

SCHOOL INQUIRY FUNDS ARE ALMOST EXHAUSTED

Presiding Judge, However, Willing to Trust Trustees for His Fees.

Lively exchanges between counsel and between the examining counsel and witnesses marked the public school inquiry, which was resumed before Mr. Justice Lennox at the administration building yesterday.

Quitting a skirmish featured the discussion of the provision of further funds for continuing the investigation, the \$5,000 having been "eaten up."

Whether it would continue for months, years or forever appeared to be a moot point in the mind of the board's solicitor, Mr. McWhinney.

Mr. Justice Lennox said: "So far, my attitude has been that we should work on with only provision for the court expenses, but without reference to my own salary. Not that I am totally indifferent to the matter of salary."

"It is ridiculous for anyone who knows anything of court proceedings to suppose that only \$600 has been used. We have investigated, and I expect that there will be much more to be investigated. I was granted, with my commission, power to employ such as I deemed necessary, and to extend the scope of the probe if I wished."

"It is the duty of the school board to find out about this money and the expense, and not guess about it. I shall go on as long as there is money to pay the solicitor and the clerk, without regard to my own salary. It will then be up to the board if they will do the right thing."

Starting adjectives were hurled back by Mr. McWhinney. "I think you are taking a very narrow and absurd view. You will get no thanks for giving your services without pay."

Not Board's Doing. "The board of education did not ask for this investigation, but the city council. It is the city council from whom emanates the funds for the investigation. It is up to the city council to decide whether further funds should be provided."

There has been no consideration shown the officials as to what is going to come up."

Mr. Denison. "Ah that is the beauty of it."

Mr. McWhinney: "I can't see but this investigation will drag on for months. I should suggest that Mr. Denison would initial the account to date."

Whether law or equity, the most was an issue raised by H. A. Pell, who said the lawyer charged fifty cents for writing a letter, and another \$15.

Mr. Justice Lennox: "There is no analogy between them at all. One letter might be for 50 cents, but the suit is the inception of a law-suit."

Mr. Devson said when I took over plumbers accounts I am sorry I studied law. It would have paid me better to be a plumber.

Mr. McWhinney: "We have not got your bill for this yet. The board's solicitor charged Mr. Denison with being facetious, theatrical and playing to the gallery."

Had Never Overcharged. Mr. Pell said that he had been in business for 25 years, and had never been accused of overcharging. In fact, he had even undercharged the school board.

Mr. Denison quoted an item from Mr. Pell's bill in which, on an application of 24 hours, the full rate was charged. "He did the work of a regular man."

In examining J. Sheppard, of Sheppard and Abbott, respecting plumbing at Edlington school, Mr. Denison said: "Wouldn't you or I fall dead at receiving such a bill? How was there so much to do?"

Witness said the caretakers often tried to fix something and made it worse, and then the expert's charge was higher.

Fred Armstrong's accounts came under fire when C. H. Mutton, secretary of the company, was called. A mass of details were gone into, in which both parties denied that the figures, put in by the workmen on the jobs appeared to have been increased as to the number of hours and car tickets used.

This was not in connection with a scrutiny of the company's books upon which the accounts furnished the board of education were based.

Arthur Hodgson, of Hodgson and Crawford, and Hodgson, denied Mr. Denison a bundle of plumbing account time sheets. Mr. Denison said he had sent another request for them on Feb. 11. Mr. Hodgson said he had been away on a contract at Lake Simcoe. He was informed that he would "have the pleasure of attending again" after the time sheets had been examined.

CUT-STONE CONTRACTORS. The annual meeting of the Cut-Stone Contractors' Association of Toronto, held last evening, took the form of a banquet at the Queen's Hotel. Officers were elected as follows: President, George Isaac; vice-president, Wm. Scott; treasurer, John Vokes; secretary, David J. Davidge; past-president, J. M. Scott.

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CONSERVATIVES HONOR AN EX-PRESIDENT

The North Toronto Liberal-Conservative Association enjoyed a largely attended euchre party last night. An old ex-president of the association, Frank Howe, who has taken a very active part in the political campaigns of the district, was honored with a farewell presentation. He has decided to go back to the land and take up farming.

W. G. Ellis, who made the presentation on behalf of the members, paid a tribute to Mr. Howe's excellent work for the party, and his many years of faithful service as a member of the town council of North Toronto, prior to annexation.

Prizes won in the progressive euchre contest were presented by Ald. H. H. Hall. An excellent program of music contributed to the great success of the evening's entertainment.

SAYS CITY IS NOT GETTING VALUE

Former Probation Officer Makes Attack on the Juvenile Court.

The estimates for the administration of justice were passed in their entirety by the board of control yesterday afternoon. No increases in the salaries of the stenographers and clerks of the juvenile court were allowed, on the principle that no increases were being permitted in any of the departments.

Commissioner Bradshaw was authorized to make a four-months' interim appropriation to the juvenile court officials, and on the first of July the estimates will again be taken up.

At the morning session J. J. Graham, formerly chief probation officer, was on hand, and said that at the pending investigation he was going to show the city that it was not getting value for its money. "I am not a novice," he said, "having been with Judge Starr from the beginning and previously with the Children's Aid Society."

On behalf of the juvenile court, Sir F. Stuart, W. K. George, S. Strathly, J. M. McWhinney, E. Heaton, F. Mortimer, P. W. Broderick and W. H. Wright waited on the board as a deputation. Sir Frederick said that they had visited the court last week, and from social workers had learned that the court was conducted in a satisfactory manner.

Major Church said there was too much law and too little sympathy and understanding in the court. Cont. Cameron asked that the investigation be commenced as soon as possible.

NO SHOOTING CONTESTS AT RANGES THIS YEAR

Ontario Rifle Association Recommends Postponement of Annual Meeting.

Owing to the unsuitable condition of the Long Branch rifle ranges, the council of the Ontario Rifle Association recommended at their annual meeting that no meet be held this year. Col. Higgins and others urged that the matches be held if possible.

A committee was appointed to consult with the Ontario Rifle Association engineering department regarding the ranges, with the view to holding a meet if possible.

An application of the Toronto Gun Club for permission to build a club house and establish a shotgun range on the western side of the range at Long Branch, was referred to the council.

The financial report showed that the association has assets of \$25,417, with no liabilities.

Officers were elected as follows: President, Sir Edmund Osler; vice-president, Lieut.-Col. A. E. Gooderham; Lieut.-Col. N. J. MacNugton; C.V.O., R.L.; and Lieut.-Col. A. C. Sherwood.

Members of council: Lieut.-Col. A. Wilson; Capt. C. R. Crowe; Lieut.-Col. John Bruce; Lieut.-Col. J. Cooper; Lieut.-Col. A. E. Gooderham; Lieut.-Col. N. J. MacNugton; Lieut.-Col. J. Hughes; Lieut.-Col. H. J. Dawson; Major J. A. Williamson; Major W. C. King; Lieut.-Col. R. A. Helmer; Lieut.-Col. Higgins; Major E. D. Sutherland; and Major G. H. Ralston.

Ain't It a Grand and Glorious Feelin'?

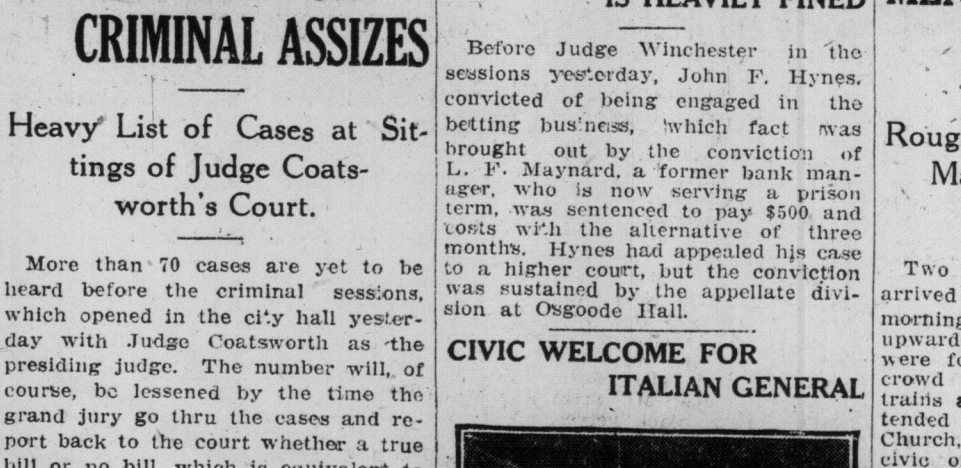
AFTER YOU'VE BEEN BAWLED BY AN OFFICER FOR HAVING YOUR HANDS IN YOUR POCKETS



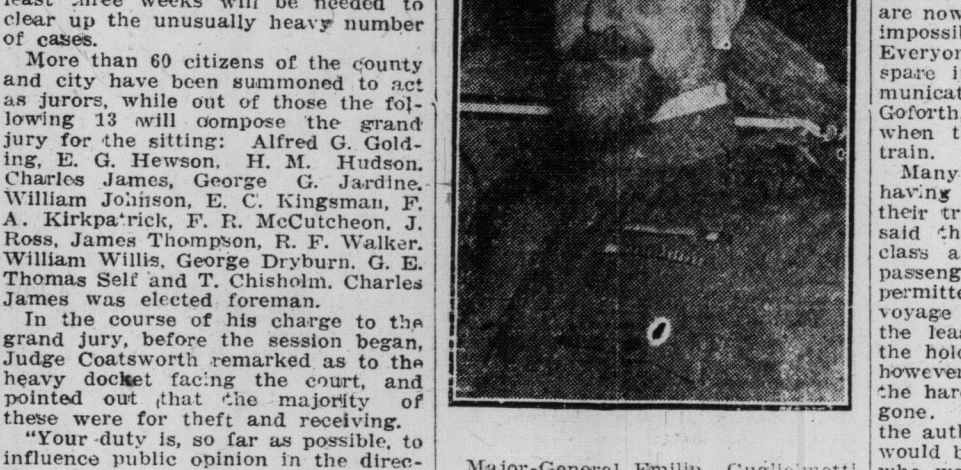
AND BY ANOTHER OFFICER FOR SALUTING WITH A CIGARETTE IN YOUR MOUTH



AND BY STILL ANOTHER FOR HAVING THE OVER-COAT UNBUTTONED



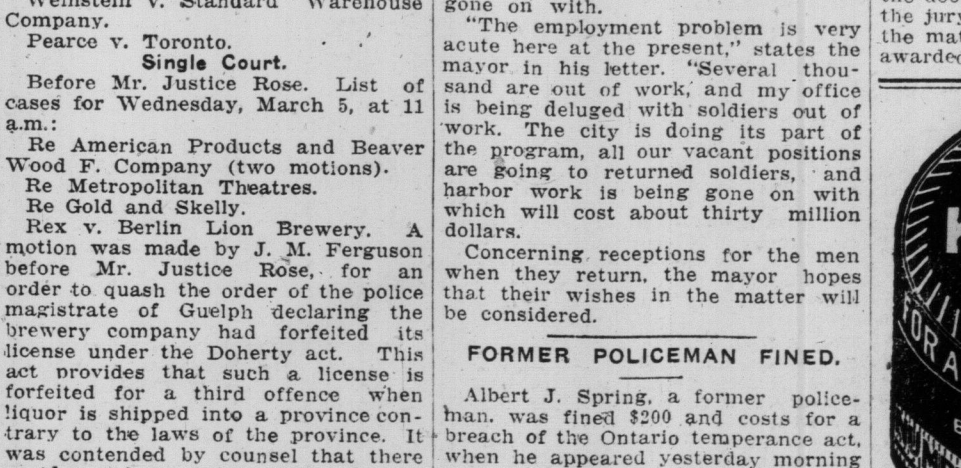
IF FINALLY ONE DAY YOU RECEIVE YOUR DISCHARGE



AND THE NEXT DAY YOU DON CIVILIAN CLOTHES AND YOU SEE AN OFFICER APPROACHING



OH-H-H-BOY!! AIN'T IT A GR-R-RAND AND GLOR-R-IOUS FEELIN'?



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CONVICTED OF BETTING; IS HEAVILY FINED

Before Judge Winchester in the sessions yesterday, John F. Hynes, convicted of being engaged in the betting business, which fact was brought out by the conviction of L. P. Maynard, a former bank manager, who is now serving a prison term, was sentenced to pay \$500 and costs with the alternative of three months.

Hynes had appealed his case to a higher court, but the conviction was sustained by the appellate division at Osgoode Hall.

Two trains from the S.S. Lapland arrived at North Toronto yesterday morning at 9 and 11 o'clock, bearing upwards of 750 men, of whom 274 were for Toronto. As usual a large crowd was present to meet both trains and a warm welcome was extended to the soldiers.

Major Church, Capt. Richardson, Capt. Jago, civic officials and the C.G.R. band were present.

J. W. Western was in charge of the volunteer reception committee and had considerable difficulty in securing a sufficient number of automobiles to take the soldiers to their homes. The number of trains which are now arriving almost daily make it impossible for a few to meet them all.

Everyone who has a car and can spare it for an hour ought to communicate with Dr. Doolittle or Mr. Goforth, and they will be informed when they are wanted to meet a train.

Many of the soldiers complained of having been kept below decks on their trip over on the Lapland. They said that there had been 200 first-class and 2000 second-class civilian passengers, and they had not been permitted on the upper deck. The voyage had been rough, and to say the least it had been unpleasant in the hold. Now that they were home, they were ready to forget the hardships which they had undergone. Owing to the impossibility of the authorities to designate what men were to be on each train, some people who were at the station at 9 o'clock were disappointed and were compelled to wait until 11.

An old soldier is Pte. E. Whyatt, of 96 Helena avenue. He served in the South African war and was presented with the Queen's medal for his service there. He has since received four bars to the medal.

Capt. E. Delaney, who has been service in the infantry, tanks and air, returned yesterday. He refused to speak of his achievements, saying that he had done nothing more than many others.

Piano Dealers' Employees Had Right to Force Entry

That the employees of Frank Stanley, piano dealer, had a right to enter the premises of Mrs. Ockerman, on Sherbourne street, to take possession of a piano, belonging to the former by lease, was the substance of a verdict handed down by the appellate division in Osgoode Hall yesterday.

The suit was to recover damages for the alleged technical assault, which consisted of one of the men turning a key which Mrs. Ockerman was holding to prevent him opening the door and getting out. At the trial the jury disagreed and the parties left the matter to Justice Lennox, and he awarded the plaintiff \$600 damages.

EXHIBITION NOT SUITED TO DEMOBILIZATION

Mayor Church has written to General Newburn, minister of militia, concerning the detrainment of the troops at Exhibition Camp. He takes the stand that it is too far out of the city, and also that it is inconvenient for the railways to run their trains in there. The owners of automobiles who have volunteered their cars for transporting the men and their families to their homes will refuse to act, he said, if they have to go out to the Exhibition grounds. The mayor expresses himself as pleased with the work done at the Christie street hospital, by the government, and hopes that the work on the St. Andrew's Hospital will be reconsidered and gone on with.

"The employment problem is very acute here at the present," states the mayor in his letter. "Several thousand are out of work, and my office is being deluged with soldiers out of work. The city is doing its part of the program, and our vacant positions are going to returned soldiers, and harbor work is being gone on with which will cost about thirty million dollars."

Concerning receptions for the men when they return, the mayor hopes that their wishes in the matter will be considered.

FORMER POLICEMAN FINED.

Albert J. Spring, a former policeman, was fined \$200 and costs for breach of the Ontario temperance act, when he appeared yesterday morning in police court. Spring was also charged with assaulting Constable Ellwood, and for this Magistrate Denison committed him to the jail for 20 days.

HEALTH BOARD REDUCES ITS OWN ESTIMATES

Education Authorities Also Agree to Make Economies This Year.

When the board of control completed the revision of the board of health estimates yesterday morning they found that a reduction of \$26,347 had been made. An agreement was arrived at whereby the board of education will only spend about one-half of its proposed capital expenditures. The amount for this now stands at \$850,000.

Estimates for separate and industrial schools were passed, amounting to \$227,819. The debt charges of the treasury department were also gone over. One hundred thousand dollars was deleted from the estimates of Commissioner Bradshaw's department upon his suggestion, on premiums on fidelity bonds. He said that this was made possible by the early collection of taxes.

All tax notices this year will be posted to the ratepayers, instead of being distributed as formerly.

Cont. Cameron was surprised when informed that the board would probably have to go over all the estimates again in order to secure a low enough rate and he considered that the rate should be decided upon before the revision of the estimates was commenced.

Dr. Hastings, in asking that the estimates for the health department be allowed to stand, stated that he had been placed in a wrong light before the council. Out of every dollar spent by his department, he said, he could prove that ninety-nine cents had been spent in the interest of the working people.

Cont. Robbins thought that the ninety-two nurses in the employ of the city, each receiving \$1,200, were not needed.

He also moved that \$500 for auto hire for the nurses be struck out, which was agreed to after Commissioner Chisholm had said that one of the cars of his department could be used for carrying them around the city.

Other items left out were: A new ambulance to cost \$2,500; contents of the Isolation Hospital at a cost of \$4,017; painting, \$3,000; and a reduction of \$477 was made in the amount asked to redecorate the nurses' quarters.

Public School Estimate. At present there are 67,778 pupils on the registers. Mayor Denison, public schools; this is an increase of 1,440 over the month of December, 1918.

The following are proposed additions to the existing schools:

School	rooms	Cost
Norway	6	\$45,000
Connaught	6	45,000
Kitchener	7	50,000
Begford Park	6	50,000
Ogden-Brant	8	70,000
Keefe	17	130,000
Parkdale	6	60,000
Carlton	2	25,000
Earl Grey	6	50,000
	65	\$565,000

Additional Robertson School appropriation . . . \$30,000
New or enlarged sites . . . 250,000
Total . . . \$845,000

The following are the capital expenditures cut out after conference with the treasurer:

Building	Cost
Central High School or Bloor E. site to relieve Jarvis Collegiate	\$250,000
Completed Jarvis High School of Commerce	160,000
Wilkinson School, seven new rooms	90,000
Brown-Hill, eight rooms	70,000
Dewar, eight rooms	70,000
Rose Avenue, new building	140,000
	\$780,000

The sum of \$5,000 was put in the estimates of the board of education to meet the expenses of the royal commission, which is at present sitting.

BISHOP'S PASTORAL LETTER.

Bishop Sweeney has issued a pastoral letter to the members of the Toronto Anglican diocese calling upon them to faithfully observe the Lenten season, and to give the usual important Lent, the Bishop of Toronto says, because of the critical period in the world's history in which it occurs.

RESIGNATION APPROVED.

Toronto Presbytery yesterday voted approval of Rev. J. A. Stewart's resignation as pastor of Kew Beach Presbyterian Church. Nominations were made for commission to the annual meeting of the general assembly.

USE SCHOOL YARDS AS PLAYGROUNDS

Plan of Furthering Supervising Idea Approved by Parks Committee.

Commissioner C. E. Chambers' recommendation regarding the operation of supervised playgrounds was adopted by the parks and exhibition committee yesterday afternoon. The report provides for the operation of playgrounds on the following schools: Lansdowne, Frankland, Roden, Strathcona, Earlsclough and North Toronto High School.

Further playgrounds, to the number of 42, in addition to those already in operation, and those provisionally arranged for with the board of education, will be required to complete the whole scheme of supervised playground activities within the city.

In dealing with the situation as set forth, it was approved that the amount of \$10,000, included in the estimates of the current year on playgrounds' account, be applied to the year's operation of the school playgrounds referred to.

On a motion of Ald. MacGregor, the committee unanimously agreed to ask the board of control to provide \$2000 for supervised playgrounds at McCord's school in Ward Five.

A deputation asking that semi-professional baseball be permitted in this civic parks was heard, and the matter referred to the commissioner.

Ald. McMillan asked Mr. Chambers to bring in a report on the advisability of establishing civic golf links, which could be played on by anyone paying a nominal fee.

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