

SPENT NIGHT ON ESTIMATES.

Fire and Water Committee Had Long Session

Which Was Broken Up by a Fire Alarm.

All Departments Want Greatly Increased Appropriations.

The new Fire and Water Committee last night had a three-hour struggle with the business before it, and the aldermen were still in session, going over the fire department estimates, at 11 o'clock, when an alarm sounded, and Chief Ten Eyck had to rush away. This broke up the meeting.

The first hour was spent discussing the problem of water for township residents, a matter to which last year's committee devoted many an hour. It would not be surprising if the outcome of the latest agitation is the annexation to the city of another large slice of Barton, east of Sherman avenue.

A large deputation appeared, with a largely signed petition, asking for the annexation to the city of that part bounded by Barton, Henry and King streets and Sherman avenue. The residents are hard up for water. Some of them have had to boil snow, there is such a scarcity of aqua pura down there. The property owners on Beachwood and Rosemount avenues are particularly anxious to get a supply. Out of 96 property owners 57 signed the petition, and it was stated that the petition was only begun. The deputation was referred to the Finance Committee.

The aldermen were anxious to do something, but refused to override the City Solicitor's opinion. The latter said he had been informed that the petition was now being circulated for the annexation of the entire district, east of Sherman avenue, to Ottawa street, and, perhaps, Kenilworth, east of there. The aldermen admitted that there was very little prospect of the city taking in that part of the city, and agreed that they could do nothing in the way of a water supply until the new pumps are installed. The chairman, Ald. Gardner and Lees were appointed a committee to report.

THE SANDSUCKER. An echo of the stormy days when the celebrated sandsucker made his first appearance in Hamilton harbor was heard when Secretary James announced that M. Brennan & Sons had sent the city a bill for \$24.81 for lumber used by Captain Hemphill, at one time commodore of the gallant sandsucker. The lumber was piled under the old city shed. A letter to the Brennan Company from Mr. Hemphill stated that he had used the lumber, under the impression that it was city property.

Chairman Clark said he knew nothing of the matter. No one had any knowledge of the company ever having secured permission to store lumber there. The matter was referred back for further information.

The old sucker will have a chance to "deliver the goods" this spring. Those who still pin their faith to it hold that it has never been given a chance to show what it can do. The committee decided to advertise for a first class man to take the Ald. Mills asked for a statement of the cost of the sucker to date, and it will be furnished at the next meeting.

Table with 2 columns: Item, Amount. Includes Beach pump house, High level pump house, Barton reservoir, etc.

Table with 2 columns: Item, Amount. Includes Extension of mains, New services, Meters, Conduit valves, etc.

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Table with 2 columns: Item, Amount. Includes Salaries, Uniforms, Fuel, Shoes, Light, etc.

Table with 2 columns: Item, Amount. Includes Professional services, Printing and advertising, Drugs, chemicals, etc., Repairs, etc.

THE BENEFIT FUND. Chief Ten Eyck made a strong plea for the \$5,000 grant to the firemen's benefit fund, whom who shot down others in warfare received a pension when they returned for risking their lives, or had their families provided for if they were killed. Yet the firemen, who constantly risked their lives to protect the lives and property of others, had nothing to look forward to but a pension of \$14. The \$5,000 grant would have to be spread over a period

AN INCREASE FOR PASTOR, Although Pastor Himself Spoke Decidedly Against It.

James Street Baptist Church Had a Splendid Year.

Annual Social and Business Meeting Last Night.

James Street Baptist Church closed the sixty-fifth year of its existence with a balance on the right side. Although the balance was only 92c, the record of the work for the past year made a most creditable showing. Rev. S. C. Sycamore was in the chair, and H. S. Moore was elected clerk of the annual meeting, held last night.

IS PROSPERING.

Annual Meeting of First Congregational Church.

The annual meeting of the First Congregational Church last night was well attended and the business was transacted expeditiously and harmoniously. The financial reports were presented in printed form, copies being given to all in attendance.

The treasurer's report showed that during the year \$3,432.67 had been contributed and there is a balance on hand of \$374.17. During the year the sum of \$396 was received for missions, Mr. Charles Duff, the missionary treasurer, reported.

Mr. J. C. Bale, secretary, reported that during the year 24 persons joined the church and 15 persons retired from the membership, for various causes, a net increase of 9 being shown. The membership is 271.

The report of the Sunday school, presented by Superintendent Linklater, showed a membership of 181, a decrease of 17.

The school in the east end, presided over by Mr. W. Bale, has a membership of 80.

Mr. D. Longmire reported that the Christian Endeavor Society has a membership of 65 and raised \$74.94.

Miss Duff presented the report of the Women's Foreign Missionary Society, which raised \$246. Mrs. J. Bale is the president.

The report of the Flower Committee, which came in for much praise, was read by Miss E. Palmer.

Votes of thanks were tendered to the officers, the members of the choir and Miss Daville, for her work as correspondent of the Canadian Congregationalist.

The chairman, Mr. W. J. Aitchison, read a letter from Mr. J. K. Unsworth, of Montreal, former minister of the church, wishing the congregation success and expressing the hope that it will soon secure a good successor.

HUSBAND SHOT.

Had Just Brought His Bride From Italy.

Middletown, N. Y., Jan. 20.—A brutal murder, which is believed to have had as its object the kidnapping of the young bride of one of the two victims, was committed just outside this city last night. The victims were Finizio Gaetano, who was instantly killed, and Scanlon Carmino, his friend, who is lying in a local hospital from wounds inflicted by shots from a revolver. The bodies of both men were found stretched across the railroad tracks near the scene of the tragedy, where they had been placed with the evident intent of hiding the crime.

Gaetano recently married in Italy and reached here with his young bride only last Monday. The couple came direct to Middletown, and on Tuesday night, in company with Carmino, a mutual friend, were walking along a road about two miles from this city. Suddenly they were set upon by three Italians, armed with revolvers, and Gaetano and Carmino were shot down, and Gaetano's wife disappeared.

She was found to-night in an Italian shack on the outskirts of the city. She was in a serious condition as a result of nervous shock, exposure and the ill-treatment to which she had been subjected.

BORDEN WILL STAY.

Conservative Caucus at Ottawa Settles Question.

Ottawa, Jan. 20.—A Conservative caucus was held to-night for a preliminary council of war as to the plan of campaign for the coming session, organization and division of work on committees and on the Auditor-General's report, etc. Mr. Borden expressed his willingness, in view of the defeat of 28, to place his resignation in the hands of his colleagues, but they unanimously requested him to retain the leadership, and expressed recent confidence in his course during the recent campaign.

DISCOUNT ON RUBBER.

Jobbers Recommended That It Be Abolished.

Montreal, Jan. 20.—Forty delegates of the wholesale boot, shoe and rubber dealers of the Dominion were in session to-day at the Windsor, and resolved to recommend to the manufacturers that the 20 per cent. discount on rubbers sold to retailers be abolished, and that rubbers be sold on a net basis. The discount has existed for a number of years, and it is declared the removal of it will make no difference in the retail price of rubbers. It will be much the same as when a merchant who sold a dollar's worth of goods at 20 per cent. discount, resolved to omit the discount, making the price 80 cents in both cases. It is explained, that if anything, the price of rubbers is a trifle higher than last year.

A story published in the evening papers that dollar rubbers would now be sold for eighty cents is denied, and declared to have no foundation. John D. Rockefeller has given another \$1,000,000 to the University of Chicago, settling on behalf of the university securities that will yield an annual income of \$400,000.

Table with 2 columns: Item, Amount. Summary of church finances for year: Weekly envelopes, Plate collections, Church mission fund, etc.

The Junior B. Y. P. U.'s report was read by George Stevenson, secretary. Receipts totaled \$40.96 and expenditures \$32.95, leaving a balance of \$7.11. Officers elected were: President, Archie Combs; Vice-President, Elsie Raird; Secretary, Geo. Stevenson; Treasurer, Stuart Booker; Mission Treasurer, Martha Magier.

The estimates for this year were presented by James R. Watson and provided for an expenditure of \$315.88 more than last year. As they were passed by a unanimous vote of practically the whole congregation, it is likely the increase will not be seriously felt. In the estimates an increase of \$200 in the pastor's salary was provided, although the pastor strongly opposed it himself. The estimates for the year call for an expenditure of \$5,258.61.

A musical programme was contributed by Misses Coult, Stafford and Walters and Messrs. Ben and Brown, of the Y. M. C. A. quartette. F. W. Howard was accompanist.

The officers and committees elected for 1909 are: Deacons—R. Budge, Josiah Taylor, J. Challen, E. D. Ehlh, A. Lutes, William Roberts, John Gillies, George Somerville, Wm. Somerville, J. R. Watson, R. C. Stevenson, Samuel Gillies.

Honorary Deacons—Rev. James Kendall, Dea. George Outchpole, Dea. J. W. Forster.

Trustees of Church Property—Henry New, C. Booker, John Challen, C. G. Carlson, Samuel Gillies, George Somerville, Church Clerk—Henry S. Moore.

Assistant Clerk—Miss Kate MacPhee. Treasurer—J. R. Watson. Weekly Offering Steward—F. Brough. Assistant W. O. Steward—E. D. Ehlh.

Pew Steward—J. R. Watson. Communion Card Secretary—James W. Slater. Benevolent Fund Treasurer—Josiah Taylor.

Mission Treasurer—Miss L. Bantz. Church Secretary—W. H. Combs. Sunday School Superintendent—James Somerville.

Organist—Fred M. Howard. Finance Committee—H. New (J. R. Watson, F. Brough, ex-officio), W. H. Forster, Wm. Acheson, C. G. Carlson, T. H. Taylor, James Somerville, R. C. Stevenson, T. H. Whigham, C. H. Bampfyde, F. J. McMichael, W. M. Steedman, John Gillies, M. Kelly, R. F. Mancill, Thos. Hosking, sen., L. R. Tobey, F. A. Elder, Geo. A. Coombes.

R. Given, Wm. Acheson, J. Bampfyde, R. C. Stevenson, J. R. Watson, Miss C. Somerville, J. Hendry, Jos. Fletcher, Miss Wolfkill, John E. Stevenson. Building Committee—For trustees, Geo. Coombes; for diaconate, A. Lutes, and the chairman of the Finance Committee; Herbert H. New for congregation.

Church Roll Committee—Thos. Slater, H. S. Moore, Miss MacPhee, Mrs. Acheson, M. H. Peppin, James Somerville, Miss Dooly Dryland, Miss L. Lewis, Geo. Challen.

Mission Committee—Wm. Somerville, Mr. and Mrs. John Challen, Mrs. A. H. Booker, Mr. and Mrs. J. Hendry, Miss L. Bantz, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Robertson, Mr. and Mrs. James Somerville, Mrs. J. C. Sycamore, Dr. and Mrs. Nobbs, Mr. and Mrs. John Gillies, Mr. and Mrs. S. Gillies, Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Ehlh, Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Whigham, R. Coleman, Arthur Coombes, Mr. and Mrs. Acheson, Mr. and Mrs. Lutes, Rev. George and Mrs. Duff, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Coombes, Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Brown, Miss K. MacPhee, the President of the Mission Circle, the President of the Young Ladies' Mission Auxiliary, and the Convener of the Young People's Mission Committee.

Music Committee—James Somerville, Charles Herald, Dr. Hansel, C. G. Booker, W. H. Forster, Alexis Lewis, W. W. Barlow, Jos. Fletcher.

Usher—W. W. Barlow, Geo. Coombes, sen., Robt. New, Arthur Coombes, F. A. Elder, Charles Loosley, Geo. Dunn, Thos. Ritches, W. J. Peppiatt, Herbert Brown, Norman White, L. R. Tobey, Henry E. Raiston, Henry Taylor, Otto Hunt, Fred W. Cross.

Benevolent Fund Committee—Josiah Taylor, Mrs. C. H. Bampfyde, and the pastor.

Representatives on Church Extension Board—H. New, R. C. Stevenson, J. R. Watson, S. Gillies, J. Challen, James Somerville, Thos. Hosking, sen. and Auditors—R. F. Wolfkill and T. H. Taylor.

Sexton—Robert McGaw.

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United Empire Bank of Canada

Report of the Directors Submitted to the Shareholders at the

THIRD ANNUAL MEETING Held at the Head Office of the Bank on

WEDNESDAY, 20th JANUARY, 1909

The Directors have pleasure in presenting the accompanying Statement of the affairs of the Bank, for the year ending 21st December, 1908.

The business for the year shows marked improvement. Deposits have increased by over fifty per cent. (50 per cent.). The Branches are all making encouraging progress; several Branches, however, are not yet self-supporting, and it has not been deemed wise to open any new offices during the year.

A Dividend of one per cent. for the past three months, has been declared, payable 2nd January, 1909.

The Head Office and Branches have been carefully inspected, and the officers have discharged their duties satisfactorily.

All of which is respectfully submitted. SAMUEL BARKER, President.

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT 31st December, 1908.

Table with 2 columns: Item, Amount. Provincial Government taxes, Dividend payable, Balance carried forward, etc.

LIABILITIES.

Table with 2 columns: Item, Amount. Notes in circulation, Deposits bearing interest, Deposits not bearing interest, Due to Banks in United Kingdom, etc.

ASSETS

Table with 2 columns: Item, Amount. Specie and Dominion Government Notes, Deposit with Dominion Government, Notes and cheques on other Banks, etc.

REPORT OF THE PROCEEDINGS.

There was a fairly large attendance of Shareholders. Mr. Samuel Barker, M. P., President, occupied the chair, and Mr. George P. Reid, acted as Secretary. The President dealt at some length with the Statement presented, with the business of the year, and the prospects of the future, and upon his motion, seconded by Mr. Bennett Rosmond, the report was unanimously adopted.

At a subsequent meeting of the new Board of Directors, Mr. Samuel Barker, M. P., was elected President.

UNITED EMPIRE.

Mr. Samuel Barker Again President of Prosperous Bank.

The annual meeting of the shareholders of the United Empire Bank was held yesterday at the head office in Toronto, with Mr. Samuel Barker, M. P., of this city, the president, in the chair. The report will be found on another page of this issue. It is a very interesting report. The third year of the bank's operations shows marked improvement. The deposits increased over 50 per cent. The bank has a paid up capital of over \$500,000, and assets amounting to over \$2,000,000. Altogether the showing is a most satisfactory one and a credit to the gentlemen at the head of the institution. Mr. Samuel Barker, M. P., was unanimously re-elected president. Mr. Geo. P. Reid is the efficient general manager.

MURDERER WAS HANGED.

George Johnson Went Calmly to the Scaffold at Kenora.

Kenora, Jan. 20.—George F. Johnson, the 24-year-old murderer of Mrs. Charles Ackerman, was hanged this morning. He went to death calmly. He was a hired man at the Ackerman home, and suddenly appeared to go insane. He killed the woman with a hatchet, but claimed that he did not know what he was doing.

JEW TO TILL THE LAND.

Federation of National Scope is Launched in New York.

New York, Jan. 20.—The Jewish Farmers' Federation of America was organized at the office of the Kings of the United States and Canada, and a stimulation of the movement of Hebrew families from congested quarters of the cities to the country.

TROOPS FORMED OF FOREIGNERS.

The Foreign Legion is composed of a very heterogeneous lot who have found Europe too hot for them, and it is a curious thing that the German element seems to predominate in this French force. Most of these Germans are deserters from their own army, though in the Legion they soon find that it is even worse than an ordinary case of 'out of the frying pan into the fire.' The Legion is now almost the only survival from the days when Kings and Government accepted the service of foreign troops, unless indeed another instance of the same kind is furnished by the Pope's present Swiss Guard, though this is composed of men of first rate character. The Garde Ecosaisse of the Kings of France was another good example of those alien mercenaries. The Scots—a hundred in number—who formed for centuries the bodyguard of the French Kings, had their modern counterpart in the famous Cent. Gardes, who sentinelled the Tuilleries under Napoleon III.—London Chronicle.

HAMILTON RADIAL ELECTRIC RAILWAY.

Table with 2 columns: Line, Time. EAST BOUND, WEST BOUND.

HAMILTON & DUNDAS RAILWAY.

Table with 2 columns: Line, Time. LEAVE DUNDAS, LEAVE HAMILTON.

HAMILTON & GRIMSBY & BEAMSVILLE ELECTRIC RAILWAY.

Table with 2 columns: Line, Time. LEAVE HAMILTON, LEAVE BEAMSVILLE.

ORIENTAL SPLENDOR.

Lady Violet Elliott Married to Lord Charles Fitzmaurice.

TRAVELERS' GUIDE

GRAND TRUNK RAILWAY SYSTEM

Table with 2 columns: Destination, Time. Niagara Falls, New York, Toronto, Montreal, St. Catharines, etc.

CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY.

Table with 2 columns: Destination, Time. Toronto, Hamilton, Montreal, Quebec, etc.

TORONTO, HAMILTON & BUFFALO RAILWAY.

Table with 2 columns: Line, Time. Arrive Hamilton, Leave Hamilton, etc.

HAMILTON RADIAL ELECTRIC RAILWAY.

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HAMILTON & DUNDAS RAILWAY.

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ORIENTAL SPLENDOR.

Lady Violet Elliott Married to Lord Charles Fitzmaurice.

Calcutta, Jan. 20.—Lady Violet Mary Elliot, third daughter of the Earl of Minto, Vicerey of India, was united in marriage to-day to Lord Charles George Francis Fitzmaurice, second son of the Marquis of Lansdowne. The ceremony took place in St. Paul's Cathedral, and was most brilliant. There was much oriental splendor in evidence. The Bishop of Calcutta officiated.

While seated in the basement of his home reading a letter from a son now in Sicily, Giovanni Cardinello, one of the wealthiest Italians of the South Brooklyn colony, and whose nephew, Jon Cardinello, was mysteriously killed in Coffey Park some time ago, was shot and killed. Two shots were fired.

Chief Thompson's annual report showed that the fire losses in Toronto in 1908 aggregated \$1,076,221.

Advertisement for Grant's Pale Ale, featuring a large illustration of a glass of beer and text describing the quality and availability of the ale.