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METEOROLOGICAL

Toronto, May 9—8 p.m.—The depression which was in Alberta last night now covers Manitoba. It is attended by numerous showers and thunderstorms, and the indications are that showers will shortly extend into Ontario. Rain has fallen today over the greater portion of the Maritime Provinces. Minimum and maximum temperatures—Victoria, 44-56; Kamloops, 44-60; Calgary, 36-60; Qu'Appelle, 48-60; Winnipeg, 54-76; Port Arthur, 52-54; Pary Sound, 44-52; Toronto, 50-64; Ottawa, 45-59; Montreal, 48-59; Quebec, 40-60; Halifax, 38-52. Local temperatures—The highest and lowest readings of the thermometer at the observatory on Tuesday, May 9, were: Highest, 71.5 above; lowest, 41.5 below. Today sun rises at 4:53 a.m.; sets 7:30 p.m. Moon rises at 5:13 a.m.; sets at 8:56 p.m.

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A LOCAL BUDGET

—Mr. George Burness, leaves today for British Columbia.

—Mr. Joseph Bilton is recovering from an attack of blood poisoning.

—Dr. I. L. Kilborn, late of China, is the guest of Mr. John McClary, city.

—Mr. James Burns, who fell recently and broke a small bone in his foot, is recovering.

—Mr. O. R. Scott, of the Boswell House, has sold out to Mr. B. Harrison, of Chatham.

—Miss Lizzie Parkinson has returned home after spending a year with her sister at Rosebank, Manitoba.

—Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Hutchinson, late of St. Thomas, before leaving for Winnipeg, are visiting her niece, Mrs. Anderson, Clarence street.

—The board of managers of St. James' Presbyterian Church last night decided to call for tenders upon the new plans prepared by Architect Matthews.

—A building permit has been issued to Moore & Henry for the erection of an addition to the London Printing Company's building on Carling street.

—The annual meeting of the board of trade will be held tomorrow evening. The annual report will be presented, and the election of officers and committees proceeded with.

—Miss Sarah Blackwell, formerly of 515 King street, has returned to the city, fully recovered from her late severe illness. She is now living with her brother William at 505 Princess avenue.

—At the regular meeting of the quarterly board of the Dorchester circuit, held in Dorchester the 8th inst., a unanimous invitation was extended to the Rev. John Mahan to return to the circuit another year.

—At the concert to be given by Knox Church choir, Thursday, May 11, the Imperial Quartet will sing that pathetic Scotch ballad, "Annie Laurie." The Musical Society Orchestra will play several selections also, accompanying the choruses. The concert will be under the direction of Mr. F. L. Evans.

—M. Ex. Comp. W. G. Reid, of Hamilton, the grand Z of the grand chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada paid a visit to Ark Chapter, No. 39, Windsor, on Monday night, and was fraternally welcomed by the companions, several of whom were from London and other points.

—So Olga Nethersole is coming to the city on Wednesday, May 11. She comes under the direction of Mr. Marcus Mayer, with numerous trunks of the most finished and artistic properties, and a supporting company of much excellence. Olga Nethersole is gaining force and power year by year, and today, without question, she stands on the highest pinnacle of her profession, popular both here and abroad, she can depend on a hearty welcome.

Her New York engagement proved one of the theatrical triumphs of this season. She will be seen in her remarkable presentation of Paula Ray in "The Second Mrs. Tanqueray." Critics and public agree that it is one of the most superb performances that has been seen for many a long day.

—The annual meeting of the Young Men's Christian Association was held last night. The reports for the year, together with the election of officers, were withheld for an adjourned meeting, to be held on Tuesday evening of

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next week. A new constitution will be presented at the same time. The year has been the most successful in the association's history, the membership having increased, and the debt on the new building reduced by several thousand dollars. Those present were: Messrs. W. R. Hobbs (president), W. C. Ferguson, O. B. Leslie, F. R. Clarke, A. Williams, L. H. Smith, G. C. Bedgood, R. A. Little, John Bowman, F. H. Heath, W. H. Wortman, John H. Chapman, J. W. Westervelt, C. H. Ivey, F. W. Daly, J. B. Spencer and Secretary Sayer.

FIRE ON WOLFE STREET.

Fire started in the cellar of H. J. Jones' residence, Wolfe street, last night, and, following the hot air pipes, spread between the walls to the attic. The fire could not be reached with water, but was, with considerable difficulty, put out by the Babcocks. The walls and furniture were damaged to the extent of several hundred dollars. A party of nine missionaries who left Canada for the Celestial Empire, Dr. Kilborn is maintained in his work by the young people of the First Methodist Church, and to them he rendered an excellent account of his work, first describing his trip from Vancouver to Shanghai, and then up the Yangtze River 2,000 miles, into the most populous province in the empire, Sze Chuen, where 50,000,000 people live in idolatry, superstition and ignorance. In 1891 there were 50 missionaries, and now there are 150. Dr. Kilborn told of the several forms of worship, chief among which is that of ancestral tablets. The curses of Sze Chuen were opium, alcohol and tobacco. The speaker referred to the Yangtze valley riots in 1891, when 27 foreign missionaries were killed and missions burned. These riots had, however, proved a blessing in disguise. A number of curios were exhibited.

BACK FROM CHINA.

A rally of Epworth Leaguers of the London district was held in the First Methodist Church last evening. The audience was large, and the proceedings interesting. Rev. Dr. Smith welcomed the young workers in a brief address, after which Dr. O. L. Kilborn spoke of his work in West China. On Sept. 12, 1891, Dr. Kilborn was one of a party of nine missionaries who left Canada for the Celestial Empire. Dr. Kilborn is maintained in his work by the young people of the First Methodist Church, and to them he rendered an excellent account of his work, first describing his trip from Vancouver to Shanghai, and then up the Yangtze River 2,000 miles, into the most populous province in the empire, Sze Chuen, where 50,000,000 people live in idolatry, superstition and ignorance. In 1891 there were 50 missionaries, and now there are 150. Dr. Kilborn told of the several forms of worship, chief among which is that of ancestral tablets. The curses of Sze Chuen were opium, alcohol and tobacco. The speaker referred to the Yangtze valley riots in 1891, when 27 foreign missionaries were killed and missions burned. These riots had, however, proved a blessing in disguise. A number of curios were exhibited.

TAX RATE

23 MILLS

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False Economy of Last Year's Council Shown Up.

No Plank Walks Provided For—Salary Increases Knocked Out—Assessment War With the Street Railway Company—Debentures for the Water-works Dam.

The record was broken. The city council last night struck a 23 mill rate of taxation for the current year. This is, by half a mill, the highest rate in London's history. A vigorous effort was made by a number of the aldermen to have the rate reduced to 22½ or 22-10 for euphony—it would not sound so bad to outsiders, they said—but it was shown that the paring process had been worked to the limit to get the figures down to 23. Ald. Rumball, the finance minister, took a deliberate stand that only what was absolutely necessary should be provided for, yet no risk of incurring a deficit should be allowed. He scored last year's council roundly for bringing about the present financial trouble in their anxiety to make a good showing by striking a low rate. Last year's council made two mistakes, he said. One was in striking too low a rate, and the other was in spending more than the appropriation. It was because of these mistakes the present rate was so high. The discussion of the budget was at times quite lively. In the parring, several pet schemes had suffered, and the promoters of the several schemes made energetic protests. All the members were present.

Aside from fixing the rate, the council decided to fight the street railway company through the court of appeal on the assessment of \$150,000 as fixed by the board of county judges. Notice of the company's appeal on the ground that the assessment should have been on a "scrap iron" basis, or about \$50,000, was received. To conduct the fight will cost the city \$500. The motion to carry on the case was by Ald. Carrothers and O'Meara.

Another important matter was the passing of a bylaw authorizing the issue of debentures for \$40,000 for waterworks purposes. The sum of \$34,000 is being raised for the reconstruction of the dam at Springbank, and the \$6,000 balance is for certain main drains ready laid. If the latter sum were not raised by debenture issue it would come out of the year's revenue, and therefore have to be included in the estimates.

THE ESTIMATES.

Ald. Rumball, chairman of the finance committee, presented the estimates for the year. The council, he said, had many difficulties to meet in striking the rate this year. There were exceptional circumstances, over which they had no control. The amount of the expenditure under the council's control was small. The debenture sinking funds and interest amounted to 9½ mills, schools required 7 mills, and the free library half a mill, making a total of 17 mills, about which the council had no option. Last year's council began with a surplus of \$5,331.99, and ended with a deficit of \$8,298.65; the school

board also had a balance and overdraft last year, and together they made \$13,000, or 1¼ mills—possessed last year, which was not to be had this year. The committee had pared at they thought possible, and found a rate of 23½ mills facing them. But just before the meeting it was decided to make it the even 23 mills by knocking \$3,000 off school board's estimates; \$2,000 on the high school and \$1,000 on the public school figures; and \$1,325 in salary increases to city hall officials and the firemen. The school board in the afternoon had refused to reduce their estimates more than \$2,000 on the high school figures, and they would probably spend the full amount of their estimates for public schools, in spite of the council, Ald. Rumball said.

The following list of grants to charities was submitted: W. C. A., \$200; Salvation Army Shelter, \$50; Salvation Army Home, \$100; Charities Organization, \$200; Mount Hope Orphanage, \$150; Protestant Orphans' Home, \$350; Children's Aid Society, \$500. Ald. O'Meara said the committee had been misinformed about the Mount Hope orphanage grant. It was \$200, and not \$150. Ald. Parnell moved and Ald. Rumball seconded that this year's grant be \$200. Carried.

Of the proposed salary increases, \$120 to Chief Roe, of the fire department, was the only one passed. None of the increases to city hall officials passed through, though \$150 had been provided for the purpose, but not apportioned. The chairman thought it should go to Secretary Bell and Clerk Tambling. Ald. Pritchard wanted Chief Roe to get \$1,200. Ald. McPhillips held that Police Court Clerk Moule should have a \$200 increase.

The board of works' estimates totaled \$35,000, and were based on the assumption that no plank walks would be laid this year. Ald. Jolly said the municipal act required the council to levy one mill on the dollar for the construction of sidewalks. It was not feasible for the council to refuse to lay plank walks, Ald. McPhillips seconded. Ald. Dreaney was the only supporter of the motion. The appropriation for streets and general improvements went through at \$19,825, as against \$30,525 93 spent last year. For band concerts \$300 is provided.

Ald. Parnell called attention to the fact that the appropriation for No. 2 committee was much less than it should have been. It was by starving the streets that the rate was reduced to 23 mills. The rate should have been 24 mills.

Off No. 3 committee's estimates \$1,200 were taken. This sum was intended for building new sidewalks around the Market Square, and Ald. Pritchard strongly objected to it being left out. The mayor informed Ald. Pritchard that the city solicitor's opinion was that debentures for paving the market could not be issued without a vote of the people.

The hospital trust's figures had been reduced \$5,000—\$1,000 on maintenance, and \$4,000 on furnishings—leaving the estimates \$7,000 and \$4,000 respectively. Ald. McPhillips and Jolly thought that the building would not be completed this year, and that \$2,000 would be enough for furnishings. Ald. O'Meara moved to take off the \$2,000, and the rate 22½ mills. Ald. Carrothers seconded. Ald. Pritchard reached out after the \$2,000 wherewith to put sidewalks around the market. Ald. Parnell was opposed to leaving anything over for next year that should be met this year.

Ald. Rumball—Last year's council made that mistake. They wanted to go with a great hurrah to the people. Hence the present trouble.

The mayor wanted to know what difference it made. Last year the people had the money in their pockets. This year they had to pay up.

Ald. Rumball—Just the difference between going in debt and paying your way.

Ald. Parnell's motion to adopt the item of \$4,000 was carried. Ald. McPhillips, Dreaney, Jolly, Carrothers, Winnett, O'Meara and Dreaney voted nay. When the board of health estimates were considered Ald. Parnell moved to reduce Medical Health Officer Hutchinson's salary from \$1,500 to \$1,200. Ald. O'Meara seconded, and afterwards withdrew and moved a resolution of several city hall salaries, dividing \$300 among several officials. To the amusement of several members no one seconded either motion, and the "finance minister" passed on to the next item.

According to the school board's estimates the amount for public schools is \$31,619.60, as against \$74,061.46 last year. Ald. Parnell made a strong plea for less in the upper forms at the Collegiate Institute. Every year throughout the province fees ranging from \$7 to \$20 per pupil were charged. London was a notable exception. The minister of education had expressed surprise that a fee was not imposed here. The board of education should take up the question. Ald. Wilkey favored no fee. Heavy ratepayers largely supported the institution, while the poorer classes received the benefit. Ald. Carrothers and Pritchard spoke along the line of Ald. Parnell's arguments. They would like to see a fee imposed.

On the second reading of the bylaw, Ald. Carrothers moved to give the Children's Aid Society \$300, in place of \$500. Ald. Plant raised the question of the society's claims on the council for a shelter for their wards and the grant remained at \$500.

The bylaw was read three times and finally passed. Adjourned.

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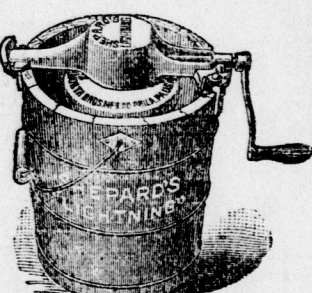
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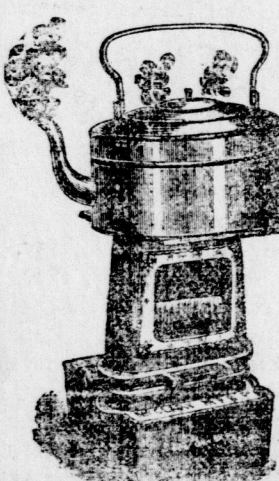
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Chicago, May 9.—William R. Kerr, commissioner of the health department under Mayor Swift's administration, filed a petition in bankruptcy today. Liabilities were placed at \$149,000, and assets \$1,000. Mr. Kerr was connected with the Grand Pacific Hotel as associate manager until last October.

LORD RANDOLPH'S SON SPOKE. London, May 10.—Lady Randolph Churchill presided over a meeting of members of the Primrose League at Norfolk Square Hotel, when her son,

Lieutenant Winson Leonard Spencer Churchill, of the Fourth Queen's Own Hussars, who is about leaving the army to enter public life, made an address.

Wheat sowing in Manitoba is now progressing favorably, a week earlier than last spring, and Hunt Bros. are now hopeful of a plentiful supply of that grandest of wheats for the manufacture of their celebrated "Diamond Flour" for the coming year.

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