

MONTREAL ADOPTS A BOARD OF CONTROL

A Cabinet for the Executive Administration of the City and the Preparing of Proposals to be Put Before the City Council.

The decision of the electors of Montreal to wipe out the aldermanic system under which such grave abuses have crept into the administration of affairs there, marks what is believed will be a new epoch in the municipal history of that metropolis.

The fight has been a long one and has been led by the Montreal Herald for over a decade.

It was some twelve years ago that there first appeared in the Herald an article in favor of a small executive body for Montreal. Ever since the summer of 1897 the Herald has consistently, in season and out of season, advocated the board of control administration for Montreal.

It has been a long fight—a fight against serious uphill odds.

It was a slow process, involving years of patient advocacy, explanation, and missionary work, before various associations in this city which interest themselves in the betterment of the city could be induced to adopt the board of control system as one which they would support. But eventually they were brought to see its advantages, and to lend their energies to its advocacy also.

"For a Better City."

The campaign which has just ended, though it had its genesis in 1897, may be said to have started along definitely organized lines in 1907, as a regular and persistently pushed fight "For a Better City."

This was the slogan under the aegis of which the Herald has conducted its campaign. Under this heading there was started in 1907 a series of articles designed to awaken in the electors of Montreal a livelier sense of their civic responsibilities, a keener appreciation of the need for reform in the existing civic administration, and an accurate idea of the exact significance of board of control government.

In this article the Herald stated (July 6th, 1907): "As regards the city proper, be it magnified into Greater Montreal or not, there seems to be no system offering good results with less dislocation of the existing machinery than that known as the board of control. This implies the election, by the people, of six or five men to act as the paid administrators of the city. The board of aldermen would still make the appropriations, but the money would be expended by the controllers, who would be responsible for all outlays. By this means responsibility would be narrowed down to small limits, and shiftees or extraneous duties would be eliminated. The salary of the members is to be fixed by council at a figure between \$3,000 and \$10,000. The mayor is to retain a nominal \$2,000 as commissioner.

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always been linked with genuine movements for municipal reform.

A week later ex-Mayor Laporte stated in the columns of the Herald: "I am quite satisfied that you are on the right track, and that a determined effort should be made by all good citizens to secure the reforms for which you argue."

Other prominent public men followed, and with the support of the leading figures in Montreal's public life the campaign for a board of control was launched, the gauntlet being thrown to opponents of civic reform, and the battle began in real earnest.

Divided Board of Control.

In February, 1908, the Herald thus laid down its theory of a board of control in a brief summary at the head of its editorial columns, which read as follows:

"A board of control is not a remedy for all civic ills; it is not an autocratic commission; it is not a substitute for the city council.

"It is a small executive body, elected by the people to administer the affairs of the city, with and through the city council; it is responsible directly to the electors; it prepares estimates, initiates legislation, awards tenders, and recommends appointments."

The Herald followed this up with detailed articles showing the nature and powers of the board of control in Toronto and elsewhere, and advocating unceasingly a reform in our civic administration.

The Herald was the first paper in Montreal to publish a comprehensive scheme of municipal reform. This scheme, which was based strictly on board of control lines, called for a separation of the legislative from the administrative functions of the city's government, and for the concentration of responsibility.

The board of control bill, as eventually approved by the Quebec legislature last session, was along the lines laid down in this scheme, while following the general principles of the board of control as organized and established in Toronto.

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THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE IN THE MORMON TEMPLE. SHADE OF BRIGHAM YOUNG—"By my forty wives. When did this Gentile come by the mantle of the Prophet?"

CROOKS CAUGHT IN POLICE NET

HEARING OF SUSPECTS
REMAINED FOR WEEK

Australian Trio Believed to Have Robbed Redfern's in Court Wednesday.

There sat in the prisoner's box in the police court room on Wednesday three men whom the police authorities of Vancouver and Victoria believe to be a trio of the cleverest crooks who ever operated on the continent of America—Robert Russell, Percy Foley and John Charles, of Australia, arrested at Vancouver a few days ago and brought to Victoria, the belief being that they are the men who robbed the store of Charles E. Redfern of over \$4,000 of valuable gems on or about the 20th day of August, last.

The men as they sat in the box on Wednesday bore every outward appearance of richly deserving the unenviable record attaching to them by advices from Australia. Each of them has the uneasy, shifty eye of the hardened criminal, and without the quick furtive glance which indicates that behind the low brow is a sharp, responsive intellect trained to the evasion of the meshes of the law.

Foley answers the description of a man wanted by the police of Melbourne, for a series of serious crimes. The local police have received the finger prints of the man Russell, and they compare with those which had been taken on his arrest at Vancouver. Russell's record from Australia is full of long and short term sentences, he having served in all 129 months imprisonment in the jails of the Antipodes, Charles' record is also one of servitude for a long list of offences.

The charge as originally drawn by the local police was that the prisoners were, at Vancouver, on the 28th day of September, 1909, in the unlawful possession of diamonds, knowing the same to have been stolen.

Magistrate Jay pointed out that this information was faulty in the manner in which it was drawn as the alleged offence had been committed outside of the jurisdiction of his court, and the charge was amended to read that the prisoners did on or about the 20th day of May steal a quantity of jewelry to the value of \$4,000 from the store of Charles E. Redfern.

Each of the prisoners took the keenest interest in the proceedings their quick glances from the various police court officials and to the magistrate indicating that the procedure in a police court was no new experience to them.

Prosecutor H. W. R. Moore asked for a remand for one week, to allow of the police getting necessary witnesses, and they would like to be remanded until Monday only so that if they were committed for trial this could take place at once. Otherwise they might have to wait here for the next assizes—a period of six months.

Chief Langley pointed out that in the event of their conviction they could take a speedy trial if the assizes were to be held on Tuesday next, they would like to be remanded for a week, and the magistrate made the order for Monday next.

GYPSESIES REFUSED LANDING.

Toronto, Sept. 29.—Immigration officers yesterday afternoon prevented a party of eight gypsies from landing here from Lewiston, N.Y.

FATALITY MARKS AUTOMOBILE RACE

Machanic is Killed and Driver Sustains Serious Injuries.

River Head, N. I., Sept. 29.—Mechanic J. Bates is dead and Driver Herbert Lyttle is in a serious condition as the result of Lyttle's car being ditched today during the Long Island Derby of stock automobiles over the new Suffolk county course.

Lyttle was driving an Apperson when he had made the turn two miles west of Mattituck, the machine suddenly skidded and shot into a ditch. Lyttle was thrown fifty feet ahead of the car and was badly hurt while Bates was crushed under the completely wrecked machine. In addition to sustaining a fractured skull, both of Bates' legs were broken. Bates died two hours after the accident. Driver Lyttle's physicians say Lyttle has a chance for recovery.

When news of the accident reached the grand stand, Mrs. D. W. Loft, owner of the Mercedes machine in the race had the car withdrawn and announced that she was through with racing, although she had bought the Mercedes from W. K. Vanderbilt especially for such contests.

Louis Chevrolet, in a Buick machine, established a new American road average for class B cars, when he covered 113 1/2 miles at the rate of 63 1/2 miles an hour.

WATCHMAKER AND DIAMONDS MISSING

Pawnbroker Swears Out Warrant for Arrest of Employee.

Seattle, Wash., Sept. 29.—The police of Seattle are looking today for J. Hermann, watchmaker, who is accused in a warrant sworn out by pawnbroker H. Greenblatt, by whom he was employed, of appropriating diamonds and jewelry to the value of between \$3,000 and \$4,000. Hermann disappeared yesterday.

The principal part of the loot consists of 29 solitaire diamond rings, valued at \$3,000. Besides these the thief secured \$300 in cash and several valuable gold ornaments. Greenblatt went to dinner late yesterday, leaving Hermann in charge of the pawnshop. When he returned the broker found to his dismay that the place was locked up and his employee was missing. The police were immediately notified, but detectives have failed so far to locate the missing watchmaker.

CHAUFFEUR ACCUSED OF MANSLAUGHTER

Charges Arising From Fatality in Which Four Persons Lost Lives.

Seattle, Wash., Sept. 29.—Deputy Prosecutor John Perry will to-day file information charging involuntary manslaughter against Harry J. Hiner, the youthful driver of the automobile which was driven through the railing of the bridge on Fourth avenue south last Thursday morning, resulting in the death of three young women and one man.

George F. Jones, proprietor of Jones' Place at Georgetown, where the party, several of whom were under age, secured drinks, was arrested yesterday, charged with selling intoxicating liquors to minors. He was released on \$1,000 bail.

BOY KILLED.

Portland, Ore., Sept. 28.—Helmuth Kipp, a school boy who was stealing a ride on the back of a farmer's wagon yesterday afternoon, was killed when a street car crashed into the rear end of the wagon, The farmer, Abner Justice, was badly bruised when he was thrown from his wagon.

DIES FROM LOCKJAW.

London, Ont., Sept. 29.—Arnold Court, 8 years old, son of Wm. Court, of South London, died in Victoria hospital yesterday from lockjaw, alleged to have been brought on by a vaccination mark made two weeks ago by a local physician. It is said that a public meeting will be held to protest against the compulsory vaccination of children in the schools.

PROSPERITY IN CANADIAN WEST

FEDERAL MINISTERS
TELL OF THEIR TRIP

Hon. W. Pugsley Entertained at Banquet by Liberals of St. John.

St. John, N. B., Sept. 29.—Over 200 people attended a banquet given by Liberals last night in honor of Hon. William Pugsley, Mayor Bullock presided, with Hon. Mr. Pugsley and Hon. Mackenzie King at his right. Regrets were received from Sir Wilfrid Laurier, Sir Frederick Borden and others.

Responding to the toast of "The Governor-General," Hon. Charles Murphy paid a tribute to the guest of the evening. He said he was a big man, seeing the big future of Canada and supplying for the future in the public works of the country. Speaking of his recent visit to the west, Mr. Murphy said the grain crop meant \$100,000,000 to the west. He spoke of lumbering, mining and ranching prosperity there, and commended the government's immigration policy.

Hon. Mr. Pugsley was given a warm reception. He spoke in praise of the Liberal members from New Brunswick, naming each. Passing on to his recent tour of the west, he described the progress shown in the two years since his last visit. As to Vancouver, he saw no reason why it should not reach out across the Pacific and grasp a large share of the trade there. Coming back to New Brunswick, however, and notwithstanding the progress of the west, he was prouder of his native province than ever. He was more convinced than ever that eastern ports were to receive a greater impetus from western prosperity. Some of Alberta's wheat would be exported by the Pacific coast, but the east would take its chances of its share of the business. Hitherto, not all the western produce for export went by Canadian ports, but this was being changed and he was convinced that before long it would be. He would not say all would come through St. John; Nova Scotia would share. All St. John wanted was what should come to it by means of its geographical advantages. He predicted that inside of five years there would be 500,000,000 bushels of wheat grown in the west, and future years would see even this enlarged.

Hon. Mackenzie King, in his speech, eulogized Dr. Pugsley.

RACE HORSES BURNED.

Toronto, Sept. 29.—Imprisoned in a burning freight car and maddened by blinding smoke and the rumble of the flying train, four valuable race horses, owned by Hon. Adam Beck, among them the famous Photographer, one of the best race horses ever brought into Canada, were burned to death near here yesterday night. The other horses were Moorshot, Kempenfeldt and Cavershot.

They were being trained for the 50th renewal of the King's Plate next year. The horses were in charge of stable boys, Frank Dillon and William Palmer. The men hung a lighted lantern from the truck of the car, and the jolting of the tracks knocked the lamp from its hook. A moment later the inside of the car was in flames. The two boys were asleep when the lantern fell, but they crawled through the smoke to the car door and by clinging to the outside they saved themselves. The horses were valued at about \$10,000, and were insured.

Photographer was favorite in the King's Plate last spring, but was beaten. Later on he was redeemed by winning the Liverpool Cup and several other stakes.

NEW YORK MATO RALTY.

District Attorney Jerome Attacks Justice Gaylor.

New York, Sept. 29.—District Attorney Jerome, who is making an independent fight for re-election at the approaching municipal election, and who filed his petition yesterday, issued a statement attacking Justice William Gaylor, a candidate for the mayoralty, whose friends believe he will be the Tammany nominee. Mr. Jerome describes Justice Gaylor as a "political charlatan," and as "that most abhorrent product, a political judge, whose so-called personal liberty decisions have secured gain to law-breakers."

NEW STRIKES.

Valuable Finds of Quartz in Portland Canal District.

Vancouver, Sept. 29.—A new discovery of valuable quartz has been made in the Portland Canal district. Sixteen claims of a high grade ore, assaying from surface outcroppings \$9.88, \$20.84, and \$63.23, have been staked on Bitter creek. The property is estimated at a high value, and is probably of the same quality as that of the neighboring mines of Stewart and Portland.

FOUND DROWNED.

Lindsay, Ont., Sept. 29.—The body of Angus McDonald, aged 53, was found in the river yesterday. He was missing for two days.

RIG HT MAINS O URS

at St. John's, N. B. Sept. 29.—The Rig Right mains of the power plant at St. John's, N. B., were completely destroyed by a fire which broke out in the boiler room of the power plant on Tuesday night. The fire, which was caused by a boiler explosion, destroyed the Rig Right mains, and also the boiler room and the adjacent parts of the power plant.

The fire broke out at about 11 o'clock, and was extinguished by the fire department. The damage done was estimated at \$100,000.

The power plant is one of the largest and most modern in the world, and the destruction of the Rig Right mains will cause a serious interruption of the power supply to the city of St. John's.

FLOODS SWEEP SOUTH WALES

NUMBER OF PERSONS
REPORTED DROWNED

Rivers Overflow Bank and Destroy Property Valued at Thousands of Dollars.

London, Sept. 29.—Scores of lives have been lost and thousands of dollars' worth of property destroyed in South Wales, where floods have swept across the region.

The floods were caused by recent heavy rains which caused the rivers to overflow their banks.

In one place, the water was reported to be 15 feet deep, and in another place it was reported to be 20 feet deep.

The damage done was estimated at thousands of dollars.

CHAMPIONSHIP BASEBALL.

National Commission Complete Arrangements for Games Between Pennant Winners.

Cincinnati, O., Sept. 29.—The National Baseball Commission this afternoon completed final arrangements for the world's championship series to be played between the winners of the American and National Leagues when it was announced that the first two games would be played in Pittsburgh on October 8th and 9th, and that the third and fourth would be played either in Philadelphia or Detroit, the cities which are fighting it out for the bunting in the American League. Pittsburgh already has won the pennant in the National League. If it is to be the more than four games are necessary to decide the championship, they will be played alternately in Pittsburgh and the city winning the American League pennant.

SAYS JAPANESE ARE NOT TO BE TRUSTED

Trade Commissioner Harris
May Be Recalled as Result of Letter.

Ottawa, Sept. 29.—A private letter written by G. A. Harris, recently appointed Canadian trade commissioner in Japan, to a Toronto firm, in which he gave warning that Japanese firms were not to be trusted, and goods should not be accepted without thorough inspection, was published in the press here this morning. Deputy Minister O'Hara, of the trade and commerce department, and Harris in stating Japanese are untrustworthy, certainly does not represent the views of the department or of the government. The department supports the contention of ex-Commissioner Preston that Canadian firms can safely do business direct with Japanese without the intermediary of British commission houses in Japan. It is possible that as a result of the letter Harris may be recalled.

PEARY'S CHARGES AGAINST COOK

READY FOR SUBMISSION
TO ARCTIC CLUB

Will Be Made Public After Being Inspected by Committee.

Bar Harbor, Maine, Sept. 29.—President Hubbard, of the Peary Arctic club, announced to-day that Commander Robert E. Peary's charges against Dr. Frederick A. Cook were ready for submission to the officers of the club and after they had even thoroughly gone over, would be given to the public. In speaking of the report to-day President Hubbard said:

"It is possible that Anton Raven, Henry Parish, Herbert Bridgman and Zenas Crane, the officers who are to inspect the report, may think that some of Peary's statements are a little too fierce. In such an event, the explorer will be asked to modify his language somewhat, but as far as the facts go, nothing will be done to detract from his force and nothing will be added to it. The report will be just as much Peary's statement of the case as if the minor suggestions I believe that all of the statements made by Peary in his arrangement of Dr. Cook are true, and that they will be so accepted by the public."

Commander Peary expects to leave for Eagle Island to-day and to-morrow will start for New York. It is not yet decided whether the steamer Roosevelt, Peary's vessel, will participate in the Hudson-Fulton celebration.

BIRTH RATE IN MONTREAL.

Montreal, Sept. 29.—According to Dr. Laberge, the medical health officer, Montreal, as far as its birth rate is concerned, is at the top of the list as compared with the leading cities of the world. The annual report of the rate of health states that the birth rate for 1908 per 1,000 inhabitants was 38.43, being an increase over the preceding year. The death rate was not quite so satisfactory, being 20.70. The birth rate of the French-Canadian section shows the very high figure of 44.04 per 1,000.

ARE CONFERRING ON STEEL WORKS CIVIC COMMITTEE TO INTERVIEW J. A. MOORE

Council Disposed to Lend Every Aid in Furtherance of Scheme.

(From Wednesday's Daily.)

The special committee of the City Council—Ald. Turner, Ald. Stewart and Ald. Raymond—had a preliminary conference yesterday afternoon with J. A. Moore, representative of J. A. Moore, on the proposal of the latter to erect a large steel and iron works in this city. As a result of the conference it was arranged that Mr. Moore should come to Victoria and lay the matter in definite shape before the civic authorities. Mr. Moore was to have arrived on the early morning boat, and the conference was set for 11 a.m. to-day, but he did not come this morning, and is expected this afternoon.

Ald. Turner said to the Times this morning that the chat which the committee had had with Mr. Arnold yesterday was satisfactory as far as it went, but no definite progress could be made in the negotiations until an interview had been had with Mr. Moore, the principal in the project. The proposal of the company in the shape outlined by Mr. Arnold was, briefly, that the city of Victoria, in consideration of the company demonstrating its bona fide ability to raise the necessary capital for the erection of the iron and steel works in the immediate neighborhood of Victoria, bonus the company to the extent of 500 acres of land with water frontage suitable of being approached by large ships, and that, further, there be exemption from taxation for a period of years.

Mr. Arnold assured the members of the committee that the most conclusive evidence would be submitted to the city as to the financial ability of the company which will be formed to carry the project to a success, but of

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