York County and Suburbs of Toronto

TOWNSHIP COUNCIL TOURS EARLSCOURT

Dufferin Street Hill to Be Cut Down Four or Five Feet.

OTHER DISTRICT NEWS

Miss Dahlia Atkins Wins First Prize in Elocution Contest.

The long-expected tour thru the North Earlscourt and Fairbank district by the York Township Council and members of the North Earlscourt and Fairbank Ratepayers' Association, took place on Saturday afternoon. Reeve Syme and members of council, Road Commissioner Snyder, with Messrs. Lacey, Maltby, Hill and President Badams, and other residents, started from the corner of Dufferin street and Eversfield road and first inspected the cut north of Holmsdale road on Dufferin street. This part of Dufferin street is considered the worst part of the street, as it is steep, no sidewalks on either side and not safe for women and children. It was decided that the hill should be cut back four to five feet and a wooden sidewalk be placed for a distance of about 100 yards to connect with the sidewalk to the north.

Holmesdale crescent was next visited. This, being very low-lying, water is running almost continuously thru the street from the higher parts surrounding, and it is wet in the driest weather. Larger drains will be placed in this part to carry off the water.

At the next point, Fairbank avenue, the visitors were bombarded by the ladies of the neighborhood, who adopted suffragette tactics, and expained their requirements without the aid of the ratepayers' deputation. On this street there is a lack of sidewalks, and the ground is spongy and unnt to walk upon.

Bad Hollow.

Harvey avenue hollow conditions were also found in bad state, owing to the boggy nature of the ground, and no drains, in the opinion of the deputation, owing to the cemetery authorities, whose property adjoins, and who have neglected to drain the land on their side of the fence. Harvey avenue hill was the last place visited. Here the necessity for improvement is very urgent, as the traffic is considerable, the hill being very steep and, in bad weather, dangerous. The council decided that a rail should be placed here and a cinder walk made at the earliest possible moment.

In the opinion of a member of the deputation, if the improvements suggested are made, the existing bad conditions will be relieved for the time being at least, and credit is due to the efforts of the York Township Council, who are doing everything they possibly can for the district. It must be remembered that the roads were only taken in about the spring of 1913.

Saturday afternoon an explosion of a coal oil stove caused about $20 damage to the premises at 165 Van Horne street, occupied by a shoemaker named Guiseppe Lovejaui. Gasington and Wychwood reels were quickly on the spot, but their services were not required, the flames being extinguished by the residents.

Royal Templars.

Royal Templars of Temperance, Dufferin Council, held a grand silver medal elocution contest on Saturday evening in Little's Hall, Rev. F. Bryce, Central Methodist Church, occupying the chair. The contestants were Hazel and Hilda Wilson, Miss Mae Houston, Miss Louise Massen and Miss Dahlia Atkins, all of whom displayed marked ability. Miss Dahlia Atkins was declared the winner of the prize. Select Councillor George W. Hofferd of Dufferin Council, made the presentation. The judges in the contest were W. M. McMillan, Dr. W. J. Dawson and Miss Gladys Pearl, and the explanation of medal contest work was given by Mrs. Cameron.

An excellent program followed. Vocal solos were given by Frank Penn and piano solos by Miss Frances McMillan, a reading by Mrs. Cameron, and other items. Bro. W. M. McMillan, grand secretary, spoke on behalf of the order.

The half-yearly meeting of the Men's Own Brotherhood, connected with Central Methodist Church, Ascot avenue, was held in the basement hall. The following officers were elected: Mr. Fred Whitehead, vice-president; Messrs. Francis, Deabell, W. Smith and Fallers, executive committee. Arrangements were made for the annual field day, to be held in July. Controller J. O. McCarthy has presented a silver cup to the brotherhood.

New Association.

A meeting will be held in the clubhouse, Harvey avenue, next Friday evening, for the purpose of inaugurating a Conservative Association for the North Earlscourt and Fairbank district. Dr. Forbes Godfrey, Reeve Syme, Deputy-Reeves Miller and Griffiths and other prominent speakers are expected to be present and address the gathering.

Slum Conditions.

Slum conditions are being created in the North Earlscourt and Fairbank district. Within a stone's throw of the city limits, on the corner of Teignmouth and Earlscourt avenues, a builder has erected five houses on a 43-foot frontage lot. Each house is detached and the backyard dry closets are almost within touching distance from the back doors. Several prominent members of the North Earlscourt and Fairbank Ratepayers' Association claim that the sooner the district is annexed to the city the better it will be for the residents and the health of the community, the building bylaws being inadequate to prevent the building of this class of property.

Ascot Avenue Gospel Hall will hold two special meetings for Christians on Monday, May 25, from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. and from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Tea will be served between services from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. Prominent speakers will be present to address the congregations.

It is computed that each of the civic cars on the St. Clair avenue car line carried 1300 passengers yesterday, an extra car being put on at 6 p.m. to relieve the congestion. The bright sunshine brought out the residents of the Earlscourt district in large numbers.

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WANT FIVE MINUTE SERVICE TO CITY LIMIT OR MOTOR BUSES

Reduced Fares Will Also Be Demanded—Residents in North Toronto Will Brook No Further Delay—Monster Deputation to Visit City Hall on Thursday—Meeting of Ratepayers.

Residents in North Toronto will not tolerate any further delay in the matter of improved transportation facilities. The meeting of the ratepayers on Saturday night was characterized by an aggressive spirit which will not be sidetracked by indefinite promises or motions for consideration and reports. From the opinions expressed, it was clear that the majority were not worried about the city's future policy with regard to the radial line, but simply determined that relief must be given at once by a motor bus service, or any arrangement that could be made to meet present needs.

Deputation Arranged.

Every one who took part in the discussion agreed that the present service is inadequate for the needs of the district even if the fares were equalized with the civic cars in other sections.

A deputation will interview the board of control on Thursday next in regard to the question, and with this in view, the following resolution, moved by A. H. Paffard and seconded by W. L. Cuttell, was passed: "That the council negotiate with the Metropolitan Railway Company for a five-minute service from the C. P. R. tracks to Bedford Park, and failing immediate relief in that direction, the city establish a motor bus service. In event of either plan being adopted the fares to be equalized with those prevailing on the civic car lines."

Definite Proposition.

Ald. F. S. Spence advised the ratepayers to go down to the city hall with a very strong deputation and present some plan whereby relief could be gained. The city was willing to do the best it could, but the citizens must state what they want. If the board threw down the proposition of the residents then it was for it to say what was the best solution. The railway board had power to order an interchange of traffic between the city system and the Metropolitan line, and the city could ask that this be done.

Ald. Risk agreed with Ald. Spence that some solution should be proposed by the people of the district, but they would have to look to the future as well as the immediate requirements of that section of the city. He doubted if any betterment would result from the interchange of traffic, and considered a reduction in fares to be the proper thing to ask from the city. In regard to transportation for the city, he mentioned that he had a motion down for discussion in the council to appoint a committee of business men and members of the board of trade to consider the matter.

Questioned by T. W. Banton regarding the cemetery road, the alderman stated that the legislature had given the city authority to run a straight road thru Mount Pleasant Cemetery, and that it would be carried out as soon as possible.

Frank Howe thought that they should ask the city to give them the same fares as prevailed on the civic lines by making an arrangement with the company to pay the difference. They would likely have to wait three years for relief by any other means, and it was very unfair that they should do so. The people were willing to take anything, but they wanted it immediately.

Motor Bus Service.

T. Banton was of opinion that they could accomplish more by demanding a motor bus service, as that would give immediate relief, and he moved that the deputation ask for buses only, but it was defeated by the resolution already stated, which was moved as an amendment.

J. McCrae shared the same opinion as Mr. Banton, claiming that the competition of a bus service would bring the Metropolitan Railway Company to the city instead of vice versa, and would result in Sir William Mackenzie losing money, and he was not the man to stand that.

W. G. Ellis said that they demanded immediate action of the city in securing for them an adequate service and a reduction of the rates. With the widening of the street the city may probably lay down tracks, and everybody knew that it had the right to extend the lines five miles beyond the city limits. Relief could also be had by buying out the Metropolitan Railway company. The present service placed a very heavy tax on the people of North Toronto and there was no possible doubt in his mind but that something would have to be done very soon in the matter of transportation for the district. He emphasized the fact that they were not only paying two or three fares to reach the centre of the city, but they contributed to the general taxes and helped to pay for improvements in other sections.

Must Be Adequate.

The people did not care by what means they got their service as long as it was adequate to meet the requirements of the district, but they demanded that that service be immediate and at a reduced fare. He suggested that the city be asked to operate motor busses on Yonge street and thru Mount Pleasant and that the fares on the Metropolitan be reduced.

J. Nelson, president of the Moore Park Ratepayers' Association, gave some statistics of the motor bus traffic in London, England, where they had been very successful in dealing with the transportation problem. He pointed out that commercial motor trucks were carrying great loads over bad roads and even ploughed fields every day and giving complete satisfaction, and he could see no reason why similar vehicles could not be used successfully for passenger traffic on main highways.

The deputation will wait on the board of control on Thursday at 12 o'clock to ask that immediate action be taken to give them relief. Circulars asking the residents to join the deputation are being distributed.

Referred Back.

W. L. Cuttle's motion that the provincial government be asked to purchase the Metropolitan line for incorporation with the Hydro radial system was disposed of in the early part of the evening. Doubt was expressed whether the government could do so, and Ald. F. S. Spence was asked for an opinion. Altho he did not claim to be fully informed on the subject, he expressed the opinion that any action along that line would have to be initiated by the municipalities which the line traversed and that any representations made by an association representing one section of the city would not have much weight in a matter of that kind.

It was also pointed out that the purpose of the meeting was to secure immediate relief even of a temporary character and that Mr. Cuttle's motion could hardly be expected to result in any immediate action. It was therefore referred to the executive for future consideration.

FUNERAL OF LATE DONALD M'KAY

Many Present to Pay Last Tribute to Ontario County Treasurer.

Many prominent residents of Ontario County attended the funeral of the late Donald McKay, county treasurer, which took place at Whitby on Saturday afternoon. The service was conducted at the family residence by Rev. Dr. Abraham, pastor of the Presbyterian Church, and Rev. J. Sexsmith, Methodist.

The late county treasurer was a resident of Saintfield until his appointment as treasurer 24 years ago. He then came here to establish his office at the county town. While he took an active interest in all public matters, he was of a retiring disposition and kept clear of political partyism. He was recognized as a man of high sterling qualities. He is survived by a widow, three sons and three daughters. The sons are Ambrose of Salt Lake City, Utah; Dr. John and Dr. James McKay of Marion, Ind.

The daughters are Mrs. Dr. Park of Edmonton and the Misses Emily and Jennette, who reside at home with their mother.

Pall-Bearers.

The pall-bearers were: Judge McGillivray, Judge McIntyre, Dr. Bascomb, John Howden, postmaster; James Rutledge and Sheriff Paton.

Among the large and representative attendance at the funeral were: Peter Christie, ex-M.P.; Charles Calder, ex-M.L.A.; Mayor Willis and the Whitby Town Council, Warden Hiram Gifford and the Ontario County Council, Judge Smith, James Carnegie of Port Perry, Dr. Kaiser of Oshawa and a large number of reeves and deputy-reeves. The interment took place at the Union Cemetery.

WHITBY TO HAVE SEWERAGE SYSTEM

Special Meeting of Council Will Be Held Tomorrow Night.

Mayor Willis of Whitby has called a special meeting of the town council for tomorrow night to consider plans for a sewage disposal plant, prepared by T. Aird Murray. In conversation with The World on Saturday, Mayor Willis said: "We have engaged Mr. Murray to construct a complete sewage disposal works at an estimated cost of $125,000. After the plans have been approved by the council they will be immediately forwarded to the provincial board of health for approval and tenders will then be secured as soon as the specifications are prepared. We expect to make a good start with the work this summer. Accompanied by other members of the council I have inspected the sewage disposal works at Weston, North Toronto and Oakville. From what we saw there we have confidence that Mr. Murray's system will be adequate and odorless.

Big Improvement.

"The completion of the sewage disposal works will give the town all the utilities required by a modern town. The undertaking will also contribute to the growth of the population as all available labor is fully employed. None of our industries have had to shut down or go on short time, and there has been nothing to indicate in Whitby that business has been slackening up. Our industries include the Martin Manufacturing Co., saddlery and hardware, which employs 100 men; Samuel Trees company, whips, blankets and horse clothing, a flourishing tannery and a woodworking machinery factory. We have not felt the pinch of hard times at all as our factories have been working full time."

A. H. Hallin, one of the leading druggists, said: "We have not felt the squeeze much here. The town has kept on growing. The building of the big hospital by the Ontario government for the insane near here has helped business."

NEWS OF WARD SEVEN KEELE ST. FOUNTAIN DRY

Pedestrians Think it is Time the Water Was Turned on Again.

Several of ward seven's residential streets received their second sprinkling with oil on Saturday. The dust, however, tho heavy, still remains many inches in depth, and has spread over crossings and sidewalks in many places, making it extremely disagreeable for pedestrians. The flying dust nuisance, however, is eliminated for a time by the use of the oil, and the residents on these streets are thankful for the relief.

Rev. Alfred Gandier, B.D., principal of Knox College, was the special preacher at the morning service at Victoria Presbyterian Church yesterday. The pastor, Rev. D. T. L. McKerroll, B.A., conducted the evening service, and addressed the men's Bible class in the afternoon.

Fountain Closed.

A number of inquiries have been made by thirsty pedestrians as to why the drinking fountain on Keele street has not yet been opened for the use of the public. Many times during the day people come to the busy corner where they used to be sure of finding a bubbling sanitary fountain from which to drink.

Mrs. J. H. Marshall of Ottawa, Mrs. F. S. Hopkins and daughter of Oil City, Pa., and Mrs. W. H. Hartley of Durham are visitors at the home of Dr. R. R. Hopkins on Annette street this week.

The Keele street firemen have beautified their courtyard near Dundas street, and many passers-by have stopped to admire the large beds of tulips which they have made in the vacant space adjacent to the postoffice lawn.

E. P. Atkinson has completed his 6-suite apartments on Quebec avenue near Dundas and they will be ready for occupation June 1st. These "Quebec" apartments are entirely up-to-date in every particular, furnished kitchens, book cases, beam ceilings, etc. Mr. Atkinson feels that he is doing his part in meeting the demands of many people who desire up-to-date apartments at a moderate rent. There are already two of these suites leased.

NARROWLY ESCAPED ASPHYXIATION

A. Cauchard Awoke to Find House Full of Gas—Girls Unconscious.

Alexander Cauchard, of 84 Castlefield avenue, and his two daughters were almost asphyxiated yesterday morning by escaping gas. The pipes had just been installed on Saturday afternoon and when the family retired at night they noticed an odor of gas in the house, but did not think it was serious. About 8 o'clock on Sunday morning, however, Mr. Cauchard awoke to find the house filled with fumes and he fell to the floor when he left his bed. With an effort he got the window open and went to his daughters' room.

They were both quite unconscious and their father dragged them out to fresh air just in time to save their lives as the escape was discovered in the girls' bedroom.

Dr. J. A. C. Evans was summoned and succeeded in bringing the Misses Cauchard back to consciousness and they were reported to be out of danger last night altho sick from the after effects of the fumes.

Pleasant Surprise.

Residents on North Yonge street were surprised and pleased to see the street sprinklers at work on Sunday morning and are much indebted to Commissioner Wilson for giving the matter prompt attention.

The street would have been oiled by this time if a car of the wrong oil had not been sent forward by mistake, but this has been rectified now and the oiling will likely be done today or on Tuesday.

CONSERVATIVE MEETING AT NEWMARKET

Member Could Not Say Definitely That Election Would Be Held.

Newmarket Conservatives met in the King George Hotel on Friday night to hear addresses by the local members, J. A. M. Armstrong, M.P., and T. H. Lennox, K.C., M.L.A., and to discuss the probability of an election.

Mr. Lennox said that he could not state definitely that there would be an election, but if one was to be held it would take place within five or six weeks. His address was chiefly devoted to the local applications of the Workmen's Compensation Act.

J. A. Armstrong, M.P., dealt with federal issues. He was opposed to free wheat and, discussing the proposed grant to the C. N. R., did not think it right that the company should hold the controling interest if aid was granted.

McGregor Young, K.C., also addressed the meeting, dealing with the ethics of politics and the necessity for a high standard of honor being maintained in public life.

THISTLETOWN

The annual meeting of Thistletown branch of West York Women's Institute will be held at the home of Mrs. John Calhoun, on Wednesday, May 20, at 2.30 p.m. The program for this meeting is as follows: Report of the closing year by the secretary; election of officers for the coming year; reading by Miss Ella Rountree, and an instrumental solo by Mrs. W. H. Rountree. As this is an important meeting a full attendance of the members is requested. All ladies are cordially invited to attend.

AURORA

The monthly meeting of the W. C. T. U. will be held in the Baptist Church on Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Mrs. Ormsby, president of the Counties of York and Peel, will be present and will be accompanied by the editor of The Women's Century, who will speak on "The Women's Movement."

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WILL BEGIN WORK ON NEW RANGES

Eight, Nine and Ten Hundred Yards — Saturday Busy Day.

The higher scores of the Grenadiers and I. C. R. at the rifle ranges on Saturday are as follows:

Grenadiers—Col. Sgt. Kelly, 102; Lieut. Morrison, 101; Pte. White, 101; Pte. Wall, 100; Lieut. Neale, 99; Sgt. Clarke, 99; Capt. Burson, 98; Staff Sgt. Bayles, 98.

I. C. R.—Pte. Cusack, 99; Staff Sgt. Emo, 98; Pte. Docherty, 98; Pte. Mockman, 97; Pte. Hutchison, 97; Pte. MacDonagh, 96; Pte. Green, 93; Pte. Hillis, 96.

Saturday was an excellent day for practice shooting, as the wind kept the marksmen on the alert from start to finish, shifting, as it did, from a right wind to a left rear wind, and varying in strength thruout the afternoon. It was not, however, productive of high scoring, altho some good records were made.

G. O. R. Turn Out.

The G. O. R. had the large number of 260 of the younger men out for training at the new 100 and 200 yards ranges, musketry instruction being given by Sergt.-Major Creighton and Sgts. Medford and Dow. The Grenadiers had 154 men out undergoing training at these ranges, which are proving of material benefit to the recruits under instruction.

Tenders have been let for the new long-distance ranges, comprising the 800, 900 and 1,000 yards. It is not anticipated, however, that these ranges will be ready before the time of the Ontario Rifle Meeting in the third week of August.

New Rifles.

Considerable interest is being manifested by the Highlanders in a number of boxes which have been delivered at their company rooms. The boxes have not been opened, and curiosity is evinced as to what sort of rifles they contain. It is anticipated that the rifles are the Long-Ross with rear-apeaure sights, and the men are not only anxious to see them, but to have them out on the ranges to be tested there. Till the present time, only about 40 of the Highlanders have been on the ranges, but with the advent of the new rifles, it is expected that there will be considerably over 200 out each Saturday.

NORWAY CONSERVATIVES ARRANGE BIG SMOKER

Will Meet in St. John's Parish House—Musical Program and Speeches.

The Norway Conservative Association will hold a smoker in St. John's Parish House, Woodbine avenue, tomorrow night (Tuesday). Among those who have been invited to deliver addresses are: W. F. Maclean, M.P.; J. A. Macdonald, K.C.; Controller T. L. Church, Dr. Walters, M. Dougherty, W. H. Bennett and H. H. Ball.

A good musical program has been arranged and a cordial invitation is extended to all Conservatives.

WESTON

The Weston Hydro-Electric Commission is now putting in foundations for several cluster lights on Main street. The work is being superintended by Engineer Hicks, who is also looking after the laying of sewer laterals and water pipes on Main street. Some difficulty is being experienced because of the sandy nature of the soil, especially in those parts tunneled under the street car tracks, where shoring or planking is impracticable.

Contractor George Sainsbury has started building the foundations of the new public library, at the corner of Main and King streets.

A church parade was held yesterday by the Weston L.O.L. No. 216 and the Royal Black Knights of Grouse Hill, L.O.L. No. 191, at the schoolhouse, section 31. The Weston lodge met at Oddfellows' Hall, Church street, and joined that of Grouse Hill at the schoolhouse, where a service was conducted by Rev. R. Spencer of Downsview.

The Weston Horticultural Society's Tulip Show, advertised for Thursday last, will be held on the evening of Thursday, May 21, when prizes will be given for the best blooms grown by exhibitors.

The Right Rev. Bishop Sweeny of Toronto will conduct a confirmation service and preach in St. John's Anglican Church, Weston, on Sunday, May 24, at 7 o'clock.

A meeting of the Weston Public School Board will be held on June 1.

FURNITURE COMPANY CAUSED HIS ARREST

Frank Gibson, Alleged to Have Disposed of Goods Fraudulently, Held by Police.

Frank Gibson, 1208 west Bloor street, was arrested by acting Detective Wickett Saturday evening on a charge of fraud, just as he was about to enter a taxicab which was to start him on a journey across the border.

The complainant is the Dale Furniture Co. from whom it is said Gibson purchased $179 worth of furniture on the instalment plan. Before he had made any payments he resold the stuff to the West End Furniture Co. for $40. Wickett got Gibson just as he was leaving his sister-in-law's residence at 478 Major street.

CHEESE MARKETS.

BELLEVILLE, May 16.—Offered at cheese board here today, 105 white, 230 colored. Sold 625 white at 11 15-16, 340 white at 11 7-8. All colored sold at 12 3-8. Above are ruling figures at close of board.

LONDON, Ont., May 16.—575 boxes offered. No sales. Bidding from 11 5-8 to 11 7-8.

ST. HYACINTHE, Ont., May 16.—240 packages of butter sold today at 22 1-2 cents.

COWANSVILLE, Que., May 16.—At the meeting of the Eastern Townships Dairymen's Association held here this afternoon, seventeen factories offered 677 packages of butter. Five buyers were present. A few packages sold at 22 5-8 cents, but the ruling price was 22 3-4 cents.

Aid to the Canadian Northern

Extracts from speech of W. G. Nickle, M.P., Wednesday, May 13:

When I accepted the nomination for the City of Kingston I reserved to myself the right to exercise my judgment and express my views on such subjects as were not fundamental to the Conservative party, and it is in the exercise of that right that I rise to my feet this evening. Sir, I do not believe that there is a man in this house tonight who is more loyal to the principles of the Conservative party as he understands them than am I. But I am not willing to admit that it is necessary to the solidarity of party government that the crack of the party whip should be so loud and its sting so sharp that individual responsibility should be absolutely abrogated.

There is another side to this question to which I wish to direct attention, and this is just a bit personal. I do not know exactly whether it is fair that I should bring it up, and yet the conduct was so outrageous that I think it only fair that the house and country should know how some men fight. There is such a thing as a fair fight. A fair fight is the kind of fight a man should fight who has felt the touch of his majesty's sword. There is the fight of a knight who should always remember the order to which he belongs; he should have a fair tilt in an open field. He should realize what fair play is, and should not strike below the belt. When this despatch appeared in The Kingston Whig I stood aghast. I want the house to listen, because within the last year men have been hurled from the legislatures of the Provinces of Quebec and Ontario because they accepted bribes, because they yielded to the influence of money and I want to know what is the opinion of this house of men who do not use money, but threats to win their purpose. As I said, when the first move was made by the Mackenzie and Mann interests in the lobbies of this house to secure government assistance, I was somewhat outspoken in how I felt in regard to the matter. Here is the telegraphic despatch that appeared in The British Whig Kingston, dated March 9th, 1914:

Not Inclined to be Favorably disposed towards Kingston—W. F. Nickle's Stand is not Relished by the Canadian Northern Railway President, whose Company it was Thought Could be Interested in Establishing a Terminal Here for Transhipping Coal From Oswego.

It is reported from Ottawa that Sir William Mackenzie of the Canadian Northern Railway Company, is not inclined to be favorably disposed towards Kingston with regard to railway facilities here in view of the announcement that its member in the commons, W. F. Nickle, is out so strongly against any further government assistance towards the completion of the Canadian Northern Railway line. When some one approached him with regard to the establishment here of a terminal so that coal could be shipped via Kingston from Oswego, New York, he is reported to have said that the Canadian Northern Railway could hardly be expected to consider projects that would benefit this city when its representative was inclined to be antagonistic to the interests of that road.

I try to fight fair and to be perfectly sure that I did the gentleman no injustice. I got a second copy of that paper, and, under date of March 12, I sent the following to Sir William Mackenzie:

March 12, 1914.

Sir William Mackenzie,
Chateau Laurier,
Ottawa.

Memorandum for Sir William Mackenzie's information.

Enclosure: Clipping from The British Whig, Kingston, March 9, 1914.

And the report is that Sir William Mackenzie signed for this on March 15. To this day he has never answered that letter, has never repudiated that interview, and therefore I think I am justified in saying that Sir William Mackenzie is justified in standing by that method of fighting. I want to give this house an illustration of how he fights. In Kingston there is a great railroad industry called the Canadian Locomotive Works Company. The man that gets a share of the work has to vote for one party just as sure as day follows night. Sir William Mackenzie would therefore give no contracts to the Canadian Locomotive Works Company. In a period of industrial stagnation when that became known in Kingston, women held their children to their breasts, dreading the pangs of hunger and of frost, but a thousand times better that I should be removed from the public life of Canada than that women should go cold and children suffer. But I want to say this for those men: no man raised his voice in protest but one. What is democracy coming to when the plutocrats can so tyrannize over the representatives of the people? Does free speech amount to anything? First they tried coercion here, then they tried other influences in their power. What did they do? Take my own seat, which I hold so dear, because if there is one thing that I have been proud of more than anything else in my public life it is that I had the satisfaction of redeeming that riding when Sir Wilfrid Laurier was in power. I won that seat after seventeen years of Liberal rule—for the first time since Sir John A. Macdonald went to his grave. Are the representatives of the people to be throttled? Better a thousand times that I should go out of public life than that Mackenzie and Mann should put their hands on my throat and make the public think a man dare not stand up and express his conviction in this house.

I would sooner have honorable defeat than mean victory. I would sooner go down to defeat in Kingston, if I am a candidate in the next election, than I would be in Mackenzie's shoes and so far forget the order to which I belonged as to adopt the tactics of the South African savage and blow a poisoned dart into the back of an unsuspecting enemy.

Who is going to pay the money to make stock that Canada takes worth $40,000,000? The government admit that $100,000,000 stock represents the services of Mackenzie and Mann since they undertook this railway business in 1897. Nobody pretends that they paid in anything. That has not been suggested by the leader of the government as I understood him, nor by the solicitor-general. The solicitor-general said they had in their subsidiary allied strategic companies common stock or stocks to the amount of $158,000,000. We have not squeezed anything out of that; you cannot squeeze water out of water where there is nothing but water; the solicitor-general has dipped it out.

Mr. R. B. Bennett: Bailed it out.

Mr. Nickle: The solicitor-general has bailed out $58,000,000, and he has brought it down to $100,000,000. What does that mean? That is Mackenzie and Mann's price as promoters for carrying on this work acting as financial agents, acting as constructive agents. That is their price for their services for all these years' work.

Now, Mr. Speaker, I do not want you to get the idea that I think Mackenzie and Mann should not be allowed something. I certainly think they should. They are far-sighted, energetic earnest men and they should get reasonable recognition, but I say that $60,000,000 of stock which the solicitor-general says some day will be worth dollar for dollar is too much money for Canada to pay to two men for promoting a transcontinental railway in this country. Not only is it too much for these men to get, but it is too much for Canada to pay freight rates on. Who is going to pay these freight rates? Again it has to come out of the west, not only on that $60,000,000, but on that $40,000,000 that Canada has taken as her share, if I might use the term, of the booty. Freight rates have to be paid on that.

TO INVESTIGATE SOLDIER'S FATE

Message From Mexican Foreign Minister Has Somewhat Lessened Tension.

Canadian Press Despatch.

WASHINGTON, May 17.—The urgent representations made by President Wilson and Secretary Bryan to the Huerta government, thru the Brazilian minister at Mexico City, as to the reported execution of Private Samuel Parks, an American soldier, who strayed thru the Mexican lines, was partly relieved by a message from Mexican Foreign Minister Ruiz, to the Spanish ambassador, Mr. Riano, stating that the disappearance of Parks would be immediately investigated. Both the Brazilian minister at Mexico City and Gen. Funston at Vera Cruz, have received word that Parks was executed and his body mutilated, but they have not been able to confirm these reports.

Tampico, now in full control of the constitutionalists, was reported by Admiral Mayo to be resuming its normal condition, with foreign properties protected, and the constitutionalist commander, Gen. Gonzales, exchanged informal calls with the American and British admirals.

ALLEGED HOTEL-BEATER HELD.

Donald Ferguson, no home, was arrested by Detective Miller Saturday evening, charged with defrauding the Grand Central Hotel Co. out of four days' board. Ferguson, on the strength of his statements that he was a horse dealer, secured four days' lodging and had the proprietor chasing all over town for him, looking for two black horses, which Ferguson said he wanted for hearse purposes.

HUERTA IS RULING WITH IRON HAND

Hundreds of Mexicans Are Under Arrest Charged With Sedition.

VERA CRUZ, May 17.—Huerta is still pursuing a policy of cowing disloyal residents of Puebla by jailing all those suspected of sedition. Many hundreds of arrests have been made in the past ten days, and some of the most prominent are wealthy Mexicans in the city have been consigned to the army. The latest victims of political persecution are Doctors Jesus Alfaro and Juan Guateau, and Professor Luis Ibarra. Alfaro is the director of the general hospital of the state, and Guateau is a professor in the normal school. Ibarra is a close friend of Juan Sanchez Azcona, former secretary to Madero, now the representative of the Constitutionalist Junta in Paris. Azcona after Madero's murder fled from the capital and was arrested in Ibarra's house.

TO BUILD BIG FLOUR MILLS.

MEDICINE HAT, May 17.—It is announced by the manager of the Maple Leaf Milling Company that the contract for the company's large flour mill here will be let on Monday. It is expected to have 3,000 barrels daily capacity. Work will be rushed to have the plant ready for handling the 1914 crop. The new gas well drilled for the use of the company was blown off last night.

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