

SIDEWALK PROBERS TO MEET AT ONCE WE'LL GET ALL FACTS, SAYS BENNETT

Investigation Will Be a General Survey of Public Works in City—Has City Paid For Many Bad Walks?

ELIAS STREET SEWER TO BE SUBJECT OF INQUIRY ON THURSDAY AFTERNOON

Press and Public Will Be Admitted to Sessions—City Engineer Staff and Former Inspector Rymill To Be Witnesses.

The first meeting of the special committee named to investigate the construction of the Dundas and Richmond street walks, and the Elias street sewer, will be held at the city hall on Thursday afternoon.

Ald. Bennett, convener of the committee, has issued notices for the session, and an effort will be made to discover what has been done in the construction of these public works.

WHO WILL BE CHAIRMAN?

The first duty will be the appointment of a chairman. Ald. Bennett, as introducer of the motion, is favored by many, but he will support Ald. Richter for the position. Ald. Bennett is of the opinion that Mr. Richter is the most capable man for the place, particularly in view of the fact that he is unbiased by any previous discussion. He was in the West during the controversy, and will bring an open mind to bear on the whole question.

Ald. Bennett declares the inquiry will be thorough and unprejudiced. Every effort will be made to find out the truth.

EXPECTS TO GET THE FACTS.

"The impression has been created that we are to investigate the Rymill case, as it has been called," he informed The Advertiser. "That is not the case. The dismissal of the inspector, and his letter of explanation formed the foundation of the inquiry, but that feature of the case is not the main object. It was charged that the sidewalks and the Elias street sewer were not constructed according to specifications, in other words, the ratepayers did not get value for the money expended. We want to discover all the facts of the case, and find out actually what is the truth. If I am not much mistaken we will get the facts, too."

SOME OF THE WITNESSES.

City Engineer Wright, Inspector Harry Rymill, Contractor W. J. Anthistle, Inspector Doyle, who succeeded Rymill on the walks, Assistant Engineer Brazier, and probably some of the workmen employed by Mr. Anthistle, will be called upon to give their evidence on the subject. As for the Elias street sewer, Contractor Chris Leathorn will be asked to testify, together with a number conversant with conditions there.

MANY POOR SIDEWALKS.

Information on various walks throughout the city will also be submitted, it is claimed. For years there have been many bad walks constructed. The city engineer has been too busily engaged to prepare statistics on the question, but will have it ready in a few days. Some of the walks have been down for fifteen years, while others were not down more than five years before they had to be repaired or replaced. A statement of the walks on which the guarantee is almost expired is being prepared, and the contractors will be ordered to have them put in shape at once.

The sessions of the committee will be open to press and public.

COUNCIL NAMES BOARD FOR RYMILL CHARGES

City Engineer Says Foundation of Walk at 252 Dundas Street Contains No Cement—Evidence Secured May Go to the County Judge.

An investigation will be made at last into the charges made by Inspector Harry Rymill that the walks on Richmond and Dundas streets were not laid according to the specifications of the city engineer. A committee composed of Ald. Richter, Ashplant, Blandford, Bennett, Murphy and Johnston, was named by the city council last night to inquire into the matter, and make a recommendation to the council. If it is found necessary, the county judge will be asked to go into the question.

The debate, which at times grew a trifle warm, was stamped when Ald. Robinson, chairman of the board of works, presented a letter from Mr. W. J. Anthistle, the contractor, stating that, in view of the discussion, he would guarantee the walks for ten years, although the specifications called for a period of but five years.

Ald. Moore moved that the letter be referred to City Solicitor Meredith to draw up an agreement in accordance with Mr. Anthistle's letter.

A Reflection Upon Council. "This city is not asking for any favors from Mr. Anthistle or any person else," commented Ald. Wright. "This does not look like good business to me. If Anthistle is going to double the period of his guarantee, I think we had better investigate the whole question. Let us go into the matter, and vindicate the engineer and ourselves. The letter is a reflection on the department and upon this council. I move that Mr. Anthistle, Mr. Rymill, the city engineer, and everybody connected with this affair be summoned to appear before a special committee to be investigated. If there is nothing behind this affair, the investigation will clear the air. If there is smoke, there must be fire. Let us get at the fire. I do not like Anthistle's letter."

Ald. Bennett then moved in amendment that Mr. Anthistle's letter be filed, and that a committee composed of Ald. Richter, Blandford, Ashplant and Bennett be appointed to investigate the charges.

No Prejudiced Members. "I pick this committee because the members have not declared themselves on the question," explained Ald. Bennett. "It is not fair to have prejudiced members on the committee."

"I have taken no stand," interrupted Ald. Murphy.

"I still maintain that the other aldermen voted to stifle an investigation," continued Ald. Bennett. "Ald. Murphy was one of them."

"I voted on the principle that the city engineer had full control of his department," said Ald. Murphy. "I

Intends to "Size Up" The Whole Situation



ALDERMAN BURLEY W. BENNETT, who has been largely instrumental in bringing about what is likely to develop into a general investigation of public works in London for some years.

MONEY WASTED SAYS MR. NUTTER

Charges That Slip-Shod Methods Have Increased Court House Repairs.

FIRST ESTIMATES ARE NOT TOO LOW

Extravagance Is the Cause of Doubling Estimate To Be Paid For by County and City.

Former City Architect Nutter disagrees strongly with Mayor Graham and members of the council who state that the first estimates of the cost of repairing the court house and jail were too small, and forced the city and county into an expenditure of \$50,000, double that first agreed upon. He further charges that money is being wasted on the construction work now in hand.

HAS ORIGINAL FIGURES.

"The first estimate of the work was placed at \$25,000," said Mr. Nutter. "I have the plans for the repairs in my possession with the original figures. I maintain that the work could be done for that money, and I am still of that opinion. An additional expenditure of \$2,000 was authorized for other work."

"Money is being wasted on the building. No wonder it is going to cost double the original estimate. If proper business methods were adopted and care exercised, the amount spoken of in the first instance would have been ample. Slip-shod methods will not keep the cost down, and as a result it is mounting rapidly."

MANY CHANGES MADE.

"Furthermore, there has been a lot of improvements ordered that were never considered in the first instance. Change after change has been made, and all the time the expense has been getting greater. For \$25,000 the buildings on the court house square could have been improved. I am prepared to prove all I say in this regard, too."

SIG BATTLESHIP.

Portsmouth, Eng., Sept. 4.—The most powerful battleship yet ordered is to be laid down here in November by the British admiralty. She is to be 700 feet in length, and is to displace 30,000 tons, while her high-powered turbine engines are to develop a speed of 29 knots.

It is reported that the new vessel is to be armed with 14-inch guns, the first tried in the British navy. maintained then, and still maintain that the city engineer had a perfect right to move the inspector if he so desired. If there is anything wrong with the sidewalks, we want to know about it."

"I am glad to see the aldermen show a change of heart," continued Ald. Bennett. "The temper in a teapot has bubbled over. The aldermen are now beginning to see the seriousness of the situation. I do not know whether it was fortunate or unfortunate for the city, but nevertheless the walks have been broken down, and show that in a large measure Mr. Rymill was telling the truth. He also mentioned that a sewer job in the east was not done according to specifications. Let us get at all the facts of the case, and see what is the case."

Mentions a Sewer Job. Ald. Rose seconded Ald. Bennett's amendment, and Ald. Wright withdrew his motion.

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DEMANDS THAT FLOODING END

Arthur W. White Threatens to Appeal to Provincial Authorities.

VALUABLE PAPERS SPOILED BY WATER

Ratepayers Will Be Asked to Provide Funds For Auxiliary Lines at Elections.

The inadequacy of the present sewer system to handle the storm water for the limited area connected up was amply borne out by the recent storms, and serious damage caused a large number of ratepayers has caused great dissatisfaction with present conditions.

The board of health has found that little can be done in the progressive campaign recently inaugurated, because of this Mr. Arthur W. White, of George White & Sons, reports that his firm sustained a heavy loss, and will make an appeal to the provincial board of health to have conditions improved. He is desirous of having a storm water sewer laid on Rectory street to relieve that section.

Although a number of citizens reported damage by flooding, it seems that the loss is greater than first estimated. Danger of a typhoid fever outbreak is feared, although every precaution is being taken to prevent it.

Bylaw May Be Revived. In the meantime, City Engineer Wright and his staff are busily engaged in preparing the topographical map that a bylaw can be submitted to the ratepayers in January. The work has progressed favorably, so far, and undoubtedly it will be ready in due time.

Complaints were made by the score today, and City Engineer Wright and Mayor Graham were busy answering questions. Mr. White was one of the complainants, and insisted that something be done.

"The basement in our business office was flooded, and valuable papers destroyed," Mr. White informed the mayor. "I want something done, at once to relieve conditions. Surely the city will protect us. I want the council to spend \$10,000 in the construction of a storm sewer on Rectory street."

"This question will have to be submitted to the ratepayers," answered Mayor Graham. "We cannot spend the money for this purpose without the consent of the citizens. We are arranging to submit a bylaw in January. The work of preparing the topographical map is being hurried, so that we will have everything in readiness."

"If I cannot get any redress here, I will appeal to the provincial board of health to compel the council to spend the money," Mr. White continued.

"There is every danger of an outbreak of typhoid fever. Surely something can be done to relieve conditions."

Mayor Graham stated that it was impossible for him to do anything, and Mr. White declared that he would carry the whole matter to the provincial board.

E. Williams, chairman of the board of health, informed The Advertiser that the board would have to give up some of the work undertaken by the city, because of lack of sewer accommodation.

A Sanitary Problem. "The present system is altogether a sanitary problem," he stated. "It was never designed for storm water, but for several years past the council has been connecting scores of streets to it. The result is that at the present time it is loaded beyond its capacity."

"Some months ago, we undertook a campaign to compel property owners to connect all outlets to the sewer. We did succeed in a large number of cases, but we have been forced to desist because of the fact that the system will accommodate no more. It is a serious state of affairs, and one that should cause the citizens to pause. A storm water system is absolutely necessary, and the time for action has come."

The inadequacy of the system has long been known. During the term of ex-Mayor S. Stevely, a condition of things similar to that existing arose, and Mr. Willis Chipman of Toronto, the expert who designed the present system, was called in to give expert opinion. He found that the sewers were seriously overtaxed, and suggested then a storm water outlet, but even this precaution failed to relieve the situation.

It is probable that an appeal will be made to the Provincial Board of Health to compel the city to construct the system, provided the ratepayers do not vote favorably next January.

THE WEATHER.

TOMORROW—PARTLY FAIR.

Forecasts.

Toronto, Sept. 4—8 a.m.

Today—Moderate easterly winds; fair and moderately warm.

Thursday—Moderate to fresh easterly to southerly winds; showers or thunderstorms in some localities, but partly fair and warm.

Temperatures.

The following were the highest and lowest temperatures recorded the 24 hours previous to 8 a.m. today:

Stations.	High.	Low.	Weather.
Victoria	60	32	Cloudy
Edmonton	50	22	Fair
Winnipeg	74	60	Fair
Port Arthur	66	50	Cloudy
Toronto	77	64	Cloudy
Ottawa	70	58	Cloudy
Montreal	67	58	Cloudy
Quebec	68	50	Cloudy
Father Point	58	46	Clear

Weather Notes.

Rain has again fallen heavily in nearly all portions of the Western Provinces, attended by local thunderstorms. Elsewhere in Canada the weather is now fine, but the outlook in Ontario is not very settled.

WHY THEY LEAVE



From the London News and Leader. On Tuesday 700 emigrants left England for Australia on board the Aberdeen liner Moravian—four times as many were anxious to travel by the Moravian, but 700 was all she had accommodation for. The Government of Victoria is making arrangements for receiving 30,000 emigrants within the next twelve months, the larger number being expected to settle on the land. This 30,000 will be drawn from rural England, where there are thousands of uncultivated acres. Why do they fly to Canada and Australia as if the land of England were plague-stricken?

Started With Nothing; Has Saved \$1 a Day for 41 Years on His Farm

In complimenting The Advertiser on its "Stay in Ontario" campaign yesterday, a prominent Southwold farmer told a remarkable story of his success in this district. Just forty-one years ago, he said, he came from England. He had only a very small amount of money after paying the passage expenses of himself and wife. On their arrival here they went to work on a farm, and shortly afterwards, getting a good offer to rent a place, took it. After remaining there for a few years by their thrift, they succeeded in getting enough money together to buy a farm, and since then they have been continually adding to their lands. "I was figuring it out recently," said the farmer, "and find that I have succeeded in putting away \$1 a day for every day of the 41 years I have been here. Considering that we had nothing to start on, we have done well. There are no better opportunities any place than here, and Ontario, and particularly this district, is going to be the greatest farming district in the country."

BOY IN JAIL HEARS NEWS OF GRANDMOTHER'S DEATH

Authorities Are Unable to Allow Young Man To Be Released For Funeral.

Mrs. Laura Phoenix, widow of the late David Phoenix, who was a daughter of one of the Maryland slaves who came to Canada after their liberation about 60 years ago, and who were established near Lucan, in what was known as Wilberforce colony, died last night at her residence, 749 Grey street.

Mrs. Phoenix was born in the Wilberforce colony herself, four years after her parents located with about thirty or forty other families near Lucan.

Couldn't Be Liberated. Constable Butler, of Lucan, a descendant of the same families, and the only colored man on the county force, called at the office of Sheriff Cameron this morning and endeavored to obtain the temporary liberation of Clifford Phoenix, a grandson of Mrs. Phoenix, who was sentenced a few days ago by County Judge Macbeth and Police Magistrate J. C. Judd to thirty months in Kingston Penitentiary for his part in the thefts at the Grand Trunk carshops and at the Chelsea Green Hardware Company.

Mr. Butler agreed to look after the Phoenix and return him safely to the custody of Governor Carter after the funeral, but such an arrangement is impossible.

Clifford Phoenix had been a favorite with his grandmother, and was greatly affected by the news of her death.

She is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Archibald Smith, of this city, and Miss Hanna at home, and one sister, Miss Levlina A. Kobman, of this city. The funeral will be held on Thursday afternoon at Mount Pleasant Cemetery. Rev. Mr. Nicholls and Rev. Mr. Lawson will conduct the services.

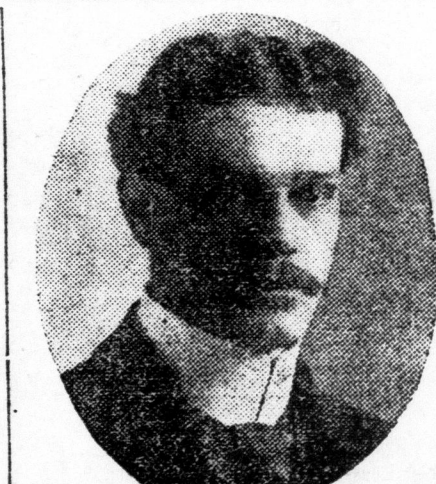
ELECTION WRIT TO BE ISSUED SOON

Protests on Both Sides Are Dropped By Mutual Consent.

CONVENTIONS AT ONCE. Many Aspirants Mentioned for the Nomination—Two Other Protests Dropped.

The trial of the petition against the election of the late Robert Sutherland, M. P. P., East Middlesex, and the cross petition against Mr. George W. Neely, ex-M. P. P., has been postponed indefinitely. The protests against the return of Dr. MacArthur, M. P. P., North Middlesex, and Hon. Dr. Reaume, M. P. P., South Essex, will not be tried in September; as a result, this action means that the cases will be dropped, and nothing further will come out of them.

This result has been anticipated for some time. The death of Mr. Sutherland made it practically impossible to secure a satisfactory settlement of the case.



A. M. PIPER, whose appointment as permanent building inspector, at a salary of \$1,100 a year, has been confirmed by the council. He has held the position for six months on probation.

FRACTURED HIS WRIST.

[Special to The Advertiser.] Ingersoll, Sept. 4.—While superintending the work of fitting up a new store here, Mr. F. H. Brewster, of London, slipped through the flooring today and fell into the cellar, fracturing his wrist.

RUMOR OF BATTLE STARTS RIOTING AT VANCOUVER

Chinese Factions Resort to Clubs and Stones, Many Heads Being Broken and Windows in Chinatown Being Smashed Indiscriminately.

[Canadian Press.] Vancouver, Sept. 4.—Agitated by rumors of a battle in China, representatives of the two Chinese factions here rioted last night. Throughout the day the Orientals had hovered about the bulletin boards, and their excitement increased toward evening until finally about three hundred of them gave combat, using clubs and stones with disastrous effect. Numerous heads were broken and windows in Chinatown were smashed indiscriminately. Although many of the combatants were carried away disabled by members of their respective gangs, it is believed no one was killed.

G.O.P. SPLIT BY VERMONT HERO

Regular Republican Majority Wiped Out For the First Time in Years.

T. R. SUCCESS IN CALIFORNIA

Primaries in the Golden State Give Progressives Control of State Convention.

[Canadian Press.] White River Junction, Vt., Sept. 4.—The close race between the three parties, Republican, Democratic and Progressive, in yesterday's election, was emphasized today in the revision of returns of the vote for governor.

The revised returns from all but 31 small towns in the state are: Allen M. Fletcher, Republican, 23,469.

Harlan B. Howe, Democrat, 18,464. Rev. Fraser Metzger, Progressive, 14,204.

Clement F. Smith Prohibition, 1,429. Fred W. Sutter, Socialist, 1,010.

The failure of the Republican candidate for governor to obtain a majority for the first time in the history of the state in an election preceding a presidential election, causes the election of the state's chief executive to be made by the Legislature. It is expected that the Republicans will have a substantial majority in the Legislature, although there are nearly 81 towns yet to report on the vote for representative.

Progressive Gains.

The strength of the Progressive vote was the feature of the election. The Democrats also increased their vote over two years ago. The falling off in the Republican vote was marked. Indications were that a great part of the defection went to the Progressives, although the Democrats also gained, and a few of the Republican votes went to the Prohibition ticket.

The result of the election is greatly encouraging to the Progressive party of the state. Both Progressive and Democratic leaders professed to see in the result a good prospect to defeat the Republicans in the presidential election in November in Vermont. Many political observers also claimed the result in Vermont yesterday indicated an overturn of the Republican national administration. This claim was based on the belief that a falling off in the Republican majority in Vermont below 25,000 indicated the defeat of the Republican party in November.

CALIFORNIA PRIMARY

WIN FOR ROOSEVELT

Means That Progressive Organization Control the State Convention.

[Canadian Press.]

San Francisco, Sept. 4.—Yesterday's primary election which gave the Progressive party its first opportunity in California to test its strength, assured the Roosevelt-Johnston organization control of the state convention that is to be composed of the legislative nominees. This means that Republican electors pledged to Roosevelt will be named by the convention and will go on the official ballot as the Republican candidates. The Taft leaders, in order to get their electors on the ballot, will be forced to resort to petitions.

San Francisco and Los Angeles rolled up a heavy vote for the Progressive candidates. In San Francisco incomplete returns indicate that the Progressives won the legislative seats with the possible exception of two or three.

Contests among Democrats resulted in substantial victories for the Wilson forces over the old Clark element championed by former Congressman Theodore Bell.

The vote yesterday was light, particularly in the northern half of the state.

SHORT WEIGHT CHEESE

Commission Which Investigated to Report at Early Date.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Ottawa, Ont., Sept. 4.—A report from the commission recently appointed by Hon. Martin Burrell, minister of agriculture, to investigate certain phases of the cheese and dairy industry of the provinces of Ontario and Quebec, will be submitted to the minister at an early date. The investigation will involve certain charges of short-weight at the port of Montreal. The questions included in the report are of extreme urgency, and the department is determined to take early action following the report.