

FIXED PAYMENT FOR FIVE YEARS.

Proposed to City by Street Railway Co.

Entire New System Promised In Five Years.

Board of Works To Consider It To-night.

At a private conference yesterday between officials of the Hamilton Street Railway and the special committee appointed by the Board of Works to sound the company on the policy it intended pursuing this year, the aldermen were given an idea of the concessions that will be asked for in return for a brand new system, much needed extensions and the erection of large car sheds and shops. Colonel the Hon. J. M. Gibson, President, and General Manager Hawkins represented the company. Chairman Sweeney, Ald. McLaren and Allan looked after the city's interest.

The company did not present its proposition in writing yesterday afternoon, as it was expected it would. This will probably be done at another private conference, to be held this afternoon. Those who attended the conference refused to discuss what took place, on the ground that it would be premature to make public the details until the report was submitted to the Board of Works to-night. They explained their course in having a session behind closed doors by pointing out that neither sub-committee nor the Board of Works had any power to do anything. The report must be made to the Council, and it will then be up to that body to thresh it out.

The company makes no suggestions as has been hinted at for the city to guarantee its loans. It is understood that what it asks is to have the revenue collected by the city for the next five years remain the same as the amount received by the city for mileage and 8 per cent. on the gross earnings, about \$32,000. At the end of five years it suggests that \$1,500 be added yearly, which would make the amount that the city would be receiving at the end of the contract about \$62,000 a year. Some of the aldermen say that under the present agreement the city at that time would be receiving about \$100,000. The alternative suggested by the company is said to be a straight percentage of 6 per cent. on the gross earnings.

At present, the city is collecting the highest percentage possible under the by-law, 8 per cent. The percentage according to the earnings, is 8 per cent. and the earnings should fall below the present amount the city would be better off under the agreement suggested, but it is thought there is little chance of the gross receipts ever decreasing.

In return for the concession the company promises to install a complete new system, within five years. This will include the building of a complete new roadbed, new cars of a modern type, much needed extensions in the north end, the southeast and southwest ends, and the erection of large car sheds and repair shops in the east end. These buildings would probably cost nearly \$150,000, the intention being to manufacture cars for the different electric roads controlled by the Dominion Power & Transmission Company, and possibly other companies that would purchase them. This would give employment to a large number of men. The company proposes adding ten new cars each year for five years, and possibly more if they are required.

The general opinion is that the company's offer is much more reasonable than the proposition it made last year, and there is a feeling in municipal circles that the prospects are bright for a settlement being effected. The whole scheme will be laid before the Board of Works at its meeting to-night.

PROF. W. P. SEYMOUR

The English phonologist and psychologist, has returned from Brantford, and will open another course of public lectures in this city. Look for advertisement in papers to-morrow.

HAVE CUT OUT POLITICS FROM NORTH END SOCIETY

And Will Devote Themselves Strictly to Improvement of That Section.

After thinking over the status of the association for a month the members of the North End Improvement Society, at their monthly meeting last night, decided to adopt a new platform, and make the object indicated by the society's name the sole one to be pursued—north end improvement. Mr. Ed. Porter, president, and the treasurer was instructed to pay all accounts, in full, to date. The notice of motion given at the previous meeting by Mr. Gus Ante, to the effect that the society be non-political and non-sectarian, but that it devote itself strictly to the improvement of the north end, and that it endorse no candidates for City Council or Parliament, was adopted after discussion. The third Monday of each month was fixed upon as the date of meeting, instead of the first and third Thursdays. The standing committee was instructed to revise the constitution and report at the next meeting. It was decided to petition the Board of Education to provide increased public

HOUSE WEDDING.

Popular Young Musician Takes a Bride To-day.

A very quiet house wedding took place this afternoon, at the residence of Mr. John Steele, 114 Hughson street north, when Mr. Stanley Addison, second son of Mr. William Addison, was married to Miss Maud Steele. The ceremony took place at 4 o'clock, and was performed by Rev. I. Couch, pastor of Gore Street Methodist Church, in the presence of about twenty-five of the immediate relatives and friends of the contracting parties. The bride looked charming in a dainty costume of white muslin, and was given away by her father. Both bride and groom were unattended. The groom's gift to the bride was a magnificent clover crescent of pearls. A dainty wedding breakfast followed the ceremony, in which the toast to the health of the bride and groom were enthusiastically honored. The bride was the recipient of many beautiful and costly presents from admiring friends, all of whom wished her the best success in her new sphere of life. Mr. Addison is one of the popular employees of Heintzman & Co., and is well and favorably known in this city. He is a clever musician, and follows in the footsteps of his father, of the 13th Band. The bride is a member of Gore St. Methodist Church. The happy couple will leave on the evening train for the east, where they will enjoy a happy honeymoon. The best wishes of a host of friends go with Mr. and Mrs. Addison. They will reside in the city on their return.

A FATAL KICK.

Ottawa Man Suicides Leaving Wife and Family.

Ottawa, Ont., Feb. 18.—(Special).—Wm. Hunt, Carp, Carleton County, 15 years old, while leading a horse to water was kicked by the animal in the abdomen and killed. Joshua Johnston, Ottawa, 63 years of age, cut his throat with a razor, he leaves a widow and six children.

THE BROTHERHOOD.

Good Meeting of Local Assembly at St. Mark's.

The Hamilton local assembly of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew was held in St. Mark's Church parish hall last evening, with Mr. J. Bowstead, president, in the chair. Nine senior and four junior chapters were represented, about one hundred being present. A splendid, stirringly addressed man, Mr. F. W. Thomas, the general secretary for Canada, on the origin and growth of the brotherhood. At the conclusion Mr. A. G. Alexander, president of the Brotherhood for Canada, announced that the annual convention of Canada would be held in Hamilton in October.

BEAT THEIR WAY.

Four Men Held at Merriton For Stealing a Ride.

St. Catharines, Ont., Feb. 18.—(Special).—When a G. T. R. freight train, west bound, pulled into the station at Merriton about nine o'clock last night, C. T. R. Detective Tisdale discovered four men snugly quartered in a box car but without tickets or passes. They were brought to this city and lodged at police headquarters. The men claim to be Canadians who got out of employment, and like many others from this country who went to the United States in the hope of speedily making their fortune, found themselves out of a job, when hard times came were deported as vagrants. Detective Tisdale is endeavoring to ferret out box car robbers from which the railway has suffered heavily of late, due to a certain extent, it is thought, to the deportation of Canadians out of work and without food or money, who as in the case of the men arrested last night themselves to what provisions they find in process of shipment in the cars in which they conceal themselves.

MUTUAL RESERVE.

Toronto, Feb. 18.—An order was made this morning for the winding up of the Mutual Reserve Life Insurance Co. of New York. The application for this order was made by the petitioners, whose instance the decree was made on the fifteenth instant by the United States Circuit Court in New York. The winding up order was necessary for the protection of the Canadian policyholders. Negotiations are on foot for the re-insurance of all Canadian policyholders in a substantial Canadian company.

SMALL BOY FOUND SHOT.

Strange Tragedy at South Cayuga Farm.

Dunnville, Feb. 18.—A mysterious shooting affair occurred in South Cayuga township, about six miles from here, about noon yesterday, resulting in the death of Richard McBay, aged nine years. The farm where the tragedy occurred is owned by Mr. George McBay, a carpenter, who lives with his wife in Buffalo, leaving his three sons, aged about 17, 14 and 9, to take care of the stock and shift for themselves. The story told by the eldest boy is that Richard was the cook, and was left at the house to get dinner while he and his brother went out to work. He says he gave the little fellow a shake by the shoulder, telling him to do his work better, and left him. When the two boys returned at 9 they found dinner partly ready, but Richard was nowhere to be seen. On searching they found his body, still warm, in the bedroom, where all three boys slept, the two eldest boys on the bed, the youngest on a shakedown on the floor. A small revolver which was kept under the pillow on the bed some six feet away. Dr. Door, Coroner, of Dunnville, was called by telephone and visited the house. He said there was no trace of blood anywhere, but a small bullet hole in the centre of the breast, through the breast bone, showed the cause of the boy's death. The clothing and the flesh about the wound were burst, showing that the fatal shot had been fired at close range. How it happened no one can tell. The boy was not quarrelled, and think he was handling the revolver and shot himself by accident. It is probable an inquest will be held.

AUTOS IN SNOW.

Having Trouble With the Roads—Italian Car Stalled.

Erie, Pa., Feb. 18.—The American car in the New York to Paris auto race took the lead to-day, leaving here at 7 a. m. for Cleveland. An hour later the French car followed. The Italian car is stalled near Ripley, N. Y., and one of the occupants has returned to Buffalo by train to get repairs for the machine. Chicago, Feb. 18.—A despatch to the Tribune from Fergusville, Ind., says: The Chicago autist who started out yesterday to meet the New York to Paris racers and pilot them into Chicago, found the roads in this section in an almost impassable condition. Paul Pieard, who reached Fergusville, 50 miles east of Chicago, at midnight, and A. J. Banta managed to get as far as Chester, five miles west of Fergusville. From Hobart, Ind., east, horses were employed almost constantly to drag the machines through the mud and slush. In places snow banks six feet deep had to be cut through before the cars could proceed. The Chicago motormen will resume their journey eastward to-day.

BACHELOR MAIDS

Gave a Delightful Dance at Jockey Club.

One of the jolliest dances of the season was held last evening at the Hamilton Jockey Club Hotel, when the merry bachelor maids of the city assembled for a good time. A special car was waiting at York street about 8 o'clock, and about one hundred went down on it. The dance was strictly a leap year one, and there was much fun and enjoyment between the ladies and gentlemen in the selection of dances. The dance room was tastefully decorated with flags and other decorations, which added to the gaiety of the occasion. A very dainty luncheon was served at midnight by Host Kretschman, after which dancing was continued for an hour or so. The patronesses of the evening were Mesdames J. L. Counsell, J. Gray, Foster, J. Glasco, and R. L. Innes. Miss Jean Haslett and Miss E. J. Balfour had charge of the arrangements, which were excellent in every detail.

TO ELECT ALL.

Good Subject For Debate by Liberal Club.

A subject of much more than ordinary interest, and in a large measure a new one, will be debated by the Liberal Club on Thursday night—and will be handled in a new way. The subject is, "Resolved, that all public boards should be elected." At the present time the Board of Education is partly elected, but the majority of its members are appointed to office. The Public Parks Board, Cemetery Board, Board of Hospital Governors, Board of Police Commissioners, Court of Revision, Board of Health and Board of License Commissioners are all appointed bodies—appointed either by the City Council, the Legislature or under provision of statute. The idea of having them all chosen by the electors will be taken up by the club. There will be no pre-arranged sides. Mr. P. Griffin will lead, after which the debate will be thrown open, and all who wish to will be at liberty to take part. The club hopes there will be a general reading up and study of the question, and that a large crowd will be on hand prepared to take part.

ON A POLICY.

Writ Against Canadian General Insurance Company.

Acting for Mr. Joseph Robinson, Chisholm & Logie to-day issued a writ for \$250 against the Canadian General Life Insurance Co. of Toronto, which was formerly known as the Central Life Insurance Co. of Guelph. The suit is for insurance on the life of the plaintiff's wife, Mrs. Annie Robinson. It is stated by the plaintiff that the annuities of his wife were accepted by the agent after they were due, although no receipts were given. Subsequently the agent refunded the amount paid for the wife's insurance, she having become insane, but the money paid for the insurance was kept. A fine point of law will be raised if the case goes to trial.

CHURCH OF ENGLAND LAYMEN.

Much interest is being shown in the Church of England Laymen's movement, and a large gathering is expected at the meeting to be held in the Board of Trade rooms this evening, beginning at 8 o'clock, for the purpose of discussing the missionary question generally. Representatives of all the eleven churches of the city will be present, and it is expected that the important subject will be discussed from all sides. There are to be no set speeches.

THE MAN IN OVERALLS

Perhaps the mare the Hon. Nelson Monteith bought may not be exactly blind. It may just have the blind staggers.

Asphyxiation may be a painless death, but it is just as deadly as any other.

Three Young Lads Left in Charge of Place.

Boy May Have Shot Himself Accidentally.

Now that the ladies have begun to talk playgrounds I am with them from start to finish. The Spectator speaks of a "widow woman."

Two Suffocated

Made a Few Remarks, Sat Down and Died Instantly.

Delhi, Feb. 18.—During a Sunday school convention at the Gospel Baptist Church last night, Geo. Ronson, of Courtland, the newly appointed president, after a few remarks, sat down in his chair and died instantly.

C. P. R. WRECK.

Jap Sorrier Killed and Number of Others Hurt.

North Bay, Ont., Feb. 18.—The C. P. R. transcontinental train, No. 2, due here at 6.35 a. m., was wrecked last night at 9.30 o'clock, fifteen miles west of Chapleau, on the Lake Superior division. The breaking of a wheel on the mail car threw the entire train off, killing the Japanese sorrier, and injuring the following named persons: A. C. Payne, Bristol, England, head cut; Mrs. A. C. Payne, Bristol, England, hand smashed and internal injuries; Margaret Campbell, Carleton Place, legs bruised; J. B. Richardson, Markham, head bruised; C. D. Humphreys, Almonte, slightly injured; W. J. Hunter, Gladstone, Man. machine frame; John Caynor, address unknown, arms cut; Alfred Orville, Roanville, Sask., injured internally; W. Hummel, Yorkshire, England, face cut; W. Norranda, Chelsea, Mass., nose broken; J. Morgan, Chapleau, badly injured, bruised and internal injuries; H. O. Orr, Toronto, slightly injured. All will recover.

THE WAY OUT

Kingston Public Places Short in the Way of Exit.

Kingston, Ont., Feb. 18.—(Special).—The city engineer, empowered with the duty of inspecting public places of assembly in the city as to the exist made of exit, made his report to council last night. He finds a serious lack of fire escapes in all the theatres, except two, all churches except one, and every hall fails to meet the legal requirements in the matter of exits.

BOOKING DATES.

Letter Carriers First to Secure Turbina For Moonlight.

That the Turbina steamship Turbina will again run on the Hamilton-Toronto route this season is now a certainty. The letter carriers of this city are the first to arrange for a moonlight on the Turbina, for the first week in June. It is the intention of the company to run moonlighting frequently, and give a service that will be altogether satisfactory. While the time table has not yet been decided upon definitely, it is expected two round trips will be made daily. An engineer with turbine experience will operate the engines, and will be brought out from the works in England where the Lusitania was built. The letter carriers always carry a big crowd.

FACULTY DANCE.

Delightful Affair at Conservatory of Music.

The faculty of the Conservatory of Music held one of the most delightful dances of the season last evening, in the Conservatory recital hall, when about 100 of their friends joined the teachers in a merry evening. The sight that was presented was indeed a pretty one, the hall being daintily decorated with the emblems of leap year—large red hearts with large streamers. In the centre of the hall was a large heart in which were several lights, and it made a delightful picture. The music for dancing was furnished by Reid's orchestra, and was pleasing. Luncheon was served upstairs, and a very dainty table was set. Dancing was resumed at the close of luncheon, and the merry crowd broke up in the wee sma' hours of the morning. Mr. Arthur Ostler, Miss Lillie Peene and Miss Adeline Smith had charge of the arrangements, and they are to be congratulated on the success that attended their efforts in making the dance the pleasurable that it was. Mesdames W. H. Hewlett, J. E. P. Aldous and C. R. McCullough received the guests on their arrival.

Made Right in Hamilton.

For coughs, colds and throat troubles, nothing equals in satisfaction Parke's Cherry Cough Cure. This is made from an old-fashioned recipe—Balm of Gilead buds, white pine bark, wild cherry bark, blood root, horshorn, pine tar, glycerine, etc. Sold in 25 cent bottles by Parke & Parke, druggists, 18 Market square.

Nestle's Milk Chocolate.

Kindly call and sample any of the following lines: Nestle's milk chocolate, Peter's milk chocolate, Mackintosh's coffee. The above lines will be demonstrated all of this week at our store. Bring your friends and sample them.—Bain & Adams, 60, 91 King street east.

FOR CRUSADE UPON FORTUNE TELLERS.

Petition Ready for Police Commissioners.

At the meeting of the Police Commissioners at noon to-morrow Detective William Huckle and a deputation, which will probably include some of the city ministers, will appear and ask that the police be instructed to wage war on fortune tellers and others of this class, who are said to be reaping a rich harvest in Hamilton. The deputation will present a petition containing the signatures of a hundred and fifty prominent citizens. Mr. Huckle says he could have secured hundreds more names if he had time to circulate it. Those who have signed it, he believes, are representative enough to incite the commissioners to take some action.

Gas Pumping Plant for Mountain Water.

People to Vote Re Board of Control.

City Engineer Barrow will recommend the Fire and Water Committee to-morrow night to install a gas pumping plant to supply water to the residents on the east end mountain top. This system can be installed, he says, at a great saving in such a small plant. The manager of the Ontario Pipe Line Company has promised to lay a main to the foot of Wentworth street if the plant is installed. Pumps propelled by natural gas, a small building and other incidentals could be secured for \$1,500, while the whole scheme would not cost more than \$6,000, as compared with the original estimate of about \$18,000. Mr. Barrow says. His idea is to install the system on a small plan first, taking the main along Clifton avenue. The others could be supplied later. George F. Webb has promised that he will get the engineer at the incline to look after the pumps if the city will pay him \$50 a year.

JUDGE ACCEPTS.

Board of Arbitration in Theaker Case is Now Complete.

Judge Monk announced to-day that he will accept the position of third arbitrator in the Theaker-Hamilton Street Railway case. He has not yet made any arrangements for the hearing of evidence, and it is not likely the board of arbitrators will meet till the first week in March. Officers of the Trades and Labor Council have sent word to Mr. J. G. O'Donnoghue, the union's arbitrator, who is in Ottawa, asking that he request the Minister of Labor to appoint a judge not officiating in Wentworth county. As Judge Monk has accepted the responsibility imposed on him, nothing can be done now by the Minister.

VANCOUVER BOARD OF TRADE AND THE INSURANCE BILL.

Caldwell's Many Applications for Mining Rights—Georgian Bay Canal.

Ottawa, Feb. 18.—(Special).—The Government Insurance Bill was taken up at the Banking and Commerce Committee to-day. Mr. Macpherson read a telegram from the Insurance Committee of the Vancouver Board of Trade endorsing the recommendations of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association, but if section 71 provides that all Provincial fire companies must obtain a Dominion license, the committee opposed this. The board asked for time to forward its report by mail.

Public Bills Committee.

Ottawa, Ont., Feb. 18.—(Special).—At the Public Accounts Committee to-day the payment by F. C. Caldwell of \$1,175 for mining rights in the Leithbridge district was under review. H. H. Rowatt, head of the mining branch of the Department of the Interior, was examined in regard to the regulations. The regulation in force in 1906 provided that only 329 acres of coal lands could be sold to one applicant. It appeared that Caldwell had put in 236 applications in one month. As the regular fee of \$5 was made, they were granted. The only check of identification to prevent a party getting more than 329 acres was to write the applicant if a suspicion arose. Caldwell first applied on behalf of himself and seven others, male and female. The application was dated at Ottawa, but was made in London, England, heading, The date was March 20. On March 29 an application was made by Caldwell on a printed form. This form Caldwell appears to have used for the balance of the applications, he acting as the alleged agent of the parties making the applications. Among the names used were those of members of Parliament on both sides of the House, who deny having given any authority for the use of their names.

Railway Committee.

At the Railway Committee to-day the bill for the extension of time to the Montreal, Ottawa & Georgian Bay Canal was passed. The company must spend \$50,000 on construction by May, 1910, and finish by May 1, 1916. Upon one week's notice the Government may assume possession of the enterprise, the company to be compensated for the work done.