

ENGINEER SIFTON CAN HAVE IT! INVESTIGATION IS KEPT ON TAP

Water Commissioners Say
They Have Nothing to
Fear From a Court
of Inquiry

SOME HOT SHOT IS HINTED AT

One of the Commissioners Says
Mr. Sifton Did Not Always
Treat the Commission
Correctly.

"The water commissioners are too big to pay the slightest attention to Mr. Sifton's letter," said Mayor Beattie, in discussing the communication written by the former electrical engineer regarding the awarding of the tenders for the Niagara power station. "We knew what we were doing when we acted as we did, and the matter is settled. If Mr. Sifton wants an investigation, let him ask for it, and state his reasons for asking it, and for my part he can have all he wants of it."

Mr. Sifton wrote rather a lengthy letter to a local paper, in which he stated that the tenders awarded were not the lowest, but were high. He also charges the commissioners with showing animosity towards him.

Can Have Investigation.
Mr. Philip Pocock, who was mentioned in a letter now having been more especially antagonistic to Mr. Sifton, comes out flat-footed, as did his worship, and declares that the commissioners have too much to do to waste their time in argument with Mr. Sifton.

"If Mr. Sifton wants an investigation he can have all he wants of it," he stated to The Advertiser. "Let him ask for it, and we will give it to him. As for entering into a controversy with Mr. Sifton I absolutely refuse to do so. He can have all the investigating he desires."

The commissioners insist that an investigation will certainly not affect them. Chairman A. T. McMahon discussed the letter at some length, and said that there were many things in it not true. However, he preferred not to say anything for publication. He admitted that he was willing to allow an investigation if Mr. Sifton really wanted it.

In the meantime some of the commissioners are preparing ammunition for the investigation if it is called, and when it does come there are suggestions that there will be some interesting matter produced.

The commissioners are not inclined to back down an inch.

An interesting session.
One commissioner stated today that there were others who could make a statement besides the commissioners, and that some of the inferences drawn some time ago might again be gone into, and cause an interesting session at least.

"There is not one chance in a million of Mr. Sifton getting back on his position," said a city official today. "He has spoiled what little chance he may have had, and now there is absolutely nothing to be gained. It is difficult to see where he can be vindicated."

He spoiled his case by charging personal animus, at the same time exhibiting not the kindest spirit in the world himself."

Utter Nonsense.
Ald. Stevenson had a chat with Mayor Beattie at noon, and the question that the city would lose \$24,000 at least in three months if the power station was not ready, was discussed.

"What utter nonsense," the mayor said. "I am sick and tired of listening to that wearisome hubbub. There is absolutely nothing in it. It was chased out against us at every step, and now Mr. Sifton trots it out against the commissioners' nature to say that the local station will be ready as soon as the transmission line. There will be branches on some of the city poles before power gets here."

That statement is immense.
"That statement is immense," said Mr. Sifton did not act fairly with the commission in reference to the request he made to Mr. Glauzitz of the Niagara power commission, to design the towers at the power station. Mr. Sifton, it is said, asked the commission to request Mr. Glauzitz to design the plans, when he had Mr. Glauzitz's plans in his possession at that time.

There is some talk also that Mr. Sifton desired to be made engineer over the waterworks end of the matter, and the communication avers that Mr. Sifton did not show sufficient grasp of hydraulics to make him a suitable man for the position.

STEAMER ABANDONED.
New York, March 4.—The Russian steamer Korea, buffeted by storms on the north Atlantic and pounded into helplessness by heavy seas, was abandoned by her crew on March 1, and left to her fate. She was sinking fast when the men left her. The Korea's crew of 45 men were taken off by the Anchor Line steamer Caledonia and are on their way home.

OLD FATHER THAMES MILD AS A LAMB

Water Is Falling Steadily—No
Danger of a Flood Just
Now.

Today there is only two feet of water passing over the dam at Springbank, and it is believed that all danger of any flood is past for the present. The river dropped 16 inches since yesterday at noon, and the water is steadily going down.

All the ice has broken up and passed safely over the dam, and no trouble of any kind is now anticipated. It is a long time since there was such an immense quantity of snow as was in the country which went away with so little trouble.

Reports from Chatham state that owing to an ice jam below the city the river has risen five feet, and it is expected that a flood may result.

DR. TENNENT WILL QUARANTINE MORE DOGS

Just Home From Clinton, He Is
Compelled to Go to
Strathroy.

Dr. Tennent arrived home this morning from Clinton, and at once left for Strathroy, where he will quarantine a number of dogs as a result of word received from Ottawa last night that a dog bitten there some days ago had rabies.

Dr. Tennent goes from Strathroy to West Monrovia in Perth County, where a dog also went mad and bit a number of other dogs.

PETER ROSENBERG WAS PLACED UNDER ARREST

Charged With Obtaining Goods
by Fraud From Tavistock
Merchant.

Peter Rosenberg, of Tavistock, formerly of this city, was placed under arrest at the Metropolitan Hotel this morning by Constable Henry Feik, of Tavistock, on a charge of obtaining goods valued at \$21 from V. Stock, a merchant who resides there. Rosenberg is 24 years old, and while in this city was in the employ of the London street railway. He left some months ago, and has since been working on a farm near Tavistock.

It is alleged that he got clothes, shoes and other things, and then jumped out of the town. He will be taken back to Tavistock this afternoon.

STIFF FIGHT IN SIGHT OVER LOCAL OPTION

Strathroy Case Will Likely Be
Carried High Up in Courts.

Mr. John M. Gunn has received the certificate of the recount in the Strathroy local option case, and it will be forwarded to the town clerk immediately. The council of the town meets on Monday evening, and on that occasion it is understood a bylaw will be passed ratifying the decision of the people.

There will be a move to quash the bylaw, and it is likely that there will be a very stiff fight. In the last inquiry there were certain legal limitations that prevented the county judge from considering many of the points introduced by the opponents of the measure. Under a motion to quash the bylaw, however, these limitations will not hold, and consequently, a very close fight is expected.

ACTION FOR RENT

Session of First Division Court Today.
There was a session of the first division court this morning, where a large number of cases were disposed of. Judge Elliott presided.

The Canada Trust Company brought action against the Canada Fence Company for \$400 for damages due to being compelled to move from the premises was introduced, but his honor refused to consider the counter claim, but permitted the defendants to withdraw it. Judgment was finally given for \$44 and costs. Mr. Thomas Coleridge, for the plaintiff, and Mr. T. H. Luscombe, for the defendant.

THE WEATHER

TOMORROW—FAIR AND MILD.
FORECASTS.
Toronto, March 4—8 a.m.
Fair and mild today and on Saturday.

TEMPERATURES.
Today. Yesterday.
Stations. 8 a.m. Min. Low. High.

London. 43. 40. 45.
Victoria. 46. 40. 48.
Calgary. 48. 20. 48.
Port Arthur. 36. 16. 38.
Port Arthur. 34. 14. 32.
Perry Sound. 34. 22. 41.
Toronto. 48. 36. 48.
Ottawa. 38. 24. 39.
Montreal. 38. 24. 39.
Quebec. 34. 16. 32.
Father Point. 34. 16. 32.
Dawson City. 14. 22. 44.

Vancouver. 40. 30. 45.
Kamloops. 38. 28. 44.
Edmonton. 38. 28. 44.
Battleford. 38. 28. 44.
Moose Jaw. 38. 28. 44.
Qu'Appelle. 38. 28. 44.
Regina. 38. 28. 44.
Halifax. 38. 28. 44.

Minus (—) means below zero.

Signs of Spring—Don't Believe All of Them.



The Game at Collingwood Tonight

A dispatch to The Advertiser from Collingwood this afternoon states that the ice at the rink there is somewhat soft, but that there will be little slush during the game with London tonight.

The temperature at noon was four points above freezing, or 36 degrees.

London's great exhibition on the poorest kind of ice here Wednesday night, makes it appear that the locals will have a fair chance for the championship.

HON. MR. BECK'S BROTHER'S CAR FIGURES IN PUBLIC INQUIRY

It Was Sold to the Automobile and Supply Company, of Toronto,
and Then to the Hydro-Electric Commission—Mr. J. Fritz
Beck Says He Had No Dealings With the Commission.

[Special to The Advertiser.]
Toronto, March 4.—Mr. W. C. Smith, manager of the Automobile and Supply Company, was again called to the stand by the public accounts committee of the Legislature today, and was subjected to a rather severe cross-examination with regard to the purchase and sale of second-hand automobiles.

Two machines, each a second-hand one, were sold to the hydro-electric commission by his company, said Mr. Smith.

One of these was purchased by the company from Mr. J. F. Beck, of London, and the other from Chief Engineer Sothmann, of the hydro-electric commission.

Mr. Sothmann went to Mr. Smith for the purpose of having the two machines valued and sold.

The Automobile and Supply Company valued the machines at \$1,625 each, for which they purchased them. The machines then were sold to the hydro-electric commission for \$1,625 each, while Smith's private secretary, one, was bought by the commission for \$5,200.

Mr. T. W. McGarry, in examining Mr. Smith, made everything quite plain. He so framed his questions that simple answers only were necessary.

Mr. Smith explained that he was anxious to have a Pearce-Arrow car in the fleet of the commission, and he sold it for the lowest price ever accepted for such a make.

The company did not get good prices for the other machines, but wanted to get the business, and sold them. He said that second-hand automobiles usually were sold at a loss. Only last week he had sold a machine on which a thousand dollars was lost.

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AUTO SHOW FOR FOREST CITY MAYOR WIRES FOR ARMORIES

Windsor Man Is Ready to Promote the Scheme If London Will
Get a Move On—Mayor Beattie Realizes the Importance
of the Move and Acts at Once.

London may have an automobile show during Easter week.

Dr. Stevenson has been in communication with Mr. Jaffrays, of Windsor, who promoted the Montreal and Toronto shows, and he said that Mr. Jaffrays would put on a show in London provided a suitable building could be secured. Mr. Jaffrays had read an article on the subject in The Advertiser and at once communicated with Dr. Stevenson.

Mayor Beattie was interviewed by Dr. Stevenson at noon today, and it was decided to try and secure the Armories for the purpose, if possible.

His worship entered enthusiastically into the project, and immediately made an effort to secure the building. He wired direct to Sir Frederick Borden, minister of militia, and also to Major Beattie, M. P. for London, asking him to use his good offices in securing the Armories for the show.

A Good Suggestion.
"I think the suggestion a good one," said his worship. "I will be willing to do all in my power to assist in bringing the show to this city. Outside the Armories there is no building suitable for the purpose. I have wired to Sir Frederick Borden and Major Beattie, asking them to try and secure the Armories for that occasion. I think

they will agree to the request. It will not interfere with the regiment to any extent, and will be a distinct benefit to the city of London."

Ald. Stevenson is enthusiastic over the idea.

"I was at the Toronto exhibition and it was a great success," he stated to The Advertiser. "It is well worth while. It should bring a large number of visitors here, and would be a good thing for the city of London."

It may result in the establishment of an automobile industry in London. A large number of American firms will be invited to exhibit here, and as there are many looking for a suitable site in Canada, they may be induced to locate in London.

Manufacturers Committee.
Ald. Fitzgerald and the manufacturers committee will keep in close touch with the arrangements, and will make an effort to induce any company desiring a location to settle in London.

BROUGHT OUT ALIVE FROM UNDER AVALANCHE

Ten Persons Found Living Although Entombed Several Days.

Seattle, Wash., March 4.—A special to The Post-Intelligencer from Everett, says one car at the Wellington slide has been excavated and ten persons in it were found alive.

The report that Trainmaster A. R. Blackburn's body was lost in a second slide is denied. Blackburn and Superintendent O'Neill's private secretary, were both in his private car when it went over.

The car has not been found, and there is a hope that the occupants may be alive. One man, entombed 60 hours, has been dug from the snow half demented.

PERMANENT COMMISSION FOR LIQUOR LICENSES

Blind Pig Problem at Cobalt at
Last Arouses Whitney
Government.

[Special to The Advertiser.]
Toronto, March 4.—Chief License Officer Eudo Saunders yesterday received a message from Special Officer George Morrison stating that ten men in Cobalt had been fined \$100 each, making \$1,000 in all, for selling liquor without a license in Cobalt. This is altogether apart from the seizure of \$2,000 worth of liquor seized a few days ago at Cobalt station. The situation has become so serious and the blind pigs so numerous that the Government is becoming tired of the continually pleading on the one hand for leniency and the fault-finding of the other by the temperance people who are dissatisfied with the present administration of the law. The temperance and moral reform element have called upon Sir James Whitney to make good his promise and take the administration of the liquor license law out of politics. Matters have assumed such a serious condition that this will likely be dealt with in a few days in caucus with a view to bringing the matter up in the Legislature, and possibly amending the law to place the administration of the liquor licenses under a permanent commission.

LOCAL BAKERS ARE NOT WELL PLEASED

Say the New Size of Loaf Will
Be Very Unpopular.

There is a good deal of discontent among the local bakers over the proposed legislation to increase the size of the loaf sold by bakers. Without exception, they refuse to discuss the changes, stating that they are not yet conversant with the facts, and do not wish to speak on the matter until it has been more definitely settled.

One of them, however, stated that to compel bakers to produce a pound and a half loaf will be a very unpopular measure in this city, and as London ships a very large amount of bread, the significance of this is of importance.

The gentleman in question stated that it was almost impossible to charge more than 5 cents a loaf for bread, and that it would be impossible to produce bread at that price weighing a pound and a half. A baker, he stated, is working on a very small margin, and to increase the size of the loaf would make it absolutely necessary to raise the price, and this would immediately be followed by complaints from the public, and be responsible as well for a very considerable falling off in patronage.

EIGHT MEN ARE ON THE WAY TO THE PASTEUR INSTITUTE SEQUEL TO MAD HORSE CASE

Came in Contact With Brute Before It Was Known
That It Was Affected With Rabies
at Coldstream.

ARE HASTENING TO TAKE THE CURE

Dr. Tennent Says the People Are Not Even Yet Realizing the
Danger They Are In—Looks for an Epidemic
of Rabies in the Spring.

Men sent to Pasteur Institute—D. C. Campbell, farmer; J. C. and Walter Campbell, his sons; T. D. McKellar, Harry Brock and J. D. Sinclair, farmers and neighbors of Mr. Campbell; Peter Dewar and W. McVicar, veterinary surgeons. Place—Coldstream, village in Lobo Township, 15 miles west of London.

Cause—Horse, belonging to D. C. Campbell, supposed to have been bitten by mad dogs, recently went violently mad.

The horse was ill about three days altogether, and became terribly violent yesterday.

As a result of the death of a horse belonging to D. C. Campbell, of Coldstream, yesterday afternoon, from rabies, eight men, D. C. Campbell, his sons, J. C. and W. Campbell; T. D. McKellar, Harry Brock, farmers and neighbors, and two veterinary surgeons, Peter Dewar and W. McVicar, are all on their way to the Pasteur Institute in New York for treatment.

The men had all been exposed in attending Mr. Campbell's horse ever since it was taken ill a couple of days ago, and they were with it yesterday when after suffering frightfully for hours, it died. Several of the men, it is stated, received scratches, and were covered with froth from the mad animal.

A TERRIBLE SIGHT.
It was a terrible sight to watch the horse, one of those present told The Advertiser today. "On Wednesday when we went over, the animal seemed as if it were very dull and sleepy, and did not want to make."

"Yesterday, however, it was completely changed and seemed unable to keep quiet."

"It was seized with spasms after midnight, and rolled about in the most terrible pain. Its eyes seemed almost starting from its head."

"People are slow in realizing what a serious matter this is," he said. "There is a good deal of room for improvement in the way in which the regulations are being carried out. In some districts the dogs are being looked after fairly well, but in others not nearly so well. People do not realize that with all the dogs that have been bitten, and that are at present unknown there is grave danger consequent upon the only way is to make sure that the dogs can do no harm."

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DOG POUND IS OVERFLOWING MORE ACCOMMODATION NEEDED

At Present Time All Are Thrown in Together, and Some Heated
Arguments Take Place Between Canines—Mayor Says
New Regulations Will Be Enforced.

No dogs were received at the dog pound today owing to the fact that the dog-catcher has too many to be accommodated at the somewhat limited quarters at Queen's Park.

At the present time there are about 45 dogs incarcerated, and Ben Blackburn has half a dozen more in his wagon awaiting transportation to the pound. He has been notified to let up on his work for a day or two until such a time as some arrangements have been made for the disposition of the dogs now there.

Mayor Beattie and Dr. J. S. Niven have under consideration certain changes in the park pound.

All in Together.
All dogs taken are now placed in one corral. Big and little, fat and lean, good and bad, are jumbled indiscriminately in the one stall.

A number of citizens have gone to the pound to take their pets out of limbo, but when they saw the conditions and the sort of company they have been keeping, they have immediately

lately got out, and left them to their fate. They do not consider it safe to take their dogs home, as some of them are evidently very vicious.

However, each day's catch will now be separated, and a better system of caring for them will be adopted. The law holds that a dog must be retained four days for identification. At the present time it is impossible to discover when a dog was put in pound.

"We have arranged for changes at the pound," said Mayor Beattie. "We will keep each day's catch separated from the other. At the present time they are all placed in one pen, and this does not work out very satisfactorily. All the dogs are in one pen, and any man who wants his dog will have little trouble in getting him out if he pays all the costs."

The day of execution has not been set. This is being kept a deep secret, but some of these day the vagrant dogs of the city will be put to death. Extra precautions are being taken to prevent any person liberating the animals.

MASONS PURCHASE A SITE FOR NEW MASONIC TEMPLE

Denton Property on Queen's Avenue, Between Park Avenue and
Wellington Street, Has Been Secured From Mr. J.
W. Jones for the Sum of \$11,000.

The Masons of London yesterday bought a site for their new Masonic Temple.

The Denton property on Queen's avenue, on the north side, near Dr. John D. Wilson's residence, was purchased for \$11,000 from Mr. J. W. Jones and the executors of the Denton estate. The property has a terrace on it, and has a 73-foot frontage. It is considered a very valuable site.

For some time the deal has been under way, but it was consummated yesterday afternoon, and the money will be paid over in a few days.

Plans will be called for within the next month, and the most suitable will be accepted. Several well-known architects have been working on them for some time, and when the time comes they will submit theirs for consideration.

Erecting the Building.
It is expected that the work of erecting the building will be commenced early in May, and it will be rushed to completion. It is expected to be ready for the autumn meetings.

"We will go ahead rapidly from this time on," said a prominent member of the committee. "We have been a long time obtaining a suitable site, but now that we have secured one, there will be no trouble in getting the building."

All the money needed for the building has been subscribed.

THE ARMY ESTIMATES.
London, March 3.—The army estimates for 1910, as estimated today, show a total for maintenance of \$138,800,000. This is an increase over the estimates of the preceding year of \$1,625,000.