

ENGINEER OVER ALL DEPARTMENTS

Ald. Tancock Thinks the Scheme Would Prove Profitable One for the City.

MAYOR GIVES HIS VIEWS

Says That Only Water and Electricity Can Be Combined—A Conference To Be Held Shortly.

One engineer in charge of the city streets and construction work generally, was the suggestion made by Ald. Tancock at the meeting of the board of works last evening. He was of the opinion that there was no necessity for a waterworks engineer. A conference between the board and the commissioners will be held shortly to discuss the matter.

"I do not think there is any necessity whatever for a waterworks engineer," said Ald. Tancock. "That work can all be done by our own engineer. I have the impression that all street work should be done under our engineer—that everything referring to streets and work on the city streets should be referred to him. At the present time the waterworks department can tear up our streets, and do as they like with them without consulting our engineer. I do not think this is right, and I am confident that if all this work was done under one engineer we would save money."

The suggestion that there be one engineer for the whole city has many things to recommend it, but I do not think it practicable," said Mayor Beattie. "We have nothing to do with the commission, and I am of the opinion that one engineer for the water and electrical end of the business is sufficient. That work could easily be controlled by one man. The city streets should be under control of our own engineer—I admit that. He could work to much better advantage than at present. It does seem to me that it would be extraordinary to have another engineer over the whole business, when the departments would have to be maintained as they are. It is a matter of adjustment, however, and the suggestion that we need a waterworks commissioner and discuss this phase of the question is all right."

Ald. Saunders moved that the committee recommend to the council that such a conference be held, and it was carried.

The petition from the wholesale merchants on King street asking for the removal of the gray line was filed.

The Gray Stand.

Last evening a similar petition was filed also, but later another petition was presented, containing many reasons why the stands should be removed. That petition was referred to this evening's council, and was dealt with by the committee.

"I do not think we should recognize this petition," said Ald. Tancock. "There are no names to it, and it is from nobody in particular. I suggest that no action be taken."

"I certainly do not like the tone of it," said Ald. Morgan. "There is a suggestion in it that would be used against us in the event we did not grant their request. That is not fair. It should be sent back and properly signed."

"The petition reads like a threat, and I do not see that we have any right to be threatened," said Ald. Saunders. "It should be filed, and if a proper petition is presented and signed properly, we might consider it. The question of a new depot is now a live topic, and when that is settled we will be able to deal with the gray line."

Ald. Morgan suggested that part of the market be rented for this purpose, but this was not acceptable. On motion of Ald. Saunders the petition was filed.

City Hall Wiring.

A report was submitted from Engineer Sifton to the effect that the electrical wiring of the city hall was defective. Mr. Sifton will be asked to submit an estimate of the cost of making the necessary changes.

City Engineer Graydon recommended that some more shelves be placed in the vault in his office to cost \$25. On motion of Ald. Saunders, the request was granted.

More shelves are needed in City Clerk Baker's office, and City Engineer Graydon will report on the estimated cost. He will also submit a report of the cost of fitting up a private office for Mr. Baker.

Mr. M. A. Hunt, secretary of the Western Fair board, notified the board that the roof of the main building, which was guaranteed for five years, was in need of repairs. The board, Messrs. Kernahan & Wilson, will be asked to put the roof in proper shape.

Laying of Walks.

The different clauses from the mayor's inaugural address, in reference to day-labor construction for curbs and gutters and walks were laid over for further consideration.

Ald. Pocock was of the opinion that the city could save money by having the walks and curbs by day labor. The matter will be taken up shortly, when reports from other cities will be submitted.

Street Signs.

Ald. Pocock thought the committee should do something with regard to street signs. He pointed out that there is nothing to guide strangers about the city, and he thought it was time something was done.

"I believe what you say is right," said Ald. Saunders. "The streets should be properly named, and signs should be properly placed. The cost is not out of the question, and I do not think we can get the money this year."

The matter was allowed to drop.

Those present were Ald. Tancock (chairman), Ald. Saunders, Ald. Morgan, Ald. Pocock, Mayor Beattie, City Engineer Graydon and Secretary Wright.

SOUTH LONDON BAPTISTS

A very enjoyable evening was spent last night in the South London Baptist Sunday school, when the members of the school held their annual tea. The children of the Thomas Alway Hall Orphans' Home were most heartily welcomed to have tea with the scholars, and enjoyed themselves immensely. Each member of the school brought some vegetable and also a small gift from each class was given to the homeless ones.

Mr. Thomas H. Jones presided, and after a short programme, called on the Rev. Mr. Walker to assist him in distributing the prizes for the year to the scholars who were leading in the number of verses and attendance.

In closing, the gathering sang the doxology, followed by prayer by the pastor.

LIBERAL LOSSES

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The Real Issue.

London, Jan. 13.—Mr. Asquith, at Salisbury, said the budget had been discussed eight months, but, although the country would vote in two days, it had been left in darkness concerning Mr. Balfour's scheme of tariff reform. On the constitutional question Mr. Asquith urged that it was no more an academic question. It went down to the very roots of our social and economic future. The experience of the last four years, particularly of the last twelve months, showed that not a single one of the great measures of social progress upon which the best fortunes of the democracy depended had a chance of passing so long as the Liberal party remained in power. The present powers, and were determined to exercise them. All the great causes for which the Liberal party had been fighting and struggling, which they would continue to fight and struggle for until they won a triumphal victory, were involved in this great but simple issue. That was what the electors now had to decide.

Conservatives Pour Out Money.

London, Jan. 13.—"The enemy is pouring out its money like water, for the booty is immense—the plunder of the people, the monopoly of the land, and a drink monopoly. All the powers of wealth and luxury are allied in assault on the people's food, liberty, and life. We want such a victory as will put the fear of God in the hearts of these desolators."

This was the conclusion of an appeal to the voters today by the News, the leading Liberal paper.

A Hot Day.

Today is the hottest of the campaign, marking the last day before nominations. Never in the history of English politics has a campaign closed in such bitterness and such vituperation. Newspapers, speakers, and candidates are exchanging such epithets as "clowns," "thieves," "traitors," "anarchists," with a freedom such as no American campaign ever witnessed. Ordinarily, Englishmen are chary of slandering and libelling each other, but the campaign has waged so hot that all restraint has been cast aside, and there is no extreme to which the politicians seem unwilling to go.

Prospects of Trouble.

The increasing frequency of fights makes it almost probable that serious election riots will be inaugurated when the actual voting begins on Saturday. The Government is making arrangements to have 25,000 police, regulars and specials, on duty in London Saturday, but even this number, it is feared, will not be sufficient.

The Liberal press is today demanding an explanation from former Premier Balfour of his statement at York that the inauguration of a protective system will lower the prices of all commodities affected. Such a result is contrary to the working of protection, wherever tried, and Balfour is accused of trying to work a "political card" by making this statement in England would work differently from the same policy in other countries.

John Burns Likely To Win.

The Unionists claim they have a chance of wresting the representation of Battersea from John Burns, but they are not so sure of this at the last election was 1,600, and he is about as strong an election candidate as there is in the whole country. Nevertheless, he has more than one enemy very near to his seat, and on the present occasion he has to contend not only against his old opponents, the Unionists, but also against a certain proportion of the Socialists, who have taken offence at his acceptance of cabinet rank, and his refusal to become their outpost at the local government board. The Socialists are strong in Battersea, and a certain number of them will undoubtedly vote against "Honest John."

Martin Has Improved.

The Unionists announce their expectation of capturing East St. Pancras, where Joseph Martin is the Liberal candidate. This is very doubtful, for the last Liberal majority was nearly 2,000. When Martin contested Stratford a few months ago he showed a quite inadequate appreciation, as even his own supporters admitted, of what is expected in England from a parliamentary candidate, in the shape of personal canvassing, and generally ingratiating himself with the electors, and he always "cut up very rough" when heckled or interrupted—a procedure which seldom pays. But he has "come on" much since then, and the party organizers regard him as a good candidate for a democratic borough like East St. Pancras.

Turning to the provinces, the Unionists display more than a little nervousness with regard to their chances in the whole of the great county of Yorkshire, and in Manchester, Salford, and Bolton, though they profess a belief that Lord Milner's speeches on tariff reform, together with the revival of the home rule question, had produced some reaction against the Liberals in the north of England generally. They express high hopes of the home counties, and also of the south and west of England.

Some Gains Expected.

I learn that in the western county of Somerset, which at present returns eight Liberals and two Unionists, they expect to secure six, if not seven seats; in Devon, which now sends to Westminster three Liberals and one Unionist, they are sanguine of sweeping the board, and in Devon they also expect considerable gains. The counties of North and South Devon, which the Unionists are boosting in the country districts, as a counter-blast to the land taxes of the budget, and which may have some weight with the rural voters.

An Anti-Peer Majority.

Lord James, of Hereford, predicts that the elections will result as follows: Scotland, 60; Ireland, none; Wales, 28.

Conservatives—England, 221; Scotland, 12; Ireland, 13; Wales, 2. Nationalists—84, giving an anti-peer majority of 162.

W. T. Stead says that if the liquor interests were out of the contest the Liberals would get a majority of 400. He now prophesies a majority of 200, including 50 Laborites and 56 Nationalists.

Dr. Clifford says the majority will be nearly as large, if not quite as large, as in 1906.

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211 LICENSES CUT OFF

314 WERE SAVED

Final Results of the Local Option Fights Are Made Known.

Toronto, Jan. 14.—The following are the latest local option figures: Local option was carried in 21 towns, 13 villages and 52 townships. Thus 61 licenses were cut off in towns, 36 in villages, and 114 in townships, a total of 211, cut off in 86 places carried.

The liquor men won in 8 towns, 8 villages, and 19 townships. The licenses thus sustained totalled 163 in the 26 municipalities, as follows: 69 in towns, 15 in villages and 28 in townships.

But this only accounts for 112 municipalities, and 314 licenses, whereas there were 171 contests affecting 551 licenses.

The remainder were lost by the three-fifths clause. That is 59 municipalities with 237 licenses.

These must be added to the wins made by the liquor men, making a total for them of 85 municipalities, with 314 licenses saved. The final result is thus shown to be 211 licenses cut off, and 340 saved.

MR. NIXON TO REPORT ON A UNION DEPOT

Chief of Operating Department of Railway Commission in the City Last Night.

There was nothing new regarding track elevation today.

Mr. Mountain, chief engineer of the railway commission, left the city last night for Ottawa, to report on the report for submission to the commission.

Mr. A. J. Nixon, chief of the operating department of the railway commission, was also in the city last evening, and is said to have been here in connection with track elevation.

His department is attending to the report from that of Mr. Mountain. Mr. Nixon has to do with the operation of roads, while Mr. Mountain deals altogether with engineering problems.

A Union Depot.

It was stated that Mr. Nixon will make a report upon the practicability of a union depot in London. His viewpoint will be that of operating such a scheme, and he will report on that. He could not be seen to confirm or deny the rumor, but it is considered in city hall circles quite certain that he was in London for that purpose.

Mayor Beattie had nothing to add in reference to the reference to the subject. He had heard nothing since he saw Mr. Mountain, nor had he received any official information on the subject.

"I know of nothing new," said his worship. "Nothing has been mentioned to me regarding the subject. When the time comes we will go ahead with it, and will do our best to protect the city's interests."

COURT MIDDLESEX OFFICERS

Installation Took Place in Sherwood Hall.

The officers of Court Middlesex, No. 118, C. O. F., were installed at a regular meeting in Sherwood Hall last evening. Bro. C. Colclough, P. C. R., took the chair for the installation and Bro. Wm. McFarlane, P. C. R., acted as marshal. The court was presided over by a very excellent manner. The officers installed were: P. C. R., Bro. George Conley; C. R., Bro. L. Welland; V. C. R., Bro. Sam Smith; financial secretary, Bro. E. A. McFarlane; secretary, Bro. H. F. Tremere; chaplain, Bro. C. Taylor; jun.; S. W., Bro. Wm. Stone; J. W., Bro. J. Jones; S. R., Bro. J. Williams; J. R., Bro. Wm. Jarvis; auditor, Bro. B. Thomas; court physician, Dr. A. Becher. After the court closed, Court Middlesex defeated Court Eclipse in a game of carromball. The score was 54 to 50.



"Polly of the Circus" Monday.

The remarkable success of "Polly of the Circus," which with Gwendolyn Piers in its principal role, comes to the Grand on Monday evening, is a proof of the correctness of Frederick Thompson's judgment concerning the public taste for amusement. The third act of "Polly of the Circus," which is an actual reproduction of a circus performance, is one of the chief attractions of the presentation. This attraction comes to London direct from the Princess Theatre, Toronto, where it has been playing to capacity all week, and won great praise from the critics of that city.

Londoners Will Enjoy It.

No play on the American stage has given more enjoyment to patrons of the theatre than "The Old Homestead." It abounds in wit, humor and pathos, and the genial character of the old man wins the interest of every spectator. It is handsomely staged. A special bargain matinee will be given tomorrow.

HEROIC SERVICES OF MOUNTED POLICE

The World's "Finest Force"—Annual Report Presented to Parliament.

Ottawa, Jan. 14.—The annual report of the Northwest Mounted Police tabled in the Commons, contains the usual record of faithful and, in many cases, heroic service, quietly and efficiently performed by "the finest police force in the world."

The strength of the force now stands at 51 officers and 600 non-commissioned officers and constables, or practically the same as in the previous years. They are stationed at ten divisional posts of 148 detachments. The farthest flung detachment is on the Arctic Ocean, 2,500 miles from headquarters, and it takes two months to make the journey. Commissioner Patterson states that the Governments of Alberta and Saskatchewan have asked that the present arrangement for the employment of the force, which expires on April 1, 1911, shall be continued for five years, and he recommends that this be done.

During the last fiscal year fourteen cases of murder were dealt with by

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The Mount Police, and 5,849 cases of crime were registered, as against 6,377 during the previous twelve months. There was a decided increase in the offences against women, 81 cases being entered, resulting in 41 convictions.

The crowd of horse thieves was also larger, giving 44 convictions during the year, as against 29 for the preceding year. Crimes caused by excessive drinking accounted for 1,561 convictions; there were 129 convictions for prairie and forest fires. Some of these fires, caused by carelessness, were very destructive, and in some cases lives were sacrificed. During the year 1,940 prisoners were received, and the guard-rooms have been overcrowded. At Calgary prisoners were refused because they could not be accommodated.

Perhaps the most interesting part of the report is the story of the special patrol made by Inspector Pelletier and three constables across the northern part of Canada from Fort Saskatchewan via Athabasca Landing and Great Slave Lake to Chesterfield Inlet on Hudson's Bay, a total distance of 3,547 miles. During part of the journey the picket had to subside on raw deer meat, and on the voyage from Hudson's Bay to Chesterfield Inlet their boat was wrecked, and they safely arrived only after appalling hardships and narrow escapes both by sea and land. The report is many and arduous patrols made by the force, says Commissioner Perry, "this has been the most extended and difficult."

ROYAL BLOOD CALLS UPON POLICE MAGISTRATE

A "Princess" Is Charged With Telling Fortunes to London People.

It is not often that Magistrate Love entertains royalty at the police court, but the blotter today contains the name of Princess Dahedmah, and the lady herself was present this morning to answer to a charge of breaking the law by fortune-telling.

She was represented by Mr. J. M. McEvoy, and as he has some cases at the court he asked that the present charge be laid over for a couple of days.

Must "Cut it Out."

The court agreed to this on condition that the princess would promise not to tell any more fortunes. Mr. McEvoy undertook that his client would not tell any more fortunes before the hearing takes place.

"Remember," the court told the woman, "if you tell any fortunes in the meantime you will at once be placed under arrest."

WILL NEVER FORGET

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I did not worry, as I felt I had done no wrong, as I said before.

Praises Her Neighbors.

"The most pleasing feature of the case to me was the loyalty and kindness of the neighbors. This was a great help to me. Strangers did not know what I had to put up with, but my neighbors did, and their concern in me was a great encouragement. They knew I had done no wrong."

Mr. McFarlane, Mr. Vining—I cannot mention them all—were very kind and helpful. They never forgot me so long as I live.

Both Mr. Wesley Scott and his wife hinted that they could a tale unfold about the old man that would be shocking, to say the least.

Woman's Husband Speaks.

"I would have told the story had the judge not prevented me," broke in Mr. Wesley Scott. "The jury got a hint of the condition of things, and that was sufficient. It would not be right to tell anything further as it is not necessary now."

Mr. Scott would tell little of the motive that impelled her to kill her father-in-law, other than the constant nagging and abuse for a score of years, with this final assault upon her with a club, had resulted in his death.

Life in the Prison.

Her prison life was not unpleasant, she said. She read, and lived to herself largely, and did not worry.

"It was a rest in a way," she said. "I read and put in the time that way."

Preparations were hastily made to take the morning train to her home at Thorndale. She was accompanied by her husband and her brother.

Pianos to Rent.

Pianos to rent from \$2 per month upwards, six months' rent allowed in case of purchase. Williams' Piano Company, Limited, 261 Dundas street.

PROGRESS MADE IN THE RATES QUESTION

Engineer Sifton Returns From an Electrical Conference in St.

Thomas E. Sifton has returned from the meeting of the engineers of the cities in the power zone held in St. Thomas Tuesday and Wednesday. He reports that considerable progress was made in the question of rates to users, and that when the next meeting was held in Toronto on Jan. 25, the final report would be submitted and dealt with.

Nothing regarding London particularly was dealt with. The request of the Michigan Central for power was considered, and a report on the probable cost, etc., will be submitted to the St. Thomas council.

"We spent most of the time in detail work," said Mr. Sifton.

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OAK HALL

CLEVER MOCK TRIAL AT WESTERN UNIVERSITY

Prisoner at the Bar Was Arraigned on a Heinous Offense.

The mock trial at the Western University last night was in some respects a clever parody of justice. The court consisted of his honor the judge, Sir James Cartwright, D. C. L.; crown attorney, C. E. P. Stewart, K. C.; lawyer for the defence, Mr. Edwin Hawkins, K. C.; J. L. B. the clerk of court, C. C. Brett; court stenographer, Reginald Buchanan; and the official usher, "Paradise" (E. G. Heaven). The prisoner at the bar, Alexander Dunlop Currie, was in charge of a stalwart "arm of the law," in the form of Kenneth Alexander, and was charged with the ungracious act of decapitating the bust of Diana of the Ephesians, which formerly adorned the corridor of the university library.

The witnesses who appeared were A. S. H. Cree, R. W. James, C. R. Bond, C. Langford, Dr. Nevills (the proxy), and Josephus Tully. After a great deal of testimony and cross-questioning, with the interplay of a strange medley of judicial and colloquial wit, the jury, under the guidance of the learned judge, returned a verdict of "guilty." The jury was finally chosen consisted of Mr. Valium (H. James), Rev. Charles Sturgeon (C. E. James), Gabriel (C. R. Trumper), Dark Knight (H. C. Light), Mr. New Thought (C. D. Rowley), Lady Laurier (Miss Broderick), Mrs. E. L. Bond (Miss Parry), Joan of Arc (Miss Lewis), Empress Eugenie (Miss Hodgkins), Mrs. Robinson Crusoe (Miss Gless), and Lady Popolinski (Miss Stockwell). A verdict of "guilty" was returned on the ground of insufficient evidence. During the evening a piano solo was rendered by Miss Agnes Whoman.

Altogether the trial was very satisfactory, and the roles assumed by Judge Cartwright and Mr. Vair were especially well played.

HARMONY ENCAMPMENT

Officers Were Entertained at Meeting Held Last Night.

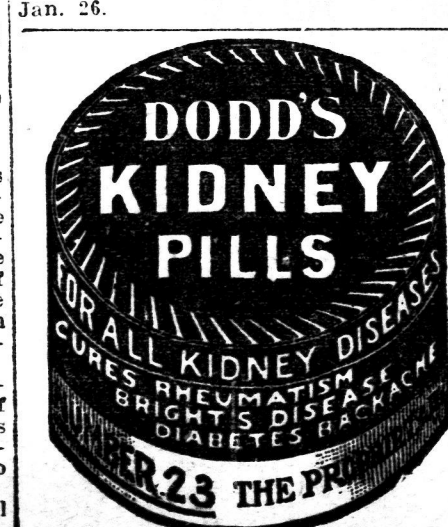
There was a large gathering of Odd-fellows at the local hall last night, the officers of Harmony Encampment, No. 3, being installed by Past District Deputy Grand Patriarch S. W. Priestley. The patriarch installed were: P. C. P., Robert Pearce; C. P., John T. Wallace; H. P., William Mitchell; S. W., Chas. Miners; J. W., W. Garbutt; R. S., J. Kirkpatrick; F. S., T. Howard; treasurer, James Sanders; W. W., Ferguson; 2 W., J. L. Goodburne; 3 W., George Jewell; 4 W., W. A. McRoberts; G. C. C. James; T. S., M. Waugh; O. S., W. Richmond; J. G. T., H. Pearce; 2 G. T., R. Wonnacott.

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Sons of England Honor a Past President.

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DYNAMITE FROZE

Large Lot Placed to Kill Strike-Breakers Failed to Explode.

Youngstown, Ohio, Jan. 14.—Twenty-four sticks of dynamite were found by Officers Hiest and Hockell in the doorway of John Shaffer's store in Youngstown, where two dissident outrages have occurred in the past few months.

The caps set to discharge the dynamite exploded, but the dynamite was frozen, and failed to go off.

A strike-breaker named Mackey resides above the store, and three other strike-breakers board with him. The police believe the preparations to blow up the place were directed at these men.

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