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G. N. HATFIELD TO PERFORM DUTIES OF CITY ENGINEER

The common council yesterday afternoon received two applications for the post of city engineer, one from H. W. Harris, of Winnipeg, and another from W. D. Holt, formerly of this city, and at present here. They were received and action was deferred.

Commissioner McLellan expressed the opinion that an appointment should be made soon. He felt that a city engineer was necessary and should look after the work in the harbor department and in the public works department as well. He had no one in mind to recommend, but he was convinced difficulties would arise if something were not done.

In connection with some special resolution, Commissioner Fisher recommended, and it was accepted, that the road engineer be authorized to execute the work when called upon to do so, until a city engineer is appointed.

Commissioner Russell asked for authority to have sheds Nos. 1, 2 and 3, West St. John, planked with six, nine and ten-inch planks, respectively, the estimated cost of the work being \$800. Permission was granted with the provision that the work be let by tender.

The recommendation of Commissioner Russell that the tender of W. E. Emerson for pipe fitting, heating and ventilation in the reconstruction of No. 5 shed, for the sum of \$3288, was passed, Commissioner McLellan seconding the recommendation.

The council added its protest to the proposed damming of the St. Lawrence river, acting upon the request of the Union of Canadian Municipalities. It was the opinion expressed in the communication that this matter should be

LEGAL FIGHT OVER MONTREAL NEWSPAPER

Lawyer Shareholder of Herald Lays Action

Interesting Statements

Lord Atholstan And Unknown Associates Declared Controlling Factors—Reported Annual Deficit of \$60,000—Offer of British America Publishing Company

Montreal, Oct. 24.—An interesting legal fight over the Montreal Herald has been staged in the practice division of the superior court here by Stephen John Le Huray, a lawyer and shareholder in the Herald, who yesterday petitioned Mr. Justice Bruneau to issue an injunction to prevent the transfer of the machinery and plant for printing and publishing the Herald newspaper, as per lease decided upon at a special meeting of the Herald shareholders on last Saturday, the lease being for ten years, with option of purchase.

The petition alleges that the majority of the capital stock of the Herald is controlled by Lord Atholstan and associates, unknown; that the lease and proposed transfer of machinery and plant represent concerted action and are inimical to the interests of the Herald Company itself and oppressive to the rights of the minority shareholders; that the meeting of last Saturday was held under the presidency of E. G. O'Connor and an offer was made through H. J. Elliott, K.C., on behalf of the British American Publishing Company for the use of the machinery and plant at an annual rental of \$10,000, the Herald Company to be obliged to assume a certain proportion of any loss incurred by the British American Publishing Company; that a special offer for an option to purchase was made, the option to remain open for two weeks from October 10, and that it was announced at the meeting that the Herald had an annual deficit of \$60,000.

The petitioner, who says that he is a creditor of the Herald in the sum of \$8,000 as the holder of bonds, asks that, in view of present conditions, the machinery and plant be sold by public auction, with the right of the purchaser to use the name of The Montreal Herald.

The case will come up again on Thursday. It is understood that the British American Publishing Company has been formed for the purpose of taking over the Herald.

Presentations To Soldiers

An official visit was paid to Havelock Lodge, No. 27, L. O. L., by the district officers last night. Two of the members of the lodge, John H. Guild and Kirby Holley, who have enlisted for service overseas, were presented with tokens of remembrance. Mr. Guild was given a fountain pen and Mr. Holley a wrist watch. Addresses were delivered by Messrs. Sully and Arthur and other district officers.

Norman Lund, who for several years has been employed as telegraph operator at this city, has resigned his position to join the naval service as wireless operator. He is spending a few days in Sackville with his parents before entering upon his new duties.

George Swetka of this city has received a letter from his son, Signaller William Swetka of the 20th Battalion, telling of his taking dinner with the boys of No. 4 Siege Battery. He says that the airplanes are very active in France at the present time.

A Bulgarian tried to enlist yesterday at the recruiting office. He told Captain Miller, the city recruiting officer, that he was a wireless operator, and that he had been with the 1st Battalion, 1st Canadian Division, in the Balkans. A cable received last week by Morris Scovill, Meadowslands, stated that his son, Captain M. A. Scovill, had been moved to a new prison camp in Germany. This is the fourth camp in which Captain Scovill has been interned.

CANADA NOW HANDING TORCH TO THE STATES

Philadelphia, Oct. 24.—Cessation of the world-war at this time would mean the waste of all that nations have given to defeat Germany, Rev. Bruce Taylor, principal of Queen's University, and former chaplain of the 42nd Canadian Highlanders, declared at the final session here on Saturday of the conference of college and university representatives and the university section of the committee on engineering and education of the advisory commission of the council of national defence.

"Canada is now handing the torch to the United States," said Dr. Taylor, after describing his experiences on the European battlefronts. "The present conflict is no ordinary war, but a crusade, and the United States must give all it has, for we are almost spent."

The speaker deplored the frightful losses among college men, who, he said, "were sent from Canada merely to stop a gap and die obscurely, with their technical training of no avail."

"But they served their purpose," he added, "for they stopped the first German rush."

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Closing Session Of The Baptist Convention

Financial Report Best in Years—Resolutions Call For Elimination of Gambling and Enforcement of Liquor Laws

At yesterday morning's session of the Baptist convention in Halifax which closed last evening, a resolution against gambling was passed.

The financial showing is the best in many years. The income was \$13,098. Of this, \$2,000 was received from the James E. Cushing estate. Last year's deficit of \$1,775.95 has been wiped out, and the new year opens with a credit balance of \$534.31. The estimates call for \$15,000 for the present year.

An item of interest is that during the absence of Rev. S. A. White, pastor of the Zion church (African), Truro, the veteran preacher, the Rev. John Clark, is acting pastor of the church. During the past year much work has been done among African people of Nova Scotia, more than \$1,700 being expended in that work where twelve workers are employed.

Resolutions.

The committee on temperance and moral reform recommended the employment along with the other Baptist conventions in Canada, of a social service secretary; that the convention officially relate itself to the Home for Delinquent Girls in Truro; that in view of the laxity of the enforcement of the Nova Scotia Temperance act, in section of Nova Scotia, that said act be so amended as to centralize the authority and so give greater power, thus making the act more effective; that this convention register its strong disapproval of the dominion senate in expunging the amendment to the criminal code relating to the age of consent and also to the Doherty act; that the pastors of our churches place greater emphasis on these great social issues that the Baptist people of our constituency may attain an intelligent grasp of existing social conditions.

Rev. J. W. Manning, D. D., urged the preparation and care of histories of churches.

Members of the home mission board were appointed as follows: retiring Rev. A. L. Huddleston, Rev. M. L. Gregg, Rev. Z. L. Fask, Wm. Davies, Samuel Freeman.

The series of addresses which the Rev. Bowley Green has been giving, was brought to a close this afternoon by a splendid address. Mr. Green expressed his appreciation of the kindly reception he has received. Miss Glass, of the Y. M. C. A., appealed to the convention to aid the Y. W. C. A. in their efforts to protect the girls coming into the city. She spoke especially of the establishment of a travelers' aid in Halifax.

Rev. W. M. Rochester, secretary of the Dominion Lord's Day Alliance, spoke in the interests of the work of the alliance in maintaining a day of rest for all of worship for all who will.

The convention endorsed the proposition to officially unite in the support of the Home for Delinquent Girls in Truro.

The following resolution regarding gambling was enthusiastically endorsed:

Hon. H. A. McKeown's Address in Moncton

Moncton, Oct. 23.—(Special).—Hon. Chief Justice McKeown, of St. John, delivered an eloquent address this evening before a large audience in city hall under the auspices of the Moncton Canadian Club on "The Basis of International Law." F. A. McCully, K.C., presided. A vote of thanks was tendered the speaker on motion of Hon. C. W. Robinson, seconded by E. A. Reilly, K. C.

His Lordship Bishop Chasson who was recently consecrated bishop of Labrador coast by His Eminence Cardinal Begin arrived in Moncton this afternoon at 4 o'clock by C. P. R. from St. John. He was accompanied by His Lordship Bishop Emard, of Valleyfield, Quebec. They were met at the station by a number of Catholic clergy and this evening were guests at a reception at 8 o'clock in the Assumption church. An address was presented to the newly consecrated bishop. The address was read by Henry LeBlanc.

Rev. E. Bosworth reported for the Grand Ligne Mission. This mission has 140 representatives at the front. The amount contributed by the constituency of the convention was \$5,816.79.

Rev. E. E. Daley reported for the finance committee. They ask for \$80,000 for denomination work. Of this, \$55,000 is asked from the churches, to be apportioned as follows: Nova Scotia, \$33,000; New Brunswick, \$21,000; Prince Edward Island, \$1,500.

Closing Session.

The closing session of the Baptist convention was devoted to Canadian missions. Rev. E. S. Mason, secretary of home missions, spoke on the call for workers in home mission fields.

Rev. A. J. Prosser spoke of the work in western Canada.

Rev. G. N. Masse spoke of the work of the Grande Ligne mission.

By rising vote the following resolution was passed: "Resolved that we express our gratitude for the formation of the Union government at Ottawa for the purpose of winning the war and that we respectfully petition this government to enact as speedily as possible a law prohibiting the importation, manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors in the Dominion of Canada. Resolved that this convention expresses its determination to prosecute the war to a successful termination until righteousness, equity and fraternity are vindicated by our arms."

Greetings were ordered sent to the Baptist captains overseas and through them to our men at the front. The following resolutions were passed by standing vote:

"Resolved that we express our appreciation of the patriotic devotion of the noble men who have so freely offered their services in the defence of our country and that we tender our heartfelt sympathy to those who have lost their loved ones in the great struggle for freedom and righteousness."

"Resolved that this convention reaffirms its conviction that the laws against intemperance should be strictly and impartially enforced in all parts of the Maritime provinces. Further resolved that this convention views with strong disapproval the manifest failure to enforce the temperance act in the city of Halifax where so many of our soldiers embark for overseas and return after sacrificial service for God and humanity."

The convention put itself on record in favor of woman suffrage.

Revs. C. W. Rose, H. R. Boyer and F. E. Bishop were appointed as members of the Baptist army and navy board.

Merchant Cruiser Sunk.

London, Oct. 23.—The British merchant cruiser Ormsa has been torpedoed and sunk, it is officially announced. A British destroyer has been sunk in a collision.

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