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BRANTFORD AND POWER

City Council Committee Decides to Recommend Niagara Bylaw.

Brantford, Dec. 12.—At the meeting of the members of the Brantford City Council electrical energy committee today it was unanimously decided to recommend to the city council the submission of a bylaw to the ratepayers at the forthcoming municipal elections.

Following is the resolution, moved by C. Cook, seconded by J. A. Sanderson:

"That the city council be recommended to submit to the ratepayers at the coming annual elections an enabling bylaw as such to authorize the city council by a vote of two-thirds of the members thereof to contract with the hydro-electric commission for a supply of eletrical power if the council deem the contract advisable."

A special meeting of the council has been called for tomorrow night when the bylaw authorizing the vote will be given first reading.

A committee, consisting of Mayor Waterous, City Treasurer Bunnell, Aldermen Sanderson, D. B. Wood and George S. Matthews, was also appointed to issue an explanatory statement to the ratepayers.

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Need of Isolation Hospital; Inspector Refers to Matter

Dr. Bruce-Smith Presents a Report to Trust on London's Home for the Sick.

The hospital trust met yesterday afternoon and received the report of Dr. R. W. Bruce Smith, provincial inspector, on the condition of Victoria Hospital.

The inspector speaks well of the institution except as regards the care of contagious patients, and on this score he made certain suggestions to the trust. He said:

"Attention has again been called to the fact that contagious and infectious cases are treated so contiguous to the general hospital, instead of in a separate isolated hospital under the control and management of the board of health. The number of patients admitted to this hospital during the past year was 1,897, while during the previous year, 1,710 were admitted. This increase in the number of patients admitted justifies considering very seriously the need of providing more room. The old building might be remodeled and fitted up for the reception of patients. At present its appearance is altogether out of harmony with the other portions of the building. The laundry would be much better in an isolated building. If an isolated building is erected where contagious patients can be treated in accordance with the public health act, separate and distinct from the general hospital, the wards now used for contagious cases might well be used for other purposes."

London Should Have It.

Chairman Screaton agreed with the inspector that London should have an isolation hospital.

"We can find money for sewers, pavements and everything else," he said, "but we cannot find money for an isolation hospital, which is a crying need."

The remainder of the inspector's report gave facts and figures of an inspection made on October 26.

The receipts of the hospital were shown to have been, for the year, $44,948 46, and expenditures for maintenance, $49,870 03. The government grant amounted to $4,059 70. The city grant was $18,094 54. County grant, $2,385 64. At the date of the inspection there were 121 persons in the hospital, 62 being on the free list, and 59 on the pay list.

During the year there were 112 deaths in the hospital, and during the same time there were 102 births. The employes include a superintendent, chief resident medical officer, four assistants, and 45 other persons. There are 25 men on the medical staff, and there are four graduate nurses and 56 nurses in training.

Building Is All Right.

The building, the inspector says, is fairly well furnished for hospital purposes. Everything was found neat and clean.

The nurses' home is described as splendid, and the employes have satisfactory quarters.

The laundry is not what it should be in equipment or situation.

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The number of days' stay of patients for the year was 42,062.

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Physicians Petition.

A matter came up in regard to allowing the nurses and help of Victoria Hospital to select their own physicians and surgeons when ill. For some years it has been the rule to have but one physician attend the nurses and help. Yesterday the following petition signed by Dr. J. S. Niven, on behalf of the medical staff of the hospital, was read:

"That the medical staff desire to recommend to the hospital trust that the nurses and help of Victoria Hospital, in case of illness, shall have the privilege of selecting their own medical or surgical attendance, but that the selection be limited to the staff, particularly those in attendance at the time, except a satisfactory reason is given to the lady superintendent, for some other medical attendant."

Granted Provisionally.

The trust granted the request except as to the final clause, which would have under certain conditions permitted the nurses and help to select an outside physician to attend them. The trust insists that while such patients may choose their physician or surgeon, he must be a member of the hospital staff at the time.

Supt. Heard's report for the month of November was as follows: Number of patients admitted, 155—47 males, 77 females and 31 children; number discharged, 150—41 males, 81 females and 28 children; number of deaths, 8; births 9; patients receiving treatment on November 30, 121; number of operations, 42. Total receipts, $1,394 40.

The usual grant of $30 to the nurses and housemaids for their usual Christmas entertainment was made.

Those present were Chairman Screaton, C. M. R. Graham, R. W. Jackson, Mayor Judd and Supt. Heard.

CHURCH UNION CONFERENCE ON

Representatives With Enlarged Powers Gather at Toronto to Talk Union.

Toronto, Dec. 12.—Representatives of the Methodist, Presbyterian and Congregational Churches from the far east and the far west of the Dominion gathered in the Metropolitan Methodist Church schoolroom today to continue the discussion of the momentous subject of church union.

Since the adjournment of the joint conference last year, the denominational sections of the committee have reported progress to the highest courts of their respective churches, and received further instructions on the matters upon which the joint committee could not agree. The representatives of each of the three churches returned to the conference this morning with more power to make concessions, and with greater breadth of view than last year.

During the year the Ontario conference of United Brethren has practically completed its union with the Congregational Church. In the Maritime Provinces the Baptists and the Free-Will Baptists have come together, and at the present time they are negotiating for a further union with the Disciples. The church union advocates at the conference this morning were cheered by these events. Some of the obstacles that seemed insurmountable last year have been removed, and the larger union, of the Congregationalists, Methodists and Presbyterians, seems now more probable of consummation.

While nothing was said about the matter in the conference this morning, some of the delegates privately expressed the opinion that the action of the Presbyterians at the General Assembly last June was not calculated to hasten the union of the other three denominations. The creeds and practices of the Anglicans and Baptists seem to some as so much at variance with those of the other three denominations concerned that an agreement, they say, is almost impossible.

The Congregationalist section, as representing the opinions expressed at the gathering of the Congregational Union of Canada, will probably state their disappointment that the suggested general creed is too much of an attempt to find and enforce union of doctrine in theological terms from an intellectual standpoint. The Congregationalists desire a more brief and simple creed, voicing the devotional and practical side of Christian life. In polity, too, the Congregationalists said at the meeting of their union, the suggested outline was almost completely Presbyterian. They desire that further developments should include more of the principles of liberty and democracy.

The Baptists and Anglicans were not represented at the conference this morning. Rev. Dr. Carman, superintendent of the Methodist Church, who was chairman of the joint committee last year, took the chair at the opening today. The delegates joined heartily in the singing of the opening hymn, "Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun." Rev. Dr. Sutherland, the secretary, read an appropriate Scripture lesson. Rev. Principal Gordon, of Queen's University, and Rev. J. D. Unsworth, prayed earnestly for the success of the conference.

Rev. J. W. Pedley was elected to the chair. He briefly reviewed the work of the previous session, and immediately got down to business. Rev. Dr. McLaren acted as assistant secretary.

At this stage Rev. Prof. Patrick, of Manitoba College, moved that the sessions of the joint committee be closed to the press, as before. This was carried. The secretary was instructed to give out such information relative to proceedings as he considered proper.

The reports of the committees on doctrine and polity were read during the morning, together with the letters of appreciation from the Baptist and Anglican denominations.

Among those present at the conference were: Rev. Dr. Carman, Toronto; Rev. H. S. Huestis, Halifax; Rev. W. S. Armstrong, Ottawa; Rev. Dr. Griffiths, Toronto; Rev. Dr. Langford, Stratford; Rev. T. B. Hyde, Toronto; Rev. Dr. Gordon, Kingston; Rev. Dr. Chown, Toronto; Rev. G. W. Kerby, Calgary; Rev. Dr. McGillivray, Toronto; Rev. Principal Falconer, Winnipeg; Rev. J. W. Pedley, Toronto; Rev. Dr. Young, Montreal; Rev. Dr. Sutherland, Toronto; Rev. Dr. Antliffe, Guelph; Mr. Justice McLaren, Judge Chesley, Mr. C. A. Birge, Montreal.

All three of the congressmen lately elected from Boston—Joseph F. O'Connell, John A. Keliher and Andrew J. Peters—are young men and bachelors. It is the first time in the history of the city that a husband and father has not been included in Boston's delegation to Washington, and, incidentally, it becomes the youngest delegation that was ever sent from any city in the country.

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SYLVIA GERRISH DIES IN POVERTY

Once Beautiful and Wealthy, the Actress Passes Away, Homeless and Friendless.

New York, Dec. 12.—Arrangments for the funeral of Sylvia Gerrish, who died suddenly in the old Hilton mansion, on Morris Heights, Saturday night, were made today by the friends who knew her in the days when the beauty of the little chorus girl was the toast of London and New York. The end of her eventful career found her but the shadow of her former self, alone and poverty-stricken. Not a soul was near to comfort her in the last hours of her life, and in direct contrast to the existence of luxury and ease which crowned the years of her reign in beauty's realm, she passed away in a rickety room where last August Henry Graham Hilton, who gave up everything for her, breathed his last.

It was in 1889 that Sylvia Gerrish came to New York from California. She made her first appearance here at the old Casino. The piece was "The Brigands," and although the young woman's name was on the programme she was virtually only a chorus girl. Her remarkable beauty accomplished its work, though, and she awakened the following morning to find herself famous.

One of those struck by the girl's winsome ways was young Hilton, then beginning a commercial career laid out by his father, Judge Hilton, who was the executor of the A. T. Stewart estate. Eight years before he had married Agnes Sanxay, She was a cashier in his father's furnishing goods store in Brooklyn, but she was pretty, and his parents took favorably to the match. Society was astounded that he did not wed in his station, but young Hilton loved the girl, and in the wedding bouquet her father-in-law placed a check for $50,000.

Judge Hilton made his son head of the wholesale dry goods firm of Hilton, Hughes & Co., and he started in life with advantages which seldom come, He was one of the handsomest men in town—six feet two inches tall—and there were few who could equal him in strength.

His infatuation for Sylvia Gerrish was more than he could overcome. He tried after the first evening's performance to get back of the stage and see her, but he failed. The following night he bought a box on each side of the house and from these he showered flowers upon her.

A week later Broadway saw Hilton and the chorus girl together. Everywhere she was voted a "good fellow," for, notwithstanding Hilton spent money with a lavish hand, she was even more improvident. Fortunes ran through her fingers as if the supply would never give out. She squandered thousands and thousands — wore the best creations of London and Paris, had horses and carriages for every day in the week and lived in a style that was the envy of those who knew her in the heyday.

One year of Hilton's extravagance had its effect. His father was compelled to mortgage the Stewart building to Hetty Green for $1,200,000 and a few months later the son passed out of the firm. At the instance of Sylvia Gerrish he refused a settlement of $20,000, and a long legal fight followed. The scandal had its effect upon young Hilton's mother, and in 1891 she died in Paris with a broken heart.

Hilton's money gone, the love that existed between him and the chorus girl began to wane. She went to London and there scored a great success in "Nitouche." In 1893 he sent Della Fox abroad with a truce, and Sylvia returned to him. When the Thistle came over to lift the cup one of her slippers—a No. 1—was nailed to the cutter's mast as a talisman. She was the talk of two continents.

Six years ago Hilton's wife died, and a few months later he was married to Sylvia Gerrish. They went to live in the mansion, his father had built on Morris Heights. He died penniless, and soon the home was divested of all its treasures.

In October the mansion was sold to satisfy a debt, and ever since the woman had kept officers away with the aid of a big dog. She and her brother, George Rollins, were preparing to move away. Where she did not know, for she, too, was penniless, and her friends of old appeared to have forgotten her. Saturday her brother went out for a doctor. While he was gone she died, alone.

The doctor said it was heart disease. There was not a trace of her once celebrated beauty in either her face or form. She was forty-eight years old, and was born in a mining camp known as the Oak Flat, in California. Her name was Lillian Rollins, Sylvia Gerrish was her mother's maiden name.

Advertiser Correspondence

Lord Durham's Report.

To the Editor of The Advertiser:

An editorial of The Advertiser of December 3, has the headline "Who Wrote the Durham Report?". The matter of the authorship of this "enormously long report," as it has been described, is not involved in doubt. May I refer you to a footnote, page 169, of the Greville Memoirs, volume IV. (Longman's edition), in which these words appear: "This was the celebrated report on the administration of Canada which bore the name of Lord Durham, but was, in fact, written by Mr. Charles Buller, and embodied the opinions of Mr. Gibbon Wakefield and Sir Wm. Molesworth on Canadian policy." The Mr. Buller in question was one of Lord Durham's staff when he went to Canada.

The Greville Memoirs have been subjected to such careful revision from time to time that the statement made in the footnote will scarcely be questioned. But, further, see Mr. Dunckley's life of Lord Melbourne (second edition, page 225, in which these words appear: "Nevertheless, his (Lord Durham's) report on Canadian affairs, drawn up by Mr. Charles Buller, suggested the outlines of a constitutional system. Yours faithfully,

RICHARD HARCOURT.

Welland, Dec. 11.

HARTJE LOSES

Pittsburg, Dec. 12. — Judge Robert Fraser handed down his decision today in the Hartje divorce case. The petition of the husband, Angus Hartje, was refused.

Mrs. Hartje was not able to be in court today because of illness. It was announced that she would remain here. Mr. Hartje said:

"I will appeal from the decision, and carry the case to the bitter end. My conscience is clear and I have done nothing wrong."

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