

ECCLES PROPERTY SELECTED FOR LONDON'S CITY HALL

Committee of the City Council Met at Noon Today and Decided To Place Recommendation Before Aldermen at the Next Meeting.

PROPERTY IS SITUATED ON CORNER OF QUEEN'S AVE. AND WELLINGTON ST.

Sum To Be Paid For the Land Is \$35,000—Every Site Balloted For Until Choice Was Reached—Selection Appears To Be Popular.

After a two-hours' debate, the special committee of the city council at noon today decided to purchase the Eccles property at the northeast corner of Queen's avenue and Wellington street, as a site for the new city hall.

The cost will be \$35,000. At the next regular meeting of the council, the deal will be ratified. While all the members of the council were present today, the meeting was not technically a council session, so the matter will come up at the next regular meeting.

The six sites previously mentioned, the "Y," Richmond and Maple streets, the McCormick property, the Spencer Block, Waterloo and Dundas streets, and the Eccles property were presented.

Votes Were Taken.
Each in turn were balloted for. The Waterloo and Dundas streets location was the first to fall by the wayside. Then followed the Spencer Block. Still later the McCormick Block was rejected. The fourth to be passed up was the property at the corner of Maple and Richmond streets, leaving the "Y" and the Eccles property to be balloted on.

Ald. Wright and several others were strongly in favor of the "Y," but when the ballot was taken there was a clear majority in favor of the Eccles property.

Little Discussion.

There was little discussion during the meeting. The press was rigidly excluded, the aldermen desiring to have no outsiders present when the choice was made. However, it was stated that the aldermen went about the business in a systematic way, and balloting continued until the choice was made.

"We have selected the Eccles property," Mayor Graham announced after the meeting. "The price fixed is \$35,000. That will give us \$140,000 with which to go ahead with the building."

The Cheapest Site.
"What about going to the people for more money?" he was asked.

"The Eccles site gave the largest margin for the council to work on," he answered. "It is the duty of the city hall committee now to call for plans, in order to see what kind of a structure can be erected for that amount of money. Whether or not we will need any more money depends altogether on the report of the committee on the plans and specifications. We certainly cannot say at the present time."

The Eccles property has a frontage of 223 feet 4 inches on Queen's avenue, and the lot is 191 feet deep, with a frontage on Wellington street. It is assessed for \$20,000.

LATE JAMES VAUGHAN, Father-in-law of Oscar Hull, who passed away while Mr. Hull lay dying in Victoria Hospital.

ACTRESS LOST DIAMOND LIKE CAKE OF ICE

Valeska Suratt Is Said to Have Had Real Trouble in London.

RING WAS VALUED AT OVER \$1,000

A G. T. R. Detective Succeeded in Locating the Jewel After Much Excitement.

Possibly, following the recognized line of reasoning, that no actress becomes really great until she loses her diamonds, Valeska Suratt, the leading woman in "The Kiss Waltz" company, which played the Grand Thursday night, yesterday misplaced a brilliantly-decorated ring, which was valued at over \$1,000.

Valeska arrived in London in a Grand Trunk special train carrying her company, and after perfecting her appearance in the usual manner, emerged from her private car and proceeded to her hotel, posing gracefully at intervals.

Shortly after noon yesterday the Grand Trunk offices were thrown into a very excited condition when a message was received asking that a search be made for a diamond ring, which was said to be a ring carrying a diamond as big as a cake of ice, surrounded by settings that looked like the by-product of an art-glass factory.

Lady Greatly Perturbed.
Valeska sent her husband first to have the matter attended to, but was not satisfied that the search would be properly instituted until she hastened to the railway offices herself and pleaded with a band of officials to employ all available Sherlock Holmes's.

Grand Trunk Special Detective Fraser was nominated to take charge of the case, and commenced by upturning the cushions and scraping the coach corners in the Pullman in which Valeska came to London. He was finally regarded by finding the jewelry near the seat in which this queen of the stage travelled.

To make sure that Valeska was not dropping dummies around for advertising purposes, the wise stenographers in the offices, who took an interest in the search, scratched their names on the plate glass windows. After making some high, wide and fancy scallops in the glass, they concluded that perhaps Valeska did plunge at Tiffany.

Produce Cheap Cars.
Mr. S. E. Edge indorses this stand, and suggests that a \$25,000,000 company be at once organized to make cheap British automobiles. He predicts such a company will be a great success.

"It will give work to thousands of Englishmen," he says. He is sorry to see any automobiles imported into England. They should all be made by British workpeople, and the wages spread throughout Great Britain, rather than paid into a foreign country.

Proceedings Started.
The working girl away from home, where some Canadian girls and three or four girls were found to occupy the same room.

The membership of the Girls' Friendly Society is non-sectarian, and when Miss Charles, who is making a tour of Huron district, is in the city, she will return to London. It is hoped that branches may be formed in different sections of the city, and that the society will be held on Oct. 1, to which all women and girls are cordially invited.

PROCEEDINGS STARTED TO ESTREAT THE BAIL

Alfred G. Hall Left City With Serious Charge Hanging Over Him.

All efforts to locate Alfred G. Hall, the Bathurst street drayman, who "jumped" when released under bonds while awaiting trial on a charge of having attempted to indecently assault a 12-year-old blind girl, which failed, steps are now being taken to estreat \$3,000 bail at the coming assizes.

Hall was arrested on a warrant and brought before Police Magistrate Judd at a few weeks ago. His solicitor, however, explained that he was not able to proceed with the trial on the occasion of his first appearance, and in accordance with the usual methods was granted an adjournment. Hall asked for bail, and the sum was fixed at \$3,000. He furnished his own recognizance for half this amount, the other \$1,500 was shared by his wife, and by a local gentleman, who had at times employed him.

Hall jumped his bail, and while the police have since put forth their best efforts, he has not been located. A certificate to estreat, or collect the bail has now been filed, and the money may accordingly be collected at the assizes.

PRINCIPAL WALLIS NAMED BY CITY SCHOOL PRINCIPALS

Is Asked To Be a Candidate For Position On the Advisory Council of the Department of Education at Toronto, But He Refuses.

At a meeting of the Public School Principals Association, held yesterday afternoon in Inspector Edwards' office, it was decided to nominate Principal Wm. Wallis, of Simcoe street school, as a candidate for the advisory council in connection with the educational department of Ontario. He refused the honor.

On this council are four representatives of the public school teachers of the Province. London has not been represented

on the council as yet. Principal Althouse was a candidate six years ago, but was defeated in a close vote. Principal Piewes, of Chatham, is one of the retiring members of the council, and at the time of his election three years ago stated that in case the London teachers nominated a candidate at the expiration of his term he would not oppose his election. Another meeting will be held, when a second name will be put in nomination.

A \$50 FINE WAS IMPOSED UPON THEATRE DOORMAN

Harry Nickells Allowed a Child Under 15 to Enter a Moving Picture Show—Man Is Now Ill in a Hospital.

Police Magistrate Judd this morning rendered his decision in the case against Mr. Harry Nickells, an elderly gentleman who was employed as doorman at the Unique Theatre, and who was charged with admitting a child to the show under 15 years of age, the defendant being found guilty and fined \$50, with the option of a month in jail.

Mr. Nickells is in Victoria Hospital, to which institution he was removed when taken suddenly ill with an affection of the heart a couple of days ago. It is said that worry over the police court proceedings superinduced the illness, which is of rather a serious nature.

When the defendant did not appear this morning, the cause of his absence was made known to the court, and the judgment was accordingly announced to Mr. John Dromgole, his counsel.

Fifty dollars is the minimum fine in such cases, and when a defendant is found guilty the court has no option but to impose the penalty.

Will Seek Protection.

It is understood that the proprietors of the motion picture theatres of the province will endeavor to obtain a greater degree of protection from what they assert is an extreme law. No action may be taken against the person who enters such a show and who is really the cause of the trouble, while the full responsibility is placed on the doorman.

Theatrical men declare that they are more than willing to comply with such a law, but that in some cases it is absolutely impossible to tell if a boy or girl is really under 15 years of age.

Consequently, when the mother or father of such a child appears before the magistrate and swears that the person in question is actually under the age limit, despite appearances, nothing remains but to accept the conviction, and pay the heavy fine.

It is thought that fewer such offences would be registered if the offending child were made to share the responsibility.

Wife at Husband's Deathbed Suffers Also Death of Father

Double Bereavement of Mrs. Oscar Hull, Whose Husband of a Few Months Was Fatally Crushed by a Load of Glass on York Street.

Mrs. Oscar Hull, the 18-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Vaughan, of 138 Bathurst street, after but three months of married life, suffered a double bereavement on Thursday in the death of her husband, as a result of a fall from a lorry, and of her father, who died of a rather prolonged illness. Mrs. Hull was prostrated, and for a time it was feared that she also might succumb to the shock.

The incident was most pathetic, especially in view of the fact that the young woman was kept in ignorance of the really serious condition of her father.

Fatally Crushed.
Her husband, Oscar Hull, a son of Mr. Harry Hull, of South London, who was but twenty years of age, was fatally injured on Wednesday afternoon, when a Michigan Central truck which he was driving upset on York street, a heavy load of plate glass, and the shifting of this freight on the platform of the lorry, following a glew on the wet pavement, caused the vehicle to capsize. The driver was pinned be-

neath the lorry and several cases of glass, and was extricated with the greatest difficulty by people who happened to be on the street at the time. He was removed to Victoria Hospital, but never regained consciousness. It was at first thought that he had a chance for recovery, but yesterday afternoon his condition became quite critical, and his young wife was warned that death was at hand.

Death Deaf, Too.
She left her home believing that the condition of her father was no more serious than it had been for some months, but when she found it necessary to return from the hospital for a time shortly afterward, found craps on the door for her father. In view of the circumstances the shock had an especially serious effect, and when her husband died at the hospital a few hours afterward, as she sat at his bedside, Mrs. Hull was prostrated.

Coroner Dr. Ferguson was notified of the death of Mr. Hull, and ordered an inquest. A post-mortem examination is being conducted today, and a double funeral will be arranged from the home of Mrs. Vaughan and her daughter, 138 Bathurst street, on Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

The jury will hear the evidence at the police station on Thursday evening next. Mr. Vaughan had suffered from inflammatory rheumatism for some years, he having contracted the malady while employed in excavating work for Mr. Chris Leathorne. He is survived by his wife and one son, George, of Toronto, and one daughter, May, the wife of Oscar Hull.

Late Oscar Hull.
Oscar Hull was the 20-year-old son of Mr. Harry Hull, who now resides on the Wharfside road, in West London. He was born and raised in West London. Besides his parents, he is survived by one sister, Miss Gertrude, of Toledo, and one brother, Harry, of Wilson avenue, West London.

IRISH UNIONISTS IN SOLEMN LEAGUE

Sir Edward Carson Will Be the First to Sign the Covenant.

[Canadian Press.]
New York, Sept. 20.—A London cable to the Tribune says:

The terms of the solemn league and covenant of Irish Unionists against home rule, which were made known last night, caused great enthusiasm throughout Ulster.

The Liberal papers of London are naturally trying to put on a brave face, but the development of the Unionist campaign, but the covenant will certainly be hailed by all Protestant Unionists with enthusiasm. The document will be signed on Ulster Day after most impressive religious services in the various Protestant places of worship.

Sir Edward Carson, solicitor-general in the last Conservative ministry, who has been the leading spirit in drawing

up the covenant and who is probably responsible for most of its phraseology, will be the first to sign in Belfast at the city hall, and after him will come other Irish Unionist members of Parliament and the members of the Belfast corporation and other civic dignitaries.

MANY FATALITIES

Fatal Accidents Were Numerous in the Western Provinces.

[Canadian Press.]
Winnipeg, Sept. 20.—A number of fatalities are reported from different parts of the west today. At Lethbridge an Austrian section hand on the C. P. R., named Peter Patrick, took his life by hanging. At Arcola, Stuart Burrell, a young farm hand, whose home was in Winnipeg, drank gopher poison, and his body was found in an oatfield. Martha Sorenson, the 2-year-old daughter of Martin Sorenson, of Kenora, was drowned in the lake at that place. At Fleming, Sask., a young son of C. A. Johnson was crushed to death under a farm wagon.

ST. RAILWAY MEN WILL MEET IN LONDON OCT. 5

Annual Convention of the Dominion Association Will Be Held Here Shortly, When Many Matters of Importance Will Be Up for Discussion.

The annual convention of the Dominion Street Railway Association will be held in this city on Oct. 5 and 6. Arrangements are now being made locally to entertain the visitors. It is expected that practically every street railway and traction line in Canada will be represented.

A number of papers of interest to the members of the association will be read, and matters of importance taken up. It is understood that the power situation will be one of the chief topics of discussion. The program for the convention is now being prepared in Toronto, and will be forwarded within a few days.

The Officers.

The officers of the association are as follows:
President—James Anderson, of the Amherstburg, Chatham and Essex Railway.
Vice-President—Patrick Dube,

secretary-treasurer of the Montreal Street Railway.

Secretary—Acton Burrows, Toronto, editor of the Railway and Marine World, the official organ of the association.

Assistant Secretary—Aubrey Acton Burrows, Toronto, business manager of the Railway and Marine World.

Council—H. H. McLean, K.C., St. John; Allan H. Royce, Toronto. Directors—E. P. Coleman, manager of the railways under control of the Dominion Power and Transit Company; H. M. Hopper, manager of the St. John's Railway Company; J. E. Hutcheson, secretary of the Ottawa Street Railway; C. B. King, manager of the London Street Railway; Duncan McDonald, manager of the Montreal Street Railway, and Martin N. Todd, manager of the Galt, Hespeler and Waterloo Railway.

The session will last two days. About 75 delegates are expected.

MOTORIST REPLACED NUMBER FINED \$50 IN TORONTO COURT

Only the Government Can Make the Markers—A Point of Law Unknown to Automobile Owners—Law Is Explicit on the Matter.

Some comment has been created by the act of Magistrate Kingsford, of Toronto, who in yesterday afternoon's court fined R. E. McDonald \$50 and costs for using a license number on his automobile which had not been supplied by the provincial department. The fact that the law is comparatively new makes this the first conviction. London motorists will do well to take warning.

The bylaw under which the conviction was made states that "Every motor vehicle which is used on a highway shall have attached to and exposed on the front and back thereof, in a conspicuous position, a marker furnished by the provincial department, showing in plain figures not less than five inches in height the number of the permit, and for any violation shall be liable for the first offence to a penalty of \$50 or one month's imprisonment, or both; for the second offence to a penalty of \$100, or one month's imprisonment, or both, and for the third, imprisonment not exceeding six months."

Law Is Not Known.

The law seems an almost unknown one.

one to motorists, and the stiffness of the fine was a surprise. The police officials state that McDonald's case was an aggravated one, as he had initiated the Government number as nearly as it could be detected at close range. The defence was that it was made owing to the original being lost, and that had been used as a last year's painted over with this year's number on it.

The contention of the authorities is that while this number was apparently being used for legitimate purposes only, there might be cases where false numbers could be used by people who desired to disguise the number of their machines from the police, and who would put them to improper purposes. The magistrate stated that as he had issued a warning previously, he found that under the law there was only one thing he could do, and that was to impose a fine.

"The defendant did not say anything to us about merely using this until he could get another," the police state. "It looked as though he intended to make it permanent, as the crest, the year, and everything required, had been painted on."

DIPHTHERIA MAKES ITS APPEARANCE

Four Cases From One Family Are Now in Victoria Hospital.

FOUR OTHERS REPORTED

Disease Is Said to Be of a Virulent Type—Board of Health Are Taking Precautions.

An epidemic of diphtheria has broken out in this city, four cases from one family being confined in Victoria Hospital, with four other cases under surveillance in the isolation department at the present time.

This is the first outbreak of the disease for some months, the diphtheria ward at Victoria Hospital having been closed for many weeks.

The patients first began to complain on Monday after the Western Fair, and a culture was taken at Victoria Hospital. It was found to be diphtheria of a very virulent type, and the patient was at once removed to Victoria. Later other cases developed, and the four in the family were taken to the hospital.

Thursday an outdoor patient at Victoria complained of a sore throat. The symptoms were very suspicious, and the child was taken into the isolation ward at once. Three other cases have since developed.

Taking Precautions.
Dr. E. Williams, chairman of the board of health, was at once notified, and the various houses were fumigated. He also took precautions to prevent a spread of the disease.

"All the patients trace the beginning of their illness to the Western Fair," Dr. J. B. Campbell stated to The Advertiser. "There was no diphtheria in the city at the time, and it is thought that some person attending the fair may have brought the disease here."

"We are taking every precaution to prevent an outbreak," said Dr. E. Williams. "The cases have been isolated, and we are observing all cases of sore throat reported to us. We do not want an epidemic, and we will not have it if we can prevent it."

CRITICALLY ILL

Mrs. Patrick Campbell Stricken Suddenly in London, England.

[Canadian Press.]
New York, Sept. 20.—A London cable today says: Little hope is held out today for the recovery of Mrs. Pat Campbell, the actress, who is ill at her home in Kensington. Four specialists who were called in were unable to agree whether or not peritonitis was the affection from which she was suffering. Because of this difference of opinion an immediate operation was deferred.

IMPROVING STEADILY.

[Canadian Press.]
Kingston, Sept. 10.—Sir Richard Cartwright's condition was reported by his attending physicians this morning as most satisfactory. He had not slept well, and his pulse and temperature are normal. Everything points to a rapid recovery from the operation.

MOTHER SAVES HER BOY FROM DEATH

Little Leo Lenahan, of York Street, Accidentally Set Fire to His Clothes.

LAD WAS BADLY BURNED

Mrs. Lenahan Heard His Screams in Yard and, Though She Was Burned Herself, She Rescued Him.

Leo Lenahan, the 4-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Lenahan, 568 York street, had a narrow escape from a horrible death by burning. The heroic action of his mother alone saved him. He is at present confined to the house, badly burned, but will recover.

The youngster was playing in the rear of the yard and discovered some matches. He lit one after the other until he finally set fire to his clothing.

The screams of the boy brought neighbors to the windows, who saw a streak of flame running through the yard. His mother heard his cries and running out picked him up and threw him on the ground. She repeatedly rolled him over, fighting the flames with her hands. Finally they were put out, and the youngster was carried into the house.

Medical aid was summoned at once. It was found that the lad was badly burned about the lower limbs, but not fatally. Mrs. Lenahan suffered from burns completely off her arms and hands, and also required medical attention.

Although suffering severely from her burns, Leo's mother says: "He will be confined to the house for some days."

"The little fellow's clothing was burned completely off his back," the physician informed The Advertiser. "His mother's heroic action alone saved him."

ENGLISH FIRM WAS SUCCESSFUL BIDDER

Steel Company's Price Was Away Below That of Americans.

[Canadian Press.]
Washington, Sept. 20.—The Hatfield Steel Company of Hatfield, England, has successfully outbid the American competitor nearly \$200,000 on a \$1,000,000 contract for 2,000 fourteen-inch shells. The American concerns have called upon the government to decide if it intends to violate an unwritten policy and award to a foreign company a contract for American warships' armament.

LOCAL OPTION

Calgary Temperance People Preparing for Big Fight Shortly.

[Canadian Press.]
Calgary, Sept. 20.—Temperance workers here are making extensive preparations for the forthcoming local option campaign. Organization is under way and committees and individuals have been appointed to present the merits of the case in various ways to the ratepayers. The hotel-keepers are prepared to spend thousands of dollars to defeat the act.

GIRLS ARE ASKED TO FORM SOCIETY

Miss Charles, of Girls' Friendly Society, Spoke to Employees of McClary Co.

A HELP FOR WOMEN

Ladies Told They Should Band Together for Mutual Good and Protection.

Miss Charles, organizing secretary for the Girls' Friendly Society in Canada, gave an excellent address to the girl employees of the McClary Manufacturing Company in their restaurant in the factory at the noon hour today. Rev. Canon Tucker, of St. Paul's Cathedral, introduced Miss Charles, stating that he hoped the girls present would lend their aid in the forming of a branch in London.

In presenting the aims of the organization, Miss Charles stated that it is desired to form branches of the Girls' Friendly Society throughout Canada, and to establish "lodges" in each town where girls away from home may find amusement and social intercourse, and have a place to entertain their friends.

"I want you to support us in our effort to make conditions better for all girls and women, not merely of London and Ontario, but to sympathize and help girls and women throughout the world," said Miss Charles.

To Band Together.
The need to purify the individual life was impressed upon the girls, and they were urged to band together for mutual help, educational, social and spiritual.

In speaking of the need of more sisterly love and sincere friendship amongst girls and women, the speaker dwelt upon the difficulties and temptations surround-