

BOARD OF CONTROL BYLAW CONFUSING TO THE PEOPLE

Some Explanation in Regard to the Matter for Electors—If People
Vote for It It Will Not Come Into Existence
Until 1911.

Some confusion has arisen in the minds of the ratepayers regarding the bylaws to be voted on next Saturday.

This is especially true of the bylaw for the establishment of a board of control. A large number of people imagine that they are voting upon a bylaw to confirm the utilities commission, now in operation.

In explanation it must be mentioned that the water commission, or utilities commission, has now constituted, have the control and direction of the water and power business. They are entirely a separate body and keep separate accounts.

As a matter of fact, the powers of the former commission are merely enlarged to take in the power matter.

All bylaws for money to be expended for increasing the plant, or new

work of any kind must come to the council before being passed.

The Board of Control.

The board of control, if authorized, would go still further. They would be a salaried body as in Toronto, Montreal, Ottawa and other cities. Their election would do away with the utilities commission, and would allow them to take over the work of the engineer's department.

That body would be administrative, handle practically all the city business, while the council would be merely advisory or legislative. The board of control has infinitely wider powers than the water commission. If the people vote for a board of control it will not come into existence until 1911.

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COLDEST NIGHT OF WINTER 2.5 ABOVE ZERO LAST NIGHT

This Morning at Eight o'Clock the Thermometer Registered 4.5
Degrees Above—Highest Temperature Yesterday
Was 13.5 Above Zero.

The local observatory records the coldest temperature of the winter, last night the thermometer registering 2.5 degrees above zero.

Thermometers all over the city have been giving variations of this reading, and a good many people are absolutely positive that it was a good many degrees below zero.

As a matter of fact, it is likely that in some exposed places the temperature did drop below the zero mark.

This morning at 8 o'clock it was 4.5 degrees, and a casual observation of the people coming to work would have given the impression that it was much colder. People do not take kindly to these sudden drops of the mercury.

Yesterday the highest temperature during the day was 13.5, and during the night the lowest was 6.5. There is every indication that a still colder wave is looking, and that the city is in for a frigid New Year.

CHATHAM SEEKS TO ATTRACT AN INDUSTRY FROM LONDON

A Tempting Offer Made to Scott Machine Company—Concern Is
Evidently a Little Sore at Its Treatment by the City
Council Some Time Ago.

London may lose another industry in the near future as a result of an offer that the Scott Machine Company of this city, have received from Chatham.

Messrs. W. H. Braddon, of the Columbia Handle Company, president of the Scott Machine Company, Mr. P. R. Braddon, manager, B. H. Higgins, secretary, and Superintendent A. E. Harrison, left this morning for Chatham to look over a big factory, that the firm have been offered, together with free taxes and water, and the loan of \$15,000 for ten years.

They will report fully at a meeting of the directors to be held shortly.

A Moving Industry.

The Scott Machine Company was founded in London about four years ago, and has already outgrown their premises here, and it is imperative that they secure a larger factory. At the present time they are employing 25 men, and are the only firm in the city that worked full time all last winter, and this year they have been compelled to work many nights overtime.

They manufacture gasoline engines, and do a general repair trade. It is stated that the firm have had offers from several other cities and towns in the vicinity, but the offer from Chatham is one of the best.

Manager Braddon Speaks.

Manager Braddon stated to The Advertiser this morning that he had already seen the factory that Chatham is offering, and that it is a fine, large building, and very suitable for their purpose. As a result of his report the other officers of the firm are in Chatham today looking the factory over, and meeting Chatham's representatives. Some time ago the Scott Machine Company made application to be allowed to enlarge their present factory on York street, by building a handsome addition out to the sidewalk line.

Permission was refused by the city, and ever since the firm have been looking about for a suitable place down town. The Chatham offer turned up recently and they are now looking into it thoroughly.

A Meeting Tonight

IN EAST END HALL

Candidates Will Address Electors on Municipal Questions.

There will be a meeting of the electors in the east end hall this evening to discuss municipal questions.

A large number of the candidates for all public offices have signified their intention to be present, and a long meeting is anticipated.

There has been little enthusiasm manifest so far in the campaign, and the consensus of opinion seems to be that little excitement will be in order.

On Thursday evening a meeting will be held in the city hall, when all the candidates will be heard.

THREE HOURS IN SNOW

Frederick Helstern, of Tillsonburg, Struck by Train.

Windsor, Dec. 28.—After being struck by a Michigan Central passenger train some time yesterday, Frederick Helstern, of Tillsonburg, lay for three hours unconscious in the snow, just outside the city limits.

When he came to Helstern managed to drag himself to a neighboring house, whence he was removed to the Hotel Dieu. He is badly cut and bruised, but will recover.

FIVE PERSONS KILLED IN AN EXPLOSION

Reading, Pa., Dec. 28.—Five persons were killed, and a number injured by an explosion today at the Metropolitan Electric Company's plant here.

Former Employee Is

Suing McLary Firm

An Action Is Being Brought by

Albert Giles for Sum of

\$1,000.

Another case has been entered for the session of the assizes which opens on Jan. 10. Albert Giles, laborer, of this city, is bringing action against the McLary Manufacturing Company for damages amounting to \$1,000.

The plaintiff claims that on Sept. 2, while working for the defendant company he had part of two fingers of his left hand cut off in one of the machines. He claims that the injury was due to the failure of the company to properly protect their machines, and to a defect in the machine itself, of which they must have been aware.

Messrs. Meredith & Fisher for the plaintiff, and Messrs. Gibbons, Harper & Gibbons for the defendants.

THE TURKISH CRISIS

Constantinople, Dec. 28.—The Sultan today accepted the resignation of Hilmi Pasha, the grand vizier. The Turkish press attributes the retirement of Hilmi Pasha to differences between the ministry, which resigned last night, and the committee of union and progress over the general policy of the Government; and to the reports from Baghdad of public discontent, because of the existing monopoly of navigation.

It is currently reported that Hakka Bey, ambassador to Rome, has been invited to form a new cabinet, but some doubt that he would accept the responsibility is expressed.

World Blesses Gladstone's Memory

London, Dec. 28.—The centenary of the birth of William Ewart Gladstone was commemorated today, not only in the land of his birth, but in countries like Greece, the Balkans, and Armenia, whose peoples still cherish the memory of the statesman's exertions in their behalf.

Many foreign delegations joined in services which were held at Westminster. At Haverdine, where Mr. Gladstone died on May 19, 1898, and at other points throughout the country, largely attended memorial meetings were held.

The statue of Gladstone in the Strand was fairly hidden beneath floral offerings.

POLICE PREVENTED A TRAGEDY BY TAKING AWAY REVOLVER

Woman's Screams on Hamilton Road Attracted P.C. MacRae and
He Found a Man and Woman Struggling Desperately
for Possession of the Weapon.

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COL. M. D. DAWSON CRITICALLY ILL

All Hope of His Recovery Said
To Have Been Abandoned.

A WELL-KNOWN SOLDIER

Well Up in Years Ex-paymaster of
This District Unable to Withstand
Attack of Pneumonia.

The many friends of Col. M. D. Dawson, of 288 Princess avenue, will regret to learn that he is so critically ill with pneumonia that all hopes for his recovery have been given up.

Lieut.-Col. M. D. Dawson, retired paymaster of the militia and superintendent of military stores for this district, was born in New Brunswick, and received his early education at a grammar school. In 1851 the family moved to London, at that time a very small place, and shortly afterwards young Dawson entered upon the profession of a printer.

In 1855 he came to St. Louis, Mo., engaged in journalistic work, and remained there six or seven years, but the Civil War interrupted trade, and Mr. Dawson, finding that he labored under many disadvantages from being an alien, returned to London in 1861, where he has since resided. He then started a book and job printing office and was successful.

A few years later he became proprietor of the Prototype, the oldest daily paper in the county of Middlesex, the paper becoming through his efforts a powerful political organ.

It was the first journal in Canada that advocated the National Policy, which finally swept the country, and neither money nor influence could sway it from its course.

In 1878, Mr. Dawson lost his entire plant by fire, and carrying but little insurance, his loss was a heavy one. The substantial aid and assistance rendered him by the entire business community, irrespective of creed or politics, however, soon placed him on his feet again.

He was married March 17, 1859, to Miss Eliza Jane Hannah, a native of St. John's, N. B., who died in 1867, leaving two children, Charles and Lillian. Mr. Dawson was married a second time in 1869 to Miss Rebecca Jane Hearn, of Montreal, and four children are the fruit of this union, Louis H., Franklin de B., Mabel G., and Melville de B. Mr. Dawson has served as member of the city council, and in benevolent and fraternal societies has always taken a lively interest. He was past master of St. John's Lodge, No. 4, A. F. and A. M., and for 20 years has been its secretary. He was also past principal of St. George's Chapter, R. A., and a member of the Grand Chapter of the Grand Lodge of Ontario for many years.

Col. Dawson was one of the original members of the Masonic Mutual Benevolent Society, and a director from its inception. For ten years he was its vice-president, and was one of its oldest and most active members.

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Col. Dawson is widely known, and has assisted at the organization of nearly every encampment in the Province. His connection with the A. O. U. W., dates from 1878. At the meeting of the supreme lodge held in Nashville in 1879 he received the degree of past grand master workman.

The colonel has also a military history, dating from the Trent affair in 1865, when he was stationed on the frontier during that campaign. In 1864 he was gazetted first lieutenant of No. 2 Rifle Company, and Oct. 2, 1868, captain. Aug. 22, 1873, major, and Oct. 5, 1876, lieutenant-colonel. He was paymaster and superintendent of military stores in this district. He retired a couple of years ago.

For some years he has been troubled with asthma, and the seizure of pneumonia found him ill-prepared to stand the shock.

COMMITTED FOR TRIAL.

Toronto, Dec. 28.—Magistrate Denison this morning committed Mrs. Annie Brown for trial for shoplifting in Eaton's store. The woman, Sergeant of Detectives MacKie said, put several rings on her fingers, and then walked off with the two expensive chateaux. She was admitted to bail in one surety.

Assault Case.

The case of Michael Tierney, held on three charges of indecent assault, is being held before Magistrate Lowe today. Tierney is represented by Mr. George S. Gibbons, and Crown Attorney McKillop is conducting the prosecution.

THE WEATHER

TOMORROW—COLD.

FORECASTS.

Fresh northwesterly winds; fair and very cold today and on Thursday.

TEMPERATURES.

Stations. 8 a.m. Min. Weather.

London 38 29 Fair

Windsor 38 29 Cloudy

Port Arthur 38 29 Clear

Port Huron 38 29 Clear

Toronto 38 29 Clear

Ottawa 38 29 Fair

Montreal 38 29 Cloudy

Quebec 38 29 Cloudy

Father Point 38 29 Cloudy

Minus (—) means below zero.

The temperature is below zero this morning in nearly all parts of Canada between Western Manitoba and New Brunswick.

In Alberta the weather is quite mild.

38—39 in Toronto. The weather continues very cold in Manitoba and decidedly lower temperatures are now settling in over Ontario and the Eastern Provinces.

Minimum and maximum temperatures: London, 2-14; Atlin, 30-22; Victoria, 22-38; Vancouver, 34-23; Kamloops, 14-22; Edmonton, 14-20; Prince Albert, 4-18; Calgary, 16-28; Moose Jaw, 8-17; Winnipeg, 5 below; Port Arthur, 3 below; Port Huron, 3 below; Parry Sound, 2 below-12; Toronto, 11-22; Ottawa, 2 below-8; Montreal, 10 below; Quebec, 4 below-6; St. John, 4-16; Halifax, 4-25.

THE DOG SHOW A GREAT SUCCESS

Quality Has Improved Greatly
Over Former Shows.

SOME SPLENDID CANINES

Are Shown by Local People—Show Is
Now in Full Swing and Should
Be Visited.

The annual Christmas dog show, under the auspices of the London Canine Association, is in full swing at the city hall, and will be open this afternoon and evening.

About 150 dogs were benched at noon, and there will be more before the afternoon is over.

From every standpoint the exhibit is ahead of previous years.

The quality of dogs shown is 100 per cent higher than two years ago, and the number of fine dogs in the city has increased fully that much.

Many Dogs Shown.

Practically every class is represented.