

HAMILTON HAPPENINGS

ALTERATIONS AND REPAIRS TO ANGLICAN CHURCHES

Feature of Last Night's Vestry Meetings—A Stabbing Affray in Foreign Settlement.

HAMILTON, March 28.—(Special.)—There was another stabbing affray amongst foreigners this afternoon. George Morris, a Richmond-street, was taken to the City Hospital with a knife wound in his head, and the police arrested Tony Brockner, an Italian, and charged him with the stabbing. He was hiding in freight car.

Anglican Vestry Meetings.

The vestry meetings of the Anglican Churches were held this evening. The advisory committee in connection with the Church of the Ascension was abolished. The meeting had some difficulty in selecting a committee of a size that met approval, and it was finally decided to do away with the committee altogether. Alfred Powis refusing to act upon it because it was too small, and Thomas Hodgson refusing to act later when the committee was enlarged because it was then too large. The rector, Rev. Canon Wade, said the bishop had assured him that the committee had no power anyway. The pow rents will be advanced by 25 per cent, with an extra charge of 25¢ for the half of the centre aisle. The total receipts amounted to \$8712, the largest yet, and there was a balance of \$137. The warden said repairs were needed that would cost \$1850, and a congregational meeting will be held in a month to consider. F. T. Smye was re-elected people's warden, and Jas Henderson was re-appointed rector's warden.

It was announced at Christ Church Cathedral that sufficient money had been raised to redecorate the building. Total receipts amounted to \$18,276, with a balance of \$36. George Moore was appointed rector's warden and R. Bruce, people's warden. C. S. Scott and Paul J. Myler are delegates to synod.

The meetings at the Church of St. Thomas and All Saints were adjourned, as their years do not end until March 31. At All Saints it was announced that the alterations to the church would cost \$19,000, and that there was \$14,000 in sight. W. L. Wilkinson was elected people's warden, and J. F. Leishman rector's warden.

These officers were elected at St. Mark's Church: W. H. F. Whaley, rector's warden; Major Labatt, people's warden; Henry Vernon, lay delegate. The stipend of the rector, Rev. Canon Sutherland, was increased.

The officers chosen at St. Matthew's Church were: W. E. Town, rector's warden; C. J. Collins, people's warden; Wm. Thresher, lay delegate. At St. Philip's Church the following were chosen as officers: Alfred Aldridge, rector's warden; J. A. Carson, people's warden; F. A. J. Cooper, lay delegate.

Will Have New Organ.

At St. Peter's Church, a surplus of \$500 was reported, and it was decided to install a new organ. J. A. Zimmerman was appointed rector's warden; C. Davis, people's warden, and Orlando Davis, lay delegate. Richard Vansickle, aged 74 years, formerly of Jerseyville, died at the City Hospital.

\$2000 Collection.

A special collection amounting to \$2000 was taken up at Christ Church Cathedral yesterday afternoon for redecoration of the interior of the building. The congregation of the Church of the Ascension subscribed \$1000, which will be used to pay the salary of a merger.

It is practically settled that a merger will be formed taking in the Hamilton, Steel & Iron, the Canada Screw, and the Toronto Forge Companies. A fire was started on the mountain face this morning by a couple of small boys, and it spread from Queen to Gerrard, causing the firemen a lot of hard work.

A petition for salary increases was started in the local postoffice. They want the maximum for junior clerks raised from \$1000 to \$1200 a year, and the maximum for second-class clerks to \$1250, and for clerks to \$1350.

Grants Not Increased.

The government has intimated that the grants of \$5000 to the technical school and \$2000 for the art school will not be increased this year. Constable James Barrett is critically ill from pneumonia.

The annual banquet of the Canadian Club will be held at the Hotel Royal on April 14, and the speakers will be Hon. M. Mathieu, Laval University; Rabbi Levi, Pittsburgh; and Hon. T. Nakamura, Japanese consul-general at Ottawa.

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Why it is Preferred by Builders of New German Dirigible.

The new dirigible designed by Prof. Schutte of Danzig is now in course of construction at Rhodau, near Mannheim, says The Kolnische Zeitung. The wooden framework is already nearly complete. Wood has been used in preference to metal for two reasons, to save weight and to minimize the troublesome atmospheric electrical phenomena. The airship is to be somewhat larger than the last Zeppelin. The balloon proper is 125 meters long and its greatest diameter is 17 meters. It is cigar-shaped, having its maximum thickness in the first third of its length, and then gently tapering behind. This form is said to offer a minimum resistance to the wind. The wood is prepared in small sections, free from knots, a few millimetres in thickness. These sections are glued over one another crosswise to form thin, narrow but extremely strong planks. The whole framework will be concealed from view by the outer covering of the balloon. There will be 11 inner balloons, just as in the Zeppelin.

The steering gear will be placed immediately below the balloon, and consist of a rudder, governing lateral movements and two elevating rudders. The two propellers will be directly connected with the motors in the car. Each propeller shaft will be driven by two motors. The motors will be able to develop in all 400 horse power. The car is to be suspended from the framework of the balloon, but as soon as it touches the ground the connections will become slack, thus taking off part of the weight and guarding the body of the balloon from injury by shocks.

IDEALS OF COLLEGE WOMEN.

Doctor Jordan of Leland Stanford University emphasizes the spirituality in modern education by citing Thoreau's philosophy that in the everyday living of the profession or trade, it is possible to "walk in hallowed cathedral." It is this incomparable spirit in the college women of this country that leads President Thomas of Bryn Mawr to say that the time is coming when a poor man can afford to marry. This ability to see the beauty in all service, and to recognize all life as divine, in its very largeness of view is the thing that has been misunderstood by the conventionalists, and which he called down criticism upon the colleges. Doctor Jordan, for example, in the same lesson in which he exalts Thoreau's conception of life, says that the "new holy life of action" finds religion in love and wisdom, and not in asceticism, philosophical disputation, or the maintenance of withered creeds.—Cosmopolitan.

AN INTERESTING BOOK AT THE BRITISH MUSEUM.

In the King's Library at the British Museum a book of the greatest interest has just been exhibited. It is a copy of the first edition of Robert Greene's "Groats-Worth of Witte, Poured with a Million of Repentance." This book is valuable, not only because of its great rarity, but also because it contains an extraordinary attack upon Shakespeare. Speaking to a representative of The Daily Mail, an official at the British Museum said that "although it has been believed that no copy of the first edition existed, we have purchased this copy, dated 1592, from a bookseller. We do not know its previous history." The attack upon Shakespeare is as follows: "Yes, I trust not; for there is an upstart Crow, beautified with our feathers, that with his 'tyger's hart' wrapped in a 'flaxen' hyde, supposeth he is as well able to bombast out a blanke verse as the best of you; and being an absolute 'Johannes fac totum,' is in his own conceit the only Shakescene in a country."

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and shamefully wrong as to surpass belief, or else the public treasury is being looted with the connivance of those who are responsible for its security. "In one case there has been such criminal negligence as would justify the dismissal of the administration. In the other case there is deliberate robbery of the public revenues."

Enquiry a Farce.

After a reference to the Major Hodgins' charges of two years ago of over-classification, and the recent occurrences in parliament and committee in regard to the Lumsden enquiry into similar charges, Mr. Borden went on. "The investigation was intended, in the face which has degenerated into the farce which is now being played out, to make a show of things. The Central Business College of Toronto, invite your consideration. Catalogue mailed on request. W. H. SHAW, President, Yonge and Gerrard Streets, Toronto.

"You will remember that these contracts are let upon tenders at a fixed rate per cubic yard, the rate varying according to the class of material. For the purpose of determining which is the lowest tender, engineers employed by the government make careful examination and surveys of each division in order to estimate in advance the probable amount of common earth excavation, of loose rock and of solid rock respectively.

"The relative proportions of these various materials must be carefully estimated, because otherwise it will be impossible to determine the lowest tender. For example one tender might be the lowest for common earth excavation, another the lowest for loose rock, and a third the lowest for solid rock.

What Figures Show.

"In section 21, from Winnipeg east (247 miles) the government estimate for solid rock was 3,696,335 cubic yards, which at the contract rate of \$1.70 per cubic yard would have cost \$6,283,771.20. This solid rock has increased to 4,418,938 cubic yards, costing \$10,506,975. For loose rock the government estimate was 78,484 cubic yards, which at the contract rate of 60 cents per cubic yard, would cost \$4,709,040.

"Through some remarkable metamorphosis this loose rock has grown to 2,066,297 cubic yards, costing \$1,239,778.20. The other hand, common earth excavation, which at the contract rate of 30 cents per cubic yard has shrunk from 11,233,247 cubic yards to 2,215,678. Geologists tell us that wonderful changes have taken place in the earth's crust, and that the action of water or fire, or as the result of tremendous pressure so that soft fine material and debris have been converted into solid rock. This is accepted theories of geologists have led us to believe that thousands of years were necessary to bring about such tremendous changes, and that such changes must now be revised. All this can be accomplished within two or three years at the outside, but it is curious that such startling results seem so entirely restricted in area, up to the present time the phenomena alluded to have only been observed upon the line of the National Transcontinental Railway.

"It does not appear that they are due to fire or water; but geologists tell us that pressure brings about wonderful results. It is unfortunate for the country that these phenomena should have occurred in the precise localities where they have been observed, as the natural result has been to abstract the great many millions of dollars from the public treasury.

"It is the class of the prime minister that his government is especially favored by Providence. The mysterious laws of nature seem to have been extremely ungenerous to the interests of the people in this instance. It does not appear that any such sudden and startling geologic changes have been observed either north or south of the National Transcontinental. They have been miraculously confined to the exact area of this railway."

"Was this remarkable and 'unfortunate' circumstance included in the prime minister's 'mountains of information'? It is not for me to say, but I may venture to say that certain results which I take as they were extracted from the minister of railways a few days ago in parliament.

National Transcontinental Railway Contract

	Estimated by Government Engineers.	December, 1909. Actual Cost to Date	P. C. Fin'd.
No. 1.	Cub. yds. Rate. Amount.	Cub. yds. Amount.	
Solid rock	\$1.50	42,219	\$63,225.50
Loose rock	1.25	298,728	373,410.00
Common excavation, 1,811,152	0.25	450,288.00	109,185.00
		\$ 381,446.45	\$ 705,811.50
No. 2.			
Solid rock	232,893 1.40	326,050.27	\$ 1,191,771.61
Loose rock	971,224 0.25	242,806.00	192,857.12
Common excavation, 1,234,254	0.24	295,838.16	231,512.72
		\$ 1,019,567.15	\$ 1,425,176.28
No. 3.			
Solid rock	728,161 1.50	1,092,241.50	\$ 4,274,748.00
Loose rock	273,252 0.50	136,626.00	625,729.00
Common excavation, 4,509,491	0.21	946,789.99	235,090.00
		\$ 2,250,657.50	\$ 5,276,497.00
No. 4.			
Solid rock	229,200 1.45	332,340.00	\$ 1,200,115.85
Loose rock	181,200 0.40	72,480.00	260,287.80
Common excavation, 1,064,628	0.21	224,362.00	170,322.75
		\$ 1,002,284.00	\$ 1,530,725.28
No. 5.			
Solid rock	3,899,238 1.70	6,628,704.26	\$10,908,427.20
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Mr. Borden then turned his attention to the naval problem. "We have," he said, "taken the stand that the mother country is confronted with critical and grave conditions which demand immediate and effective aid, and which cannot be met by the government's scheme, combining, as it does, a maximum of expense with a minimum of efficiency."

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question on that point. The present proposals of the government rose out of an emergency, and nothing else.

Reference was then made to the clause in the bill as to the placing of the Canadian navy under the control of the admiralty only by an order in council. This, said Mr. Borden, was in direct conflict with section 15 of the B. N. A. Act.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier's Views.

"Sir Wilfrid Laurier has expressed peculiar views in this regard," said Mr. Borden. "He has stated in an emergency, and he intends to exercise discretion and discrimination as to whether Canada shall assist the mother country in time of danger."

"What he has explicitly stated is that if any such war as the Crimean war occurred under the conditions which prevailed in 1854, he would leave very much to parliament to take part therein. In one part of his speech he declared that when England is at war we are at war."

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A little further on he contradicted that statement by using these words:

"It does not follow, however, that because England is at war we should be at war. And then a little further on he returns to his first love in these words: 'If England is at war we are at war, and which cannot be met by the government's scheme, combining, as it does, a maximum of expense with a minimum of efficiency.'"

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