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MR. J. D. EDGAR'S MOTION.

THE GAS MAN'S EXTRA FINE SENSE OF DUTY.

He Regrets that he has to Move in the Colonization Matter—Mr. Bowell Explains and Mr White Tells Funny Stories.

OTTAWA, April 5.—This afternoon the opposition's accusations against Messrs. Bowell and White, were, after a statement from the former and a wonderful speech from the latter, referred to the privileges and election committee. The government was at night sustained by 48 majority in its resistance to a liberal demand for more Northwest papers.

Mr. Edgar's Charges.

OTTAWA, April 5.—When the orders of the day were called Mr. Bowell made a statement anent the charges and insinuations against himself as contained in Mr. Edgar's resolution impeaching Mr. White of Hastings. "They affect," said Mr. Bowell, "me as a minister of the crown and a member of the house, and also my private character, and I hope the rules of the house will be set aside and the member for West Ontario allowed to proceed with his motion." "True," added the minister, "I am Mr. Jamieson's father-in-law, but I have yet to learn that there is anything criminal in that, for he is not now and never was my associate in business. The charge that I was consulted as to the formation of the company is untrue. Mr. White informed me of his intention to organize a company, but I had no correspondence or conversation with Mr. Jamieson until long after the lands were allotted. If it is implied that I received $500 as my portion of the proceeds of the interest in a share or shares of the Prince Albert company, I give it an emphatic denial. I have not, and never had, any interest in the company, directly, indirectly, or inferentially, and any money paid by Mr. Jamieson to me was on account of private transactions during the past ten or fifteen years. All these insinuations are false and untrue in every particular." And the speaker sat down amidst applause, while John White exclaimed shaking his fist over at Mr. Edgar "and you know it."

Mr. Edgar got up with a smile and was quite ready to move his motion, which he did with regret, a remark that was received by ministerialists with derisive cheers and groans. "Yes," repeated Mr. Edgar, "regret that the necessity has arisen for proclaiming to the world that such a state of things exists in parliament." [Hear, hear.]

Sir Hector Langevin offered an amendment that the investigation be entrusted with the committee on privileges and elections instead of a special committee.

Mr. White then took the floor and made a characteristic speech. The member for East Hastings is an Irishman who came here young, but retains the fire and impetuosity of his race and his a habit of introducing absurd, irrelevant matter into his remarks, which never fails to bring down the house. He preferred that the matter should go to a special committee, as proposed by his accusers. He had done nothing against the law, nothing compromising his honor, and nothing contrary to the rules of the house. "Let us get at the whole truth. I have nothing to fear." "The document," continued Mr. White, "is very well written, and although the member for West Ontario went to British Columbia as ambassador at the cost to the country of $6000, he has not intelligence to write it. I am satisfied it was written by my dear, kind-hearted, sympathetic Irish brother, Edward Blake."

When the roars of laughter subsided, Mr. White, looking at the leader of the opposition, exclaimed: "Yes, dear brother, every line of it is yours."

Mr. Blake joined heartily in the laughter.

"When," resumed the speaker, "one is in trouble it is a nice thing to have the sympathy of the ladies, and in this matter I am glad to say I have the sympathy of two. One has been a partner of my life for many years, and, I am proud to say, is the mother of a large family, which is a good thing for the country." [Laughter.] Well, when she read all the scoundrelly and cowardly things published about me in the Globe, she felt much annoyed and grieved, but I said 'never mind, Esther, it will be all right.' [Laughter.] This assurance appears to have appeased the hon. member's better half, for he made no further reference as to the state of her feelings.

Mr. White then went on to say that his other lady sympathizer was no less a person than Mrs. Edward Blake. "You will remember, Mr. Speaker," said he, turning to the chair, "we were all fellow-passengers on the ocean steamer coming home some years ago. The late member for Leeds (Mr Jones) and I were walking the deck one bright day, trying to combat with that dread disease, sea sickness, and you will remember, Mr. Speaker, that you came up on deck and passed to the side of the ship to cast up accounts, and Mr. Jones exclaimed: 'Go it, George, there's lots of room.'"

The house broke into convulsions of laughter. Members could not see what this had to do with Mrs. Blake's sympathy for Mr. White, but they laughed until their sides were sore. The speaker alone retained his dignity. His face reddened up and he looked indignantly severe at the story-teller, only to put pleased at being reminded of the incident.

When quiet was restored Mr. White explained that Mr. and Mrs. Blake were passengers on the same steamship, and that on landing Mr. Blake took a long walk in the country, leaving Mrs. Blake in charge of the luggage on the dock. By and by the custom house officers came along and began pulling and tearing the luggage about, much to the distraction of Mrs. Blake, and she was only helped out of trouble by the timely arrival of himself (Mr. White). "Well, my dear, how are you getting along?" was Mr. Blake's question on his return. "Oh, it has been something dreadful," answered Mrs. B. "I do not know what I would have done but for Mr. White." [Great laughter.] "So you see," continued the hon. gentleman, "I have the sympathy of two ladies, my own partner and the wife of the hon. opposition leader." [Cheers.]

Getting back to the subject of the discussion Mr. White said what he had done was according to the law and the chaps who brought these charges would find before they got through with John White that they had woke up the wrong passenger. [Cheers and laughter.]

Mr. Blake objected to the amendment but it passed and the motion as amended was adopted, Mr. Haggart alone voting nay.

Mr. Laurier then proposed to add the names of Messrs. Edgar and White to the committee, but after an interchange of opinion as to the practice Mr. Speaker declared the motion out of order.

Mr. Small's bill to incorporate the Medicine Hat railway and coal company was passed and sent to the senate, as also was the act relating to the Niagara Grand Island Bridge company. The bill incorporating the North Canadian Pacific railway was read a second time. The Midland Bank bill was read a second time.

Mr. Moster told Mr. Davies that it was not advisable to disclose the instructions given to the officials charged with the protection of the fisheries.

Mr. Jackson asked if the government had given up to the C. P. R. twenty million of bonds held as security for the twenty million loan the company intend shortly to return, so that the company can sell them to raise money, and if so, did the government endorse or guarantee the payment of the bonds.

Mr. McLelan—We have not given the bonds up, and we do not intend to endorse them.

Answering Mr. Charlton, the Minister of Finance said the gross public debt of Canada on April 1, 1886, was $280,837,812.

Mr. Shakespeare moved for copies of the correspondence re the deep sea fishings of British Columbia, and the working of the land law as to the fisheries.

Mr. Foster said he would investigate the extent and character of those fishing banks and take steps towards their development.

Mr. Shakespeare said 3000 applications for patents were lying unsettled in the land office.

Mr. White admitted that things were unsatisfactory, and intimated his intention of making a trip to the province this summer to straighten up affairs and devise a scheme for prompt and regular dealings with settlers.

After recess Mr. Blake moved that it is the duty of the government, without further delay, to bring down further papers relating to Northwest affairs, and throwing light on the situation prior to, during and subsequent to the late rebellion.

The debate that ensued lasted three hours, being participated in by the liberal leader, Sir Hector Langevin, Mr. White (Cardwell), Messrs. Hall, Davies, Foster and Cameron (West Huron). The burden of the opposition's argument was that stacks of papers of an incriminatory character were in the department if the minister dared bring them down. Mr. Blake read a list a yard long of documents that had not yet been produced. As he put it, "These are not the government's papers. They belong to the country. If there is no neglect and mismanagement the documents will show it."

The Minister of Public Works stated the government's case in a few words, that they had brought down all the papers it was safe in the interest of the public to make public. He was strengthened in this stand by the Minister of the Interior, who pointed out that many of the documents mentioned by Mr. Blake were in printed reports and in returns before the house.

Mr. Hall offered an amendment, the effect of which was that the government had done its duty in the matter.

As an offset, Mr. Cameron moved in amendment to the amendment that a special committee be appointed to investigate and report as to whether there are documents hid away in pigeon holes. "There's a challenge," said the West Huronite. "It will give the government a chance to clear their skirts."

The vote on the amendment to the amendment was 62 for and 111 against. Of the original boiters, only Mitchell, Desjardins, Coursol, Bergeron, Amyot, Gigault and Gaudet voted with the opposition.

Mr. Hall's amendment was then carried by 110 to 62.

The house adjourned at 11.30.

A Petition from the Marine Engineers.

Mr Small to-day submitted to Mr. Foster a petition from the Canadian Marine Engineers' association, forwarded to him by L. B. Montgomery (Toronto), treasurer of the association. The petition asks for (1) Steam vessels to carry licensed engineers; (2) Inspection of hulls as well as machinery; (3) Inspectors to carry out the instructions and provisions of the inspection laws; (4) Steamboat owners to report on changes of officers that may occur during the season of navigation; (5) The appointment of two or more inspectors; (6) Boats to be inspected during the season of navigation; (7) Engineers should not have to pay for renewals of certificates but be put on the same footing as the captains and mates. The minister saw nothing unreasonable in these demands and gave the member for East Toronto to understand that in the main they would be accoded to.

Peter Ryan is in the capital. Mr. Glen had him up in the speaker's gallery to-night.

PRINCE ALEXANDER'S POSITION.

He Declines to Accept the Advice of the Turkish Commissioner.

SOFIA, April 5.—To-day is the twenty-ninth anniversary of the birth of Prince Alexander. The people are celebrating it as a holiday. All the consulate offices except that of Russia were decorated with flags. Gadban Effendi, the special Turkish commissioner, has advised Prince Alexander not to resist the decision of the powers on the question whether his title of governor of Eastern Roumelia is for five years as Russia claims or for life, as he claims. Gadban assured the prince that his wishes would be considered when the conditions were favorable for so doing. Prince Alexander replied that he regretted that he was unable to yield, but this was impossible in view of the legitimate demands of the Bulgarians and the national sacrifices which had been made.

ARREST OF SOCIALISTS IN FRANCE.

Great Indignation Among the Fraternity Against the Government.

PARIS, April 5.—The arrest of MM. Roche and Duquery at Decazeville continues to be the sensation in Paris. All papers publish long leaders on the subject. M. Rochefort, in the Intransigeant, violently attacks the government, not only for its conduct in this particular affair, but also for its whole treatment of the labor troubles at Decazeville. The socialists of Paris have called an indignation meeting for next Wednesday, when it is believed they will decide on some form of retaliation for arrests.

The government will ask the chamber of deputies for permission to prosecute Deputy Basly for his open justification of the murder of M. Watson, mine superintendent, by his striking workmen.

AMUSEMENTS.

Miss Moore in As You Like It—The Two Orphans.

Miss Adelaide Moore is young, petite and charming, but a slight impediment in her speech interferes with the delivery of her lines. Last night at the Grand opera house Miss Moore essayed to play Rosalind in As You Like It. From the commencement of the play to the end she had the sympathies of her audience, which was large and contained a considerable English element, which had evidently come prepared to have their hearts taken by storm by a lady who had previously been heralded as the friend and successor of the late queen of actresses, the almost immortal Adelaide Lee Neilson. Miss Moore not only affected some of the tricks of Miss Neilson but also laid strong claim to her mantle, not figuratively but literally. In other words, Miss Moore dressed after the fashion of her deceased friend and model. But Miss Moore, winsome though she be, can never aspire to wear the crown of Miss Neilson. Last night there was apparent nervousness arising from an evident sense of the weight of the task in hand. And Miss Moore did herself credit by her appreciation. She was overweighted. In passage the lady was undoubtedly effective, as for instance at the close of the forest scene, where Jaques tells the story of Orlando's noble courage and describes his wound. The arrivescene was also very very touching, and in the love passages she was decidedly winning, but her playfulness was too transparent. Still in the representation there was a good deal to admire, and it can well be understood that the lady's "Juliet" will be a better performance. In fact it was the opinion of many in the audience that that would have been a far preferable character for Miss Moore's initial appearance. The company on the whole can be pronounced fairly good. Mr. Bennett's Orlando was, however, sadly weak, but Mr. Fred. Ross' Jaques, Mr. Palmoni's Touchstone, and Mrs. Frank A. Tannehill's Audrey did much to leaven the lump. The stage setting is worth a word of praise, and the wrestling scene was admirably done. Romeo and Juliet to-night, Lady of Lyons to-morrow afternoon and School for Scandal to-morrow evening.

Pauline Markham in the Two Orphans.

Pauline Markham, backed by a very fair support, opened a week's engagement in the Yonge street Opera house yesterday in her great play of The Two Orphans. The attendance at both performances was good. Miss Markham has won a great name in her impersonation of the dual character of Louise (the blind girl) and Sister Genevieve. Mr. Randolph Murray as Pierre and Chevalier de Vaudrey, Frank de Vernon as Jacques and Chas. E. Fisher as Picard, were all well up. The company all round is good. This afternoon and to-night the Lady of Lyons will be presented.

Coming Attractions.

Modjeska will be at the Grand the latter part of this week. Thursday night Adrienne Lecouvreur will be presented. Friday, Donna Diana; Saturday matinee, Camille; Saturday evening, Two Gentlemen of Verona.

The attraction to-night at the Toronto rink is a polo match between the Adelaide and Princess teams.

The 25-mile race between J. A. Mitchell of Chicago and E. J. Weston of this city, at the Princess rink, commences to-night.

The concert to be given by the students of the Ontario ladies' college, Whitby, next Friday night in the Pavilion, promises to be well patronized. It is for the benefit of the Ladies' Relief society.

An entertainment will be given to-night in St. George's school house on John street in aid of the depository for ladies' work.

Caledonian society complimentary concert in Temperance hall to-night.

The Mail Fire.

The answer that Chief Constable Draper got from the attorney-general in regard to holding an enquiry into the causes of the fire in the Mail building was a reference to chap. 169, R.S.O., which provides that a coroner, if he believes that culpable negligence was exhibited by persons around a building that has been burned, or if it is in the public interest, such an enquiry may be made. The cost of the same however is to be borne by the municipality and not by the province. Three property owners in the vicinity of the fire, or an insurance agent, can demand an enquiry, but they must bear the expense of the same.

Arrested on a Charge of Incendiarism.

Robert Brines, 25 years of age, living at 101 Chestnut street, was arrested last night by Detective Cuddy on a warrant charging him with having feloniously and maliciously set fire to the premises of John Barnes, cab driver at 104 Chestnut street, on the night of Thursday, March 18.

See the Busy Merchant reading The World on the cars.

IN THE SOUTH AND WEST.

No Further Trouble with the Missouri Pacific Strikers.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., April 5.—Larger crowds assembled this morning around the railway depot in East St. Louis than for some time past, but they were undemonstrative and offered no opposition to the making and starting out of freight trains. The Ohio & Mississippi and Indianapolis & St. Louis roads sent out large trains; and the Vandalia a train of 30 empties. The new switchmen and yardmen engaged since the strike began were actively engaged in making up trains and they will be sent out later in the day. The bridge and tunnel men who returned to work Saturday failed to report for duty in obedience to the order of the executive board. There are but 12 of these men and the management expect to experience little difficulty in filling their places. According to announcement the majority of the St. Louis transfer company's employes returned to work. So long as the men remain at their posts no difficulty is anticipated in making a permanent raise of the freight blockade in that city.

A new development in the strike on the east side of the river, and which occasions considerable surprise and uneasiness among the railway officials, occurred this morning when the Chicago and Alton switch engineers struck. They say they will not go back to work until the trouble between the railroads and their employes is settled, and they are confident their brotherhood will support them.

Struck Again.

HANNIBAL, Mo., April 5.—All the strikers who returned to work last Friday, pending arbitration, struck again to-day by order of the general executive board. The switch engines were run into the round house and killed. Five freight trains left during the morning for Sedalia and five are expected to arrive from Sedalia and two from Moberly.

The World of Labor.

In the house of representatives at Washington on Saturday Congressman O'Neil's arbitration bill was adopted by 195 to 29. The title of the bill was amended so as to read "To provide method of settling controversies and differences between railroad corporations engaged in inter-state and territorial transportation of property and passengers and their employes."

The Election of Benchers in the West.

LONDON, April 5.—Among the legal profession considerable interest is taken in the coming election of benchers. The two tickets are W. R. Meredith and James Magee, and W. R. Meredith and T. H. Purdom. In support of the first ticket the following circular has been sent to the profession:

LONDON, March 30, 1886.

DEAR SIR: The undersigned respectfully suggest to the members of the bar throughout the province the names of Messrs. W. R. Meredith, Q.C., and James Magee, of this city, as suitable representatives to be elected as benchers of the Law society:

Gibbons, McNab & Mulkern, Street & Becher, Cronyn & Greenlees, Macmillan & Macmillan, Fraser & Fraser, Robert Taylor, I F Hellmuth, Macbeth & Macpherson, Alfred H Cox, E Baynes Reed, V Cronyn, Jarvis & Morehead, G A Kingston.

A misleading circular has been issued on behalf of the second ticket signed by Mr. Frank Love, secretary of the committee, that has led some of the bar associations of the west to believe that Mr. Purdom was the choice of the London bar. Such is by no means the case, as the above circular plainly shows. The truth is, there has been no meeting of the London bar and Mr. Love is secretary of no committee.

LISTOWEL, April 5.—The bar of Huron and Bruce have held meetings and nominated H. W. C. Meyer of this city as a bencher. He is a popular lawyer in that section of the country.

The Water Subsides.

CARTERSVILLE, Ga., April 5.—The water receded from the Tumlin mound field and left uncovered acres of skulls and bones. Some of these are gigantic, and if the whole frame is in proportion to two thigh bones found, their owner must have stood 14 feet high. Many curious ornaments of shell, brass and stone have been found. Some of the bodies were buried in small vaults built of stones. A representative of the Smithsonian institute is investigating the relics.

An Alleged Exodus to the States.

MONTREAL, April 5.—During the month of March nearly 7000 French Canadians left Bonaventure station for New England and the Middle States. These will return at the end of the summer season. There were 227 families, representing about 1000 persons, who left the province of Quebec, who will permanently remain in the States.

Opposing Emigration.

PARIS, April 5.—M. Sarrien, Minister of the Interior, has ordered all the mayors and prefects of the country to do their utmost to dissuade Frenchmen from emigrating. The officials are instructed to expatiate on the obstacles and disappointments which await new comers in all parts of the world, particularly in America.

The Greek Attitude.

LONDON, April 5.—Mr. Bryce, under foreign secretary, replying to a question in the house of commons this afternoon, said Greece had not accepted the advice of the powers as to the course she should pursue in her troubles with Turkey. The government had no information which would enable them to say that Greece would refrain from war.

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CABLE NOTES.

M. Rochefort was not arrested at Decazeville, France, on Saturday, but a man named Roche was.

The papal consistory has been postponed until May, when the Archbishops of Baltimore and Quebec are expected to attend.

It is calculated that the railway between the Bolan pass in India and Afghanistan will be completed by May.

It is rumored that Mr. Parnell contemplates making arrangements to collect funds in America, irrespective of league agents.

The Daily Telegraph believes that the removal of the Parnellites from Westminster is an essential part of Mr. Gladstone's scheme.

The viceroy of Kwang Si denies the report that China will make reprisals for the outrages on Chinamen in America unless compensated.

The Balkan conference will appoint Prince Alexander governor of Eastern Roumelia for five years, ignoring the prince's refusal to accept appointment for that term.

The German government will appoint a commission, including Professors Virchow and Kock, to investigate M. Pasteur's method of treatment for the prevention of hydrophobia.

The proposal for a union of Baptists and Congregationalists will come before the united session of both bodies at London in May. The platform of the proposed union has already been settled upon at private conferences and is likely to be adopted.

Fined for Selling Cigars on Sunday.

George Burt, Wm. McMahon, S. V. McLean, E. Johnson, C. Buchanan and Robt. Davis were each fined $1 and costs at the police court yesterday for selling cigars on Sunday. Cases are pending against several others for the same offence.

Lake Side Hall.

—Mr. W. J. Ramsay is offering his splendid property, which is beautifully situated on lake front and Jameson avenue, Parkdale, immediately west of Exhibition park with suburban and regular trains almost to door, also street cars. This is a rare chance to secure a charming home. Mr. Ramsay is leaving shortly with his family for a lengthened stay in England, hence his wish to sell. x

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MAYOR HOWLAND ONCE MORE GREETS THE ALDERMEN.

A Quiet and Uneventful Session Last Night—His Worship Sends in a Couple of Messages—Those Steel Boilers Under Discussion.

The city fathers held a quiet and rather uneventful meeting last night, and were in session from 7.35 until 10.40. Mayor Howland at the first-named hour was escorted as usual to his seat by City Clerk Blevins. There was no attempt at a demonstration on behalf of his worship's near friends in the council, nor did he in any way refer to the late "unpleasantness" that he passed through in the courts. Certainly his expression and manner did not at all indicate that it bothered him very much. The absentees were Ald. Irwin, Walker, Turner, M. Woods and Elliott, who is ill.

The city part of the proceedings that were any way animated was in connection with Mr. John Perkin's contract for the steel boilers which have been erected in the pumping house. The mayor sent in a special message on this subject and the clause of the Waterworks committee's report dealing with the boilers was battered about by aldermanic argument until it was nearly blue. In his message his worship condemned in toto any attempt to allow Mr. Perkins to fulfil his contract except in strict compliance with the specifications.

In another message his worship declared that it was his intention to rigidly enforce cap. 38, 47 Vic., sec 66, sub-sec. 8, (relating to slaughter houses):

No proprietor or tenant of any shop, etc., shall, nor shall any butcher or other person, use such shop as a slaughter house, unless such shop is distant not less than 200 yards from any dwelling and not less than 70 yards from any public street.

Another section provides for the regular inspection of all slaughter houses.

He would also enforce the bylaw of the city regarding cow-byres, and the section of the act regarding the deposit of garbage, etc., within the city limits. His worship goes on to say:

As the city has been the chief offender in this latter matter, I desire to call attention to a copy of a letter from the city solicitor to the markets and health committee, wherein, upon the verdict against the city, with heavy damages, for having made such deposit, even with the consent and at the desire of the owner of the property, I shall, therefore, not only in the interest of the public health, but also to save the pockets of the ratepayers, enforce the law as rigidly with the city offender as in the case of a private citizen. This will be the only notice.

Ald. Baxter asked the mayor if he would go to jail if the law were not enforced.

"No," replied his worship, "but the city commissioner will."

A large batch of communications were read. Among them were about a dozen of claims for damages against the city for broken limbs, flooded cellars, horses killed in the streets, etc. Kerr, Macdonald, Davidson & Paterson wrote to this effect:

In connection with the questions now pending between the Trifle and the city under this lease, we beg leave to notify you (Mayor Howland), that one of the tenants of the university has written to the bursar, notifying him that a Mr. George Foggie has taken out a permit from the city to erect six houses on the south side of College avenue and complaining of the erection of such houses. There is a suit now pending against the city for forfeiture of the lease and for breach of covenants under the lease. We write you in order that you may take such action as may seem proper.

A copy of a resolution passed by the city council of London asking the aid of the Toronto council to abolish all exemptions from taxation was among the communications.

Petitions were read as follows:

From George Welch and others, for a common sewer in North Mutual street, from Wood street 160 feet south; Andrew Rae and others, block pavement in Spruce street, Sumach to Trinity; Jas. Tribble and others, for a common sewer and block pavement in Dovercourt road, College to Bloor; Hugh Dean and others, cedar block pavement in Harbord street, Huron to Crichton; Peter McFarlane and others, cedar block pavement in Muter street, Robinson to Arthur.

All of the foregoing to be done on the local improvement plan. Other petitions were:

From Hon. Frank Smith and 36 others, for a sewer through the Rosedale ravine, the petitioners being part of the cost thereof; J. A. Macdonald and others, for the construction of a street from Bracelevier avenue to the east limit lot 14 (St. Matthew's ward), to be called Withrow avenue; A. E. Clements and others, water main in Saurin street (St. Stephen's ward); E. T. Lightbourn and others, praying the city to purchase a strip of land on the south side of Arthur street, to make a pleasant entrance and drive to Hell Woods park; John Taylor and others, to macadamize and lay a sidewalk on Sherbourne lane; Wm. McLeish and others, praying that they be not charged under the local improvement system for the culvert in Clinton street.

A numerously signed petition praying the council to send Mr. John Laidlaw to the Colonial exhibition at London was handed in. Ald. Frankland backed up the petition by moving that its request be complied with, but he was not successful in getting it through.

Under the head of enquiries Ald. Boustead asked when the council might expect a report on our wretched fire alarm system. They had now been waiting three months for the report. Both. Ald. Maughan and Shaw assured the questioner that they were collecting all the information possible on the subject. Ald. Shaw could see no particular hurry for bringing in the report. Ald. Boustead also wanted to know about Church street, when it was to be block-paved. Ald. Carlyle explained that it was decided last year, on the recommendation of the city engineers to proceed with the work, the city to take the initiative, but on representations from a number of large property owners it was abandoned. He thought it would be paved this year.

Ald. Shaw proceeded to make an oral report of the trials and tribulations of the civic deputation to Ottawa, but several of the aldermen were so lusty in their demands for a written report that he resumed his seat.

The council went into committee of the whole on report No. 10 of the Executive committee and the reports of the other standing committees, Ald. Galley in the chair. The clause of the Works committee's report granting permission to Chief Justice Wilson to open a fifty-foot street through his property from Spadina avenue to Huron street, to be called Orchard street, and which he proposes to dedicate to the city, was attacked, both in committee and in council, by Ald. Macdonald, Low, Fleming, McMillan and James. An attempt to have the clause expunged only found these five backers. The clause of the same committee's report requesting that it be allowed to advertise for 500 tolse of stone, to be broken and used on macadamized streets, was struck out. Ald. M. J. Woods made two attempts to have the clause referring to the division of St. Stephen's ward sent back to the Works committee, but he found little support. The clause empowering the city engineer to organize a gang of men to repair cedar block pavements, the cost thereof to be borne by the properties benefitted, on the local improvement plan, was thrown out. This important clause of the Works committee's report was referred back, after considerable discussion:

It is recommended that Church street, from King street to Bloor, be cedar block paved, on the initiative principle and as a local improvement. The cost of the pavement will be approximately $46,457. Of this amount the Toronto Street Railway company will pay $12,333, and the city will pay $9033, and the balance $33,190, will be assessed on the several properties on the street fronting the improvement, equally in proportion to frontage, those properties being equally benefitted by the improvement. The time over which the payment of the cost shall extend to be ten years, the probable lifetime of the improvement.

The clause of the Waterworks committee's report setting forth that John Perkins had not complied with the specifications in building the new steel boilers for the engine house, and asking the council for instructions, was discussed at length. Mr. Perkins diverted from the plans in so far that he punched the holes in the steel plates instead of boring them. Several motions and amendments were moved, but one by Ald. Maughan that Mr. Perkins be compelled to carry out the terms of his contract in its entirety was carried. Ald. Defoe foresaw an expensive law suit if the council did not move judiciously in the matter. The balance of the reports were passed.

Ald. Defoe and Carlyle (St. Thomas) offered this resolution, which was carried: "That the minister of railways be requested to convene a meeting of the railway committee of the privy council for the consideration of the King street west level crossings, the level crossings east of the Don within the city limits and the Dundas street bridges, and that this corporation and all other parties interested be notified of the time of such meeting."

Notices of motion were given by Ald. Baxter: Asking the engineer to prepare plans and estimates for placing the cattle market in proper condition, together with the cost of an abattoir; by Ald. Maughan, to amend the sign law; by Ald. Hunter, providing that all corporation bosses and laborers shall not work more than nine hours per day.

The council will meet again next Monday night.

WATER FROM LAKE SIMCOE.

Ald. Boustead Renews the Subject of Getting Our Supply from that Source.

At the waterworks committee meeting yesterday Ald. Boustead made reference to the oft-proposed scheme for bringing the city's water from Lake Simcoe. He said that as it was the intention to spend shortly a considerable sum of money on remedying existing defects in the present system, it might be as well for the council to appropriate say $1200 for the purpose of ascertaining definitely the probable cost of bringing the supply down over the Ridges. This had always been one of the public's favorite hobbles and in the present juncture something should be done to see if there were any possibility of accomplishing it. As to the cost, Ald. Lamb gave some startling figures, the result of former calculations. The matter was talked over at some length and the committee seemed to favor Ald. Boustead's idea. It was decided however to ask Superintendent Hamilton to report on the matter.

There were present at the meeting Ald. Hall, who in Ald. Walker's absence is acting chairman, Ald. Barton, Boustead, Hunter, Lamb and Galley. The resolution of the Fire and Gas committee, to the effect that the Water Works committee be requested to have another hydrant placed in the House of Providence was referred to the superintendent. Mr. M. Langmuir, who lives at Bloor and Huron streets, was granted the use of city water on condition that he pay double gross rates.

Elias Rogers, contractor for coal for the engine house, stated that when the question of the alleged poor quality of the coal supplied came up, he wanted it discussed fully and in his presence. The superintendent will report at the next meeting, when Mr. Rogers will be requested to attend.

John Hoskin, Q.C., wrote enclosing a copy of a petition to the city council, at present in circulation. It asks that the Rosedale creek be replaced by a sewer; that permission be granted to East Toronto parties to drain into the sewer, and that they be supplied with water. Mr. Hoskin stated that the inhabitants of East Rosedale were going to avail themselves of the Badgerow act and make local improvements. These improvements would cost the city nothing, and were by no means designed to oppose annexation.

Lady Pearce Howland's Will.

The will of the late Lady Pearce Howland, wife of Sir Wm. P. Howland, who died on Feb. 21 was entered for probate in the surrogate court yesterday. It is dated two days before death. The deceased leaves to her brother-in-law, Henry P. Hunt, all her family silver; to Jane Hunt, widow of the late Richard Hunt, certain property in Tottenham, London, Eng.; to her maid, Martha Stewart, $1000, and to her maid's sister, Mary, $100; to the Infants' home, Toronto, $1000; to her godchild, Nellie Hunt Taylor, $1000; to the Home for Aged and Infirm, $500; Thomas D. Delamere, $500; to her son, Oliver A. Howland, to her daughter, Flora Howland, to her son, William H. Howland, to Mrs. Mickleburgh, widow of the late Rev. Mr. Mickleburgh, $1000 each; to her nurse, Agnes Rose, $60. The deceased leaves her personal property, such as apparel, furniture and certain diamond ornaments to her daughter Flora. The remainder of her jewelry, mostly of great value, the deceased leaves to various relatives and friends. The personal estate is sworn at $22,000, as follows: Household goods $2000, book debts $3525, stock and shares $10,913, rents $344, cash $1547, silver $500, jewelry $4390. The will appoints J. D. Edgar and W. J. McMaster as executors.

The Pay of Laborers.

The laborers have had a conference with several city contractors relative to establishing navvies' wages for the current year. They demand that nine hours constitute a day's work and that the pay be 18 and 16 cents per hour for first and second class men respectively. The contractors ask that the men be divided into three classes, claiming that a large percentage are not worth these wages and will require a third rating, and also that three months' notice be given before such rule comes into force. The reason assigned why the employers ask for the third rating is to enable the poorer class of labor being employed. No understanding was arrived at.

The Musicians Know Him Not.

When telling his experience at the Gospel army on Sunday night, the recently-converted Collins said it had been his custom when he was a bad man to carouse with the musicians of the Grand opera house. The cornet and the base fiddle came into The World last night and said the orchestra did not even know Mr. Collins, and that they were going to attend the meeting of the army in a body next Sunday night and repudiate his statement.

The First Arrival at Oswego from Toronto.

The schooner Speedwell, with barley from Toronto, arrived at Oswego Thursday evening, April 1, being the first arrival of the season. The first arrival last season was on May 6. The Speedwell reports the lake free of ice.

They Fought in the Barracks.

Dan. Lilly and Rock Archer fought in the Lisgar street barracks of the Salvation army last night and were locked up in the Dundas street police station.

CAPT. GEDDES ON INSECTS.

An Interesting Paper Read for the Benefit of the Normal School Scholars.

An entertainment of some interest was given in the theatre of the Normal school last night, at which Lieut.-Gov. Robinson presided. Capt. Geddes, A. D. C., read an able paper on Entomology for the benefit of the Normal school scholars. Mr. F Schuch and Miss Maud Patterson made the evening further enjoyable by musical selections and Mr. Townsend read with effect "The Forsaken Woman." Prof. Bohner was the accompanist. Capt. Geddes paper said the study of insects could be pursued with much profit in our public schools. People, by this study, would become acquainted with those insects antagonistic to vegetable life and with those of a useful nature. In the one case they would learn the best means of destroying them, and in the second the best means of perpetuating the species. In Canada the study of entomology was for the most part, a labor of love, especially to those engaged in sedentary work, as a means of enjoying the benefits of a wholesome and instructive recreation. The paper explained at considerable length the various processes through which some of the better known insects, such as the butterfly, passed before attaining their highest perfection. The chairman and the ladies and gentlemen who took part in the entertainment were tendered a vote of thanks.

CHARLTON'S BILL WOULD APPLY.

A Protest Against the Slaughter of Birds for Decorating Ladies' Hats.

At the regular meeting of the Natural History society last night in the Canadian Institute building, the president, Dr. Brodie, read an instructive paper entitled "Fauna Canadensis," showing the difference between the red and black squirrels of Canada. Specimens of the different varieties of the Canadian squirrel were exhibited. There was a fair attendance of members present. A resolution was passed authorizing the president to send a circular to Christian ministers throughout the country calling attention to the increasing slaughter of birds for the purpose of decorating ladies' bonnets, and asking them to speak against it.

JOTTINGS ABOUT TOWN.

The county auditors meet to-day.

The eastern division court opens to-day before Judge Morgan.

The noon-day prayer meetings were resumed yesterday in the little church at Richmond and York streets.

A burning chimney in a house at Adelaide and Duncan streets gave the firemen a run at 11.30 last night.

The National Detective agency, Toronto street, have a quantity of wagon makers' sundries awaiting an owner.

Sherbourne street Methodist church is to be rebuilt. During the alterations the congregation will worship in the Pavilion.

A special meeting of the county council committee on roads and bridges will be held this afternoon to deal with the references of the damage done the Lake Shore road by the recent storm.

David Woods was arrested yesterday afternoon by Policeman Jarvis for stealing an overcoat from the Bay Horse hotel, belonging to a man named Morris. He had the coat on him when arrested.

Chicago parties are in the city, arranging to start a factory for the manufacture of brewers' yeast. This move was caused by the recent change of duty on yeast from 20 per cent. to 6c. and 5c. per lb., according to the size of the package imported.

Building permits issued yesterday: G Collins, 2-story and mansard brick store on Albert street, cost $1800; W D McIntosh, brick addition to 249 Yonge street, cost $1400; John Wanless, brick villa residence, southwest corner Spadina avenue and Bloor street, cost $12,000.

Police court yesterday: James Campbell, for assaulting R. A. Wilson, his employer, was fined $10 and costs or thirty days. Robert Thompson, 17, got thirty days for stealing wood from Grand Trunk cars. John Sawdon, 17, got five days for the same charge.

Judge McDougall presided as revising officer at the preliminary court of revision for Centre Toronto in the county court room yesterday. Edward Meek appeared for the conservatives, and J. A. Proctor for the reformers. Only matters of detail were dealt with.

At a meeting of the Ministerial association yesterday Rev. John Alexander read an able paper on the "Second Coming of the Lord," viewed from a pre-millennial point of view. An interesting discussion of the paper followed. In future the meetings will be held at 11.15 a.m.

The anniversary services in connection with the Spadina avenue Methodist church were continued last night, when a very pleasant tea meeting was held. Addresses were delivered by Rev. Dr. Potts and other prominent clergymen. The choir of the church rendered some excellent music.

Chief Constable Draper notified the city council by letter last night that after May 1 a permanent police patrol would be established on the island. The chief constable also stated that the commissioners had recommended the cancellation of William Ward's commission, who holds the position of special policeman for the island.

The Manufacturers' and Millers' Insurance company, of which Mayor Howland is vice-president, has formally withdrawn from the insurance Underwriters' association. This course has been in contemplation for a number of months past, almost ever since the M. and M. joined the association.

At a social gathering on Saturday night at the residence of George Howell on Seaton street, the warehouse employes of Gooderham, Cooper & Smith, presented George Stewart, who has severed his connection with the firm to go to the Northwest, with an address, a well filled purse and a handsome sterling silver mounted pipe. A pleasant evening was spent.

The Nuisance at Police Headquarters.

The following letter was read at the meeting of the city council last night:

To Dr. Wendelbo, Mayor Howland: I have the honor to report that the jury not rendered a verdict of guilty against the city of Toronto on the indictment for nuisance in respect of the police office and station in Court street. The evidence for the prosecution as to the unwholesome, uncomfortable and inconvenient state of the premises, as well as want of proper accommodation, was overwhelmingly, and the verdict of the jury on the question of fact was a foregone conclusion. The learned judge, at my request, reserved a case on certain matters of law for the opinion of the Common Pleas division of the high court of justice. This will be argued in the ordinary course about the end of May. The judge has, in the meantime, deferred giving sentence until the next sitting of this court, and intimated that if by that time substantial progress were not made by the city in the direction of abating the nuisance he would take such steps as would be necessary to ensure the objects sought by this prosecution. W. G. FALCONBRIDGE.

Something in a Newspaper Name.

Judge Galt completed the list of jury cases at the Assize court yesterday. Carey v. Goss was an action brought by Thomas Carey of this city for an order to restrain John Goss from using the name "Traveler" on a commercial paper, of which Mr. Goss is editor and proprietor. Mr. Carey claims that the use of the name is an infringement on his rights, inasmuch as he is sole proprietor of a paper called "The Commercial Traveler," with which Mr. Goss was formerly connected. The judge adjourned the case for argument at Osgoode hall.

The non-jury cases will be commenced to-day at 10. The peremptory list is: Imperial Bank v. Shields, Walmesley v. Griffith, Graves v. Young, Mead v. O'Keefe, Currie v. Maclean, Smith v. Caston, Woodhouse v.