

ENGINEER WINGATE ON ALTERED CLAUSE.

He Was City Engineer At the Time And Throws Some Light On the Matter. Enclosed Arc Was in Use In 1896.

Some light is shed by E. B. Wingate, former city engineer, on the much talked of clause in the city's street lighting contract with the Cataract Power Company, which caused Mayor Stewart in his inaugural address to declare that people who received stolen goods were as guilty as the thieves and that the company were receiving stolen goods because the agreement was altered by someone. Mr. Wingate is thoroughly conversant with the facts of the lighting contract. He was appointed by the council in June and entered upon his duties on July 1, 1899, the time that the city's contract with the Cataract began.

Mr. Wingate studied carefully and constantly the conditions of the contract and his interpretation of the celebrated clause, "The city to have the benefit—owing to discoveries in the electric art," is certainly very much in variance with the mayor's view. As far as the enclosed arc is concerned and the reduced cost of installing the same Mr. Wingate declares that the city, to his knowledge, has absolutely no claim. The light, he says, was brought to public notice or discovered in the year of 1896, was very much in use in 1898, and its introduction was in his opinion a part of the remodeling system. Mr. Wingate had frequent conferences with Mr. Leyden, who was manager of the company at the time and also with Mr. Patterson as to the various improvements proposed and it was distinctly understood that the enclosed arc was included. Two or three of these improved lamps were put up for the city's inspection during the year 1899 and from 250 to 300 of the lamps installed.

Much has been said about someone changing this clause after the by-law passed the council. Mr. Wingate declares that in his opinion the clause giving to the city any reduction or advantage that might occur, as drafted by the special committee and submitted to the council in the committee's report, was a most unfair one, and when the clause was inserted in the new draft by-law, the company was justified in demanding the alteration that was made. "Who ever heard," asks Mr. Wingate "of a contractor or contracting company, in taking a contract, to obligate themselves to grant to the other party any reductions that possibly might be made from the contract price, for wages, material, machinery, tools, etc. If such is fair, then the company should be reimbursed for any loss they may suffer from higher wages, increased cost of material and machinery, and from damages caused by fire, flood, storms, etc. All of these things did actually happen during the first 3 or 4 years of the contract." (Continued on page 11.)

DEWAR RETIRES.

Liberal Nominee For North Brant Out of It.

Brantford, Ont., Feb. 28.—(Special).—It is stated in political circles that William Dewar, Liberal candidate in the Legislature, for North Brant, who has been in the field for some months, will retire on account of serious sickness. His withdrawal will be regretted by the Liberals as he was regarded as a strong candidate. Another man will be nominated to oppose J. H. Tiber, the sitting Conservative member.

WATERWAY COMMISSIONERS AND PRESERVATION OF FALLS.

Mr. Gibbons Objects to the Development of More Power Than Canada Needs.

St. Catharines, Feb. 28.—(Special).—George C. Gibbons, K. C., of London, Chairman of the Canadian Section of the International Waterways Commission, and a native of this city, was the guest of the Canadian Club last evening. Following the luncheon, Mr. Gibbons delivered an able address on "International Waterways." He contended that Canadians, being familiar with the conditions here, were in a better position to represent the Dominion in arranging a settlement of any matter in dispute between this country and the United States than a man sent by the home Government could possibly be.

By establishing the principle of absolute fairness and impressing upon the American members that Canada would not accept anything from the United States that did not rightly belong to her, and would not give to that country what was not rightfully hers, he said the

Crossing Tragedy

Greenville, Pa., Feb. 28.—Frank Pauley, aged 30 years, and his wife, two years younger, were instantly killed, and Benj. Eckenrode, a friend, was probably fatally injured last night at Transfer, near here, when a carriage in which they were riding was struck by a train on a grade crossing of the Erie Railroad during a blinding snowstorm. The engineer of the train, Chas. Stenger, was a schoolmate of both Mr. and Mrs. Pauley.

J. J. AUSTIN APPOINTED.

BECOMES DEPUTY POST OFFICE INSPECTOR AT LONDON.

Is a Hamilton Man Who Has Been in the Service Twelve Years—Prominent in Benevolent Work.

Mr. John J. Austin, this city, who for the past twelve years has been connected with the railway mail service, and who has for nearly ten years been on the Harrisburg and Southampton run, has been appointed deputy post office inspector of the London division, and will enter upon the duties on Monday next. The Harrisburg and Southampton run is in the London division, and Mr. Austin therefore receives a promotion which long service and ability have entitled him to. He is well known in Hamilton, his present address being 57 Oxford street. He has taken a very active part in the work of St. Vincent de Paul Society in this city, especially the charitable and benevolent work, and is vice-president now of St. Mary's conference, and performs the duties of president. He was also president for two years of branch 56 of the C.M.B.A. Mr. Austin, who is 38 years of age, comes from West Huron, but has been a resident of Hamilton ten years. His many friends, while glad of his promotion will be sorry that it will take him west. His family will remain here until spring. Mr. Austin succeeds Mr. D. Mahoney, who was recently superannuated.

GEN. BROCK.

Public Park to be Laid Out at Queenston Heights.

Toronto, Ont., Feb. 28.—(Special).—To establish a park on Queenston Heights is the object of the bill which Hon. Mr. Foy has given notice he will introduce. The measure specifies special lands surrounding the monument of Gen. Brock, which is to be vested in the commissioners of the Victoria Niagara Falls Park. That body will have control of the park.

MORE POWER.

Whitney Cabinet Will Oppose Watson's Power Bill.

Toronto, Feb. 28.—(Special).—Hon. Mr. Hendrie has received copies of the bill introduced in the Senate at Ottawa by Hon. Robert Watson, of Portage la Prairie, formerly Minister of Works in the Greenway Government, to incorporate the Ontario & Michigan Power Company. It has been decided that the Province of Ontario will oppose the bill, which practically gives the American company the right to establish power plants on any rivers in Northern Ontario, and to export fifty per cent. of the power generated in Canada to points in the United States.

Saturday Tobacco Bargains.

Ten cent plugs of King's navy for 7c; Bob's 8c; Lily 9c; Empire 8c; British navy 7c; starlight 8c; myrtle navy 25c; mahogany 8c, at peace's cigar store, 107 King street east.

30 "Married for Fun" Girls May be Real Brides; Lengthy Farewell Kiss Delays Ocean Liner.

La Touraine Strains at Her Hawsers. While Petite Miss Gives to the World the "Steamer Kiss."

New York, Feb. 28.—The Mary Garden kiss, the "dream waltz" kiss, and all other famous kisses of lengthy duration were left at the post-to-day when the real "steamer kiss" was exemplified on the gangplank of the steamship LaTouraine, which delayed the steamer's sailing a second over three minutes, which was the time of the prolonged smooch. The order had been given to draw in the plank by Agent Foget, when a dainty and pretty French girl leaped from a taxi cab and dashed for the steamer. She had run midway up the gangplank when she noticed the preparation to depart, and she paused and cried "Francois."

Coney Island Lassies Discover "Mock Marriages" Were Performed by Duly Sworn Notary Public—10c Price of Wife.

New York, Feb. 28.—Some thirty or more perturbed young women were anxiously waiting to see whether Henry J. Kowski, a Coney Island undertaker, is really in earnest in his intention to claim Miss Agnes Burke, a telephone operator in the Coney Island exchange, as his bride. Last Tuesday night the Women's Auxiliary of the Foresters of America gave an "affinity ball" in Stauch's pavilion at Coney Island. Everybody connected with the organization was there, and among them the thirty young women. It was a highly enjoyable event, and everybody got married. Those who were already wed in earnest, got married again and those who married in fun got divorced again just as soon as the happy bridegroom produced the 25 cents. Somebody discovered the next day that James Griffin, who performed the marriages, is a sure enough notary public, and a few hours later Mr. Kowski presented himself at Miss Burke's family home, claiming his wife. He had paid ten cents, he declared, without the hint of a smile, and he wanted his wife.

ATTEMPT TO KILL SHAH OF PERSIA

His Majesty Escaped Bomb But Three of the Outer Guards Lose Their Lives.



Teheran, Persia, Feb. 28.—An attempt was made in this city this afternoon to assassinate the Shah of Persia by a bomb. His Majesty was not hurt. Three of the outer guards who were accompanying him at the time were killed.

The Shah owes his escape to the precautions taken to protect him from just such an attempt as was made this morning. He was on his way to a nearby town where he intended to pass a few days. The procession had left the palace and was traversing a narrow street when two bombs were hurled at it from the roof of a house. One exploded in the air but the other struck the ground near the Shah's automobile. This missile killed the three outriders, wounding the chauffeur and a score of bystanders and shattered the vehicle. The Shah, however, was not in his automobile having taken the precaution to send the motor car on ahead and ride himself in a carriage further in the rear of the procession. The motor car was a closed one and it was thought that the sovereign was inside. As soon as the Shah heard the explosion he alighted hurriedly from his carriage and entered a neighboring house. Here he remained quietly while his attendants sent word for a detachment of troops. The soldiers were hurried to the scene and formed in front of the house where the Shah was. He then came out and surrounded by a big body guard returned to the palace. The house from which the bombs were thrown and the buildings near by were searched by the police, but no arrests were made.

AFTER ALFONSO.

Fear That Anarchists Seek King of Spain's Life.

Paris, Feb. 28.—A special despatch to the Matin from Madrid says there is much uneasiness at what appears to be a renewal of anarchistic activity. On several occasions recently, the despatch says, suspicious persons have been arrested while trying to approach King Alfonso. The authorities, however, maintain secrecy about these arrests. Extraordinary precautions have been taken to safeguard the King.

RELIGIOUS TEACHING.

Rome, Feb. 28.—The Cabinet was victorious yesterday in its opposition to the abolition of religious teachings in the schools. The motion brought in the Chamber of Deputies by the Socialist party, proposing the complete abolition of such teaching, was defeated by a vote of 383 to 106.

Bain & Adams' List.

Ripe strawberries, Boston head lettuce, cucumbers, crisp lettuce, sweet green peppers, new potatoes, radishes, Malaga grapes, bananas, mushrooms, Bermuda onions, green onions, butter beans, Brussels sprouts, sweet potatoes, muffins, crumpets, maple syrup, old-fashioned buckwheat flour, Saratoga chips, Neufchatel and square cream cheese, strictly fresh eggs, large grape fruit, sweet seedless oranges, etc.—89 and 91 King street east.

SAFETY DEPOSIT BOXES.

To rent at \$2 a year and upwards, for the storing of deeds, bonds, stocks, wills, silver and other valuables. TRADERS BANK OF CANADA

THE MAN IN OVERALLS

If you know of any one really in want, and can't help them yourself, tell Mr. McMenemy.

We are gradually getting within reach of the 100,000 population.

The Technical College has got no farther yet than the promised stage.

Is Ald. Farrar's municipal suicide to go without reward?

So Ald. Allan has doubts about the Beck scheme. Is he a traitor?

There is no surer way of reaching the Times readers than by advertising in their favorite paper. Many read no other.

The three-fifths clause handicaps the temperance people in the first place and it handicaps the hotel men in the second place—when a repeal vote is on.

The effort to have Toronto declared to be for the general advantage of Canada is not likely to succeed.

I notice that when the City Hall reports leave it alone the intake pipe works all right.

They say now that the Minister of Agriculture must have been blind when he bought the wall-eyed mare.

Some of the firemen are afraid that they might get the double cross instead of the double shift.

How about rents this spring? Up or down or stay where they are?

You don't need to go to England to find the sweatshop evil.

Is Whitney weakening on the three-fifths clause?

While Engineer Sothman is figuring on the hydro-electric specifications the street railway negotiations can be put on the middle of the stage to hold the audience.

The Elgar Choir is a made-in-Hamilton product. This is a great manufacturing city.

The "war element" seems to have been pretty well weeded out of the City Council.

There are no "regrets to report" when Mr. Zimmerman is looking after our interests. Great man—great head.

Well, February has certainly done the right thing by the ice crop.

Now if some of my spiritualist friends could get in touch with the woman who was murdered in Barton we might get the clue to the man who did the deed.

ANGLICAN LAYMEN

Taking Up the Missionary Move- ment With Zeal.

The Anglican churches in the city are taking up the Laymen's Missionary movement in an enthusiastic and business-like manner, and much good and great results are looked for. The following men have been elected chairmen of the committees formed in their respective parishes to carry on the work: Cathedral, H. H. Champ. Ascension, Alfred Powis. St. Marks, E. F. Wright. St. George's, Walter Noble. All Saints', Geo. E. Bristol. St. Thomas, R. T. Steele. St. Luke's, W. H. Reubury. St. Matthews, J. A. Savage. St. Philip's, C. J. Sanderson. St. Peter's, W. J. Hobson. St. John's, J. H. Collinson.

LIKES THE TIMES.

Mr. Richard Ailles has just returned from Battle Creek, Mich., where he has been staying for the past two months. Mr. Ailles mentioned that he had taken the Times for many years and would be lost without it. Whenever he goes away he has the paper changed from his city address. His brother of Battle Creek, Mich., is also a subscriber.

It is Old

And well tried. British Army Foot Powder dusted into the shoes relieves tired and aching feet, and stops excessive perspiration. Be sure to get the genuine (it is imitated), with the yellow label and sprinkler tops. Sold at 25c per box. Parks & Park, druggists.

MEDIUM FINED FOR TELLING FORTUNES.

Longed for Death

New York, Feb. 28.—Seized by a policeman just as he was about to jump into the East River from a downtown pier late last night, Charles B. Robertson, 28 years old, was arraigned in the night court and held for examination to-day. Robertson, who recently came to this city from Montreal, Que., had thrown his hat on the pier and was about to leap when the policeman forcibly prevented him. In court he declared that he had no home, was out of work and had determined to end it all.

TEACHERS FROM THE COUNTY

IN ANNUAL CONVENTION IN THIS CITY TO-DAY.

Good Address by the President, W. F. Moore, of Dundas, on "Patriotism"—The Boy Problem Discussed.

The opening session of the annual convention of the Wentworth Teachers' Association was held this morning in the lecture room of Centenary Methodist Church, teachers from all



W. F. MOORE,
President Wentworth Teachers' Association.

parts of the county being in attendance. W. F. Moore, of Dundas, president of the association, gave a stirring address on "Patriotism in the Schools." The thought, he emphasized, was that true patriotism was developing excellent character in the children more than singing patriotic songs or flag waving.

There was a round table talk in regard to what should be done with pupils who go to school late, are irregular in attendance, practice lying and are untidy in their habits. During the morning session, Miss R. Holden, of Orkney, sang a solo.

This afternoon Inspector J. H. Smith gave an entertaining address on "What I Learnt in the Western Schools," and W. H. Elliott, B.A., vice-principal of Toronto Normal College, formerly of the Hamilton Collegiate staff, spoke on "The Boy Problem."

Music was furnished by the Misses Robertson, of Waterdown.

To-morrow morning officers will be elected and addresses will be given by W. H. Elliott and Delos Travers, of Binbrook, the latter speaking on "Home Work."

A lecture, illustrated with limelight views, will be given by Rev. Mr. Hassard in the Church of the Ascension school-room this evening.

AN ALL-NIGHT SESSION OF HOUSE OF COMMONS.

Foster and Colleagues Abstract Business---Dr. Sprouie's Elegant Language.

Ottawa, Ont., Feb. 28.—The old remedial bill days were brought back to memory when the citizens of Ottawa saw the flag flying from the tower of the Parliament buildings at noon to-day, telling them that there was an all night session. There have been late and early sittings since the Remedial Bill was under discussion in 1896, but there was no such fight as has taken place since 11:30 last night. At that hour supply was taken up. The same item is under discussion now. No progress has been made.

The particular item over which the trouble arose was \$50,000 in the marine estimates for policing the Hudson Bay. Three days had previously been given to debating the amount to which no amendment was offered. It was plainly a case of obstruction and no excuse of any kind was offered for the action of the Opposition. Information was demanded about the Ministers' travelling expenses and these returns were presented. As soon as they were received they were asked in a different form. Some 35 returns have been asked from Mr. Brodeur this session, and over 15 of these have been already presented, while a special staff has been engaged preparing the balance. These returns will never be read. When the item was called Mr. Foster refused to pass this item. He said that he did not get all the information he wanted. Mr. Brodeur insisted that he did. The debate went on in this way, when both Sir Wilfrid Laurier and Mr. Fielding offered to take up one or two other non-contentious items in the Minister's department, pass them and allow the \$50,000 to stand. This was refused and the sitting drifted into pure obstruction. Those on the Opposition side were Bennett, Boyce, Monk and Daniels. Foster was leading the Opposition until 4 o'clock, and then Dr. Sprouie took his place. Sir Wilfrid Laurier left at 3 o'clock and was back at 10. Fielding and Brodeur (Continued on page 3.)

Mrs. Heckingbottom In Police Court.

Said She Firmly Believed In Spiritualism,

But Must Pay Fine or Leave Town.

Magistrate Jelfs this morning, in Police Court, found a spiritualistic medium guilty of fortune telling and fined her \$50. He addressed some very strong remarks against this practice and told her plainly that no person had ever been able to foretell future events, and no one will ever have that power, and that she was defrauding the people under the guise of being a medium and having communion with departed spirits, knowing the hold that Spiritualism had in this community.

Mrs. Emily Heckingbottom, 66 Catherine street north, was the woman and she was defended by J. L. Schleiter, who held that she was not guilty of any criminal intent to defraud, as she firmly believed herself that she was communing with spirits, and that she was helping to uplift mankind.

Constable James MacKay said that on the 17th of this month he went to the house of the defendant and knocked at the door and was admitted. He was shown into a room and the defendant, without any explanation, asked him for an article of his. He handed her his watch, and she proceeded to foretell future events and past happenings. She told him if he would look into the future, and when he replied yes, she asked him for some other article, and he traded his watch chain for his watch with her. She said she would have to be careful about the future business, as she was strictly watched.

There is a relation of yours, she told MacKay, in the United States who is going to be seriously ill, and it will be doubtful if he will recover. She then told him she would meet a lawyer, who would influence him some way, and she described the lawyer. He had a prominent forehead, high cheek bones, moustache, and no beard, blue serge suit and wears a low tie, according to her, and Mr. Washington laughingly pointed to Mr. Schleiter, who answered the description, with the exception of the bow tie. She told the policeman he would probably have to go to the States in four or five months, and over there he would come in contact with business men, who would influence him in his business. MacKay asked her if she could tell him what he did before he came here, and she told him he worked around machinery, had worked there for three years. This, he stated, was a mere guess, and he was

Mr. Schleiter held that there was no evidence, as it was not shown that she had tried to foretell the future, but the Magistrate and the Crown Attorney held there was plenty of evidence to show that she did attempt and pretend to tell the future, so Mr. Schleiter called her. She said that when the constable first knocked at her door she asked him in and told him she was not a fortune teller. He offered her a dollar bill, which she refused until after the reading.

"Are you a spiritualist, and do you believe in it?" asked her attorney. "Yes, and I believe in it firmly. We come into contact with higher thoughts every day of our lives in an ordinary and common way with spirits," was her answer. She went on to say that she foretold future events, such as accidents, and helped to prevent them, and that she and her kind did much to uplift humanity. The Magistrate asked her for one instance of foretelling an accident that had happened. She stated that last spring she had told a lady that her son would fall from a horse the next day, and would be unconscious for a week and then pass away. This happened the next day, and the lady's son died a week after. (She referred to the (Continued on page 11.)