than any other city in Canada.

The Single Tax Association is against the city's proposal to exempt houses to the extent of $1000 having a value of less than $3000, when occupied by owners. The contention is that it should apply to all houses of less than $3000 whether occupied by the owner or not, as the renter has to pay the taxes as well as the owner.

Not Worth Much.

H. H. Wyld, who at one time owned Grimsby Park, gave evidence before the official arbitrator regarding the Humber expropriation yesterday. He does not think that the eight acres on the Humber expropriated by the city are of much value for park purposes.

The library board estimates for 1915 amount to $142,350. Some of the important items are as follows: Salaries, $60,000; books and patents, $37,000; caretaking, $10,500; repairs and alterations, $1500; newspapers and magazines, $2600; binding, $4000. The proportion of the tax rate is one-quarter of a mill.

In connection with the subway which is to be built under the new viaduct, 14 feet of land is required on the west side of Yonge street, south from Front. The controllers assented to the agreement between the Dominion Government and the city for the sale of the land for $100,000.

Needs Ten Thousand.

The sub-committee which is considering the cultivation of vacant lots in the city has asked for $10,000 to carry on the work. The parks commissioner will report on the proposition.

The dumping of snow into the sewers has proved a success so far, and it is understood that all the storm sewers will be used for the disposal of snow, when necessary.

The tax rolls for 1912 have been returned, and the city treasurer reports that they have never been in better condition. One hundred and fifty-nine thousand dollars in arrears was collected last month.

The city solicitor has advised the payment of $18,000 as compensation for damages in connection with the building of the Queen street bridge.

Want Branch Library.

The High Park Ratepayers' Association are asking for a branch library in that district, and have surgested the corner of Roncesvalles and Wright avenues as a site.

The Victorian Order of Nurses asked the controllers yesterday for a grant of $5000. The board granted $1000.

The Dominion Government has granted $15,000 towards the fish exhibit at the Exhibition this year. One of the features of the big show will be the burning of the kaiser's moustache in effigy.

Each Pay Share.

It is now shown that the loss of $443,000 on hydro-electric bonds will be about evenly divided between the city and the commission.

The city will administer the fund being created by the insuring of soldiers going to the front.

JARVIS STREET PROPERTY CHANGES OWNERSHIP

Private Hotel, Walsdene, Sold for Thirty-Five Thousand.

Arrangements have been completed for the transfer of ownership of the "Walsdene" private hotel, 188 Jarvis street, from S. Mather to Mr. and Mrs. William Bardom, for the consideration of $35,000. It is understood to be a cash transaction.

"The Walsdene" was originally built by and was the home of the late Hon. Patrick Foy. The arrangements for the sale were negotiated by the house department of the Dovercourt Land, Building and Savings Company, Limited.

The "Count" Returns

Observers of the "Count-Discount" ads may have been disappointed during the last week or so by the lack of a personal message. But the "Count" is alive and very much to the good, as will be seen from the fact that he is offering 42 men's high-grade cheviot suits in neat mixtures and absolutely hand-tailored, formerly sold at $25, for $15 only. Watch Hickey's windows, 97 Yonge street.

BOTH PAY SHARE.

In the appeal of the Toronto Railway and Puddy Brothers against being assessed for the new sewer on Paton road the court of revision ordered that both companies must pay their share.

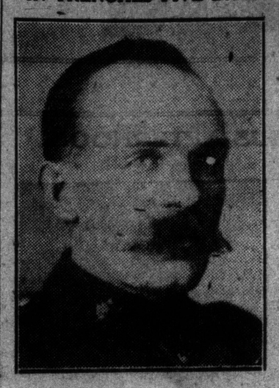
CITY BEING SUED.

Judge Coatsworth yesterday adjourned the case in which W. R. Austin, a retired druggist, is suing the city to recover $200 damages done to his auto when it was struck by a car in the King street subway on August 14, 1912.

ACTION DISMISSED.

In the county court yesterday Judge Coatsworth dismissed the action, with costs, of Blackhall Company, who were suing Louis Roessell & Company for $500, the cost of 1000 cards.

IN TRENCHES FIVE DAYS



Corpl. A. E. Cordery says he hopes Canadians will take some big guns with them to the front.

GREATCOAT SHATTERED BY EXPLODING SHELL

Corpl. A. E. Cordery Was Not Inside at the Time and Considers Himself Lucky.

Corpl. A. E. Cordery of the Princess Pat's Regiment, writing from the trenches in northern France to his wife in Earlscourt under date January 18, says: 'We are billeted in a church at present, but expect to be moved out tomorrow. We have been in the trenches and firing line for five days. With shrapnel fire we lost (sentence deleted by censor). That wasn't bad for a start was it?

"The trenches are up to our knees in water and several of our men have been taken sick thru this. I could not feel my feet for some time when I got on the hard road; it felt like pins and needles, but I was glad to get out and feel dry again. My greatcoat is a sieve. I put it on a hedge just outside the place we were stopping at and a shell burst just over it and punctured it in about twelve places. I was very pleased that I was not inside it at the time, but a miss is as good as a mile.

"If this is what they call modern warfare my opinion is that it is murder on a scientific scale."

Referring to the second contingent from Canada he says: "I hope they send out some good guns with them, for it is big guns we need out here."

"You cannot stand up straight in the trenches on account of the German snipers, there is the danger by so doing of getting your head knocked off. We lost a man in my platoon, he was hit by an explosive bullet, which went straight thru his head. He was a nice fellow and we felt sorry for him.

"Well, my dear, you must not worry about me, and at not seeing me again. I am coming back if there is a possible chance. We are anxiously waiting for spring to see what progress we can make. We are only forty yards from the German lines—too near to be comfortable," he says in conclusion.

DEATH HAS REMOVED WELL-KNOWN CITIZEN

The death occurred Feb. 8 at Dovercourt road of one of Toronto's oldest citizens, Mrs. Samuel McBirney, at the age of 88. She was the widow of one of Toronto's prominent builders in the early 50's. Four sons and two daughters are all dead, but seven grandchildren survive. She was an active worker in old Bay street Presbyterian Church, and later of new St. Andrew's. The funeral takes place today.

GRAIN RATES QUESTION.

T. Marshall, J. Welsh and C. B. Watts left Toronto yesterday to attend a special session of the Dominion Railway Board. The question of grain rates is to be considered.

APPEAL IS DROPPED.

Owing to the settlement of the action in which the executors under the will of Widmer Hawke appealed against the judgment awarding $15,000 to Fred Westbrook, the appeal has been dropped.

PROPERTY VALUES DIFFER SOMEWHAT

First of Preliminary Hearing of McCutcheon Conspiracy Case.

NOT FOR RESIDENCES

J. W. McMurchy Says Land in Question is Low and Flat.

For two hours in the police court yesterday morning Magistrate Denison listened to the first of the preliminary hearings in the McCutcheon case. The case will continue this morning at 11 o'clock.

Gordon D. McCutcheon, D. M. McCutcheon, J. H. McCutcheon, C. M. McCutcheon and Marshall A. Cook were charged "that they did conspire, confederate and agree together to defraud Herbert M. Weaver and others of certain sums of money with the intent to defraud."

When the case was opened Crown Attorney Corley stated that McCutcheon and Cook were incorporated as a company under the Ontario laws and opened business in Toronto, and in 1911 as western real estate brokers. A partnership was not registered. They received a charter from the government in 1913. They went into the real estate business on a large scale, and issued attractive advertisements. Their operations extended all over Ontario, thru the west and to England. According to the defendant's story they purchased valuable and highly desirable properties and lots, which they undertook to sell and give the money back to the customers with profits.

The first witness called was J. W. McMurchy, manager of the Northern Trust Company, of the Province of Alberta. He said he searched for the title of the property known as Mayfair, on the Saskatchewan River, and found that it was in the name of the Edmonton Strathcona Land Syndicate. He testified that this property was much lower than the surrounding land and was generally known as flats. He said it was not any good for high class residential purposes. In regard to Connaught Park the witness stated that it had a value of farm land. According to Mr. Corley the property was listed at $64,000. The park included 160 acres.

St. James Park and Belvedere Park, which properties were promoted by the defendants' were also known to the witness who spoke of them in almost the same manner as he did when testifying in regard to the others mentioned.

James M. Gaunt, a real estate broker in Great Falls, Montana, was the next witness, and in regard to property the defendants had promoted at Great Falls he said it had no value except as farm lands. It was on the banks of a river but was on top of a high bluff, and water was inaccessible.

The counsels for the defendants are A. J. Russell Snow, K.C.; Hartley Dewart, K.C.; M. A. Secord and Mervyn McDonald.

DATE OF CONGRESS HAS BEEN DEFERRED

Proposed Series of Mission Meetings by Methodist Church in Canada is Canceled.

Canada was to have started a series of big mission congresses. It was to have been held in May had the proposition been approved at a conference held yesterday afternoon at the Metropolitan Methodist Church.

The proposal was carefully considered by representatives of the mission boards, the laymen's council and the general Ministerial Association.

Owing to the concentration of public attention in the road it was decided to defer indefinitely the date for the congress in Canada.

MEN DECIDE TO QUIT.

A number of employes of the National Iron Works met in Victoria Hall yesterday and decided not to return to work until the 15 per cent. cut in wages that was made last September be rescinded. A delegation will call on the manager this morning.

—AND THE WORST IS YET TO COME!

STREET RAILWAY MUST OBEY BOARD'S ORDER

Chairman McIntyre Orders Immediate Procedure on Car and Ossington Ave. Construction.

The Ontario Railway Board, tiring of the requests for delay from the Toronto Street Railway, yesterday issued their formal order for an immediate procedure on the Ossington avenue extension and the building of fifty new cars. The appeal of the railway, however, was strong enough to allow them an extension of time until July 1 to carry into effect the building of the thirteen-odd miles needed in repair.

H. S. Osler, for the railway, claimed that lack of money would prevent their observance of the order, but the board were quite determined in their position.

RAILWAYS TO APPLY FOR RATE INCREASE

March First Set by Chairman Drayton of Railway Commission for Argument.

Canadian Press Despatch.

OTTAWA, Feb. 9.—Application for permission to increase the freight rates on all lines east of Port Arthur will be made to the railway commission on March 1 by the C.P.R. and Grand Trunk, under instructions issued by Chief Commissioner H. L. Drayton, this afternoon.

The chairman learned this fact from W. M. Kirkpatrick, assistant freight traffic manager for the C.P.R., who was appearing before the board in connection with the protest of the Montreal Corn Exchange, the Toronto Board of Trade and the Dominion Millers' Association, against the proposed increase of rates on grain and grain products from Port William to points in Ontario, Quebec and the maritime provinces.

"Altho there is no application before the board I see by the newspapers that the railways are considering making application for permission to make a general advance in their freight rates on all lines east of Port Arthur," said Mr. Drayton to Mr. Kirkpatrick.

"The newspapers are correct. We are working on the proposition at the present time," he answered.

"It seems to me that under the circumstances it would be unwise for the board to do anything officially that might encourage you at the present time until we know what the real facts are," said the chairman. "We should take no action one way or the other, just now, on these tariffs now under consideration."

STRONG PROTEST SENT TO AUSTRIAN MINISTER

Commercial and Political Organizations Object to Press Being Muzzled at This Time.

Special Cable to The Toronto World.

BERNE, Switzerland, Feb. 9.—That matters in Austria-Hungary are much worse than is allowed to appear on the surface is proved by the fact that over 150 commercial and political organizations have just sent in a protest to the Austrian Minister of the Interior against the press not being permitted to discuss the very serious economical situation of the dual monarchy.

OSLER RECREATION CENTRE.

The Osler boys are looking eagerly forward to the skating championships at Moss Park next Saturday, and there is little doubt that some of the winners will be members of the west end playground. In the junior volleyball games last night, Galaway won both games, having no trouble in defeating Gardiner and Smith. The Playground Intermediate O.B.A. team worked out last night in preparation for their game with Baracas tonight at the Templars' floor. This game should be easily the best intermediate game of the season.

SCHOOL READY BY JULY 1.

Good progress with the work on the Central Technical School was reported at the meeting of the advisory industrial committee yesterday, but owing to unforeseen delays in connection with the manufacture of part of the machinery it was stated that the building would not be ready to hand over to the board by the architects before July 1.

UPPER CANADA BIBLE SOCIETY.

Addresses will be delivered by Rev. Dr. Griffith Thomas on "The Bible on the Battlefield," and Rev. W. H. Hincks, LL. D., on "The World-wide Missionary Work of the Bible Society," at the seventy-fifth annual meeting of the Upper Canada Bible Society. This will be held Tuesday at the Bible Training School at 8 p.m.

MINE OWNERS CONCEDE WAGE ADVANCE TO MEN

Dispute Involving Fifty Thousand Yorkshire Collier Has Been Settled.

Canadian Press Despatch.

LONDON, Feb. 9.—(7.15 p.m.)—There will be no strike of the Yorkshire coal miners, as had been feared. At a conference attended by the mine owners and representatives of the men today the owners conceded the men's demand for an advance in wages until the end of the war.

The dispute between the mine owners and their employes involved 50,000 men.

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CHARLES DRISCOLL GOES TO KINGSTON

Sentenced to Serve Two Years for Breaking Into Store.

ARRANGES BUSINESS

Harry Symons Attends to Personal Matters Before Leaving City.

Max Cohl was fined $20 and costs or 14 days in jail in the afternoon police court yesterday for not keeping his slaughter house at 382 Clinton street clean. He was ordered to close it up till it was in a fit condition.

Carrie Davies Collapsed.

Carrie Davies, the woman charged with the murder of Charles A. Massey, collapsed yesterday when the charge was read to her in the woman's court.

The case was remanded till Feb. 16. The magistrate said that he would like to have it tried at the winter assizes. Miss Davies did not plead or elect and as yet is not represented by counsel. After the court was closed she was taken to the police office to have the Bertillon measurements taken and to be photographed.

Sent to Penitentiary.

Charles Driscoll, a soldier, was sentenced to two years in Kingston penitentiary by Magistrate Denison yesterday on a charge of breaking into the premises of the Reliable Cleaning Co., King street, and with stealing a number of feathers, furs and clothing. Antonio Font appeared on the same charge, but the case against him was withdrawn.

Settles Business Affairs.

Harry Symons, who was sentenced to five years in Kingston penitentiary in connection with the Union Life conspiracy case, was allowed to visit the office of H. R. C. Clarkson yesterday in the company of a guard from the sheriff's office. The purpose of the visit, it is understood, was to settle personal business before he is sent to Kingston.

William Showden, Robert Costello, Wm. Lewis and Arthur Gaines, all colored, were convicted in the police court yesterday on a charge of disorderly conduct. The first three were fined $1 and costs and Gaines was fined $2 and costs.

A. L. Bird was fined $25 and costs by Justice of the Peace Cohen in the afternoon police court yesterday on a charge of using bottles which did not belong to him for delivering milk.

Alleged Housebreaker.

On a charge of housebreaking Angus McCaskill was arrested by Constable Daniels yesterday. Watches and jewelry were found. He admitted having entered a house on Langley avenue altho no complaint has been received. He is alleged to have entered houses on Dovercourt road.

RIVERDALE BUSINESS MEN.

R. C. Craven, secretary of the Toronto Humane Society, will be the speaker at the meeting of the Riverdale Business Men's Association in Broadview Y.M.C.A. building tomorrow evening at 8 o'clock.

TO TAKE OVER SHELTER.

OSHAWA, Feb. 9.—The Ontario County Council has taken over the Children's Shelter as a county institution and will contribute $1200 a year to its maintenance.

Good Roads--- The Ideal Pavement

No problem is more pressing today in Ontario and the other provinces of the Dominion than the provision of good roads. At all times these have been essential not only to the farmer, but as much to the citizen. Now governments and local authorities are all alike faced with another revolution in farm operations and in transportation methods. The self-propelled vehicle is here, it has come to stay, and any solution of the problem of good roads must take that revolution into consideration. Indeed, it is the advent of the motor which has largely created the problem, for roads sufficient for horse-drawn vehicles have proved quite unable to stand the wear and tear of heavy cars moving at a speed previously unknown.

While there has been progressive improvement in the construction of road-beds, the ideal material required for the needs of the twentieth century has still to be found. Just as the first mud road was improved by the use of large stones, and that again by the Telford-Macadam type of road, and the later Macadam road of the present day, so has the time arrived to make a further advance. Many substances, natural and artificial, have been tried with more or less favorable result, and it may be taken as effectively demonstrated that certain varieties of hardwoods possess in largest quantity the resistance qualities necessary for a high-grade pavement adapted for normal traffic conditions.

But wood blocks, treated with creosote, tho capable of standing the heaviest traffic, present difficulties that have never been satisfactorily overcome. While their cost is almost prohibitive, perfect impregnation with creosote, on which the very life of a wood block depends, has never been achieved. In consequence they are slippery in wet and frosty weather, they exude creosote oil during the hot season, and their tendency to absorb moisture tends to swelling and buckling and causing unsightly bulges in the streets. It is evident therefore, that the use of hardwoods can only become general when the exuding defects are overcome. This the inventor of the new Fibred-Asphalt claims to have accomplished.

After many experiments carried over thirty months, the inventor realized that his object could be reached only by reducing the hardwood to a fibre, grading the particles so as to reduce the voids to a miniumum, removing all dust, moisture, sap and essence, and impregnating the porous fibre with a non-evaporable and non-deteriorating cementing agency. Further research enabled all this to be done by the use of small particles of wood produced in the manufacture of tanning extract. After treatment these particles become impervious to moisture, and are practically indestructible. When applied to the previously prepared road base in a continuous flow, Fibred-Asphalt yields a compressed wood sheet of a monolithic rather than a block type.

Roads made according to this method and subjected to the test of traffic of a very heavy character have elicited the strongest possible expert approval. One well-known authority who investigated Fibred-Asphalt on Main street, Memphis, Tenn., had no hesitation in remarking; "I would not be afraid to put Fibred-Asphalt down on Main street under a twenty-year guaranty." Not only does Fibred-Asphalt meet the first condition of low cost, but it has been proven the best pavement that can be laid. It possesses all the requirements of a durable street, offers the minimum of resistance without risk of slipping, is easily and cheaply maintained and cleaned, and is thoroughly sanitary. In fact the ideal road has been found.

The inventor of this new pavement has been able to meet all climatic conditions without difficulty. The Memphis pavement is tested by extreme summer heat and moderate winter weather, and a section of Yonge street in Toronto, laid last fall, has encountered the rigors of a Canadian winter. But Fibred-Asphalt is especially adapted to serve as a street railway track. Experiments have proved that unlike other pavements it is not susceptible to the injurious jar of the cars, and the invention for this purpose alone should prove of great benefit to the community. From the standpoint of cost, durability, traffic resistance, non-slipperiness, ease of maintenance, favorableness to travel and sanitariness, Fibred-Asphalt has up to the present won out in competition with every other modern system of pavement.

It is expected that the desire for good roads throughout Canada will create a large demand for the new Fibred-Asphalt pavement, as it is as readily adapted to country roads as for the most modern city streets. An agitation is on foot for a new highway from Montreal to Windsor and it is believed that Fibred-Asphalt will be favorably considered for surfacing when the project has reached the stage of actual construction.

TAFT IS EXPECTED IN TORONTO TODAY

Former President of United States Has Busy Program for Next Few Days.

Hon William H. Taft, ex-president of the United States, and professor of international law of Yale University, arrives in Toronto this morning to deliver the Pearson Kirkman Marriott lectures at Toronto University. The distinguished American will address meetings at Convocation Hall on Wednesday and Thursday evenings at 8 o'clock and on Friday at 5 o'clock. On Thursday he will speak at a meeting of the Canadian Club, and on Friday will address the Toronto Press Club, as well as attending the hundredth anniversary of the Historical Club at the Ontario Club.

ONTARIO SELLS BONDS AT SPLENDID FIGURE

Three Million Issue Sold in the United States at Favorable Price.

Hon. T. W. McGarry corroborated yesterday the financial report from New York that three millions in bonds had been sold at the satisfactory figure of 100.88, less a brokerage charge of 3-4 of 1 per cent. Home Smith & Company, of Toronto, negotiated the sale.

The bonds are for five years with interest charges at 5 per cent. and are not free from succession duties, provincial or municipal taxation. They will be used to pay off the temporary loans, one in Canada and one in London.

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