

PUT PROPOSED NEW CITY HALL IN SAME BLOCK AS ARMORIES

Gigantic Scheme in Which
the Govt. Is Asked to
Take Part.

BUY ENTIRE
CITY BLOCK

Ald. Coles Proposes That Land
Bounded By King, Dundas,
Waterloo and Wellington
Streets Be Secured.

The selection of a city hall site is still engaging the attention of the aldermen, and much interest is being created amongst the aldermen and the citizens generally.

Ald. Coles, chairman of the committee, is receiving many letters, with suggestions. The latest is from a gentleman who runs to "C's". He suggests one site as choice, another as the cheapest, another as a convenient site, and so on. He stands for the cheapest, of course, and that is Victoria Park. Ald. Coles will place this communication in his desk awaiting the meeting of the city hall committee, which will be called some day next week.

There is a possibility that a very large scheme will be undertaken, and that is nothing less than the purchase of the whole block of land bounded by Dundas, Waterloo, King and Wellington streets.

It is on this block that the Armories are situated, and it is proposed to have the Government purchase a large portion of the land, half the block, in fact, and the city take the remainder.

Parade Ground Needed.

There is need of a parade ground, the Seventh Regiment having to go to the Market Square or Tecumseh Park whenever they desire to drill outdoors. These behind the scheme, think the Government could be persuaded to purchase this eastern half of the block.

The city would purchase the western half. It would be necessary, of course, to take over the plant of the McCormick Manufacturing Company.

The latter are anxious to move to larger quarters, elsewhere, and are agreeable. The advertiser is informed, to entering into negotiations. There present plan is very large, but the firm is branching out, and larger quarters will be necessary in a very short time.

There is some rather valuable property in the block, but the most of it can be purchased at a reasonable figure.

A large number of prominent businessmen have been interviewed on the subject, and are very favorably disposed towards it.

Ald. Coles is author of the scheme, and he thinks it can be worked out successfully.

Good Proposition.

"I thought that this would be a good proposition," said Ald. Coles. "This would give us plenty of room, with every possibility of landscape decoration and an artistic city hall. The Government might be interested in the proposition. Parade grounds are necessary, and it is my opinion that it will add much to the city. Of course, it is a big scheme, an ambitious proposition, but with sufficient backing it could easily be worked out. This is only a suggestion as far as I am concerned, having been done towards bringing it to a conclusion. I think it is well worth thinking over."



COL. O'GRADY.
Former Londoner, now in Winnipeg, who may command Canada's Bisley team.

CHIEF JUSTICE SORRY TO LEAVE

Sir Glenholme Falconbridge Says
He Always Enjoys His
Visits to London.

GRAND JURY'S REPORT

Statement Made That When Improve-
ments Are Completed the Jail
Will Be in Good Condition.

Chief Justice Sir Glenholme Falconbridge, who is presiding at the spring assizes now in session at the court house here, in dismissing the grand jury this morning expressed his regret at being compelled to leave London before the close of the week as will be necessitated by the unexpected collapse of the rather formidable list.

The chief justice declared that he always enjoys his visits to "your beautiful city" to the utmost, and while he had expected to be here till the end of the week it is now apparent that the court will conclude tomorrow.

He thanked the grand jurors for the careful consideration they had given the matter in hand, and received their presentment which is given below:

The Presentment.

May It Please Your Lordship:
Your grand jurors at the present assizes for the County of Middlesex have pleasure in submitting our presentment.

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**PAPER TO APOLOGIZE
ACTION IS ENDED**

Ex-Alderman Wilson Will Not
Proceed With Suit Against
the Free Press.

The defendants having agreed to publish in a prominent position, an apology drawn up in court, the action of ex-Ald. Wilson, against the London Free Press, for \$10,000 damages, was withdrawn on Tuesday afternoon. The plaintiff pays no costs.

Acting upon the advice of Chief Justice Falconbridge, the solicitors for the parties interested negotiated for two hours after the opening of court, and finally announced that they had come to a satisfactory agreement.

**Freight Wrecked
ON PERE MARQUETTE**

All Trains On That Line Are
Late Reaching This
City.

A caboose and three freight cars on a train in charge of a Hamilton crew, were derailed at Harrisburg at about 10 o'clock this morning, but no person was injured. Harrisburg is on the Grand trunk main line, about 25 miles west of Hamilton.

PLAY NO FAVORITES; SCHEME WILL BE FOUND SATISFACTORY

President F. G. Mitchell, of
Local Auto Dealers, Talks
of Proposed Tax.

Local motorists are of different opinions as to the advisability of taxing automobiles in accordance with the plan laid down before the Legislature by the members of the Ontario Motor League yesterday.

It is suggested in some quarters that the taxing of autos tends to make motoring a "rich man's game," but this is denied by the supporters of the proposition, who contend that the benefits to the roads will be well worth the money.

"If the money is carefully distributed, and no particular section of the Province favored more than another, the scheme will be found to work greatly for the benefit of the motorists," declared ex-Ald. Fred G. Mitchell, president of the London Automobile Dealers' Association.

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The resolution was carried unanimously, there being not a dissenting voice among the women.

A copy of the resolution will be sent to the council.

**W. C. T. U. MEMBERS RESENT
TREATMENT OF VOTES MATTER**

Allege That Communication Regarding Married Ladies Was
Treated Discourteously.

The Women's Christian Temperance Union, at its regular meeting held on Tuesday afternoon, went on record as deprecating "the undignified manner" in which the city council received the communication of Dr. Margaret Gordon, of Toronto, requesting the council to pass a resolution memorializing the Government to allow married women the franchise.

When the letter was before the council, there was a little discussion, but it was finally decided to recommend to the council that the communication be filed.

When the report of the finance committee was read at the council meeting, the recommendation was passed without comment, and without discussion.

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No. 3 Committee Objects to the
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to Commission.

At the meeting of No. 3 committee tonight, the question of street lighting rates will be taken up, and there will probably be rather a pointed discussion.

There was trouble last year over the fact that the city had to pay \$30,000 for lighting the streets, the same as under the old regime, although the prices for ordinary lighting had been cut in half.

However, it was explained that the project was new, and if there were a surplus the money would be turned back into the city coffers, and that would tend to equalize matters. As a matter of fact, \$6,000 was turned back, making the cost of street lighting \$24,000.

Now the Beck bill makes it impossible for the water commissioners to give back any surplus whatever. This fact has created considerable worry, and the council have determined that if the surplus does not come to the city, there will be no surplus. They will object to paying \$36,000 for lighting the city this year, and will ask that the bill be cut down to a much smaller figure.

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**SCHEDULE OF A MOTOR TAX
FOR GOOD OF THE ROADS**

Good Roads Association Will
Ask Government To Put
It In Force.

Up to twenty-horsepower, 25 cents
per horsepower.
Twenty to thirty horsepower, 50
cents per horsepower.
Thirty to forty horsepower, 75 cents
per horsepower.
Over forty-horsepower, \$1.00 per
horsepower.

[Special to The Advertiser.]
Toronto, Ont., Feb. 28.—The Ontario Good Roads Association met in the Parliament Buildings this morning and adopted the report of the committee on resolutions, with some slight amendments, as follows:

"That we approve of the idea of federal aid for highway improvement."

"That the Federal Government be requested to set apart the sum of \$50,000,000 to assist in the improvement of the public highways of Canada."

Wide Tires.

That we are in favor of the use of wide tires, and of compulsory legislation to prohibit the manufacture of wagons with narrow tires after two years, and prohibit the use of wagons on public highways without wide tires after two years.

"That we request the Dominion Government to take such action as will prevent the importation of wagons with narrow tires into Ontario after two years."

"That we approve of the proposed loan of five millions to be expended for the development of Northern Ontario and express the hope that a large proportion of the amount will be used for road improvement."

"That the constitution be amended by increasing the annual fee payable by counties from \$10 to \$25 per annum."

To Tax Motors.
That provision be made for taxing Continued on Page Four.



MR. FRED C. NELLES.

FINED FOR STRIKING THE WARD FOREMAN

Charles Fields Paid \$3 and
Costs for Beating Harry
Wallace.

Charles Fields was fined \$2 and \$2.50 costs in the police court this morning for assaulting Harry Wallace, foreman of No. 3 Ward, while Wallace was working in York street.

Fields pleaded not guilty.

"I can bring all Pat Mulhall's men to prove it," said Wallace.

The foreman testified that Fields called him very unavailing and uncomplimentary names.

"I was only coddling him about a woman," said Fields.

"No you are not," protested Wallace.

Fields said that Wallace, who is over 70 years of age, blackened his eye by falling on the hard snow. The magistrate did not believe the story, however. George Bayes saw Fields on top of the old man and asked him to get off, which he did.

"I would like to have that gentleman (meaning Fields), bound over to keep the peace, even if I had to pay for it myself. I am afraid of him," said Wallace.

"No you are not," said the magistrate.

Fields will pay his fine out of the salary he draws on Friday.

James McGinnis, well known at the police court, "Drunk again," asked the magistrate, McGinnis admitted the fact. "Twenty dollars or 21 days," said the court.

H. S. Clark neglected to pay his statute labor tax. He paid it this morning.

A man who looked used to hard work charged his son with trespassing. The young man will neither work nor pay for his board. Magistrate Judd let him go under suspended sentence, but he must leave home at once.

**PUBLIC MEETING TO
CONSIDER EXHIBIT**

Special Meeting Will Not Deal With
Palestine Matter.

The committee appointed by the London Ministerial Alliance to deal with the matter of bringing the Palestine exhibition to London, met in the Bishop Cronyn Hall this morning and discussed the question. Rev. Canon Tucker presiding.

It was decided to hold a public meeting of all denominations in Cronyn Hall on Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock, and the matter will be decided then.

The Palestine exhibition, if brought to London, will be held in the armories and Princess Rink. It depicts the life of the people in the days of Christ, showing the temple and Christ's home in Nazareth.

A NEW YORK MURDER

Woman Who Lived Alone Found Murdered and Believed Arrested.

A BIG POSITION FOR FRED NELLES

Former Londoner Is Supt. of
Important Institution in
Whittier, California.

The following article from the Los Angeles (Cal.) Express concerns Mr. Fred C. Nelles, a former Londoner, and son of Mr. H. E. Nelles, at one time manager of the Dominion Savings and Investment Society, Messrs. J. A. Nelles, of this city, and Fred G. Browne, of the Pardon Hardware Company, are uncles of Mr. Nelles. The Express says:

Marked advance in the methods of educating boys and girls committed to the state school at Whittier may be expected as the result of the appointment of Fred C. Nelles, leading school government expert of Los Angeles, and treasurer of the City Club, to the position of superintendent of that institution.

Mr. Nelles, who has been treasurer and member of the board of governors of the City Club for two years, has been appointed superintendent by the board of trustees, with the sanction of Governor Johnson, because of Mr. Nelles' known sentiments in regard to rational handling of this important subject, and his reputation for business ability.

Has Studied State Schools.

Mr. Nelles, who is president of the Gas Power Machinery Company, lives at 123 South St. Andrew's Place. He made a study of the State School for Girls at Geneva, Ill., and of the State School for Boys at St. Charles, Ill., while on a recent extended business trip in the east, and has well formed ideas on the subject in question.

"I shall take charge of the state school at Whittier on March 1," said Mr. Nelles today. "In the first place I shall make no changes in the present, but I shall take the institution as it is."

"I believe that in the most instances those who are committed to such institutions are more sinned against than sinning, and none of us can escape our measure of responsibility. My object in taking up this line of work is to try to see that each of the boys and girls has an opportunity, in all probability, they have never received."

Wants Normal Conditions.

"I believe that such an institution should be so conducted that those committed to its care will live as nearly as possible under normal conditions, and not be made to feel that they are outcasts. It seems to me that leaving the school, every boy and girl should be in a position to earn their own livelihood, and rank higher than would have been possible had they never attended the school."

"It may be too much to expect that they will be proud of the institution from which they have graduated, but I would like to hope that this will be true."

"Possibly the girls present a more difficult problem than the boys. However, with the very best management that exists all through the west for competent domestic help, it seems to me that the services of a strictly first-class, college-trained teacher of domestic science could be secured, and graduates from the Whittier girls' school might be given a training that would result in their being sought for because of their ability and real value, rather than merely taken into homes from a feeling of sympathy."

**MR. FRED CARLING
ON THE OLYMPIC**

Former Londoner and His Family on
Ship When Accident Occurred.

Mr. Fred Carling, son of the late Sir John Carling, and brother of Mr. T. Harry and Mr. J. A. Carling, and family, of Ottawa, were passengers on the steamer Olympic, which broke a propeller on her passage across the Atlantic, by striking a submerged wreck. Sensational rumors were spread in New York and London to the effect that the vessel was badly damaged. However, she was able to reach her dock all right and discharge her passengers.

**MONEY JUST FLOWS
AROUND CITY HALL**

Three Months' Back Pay for Water-
works Officials.

The employees of the waterworks and electrical departments are happy—Wednesday is pay day. Of course it is around once a month, but this is the big day of the year for them. Their salaries have just increased. According to a resolution of the water commissioners, and the employees will receive three months' back pay increase. As a result, Manager Chabot's envelope will contain \$150 more than it usually does. Secretaries, clerks, and others will receive their proportion also.

**LOCAL BAPTISTS
ARE INTERESTED**

Rumored Removal of McMaster Uni-
versity Is Discussed.

London Baptists are greatly interested in the report that McMaster University may remove from Toronto to Hamilton. Chancellor McCrimmon was in London this week, but said nothing whatever concerning it.

"Chancellor McCrimmon did not mention it to me in any way," said Rev. Mr. Bingham, of Tabernacle Baptist Church, whose guest Chancellor McCrimmon was while in the city.

"McMaster University has long contemplated moving from its present site," said Mr. Bingham, "but I have heard nothing except through the press of its removal to Hamilton. No doubt the Hamilton Baptists would favor such a move, and Hamilton would like to secure a chartered university, which McMaster is. However, Toronto is a more central location, and the collegiate environment of other colleges counts for something."

A BUSY SUMMER FOR CONNAUGHTS

The Vice-Regal Party To Tour
Canada From Atlantic to
Pacific.

Early in May their royal highnesses will go to Montreal for the horse show week. They will return to Ottawa, and after opening the horse show here will go on to Toronto for the horse show in that city, where they will spend the week. Immediately afterward they go to London and St. John for a couple of days. In August the royal household will leave for the Maritime Provinces, where they will visit St. John, Halifax and Charlottetown. They will do most of their traveling in the east by one of the Government steamers.

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His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught will spend a few days fishing on the Tobique in New Brunswick, staying at Lord Strathcona's lodge.

Go West in August.

Early in September the Duke and Duchess of Connaught, with their household, will start for the west. The details of the trip have not yet been worked out. They will leave immediately after the Toronto exhibition, which the Duke of Connaught will open. They will make the first stop at Winnipeg and proceed on to the coast, with various stops, to Vancouver, Victoria, and Prince Rupert. Either going or coming they will make stops at Saskatoon, Edmonton, Regina and Calgary, and other points of importance.

The Duke of Connaught is laid up with sciatica. He has been doing a great deal of skating and skiing, and getting all the fun he could out of Canada's winter weather. He has been complaining of sending him to bed with a painful rheumatic attack.

As a result of this, the trip to J. R. Booth's lumber shanty up the Gatineau has been cancelled.

**\$7,000 FOR NEW
FIRE EQUIPMENT**

Ontario Government Recognizes
Need of Improvements at
Hospital for Insane.

ADDITIONS TO THE STAFF

Increases in Wages for Married Men
Follow the Recent Complaints.

As a result of the agitation which was conducted immediately after the fire at the London Hospital for the Insane, the Provincial Government has granted the sum of \$7,000 for additional fire protection and equipment. Superintendent Dr. Robinson stated today that he was not able to outline the improvements that will be made, as the department of public works had not made known the plans.

At the time of the fire it was pointed out in these columns that the fire equipment was wholly inadequate, and that it was a disgrace that the Provincial Government should have allowed it to be so.

When questioned about the Government's appropriation to the hospital, as announced Monday, Superintendent Robinson stated that the estimates were satisfactory.

Increases for Married Men.

Salary increases applying to the married employees of the institution are granted, and are in addition to the regular yearly increase. Many of the married men who hold positions at the institution, have been complaining in the past of low salaries. The increase, it was in response to these demands that the Government increased wages.

The estimates show that a new help, a cookman and farmhand, an electrician and pathologist, will be added to the present staff. The increase in the amount for the attendants and nurses will permit of an additional nurse or two being employed.

The largest amount of the appropriation has been made to cover the cost of rebuilding the kitchen, and the recreation hall. The sum of \$25,000 has been granted for the rebuilding of these, but this will be long in coming. It is likely that only the kitchen will be erected this summer. The work on this building will start in the spring.

\$15,000 for Electric Equipment.

The electric lighting and power system will be greatly improved this year. The sum of \$15,000 having been granted for this. Last year the sum of \$25,000 was appropriated for this work, but \$6,757.47 of this was not used, and is included in the grant this year.

The balconies on the north building will be built in the spring, the building, including the ironwork and wooden parts having been purchased in the fall.

The new fire-fighting apparatus will be installed in the spring, and it is expected that when it is in use the institution will be splendidly protected against any outbreak such as occurred a few weeks ago.

**CONSIDER THE BILL
ON FIFTH OF MARCH**

Likely Chairman Pocock Will Go to
Toronto Regarding Back
Measure.