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ASSESSMENT WILL STAND.

Mountain People Must Pay on City Valuation.

City's Appeal Argued and Sustained by Judge.

Garth Street Bridge Matter Has Been Settled.

The county judge allowed the appeal of the assessment department in the case of the east end mountain top residents who objected to paying the city rate and assessment next year on their ground that Hamilton had not fulfilled the terms of the annexation order...

OLD SANTA

Given a Good Start by the Retail Grocers.

Hamilton Retail Grocers' Association played Santa Claus last night. The members used good judgment, too, in the distribution of Christmas favors. They decided to make gifts—\$10 in each case—to the Boys' Home, Girls' Home, Day Nursery, St. Peter's Infirmary, St. Mary's Orphan Asylum, Agod Women's Home, Home of the Friendless, and the Salvation Army Rescue Home.

NO THOUGHT OF SUICIDE.

Mr. McDonald Has Been Ill and Sight Is Bad.

James Findlay's Jealousy Makes Peck of Trouble.

William Murray, Accused of False Pretence, Is Missing.

Ronald McDonald, who it was assumed yesterday tried to commit suicide by throwing himself in front of a street car on James street north, told such a straightforward story this morning that he convinced Magistrate Jelfs that he had no intention of taking his own life, and he will be discharged.

TRAMPS ON THE BEACH.

Two Cases of Girls Being Accosted This Week.

Wearry of foot, often ragged and dirty, generally lazy and vicious, a procession of tramps passes and re-passes between Buffalo and Toronto via the Beach short cut from January 1 to December 31.

QUESTION OF SICK BENEFIT.

Case of Much Importance Decided by Judge Monck.

This morning an important case was tried in the Ninth Division Court before Judge Monck, which decided the right of a benefit society to refuse to pay sick benefits to a member while indisposed if he has not been regular in paying his dues and at the time of sickness was under suspension.

SAFETY DEPOSIT BOXES.

To rent at \$2 a year and upwards, for the storing of deeds, bonds, stocks, wills, silver and other valuables.

ITALIAN SUBJECTS.

Rome, Dec. 3.—The Foreign Office today instructed D. Campari, the Italian consul-general at Managua, to arrange for thorough protection of Italian subjects in Nicaragua during the insurrection in that republic.

STORM IN BRITAIN.

London, Dec. 3.—A severe gale prevailed throughout Great Britain early today. Considerable damage was wrought, particularly in the coast towns. Small shipping suffered, but no loss of life has been reported.

CITY CHAMPION'S P.

First Methodist Church's football team will play the Eskimos on the mountain top to-morrow for the city championship.

BRITISH POLITICAL CAMPAIGN.

Peers and Commissioners Begin Great Fight In Their Constituencies—Lloyd-George Fired the First Shot.

Churchill, Lansdowne, and Austen Chamberlain on the Stump—The King's Speech Deals With Foreign Relations.

London, Dec. 3.—Freed of legislative duties, Commons and many peers began their own political campaigns in their constituencies to-day. Comparatively few remained in London for the formalities connected with the ceremony of proroguing Parliament.

David Lloyd-George, Chancellor of the Exchequer, whose budget was the initial cause of the crisis, was given the opportunity of firing the first shot in the struggle as the guest at luncheon of the National Liberal Club.

Winston Spencer Churchill started the campaign in Lancashire, while on the other side Lord Lansdowne, leader of the Opposition in the House of Lords, and J. Austen Chamberlain, who was Chancellor of the Exchequer in the Balfour Ministry, have gone to Plymouth

to speak the first words for the Unionists. London, Dec. 3.—The only reference to the political crisis in the speech of prorogation was in the clause addressed to the House of Commons in which the King thanked the members for the adoption of the provision for the national expenditures. This concluded: "I regret that the provision has proved unavailing."

Beyond this the speech made the usual reference to the visits of foreign sovereigns, the friendly relations with foreign powers and the legislation passed during the session. On the matter of foreign relations the speech continued: "The difficulties which unfortunately arose in southeastern Europe in the autumn a year ago have resulted happily in a practical solution for the maintenance of peace, while the constitutional regime in Turkey continues to make satisfactory progress. Subject to certain reservations made by my plenipotentiaries at the time of signature, I have to ratify the conventions which resulted from the conference held at The Hague in 1907. Agreements with Germany, Sweden, Norway, Switzerland and Portugal have been renewed for a fourth term of five years."

Mr. Henderson's speech for the Labor party also has given the Liberals great encouragement for the coming campaign, as showing that the whole party is of one mind. In the lobbies after the sitting was adjourned, election prospects were discussed by the Liberal members with the greatest satisfaction. It is understood that Parliament will be continued on Page 12.

I. O. O. E.

Encouraging Reports to the Hamilton Municipal Chapter.

A meeting of Hamilton Municipal Chapter, I. O. O. E., was held this morning in the Y. W. C. A. parlors, and was largely attended. Mrs. P. D. Crerar, regent, was in the chair. The reports from the primary chapter were read, and all showed the great progress that is being made in the work. (Caxton, St. Cecilia and St. Hilda chapters reported that they were sending Christmas delicacies to the Mountain Sanatorium. St. Elizabeth Chapter is also arranging to give the patients a treat. It was decided to request John Campbell, secretary of the Boy Scouts, Toronto, to give an address on the work in that city. Early in January, Mr. J. H. Collinson will give an illustrated lecture on the "British Navy." After the first of the year the work in connection with the Easter opera will be taken up.

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FOR A TRADE COMMISSION.

Local Board of Trade Discusses Proposed Legislation.

A special meeting of the Council of Board of Trade was held yesterday afternoon for the purpose of considering proposed legislation relating to trade combinations. The following resolution was passed:

Whereas, in the Speech from the throne at the opening of Parliament, His Excellency the Governor-General made, among others, this statement: "A measure will be submitted to you for the purpose of rendering more effective the present legislation respecting combinations which unduly enhance prices."

And whereas this board is of the opinion that the statute respecting trade combinations should not bear unjustly upon those engaged in business, but should deal fairly to all parties concerned.

And whereas the present statute respecting trade combinations is impossible to understand and impossible to interpret except at great expense to the accused.

It is resolved that this board is of the opinion that before any legislation respecting trade combinations is submitted to Parliament, a copy of the proposed bill should be sent to every board of trade and trade organization in the Dominion of Canada for the consideration and expression of views of those whom the proposed law may affect.

HISTORIC DAY AT ST. PAUL'S.

Re-opening of the Sunday School on Sunday Next.

St. Paul's Church new Sunday School is ready for the opening and that interesting event will take place on Sunday afternoon next. Having been enlarged and remodelled the school is one of the finest in the city. A complete transformation has been made. A chapel to seat 100 persons has been provided, and beautifully finished in oak panelled ceiling and dado, and 24 separate rooms have been secured.

An interesting feature of the reopening will be the ringing of the original bell of the church—said to be the first cast in Hamilton—by a great grandson of one of the charter members of the church. The bell was first used exactly 75 years ago, in 1834. It will be rung on Sunday by William Vallance, the grandson of the late Frank Vallance, who was a grandson of the founder of the Vallance family here, and a member of the church from its first day.

Mr. David Morton, superintendent of the Sunday School for many years, and the oldest living member of the church, will, if possible, be present, and there will be greetings from Mr. M. Leggat, another of the oldest members.

WAITING FOR OFFICIAL CALL.

The James Street Baptist Church representative who went to London yesterday to lay the church's case before Rev. A. J. Vining, preferred not to make a statement this morning. Mr. Vining, after the interview, would only say, "I am waiting for the official call, and after that comes I will give my answer."

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Mayor Stops Small Picking of Health Inspectors

And Calls Chairman's Attention to Irregularities.

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William Yeates, president of the Citizens' Campaign Committee, was chairman for the evening in ward 7, and in opening the meeting congratulated the officers of that ward upon the large number who were present. The following candidates were then nominated and endorsed: Alderman Wm. Anderson, Alderman Thomas Robson and H. Banwell.

Aldermen Anderson, Robson and Cooper were asked to give a brief outline of the work that had been done during the year. They stated that the eight temperance candidates that had been elected to the council last year had not been sufficient to secure a reduction of licenses, but they were the means of raising the standard of the council to a large extent. Through the work that had been done in ward 7 by the council the value of the ward had increased nearly twenty per cent.

Rev. Dr. Williamson and Rev. Roy VanWyeck spoke on the great evils of the liquor traffic, and commented on the good business ability of the council during the present year.

Aldermen Ferguson and Lees were present and gave brief addresses. Representatives from Crown Point were present and requested that meetings be held there during the next few weeks.

A large number of ladies were also present, including Mrs. Sibbald, who gave a short outline of the work which was being done by them.

In ward 4, William Brown, chairman of the ward committee, was in the chair, and commented on the amount of crime that resulted directly and indirectly from the saloons. He could not see why there should be ten saloons in ward 4 while in ward 3 there were none.

Alderman Lees spoke on the advantages that would be gained by the reduction of licenses, and Alderman Peregrine read a report of the lecture of Rev. Father O'Connor, of New York, on the subject of temperance. He also commented on the stand that was being taken in referring to the condition of the city, he said that the council this year had made a better financial success than ever before. There was no overdraft in sight, and it was probable that there would be a small surplus.

WANT POWER.

Several Towns and Villages Ask For Hydro-Electric.

(Special Wire to the Times.)

Toronto, Ont., Dec. 3.—A conference which may have important results on the power situation in the district surrounding Toronto was held this morning in the offices of the Hydro Electric Power Commission. About twenty representatives of Brampton, Milton, Port Credit, Mimico and Toronto Township met. Hon. Adam Beck and talked over the possibility of their respective places entering the hydro scheme. For some time there has been a strong feeling in these places that it would be to their advantage to take power, and isolated representatives have interviewed the Hydro officials. The latter have had much difficulty in supplying them with the definite figures, as the price at which the cost of power is computed depends on the amount taken and hence on the number of consumers. At Mr. Beck's request the different municipalities sent their representatives to this morning's meeting to get hydro proposals.

IS HE THE MAN?

Kingston, Ont., Dec. 3.—The police are holding Andrew Johnson, aged 27 years, while enquiry is made as to his relationship with several foul assaults on young girls. Johnson is said to have attacked a girl last night. The girl gave the alarm and Johnson was run down.

JUST RECEIVED.

A fresh stock of Whitelaw's sanitary paper diapers. They are soft and strong, and perfectly absorbent. To be worn inside the regular diaper, and thrown away or burnt when soiled. Put up in packages of 50 and sold for 65c.—Parke & Parke, druggists.

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The Mayor carried the war into Africa yesterday when he went to the city treasurer's department and ordered that payment of a dollar to the inspector who remains on duty on Saturday afternoon be stopped. For a long time the Board of Health has kept one of the inspectors on duty after 1 o'clock on Saturday afternoon. They take turn about, and are paid \$1 for the afternoon. The Mayor heard of this when he stirred up the hornet's nest over the overtime accounts, and he promptly ordered payment stopped. Chairman Crooks has refused to endorse his action, and more will likely be heard of it.

The Mayor's letter to Mr. Crooks is as follows: "I am in receipt of yours of to-day's date, which I regret does not apply or properly reply to mine of last. As I am not responsible for newspaper articles, I will not argue them and will pass your advice, criticism and lack of courtesy without comment."

"In the first place the amount paid these men was not passed at any meeting of the board regularly called, and held, as the minute book shows, that the account was before the board for consideration on the 28th September, and laid over, and was not again considered by the board until Friday, 30th November, and an explanation is due as to how the amount came to be paid three weeks before it was passed for payment by the board."

"In the second place the sanitary inspectors to whom this money was paid are officers of the City Council. They are appointed and their salaries fixed by-law of the council, and any increase in such salary can only properly be made by the same authority. The clause in the statute to which you refer cannot possibly have the meaning you give it, but is intended to apply to services performed under the direction of the board where no moneys have previously been appropriated for the purposes of the board."

"In the third place all officers of the city corporation are required to properly fulfill their duties for the salaries paid them. In the case of the sanitary inspectors, the by-laws regulating the office hours has no application to them or to any other official, but merely fixes the time during which the several offices are to be open to the public, and if necessary for sanitary inspectors to the proper performance of his work or duties, it is expected that he should do so, without payment for overtime."

"Perhaps it may be news to you, but during your absence for several months in the summer my attention was called by a citizen to the fact that one of the inspectors had overstayed his vacation a considerable time, although in the city. On inquiring into the matter, I learned from the acting chairman that such was the fact, although he received his regular salary during such time."

"I beg to advise you that during my term of office these regular payments will be stopped, and that if the board desire to pay any officer under the board's direction more salary than the amount fixed by the Council, such payment will have to be first authorized by the Finance Committee and approved of by the City Council. I am, yours truly, John I. McLaren, Mayor."

The Mayor also corrected a mistaken impression about a by-law fixing the hours of the clerks. He read the section which says that the offices in the City Hall shall open at 9 o'clock in the morning, and remain open until 5 in the afternoon, except on Saturdays, when they may be closed at 1 o'clock. He insists that these are the hours when the officials must be available to the public, but not the hours which they must work. Some of the officials, he says, would find it mighty hard getting through their day's work if they confine themselves to these hours.

THE USUAL THING.

The large plate mirror in the swinging door leading to the bar of the Strand Hotel was broken this morning. A couple of customers were walking out, and not noticing the door struck it with a little more violence than usual, with the result that pieces of the large mirror were scattered all over the sidewalk in front of the hotel—Constable James Clark was on the spot in a hurry, but his services were not required. The bartender remarked that the mirror had been broken three times before in a similar way.

TWO ACCIDENTS.

Norman Omerout, 17 Burlington street east, was painfully injured yesterday afternoon while at work at the Mutual Steamship Company's dock. The fingers on one of his hands were badly crushed.

John Sullivan, 546 John street north, fell from a load of boxes at the corner of Rebecca and Hughson streets last evening, and was injured.

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