

BOARD OF TRADE HAD A LIVELY DISCUSSION ON THE GAS SITUATION

Manufacturers' Side of the Case Presented—Tilbury Gas is Suitable for the Industries—Other Subjects Were Discussed at Meeting Last Night.

The last meeting during the old year of the Board of Trade proved a quiet gathering when the principal theme of discussion was taken away by the council's action of the local Gas Co. Nevertheless the question received a hearing. The Prison Farm system was mooted and approved and a letter from the Canadian News, London, England, of interest to manufacturers and producers was filed and will be attended to.

Mr. C. A. Waterous presided over a fairly representative meeting. A trade promoting letter from the Canadian News, London, Eng., was read.

Secretary Geo. Hately said as far as he was able he would comply with request and he hoped publicity would add to the roll of manufacturers interested.

The American Radiator Co. sent a letter to protest against the turning off the present gas without a supply being substituted. These letters were filed.

As new members, A. O. Secord, W. Andrews and H. Lobell were submitted and approved.

The Board placed on record its approval of the prison farm scheme and urged Brantford municipality to

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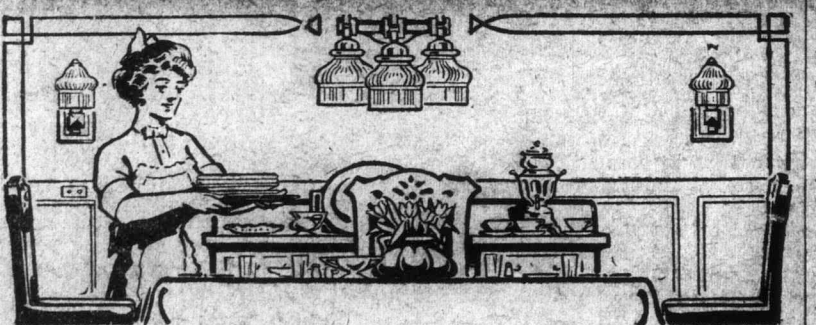


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This action from the part of the Gas Company should prove to the citizens of this community that the Company is sparing no expense or energy to eliminate the objectionable features of the present supply of gas to satisfy their demands.

BRANTFORD GAS CO.
The chairman introduced the question of-discussed, of the gas of the city. For the first time said Mr. C. A. Waterous, we have had the manufacturers' side of the question. Generally they favor the gas which is at present supplied.

John Muir said he did not want to go into the question as it had been well dealt with by many public bodies. He believed Magistrate Livingston voiced the general sentiment when he said "The howl was not great but it would be ten times greater if the supply was cut off. He would not ask for it to be cut off, but he said if it could be made better, then by all means let it be remedied, but until then let the present supply continue.

Mr. H. H. Powell said he might be considered as representing the present question of gas. He said the gas company got the best gas available when the Onondaga supply was growing weak. But for the Balkan War he said the present supply would have been turned on during September, which date would have been more convenient than at the present time. He was not apologizing for the "blessed smell of the stuff"—it was bad enough. It might be bad for domestic use, but for factory and power use it was excellent. He had no brief for the company; he was just talking as a business man might.

In a few weeks he understood the gas would be supplied in a better condition, and he asked them to be patient and not unkind matters, he expected would be remedied.

Mr. Kellett suggested that the question be let stand over till after the elections as he thought the gas would then smell better.

Mr. Loebell spoke of the gas and gave an insight into the technical side of the question and said it was a practical impossibility for any man to detect leaks in pipes such as are found in Brantford.

Dr. Russell, a former resident of Chatham said they suffered the same as the people in Brantford, but when proper pipes and appliances were used, nothing objectionable was found in the use of the gas. He advised patience and said the gas was not a potent force for evil being a better disinfectant than a poison. It was not a dangerous gas.

Mr. Ham declared he had no intention of coming to the meeting, but some thoughts had come to him from statements made. He said the Gas Co. had no idea of the trouble which would come by the turning on of the Tilbury gas. As long as the company of affairs he thought the public should not press them too hard. They should not be too let these franchises get into the hands of capitalists. The people, he said, wanted service. The Gas Company had shown a disposition to remedy affairs and he agreed with the sentiments expressed by Mr. Muir.

Mr. H. H. Powell said many of the pipes dated from the inception of natural gas. The pipes did not deteriorate and were only relied when they were too small for the demand of gas. He considered there were very few leaks in Brantford when all things were remembered. In many places owing to the slushing of the streets the company's mains were bare. By settlement many mains were broken.

Mr. A. E. Watts suggested that now the gas was here it was a good thing inasmuch as it would give them a chance to mend and repair all leaks.

Mr. W. C. Watts thought that the fact of the Gas Co. having caused resentment by turning on the gas without notice was worthy of comment.

He said he had been given much evil would have been avoided, now that the company had promised amends he thought they should be given a chance.

Mr. Cocksbutt could see no point in this discussion as the company had already granted all demands and were endeavoring to remedy everything.

The open discussion thereupon ended.

Wants Better Connection.
Dr. Russell thought service between Waterford, and Brantford on the T. H. and B. might be improved. Many people were inconvenienced by a loss of connection at a junction between the two stations. A matter of five minutes was all the time required to put matters right. When either train was not strictly on time the other departed and many people saw their connecting train rounding the bend as they stood on the platform.

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As there was no further business the meeting was adjourned.

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GRACE CHURCH ENTERTAINMENT

Talented Children Delight a Large Audience in the School Room.

Last evening at Grace Church the annual Sunday school Christmas entertainment was held, and drew a large crowd who completely filled the Sunday school. There has been some talk lately of enlarging the Sunday school room, and from the indications last night it is sorely needed.

All the numbers on the programme were given by members of the school who did exceptionally well, and their efforts were greatly appreciated. Recitations by Misses Amy Maud Ashcroft, Gladys Jagard and Nellie Tucker were given in splendid manner and were loudly applauded. A solo by Miss Nora Maskell was given very sweetly, being greatly appreciated. Mr. Harvey Wilson played a violin solo in his usual able manner and he was the recipient of great applause. The members of Miss Austin's class did admirably well in a dialogue which was of great interest.

During the evening supper was served, and proved an enjoyable part of the programme. About 60 prizes were distributed for regular attendance. The pupils of Miss Effie Bunell, Mr. Myring's and Mr. Fielder's classes received special prizes. The presentations were made by the Venerable Archdeacon Mackenzie, who acted as chairman. The evening proved most enjoyable and entertaining.

ALEXANDRA SUNDAY SCHOOL CONCERT

Pleasant Event Was Held in the School Room Last Night.

The Sunday school year of Alexandra church closed last evening with a most delightful entertainment which was enjoyed to the full by a large audience. The superintendent, Mr. John A. Conway, presided, and the program was one of exceptional interest. The numbers ranging from primary scholars' first efforts to difficult numbers by the older scholars. Alexandra is one of the growing schools in Brantford, and the building of the new church has made possible the use of the old building for Sunday school purposes entirely, for which it is admirably adapted. The program included recitations by Earl Miller, Helen Cameron, Lloyd Chapman; piano duet by Lois Wiley and Lona Baltzer; piano solos by Doris Cooper and Lillian Wilson; drills and choruses by Mrs. Waldron's primary class, Mrs. Miles' class, Mr. Campbell's class and Mrs. Baltzer's class; a vocal duet by the Misses J. Waldron and A. Heath. An interesting feature of the program was the distribution of the prizes, presented by the pastor, Rev. D. T. McClintock, the primary class succeeded in capturing 16 prizes for attendance. The evening closed with the National Anthem and each scholar on leaving was presented with candies and oranges.

Vicar-General Corbett uttered a warning against Catholic laymen opposing inspection of separate schools by Protestant inspectors sent by the Ontario Government.

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LIBERALS UNABLE TO FIND CANDIDATE

Prior to 1904 York County Was Considered a Party Stronghold.

OTTAWA, Dec. 30.—Nominations in the York, N. B., by-elections take place on Wednesday. Up to the present the Liberals have not succeeded in finding a man willing to sacrifice himself by running against H. F. McLeod, the Conservative candidate. Until recently the Laurierites at Ottawa entertained some hope of being able to faist Mr. Arthur Hawkes on this constituency as was done in South Lanark but this hope, while it has not been entirely abandoned, is growing fainter and the prospects are that the Conservative nominee will have an acclamation.

The situation in York is illustrative of the position of the Liberal party insofar as New Brunswick is concerned. Prior to 1904 the County of York was regarded as a Liberal stronghold and continued to be good fighting ground for several years after its redemption by O. S. Crockett, who has lately been appointed to the Supreme Court Bench of New Brunswick. The fact is that the Liberal leaders of the Province of New Brunswick regard their cause in that province as a lost one and as is exemplified in the determination of some of the more prominent and active party men to get out of the province altogether.

Mr. F. B. Carvell, of Carleton, N. B., who holds his seat by a narrow margin, and cannot face another election, is understood to be moving to Western Canada and report also has it that Hon. William Pngley will shortly give up the fight in St. John and take up his residence and practice in the City of Montreal.

It is unfortunate that with Hamilton at last ready to make a mark for itself in the O.H.A. the two clubs of that city are at loggerheads. The Ambitious City has been backward for years in hockey affairs and with the opportunity now presented to take a place with other Ontario towns and cities it is hoped that the difficulties between the clubs will be amicably adjusted.

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