WAS VALEDICTORY DAY FOR 1909 CITY COUNCIL

Kind Words Spoken Regarding Ex-Mayor Oliver and Departing Colleagues.

The 1909 city council has ceased to be. The valedictories were spoken at yesterday's funereal session in the council chamber in the presence of a fair representation of citizens assembled for the last sad rites.

New aldermen who came to witness the solemn doings were: T. N. Phelan, Samuel McBride, J. A. McCausland, George Weston, J. T. V. May, and N. G. Heyd, and all radiated cheerfulness. Among the fallen, the only absentees were: H. G. Hocken, who is resting at Welland, J. H. McGhie, who is still confined to his home, and Mark Bredin.

Before the condolences were begun, council settled, so far as it could, the Chaires-street garage issue. N. F. Davidson, K.C., J. K. Macdonald, Rev. Dr. McNeil and R. L. Fraser headed a deputation of residents opposed and explained that the board of control had erred in supposing that the neighborhood viewed the garage as a desirable acquisition. The mayor explained that the council was debarred from doing other than urgent business at the final meeting, but it was agreed that the re-elected members of council would support a rescinding of the bylaw and the assurance given that the new council would so act.

Some Kind Words.

Mayor Oliver's chair was then taken by Ald. R. H. Graham, and Controller Ward then read a resolution appreciatory of the "wise and energetic administration," "kindly and courteous manner," and other favorable mention of one Joseph Oliver, whom he described as one of the best business mayors the city had ever had. He also spoke of the able work of the late Controllers Hocken and Harrison, and the retiring aldermen.

Joseph Oliver, in reply, said he was satisfied no previous mayor had received more loyal support from his colleagues and the press.

Dr. Harrison read a letter from Mr. Hocken, in which the latter said he had nothing but the kindliest feelings for all his former colleagues and apologized for anything he might have said in the heat of debate.

Dr. Harrison said he desired to leave no better monument to himself than the trunk sewer, filtration plant and civic baths, altho John Ross Robertson's paper had attacked him on these grounds. He did not blame The Telegram for its attacks, as he had no reason to expect its support after differing wiht it on the National Iron Works transaction.

Ex-Aldermen Reply.

The departing aldermen then spoke briefly. Ald. Adams derived satisfaction from the fact that he had been an alderman during the four years of Toronto's great growth, and J. J. Graham consoled himself with the reflection that he had been previously elected for sixteen years and that the new men in his ward would give efficient service.

"Might I put it in this way, that the electors put up a job on me?" asked A. J. Keeler, facetiously. He was more serious when he added that members should have the courage to stick up for what they believed to be right.

"It will be a sorry day when they have to go down to a newspaper office and ask how they should vote before they record their vote," he remarked.

Andrew McMillin said he had conscientiously tried to do his duty, and R. C. Vaughan told the story of how for 30 years before he entered council he had been present at the door as a blue-coated guardian. He imparted the information that he would run next year.

Then they shook hands all round and the meeting was over. The members who are leaving will receive the customary engrossed resolutions of appreciation.

No Fresh Vote?

City Clerk Littlejohn, while admitting that the statute requires a majority of the qualified voters to declare for a return to the ward system of electing school trustees, thinks that the law will not take cognizance of a mistake in the wording. He points out that it would cost nearly $5000 to take another vote during the year, and that the vote would probably be very light.

W. D. McPherson, M.L.A., gives the opinion that the vote as it stands is sufficient warranty for a return to the ward system, and explains why with his best legal profundity.

Frank E. Hodgins, solicitor for the board of education, believes, however, that unless the city clerk can certify that a majority of those qualified voted for the change, the statute doesn't work automatically to provide the change. He holds that the statute will have to be altered to make the vote effective and that it is for the Ontario government to say whether the vote was sufficient or not.

Fixing Tax Rate.

There appear to be strenuous times ahead in getting the tax rate reduced from 18 1-2 mills to 17 1-2 mills or less. Civic officials point out that the various services have to be maintained, and that the needs of the new districts add to the burden.

That the decision of the railway commission to the effect that bridges over railways must have a headway of 22 feet 6 inches, instead of 17 feet, as suggested will add greatly to the cost of construction, and will make it consequently more difficult to abolish level crossings is the opinion of City Engineer Rust.

Resignation of Dr. Robertson.

OTTAWA, Jan. 6.—Rumors of friction attend the resignation of Dr. J. W. Robertson as principal of Macdonald College at Ste Anne de Bellevue, Que. His service at this industrial institution has made Dr. Robertson's name a household word among agriculturists thruout Canada, but his views of administration, it is said, differed widely from those of Sir William Macdonald, founder and chief supporter of the college. Dr. Robertson will now pursue agricultural research work abroad.

Trade Good With Cuba.

ST. JOHN, N.B., Jan. 6.—In announcing an extra steamer sailing on Jan. 20, Wm. Thomson & Co. state that business between Canada and Cuba, thru this port, is increasing rapidly. Potato shippers, however, have netted some loss thru very keen competition.

Roy Sanderson, aged 17, who escaped from the Mimico Reformatory and was arrested at London for burglary, was sentenced there to one year.

BOOTDOM STAGGERED

TO-DAY (Friday) TO BE A THRILLING BARGAIN DAY in the Shoe Trade of Canada--DON'T MISS IT

THE WIND UP OF GOUGH'S BIG SALE

before Eaton's take possession of their store—an unparalleled chance that jobbers and other dealers will not and the wearer should not let go by—We will start the ball rolling at 8.30 a.m., when for two hours only (if they last that long), we will sell Five Hundred Pairs of high-grade Men's 4.00 to 5.50 Oxford Shoes, Plymouth and other high-grade makes, for 1.89

Don't miss this opportunity to put in your spring and summer supply of the best make of Shoes in the market. Remember, it is almost one-third our selling and nearly half the cost price of those shoes to us, and you will never get another chance like it. Be wise—get here early; don't wait too long and miss it. We have laid out our entire stock of Men's, Boys', and Children's Fine Shoes, in all makes and styles, on tables; also all our Overshoes, Rubbers, and Shoe Polish, etc., which we will offer Friday at bargains that will stagger your belief. Here they are; good for all day to-morrow (Friday) only. Again we say, be wise and don't miss them. It's our last call; your greatest chance.

Men's $6.00 to $8.00 Shoes, for $3.50

Burt and Packard's Korrect Shape Burrojap Shoes in all leathers. The only shoe on the market guaranteed by the manufacturers not to crack through before first sole is worn through. Here are a few, about six hundred pairs, of Patent Burrojap Guaranteed Shoes, in all the latest fall shapes, single and double soles, Cuban, military, and flange heels; narrow, medium, swing, and wide toes. These shoes run from A to E in width, also a few of the famous square toe No. 7 still to be had. Regular $6 to $8. Sale 3.50

About seven hundred pairs Burt and Packard's Box Calf, Velours Calf, and Vici Kid, single and double soles, all shapes, sizes, and widths; just as many varieties to choose from as in the patents; beautiful shoes for fall and winter wear. A few good tans among this lot. Regular $6 and $7. Sale 3.50

Men's $5 and $5.50 Shoes, Only $2.95

Plymouth Shoes for Men are as well known as Burt and Packard's. We have them in all leathers, heavy black calf, double soles, leather lined, bellows tongue, waterproof winter shoes. Come early for these; not over a hundred pairs left. Also a few heavy tans in this lot. To-morrow only 2.95

Men's $5.50 Plymouth Shoes for 2.95

About five hundred pairs Medium-Weight and Fine Plymouth Dress Shoes, in all leathers, black calfs, vici kid, gun-metal, patent colt, tan calf, and ox-blood, double and single soles. These are all new shapes for this winter, including the cuckoo and Blarney lasts. To-morrow only 2.95

Men's $4.00 and $4.50 Plymouth Shoes for $2.49

Not more than seven hundred pairs in this lot. Patent colt, gun-metal calfs, vici kid, tan calf, ox-blood, Blucher, and straight lace; double and single soles; a complete line of business and dress shoes. Regular $4 and $4.50. To-morrow only 2.49

Men's $3.50 and $4.00 Shoes for $1.95

Only about two hundred pairs, box calf, vici kid, and patent colt, double and single soles, broken sizes. Come and see if your size is here. To-morrow only 1.95

Men's Prospector Shoes at $2.49

Black and tan calf, ¾-length, viscolized waterproof soles and uppers. Regular $4.50. To-morrow only 2.49

Men's Prospector Shoes at $3.49

Tan viscolized waterproof calf, high lace, heavy soles. Regular $6. To-morrow only 3.49

Men's Prospector Shoes at $4.95

Tan and black viscolized calf, high lace and two buckles, thoroughly waterproof. Regular $8. To-morrow only 4.95

Men's Felt High-Cut Boots, only small and large sizes, heavy leather soles. Regular $3.50. To-morrow only 1.39

Men's Lacrosse Shoes, fast blue and black, 1st quality rubber, all sizes. Regular 85c. To-morrow only ..... .49

Men's Yachting and Tennis Oxfords and High Cuts, black and white, 1st quality rubber, all sizes. Regular $1.25 to $1.75. To-morrow only ..... .69

Men's Boots, 98c

Odds and ends, about 60 pairs, heavy and light box calf and kid. Regular $2.50 and $3. To-morrow only ..... .98

Men's Patent Colt Dancing Oxfords, fine quality, turned soles, plain toes. Regular $3. To-morrow only 1.25

Men's best quality Overshoes. Regular $2. To-morrow only ..... .98

Men's Dull and Bright-Finish 1st Quality Knee Rubber Boots. Regular $4.50. To-morrow only 2.95

Men's Rubbers, 69c

About fifty pairs 1st quality fine Rubbers, size 6 only. Regular $1. To-morrow only ..... .69

Boys' Lacrosse Shoes, first quality, all sizes. Regular 75c. To-morrow only ..... .39

Youths' Boots, box calf and dongola kid, good, heavy soles, for fall wear; all sizes. Regular $1.25 to $2. To-morrow only ..... .89

Youths' Hockey Shoes, 69c

Black grain, reinforced ankles. Regular $1.35. To-morrow only ..... .69

Boys' Rubbers, 45c

Pure rubber, good and strong heavy soles. Regular 85c. To-morrow only ..... .45

Boys' Long Arctic Socks, 10c

Wool tufted, knee length Socks, fine for sleigh-riding, etc. Regular 50c. To-morrow only ..... .10

Men's Rubber Heels, 13c

All sizes, pure rubber. Regular 35c. To-morrow only ..... .13

Solid Leather Suit Cases

Solid Leather Suit Cases, steel frames, brass locks. Regular $5 to $6. To-morrow only 3.49

Leatherette Suit Cases, large size, steel frame. Regular $4. To-morrow only 2.39

Shawl Strap, extra long wide straps, leather handles, strong buckles. Regular 85c. To-morrow only ..... .39

Shoe Polish, bottles and tins, combination, liquid and paste. Regular 10c. To-morrow only ..... 2 FOR .5

Parker's Eradicator, for extracting grease, oil, and paint from silks, satins, and woolens. Regular 25c size. To-morrow only 6

Misses' Boots in all leathers, black, tan, and patent. The pick of our stock, by best manufacturers. Regular $2.50 to $3.50. To-morrow only 1.39

Boys' Chocolate Turn Soles, Elastic Side, Romeo House Boots, regular $1.75. To-morrow only ..... .98

Boys' Black Opera Style Leather House Slippers, regular $1.50. To-morrow only, for ..... .69

GOUGH BROS. Two Entrances {6-8 Queen St. W.--186 Yonge St.

OFFICER AFFIRMS THAT BALLOTING WAS REGULAR

Allegations Contained in Commeford's Letter Denied by One—Other Refused to Talk.

"It is a lie," vehemently asserted Joseph C. Jennett, of 124 University-avenue, who acted as returning officer at Queen-street fire hall election day, when told of the letter forwarded to the council by J. W. Commeford, hinting at irregularities in the late civic election. Mr. Commeford wrote to the city council as follows:

"Gentlemen, my scrutineers, and one of the other aldermanic candidates in ward four have reported several irregularities to me which I think should be investigated by your body. The gentleman who acted as my agent in polling sub-division 14, in Phoebe-street school, reports that several Jewish electors, who intended to vote for me only and by open ballots, were informed by the returning officer that they must vote for three candidates, and that the name of one particular candidate was suggested. I am also informed that the same methods were used in another polling place in the same school.

"Mr. Sloan, one of the candidates, will also testify that in Queen-street fire hall, when the polls closed, the ballots were divided amongst all the agents and others present and counted in different parts of the room, where they were not under the observation of the deputy returning officer.

"These facts have moved me to ask for a recount, not in any hope of securing my own election with a handicap of 400 votes to overcome, but to bring the facts to the attention of the proper authorities, and I must respectfully insist that the city council have these charges investigated."

"As far as I am concerned," said Mr. Jennett, "his charges are groundless. Mr. Commeford says that Mr. Sloan will testify that the ballots were counted in different parts of the room. That is not so. They were all counted at one table, where I could see everything. We divided them and sorted them out. I counted all the ballots myself, and my clerk checked them off. Mr. Sloan was not in our room, anyway. He was in an outside room. I am going to call on Mr. Commeford in the morning and ask him to explain."

A. D. Jackson of 442 West Queen-street would neither affirm nor deny the charges affecting him as returning officer in polling sub-division No. 14. He said he had heard nothing about it. When it was explained to him he said he would say nothing until he saw the city clerk.

Smashed Church Windows.

CHATHAM, Jan. 6.—(Special.)—Geo. Clive, extradited from the U.S., and found guilty of breaking the windows in the Lindsay-road Methodist Church, was dismissed by Judge Dowling on suspended sentence.

Clive agreed to pay the $120 damages claimed by the church, and the costs of the case.

Broke Neck in Fire Station.

WINNIPEG, Jan. 6. — Timothy D'Arcy, 35, who came west with the harvest excursions last fall from Lucan, Ontario, while visiting a friend in No. 2 fire hall here, and attempting to get a better view of a picture on the wall, stepped into the opening where the firemen's sliding pole stands and fell to the main floor breaking his neck instantly.

COBALT ORE STEALING CASES SENT TO TRIAL

Dr. Wilkinson Charged With Illegally Purchasing Ore and Receiving Stolen Property.

All but one of the Cobalt ore cases have gone to a jury. Yesterday morning Magistrate Denison committed Dr. John Wilkinson, with Alex Littlejohn, George Barber, James Connelly, J. H. McGale, H. A. Van Winkle, Wm. Johensen, Nicholas Zofatz, John Lauder and Jacob Cohen for trial at the next sittings of the quarter sessions.

Wilkinson is charged with illegally purchasing ore and also with receiving stolen property, while the other eleven are charged with illegal sales. The defence as indicated by the stand of T. C. Robinette, K.C., will be that it was not ore but silver that was sold which may materially alter the face of the prosecutions.

In each case the evidence submitted was that of sales and the receipt of money shown by returned cheques of the Wilkinson firm. All of the men admitted that they had no proper authorization to sell or dispose of the ore under the provisions of the criminal code. In the case of McGale, the Cobalt hotelkeeper, Detective Guthrie, who arrested him, told that McGale had said that if he had wanted to go into the business he could have handled 5000 pounds of the ore every week. He told the detective that Wilkinson did not pay until he found out how much silver there was in the ore.

Cohen, the Jewish jeweler, denied selling ore and said that his cheques were for watchcases which he had had melted at Wilkinson's refinery.

Dymitreas Andras, arraigned under like charges, was the only one to go free. Against him the charges were withdrawn.

Wilkinson was committed upon one charge, and the other will be heard to-day. Bail was fixed in cash between $1000 and $2000 for each.

Rev. Father D. Rheaume, who was recently ordained at Ottawa, has been appointed to Gananoque parish by Archbishop Gauthier. Rev. Father O'Connor, another recently-ordained priest, has been appointed to Coushendall parish.

OBITUARY.

At St. Catharines—Richard Kimmitt of the customs staff, aged 68.

At Kingston, Ont.—Mrs. William Pillar, aged 83; for 63 years resident in a big stone residence on Princess-street.

At Washington—General Daniel H. Bucker, aged 98; the oldest retired officer of the United States army that ever lived.

At New York—Prof. Samuel S. Sanford, long the head of the music department of Yale University. He inherited a large fortune from his father, and devoted much of his time to travel and literary and artistic research.

20 CENTS A DAY FOR FIGHTING MEN.

NEW ORLEANS, Jan. 6.—General Estrada, leader of the revolutionary forces in Nicaragua, has adopted what is termed a "level rate" of payment on his soldiers. A general receives no more pay than a private. Twenty cents, gold, a day, it is stated, is the individual stipend, regardless of rank.

Efforts to secure an adjustment of the strike of switchmen on the railroads of the northwest have been abandoned.