

## STEWART'S FINE CHANCE

To Spout More Guff About the Power Contracts.

That is What "Mass Meeting" Seemed to Be For.

About 100 People Listened to a Tiresome Harangue.

The "mass" meeting in the Twentieth Century Club last night to hear T. J. Stewart and other advocates of Hydro power while the Cataract Company savored of a "frame-up" calculated to convey the impression that there is a real live agitation on foot once more for the city to plunge into the Niagara power scheme. About a hundred people, of which a very small percentage were users of power, were there, but the applause was well timed, and some of the "boosters" were so wildly enthusiastic when Mr. Stewart was jabbing and upper-cutting the company, Mayor McLaren and the newspapers that one might suspect that something more than mere interest in the power question was the motive for the demonstration. E. S. Hogarth was chairman.

Colonel Hendrie, after emphasizing the importance of the vote on Monday, explained the Government's position. "The appeal for the Government to go into this scheme," he declared, "came from the people. It was perhaps the largest deputation that ever visited the Parliament buildings, reviewing the history of the Hydro-Electric Commission, Colonel Hendrie referred to his own position and the demand for his resignation. "I don't intend to resign from the commission," he said, "although I am attacked by a Toronto organ, and I don't think the Premier is going to ask me to resign as the investigation of any such newspaper." Colonel Hendrie said the estimates showed a big saving, all through, the contracts being awarded for much less than the engineers had figured on. The manufacture of the steel towers, he said, had already begun at Walkerville, and the construction work on the telephone lines was also under way. The cost to the other municipalities, he admitted, would be more with Hamilton out, as the cost of the 25,000 horse-power, which the line would begin with, was distributed among municipalities, Hamilton included. The Cataract contract said the city was to get power 10 per cent. less than Hydro power in any other municipality. But Hamilton staying out would thus not only increase the cost for other municipalities, but for the city itself.

Therefore," he said, "you have no stated price, only 10 per cent. below the lowest." Colonel Hendrie declared that the Government was not hostile to any corporation, but he felt that there was room for all the electrical companies as well as the commission. Colonel Hendrie said he would not advise the people what to do—that was not his duty, but he admonished them to carefully consider the matter and decide whether it would be better to have Niagara power here, as well as at Cataract. Mr. Stewart said that many of his friends who supported him in the last Dominion election, preferred that he should take no part in the fight against the by-law, but after giving the matter careful consideration he decided that if he did not appear he would be a coward. He had no quarrel with the Cataract Co., he could never see any reason why the city should not have opposition power. Hamilton would have no need to worry about prices if Niagara power was here. Mr. Stewart declared he had not changed his opinion from the day he was first elected Mayor, and was a stronger Hydro man than ever.

An unfair position taken by the opponents of the Hydro-Electric was that the installation of the plant was going to cost half a million dollars. It was not going to cost the ratepayers one cent, the users of power would have to pay for it.

He would not say that the aldermen who voted for the Cataract contract last year did so dishonestly. "But a few of us," he said, "had to go to the courts with our money. We fought the battle and took the stakes off for you fellows who would never have had a vote on Monday if we had not done this."

"I don't know where the aldermen are to-day," he added, "but they tell me that there are only three or four of the fourteen who had last January voted in favor of the Hydro-Electric. Then Mr. Stewart handed the Mayor a note. After referring to the statement issued by His Worship to the papers last Saturday, he said, "I have no doubt many men have heard me say that you can never tell where he is. There were aldermen in the Council who did not know where he was at, and never knew where he was at. He said he was for the Hydro-Electric. Last year he supported a reduction of the street railway percentage from 8 to 6 per cent, which meant from \$200,000 to \$300,000 out of your pockets into the company's and wrote a letter to the papers, urging the people to vote for it. And he tells you he is a Hydro man. You are free to think that if you can under the circumstances."

He was prepared to stake his reputation that under the Hydro contract private house users could get six sixteen-candle power lights for \$5 a year, with \$2 added for fifteen years to pay the cost of equipment. "And you will not be pestered with meters," he said. "What you pay now depends on whether you are straight or crooked. The prices range from \$8 to \$40 a year. You pay according to what they judge you can stand, and they generally judge that you can stand a great deal." Although the company agreed to furnish the city with power in preference to the street railway or other companies, it is now generating within six per cent. of its capacity. "The power will never be given at the price promised," he declared, "because they will say that they are not able to generate it."

The Government, he said, was now seriously considering enlarging the canal and it was provided in the agreement with the company that as soon as the water it was using began to interfere with navigation it must look elsewhere for power.

After assuring the audience that he and the Mayor were the best of friends, and that he felt justified in criticising him on a public question because he was

a public man, Mr. Stewart took another jab at His Worship. He said that Mayor McLaren stated that he spent four months last year helping to prepare an agreement that would ensure a first-class railway and not cost the city a cent. He reiterated the statement that this would have cost nearly \$300,000. "And then he writes a letter asking you to submit to it and tells you he is a Hydro man. I say he is about the most cunning politician I have met in a long time. He is so cunning and so sly that last year, when he ran, he got them all, the whiskey element, the temperance element, he got the soldiers, the Cataract and the Hydro with him, and now he wants you to believe that while he is Hydro the Cataract has made such a fine offer he must drop the Hydro."

Reference was made to the old lighting contract and the clause about advances in electrical arts. "MacKlean must have drawn it," he said. He challenged any man to contradict the statement he had made, and referred to the offer of the Cataract as a low, contemptible act. After paying his respects to the Times and Herald, he asked the people not to believe what the newspapers said. "This letter of McLaren's, or the Mayor's," he said, "tells you that if the dealings with the Cataract are not satisfactory in the next five years it will be the duty of every honest citizen to turn out and vote it down." He declared that why he said the Mayor had not been honest was that he intended in his letter that the municipality would incur a very big debt, while it only paid its proportion. It was now or never, he said, if the people wanted opposition power.

Allan Studholme, member for East Hamilton, went after the Cataract and the newspapers hammer and tongs. "I don't know of a man who can come and say on oath," he remarked, "that the Cataract ever kept an agreement or contract with the city. If there is such a man I would like to find him. This company stands condemned not only by the citizens of Hamilton, but by every respectable man and woman in the Dominion of Canada."

Mr. Studholme declared he would not have the Cataract power if they gave it to the city, because the company could not be trusted. Nearly half the audience bolted for the door when Ald. A. J. Wright got up to speak. He begged them to wait a minute. He was convinced the Cataract contract was a hundred per cent. better than the one that was railroaded through last year, but said his stand on the matter was misrepresented in the papers, and he was still in favor of Hydro power.

Ald. Ellis also spoke, and declared he was still a Hydro man.

## AT ST. GILES.

Miss Goforth Spoke of the Work in China.

The members and adherents of St. Giles' Presbyterian Church turned out in large numbers last night to hear Miss Goforth, a missionary of Honan, China, deliver an illustrated address on the missionary work in that country. She dealt with the progress of the work within the past few years and spoke of the advances in the section in which she labored, and also told of the customs of the people. The opium habit which has held sway for so long in the Chinese Empire rapidly being done away with, and the changes that had already resulted from that alone. The picture of the binding association was shown, where the programme was carried out by the girls' schools in the same section. 80 girls are receiving instruction. Miss Goforth briefly outlined the course they receive. The change that has taken place in the army since Christianity has taken a hold was spoken of, and the difference between the army of earlier times and the present shown. She quoted one instance where out of 25 native physicians, 23 were Christians and had been trained in the mission hospital. A number of the important buildings in China were also shown.

## NO PLAN YET.

Sir Robert Perks and the Georgian Bay Canal.

Ottawa, June 1.—It is understood that the Government's reply to the offer of Sir Robert Perks on behalf of the Georgian Bay Canal Company, to build the canal in return for a Government guarantee of bond issue, with Government control of rates and option of taking the canal at cost at any time, will be that for the next year, the rate, the country will be committed to no further large obligations. There will consequently be no further developments in the project until another session of Parliament. As has been previously stated by a correspondent, it is likely that before any action is taken, with regard to the Georgian Bay Canal scheme, a complete and exhaustive report will be obtained with regard to the cost and potentialities of a deepened Welland Canal and an improved St. Lawrence River route to Montreal.

## BLACK RECORD.

Over Three Thousand Lynchings in a Quarter of a Century.

New York, June 1.—That 3,284 men, women and children have been lynched in this country in the last quarter of a century, was the assertion of Mrs. Ida Wells Barnett at the National Negro conference in this city to-day. Asking why this was permitted by a Christian nation, Mrs. Barnett quoted John Temple Graves as saying that the mob stands as the most potential bulwark between the women of the south and such a carnival of crime as would precipitate the annihilation of the negro race. All know that this is untrue, Mrs. Barnett said.

"The lynching record," she added, "discloses the hypocrisy of the lynchers." Describing the riots at Springfield, Ill., Mrs. Barnett said it was all because a white woman said that a negro man had assaulted her. Later, Mrs. Barnett said, the woman published a retraction, but the lynched victims were dead.

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## BOARD ONLY TO APPOINT.

Scavengers Must Get Their Authority From Board of Health.

Trouble Over Private Sewers Again Under Consideration.

Board of Works Criticised For an Account Sent In.

At the meeting of the Board of Health, which took place last evening in the committee room in the City Hall, several matters of interest and importance were taken up. Thomas Crooks presided. The first matter considered was whether or not the appointing of scavengers should be taken out of the hands of the Medical Health Officer and turned over to the Board. At the time this resolution was passed it was a difficult matter to secure terms and wages and the power to appoint scavengers was put in the hands of the Medical Health Officer, so that a meeting would not have to be called every time it was necessary to appoint a new man. As teams and wagons are much easier to secure and the Board was decided to rescind the resolution passed a year ago, thereby leaving the appointments in the hands of the Board only.

F. C. Fearman appeared before the Board to ask for an extension of time on notices he had received requiring him to abolish outdoor conveniences on five houses, and connect them with the sewer. He said that he had made many improvements this year in the houses referred to, and if he had to make further outlays the income would not suffice to pay for them. He had never heard of any similar case in the past, and he could not afford to make the change and he asked for an extension of time.

Ex-Ald. Farrar contended that nuisances of this kind should be done away with. He said that if disease was to break out the Board would be held responsible and he, for one, did not intend to accept any such responsibility.

Dr. Roberts was of the same opinion. "When people ask for one month they generally wait six," he said.

It was finally decided to let the matter stand, and if any complaints are made both Mr. Freeman and Mr. Mead will have to come with a check book. Private sewers have caused the board much trouble in the past, and this subject came in for considerable discussion last night. On some of the streets where sewers have not yet been laid by the city residents have gone to the expense of laying private sewers. When the city is willing to lay sewers on each street to serve those who are without the convenience those who have already paid to install private sewers refuse to pay for those laid by the city. A committee consisting of Frank Quinn, Charles Peebles and ex-Ald. Farrar was appointed to look into the matter and report on what can be done.

Dr. Roberts reported that considerable nuisance has been caused by people going to the city dump and removing things therefrom. Raggpickers make a living, he said, by picking up stuff there and selling it. He did not think it should be allowed, and recommended that steps be taken to put a stop to it. It was moved by Frank Quinn and seconded by Charles Peebles that the board ask the City Council to pass a by-law to the effect that garbage once put on the dump must not be removed. The resolution was adopted.

Inspector McDonald was instructed to burn the smallpox shacks this morning. The old question of compelling citizens to provide covers for their ash and garbage barrels was again brought up, and a resolution will be sent to the Finance Committee recommending it to enforce this requirement.

Some spirited opinions were given over an account which was sent in by the Board of Works. Six signs had been constructed to be placed near dumps, warning people not to use them to dump their refuse on, and the bill for the signs—which amounted to \$6—was sent to the Board of Health. Ex-Ald. Farrar contended that it was a clear case of extortion and out of all reason that such a price should be charged. The rest of the members were of the same opinion, and a resolution was passed that the account be sent back to the Board of Works.

Frank Quinn was appointed to occupy the chair for the next month, as Chairman Crooks will be out of the city.

Out His Threat. Lanark, June 1.—James McKay, a Drysdale, committed suicide by cutting his throat from ear to ear with a razor, at Drysdale's Mills, last night, in a field adjoining his boarding house.

The coming man knows that in order to arrive he must make a go of it.

## WILL DISCUSS RATES.

Council of the Order of Chosen Friends.

Toronto, June 2.—The Executive Committee of the Canadian Order of Chosen Friends held three sessions at the Palmer House yesterday, going over and preparing the reports to be submitted to the General Council, which opens its session in the Temple building to-day. A large number of disability claims were also handled.

The meeting of the General Council commenced at 10 o'clock this morning. The most important item considered was the rates to be charged. The election of officers will commence in the evening. It is probable that Mr. Alexander Morris, the newly-appointed Sheriff of Renfrew county, will be elected by acclamation to fill the position of Grand Councilor, at present occupied by Mr. E. T. Essery, K. C. of London. Mr. Essery presided at the meeting of the Executive Committee yesterday.

## WRIGHT'S CASE.

Clair Montrose and the Methodist Conference.

Attempt to Upset Brantford's Deal With Cataract.

(Special Despatch to the Times.) Brantford, June 2.—Clair Montrose Wright, the young divinity student who figured conspicuously in the Kinrade case, arrived here to-day to attend the Conference of the Hamilton Methodist District. Mr. Wright is a probationer of the Hamilton Conference, being connected with Brantford District, which he left one year ago to attend Victoria College at Toronto. Under the rules probationers must be passed by their districts from year to year. At the annual meeting of the Brantford District recently, Mr. Wright was not passed, and before he can appear before the Conference the proper standing of his case must be considered. A special meeting has been called for to-morrow, when action will be taken. What the outcome will be is not known, as all who have any knowledge of the facts of the situation refuse to discuss it. Mr. Wright arrived to-day, and is the guest of Mr. F. J. Calbeck, Brant avenue.

## TO UPSET BY-LAW.

A move has been made to upset the power by-law and agreement recently made by the city with the Cataract Company. W. A. Hollinrake, acting for Dennis Hogan, a local Conservative worker, yesterday issued a notice giving notice of action to upset the by-law. The notice is being said by those behind the move, but corrupt practices when the Hydro-Electric by-law was voted on, are hinted as some of the grounds on which the action is based. Owing to absence from the city of Mr. A. T. Dunlop, local manager of the company, the writ was not served yesterday. The action is slated for the Fall Assizes. The Hydro-Electric by-law in January last to raise \$20,000 was defeated by a majority of 362.

REQUIRE PETITION. Following the plan to prosecute a general strike in Brant county and Brantford for local option next January, an influential deputation waited upon the Burford Township Council yesterday asking that the Council submit a by-law to the ratepayers. By a vote of 3-2 the Council declined to do so, and unless the petition is signed, local option in Burford will fall through.

TORONTO ARCHITECTS. Messrs. Chapman & McGiffin, a Toronto firm, has been chosen by the Collegiate Board as the architects for the new building to be erected here.

The 25th Brant Dragoons went to Paris for a ten-days' camp yesterday.

Mr. Byron E. Walker has written the local Parks Board advising that the land adjacent to the Bell memorial monument be immediately purchased, so as to enhance the beauty of the site.

A slim attendance was present at the Board of Trade meeting last night to hear Ald. Montgomery on the hospital question.

## The Succession Duties.

Toronto, June 2.—Present indications are that the provincial receipts from succession duties this year will be largely in excess of the Treasurer's estimate. Yesterday Hon. A. J. Matheson announced that the receipts for the month of May amounted to \$34,106.85, bringing the total received during the five months to \$379,927. This total is within \$20,000 of the provincial estimates for the whole year of ten months, which was shortened from twelve months by reason of change in the Ontario fiscal year.

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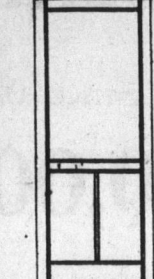
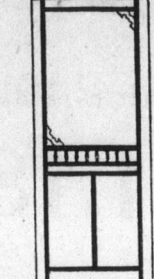
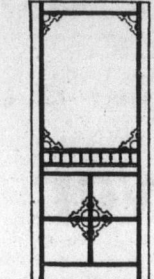
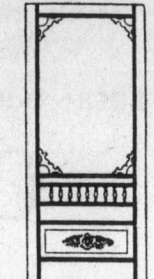
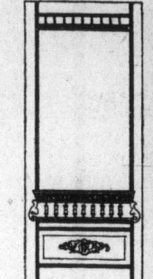
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### EIGHT DAYS IN ICE.

#### Steamer Admiral Borensen in Grave Peril in Atlantic.

Halifax, June 1.—Capt. Winsnes, of the steamer Admiral Borensen, which has arrived at North Sydney from Newfoundland, relates a story of hardship and danger while his ship was imprisoned in the ice fields on the Newfoundland coast, which was the worst ever experienced in his career of seafaring life.

The steamer left Cardiff, Wales, on May 11, chartered by the Nova Scotia Steel Company, to load iron ore at Wabana for Rotterdam. When nearing Newfoundland, and almost in sight of her destination, the Admiral Borensen encountered immense fields of ice. An attempt was made to force the steamer through, but it proved futile, and instead the steamer found herself surrounded by immense fields of drift ice floes, some of which reached to a towering height. In this condition the ship remained for eight days, imprisoned, and the crashing of the ice against the steamer was a constant source of danger. On May 24 a big gale, which proved so disastrous elsewhere, struck the steamer. A heavy swell arose with a heavy wind, and the plunging of the steamer through ice floes made Captain Winsnes realize the danger of the situation. Nothing but destruction seemed to be the end for steamer and crew.

Hastily the boats were made ready and provisioned, each man was provided with a life-belt, and all awaited the crash which they momentarily expected. The wind veered somewhat and the steamer was carried further along the coast towards Ferryland. The gale then subsided, and next day another attempt was made to get the imprisoned steamer out of the ice fields. While off this point another easterly gale sprang up and the ship was again in peril on account of her close proximity to the rock-bound coast.

The schooner Carlin was in the harbor nearby, and Captain Ernest Young, who saw the dangerous position of the steamer, made his way out and offered Capt. Winsnes to pilot his ship out of the dangerous locality. The offer was gladly accepted, and Capt. Young piloted the Borensen out of the ice fields.

### 300 DOLLARS.

#### Price of a Position on the Montreal Police Force.

Montreal, June 1.—At the Royal Commission's meetings to-day some new evidence regarding grafting in the police force was given. A man named Calve swore that Ald. Proulx had demanded \$300 to push his application for a position on the police force. Calve swore that he told Ald. Proulx that was too much, and the latter said: "Well, a little to one fellow and a little to another, in the end there wouldn't be much left for me."

Mr. Calve told the Commission that some six years ago he was an applicant for a position on the force. He saw Chief Campeau, filled the necessary forms, and passed the examinations. Then he asked the Chief when his duties were to begin.

"You had better get some alderman to help you along," counselled the Chief, according to the witness. He then went to see Ald. Proulx. Ald. Proulx told him that there would be \$300 to pay—much for this man, so much for that man, and a little over for others.

"I would not give you five cents for a job on the force," the witness declared he replied. He is not a policeman to-day.

The greater part of the day was occupied in the examination of Chief Campeau, mainly in regard to functions of the inspectors as to complaints made.

### THOUGHT IT WAS SUICIDE.

A prominent merchant was discovered a few days ago brandishing his razor at midnight. His wife called for assistance, but found her hubby was only pining his corns. Far better not to risk blood poisoning—use Putnam's.

The Government is considering a new plan of dealing with drainage cases.

### FIERCE FIGHT.

#### Vancouver Policeman Knocked Out With Heavy Club.

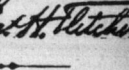
Vancouver, June 1.—A fight is on between the city and Theodore Ludgate for the possession of Deadman's Island coal harbor. Ludgate claims a lease from the Dominion Government. The city claims the island as part of Stanley Park.

The Island Dock & Warehouse Co., on the strength of the Ludgate lease, began cutting timber on the island. At 8 o'clock this morning Chief of Police Chamberlain, Acting Mayor Prescott, Park Commissioner Bell, Irwin, and sixteen policemen appeared on the island and arrested E. L. Kinman, Managing Director of the island company, on a charge of feloniously destroying trees and shrubbery in a public park. This is an indictable offence. At the Police Court Kinman was allowed out on bail of \$1,000.

This afternoon Kinman, accompanied by William Smart and F. L. Dartley, returned to the island. Their landing was opposed by Police Officer Kurney. Kinman assaulted the officer with a heavy club, knocking him unconscious. Officer Allen was also injured. Kinman and four men were arrested and lodged in the police station.

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Drowned in Ottawa River. Ottawa, June 1.—A young man named Mongenais, of Britannia street, Hull, met death by drowning in the Ottawa River about noon to-day. With a companion he was out in a small boat above the Interprovincial bridge, on the Hull side of the river, catching driftwood. In stooping to reach a piece floating by he lost his balance and fell into the water.