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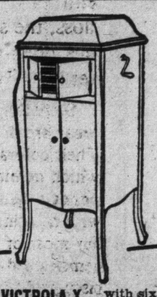

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YORK COUNTY —AND— SUBURBS

RAILWAY MATTERS THE CHIEF TOPIC

Candidates Address a Large Gathering in North Toronto.

CURSE TO PATRONAGE

Controller Cameron Says It Would Have No Place With Him.

It is many a long day since the old North Toronto town hall held a more keenly interested crowd of electors, or greater array of prospective aldermanic and mayoralty candidates than came together on Saturday night to air their old views or enunciate new ones. Considering the night the crowd was a wonder and if it was zero weather outside, there were times when the conditions were anything but chilly inside. Both the aspirants for the mayoralty were there, together with practically every candidate for the controllership and a lot of would-be aldermen, and R. L. Baker, the president, who was in the chair, saw that every man got a fair chance to unburden himself.

A feature of the meeting was the stormy passage between Ald. H. H. Ball and Controller Cameron, relative to the latter's failure to support Ald. Ball and his sub-committee in their efforts to improve and bring into effect more up-to-date methods in the assessment department of the city. Ald. Ball, one of the representatives from Ward Two, who has been re-elected by acclamation, in reviewing his career in council and expressing his appreciation for the honor, referred to the strong stand taken by Mayor Church in trying to bring about the purchase of the Metropolitan.

Incidentally, in passing, he dealt with Controller Cameron's charge that Mayor Church was not a business man and charged the former with side-tracking the assessment committee's report. This Controller Cameron denied, but Ald. Ball stood on the records of the meeting, and the incident, a lively one while it lasted, was closed.

Outrageous Price.

Every man who spoke was in absolute accord with the proposal to get the Metropolitan within the city limits, but the figures as submitted by the company, $1,850,000, were characterized as outrageous.

John O'Neill, who was given a rousing reception, said that the purchase of the Metropolitan would be attended with a great deal of trouble, and only men of known ability and unswerving devotion to the principle of public ownership ought to be chosen at the present time. The Toronto Street Railway management had done nothing to secure the goodwill of the citizens, and there was no other recourse but to take over the road at the expiration of the franchise in 1921.

Controller Shaw took exception to the report appearing in a section of the press charging him with favoring the repudiation of the agreement relative to the insurance on the lives of city soldiers. "Nothing of the kind," said the controller. "All I said was that it was a mistake in the first place, but that having entered into it the city should keep faith." The matter was one to be dealt with by the federal authorities.

Fred McBrien, an aspirant for aldermanic honors in Ward Three, based his claim for election on the ground that he had voted against the annexation of North Toronto, Leaside and Todmorden, and had introduced a motion for the reorganization of the waterworks system.

Public Ownership.

Ald. Maguire, who is running for controller, said that the city must be prepared to pay more for the Metropolitan than it was worth, but the whole thing had to be cleaned up. The street railway had to be taken over and now, if ever, was the time that men, known to be devoted to public ownership should be chosen to council and on the board of control.

George Ramsden said that he had appealed for support from the North Toronto platform on former occasions. He said the board of works, of which he was the chairman, had effected a great saving during the year and that he was absolutely free from any newspaper or clique of men and would not be controlled by any of them.

C. W. Mogridge, who is an aldermanic candidate in Ward Three, raked the outgoing council fore and aft and charged that there was great favoritism in the assessment of taxes, fully $10,000,000 being exempt. If he were given a seat at the council table all this would be done away with. He got a good reception.

Brought About Inquiry.

Donald MacGregor said that he had introduced a motion in the city council relative to the disfranchisement of aliens which was later sent on to Ottawa and resulted in the passage of the measure. He said he had been instrumental in getting an investigation into the extravagances of the board of education and a hearing would shortly start before Justice Lennox.

R. H. Cameron, candidate for the mayor's chair, who met with a good reception, said that it was a policy of conservation rather than expansion that the city needed at the present time. He charged that the city lacked a business head—and as the head, so would the subordinates be. He charged further that all contentious or big matters were deferred and that slip-shod methods prevailed at the city hall. He dealt at some length with the causes leading up to the street cleaners' strike and said that sinister influences were at work to remove the head of the department without a fair trial and that he would have given his life sooner than see it take place.

"The curse of patronage has fastened itself around the city hall," said the speaker, "but there is no set or clique of men that will ever influence or intimidate R. H. Cameron." He declared that there was not a shadow of doubt about his election on New Year's Day.

Mayor Makes Reply.

Mayor Church, who always gets a good reception from North Toronto people, confined himself almost entirely to a review of the Metropolitan situation, dealing with the legal aspects, but refused to be drawn into a general discussion of civic affairs. He briefly disposed of the charge that he was not a business man. "If I am not a business man I see to it that we have the best business heads available," said the mayor.

Ald. Archibald, who is one of the candidates for controller, spoke briefly but most effectively and struck a responsive chord with his audience. He paid a tribute to Ald. H. H. Ball as chairman of the assessment committee for his good work, and declared that the assessment department was so conservative and entrenched that it was hard to make progress. The methods employed by Mr. Forman were away behind the times, and if reforms could not be effected any other way there was nothing for it but the substitution of the present commissioner by another. "I have been a close student of civic matters, and my service in the legal and assessment departments ought to be of service to the city," he declared.

"Instead of disfranchising the aliens they ought to have been interned and made to work for the government," said Sam McBride. He said there was only one opinion about the taking over of the Toronto Street Railway and the Metropolitan, and that tried and true men ought to sit at the board of control. "I'll be there, no mistake about it," said the ex-alderman in conclusion.

WILD BEARS ROAMING THRU NORTH TORONTO

A Couple of Perfectly Good Christmas Presents Let Loose and Create Great Excitement.

There is great excitement around York Mills, up at the northern end of the City of Toronto.

A few days before Christmas one of the farmers who lives in that vicinity bought two bears—real live ones—that he could kill and give to his friends for a Christmas treat. The bears must have got wind of the affair, for they chewed the ropes with which they were tied, and got away.

Instead of doing what every regular well-trained and perfectly proper bear is supposed to do and getting into a hole for the winter, these two bears have been wandering around thru the bush in York Mills, and even have been seen in people's yards. Only a day or so ago a woman was walking along one of the streets in the vicinity and nearly threw a fit when she saw a big black bear coming toward her. She hastily summoned her husband, who took his trusty rusty rifle from the mantel and proceeded to look for Mr. Bear. By the time he had got to the street, however, the bear had gone.

People then thought the best thing they could do would be to appeal to the police. So a squad has been sent to the district to locate the two bears. At last report the bears still were being chased.

MISSION BOARD HAS SOCIAL GATHERING

Young People of Eglinton Methodist Church Have Pleasant Evening.

On Saturday night the house of Mrs. J. H. S. Kerr, Blythwood road, was the scene of a happy gathering of young people of Eglinton Methodist Church, when, the senior mission band, their parents and friends, were entertained by the leader, Mrs. Kerr.

The band is made up of about 40 young boys and girls in their "teens," Miss Doris Smith having the honor this year of being president. Her able assistants as officers are: Marjory Westman, Florence Withrow, Margaret McKendry, Dorothy Kerr, Frank Magee and Gordon Kerr.

The members supplied an interesting program, which consisted of choruses, readings and talks on the lives of missionaries: Livingston, Stanley, Moffatt, etc., being along the line of study for the year.

After the program the hostess added further to the charm of the evening by serving refreshments, thus bringing to a close an evening to be remembered.

SUCCESSFUL AT-HOME.

Earlscourt Templars Hold an Enjoyable Evening in Loblaw's Hall.

Under the auspices of the International Order of Good Templars, Hope of Earlscourt Lodge, a very successful at-home was held Saturday evening in Loblaw's Hall, Ascot avenue. Peter Anderson occupied the chair.

A feature of the evening was a violin selection by J. Dargie, and the following artists also contributed: Victoria Warring, Sister Lois Hart, W. McKee, A. Christie, Mrs. W. Caswell and Miss Jean Lumsden.

The chairman pointed out that over fifty per cent. of the male members of the branch were at present overseas.

Supper was served by the ladies' committee, and an enjoyable time was spent.

FIRE IN GARAGE.

Shortly before six o'clock yesterday morning, with the temperature 10 below zero, an outbreak of fire occurred in the basement of the St. Clair Garage, St. Clair Gardens, Earlscourt, owned by Dr. J. R. Gibson, and occupied by Wm. Wray. The cause was stated to be hot ashes. Owing to the prompt action of the Earlscourt fire department the flames were quickly subdued.

The damage is estimated at $25, and is covered by insurance.

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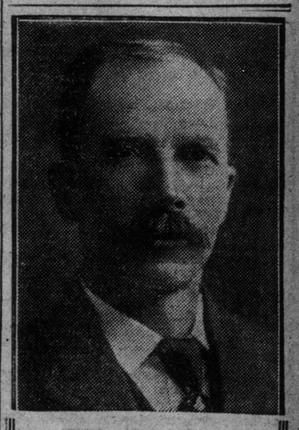

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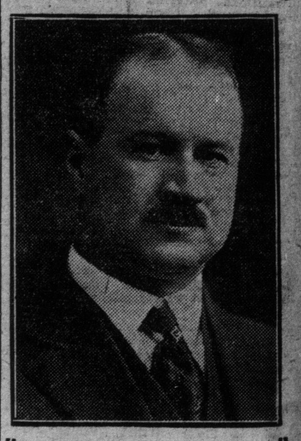

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SALE OF LANDS
For Arrears of Taxes.

Township of York, County of York, to wit:

Notice is hereby given that the list of lands now liable to be sold for arrears of taxes in the Township of York has been prepared and is being published in an advertisement in The Ontario Gazette upon the 29th day of December, 1917, and the 5th, 12th and 19th days of January, 1918. Copies of such list or advertisement may be had upon application to me. In default of payment of taxes, as shown on said list, on or before Thursday, the 11th day of April, 1918, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, I shall at the said time and at the Township of York Offices, 40 Jarvis Street, Toronto, proceed to sell by public auction the said lands or such portions thereof as shall be necessary to pay such arrears, together with the charges thereon.

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ONE OF STALWARTS OF YORK COUNTY

Funeral of Henry Duncan Brought Together Many of His Friends.

The funeral of the late Henry Duncan, ex-reeve of York Township, whose death took place at the family residence, Don, on Wednesday, was held on Saturday afternoon to Forest Lawn Mausoleum, York Mills. The extreme severity of the weather prevented a large attendance, but many old friends of the late Mr. Duncan were however present to render a last mark of respect to his memory. No man was more highly esteemed, and many remarks indicative of this were heard at the funeral ceremony on Saturday afternoon.

The services at the home and mausoleum were conducted by Rev. T. W. Pickett of Newtonbrook, Rev. Mr. Ramsay, minister of Bethesda Presbyterian Church, and Rev. Mr. Campbell of York Mills, all old friends of Mr. Duncan.

Some of those present were Reeve Thomas Griffith; Deputy-reeve Fred Miller, W. M. Graham, and C. McKay, representing the York Township Council; George S. Henry, M.L.A., W. A. Clarke, James White, Alex. Muirhead and many others.

The kindly reference made to his memory by W. A. Clarke, assessment commissioner of York Township, and a lifelong friend, was thoroly representative of the general attitude regarding the late Mr. Duncan.

"He was one of the stalwarts of York Township for many years," said W. A. Clarke, "a man everyone respected and whose word was as good as his bond."

USED GASOLINE.

As a Consequence Greek Now Finds Himself in Hospital.

Rogap Edris, a Greek, who has a shoeshine parlor at 2928 Dundas street, was attempting to start his fire Saturday morning with gasoline, the result being that the can exploded and Edris was burned about the hands and face and considerable damage done to the building. Edris was attended by Dr. D. W. Clendenan and later removed in Speers' ambulance to the Western Hospital.

Keele street brigade was summoned, and after some difficulty in securing water from the frozen hydrant, finally extinguished the blaze.

CANDIDATES SPEAK.

The Jewish school, Maria street, served two meetings to Ward Seven aldermanic candidates Saturday night. R. G. Agnew and P. M. Grant addressed a gathering of 30 people during the earlier part of the evening as compared with an audience of fully a hundred which later in the evening was addressed by Ald. Sam Ryding, William Maher and W. H. Weir.

Sam Cohen was chairman and was kept busy holding his brethren in partial silence as he interpreted for the candidates. Max Wellsman and D. Bennett assisted the chairman.

FAIRBANK DISTRICT FEELS COAL SHORTAGE

Soft Coal Has to Be Burned in St. Hilda's Church Furnace.

"The coal situation in the Fairbank district is serious at the present time, and something will have to be done by the authorities immediately to relieve the situation," said Rev. H. R. Young, pastor of St. Hilda's Anglican Church, Vaughan road.

"We were compelled to burn soft coal in the church furnace yesterday in order to keep the congregation from freezing during service, and my neighbor, Rev. J. A. Miller, minister of the Presbyterian Church across the road, held service in the small room owing to coal shortage.

"The women of the district are suffering in a double sense—anxiety about their loved ones overseas, and worry over securing sufficient coal to protect their children from the intense cold.

"The Fairbank Coal Company is doing its best to supply the families with quarter-ton lots of fuel, but supplies are not coming along to meet the demand," said Rev. Mr. Young.

"A member of the congregation was successful in borrowing two bags of coal, which served to heat our small room in the church yesterday, in which we held service," said Rev. J. A. Miller, minister of Fairbank Presbyterian Church.

"I intend to interview the fuel commissioner tomorrow and find out if we cannot have coal sent to the district for the needs of the people," he said.

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Dec. 22—	National M.	Denver	67,179
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Dec. 28—	Buffalo Mine	Denver	88,000
Dec. 22—	Dom. Red'n	Denver	66,000
Dec. 28—	Dom. Red'n	Denver	88,000
Total			368,926

MUNICIPAL MEETING.

In the Earlscourt School, Dufferin street north of St. Clair avenue, a public meeting will be held tonight to wind up the municipal campaign. Henry Parfrey will preside, as the meeting is being held under the auspices of the British Imperial Association. All candidates for the mayoralty, board of control and aldermen in the fifth and sixth wards have been invited to address the meeting, which will open at 8 o'clock.

MRS. W. WELLS DEAD.

Genuine regret is expressed in the Earlscourt district at the death of Mrs. W. Wells, 111 Boon avenue, yesterday, after a short illness from heart failure. The deceased was a prominent member of the Central Methodist Church, Ascot avenue.

DR. HAZELWOOD PREACHES.

Rev. Dr. Hazelwood, representative of the social service department of the Methodist Church, was the preacher at the closing service of the year in Central Methodist Church, Ascot avenue, Earlscourt, last evening.

Dr. Hazelwood outlined the progress made in the work of temperance and other social activities during the year. Rev. Peter Bryce, pastor, conducted the morning service.

SPOKE ON CITIZENSHIP.

Despite the cold weather of yesterday there was a good attendance at the Men's Own Brotherhood meeting in Central Methodist Church. Miles Vokes delivered an interesting address on citizenship and success. Selections were rendered by the orchestra, and Rev. E. Crossley Hunter presided.