

TENDER-HEARTED CITY FATHERS SOLICITOUS FOR CONTRACTORS

Show It to a Marked Degree at
the Regular Meeting of
Council.

The council meeting last night was remarkable for one thing—and that was the solicitude that was shown for contractors by a section of the aldermen.

Some of the city fathers are so tender-hearted that they are ready at any time to vote to hand over large sums of the city's money in order to make jobs for friends.

Contracts figured largely in the discussion last night, and Ald. Garratt loomed up large as the friend of the contractors. Of course, this is nothing new. The alderman has always fought to the last ditch for the contractors.

Ald. Matthews is another alderman who has a weakness for street watering contractors. By the way, he put up by himself and Ald. Garratt last night, a scheme brought in by Chairman Gillean to have the streets watered by day labor was knocked out, and the people of the city are to be compelled to pay the contractors \$2,500 more for street watering than is necessary. This is the statement made by Ald. Gillean, and he is prepared to back it up.

No. 3 wanted to do the watering by day labor this year, to place the city engineer in full control, and to hire teams at the rate of \$4 per day, the teams to be paid only for such time as they actually put in in street watering. It was evident, however, that the contractors had been doing some lobbying. And as lobbyists, they certainly are in a class by themselves, because year after year they get the city to pay them for work they do not do, and they are able to defy the city council and the entire city hall staff.

Last night Ald. Garratt spoke more like a man who was representing the contractors than a man who was representing the people. He declared that the contractors would not consent to receive pay only for the time they worked, and that if he was a contractor he would not sign the agreement drawn up by the city engineer. It was explained that the city engineer would not sign the agreement until all the horses it required on the terms stipulated, and that there are many coal and wood merchants in the city who would be only too willing to hire their teams out at so much per hour in the summer, when the coal business is slack.

Ald. Garratt, Ald. Matthews and others, however, held up the proposed scheme, with the result that the contractors are again to be given the work, at a cost of \$2,500 more than

the city could do it for. Of course, it's only the people who have to pay.

Ald. Garratt again broke out on the sewerage question. He actually proposed that the city council should throw away about \$150 of the people's money by giving the contract for the Worley road sewer to Chris Leathorne, instead of to a contractor named Dill, of Toronto, simply because Leathorne is a city man.

Happily, Ald. Garratt could secure no seconder, and his motion fell flat. According to statements made by the water commissioners some days ago, the city of London should not seek to drive independent contractors, but should rather do all it can to attract them here. For some time, there have been only two local men tendering for sewer construction in London, and the figures were so close that the contractors were not let. This was a somewhat thing to find a difference of only \$5 or \$10 between tenders.

Ald. Garratt would, however, give the contract to a local man, no matter what the price might be.

The same alderman also opposed the reducing of the size of the tile of the Dundas street sewer from 24-inches to 18 inches, by which the city saves \$800, and he wanted new tenders called for. This scheme also failed.

Mayor Judd, during his year and a few months of office, has been distinguished by the number of times he has been called upon to break a tie vote. Last night he was placed in a ticklish position.

The council voted 6 to 6 to allow the telephone franchise matter to stand until Wednesday night, and it was up to his worship to say what should be done with it.

The mayor had not been exactly warm toward the arguments advanced in favor of independent 'phones, and that fact was not lost upon the friends of the independent movement. Consequently, when they saw the mayor put to the test, they smiled broadly. His worship was not to be caught in this manner, however. He realized that he has acted in the past as the solicitor of the Bell Telephone Company, and that it would not look well for him to vote to rush the franchise through. And he took the easier horn of the dilemma bravely, and voted to allow the franchise to stand.

To Ald. Stevely today, the Bell Telephone Company's local manager admitted that no matter what franchise the city was pleased to give his company, it would be absolutely impossible for the city or the Bell Company to prevent an independent long distance company establishing a pay station.

But the Bell Company agreed to allow a clause to go in the proposed exclusive franchise agreement stipulating that long distance companies are to be allowed to enter London and do long distance business here.

wife, four sons and four daughters. His sons are John J., of Chicago; Robert and Hugh, St. Thomas; and Edward M., Winnipeg. His daughters are Mrs. W. H. Bentler, Detroit; Mrs. S. J. Jefferies, this city; Mrs. James Banker and Mrs. William Robinson, of St. Thomas.

The following building permits were issued today: R. J. Smith, 73 Bon Avenue, for a brick veneer dwelling; Henry Paisley, 73 Ashin street, for a brick veneer dwelling on the corner of Duchess Avenue and Dean street; Jas. Paisley, for a brick veneer cottage on Dean street.

The annual meeting of the Historical Society, which was to have been held tonight, has been postponed until next Tuesday.

EXAM. FOR P. M. TRAINMEN.

All Pere Marquette trainmen, agents and operators, will be required to pass an examination under the present existing rules and regulations before May 15 next. These have been revised by Trainmaster Gillula, of St. Thomas, and are calculated to increase the proficiency of responsible employees of the road.

WANT A REBATE.

Chairman Beattie and Ald. Stevely, of No. 1 committee, this morning waited on Manager Baird, of the Bell Telephone Company, relative to securing a rebate on long-distance coupons when purchased in large quantities. Mr. Baird promised to take the matter up with the head offices in Montreal at once.

APPRECIATES FIREMEN'S WORK.

Mr. Frank B. Clarke, ticket agent, went through the Advertiser's press his appreciation of the good work done by the firemen at the old Advertiser building on Richmond street last evening. Mr. Clarke considers that if it were not for the manner in which the fire was handled by the department the damage to the building and also to his office would have been much heavier. As it was, Mr. Clarke's place of business suffered very slightly.

SAVES MONEY FOR CITY.

City Engineer Graydon says that thus far this year the city has saved about \$400, because no contracts were made with the street watering contractors. The city is not compelled to pay the men for work they are not doing. Quite a little street watering has been done this year, but it has cost the city only a small sum. Chairman Gillean of No. 3 committee says that owing to the action of the council, no street watering can now be done until contracts are made with the men, so that if the streets should become dusty shortly, the people will simply have to grin and bear it. It will take at least two weeks to call for tenders and get the contractors to sign.

ELECTED OFFICERS FOR YEAR.

The annual business meeting of Empress Avenue Methodist League was held last evening for the purpose of electing officers for 1907-8. After receiving reports from the retiring officers of work done during their term of office, the following members were appointed as an executive for the coming league year:

President—Mr. Heber Gibson.

First Vice-President—Miss Ethel Spence.
Second Vice-President—Mrs. Scollick.
Third Vice-President—Ethel A. McPherson.
Fourth Vice-President—Miss E. G. Greenway.
Secretary—Miss Esther Greene.
Treasurer—Miss Florence Daniels.
Forward Movement Convenor—Miss Mabel Moore.
Floral Convenor—Miss Hattie Greenway.
Plantist—Miss Ella Rosaliter.

DEATH OF MRS. HUTCHINSON.

The death of Mrs. Charles Hutchinson occurred in the city today. The deceased was the widow of Mr. Chas. Hutchinson, for many years county crown attorney of Middlesex, and she is survived by a grown-up family. She had interested herself in charitable work for many years, and had a large circle of friends, who will hear of her death with regret. The funeral (private) will be held on Thursday from the residence of her daughter, Mrs. F. F. Harper, 483 Colborne street.

ST. JAMES' VESTRY.

The adjourned vestry meeting of St. James' Church, South ward, was held last evening, when the annual financial statement for the year ending March 31, was presented and adopted. The statement showed that the total receipts for the year were \$6,179 31, while a balance of \$385 33 remained at the end of the year. The receipts included cash in bank, April 1, 1906, \$568 29; envelope collections, \$3,295 45; loose collections, \$428 91; for organ fund, \$713 69; debt fund, \$400; repairs and improvements, \$50 46; special collections, \$75 85; synod collections, \$251 98. The chief disbursements were: Salaries, \$2,628 17; light and fuel account, \$287 03; repairs and improvements, \$357 68; choir account, \$49; general expenses, \$207 83, and debt fund, \$600.

The financial report of the Sunday school showed receipts of \$377 70, while the disbursements were \$307 28, leaving a balance of \$70 41 on hand.

LATE SIR JOHN INNES

London Times' Reference to Brother of Late Dean of Huron.

The London Times of a recent date contained the following reference to the death of a brother of the late Dean Innes, of this city, and uncle of Mrs. P. H. Carling.

Surgeon-General Sir John Harris Ker Innes, K. C. B., senior honorary surgeon to the King, whose death took place at his residence in Florence on March 12, was the son of the late Rev. J. B. Innes, B. A., born in 1823. Sir John Innes was educated at University College, London, and entered the medical department of the army in 1844. In 1854, his regiment being in India, he went to the Crimea as a volunteer. During the Sepoy revolt in India, he served with great distinction with the First Battalion of the Sixteenth Rifles. He was wounded, and had his horse shot in the action on the Hindun. He was in 1871 selected to act as British medical commissioner on the staff of the Crown Prince of Prussia, during the Franco-German war. In 1873-74 Surgeon-General Ker Innes' duties as P. M. O. took him to Afghanistan, and he made all the medical arrangements for that campaign.

WANT LICENSE REVOKED

Forty Persons Present Petition to East Middlesex Board.

The East Middlesex license board met this afternoon at 2 o'clock. No applications for new licenses have been received, but all of the former applicants are asking for a renewal.

A petition has been received asking that the license of William Bell, of the Wellington road, be revoked. The petition is signed by about 40 persons.

DEMISE OF MR. WM. BIGNELL

Esteemed Resident of Delaware Dies in California.

William Bignell, who died in Redland, Cal., April 7, was one of the best known and most highly respected residents of the township of Delaware, where he had lived all his life. After the death of Mrs. Bignell, six months ago, his health began to fail rapidly. Three weeks ago, under medical advice, he went to California, accompanied by his youngest son, Clifford, hoping the change would be beneficial, but after being there only one week, he suddenly passed away.

The body was brought home and taken in charge by Mr. J. C. Elliott. The funeral took place on Monday, 15th inst., from the family residence, and was very largely attended, the services being conducted by his pastor, Rev. G. Jewitt, assisted by Rev. J. S. Fisher, of Lambeth; L. W. Reid, of Mount Brydges; and T. T. George, of Muncey. The pallbearers were J. M. Kaiser, W. Milne, J. Howlett, E. Howlett, M. Peame and T. Adams. Interment took place at Delaware Village, and the Ontario Home Circle, of which the deceased was a member, conducted the service of the order at the grave.

Mr. Bignell had been long identified with the Sharon Methodist Church, and was a valued member of the quarterly official board of the church, and was deeply interested in its welfare and prosperity.

Mr. Bignell, as a business man, was known far and wide as a prominent cattle exporter, and enjoyed the confidence of all with whom he came in contact, and for many years he was his kindly consideration, especially to young men who came to him for advice. He is survived by three sons—Thomas, in Delaware, and Harvey and Clifford on the homestead; also by two brothers, George, of Mount Brydges, and Henry, of New Mexico, and a sister, Mrs. Kennedy, of Michigan. "The memory of the just is blessed."

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HOW MUCH WILL THE CITY ANNEX

Aldermen Differ as to How Far
Boundary Line Should
Be Carried.

The determination of the city of London to annex the district lying immediately east of the city, means a large addition to London's population, and a very large increase in the city's acreage.

It has not as yet decided upon how far east the present city boundary, which runs north and south a short distance east of Eglar street, shall be carried. But it may be taken for granted that a strip of land running from Trafalgar street to the river on the north, and fully half a mile wide, will be taken in.

Some of the aldermen think it is only necessary to take the far east what is known as Ashland avenue, but others declare that while the city is about it, the line should run as far east as the asylum side road.

Property in the district which is not built upon would be affected by any material increase in assessment, as it would be assessed in the future, as in the past, as simply farm land.

Water mains and sewers will be built as far east as the interconnecting line and thus a new industrial district will be opened up which should prove a great boon to manufacturers who are now working in small factories and with no yard-room in the center of the city.

The council has also proposed that that portion of the township of London lying north of Huron street, and reaching to the river, shall be annexed to the city for school purposes. Thus the city is broadening out, and London is rapidly forging ahead as the most populous and prosperous of Western Ontario cities.

London now covers about 4,000 acres of land. When it is through annexing it will cover probably 1,000 additional acres.

In 1855 London was incorporated a city, and at the time it embraced only 2,117 acres.

The population was then about 10,000. Now, with its suburbs, it has about 50,000.

NAVY GOES AT BARGAIN

Britain Sells for Cut Prices Once Famous Battleships.

London, April 14.—Had not a ruling of the admiralty prohibited vessels being broken up in England, some second-class power might have picked up a navy cheap the other day at Chatham dockyard, for no less than six British war vessels went under the hammer of a London bidder.

Two hundred possible buyers were attracted to the sale, among them agents from American, German and Italian firms, who hoped the stipulation as to breaking up in this country would be carried out.

The reason for the sale was that all the vessels are now of obsolete types. Unusual interest attaches to the sale as showing the effort of England to keep her navy up to the highest state of efficiency.

The boats sold included the first-class battleship Sans Pareil, 10,740 tons; the third-class battleship Conqueror, 6,200 tons; the first-class armored cruiser Unadmiral, 5,000 tons; the torpedo gunboat Albatross, 1,300 tons; and the torpedo-boat destroyer Skate.

The Sans Pareil was a famous vessel, sister ship to the Victoria, rammed and sunk by the Camperdown in 1893. She was built only 20 years ago and cost £2,800,000.

The Conqueror, which cost £2,292,165, realized £1,280,275, went at \$72,000, while the Alarm, on which \$296,730, was spent at the start, was knocked down for \$173,200.

Newspapers point out that in the case of the Sans Pareil the annual depreciation in value has thus been \$173,200.

On the Sans Pareil when sold were 100 tons of coal and 120 tons of 6-inch breech-loading guns. The first bid was \$50,000. This was advanced by \$5,000 stages and was knocked down to J. W. Ward, of Sheffield.

Before the hammer fell a man with a foreign accent called out: "I will give \$150,000 if I may take it away." This was greeted with laughter.

The Wave and the Skate were sold unconditionally, but the latter brought only \$11,250 while the yacht fetched \$4,515. To break up the Sans Pareil cost \$50,000.

KEEN FOR CANADA

Mr. Hays Says Many Englishmen Are Looking This Way.

Montreal, April 15.—"I never saw English people so keen to come to Canada as they are at the present time," was the statement made today by Mr. C. M. Hays, vice-president and general manager of the G. T. R., on his arrival from London. Mr. Hays said that inquiries were being received from all parts of England and people want to start right out to settle in Canada.

Mr. Hays had something to say of Mr. McGuigan, who has taken the vice-presidency of the Great Northern Railway. He said he wished him every success, and was particularly interested in his first important promotion from roadmaster to general roadmaster. As he had only arrived today, Mr. Hays said he had not had time to confer with the officials as to who would likely take Mr. McGuigan's position.

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where the congregation will erect their new church building, and a large crowd attended. Mr. Thomas Kenny turned the first sod. Soda water was served by Mrs. Randall Kenny, Mrs. E. T. Evans, John Ennis and Charles Reeves, church wardens; John Copland, organ conductor, and Miss Millward, organist. An appropriate prayer was offered by the rector, Rev. E. T. Evans, and short addresses were given by Rev. Dr. Hall, of Port Huron; Rev. John R. Hall, Sarnia, and Rev. Mr. Conell, Point Edward.

Rev. E. B. Lancelley, of London, preached at the Central Methodist Church here at both services on Sunday, and delighted large congregations. Mr. Lancelley also addressed the Sunday school children in the afternoon. The steamer Brazil, which has been completely overhauled and repaired since her recent accident is being reloaded at the Grand Trunk elevator here.

BRITISH BOATS ALL WAY ROUND

A New Fast Service To Be Established Between Vancouver and British Isles.

Vancouver, B. C., April 16.—Beginning next year a direct line of eleven fast steamers will ply between Vancouver and Great Britain, via Australia and New Zealand, completing another "All Red" girdle about the world. This line will divert to Vancouver the Australian freight, passenger and mails, which formerly passed through San Francisco. No announcement of greater importance to Vancouver has been made since the C. P. R. contracted for the first Empresses.

Mr. Tevis-Clark, managing director of the shipping firm of Jas. Laidlaw & Son, Scotland, and Mr. John Esplen, representing an English mail syndicate, arrived at Vancouver from Australia on the steamer Moana, and have been looking around the city, calculating the dockage and other facilities offered by the company, when the new Canadian-Australian "Overseas Mail" commences. A feature of the service is that a direct line to Vancouver from the old country, by way of Suez and Australia, will be furnished. This will be a tri-weekly service and will require eleven steamers of the modern type to keep up the standard required by the Australian Government, which is subsidizing the line, very heavily.

The Australian Mail Syndicate, which contracted for the service, put down a deposit of £25,000, which they would carry to the proposed service and continue to carry it out. The Australian Government is subsidizing the service to the amount of £20,000 a year. New Zealand offers a like amount for the privilege of having one port of call changed from Brisbane to Auckland. Queensland's share of the subsidy would be about £3,000, and these two colonies are now bidding for the service.

Coal mining has been followed in Oregon for the last half century. It was one of the very first sections of the great mineral west to open up a productive coal mine. These mines, located near Marshfield, on Coos Bay, are still producing. As early as 1855 the mines of Coos Bay shipped their coal by schooner to San Francisco. These mines are still beyond reach of the railroads and are still shipping by water; however, the output, which was then 50,000 tons yearly, has increased to more than five times that amount.

ARVA.

Arva, April 15.—The township council held a special meeting in the hall here on Wednesday, to consider an appeal from the engineer's award under the drainage act. Judge Elliott presided at a session of the division court held here on Thursday.

Mr. Will Peters has moved into the village, on Elgin street. Another member has also been added to the family. Mr. James Bobbes will move to his farm here this week.

The London Township Mutual Fire Insurance Company held their regular monthly meeting here on Friday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Fraleigh will celebrate their golden wedding this week.

The recent monthly meeting of the W. M. S. held at the home of Mrs. A. Cummings, was very interesting.

CHICAGO EXCHANGE.

Reported by C. N. Spencer, Stockbroker, Market Lane, for The Advertiser.

Wheat—	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
May	78 1/2	79 1/2	77 1/2	78 1/2
July	81 1/2	82 1/2	80 1/2	81 1/2
September	82 1/2	83 1/2	81 1/2	82 1/2
Com.				
May	47 1/2	48 1/2	46 1/2	47 1/2
July	47 1/2	48 1/2	46 1/2	47 1/2
September	48 1/2	49 1/2	47 1/2	48 1/2
May	44 1/2	45 1/2	43 1/2	44 1/2
July	45 1/2	46 1/2	44 1/2	45 1/2
September	46 1/2	47 1/2	45 1/2	46 1/2
May	16 1/2	17 1/2	15 1/2	16 1/2
July	17 1/2	18 1/2	16 1/2	17 1/2
September	18 1/2	19 1/2	17 1/2	18 1/2
May	8 1/2	9 1/2	7 1/2	8 1/2
July	9 1/2	10 1/2	8 1/2	9 1/2
September	10 1/2	11 1/2	9 1/2	10 1/2
May	8 1/2	9 1/2	7 1/2	8 1/2
July	9 1/2	10 1/2	8 1/2	9 1/2
September	10 1/2	11 1/2	9 1/2	10 1/2

START FOR SARNIA CHURCH

Sarnia, April 15.—The remains of the late Mrs. F. C. Munro, who died at Alfred, Mich., were brought here, and were today sent to Wilkesport, the home of her father, Mr. John Nottley, where interment takes place.

The interesting ceremony of turning the first sod for the foundation of St. John's (Anglican) Church took place today at the corner of Devine and Margaret streets on the property

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STOCK MARKETS.

H. C. Becker, stockbroker, received the following by private wire from Bartlett, Frazier & Carrington today:

New York, April 16.—Noon.—Today's market opened weak, and prices shaded off on what looked like liquidation, but on the decline several traders started to bid up Copper and Union Pacific. This turned the market, but after a short recovery, it grew dull. Banking interests do not seem to support the market, and commission house customers take little interest. Rates for call money, 3 to 2 1/2 per cent; offerings liberal. It is impossible to confirm the report that there is any intention to make Amalgamated Copper a regular 8 per cent dividend payer. Some rumors also of an increase in the Steel company dividend, but they lack authority. Canadian Pacific and Smelters were in demand in the loan crowd. The cheap call money rate is not especially tempting to loaners of stocks, and this may have exaggerated the short demand. Sales to noon, 304,400.

NEW YORK.

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Opay	High	Low	Close
Amalg. Copper	91 1/2	92 1/2	91 1/2
American Sugar	124 1/2	125 1/2	124 1/2
American Locomotive	61 1/2	62 1/2	61 1/2
American Foundry	16 1/2	17 1/2	16 1/2
American Rolling Co.	34 1/2	35 1/2	34 1/2
American Cotton Oil	20 1/2	21 1/2	20 1/2
Amalgamated	107 1/2	108 1/2	107 1/2
Baltimore & Ohio	27 1/2	28 1/2	27 1/2
Brooklyn Transit	27 1/2	28 1/2	27 1/2
Canadian Pacific	127 1/2	128 1/2	127 1/2
Chic. & Ohio	43 1/2	44 1/2	43 1/2
Chic. Great Western	18 1/2	19 1/2	18 1/2
Consolidated	34 1/2	35 1/2	34 1/2
Cuba	23 1/2	24 1/2	23 1/2
Inter Met. pref.	25 1/2	26 1/2	25 1/2
Kansas	58 1/2	59 1/2	58 1/2
Kansas & Texas, pld.	66 1/2	67 1/2	66 1/2
Louisville & Nash.	116 1/2	117 1/2	116 1/2
Nat. Lead	90 1/2	91 1/2	90 1/2
Nat. Lead	60 1/2	61 1/2	60 1/2
Nat. Lead	107 1/2	108 1/2	107 1/2
People's Gas	90 1/2	91 1/2	90 1/2
Reading	104 1/2	105 1/2	104 1/2
Rock Island	28 1/2	29 1/2	28 1/2