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# NEW DEPARTURE AT THE CITY HALL

### Commissioners Propose to Classify the Work into Departments, Place Superintendents as Departmental Heads in Order to Fix Responsibility, and Give the Public Complete Reports through Press.

One of the most important moves ever made "from the inside, out" in the city hall, has been undertaken by the commissioners and was laid before the council last night in the form of a report.

Comprehensive Departmentalization, briefly stated, contemplates dividing all the city activities and enterprises into departments, placing a superintendent at the head of each of these departments so as to thereby fix the responsibility, separating the bookkeeping from each municipal enterprise so that regular monthly reports might be made to the council and through the press to the public, and to generally take the detail work out of the hands of the commissioners and council and place it in the departments where it belongs.

Outcomes of Recent Election. The proposition is not altogether new as this was one of the most agitated questions in the recent municipal election campaign, when pretty nearly every candidate promised the departmentalization of the city's affairs and fuller publicity. The lines of the agitation of the public are the lines which the commissioners are now following.

Report Laid Over for Consideration. The report was read last night and laid on the table for a week so that the council could have an opportunity to study its probable workings before passing upon it.

The Report. In this, the growing time of our city, when its resources are being taxed to the utmost to provide the demands laid upon them, heavy expenditure is a natural consequence, but that expenditure should be so safeguarded that the greatest results may be attained, all wastes and leaks stopped, and unprofitable outlays avoided. To serve this end your commissioners are of opinion that reasonably liberal salaries be paid to competent and efficient employees who will

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## TWO COMPANIES SEEK FRANCHISE

### International Gas Company of Cleveland and the Northwestern Gas Oil Company of Edmonton Both Seek to Supply City with Domestic Gas--Council hears Proposition.

Two gas companies were before the council last night with applications for gas franchises.

The International Gas Co. of Cleveland made their formal application. They offer to furnish gas at \$1.83 a thousand feet, with reductions at 10, 15 and 20 per cent. for 2,500, 5,000 and 10,000 feet respectively. They promise to lay nine miles of pipe as soon as it can be got down and guarantee to spend \$150,000. They do not ask for any site, bonus, exemption of favors of any kind, and they do not ask for a special franchise.

The Northwestern Gas and Oil Co. are already known in Edmonton. They are the company which undertook to drill the well on the Jasper extension for natural gas. They had a nice franchise but it was not to run out, as they failed to operate for a period of six months. The company spent a lot of money and found gas in limited quantities, but never sufficient for a commercial supply. They ask for a renewal of their franchise and promise to commence drilling again as soon as weather permits. The franchise they held was exclusive and they ask for a renewal of the exclusive feature, which, of course, would shut out the International.

The whole question was laid over for a week. It will come up next Tuesday evening, along with a petition from some East and householders who complain that the gas well is a nuisance and that therefore the franchise should not be renewed.

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## MORALITY AND LOYALTY OF MORMONS VINDICATED

### Mackenzie, of Macleod, Brings Kilpatrick-Oliver Controversy Before House on Question of Privilege--Statements Branded as Libelous and Reflection on Whole People of Alberta--No Polygamy Taught or Practised.

"The fundamental text book of Mormonism is King James' version of the Bible," said John Woolf, M.P.P. for Cardston.

"Never more than 5 per cent. of the Mormons in Utah practiced polygamy over in its published days, and none since 1898," John Woolf, M.P.P. for Cardston.

"If the people of Alberta were as strongly temperate as the district of Cardston, local option would be a thing of the past," Mr. Mackenzie, M.P.P. for Macleod.

"For fourteen years I have known the Mormons of Alberta, and they are as temperate as the district of Cardston, local option would be a thing of the past," Mr. Mackenzie, M.P.P. for Macleod.

"The statements of Prof. Kilpatrick of Toronto, and Rev. Dr. Sommerville, treasurer of the Presbyterian church in Canada, charging the Mormons of Alberta with immorality and disloyalty despite their industry and intelligence, received an emphatic and unequivocal denial yesterday afternoon in the legislature. The consensus of opinion among the members was that the two eminent divines, who have circulated and given utterance to such a libel on these fellow citizens were uneducated and wholly unacquainted with social and religious life of the Mormon settlers. The warmest praise was accorded the minister of the interior for his bold and manly stand on the floor of the Canadian parliament.

The question was brought up in the legislature yesterday afternoon by Mr. Mackenzie, the member for Macleod, and aroused the utmost feeling and indignation of the entire assembly. None of the members were more emphatic and indignant than the leader of the opposition. The number for Cardston in the debate was received with great applause.

The Member for Macleod, Mr. Mackenzie said before the orders of the day were called he desired to make a statement in reply to certain accusations made by doctors of divinity in Toronto against the Mormon population of Alberta. The doctors accused the Mormons of committing crimes and teaching doctrines contrary to the morals and the law of the land.

The legislature of Alberta was unique as it was the only legislative body in Canada with a Mormon as the people's representative. The statements of these doctors of divinity were a reflection upon the whole people of this province and he held in the educational institutions of the land. The eminent doctor no doubt rushed into print smearing under the robe of the minister of the interior, and like a petulant school boy describe the honorable minister's words of the globe was not in harmony with the breadth and dignity of the position he held in the educational institutions of the land.

In his letter he stated that many of the Mormons were his personal friends. "I would hate to make such statements against my personal friends," said the member for Macleod.

Dr. Kilpatrick had described two dangers in his letter. He had said there was a danger morally because the Mormons taught polygamy in their text books and preached it in their pulpits. There was a danger politically because they always voted in a unit.

Fourteen years' Experience. In reply to these charges the member for Macleod stated that for fourteen years he had known the Mormons intimately, had associated with them in their social gatherings, in their homes and in their houses of worship, and he had never heard a Mormon advocate or teach polygamy. It was neither taught nor practised.

"Voting in a Unit" Disproved. As to voting in a unit, the member

matter should be dealt with in the House, and that the East should hear the West. He agreed most heartily with all that had been said by the member for Macleod. The question of vote-catching had no weight with him. He had but a few Mormons in the High River district.

Mormonism a Good Theology. He could speak from knowledge and conviction in favor of the Mormons. On the other side of the line he had seen a great many Mormons. It had been his privilege to study Mormonism as a system of theology, and he could find nothing objectionable. Mormonism would stand a realistic and any system of theology on the continent.

Tolerant and Thrifty. The Mormons were tolerant and never condemned any other sect or religion. The members of the legislature had the privilege last summer of visiting the Mormon country and had been a revelation to see the beautiful towns, fields of grain and the evidences of order and thrift. "When I saw this," said the member for High River, "I came to the conclusion that they were a most desirable class of settlers."

The Cry of Bigotry. This charge and accusation came from the east and from the heart of bigotry, and was characteristic of the narrow methods by which the west was being continually misrepresented by the east.

Mr. Simmons, member for Lethbridge, said there could be no discussion of the opinions expressed by the two previous members because they were true. The Mormons were able to take care of themselves. The charge was a reflection on the whole people of Alberta, who had so many dealings and relationships with the Mormons. They were continually associated in business and society with these people and no complaint was heard from any of them. The Mormons were members of agricultural societies and intimately associated in many ways with the people of Alberta, and they were upon social, civil and criminal justice to make such charges.

Mormons Temperate. He had no doubt the revered gentleman who had so bitterly assailed the Mormons was a temperance man. The people of the High River district in the province to adopt local option.

The Attorney General, who referred the

charges with a good deal of warmth and indignation has ever been laid against the Mormons in Alberta," said the speaker. If the charge would be made and information laid his department would attend to it. He also referred to the strong temperance sentiment in the Mormon district, which was the only one in the province that had carried local option. If the people of the province were as much in favor of local option and carried it out like the Cardston district it would be an inestimable boon for temperance reform.

Mr. Moore. The member for Red Deer in his usual eloquent manner declared the question had a wider sweep than its application to the Mormons of Alberta. The fundamental principle of the civil and religious toleration that must exist in this province and every part of Canada. Dr. Kilpatrick should be sure of his facts. This was a debate in the interests of truth, and the old maxim, "Speak of a man as you find him," should have free course. By this standard the Mormons were a true and noble race. It had been stated that these people were a menace to the morals and political integrity of the province, and that was not a vestige of truth in such a statement. Dealing with Dr. Kilpatrick's reply to the member for Red Deer, the speaker said it was unworthy to impute the motives of vote-catching. The outward manifestation and known facts were the only touchstone of our opinions of a people who were true, amiable and generous and who constituted an objection of good citizenship to the rest of the province of Alberta. The accuser had quoted proverbs. He would like to quote also: "Tell the truth and shame the devil." In closing, the member for Red Deer said that he stood "Nothing extenuate nor ought set down in malice," and commended to the consideration of the Toronto divines Lincoln's noble dictum: "With malice towards none, and charity towards all."

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# Terrible Holocaust At Hochelaga School

### Seventeen Little Children Suffocated at the Windows of the Kindergarten While Firemen Vainly Try to Reach and Rescue Them--Miss Maxwell a Heroine Whose Name Will Live in Canadian History--School Was a Death Trap For Which Authorities Were Responsible--Terrible Scenes at the Fire--Women try to Tear Victims From Firemen's Arms.

Special to the Bulletin.

Montreal, Feb. 27--A total death list of seventeen is the tragic result of the holocaust which swept the Hochelaga Protestant school in the east end of the city this afternoon. The sombre nature of the catastrophe was relieved of part of its sadness by an exhibition of rare heroism on the part of the principal, Miss Maxwell, who lost her own life while trying to save her charges.

The pitiful feature of the disaster is that the whole loss of life appears to have been due to neglect of the most elementary precautions on the part of the authorities who are supposed to see after the safety as well as the education of their young charges.

The outstanding feature of the terrible affair is the dauntless heroism of the lady teachers of the school, who, in the face of apparent official neglect, proved themselves willing to risk their lives in the effort to save those of their pupils, and not merely willing, but ready, for one of them, Miss Maxwell, deliberately went to her death rather than risk losing one of her pupils. No more brilliant instance of self-sacrificing bravery has been recorded in the annals of this city. Here was a building with a hundred and fifty young children in it under the charge of four lady teachers, suddenly confronted with an appalling calamity in a sudden outbreak of fire. The evidence does not show that one of them for a moment shirked her duty or lost her self-possession.

Fire Drill Might Have Saved Them. Although the children were not properly trained in fire drill, which might possibly have saved them all, the teachers undertook to get them all out of the building with as little alarm as possible, and when the alarm was given calmly told their classes to put on their coats and go home. But the fire spread with such rapidity that almost half the children, and the youngest ones at that, were shut off in the upper story with no chance of escape.

Smoke Shut Off Stairways. The smoke prevented their going down stairs and no other method of escape was possible. It was then that the two principal teachers, Misses Maxwell and

Keyes, proved themselves worthy to be ranked amongst the heroines of Canadian literature. Without a thought of themselves they sought the most dangerous place and prepared the children to help escape. The children were of imminent and awful death they worked loyally to save the children, but the help came too late.

All Happened in a Few Minutes. Although within a few minutes of the outbreak, neighboring workmen had a ladder at one of the upper windows and rescued a score or more, and a few minutes later the firemen had arrived and saved fully forty more, sixteen of the little ones were suffocated, and their principal fell a victim with them, while Miss Keyes was only taken out of the building with her clothes on fire and in a fainting condition.

Miss Maxwell a Heroine. It would have been easy for Miss Maxwell to have saved herself, but with the flames fast closing in, she refused the call of the firemen, and once more braved the burning room to search for the others she knew were in peril. She did not get them out, but died with them.

The school, a brick structure, three stories in height, was situated on Prefontaine street, north of St. Catharines street, Hochelaga ward, in the east end of the city.

Fire Started in Basement. The fire broke out about 1.45 in the basement, having evidently originated from an overheated furnace. The building was loaded by iron, and the big pipes served as flues to carry the smoke and flames all over the building, so that within five minutes of the first alarm it was completely enveloped.

Was Smoke That Proved Fatal. It was the smoke that proved so fatal. Few of the children were burned at all and subsequent examination showed that even these few had died of suffocation before the flames reached them.

Terrible Scenes at Morgue. Scenes of deep pathos were witnessed both at the fire and at the morgue, as parents recognized the blackened remains of their children. In one case a father, Mr. Andrew Sprague, lost two baby daughters, one of whom was in the kindergarten, where she had gone for the first time to visit her sister. It was in the kindergarten that the most dreadful fatality occurred, almost all

the dead ranging from four to eight years old.

List of the Dead. Miss Sarah Maxwell, school principal, 471a St. Urban street; Wm. John Zimmerman, aged 7, 411 Aylwin street; J. Wilkinson Lindsay, aged 5, 119 Aylwin street; Edith Colson, aged 8 years and 6 months, 311 Stadacona street; Albert Edward Jackson, aged 6, 28 Wurtel street; Lillian Rigg, aged 5, 25 Marlborough street; Myrtle Sprague, aged 5, 346 St. Catherine street; Edna Davey, aged 5 1/2 years, 14 Marlborough street; James McPherson, aged 7, of 323 Prefontaine street; Annie Jackson, aged 9, Cavellier street; Cecilia Forbes, aged 5, daughter of Thos. Forbes; John Lomas, aged 6, 111 Davidson st.; Palmer Frederick Anderson, aged 6 1/2 years, 94 St. Germain street; Gladys Hyington, aged 6, 374 Bonville street; Joseph Johnson, aged 7, 754 Chubbler street; Ethel Lambton, aged 5 1/2 years, 444 Norvaux street.

First Story of the Fire. Montreal, Feb. 26--A fire broke out this afternoon in the Protestant school, situated on Prefontaine street, and resulted in a great loss of life. The school at the time the fire broke out contained about 50 pupils, all of the younger class. As soon as the alarm was given there was a terrible panic among the children. The firemen were quickly on the scene and the work of rescue was immediately begun, but was greatly hampered by the burning ground, and had women's windows filled with frantic children.

When the firemen reached the place the windows were filled with frantic children. In a short time a large number were taken from the lower flats but the greatest loss was in the top story, which was used as a kindergarten.

Terrible Scenes. There were terrible scenes while the work of rescue was going on, and while the bodies of the little unfortunates, who were choked to death and smothered in the fumes were carried out. Frantic mothers rushed at the men carrying out the little corpses and tried to tear off the clothes in which they were wrapped in their terrible anxiety to find out whether the victims were perhaps their own darlings. But the firemen and constables and others, with almost brutal kindness kept them at bay, while the bodies were put into the morgue wagon, amidst the cries and lamentations of the frantic parents.