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# MATTER OF FEW HOURS DECIDES PEACE OR WAR

## Today and Tomorrow Crucial in Peace Conference

### POINTS OF DIFFERENCE

**Turkey Insists on Revictualling Adrianople if Greece Does Not Sign Armistice — Have Servia and Austria Come to Terms?—Greek Army Aviator in Action**

(Canadian Press)

London, Dec. 19—Whether peace is to be declared between Turkey and the Balkan allies or whether the war is to be continued, is expected to be settled within forty-eight hours. In diplomatic circles in London the opinion prevails that if the thorny obstacles which are likely to present themselves at the sessions of the peace conference in St. James Palace today and tomorrow can be surmounted or circumvented, peace will be assured.

The revictualling of the Turkish fortress of Adrianople, on which the Turks are reported to insist as a condition to the waiving of the demand that Greece should sign the armistice is a most troublesome point, and if the Turks maintain their attitude it will indicate that they are still firm on the subject of the retention of the fortress after the war.

London, Dec. 19—The Belgrade correspondent of the Daily Mail sends the following:

"I learn that the Austro-Servian dispute has been solved. Servia will recognize an autonomous Albania, receiving the use of a commercial port on the Albanian coast, connected with Servia by a neutral railway.

The Servian minister of railways is leaving Belgrade for London for the purpose of giving technical advice to the Servian peace delegates."

Athens, Dec. 19—A violent cannonade occurred yesterday between the Greeks attacking and the Turks defending Bizani fort. A Greek aviator flew over Bizani and Janina. Turkish fire slightly damaged his planes, and he replied by dropping bombs. He eventually landed safely.

Constantinople, Dec. 19—The council of ministers yesterday after consideration of the question of the admission of Greece to the peace conference, sent fresh instructions to the Ottoman delegates in London. The nature of the instructions has not been divulged.

Sofia, Dec. 19—The finance minister yesterday declared the report of Bulgarian financial difficulties unfounded. He said that Bulgaria was in a position to continue the war for three, even six months.

The sobranje passed the first reading of the bill providing an extraordinary credit of $10,000,000 for army purposes. The government has introduced a bill providing for the postponement of the municipal elections and the prolongation of the moratorium until thirty days after mobilization.

## THOUSANDS OF TURKISH RIFLES CAPTURED BY SERVIAN VICTORS

Here are signs of a fight, in which thousands of rifles, much ammunition and food were flung aside by Turkish troops when the Servians captured Uskub and Kumanova.

## FLYNN NEW HEAD OF SECRET SERVICE

Washington, Dec. 19—William J. Flynn of New York, has been appointed chief of the United States Secret Service by Sec. MacVeagh of the Treasury Department.

He succeeds John E. Wilkie, new chief supervising aogent of the customs service. For many years Mr. Flynn has been in charge of the New York division of the secret service, and during the early days of Mayor Gaynor's administration he was deputy police commissioner of New York city.

## WORKING GIRLS' HOME MRS. VANDERBILT'S GIFT

New York, Dec. 19—Ground will be broken in East 29th street next month for a new working girls' home, the gift of Mrs. Frederick Vanderbilt. The estimated cost is $150,000 and the building will accommodate 100 girls who will pay from $3 to $5 a week for their room and board. The building will be seven stories high and fireproof. An unusual feature will be open courts in front and the back enclosed by buildings. Many of the rooms will open on these flower-filled courts which will give the girls plenty of light and air with a maximum of privacy.

A similar institution also built by Mrs. Vanderbilt has been in successful operation for some time.

## WEATHER BULLETIN

**Issued by autority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries. R. F. Stupart, director of meterological service.**

Toronto, Dec. 19—A disturbance which developed over the middle states during yesterday is now centred near the Atlantic coast. Heavy rain has fallen in the maritime provinces and light snowfalls have occurred in Ontario and Quebec. The weather continues moderately cold in Manitoba and Saskatchewan, elsewhere it is comparatively mild.

Probabilities Here.

Maritime—Strong east and southeast winds, with rain. Friday, westerly winds, clearing; a little lower temperature.

## LORD HERSEY'S OFFER A PUZZLER FOR BOY SCOUT DIRECTORS

**Secretary of British Embassy in Washington Likely to Be "Scout Master" There**

Washington, Dec. 19—Directors of the boy scouts of the District of Columbia are puzzled just how to reply to Lord Hersey, third secretary to the British embassy, who has offered his service to the local juvenile brigade. It is believed to be the first time that the British peer has sought actively to join in the semi-military training of the youth of another country.

Lord Hersey contends, however, that the spirit of militarism should not prevail in the organization, but that the movement should be physical and moral and mental training of the boys of every country. In Great Britain, where the movement originated, the boy scouts are semi-military.

It is altogether likely that the British diplomat will be appointed a "scout master" in the local organization.

## DISCUSS BORDEN PROPOSALS IN THE BRITISH HOUSE

London, Dec. 19—Replying to a question put by Keir Hardie in the House of Commons today, Premier Asquith gave assurance that before the country committed itself to the acceptance of Mr. Borden's naval proposals the commons would be given full opportunity of discussing them.

## HEARING PETITION FOR PARDON FOR BOY BROKER

Boston, Dec. 19—At the State House yesterday the pardon committee of the executive council heard an application for pardon and release from Robert E. Davie, the so-called "boy broker," now serving a five-year sentence for larceny at the House of Correction at Deer Island. Lieut. Governor Luce presided.

There were present not only the members of the committee, but also other members of the executive council who wanted to hear the entire case. Only fifteen persons appeared as interested persons. Mrs. Luella E. Davie, the mother of the youthful prisoner, arrived early. During the main part of the hearing she sat just outside the pardon hearing room.

There were also present men of standing in the community who desired to say a word in Davie's behalf. There were several others present to oppose the hearing.

Early in the hearing Lieutenant-Governor Luce interrogated attorney Winfield C. Towne, who appeared for the petitioner as to precisely the ground or grounds on which he was to urge pardon. "We place the desired pardon on the ground of ill-health," said Mr. Towne, "and we do not claim that the sentence was excessive."

In view of this statement the testimony of Dr. Bernard F. McGaffigan, resident physician at the House of Correction, became directly most important. The doctor said that when Davie entered the hospital last August he weighed 170 pounds. "Today we weighed him and he now weighs 120 pounds," he added. The doctor would not say that Davie was suffering from any organic disease.

A strong plea for the prisoner was made by Lawrence B. Greenwood, whose wife lost $10,000 through Davie's manipulations. Mr. Greenwood, in favoring his pardon, said he was speaking for his wife.

Decision will be announced later.

### KEEU IT BOILING.

The iron pots put out by the Salvation Army each year at Christmas have again been placed in position about the city with the old familiar sign "Keep the pot a-boiling." They will be kept on the corners up to Christmas Eve to help provide dinners for the poor on the great day.

## DOWAGER EMPRESS AND BOY RULER OF CHINA DESERTED

**Princesses and Others Leave and Valuables are Being Stolen From Winter Palace**

London, Dec. 19—A Peking despatch to the Daily Telegraph says:—

"The winter palace and precincts are utterly deserted except for the dowager empress, the emperor and a few hundred eunuchs. All the princesses, the occupants of the harems and blood relatives of the imperial clan have silently disappeared, leaving the dowager empress and child alone.

"The eunuchs, left uncontrolled, are rapidly stripping the palace of all its valuables. The empress weeps ceaselessly, but does not dare go to the summer palace because the Manchu gossips have cruelly warned her that she would be butchered the minute she was caught outside the forbidden city."

Peking, Dec. 19—The dowager empress has offered to hand over to the Chinese reformers the halls of the erstwhile forbidden city which for hundreds of years harbored the Manchu dynasty and at the same time transfer the imperial family to the summer palace. She was impelled to this act by the desire to provide suitable accommodations for the Chinese government.

The government apparently intends to accept this dramatic offer when funds are available to carry out the necessary repairs.

The primary elections up to the present indicate a large progressive majority.

## SAD SIGHT AT MONCTON, DRUNKEN WOMAN WITH HER BABY IN ARMS

A pitiful spectacle was witnessed at the I. C. R. depot in Moncton yesterday afternoon upon the arrival of the Ocean Limited from the east. A woman with a year old baby in her care was taken off the train in a shocking state of intoxication. She hailed from the Island and belonged to O'Leary. She had in her possession two "longnecks" of brandy and Scotch. The bottle of Scotch was about two-thirds gone and the other nearly half empty. After she boarded the train at Point du Chene her condition excited pity and a message was sent to Moncton for the hospital ambulance as she seemed a fit subject for medical treatment. Upon the arrival of the train there the I. C. R. police took the woman from the train, and the liquor was taken from her. She was bound for Portland, Me., and as two women en route to Boston promised to look after the inebriate and her child, she was allowed to proceed.

## POWDER FACTORY EXPLOSION; BUT ONE WORKMAN KILLED

Lisbon, Dec. 19—The greater part of the military powder factory at Challas, near Lisbon, was destroyed yesterday by an explosion of nitroglycerine. Only one workman was killed.

A track foreman was severely injured today by the explosion of a bomb at the railroad station at Rocio.

### WANT RAILWAY SIDING.

Thomas McCready & Sons, Ltd., have applied to the city for permission to have a railway siding laid across the foot of Portland street to connect their factory with the railway. The request was before the commissioners this morning and they were inclined to favor it on condition that the recorder arrange the agreement in such a manner that the citizens' rights should be protected and that the street traffic should not be interfered with.

### CHILD DEAD.

Friends of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. MacRae, of 155 Erin street, will sympathise with them in the loss of their little son, James Weldon MacRae, who died this morning after a lingering illness. He was a year and two weeks old.

## KEEP SUNDAY WELL DOWN BY THE ATLANTIC

**Maritime Provinces Stand High In Opinion of Lord's Day Alliance**

### REPORT BY SECRETARY

**Rev. Mr. Rochester Specifies Some Matters Before Executive In Toronto—P. E. Island Specially Commended—I. C. R. Sunday Trains**

(Canadian Press)

Toronto, Dec. 19—The maritime provinces stand high in Sabbath observance, according to the reports presented yesterday at the annual meeting of the dominion executive of the Lord's Day Alliance of Canada by the secretary, Rev. W. M. Rochester. In the maritime provinces, he reported, owing to the new era of prosperity entered upon there, many industrial questions have to be considered and construction work on railroad lines has in many places been stopped. General Sunday fishing, too, has been brought under control. Two Sunday excursions were dealt with and the question was given attention and Sunday labor greatly reduced.

Prince Edward Island, however, presented no problems, but gave an example this year of loyal devotion to the Lord's Day Alliance, such as may well be emulated by the other provinces.

The report dealt also with the correspondence conducted by the general secretary with the minister of railways as to the opening of canals on the Lord's Day. The attitude taken by the alliance was that the rule of the department should prevail this year as in other years until it was clear that the pressure of traffic demanded the opening.

With reference to the Sunday service on the Intercolonial Railway, the report showed that the alliance had asked merely that deference be paid to the strong sentiment in that section of the country against Sunday service and that the government remember its responsibility in the matter of Sunday traffic as an example to all other business in the country.

## DENOUNCES CANAL ACT

**Editor Watterson Writes in Strong Condemnation — Dishonest and Flagrant Violation of Treaty Obligations**

Louisville, Ky., Dec. 19—Under the caption "The Long and the Short of It." Mr. Watterson says in the Courier-Journal:—

"The exemption of the coastwise trade of the United States from tolls through the Panama Canal, was, to begin with, flagrant and dishonest, a violation of the treaty obligations of the nation, and, to end with a gigantic and perpetual subsidy to a shipping trust, quite as objectionable as the Sugar Trust or the Steel Trust.

"The act of congress was passed in the teeth of a presidential campaign. The shipping trust could afford to contribute a million of money to each party for its support. Mr. Taft, a candidate for president, signed the bill. Who, if not Perkins, of the Harvester Trust, in community of interest, worked the Roosevelt end of it we know not, but the democratic end of it was worked by Lewis Nixon, once chief of Tammany Hall.

"Such members of congress as gave any reflection to the votes they cast in its favor looked to a certain anti-English feeling which in the last equation would carry with it the German vote and the Irish vote, not stopping to inquire where the spoliation of the nation's honor and the people's money might lead, relying upon irdirection and subterfuge to see them through corruption and cowardice, thus playing hide-and-seek with the public integrity and their duty.

"Upon this simple statement, which cannot be denied, the case admits of debate. Behind Mr. Nixon, the Steel Trust, with all its ramifications, stands paramount. Plate armor is his right bower, long range guns his left, with every 'jingo' in the land to whoop 'er up with 'Who's afraid of John Bull?' Where falsification will not suffice, evasion is the word, and legal eminence, in and out of congress, is employed to quibble and hoodwink, when a straight vote for ship subsidy—which this legislation is, no more and no less—would never be dared.

"War with England is unthinkable. But wars, nevertheless, are often provoked on less provocation. Both the Shipping Trust and the Steel Trust would welcome war with England or any other country, for the money mad no relenting, have as scant humanity as conscience and are sublimely patriotic when they can increase their riches at the common cost.

"The first thing which congress should do upon reassembling is to rescind the odious subsidy clause from the Panama act. Many voted for it without reflection. But no senator nor representative can refuse to vote for its repeal without subjecting himself justly to the accusation that he is in favor of subsidy, if not to the suspicion that the consolidated trust organized by Mr. Nixon exerts in his case an influence that needs to be explained."

### Mayor Learning Alphabet

Palermo, Dec. 19—At the request of the town council Carlo Pistolifi, newly elected mayor of San Stefano, near here, is learning to read and write.

## MANY SEEK TO TRY THE SERUM

**Demonstration of New Consumption Cure in Berlin—Fifty Doctors Attend**

Berlin, Dec. 19—Dr. Hermann Friedmann, who says he has discovered a preventive and cure for tuberculosis, on Tuesday opened his first institute for demonstration. Personally he inoculated with his serum several patients, children, men and women, in the presence of eminent physicians and scientists from Berlin, London, Paris and other cities of Europe and America.

Doctor Friedman still refuses to give out any of his serum, saying that from a tiny portion of it, a bacteriologist could propagate enough of the bacilli to supply the world.

Dr. Friedmann's small quarters were swamped by patients, physicians and scientists. The physicians numbered more than fifty. Dr. Friedmann told all the patients and their physicians that results from this serum began to show in most cases within five weeks.

## HICKEY SPENT $100 TO $200 A NIGHT IN BUYING WINE

**Trial on Charge of Boy Murder is Begun in Buffalo**

Buffalo, N. Y., Dec. 19—Evidence introduced by the prosecution to prove that J. Frank Hickey was the murderer of Joseph Josephs, a seven year old Lackawanna boy, went unchallenged by the prisoner's counsel, but when any testimony was given tending to show Hickey's dissolute habits, his attorney, Daniel V. Murphy, promptly seized upon it for lengthy cross examination, evidently to impress the jury with the idea that Hickey's manner of living had resulted in insanity, which he has repeatedly said, would be the sole defence.

The "murder cards" written from Boston, in which the writer told of strangling the Josephs boy and of throwing his body into the cesspool where it was found, conversations between Hickey and the police officials in which he admitted writing the cards, and other material evidence went into the record.

Hickey, according to Chief of Police Gilson's testimony, said he earned from $200 to $300 a week in his contract work all of which was spent in riotous living. Hickey told the officer he would spend from $100 to $200 a night for wine until his money was gone. After a few weeks in a sanitarium Hickey would repeat the performance.

## BASEBALL OUTLOOK

**Meeting in Week or Ten Days—Promise of Good Season**

A meeting of the executive of the New Brunswick and Maine Baseball League was to have been held here yesterday afternoon, but owing to the illness of D. B. Donald, secretary, it was postponed for about a week or ten days. Although no definite scheme has been outlined for the conduct of the league next year, it is felt certain that there will be a good brand of ball witnessed here, on a par with that given at the latter part of the last season.

Communications have been received from sport followers and men well up in baseball circles in centers which have not been represented here, and there is a possibility of a wider circuit being formed. It will be early in the New Year before any definite information in connection with the matter can be given, but a Times reporter had it this morning from one of the backers of the local team that St. John was in for a banner season of classy ball next year.

## FERRY ESTIMATES BELOW THIS YEAR'S

**Commissioner Schofield Asks For $3,000 to $4,000 Less**

The estimates for the ferry department for 1913 show a reduction of between $3,000 and $4,000, as compared with the figures for this year. The estimates were submitted this morning to the other commissioners by Commissioner Schofield and Geo. H. Waring, Jr., the superintendent of ferries was present to explain the details.

The larger expenditure this year is partly accounted for by the cost of new flats, which amounted to about $1,500, the work of replacing them, etc., $1,000, and some heavy expenditures for new piling. In spite of the reduction, the figures for 1913 being between $6,000 and $7,000 instead of $10,000, the commissioner has been able to provide for salary increases for some of the employes.

### MARITIME REPRESENTATION.

Attorney-General Grimmer returned to the city today from Dorchester, where he has been officiating in connection with the Freil investigation. He was detained there yesterday and so was unable to come here to confer with Attorney-General Daniels of Nova Scotia relative to the matter of maritime representation in the federal house. Mr. Daniels talked with Premier Flemming and Hon. J. E. Wilson on the subject.

### TO LECTURE TONIGHT.

On the Montreal train arriving in the city about an hour and twenty minutes late today Dr. Hutton of Toronto University was expected. He will deliver an adddress this evening before the members of the Canadian Club on "Canada in the Empire."

## TAFT WILL BE A PROFESSOR

**President Accepts Yale Offer—Reasons Which Influenced His Decision**

Washington, Dec. 19—President Taft has made up his mind to accept the proffer of the Kent professorship at law at Yale and probably will take up his duties at New Haven early in the spring.

The president is said to have determined upon accepting the Yale professorship for several reasons. He will not be restricted merely to lectures to Yale students, but will be permitted to lecture, if he desires, in other law schools or upon the platform, or to engage in any other occupation which he sees fit.

If the president had returned to Cincinnati to resume law practice, he felt that he would have but little opportunity for practice. He felt that he could not appear in cases before the United States supreme court, because he has appointed a majority of its membership.

## INDICT MANAGER OF MINE FOR MUDRER OF MISSION WORKER

**Law Follows Macdonald From Northern Juneau Into Mexico**

Juneau, Alaska, Dec. 19—Joseph Macdonald, manager of the Consolidated Mining and Milling Company, at Guanajauto, Mexico, and who was formerly superintendent of the Treadwell mines here, was indicted by the federal grand jury here last night, charged with murder in the first degree in causing the death of N. C. Jones, a mission worker at Treadwell, in 1902.

Jones, who was connected with the Peniel mission, had urged Macdonald to keep the mines and mills at Treadwell closed on Sundays.

Macdonald, exonerated by a coroner's jury soon after the death of Jones, left Juneau and accumulated a fortune in Mexico. Judge Overfield issued a bench warrant and it was sent to Washington. Extradition of Macdonald from Mexico is sought, in order to bring him to Juneau for trial.

## THREE KINGS AT FUNERAL OF PRINCE REGENT OF BAVARIA

**Body Placed in Munich Church And Heart in Casket in Village**

Munich, Bavaria, Dec. 19—The body of the late Luitpold, Prince Regent of Bavaria, was carried this morning to its sepulchre beneath the altar of the Church of the Theatins in this city, where it was laid beside that of King Maximilian II. The German Emperor, the King of the Belgians, the King of Saxony, Archduke Francis Ferdinand, heir apparent of Austria-Hungary and several princes representing the royal houses of Europe, followed the coffin in the procession which passed through streets crowded with silent mourners.

All the time the procession was on the way to the church and also during the service, minute guns were fired and the church bells throughout the city were tolled.

Although during his life the aged prince regent had declined to adopt the royal title because, as he said, the real king was still living, but unable to rule on account of insanity, Bavaria treated the dead Luitpold with kingly honors. The funeral was conducted with all the ritual employed in the case of dead Bavarian sovereigns, including the escort attired in medieval costumes, while the coffin was accompanied by cowled candle bearers.

The heart of the dead regent was embalmed separately and interred with those of many preceding Bavarian rulers in the village of Alt-Oetting, where it reposes in a silver casket beside the famous shrine of the Virgin Mary.

## CHRISTMAS TREE AT KINDERGARTEN CLOSING

The closing exercises in Mrs. W. C. Matthews' private kindergarten took place this morning. Most of the pupils enrolled were present, many accompanied by their parents. The feature of the morning's entertainment was a Christmas tree on which were hung the presents made by the children for the parents. After the presentations an enjoyable programme of Christmas carols, songs and recitations was carried out. The school will re-open soon after New Years.

The Christmas tree which was used is to be sent to the General Public Hospital to be used in the Children's Ward. The children of the school give presents to be hung on the tree for the invalid children in the hospital, and the little sick kiddies look forward to this treat with much pleasure. Mrs. Matthews was ably assisted by Miss Mabel Sandall and Miss Julie Pirie.

### IS IMPROVING.

James O. Anthonk, the longshoreman who was injured by falling down a hatch on board one of the winterport steamers a few days ago, is improving, and it is not thought now that his injuries will prove fatal. Dr. Neve is attending him.

## THIRD ARREST IN THE DE LUXE BOOK FRAUDS

**Michael J. Powers Taken In Boston on Charge of Larceny**

### CONSPIRACY CHARGE, TOO

**Is Held in $15,000 Bail on Request of Assistant District Attorney, While Bail in the Other Two Cases Was $5,000**

Boston, Dec. 19—Michael J. Powers, alias James T. Clark, alias James Powers, forty-nine years years old, of No. 1242 Commonwealth avenue, Allston, was arrested by Inspector Wait of police headquarters on a secret indictment warrant in connection with the "de luxe" book frauds.

Powers is charged with the larceny of $87,075 on November 29, last, from Mrs. Mary Rogers, of No. 906 Beacon street, Boston, in a book transaction.

The prisoner is charged also with conspiracy to steal this sum, in two counts; also conspiracy to obtain the signature of Mary L. Rogers to a written instrument, the false making of which constitutes forgery.

He is also charged with conspiracy in two counts to steal in a book transaction $2,306.50 on October 19, 1909, from Kate M. Eager, of No. 637 Dudley street.

Powers was arraigned before Judge Brown of the First Session of the Superior Criminal Court. He pleaded not guilty and was held in $15,000 bail. Mr. Melisaac, assistant district attorney, said:

"This man Powers is one of the most offensive of the de luxe agents under indictment. I ask that his bail be fixed at $15,000."

Lawyer Lucy, who represented Powers, said that the two other men arrested in the book frauds had been held in $5,000 bail and he did not understand why his client had been picked out for increased bail.

"I came prepared to furnish $5,000 bail," said the lawyer.

Lucy said to reporters that Powers is a globe trotter, speaks several languages and lives in a $70 a month apartment. He said that Powers was one time connected with A. C. Burrage, copper man.

Powers is the third man arrested in connection with the Rogers case. The other two men were Herbert S. Virtue, Jr., president of Virtue & Co., book publishers at No. 120 Boylston street, and John B. Williams, proprietor of a book store at No. 172 Tremont street. They pleaded not guilty to the charges against them, and were held in $5,000 bail each. Notice has been given that this bail will be raised.

## MORTUARY CHAPEL ON QUARTER DECK OF CRUISER NATAL

**British Warship to Leave on Saturday With Body of Whitelaw Reid**

Portsmouth, Eng., Dec. 19—The British armored cruiser Natal was moored this morning alongside the jetty in the dockyards in readiness to convey the body of the late Ambassador Whitelaw Reid from England to the United States, after the memorial service has been held in Westminster Abbey on Friday.

A host of carpenters and decorators started on the construction of a mortuary chapel on the quarter deck and in it the coffin will rest during the voyage.

The warship will sail early on Saturday and naval honors will be paid to the dead ambassador as the cruiser puts to sea. She will fly her colors at half mast throughout the voyage.

## NO XMAS DAY PAPERS IN LONDON THIS YEAR

London, Dec. 19—A revolution is announced in the British newspaper world.

Heretofore the great dailies have been published every day in the year with the exception of Sundays. A majority of the morning and evening papers in London and the provinces, have now decided not to publish on Christmas Day. It is said others will follow.

## U. S. CAVALRY OFFICER IS KILLED BY A MORO

Manila, Dec. 19—Captain John Watson, of the 8th cavalry, stationed at Augur Barracks, was killed last night by a Moro, who sneaked within the line of a detachment encamped at Seit Lake, according to reports received from Jolo this morning. Lieutenant Kinsey D. Edmunds was seriously wounded.

Hearing the cries of the officers, Captain Wells dashed into the tent and killed the Moro.

### Local Option Voting

Winnipeg, Dec. 19—In a local option election, Thompson municipality (near Miami), Gimli, and Santon River voted against local option, while North Cypress (near Brockdale) carried the by-law by 115.