



NEWS FROM THE CITY HALL

WIDER YONGE ST. GOES TO COUNCIL

Proposal Involves Million and Half Increase in City's Bank Accommodation.

The widening of Yonge street, north of Bloor street to 56 feet, at a cost of \$2,100,000, will be recommended by the city council next Monday. The present width ranges from 66 to 72 feet. The council, city officials said yesterday, will have to decide whether the expenditure of that large amount of money would be better applied to the widening of Yonge street or to the opening of a parallel street. In conjunction with the proposal, they said the council also have to decide whether an increase of \$1,500,000 in bank accommodation should be made this year. The city's share of the cost of the widening of Yonge street would be \$1,500,000.

The Yonge street widening, it is said, would be done on the local improvement plan. This means that until the real estate purchased has been resold, the city cannot issue debentures, and the city in the meantime would have to borrow from the banks the money required to go on with the widening. The city is at present carrying a debt of six millions of bank accommodation through local improvement works, and it is recalled, the carrying charges are so great that Mayor Hocken and the treasury board are insisting that the bank accommodation account be pulled down, not increased.

BOGUS CHEQUE MAN PAID SMALL FINE

St. Catharines Magistrate Showed Leniency Toward Upper, Who Confessed.

ST. CATHARINES, March 4.—Two alleged bogus cheque artists were arraigned in the court of Arthur Upper, magistrate, on charges of passing cheques to the extent of \$19.85. On payment of \$6.85 costs and on making restitution and giving a pledge for further good behavior the magistrate agreed to allow him his liberty. George Juen is said to have succeeded in raising \$10 on a cheque in this city, on which no capital letters were used either in the signature or the name of first party. He was remanded for a week in the city police court until the arrival of Magistrate Campbell and will appear on Monday.

Blacksmith Wants Damages. Notice has been served upon Larin & Sangster of St. Catharines, contractors on a section of the barge canal at Lockport, of a suit for \$30,000 damages, brought by a blacksmith in their employ, who alleges that owing to a defective anvil on which he was working a piece of steel went into one of his eyes, destroying the sight. The case will be tried in the supreme court at Buffalo.

So many penniless unemployed from other places have found their way here looking for jobs on the Welland Canal without success that the St. Catharines police station has been crowded with voluntary lodgers during the recent cold nights. Thus far 200 have been accommodated in the cells, more than the number of lodgings during the whole of last year.

The board of health has notified four applicants for milk vendors' licenses in St. Catharines that they must conform to the new regulations requiring careful cleanliness in handling milk before April 1, or their licenses will be canceled.

LEAMINGTON MAN DIES ON WAY HOME

LEAMINGTON, March 4.—Mr. John Cross, of Cross and Palford, one of Leamington's business men, died suddenly on his way home from work tonight. He got about half way home when he reeled on the sidewalk, and fortunately a passerby caught him. He was carried into a neighboring house, where he immediately expired without regaining consciousness. Mr. Cross was a prominent member of the Anglican Church and a great temperance worker and member of the I.O.O.F., and was held in the highest esteem by all.

He leaves a widow, six sons and two daughters to mourn his loss.

GOVERNMENT EGG STATION.

WARDSVILLE, March 4.—The poultry industry has received an impetus in the establishing of a government breeding station. Utility barred rock eggs will be supplied to the schools during the fair season, and to others at reasonable rates. About 40 pullets will be selected from the flocks produced from eggs sent out last season. These will be divided into three pens. Charles Palmer was chosen manager of the breeding station, which will be under the supervision of L. B. White, J. A. Dowdell, Rev. B. Snell, A. G. Linden and P. O'Malley.

CELESTINE COMPANY FORMED.

THEFT, March 4.—The Thefted Celery and Fruit Co., Limited, of Thefted, Ont., has been incorporated with a capital of \$40,000, fully subscribed. The head office of the company will be at Thefted. The provisional directors are J. H. Purcell, G. H. Powell, Florence Powell, R. McKenzie and J. H. Jennings.

EX-AMERICANS TO PAY TAX.

WINDSOR, March 4.—Wealthy residents of Windsor, Walkerville, Sandwich and former Detroiters who have built homes along the river front on this side of the border, and have become naturalized British subjects, yet have large holdings in real estate and manufacturing concerns from which they derive incomes, will probably be called upon shortly to pay a penalty for failure to make returns to the internal revenue department in Detroit, for they earn less than \$5000 or \$4000.

ORDERED TO PAY FOR EXTENDING STREET

The court of revision has decided that the Upper Canada College property, part of which is now subdivided, must be assessed for the extension of Oriole road north of Lansdale avenue. Property on each side of the extended road will be assessed 64 per cent. of cost, and the side streets will be assessed 28 per cent., instead of 37.

MANY USE RINKS AND SLIDES.

Civic rinks and slides were used by over 400,000 people during February. About 40,000 were at the High Park Slides, and over 14,000 were on the Riverdale Park Skating Rink during the last two weeks of the month. In the eastern district are 11 rinks, in the central four, and in the western 19.

APPLICATION NOT HEARD.

The application of the Toronto, Western and Niagara Railway Co. for an extension of an underground franchise into Toronto was not heard before the Dominion Railway Board on Tuesday. This was reported at the city hall today. Corporation Counsel Geary was in Ottawa to oppose the extension. Trains delayed by the strike prevented all the persons interested from reaching Ottawa in time for the hearing. Mr. Geary expects that construction of the viaduct and Union Station on the waterfront will commence in April.

C.T.A. Wanted in Perth

ST. MARY'S, March 4.—It is proposed by the Ministerial Association of the town to call a meeting to consider the advisability of submitting the Canada Temperance Act to a vote of the people for the County of Perth in the near future.

CHICKEN THIEVES WERE SENTENCED

Judgment Passed on Three Members of One Family at Woodstock.

WOODSTOCK, March 4.—(Special.)—With the confession of Louis Fournier, John and Walter Brown in the police court this morning to charges of theft, the big chicken stealing mystery which has caused some trouble to residents of Woodstock and Norwich lately was cleared up. Yesterday Provincial Constable Fred Hill and Chief of Police Killings visited the vicinity of the thefts and secured an interesting story of the operations of an organized gang, who stole large quantities of butter from a nearby factory and robbed the farmers of fowl and other products.

The gang was chiefly composed of the Fournier family, three of whom were sentenced to six months in the Central Prison for stealing, and the other three youths was reserved until tomorrow.

RICHARD WATSON DIES WAS FULLERTON PIONEER

ST. MARY'S, March 4.—Richard Watson, 32, a well-known resident of the west ward, died on Monday. Although he had been ailing for the past few weeks, he came quite suddenly and unexpectedly from an acute attack of indigestion. Mr. Watson was one of the early settlers of Fullerton Township, and moved to St. Mary's about fifteen years ago. He was unmarried. The funeral takes place on Thursday, with interment at Avonbank Cemetery. A short service will be held at the house.

Youth is Missing. A young man of Lakeside, by the name of Scott, has been missing since Feb. 7.

BOARD WOULD PROHIBIT CIGARETS IN CANADA

LONDON, Ont., March 4.—The board of education officially endorsed the proposal of Andrew Brodus, M.P., to prohibit the sale, manufacture or importation of cigarettes in Canada. It also went on record as favoring the remuneration of prisoners for work done during their incarceration.

WILL ERECT FLAGSTAFF TO CARRY NEW FLAG

St. Mary's Council Presented With Union Jack by I.O.O.F. Chapter.

ST. MARY'S, March 4.—At the regular meeting of the St. Mary's Town Council, Mrs. (Dr.) Mathieson, on behalf of local Chapter Carroll of the Imperial Order of Daughters of the Empire presented the Town of St. Mary's with a large Union Jack. It is the intention of the council to erect a new flagstaff and float the emblem on all public holidays, etc.

BIG DEAL AT PRESTON.

GALT, March 4.—(Special.)—The largest real estate deal in the history of Preston property was closed today. Charles E. Fischer, a wealthy Waterloo man, bought the opera house block for \$45,000, and will spend \$25,000 in enlarging the playhouse and building stores on vacant lots.

PASTOR CALLED TO STATES

ST. THOMAS, March 4.—Rev. E. R. Kemm, pastor of the Disciples Church on Railway street, has resigned his pastorate. Mr. Kemm has resided in St. Thomas for three years. He has accepted a pastorate in Martinsville, Virginia.

PURCHASE BOARD GAINS IN FAVOR

New Plan Said to Remove Hostility of Some of Officials to Department.

Controller McCarthy's plan to place three departmental heads in charge of the civic purchasing department, it was said at the city hall today, is meeting with much approval. The board, it is said, would be given the task of financing to buy at the most favorable times, and to take advantage of all discounts. It is estimated that many thousands of dollars annually could be saved to the city in this way.

When it was proposed to appoint a purchasing agent, the heads of every department said that they feared they would lose members of their staffs whose places could not be filled without much inconvenience. In nearly every department is an expert in purchasing some form of supplies, and they would probably be persuaded to transfer to the purchasing department. But the plan of having a purchasing board, its supporters claim, makes possible the gradual development of the new department, and no disturbance to the other departments.

EIGHT INJURED IN EXPLOSION OF GAS

Deputy Chief of Niagara Falls Fire Department Was Seriously Hurt.

NIAGARA FALLS, Ont., March 4.—(Special.)—In an explosion of natural gas that followed a small fire in A. C. Thornburn's drug store, Victoria ave., Assistant Fire Chief William Didenus was seriously injured. Four other firemen were slightly injured and several bystanders were out by flying glass. The explosion occurred shortly after the firemen responded to the alarm. All those who were injured were standing in front of the building at the time of the explosion.

Firemen William Nichols, Allen Baldry and John Shaughnessy were burned and cut about the face. Alexander Bettler, W. E. Lise and William Gyska, bystanders, were also slightly injured. The loss is about \$4000.

BROCKVILLE PLANS STREET RAILWAY

BROCKVILLE, March 4.—The draft agreement between the town council of this place and the Morrisburg Electric Railway Co. has been prepared and will be taken up by the council next week. The principal features of the agreement are: Franchise for 21 years, subject to rights of expropriation by the town seven years after the date of the agreement; running rights seven days a week; exemption of the rails and equipment from taxation for 15 years; five cent fare; workingmen's tickets seven for a quarter.

HOUSING COMPANY WORNS ELSEWHERE

ST. CATHARINES, March 4.—The housing situation in this city is about to be handled in a practical manner by the Pioneer Land & Building Company, Limited, of Toronto, which is following out the plans of its organizers. The company has laid a large tract of land and is preparing plans for detached houses containing from six to eight rooms.

TORONTO MEN CONTROL GUELPH LINEN MILLS

GUELPH, March 4.—News was received today that the Dominion Linen Mills, which have been closed down for several months, are about to resume operations. The property, it is understood, has been sold to a syndicate of Toronto men.

GAS COMPANY TO FIGHT BACK.

GALT, March 4.—The Dominion Natural Gas Company proposes resisting the action which the minister of inland revenue intended would be taken in regard to Galt and Paris, which are suffering from objectionable sulphur gases. The company contends that these towns are no worse off than other communities served, and it will send representatives to Ottawa to try to dissuade the minister from enforcing regulations to purify the gas supply. Several other municipalities are joining in the outcry against the offensive product. In Brantford the company was fined \$10 and costs for creating a nuisance.

JOHN SLEEMAN DEAD.

GUELPH, March 4.—(Special.)—The death took place here of John Sleeman, brother of ex-Mayor George Sleeman. He was in his eighty-seventh year, was born in England and came to Canada in the year 1836. He settled at St. David's near Niagara Falls, where he was in the brewing and malting business for many years. He was unmarried.

COULD DOUBLE OUTPUT.

GALT, March 4.—(Special.)—H. R. Panstetter, Dominion trade commissioner, addressed a board of trade meeting at the city hall tonight on the subject of a new public school for Galt manufacturers, he declared, could readily and with profit double their output under a progressive export policy.

SUN LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY OF CANADA

LEADING FEATURES OF THE DIRECTORS' REPORT FOR 1913

ASSETS as at 31st December, 1913,	\$55,726,347.32
Increase over 1912	6,120,730.83
CASH INCOME from Premiums, Interest, Rents, etc., in 1913	13,996,401.64
Increase over 1912	1,663,320.04
PROFITS DISTRIBUTED to policyholders during 1913	706,424.19
ADDED TO SURPLUS during 1913	421,904.26
TOTAL SURPLUS 31st December, 1913, over all liabilities and capital	5,752,986.08
DEATH CLAIMS, Matured Endowments, Profits, etc., during 1913,	4,982,553.25
PAYMENTS to policyholders since organization	39,385,287.91
PREMIUMS RECEIVED since organization	94,012,632.86
PAYMENTS to policyholders since organization and assets now held for their benefit	95,111,635.23
NEW BUSINESS (paid for in cash) during 1913	34,290,916.79
Increase over 1912	3,476,507.15
ASSURANCES IN FORCE 31st December, 1913	202,363,996.00
Increase over 1912	19,631,576.00

The SUN LIFE OF CANADA holds the premier position among Canadian Life Assurance Companies.

The Company's Growth

YEAR	INCOME	ASSETS	LIFE ASSURANCES IN FORCE
1872	\$ 48,210.93	\$ 96,461.95	\$ 1,064,350.00
1883	274,865.50	735,940.10	6,779,566.00
1893	1,240,483.12	4,001,776.90	27,799,757.00
1903	3,986,139.50	15,505,776.48	75,681,189.00
1913	13,996,401.64	55,726,347.32	202,363,996.00

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Supervisor for Western Ontario and Michigan
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NEW BREAKWATER FOR LEAMINGTON

Hon. Robert Rogers Told Big Delegation Work Will Be Undertaken.

PORT IS NOW UNSAFE

Attention Called to Large Government Revenue From Essex Tobacco.

OTTAWA, March 4.—(Special.)—

A breakwater is to be built at Leamington within the next couple of years. An appropriation for it will appear either in the supplementary estimates this year or in the main estimates next year. This was what Hon. Robert Rogers told a strong delegation from the north riding of Essex which waited on the minister of public works today and asked that the government build a breakwater at the town of Leamington. The delegation was introduced by Oliver J. Wilcox, member for North Essex, the member for South Essex being in the west. In fact Mr. Clarke has not been here this session.

WILL SWELL REVENUE.

Dr. Wm. F. Park pointed out to Mr. Rogers that it was unsafe for vessels to lie at the port of Leamington unless a breakwater was built to protect the harbor. It was common for boats to be compelled to return to Pelee Island without effecting a landing at Leamington. The cost of a suitable breakwater would be about \$75,000, but at present the government gets \$50,000 a year in duties on tobacco grown on the island, and if better shipping facilities were created the value of the crop on Pelee Island would be enhanced with a correspondingly large profit to the government.

COCHRANE'S NEW SCHOOL.

COCHRANE, March 4.—The passing of a bylaw to raise \$35,000 for the erection of a new public school for Cochrane came up at a special meeting of the town council.

MINISTER RESIGNS

PETROLEA, March 4.—At a meeting of the Presbyterians of Petrolea it was decided to accept the resignation of Rev. Dr. McNair and to grant him \$500, five months' salary.

TORONTO POLE STOLE FROM HIS PARTNER

SARNIA, Ont., March 4.—A Pole named John Massau, who hails from Toronto and who has been working in Port Huron for the last month, stole \$164 from his partner, John Zembla, at Port Huron. He is held in jail.

RESTRICTS CIGARET SALES.

PETERBORO, March 4.—A bylaw passed by the city council provides a fee of \$40 for the sale of cigarettes, and thus practically restricts the sale to the up-town tobacco stores and hotels. The bylaw was passed by Ald. Anderson.

NO INFANTRY AT BARRIEFIELD.

KINGSTON, March 4.—It has been practically decided that there will be no infantry camp at Barriefield this year. Three rural brigades will go to Petawawa in June instead of Kingston. Companies of city corps will constitute a composite brigade which will train there the last five days of camp.

MAY DIE FROM EXPOSURE.

GALT, March 4.—(Special.)—Eliza Monkman, aged 78, a charwoman, was removed to the hospital today in an ambulance. She was found lying exhausted by privation and cold in her room where she lived all alone. Her condition is critical.

DEATH OF MRS. SHIPP.

RIDGETOWN, Ont., March 4.—Orford Township lost another old resident when death called Mrs. Susan Shipp, wife of Mr. Thomas Shipp of Palmyra.

RAISE CIGARET LICENSE FEES.

CLINTON, March 4.—As a result of the crusade against cigarettes by the temperance workers, the license fee has been raised from \$15 to \$60, and a specification made that hotels could no longer sell them without a local permit by the town council.

ELLICE CONSERVATIVES.

WARTBURG, March 4.—At the annual meeting of the Ellice Conservatives the following officers were elected: President, E. Henry; vice-president, Eckert Diehl; secretary-treasurer, Roy Henry.

RIVAL FOR HYDRO-RADIALS.

LONDON, March 4.—McAllister, Bear & Co., representing Detroit, Montreal and New York capitalists, will this week apply for a charter to build a new \$2,000,000 radial line from London to Grand Bend on Lake Huron and from there to Stratford, and eventually take in Woodstock, Guelph, Galt, Toronto and St. Catharines.

HYDRO POWER IS KINGSTON'S DESIRE

Board of Trade Asks City Council to Undertake Negotiations.

KINGSTON, March 4.—(Special.)—

The board of trade is still hammering away in an endeavor to get the city council to secure cheap power to induce industries to locate here, believing the city's industrial future depends almost entirely upon whether it can supply cheap power to manufacturers. The board passed a resolution today calling upon the city council to make a strong effort at once to secure power from the Hydro-Electric Commission and to base the estimate of consumption on such reasonably optimistic figures as may insure a fairly cheap rate, this board having confidence that the citizens will approve and support this action.

ST. THOMAS PROSPERS

ST. THOMAS, March 4.—Assessment figures given out at the city council meeting show an increase of \$1,327,109 over last year's total; 1913, \$8,578,148; 1914, \$9,905,257. Land assessment showed an increase of \$85,585, while the population increased by 1049, making the total 16,794.

TO HAVE TOWN COMMISSIONER.

LINDSAY, March 4.—At a meeting of the city council the appointment of a town commissioner for Lindsay was discussed, and it was decided to offer the position to A. J. Williams, a contractor, the salary to be \$100 per month.

PLAN MORE GOOD ROADS.

WALLACEBURG, March 4.—Two and one-half miles of good roads are to be added to those already about Wallaceburg. The improvements are to be made on the four main roads leading into the town. The roads commission is composed of Reeve Hinggan, William McInnis and T. D. McGuire.

ACCEPTS ALBERTA CALL.

CLINTON, March 4.—Rev. Dr. K. Grant of Wilfrid Laurier University Church left for Olds, Alberta, to accept a call. His successor is Rev. Mr. Reid, moderator of the presbytery.

ROBT. MEER AGAIN PRESIDENT.

KINGSTON, March 4.—(Special.)—Robert Meer was re-elected president of the board of trade today.

TO SUCCEED MAJOR WINTHROP.

KINGSTON, March 4.—(Special.)—Major Wintthrop Sears has resigned command of the 5th Field Battery, Kingston, and Capt. F. C. Barrett, 4th Hussars, is slated to succeed.

TWO FLED FROM JAIL AT CHATHAM

Convicted Men Were Evidently Given Assistance by Friends Outside.

CHATHAM, March 4.—David Grant,

who last week was sentenced to seven years in Kingston for highway robbery, and Henry Dart, alias George Grant, sentenced to two years less two days in the Central for issuing bad cheques, escaped from the county jail here early today. George Grant is wanted in Toronto for a bad cheque deal. The men are not related. Searchers shortly before noon had traced the men to a Penmarquette freight train going south. The prisoners were in the jail yard while the turnkey was opening the gates to the yard. Dart and Grant secured a ladder and climbed over the 6-foot wall. Persons on the outside were evidently connected with the plot, as the men went directly to Terry's loushous, where Dart changed his clothes to a suit of civilian clothes, which apparently were left there.

ENGINEER'S ACTION PREVENTED WRECK

PETERBORO, March 4.—The C. P. R. express No. 34, running from Toronto to Ottawa, had a miraculous escape from disaster this morning. When it arrived here one of the axles on the front truck of the engine had become heated. The engineer thought the axle too hot to proceed with the train, and arrangements were made to have the mogul of a passing freight haul the engine was uncoupled and started to run to the freight sheds spur when the axle snapped, causing a wheel to fall off the engine.

WELLAND'S NEW INDUSTRY.

WELLAND, March 4.—Representing an investment of over a million dollars, the Welland plant of the Union Carbide Co. is near completion. Some idea as to the extent of this great industry can be obtained from the following facts: Site, 40 acres; railroad sidings, two miles; factory buildings, eight; employees, 300 to 500; annual wage roll, \$200,000.

SHAUGHNESSY SILENT IN REGARD TO RUMOR

MONTREAL, March 4.—Asked today regarding a rumor that he had been regarded the position of high commissioner for Canada in London, and was considering the matter, Sir Thomas Shaughnessy, president of the C.P.R., said that he had nothing whatever to say in relation to it. It is believed locally, however, that such a suggestion has been made to him from an Ottawa source.