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## SUMMER BAND CONCERTS.

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Parks Committee Cannot Comply With Bandmasters' Terms as Presented Yesterday—Mr. Macdonald Declines to Submit His Evidence to the Investigation Committee.

The military bands of the city are now on strike in earnest, and the prospects at present are for the discontinuance of the summer band concerts. The matter came to a head yesterday when Bandmaster Macdonald, on behalf of the committee appointed to present the protest of the Queen's Own, the Grenadiers, the Highlanders, and the Veterans' Bands against the reduction in their strength from 20 to 25 for concert purposes, appeared before the Parks and Exhibitions Committee to support his written statement that the band concerts should not go on unless "some decision were arrived at" by the committee. This language was a little ambiguous, but Mr. Macdonald confirmed the worst interpretation by stating that it meant a strike if the limit were not raised to 30 men. He argued that the bands were merely losing their reputations by playing with such small numbers. The committee generally concurred with this point, but regarding the action of the union bands as a "hold-up." To this they refused to submit. Chairman Scott told the deputations that the committee could not comply with their terms when presented in such an arbitrary manner.

**No Concerts for Island Park.**  
W. J. Ryan, 94 Queen-street east, wanted the privilege of running concerts and other performances at Centre Island during the summer. For this purpose he proposed that the city should erect a \$1000 amphitheatre for which he would pay the rent \$500 annually. The committee was not disposed to disturb the quiet, recreative feature of the park by introducing attractions which could be found at Hurler's Point.

**No Moose Wanted.**  
R. A. Graham of Pembroke wrote informing the committee that he had two moose calves, a male and a female, which he would like to unload on the city. The Parks Commissioner, when asked with reference to the offer, said: "It depends on whether the city wants to go into the manager's business. Mr. Graham thought they should not. The moose will not be brought for the present."

The Telephone and Telegraph Companies were warned against the mutilation of trees in the erection of poles and laying of wires. Proceedings, if necessary, will be taken against them.

Mr. J. J. Maclearen, Q.C., was granted the order of the Privy Council for the purpose of a Prohibition Convention, July 5.

**E. A. Won't Bring Evidence.**  
No headway was made towards a civil investigation of the charges preferred by E. A. Macdonald. The latter refused to submit evidence in support of his charges for reasons adduced by him in substance as follows: "In the first place, I have no personal knowledge of the matters complained of, and many of the persons upon whom I rely to prove my charges are most unwilling witnesses, and neither the committee nor myself have any power to either compel their attendance, or to receive, either directly or indirectly, evidence. In the next place, members of municipal councils are not recognized either by law or public opinion as being competent to sit and act as courts of justice—in fact, the statute expressly prohibits it. The only tribunals that could deal properly with the charges are the County Judge or a special commission, such as has been suggested. The County Judge could hardly act in this case. The only alternative is the commission."

"Thirdly, I have reason to believe from past experience (some of it quite recent) that the ends of justice will be entirely frustrated by publishing or divulging to the committee the nature, extent and sources of the information upon which I rely. I submit that the mere making of such charges by a citizen, especially one representing over 800 electors, fully justifies a most complete and thorough public investigation."

"The above reasons should be considered more than sufficient for all who do not desire to shield the guilty; but let me add another viz: The Council of 1893 had three tenders for the street railway plant, franchise, and either of the tenders that were selected were more advantageous to the city by millions of dollars than the one that was accepted. There anyone dares say that the glaring acceptance of the worst offer under such circumstances is not in itself a just and proper ground of inquiry?"

"My reason for making my charges direct to the Council instead of to the sub-committee, as previously arranged, was to comply with the rules of Council and place the matter properly and regularly before you and the public."

"N.B.: It has been urged that some of the charges are sub judice, and, therefore, for the present beyond the scope of the proposed inquiry. The point is not well taken; the charges are not at all identical, and the pending would be no bar to a civil investigation before a properly constituted court, while it might be a bar to a proceeding before a committee of the Municipal Council."

"I have several reasons for making charges. In the first place, it involves the good government of the province; it involves at least some of the persons concerned in charges 1 and 2, and the funds were largely in the same interests."

**On Behalf of Mr. Marshall.**  
Solicitor Greer of Smith, Ratcliffe and Greer, on behalf of Noel Marshall, bespoke the following:

"We beg to notify you that our client is now under a charge which is being investigated by the Police Magistrate."

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