

COMMON COUNCIL AT LAST MEETING OF YEAR DECIDES AGAINST WATER EXTENSION

The last meeting of the old Common Council was held yesterday afternoon. The meeting was not particularly lively as usual, due probably to the fact that the business transacted was nearly all routine, and gave very little opportunity for any lively discussion.

The council decided against water extension for Adelaide Road and Lancaster.

All the aldermen were present with the exception of Ald. Lewis and Ald. Hamm.

The report of the Board of Public Works was next dealt with and was adopted in full with very little discussion.

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KENTUCKY DERBY WON BY WINTERGREEN

Louisville, Ky., May 3.—Running strongly and never in trouble at any point along the mile and a quarter journey, Winter Green today led a field of ten all the way around the famous old Churchill Downs course in the thirty-sixth Kentucky Derby.

Winter Green, a big, bright bay colt by Dick Welles, out of Winter and owned by J. B. Reespa, finished a length and a half in front of Miami, which was two lengths ahead of Dr. Barkley.

The mile and a quarter was covered in 2:08.15 over a rather heavy track. Ten horses contested for the stake, which had a total value of \$6,000, \$5,000 of which went to the winner.

Cold weather and showers which fell until noon kept the attendance down. Betting on the race in the Far-Mutuel machines and in the auction pools, was heavy.

The machine tickets on Winter Green paid about 1 to 1; on Miami, 2 1/2 to 1; on Friend Harry, 3 to 1; on Michael Angelo, 4 to 1; on Dr. Barkley 15 to 1 and to the others all the way up to 100 to 1.

The order of business was suspended at this stage to allow Ald. Baxter to introduce his motion of which he had given previous notice, the first resolution to issue four per cent bonds, for \$13,000 to carry on various public works, was carried.

The second, to issue bonds to the extent of \$13,000 for the Lancaster water extension was lost. After this the report of the Appeals Committee was adopted without any amendment.

Ald. McGoldrick moved that Director Peters be retained as Director of Public Works for one month, and then be retired to his former position of consulting engineer. Carried.

Sympathy For Aid. Hamm. Ald. Baxter made a motion expressing sympathy for Aid. Hamm, whose health is in a critical condition. This was carried unanimously.

Communications. The following communications were received: The annual reports of the Free Public Library Commissioners and Slaughter House Commissioners; a petition from Wm. Taylor for a sewer on Bridge street; a petition from the N. B. Telephone Co., asking permission to place conduits on corner of Union and Prince Wm. streets, down Union to Mill, along Mill to Main, and thence to Douglas Avenue.

Appraisers Asked For. Notice was received from J. J. Gordon and Sleseth, Quilman and Cole, and from their legal adviser, H. A. McKewen, K. C., saying that they have appointed appraisers to appraise lots on West Side, and calling upon the city to appoint appraisers.

The meeting adjourned about 6:30 o'clock on motion of Ald. McGoldrick. The new council will be sworn in this morning at eleven o'clock.

Mr. C. S. Grundy, outward freight clerk, and Mr. W. F. Magee general baggage agent for the All-Canada Steamship Company in conclusion of their duties here at the closing of winter port, left for Montreal last evening.

Dr. Donald McLaughlin, of Charlottetown, a brother of Rev. Neil McLaughlin, of this city, passed through last evening to Boston, where he will spend six weeks in study at the hospitals of that city.

Hon. Judge Carleton was in the city yesterday.

Col. Sergt. J. Freeborn, 13th Regiment, Hamilton.

Capt. W. H. Forrest, 6th D. C. O. R., Vancouver.

SENATOR FERGUSON SPEAKS BEFORE HARVARD CAN. CLUB

Cambridge, Mass., May 1.—The annual dinner of the Canadian Club of Harvard University was held this week. The guests of honor and principal speakers were Professor McLaren, the recently elected president of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and Senator D. Ferguson, of the Canadian Senate.

President McLaren said that he had lived in many parts of the British Empire. He was born in Scotland, and there he spent his youth; he graduated from Cambridge University, England; he had lived in New Zealand, and he passed a year in Canada.

He had grown to appreciate the greatness of the Empire, and during his residence in Canada he had realized the charm of the Dominion and had understood the reasons for its loyalty. Today there was a changed attitude in dealing with the problems of Empire.

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Even today there was much ignorance of colonial conditions, and an English statesman had recently said that Canada was handicapped because she had no winter ports. Yet, the old ideas were dying and the "little Englanders" disappearing.

The speaker then referred to the advantages of Canada—to her ports—her immense waterways and her enormous wealth. On the Pacific coast the United States had only one great seaport, but Canada had numerous deep water harbors.

The railroads of Canada had no equal in the world. It was not necessary to discuss the new Transcontinental; there were many things connected with it that he would mention, and many provisions and conditions in the scheme that were unwise.

Yet the effect of this new railway line on the development of Canada would be great. The possibilities of the west with its great wheat producing tracts were unbounded.

The Panama Canal, he said, would also benefit Canada, and be a means of developing the entire continent.

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COMMONS DISCUSS COMMERCE POWER BILL ALL MORNING WITHOUT PASSING CLAUSE

Ottawa, May 3.—The morning sittings of the House of Commons began today. When Mr. Combe's Ontario and Michigan Power Company Bill came up, with Mr. Combe's proposed amendments, Mr. Blain said that he had sent the bill and the proposed amendments to Sir James Whitney, and the Premier of Ontario had replied that the Dominion House should not deal at all with this question, which was EXCLUSIVELY ONE FOR THE JURISDICTION OF THE PROVINCIAL LEGISLATURE.

Mr. Combe refused to recognize Sir James Whitney as an authority and questioned the propriety of consulting him on the subject. He was not satisfied with the answer of the Premier of Ontario, and he had passed legislation which had been disallowed.

Mr. Claude McDonald opposed the bill. The people of Ontario and the people of the Dominion for that matter would get nothing if the bill was passed. What would the House get for defying the expressed wish of the provinces of Ontario and its people?

A Pertinent Question. The discussion lasted all the morning, the most important passages coming at the end, when Mr. McGrath asked Sir Wilfrid Laurier if the Canadian section of the Waterways Commission had been consulted in regard to the bill.

Sir Wilfrid REPLIED IN THE NEGATIVE. Mr. McGrath found that in 1908 the commission had suggested that all charters should stipulate that the power generated should be sold only in Canada. The waters of the country

are its most valuable asset and he OPPOSED ANY ALIENATION OF THIS ASSET. These waters were within the boundaries of the province of Ontario and should be handled by that province. Moreover the utmost ignorance exists as to the extent of these powers.

Early in the afternoon Major Sam Sharpe said that even if the Dominion did own the waters in question (which he did not admit) surely it should have a power policy as well as the care to conserve these water powers as in Ontario.

Mr. Haughton, Lennox, referred to the circumstance that ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY-FOUR AMERICAN FIRMS HAVE BEEN OBLIGED TO ESTABLISH BRANCHES IN CANADA. This, which is due to the tariff, is a good thing for Canada. It ought to be a better thing TO MAKE AMERICAN FIRMS WHICH WISH TO USE A CANADIAN POWER COME TO CANADA.

A New Brunswick Record. Mr. Middlebroe laid stress on the New Brunswick precedent, in which it was held that a province has the right to charter a railway to build the international boundary. It being the intention of the promoter to continue the line into the State of Maine, Surely it was equally competent for a province to charter a transmission line to the boundary.

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MARGARET MADE QUICK PAYMENT

In the police court yesterday morning Margaret Francis, of Sheffield street, who was charged with selling liquor on Sunday, pleaded guilty to the charge. She was fined \$100 or three months in jail.

Quick Payment. As soon as the sentence was pronounced by the magistrate, Margaret walked quietly across the court room to one of her dusky friends, who handed over to her a new crisp one hundred dollar bill, which she gave to Police Clerk Henderson. On being told that this was all that was wanted of her, she bade the court adieu, and quietly made her exit.

Mentally Afflicted. Mrs. Jas. Greer, who came to the police court yesterday morning to lay claim to the custody of her son, who was alleged to be mentally afflicted, was granted her request.

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ONE MAN MADE THE BISLEY TEAM

Special to The Standard. Ottawa, Ont., May 3.—The personnel of the Bisley team has been announced as follows: Lt.-Col. A. Bertram, Dundas, Ont., commandant; Major M. S. Mercer, Toronto, Adjutant.

S. Sergt. H. Kerr, 48th Highlanders, Toronto.

S. Sergt. G. W. Russell, G. G. F. G., Ottawa.

Pte. H. D. Gougeon, 90th Rifles, Winnipeg.

S. Sergt. W. Kelley, 10th Royal Grenadiers, Toronto.

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S. Sergt. H. M. Marsden, 90th Rifles, Winnipeg.

Major J. M. Jones, 82nd Regt., Pownal, P. E. I.

Capt. H. G. Blair, R. O., Ottawa.

Waiting men: S. Sergt. F. A. Steek, 78th Highlanders, Truro.

Pte. W. J. Clifford, 10th Royal Grenadiers, Toronto.

ROBBERY AT GRAND FALLS

Special to The Standard. Andover, N. B., May 3.—A bold robbery was committed Sunday night at Grand Falls. The burglar was crossing the Grand Falls bridge between eleven and twelve o'clock at night, when two men suddenly sprang upon him, selling him about \$750. Having choked him a little they took to their heels. Suspicion rests on two men who passed themselves off here as New York newspaper men.

Another Turkish Revolt. Constantinople, May 3.—Rumors were current tonight of further disturbances in Erzurum. It is reported that several officers have been hanged.

In the Chamber of Deputies today a telegram was read announcing a visit of Dr. Delyanoff, a fanatical religious sect of Syria, in Hauran, a district of Syria east of the upper Jordan. Troops have been ordered to proceed to that place at once.

Exodus of Women from Harem. Constantinople, May 3.—Since the deposition of Abdul Hamid there has been a daily exodus of the women of the imperial harem from the Yildiz Kiosk. Yesterday forty-five carriages, each containing two or three women, and today fifty more were seen proceeding to Istanbul. It is evident that the total number of fair prisoners in the palace must have been prodigious.

Glover Won from Gaffney. New York, May 3.—In a fast ten round bout before the Olympic Club here tonight, John Glover of Boston, defeated Jeff Gaffney, of New York, after being himself nearly knocked out in the fourth round.

Gloucester Schooner Towed to Halifax. Special to The Standard. North Sydney, N. S., May 3.—The tug James Reid arrived in port today with the Gloucester fishing schooner (George Campbell) in tow. The schooner ran ashore and her bottom is badly damaged. She will be placed on the marine slip for repairs.

What Mr. Pugsley Would Do. The Presbyterian. Dr. Pugsley, Minister of Public Works in the Laurier cabinet for the past two years, has been accused by a royal commission of something in the nature of malversation in the administration of the affairs of New Brunswick while he held office in that province before coming to Ottawa. He was at first charged by the Premier of Canada, the latter when he was appointed Lieutenant Governor. Both are under the condemnation of the royal commission. The usual course for an

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SAYS BAKERS ARE SELLING AT LESS THAN COST PRICE AND AN ADVANCE MUST COME

Speaking of another rise in the price of Ontario flour which took place yesterday, Mr. W. G. Cross said last evening that there could not fail to be a very considerable advance upon the local price of bread in the near future.

Bread Going Up in Price. In every other city, the steady advance in the price of flour has produced a corresponding dearth in the price of bread, amounting to from two to three cents per loaf. In St. John bread is still being sold at the price which obtained eighteen months or two years ago, although the price of flour has advanced in that time from \$1.50 to \$2.00 per barrel. Mr. Cross gave it as his opinion that the St. John bakers were manufacturing at an actual loss!

Advance of \$1 Since Jan. 1st. Yesterday's advance amounted to additional 25 cents per barrel upon all grades of Ontario flour. Since the first of the present year, there has been a total advance upon the price of these grades of \$1.00 per barrel. During the same period Manitoba has advanced 60 cents in this market.

At the meeting of the master bakers of the city which was held last week, a tentative agreement was reached as to a raise in the price of bread, but this is understood not to have been agreed upon by all. Another meeting is now in process of formation, however.

Wright Brothers Receive Great Reception in London. London, May 3.—There was a demonstration of enthusiasm, remarkable in its character, at the institution of Civil Engineering tonight when the Aeronautical Society of Great Britain, conferred on Wilbur and Orville Wright, the aeronauts of Dayton, Ohio, its first gold medal. Those who had gathered at the institution to witness the presentation cheered the Wright Brothers, blushing bore their honors through an hour of the warmest eulogies. Finally the entire assembly rose and gave three cheers for each of the brothers. They sang: "For They are Jolly Good Fellows," and ended by cheering Miss Katherine Wright.

Scientists Present. Sir Hiram Maxim, Lieutenant General Baden-Powell, Captain F. S. Cady, an American who is struggling, but thus far unsuccessfully, to perfect his own aeroplane for the British army, and a large number of scientists and ladies were present.

Lieutenant General Baden-Powell Spoke. Speeches were made by Baden-Powell, G. B. Col. J. E. Capper, the war office aeronautical expert, who referred to the Wright Brothers as "unspotted, as though they were nobodies," and declared that the nation which failed to keep pace with the flying developments might get badly left in war. The chairman of the gathering, Edward Purkis Frost, who presented the medal, also spoke.

Both Wilbur and Orville Wright made brief speeches, tersely expressing their thanks.

Earlier in the evening, they were given a dinner at the Ritz Hotel by the Aeronautical Society.

War Office Wants Trials. The war office is not likely to conclude arrangements with the inventors until the aeroplane has been given a trial in England in the presence of experts. Their engagements in the United States and Germany, however, include the possibility of their being able to attend to this personally for some months, but they have made arrangements with a builder here for the construction of machines and have appointed an agent for Great Britain. The patents therefore, will be protected and