

SUGGEST ABOLITION OF SOCIAL COMMISSION

Special Council Committee Defers Definite Action Pending Further Information—Board of Trade Declines to Get Mixed Up in Question—Several Charity Organizations Protest Against Statement Made.

The special committee appointed by the city council to consider and report on the proposal to abolish the social service commission and to establish in its place a welfare department has decided that it has heard all the essential evidence bearing on the situation, and will arrive at a decision at a meeting to be held next week.

In the meantime, the chairman, Ald. Phinmore, will make a trip to Buffalo at his own expense to study the methods there of handling social welfare work and will be prepared to suggest a plan on his return. Several members of the committee were prepared to dispose of the question at their meeting yesterday, but finally delayed Controller Gibbons' motion to delay decision for a week.

It was announced by the chairman at the last meeting that the board of trade would lay a plan before the committee yesterday, but a letter was read from the secretary to the effect that the board had no desire to get mixed up in the question.

Money Credited to City.
Wm. Duncan of the Children's Aid Society forwarded a copy of a letter he had written to T. McMillan, asking for an explanation of his statement made at the last hearing that the society had collected money from parents and also from the city for the same cases. He wanted to know why Mr. McMillan had not stated that money collected from the parents was credited to the city.

Several other charity organizations wrote complaining of statements made before the committee by one speaker or another.

Nearly every member of the committee flashed a resolution after the decision was reached that no further evidence would be called for.

Call For Resignation.
Ald. MacGregor got in ahead with a resolution calling for the resignation of W. H. Smith, chairman of the social service commission, because of the fact that he had ignored the committee and the further fact that he had been connected with the Inglewood Park home.

Controller Gibbons said the resolution would be all right if the committee had decided to retain the services of the commission as it was, but if the time had come to abolish the commission and set up a social welfare department, then Ald. MacGregor's resolution would be unnecessary. All the members of the commission would be asked to resign, perhaps with an expression of "thanks for good services rendered."

Controller Gibbons felt that it would not be well to show ill-will towards Mr. Smith. The complaint was against the system perhaps more than against individuals. He would favor letting the matter rest for a few days and, in the meantime, consult some social service expert before taking definite action.

Ald. Baker said he was in sympathy with Ald. MacGregor's motion, but felt that they should first decide on a question of policy. He believed the commission was the proper body to handle the welfare work, and if the personnel of the commission was not satisfactory, resignations should be called for. He then moved the following resolution:

"That this committee still approve of the principle of the social service commission having charge of all the city's charity expenditures but would suggest to the social service commission that they ascertain if any of their members are unwilling to work with their colleagues, and if not to resign, as evidently there has been some dissatisfaction."

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DROP IN COST OF SCHOOL BUILDINGS

Tenders Fall \$8,000 per Room Below the Original Estimates.

AUTHORIZE NEW WORK

Trustees Throw Bouquets on Rapid Progress of Construction in Hand.

Trustee John Laxton, chairman of the property committee of the board of education, and his colleagues are according to the claims, promises and predictions made at the meeting yesterday afternoon. The building operations are to go ahead three times as fast as ever before, school additions which formerly took eighteen months to complete are to be started and finished in six months.

The Lower Presented for the building department were so encouraging that the trustees became exuberant and showered the building department and each other with bouquets. Rev. H. A. Berli, a trustee, but not on the committee, became infected and joined the chorus of felicitations.

Ready by Easter.
The joy was expressed by J. Dyson, of the building department, announcing that all the schools and additions now under construction would be ready by Easter, and that several school additions, notably the \$4,000 four-room addition to Roden School, and the \$38,000 two-room addition to Balm Beach School, would be completed by the end of November. Rev. H. A. Berli was present to urge rush orders for the Roden School addition, and the school population of the vicinity. The November promise was accepted with thanks.

Lower Scale Per Room.
It was pointed out that the tenders brought the cost to less than \$12,000 a room. When the estimates were placed before the board of control, the committee members were surprised to find that the estimates were on a \$20,000 a room basis, which he considered decidedly high. The committee members were surprised to find that the estimates were on a \$20,000 a room basis, which he considered decidedly high.

Four Months Ahead.
Chairman Laxton said that the acceptance of tenders yesterday was four months ahead of other years. The building department was authorized to advertise for tenders for four other school additions.

The four additions for which the next tenders are to be called will be six rooms for Gladhill avenue, six rooms including a large kindergarten room for Manning avenue, three rooms at the King Edward School and three rooms at Ryerson.

Some discussion with the overcrowding at Lansdowne Avenue School resulted in an emphatic refusal to give a rush order there for portables. The solution adopted was four rooms to be rented from the Baracca club on Orchard street at a monthly rental of \$200 to include heating, caretaking, light, and the use of the gymnasium until 6 p.m.

New Sleeping Cars for Ottawa Service.
The effectiveness of a railway from a service standpoint is judged largely by the sleeping cars it operates. The Canadian National Railway, with a view to affording Ottawa patrons the best of everything, have arranged to replace the present fleet of sleeping cars on night trains Nos. 7 and 8, by eight new cars, all steel, like those now in service.

The first of the run within the next few days, and the remaining cars, "Yale," "North Bay," "Canora," "New Westminster," "Dauphin," "Neepawa" and "Portage la Prairie," will follow in due course.

The cars now in service contain every kind of luxury and comfort, and while there is no room for improvement, the new fleet will be fresh from the shops and each will be supplied with the latest Canadian National Ottawa service.

SEND IN YOUR THUMB-PRINT AND YOU MAY WIN \$25 PRIZE

Thumb-Print Contest

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____

Make your thumb-print in blank space next to Miss Dean's, fill in your name and address, clip coupon and send to Contest Editor of The World. You may win \$25.00. Competition ends tonight. But thumb-print must be on coupon clipped from The World.

EVERYBODY is interested in thumb-prints these days. The reason is plain. The World offers a prize of \$25 cash to the one whose thumb-print most nearly resembles Priscilla Dean's. In the accompanying coupon, there is a reproduction of Miss Dean's print, and in the square opposite her's, you are to make the impression.

Use an ink pad to ink your thumb, or rub the thumb with a soft lead pencil. Use the coupon from "The World" or it won't be counted. Be sure it's your right thumb, too.

The answers are coming in fast. Thousands of people are becoming interested, and it seems almost sure that the judges will have a busy time making the comparisons. But that doesn't matter. The contest will be open several days, and at its conclusion the names of the first ten will be published, together with their thumb-prints. There are ten prizes, the first being the \$25 mentioned, and the other nine being a pair of tickets to see "Outside the Law," in which Priscilla Dean, supported by Lon Chaney and a big cast, will be starring at the Regent Theatre.

Now, get busy! Send in your thumb-print today. You may be the prize winner!

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PURCHASING AGENTS ELECT NEW OFFICERS

The Toronto Association of National Purchasing Agents of Canada, a branch of the National Purchasing Agents' Association, which enforces practically all of Canada and the United States, held their second annual meeting last night in the board of trade lunch room.

The following officers were elected for the coming year: President, Walter F. Jodas, Canadian Kodak Co.; vice-president, W. K. McGuffie, Sheet Metal Products Co.; secretary, G. P. Bewick, Boynton & Williams; treasurer, R. M. Sedgwick, Standard Chemical Co.; executive committee: J. A. Fraser, Gutta-Percha & Rubber Co.; F. J. Lucas, Purdy-Mansell, Ltd.; and E. B. Ross, Dunlop Tire & Rubber Co.

On May 14 next the Purchasing Agents' Association of Canada purpose holding a convention at the King Edward Hotel.

DOES O.T.A. CONFER RIGHT TO SEARCH?

View Expressed That There Must Be Belief Liquor on Premises.

IS YACHT A VEHICLE?

Arguments in Spracklin Appeal Against Damages Awarded for Trespass.

Judgment was reserved by the second division of court yesterday in the appeal by Rev. J. O. L. Spracklin against the decision of Justice Middleton who awarded damages of \$500 against him in favor of Oscar E. Fleming, K. C., of Windsor for trespass on the latter's yacht under the guise of searching for liquor while the yacht was lying in the Detroit river.

The view was expressed by more than one of the appeal judges that the O. T. A. did not confer the right to search on mere suspicion but that there must be a belief that there is liquor on the premises unlawfully before a search is justified.

Is Yacht a Vehicle?
Mr. Rodd, who appeared for Mr. Spracklin, contended that the O. T. A. gave right to search a vehicle, that the yacht was a vehicle and that the river was a highway. He contended, in any case, that the damages should be merely nominal. Mr. Rodd cited dictionary authorities to show that the word vehicle was synonymous with carriage. A stoneboat might be a carrier, the dictionary defined it as anything in which something is carried. Chief Justice Meredith said the proper construction was the popular meaning of the word which the legislature had used.

Justice Latchford asked counsel how he justified the supposing of the revolver to the young ladies who were aboard the yacht adding "I understand one of the Hallams, rather notorious lately, was there?" "I don't want to be damned by them" returned counsel. "You don't want to be damned by them, do you?" queried the chief justice. "Mr. Rodd said that the revolver was not shown in a menacing manner and that was done in the most pleasant manner, which prompted the chief justice to remark "Isn't it rather worse if he was doing it childishly?" Mr. Rodd insisted that the searchers were showing the young ladies the guns and where they kept them in the holsters. "That is all there is to the gun story," he said.

Suspicion Not Enough.
Justice Ferguson said it was not sufficient for Spracklin to suspect. He must say "I believe" and he must have grounds for his belief.

It was pointed out by counsel for Spracklin that the latter did not seek the position to which he was appointed. "Why did he take a position for which he was not fitted?" asked the chief justice. "He showed unwisdom," added his lordship.

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