G.T.P. AT WORK ON WATERFRONT

PILES HAVE ARRIVED FOR NEW WHARF

Work of Driving Will Probably Commence This Week

The creosoted piles for the Grand Trunk Pacific new wharf have arrived. Tuesday two scow loads entered the harbor in tow of the tug Alice and tied up at the wharf of the International Steamship Company. The piles are being stored in the boom constructed opposite the wharf site, alongside of the Indian reserve. The work of driving the piles will probably commence this week.

A new pile driver is being built on the ground, and all kinds of material is being got together for the rock work. A boiler is being erected with which to operate the steam drill, and small cars and other apparatus are being placed in position.

E. R. Doe, of the firm of C. J. Johnson & Co., is at present in the city looking after the work. Martin McGuire is foreman of the work, and the rock work is in charge of P. V. Johnson.

Speaking of the work, Mr. Doe on Wednesday said it would take them four months to finish the wharf. They would, however, have the one part ready for use in three months.

Mr. Doe is very much enomoured of Victoria. He thinks it is destined to be a big city. Tuesday he visited Oak Bay, and he says he has not seen any scenery so fine as he found there for a long time.

The importance of the building of the new wharf cannot be overestimated. It is the first visible step towards the establishment of the new steamship line which will help to bring Victoria into her own as a shipping centre. That it will assuredly be followed by the establishment of Canadian Northern wharves on the site farther up the harbor is the general opinion around town.

NO HALF MEASURES FOR NATIONALISTS

Member for Waterford Says the Party Will Not Change Policy

London, March 16.—Speaking at Waterford J. J. O'Shea, Nationalist member for West Waterford, said that owing to the faint heartedness with which the government had approached the question he did not believe that they would get the guarantees from the crown, and the Irish party would not allow the government to pass any finance bill without the assurances Mr. Redmond asked for. Mr. O'Shea declared that there would be another general election about the end of May or the beginning of June. The Irish party were unanimous in their policy, and they would not depart from it.

PAINTER ELECTROCUTED.

Cobalt, Ont., March 16.—E. Lavoie, painter, was electrocuted by a live wire while painting a roof at the sub-station at Brady Lake yesterday. He belonged to Verner, Ont., and leaves a widow and seven children.

STUDYING CURRENCY NEEDS OF STATES

National Commissioners Will Make Another Tour in the Fall

(Times Leased Wire.)

Washington, D. C., March 16.—Senator Aldrich, chairman of the national monetary commission, did not deny today that he is planning another missionary tour next fall in the interest of the proposed new currency system and the central bank proposition.

It is understood that several members of the commission will accompany him to investigate the varying monetary needs of different sections of the United States.

One thing which will be investigated is the complaint of San Francisco bankers in regard to the difficulty of getting currency. The bankers assert that it takes ten days to get a shipment of the bills across the continent. Other Pacific coast points make a like complaint.

By next autumn, Aldrich hopes that the sentiment of bankers will have become crystallized so they will be ready to discuss the problems confronting the commission in a "practical manner."

UNFOUNDED REPORT.

(Special to the Times.)

Ottawa, March 16.—The report that Collector Bowell, of Vancouver, was to be retired and Commissioner Henderson, of the Yukon, appointed in his place, was described to-day by acting minister of customs Mr. Templeman, as absolutely without foundation. The department is not aware that Collector Bowell contemplates resigning.

KING EDWARD'S HEALTH.

London, March 16.—Increasing interest is being shown by the public here in the reports from Biarritz regarding King Edward's health since he went there recently.

At first it was reported that the King suffered only a slight cold, but now it is understood that he has had several chills. The reports say that he has failed to respond to the treatment which is usually successful.

POLICE ARE COMMENDED

STOPPING THE SALE TO DRUNKEN MEN A BENEFIT

Judge Lampman Upholds Conviction in First Case for Years

Approval of any efforts made by the police to stop the sale of liquor to men already under the influence was expressed by Judge Lampman Wednesday, in giving judgment in the appeal of Thomas McManus, proprietor of the California hotel, against his conviction in the police court for this offence.

The facts recited by his honor in his judgment were that on February 7th a man who had had too much went into the bar of the California and was given a glass of beer, for which offence against the law McManus was fined $40 and costs. The evidence showed that McManus was playing cards in a room off the bar, that he did not see the man until a constable came in and had him put out, that he had warned his bartender not to serve men under the influence and that the notice containing the warning against this breach of the law was posted at the end of the bar. On these grounds Frank Higgins, for the appellant, had argued that he should not have been fined for an offence of which he knew nothing. McManus, however, had not delegated to the barman the oversight of the bar and was within call, ready to act in any case that required his attention. If a licensee chose to become so engrossed in a game of cards that he did not know what was going on in his bar it made no difference whether the game was going on in the bar or miles away, he was responsible for what took place. It might seem hard at first blush to convict a man for something that he did not know was being done, but the intent of the Legislature evidently was to make the law severe in this regard. Therefore the appeal must be dismissed.

His honor expressed a desire to hear what counsel had to say as to the amonut of the fine, and some argument followed from W. C. Moresby, who has been acting in the matter for the Attorney-General's department, and Frank Higgins. As McManus had never been convicted before and as this was the first case of a coviction for selling to a drunken man, at least in several years, the fine was reduced to $25 and costs.

"In reducing this fine from $40, which I think is too near the maximum under the circumstances, to $25 (the minimum being $20), I do not want to be understood as at all countenancing the offence," said his honor. "I think the authorities are to be congratulated on endeavoring to free the liquor traffic of one of its worst features. For a long time the chief effort seems to have been to keep people from getting a drink after hours, not much of an inquity in itself, although the effort to enforce the law was quite proper, whereas anyone can see that it is far more inlquitous and immoral to sell to a drunken man. The authorities, as I say, are to be congratulated and no doubt if they follow up this course it will have a very beneficial effect."

FERNIE MAYORALTY.

Fernie, March 14.—There is to be a fight for the mayoralty in the municipal elections, which are to take place on the 17th of the month, the fight being between Sherwood Herchmer, the present occupant of the office, and J. L. Gates, a member of the council.

S. D. Wark, M. E., who for the past three years has been a member of the engineering department of the Crow's Nest Pass Coal Co., has severed his connection with that corporation to accept the responsible position of manager of the Leitch mines at Passburg, Alta. Mr. Wark is a graduate of McGill University and before coming to the Crow's Nest district had considerable experience in the mines of the Dominion Coal Company in Nova Scotia.

THREE YEARS FOR THEFT.

Kamloops, March 14. — His Honor Judge Swanson presiding at the sitting of the county court, heard the case against James Delaney. Accused was charged with having in May last broken into G. Coburn's store at Shuswap. It was only a few weeks ago that he was arrested and he elected to have his case disposed of by the county judge. After hearing the evidence he was sentenced to three years' imprisonment in the penitentiary.

ROBBERS ESCAPE.

Blow Open Vault in Bank and Carry Away $2,500.

Brookland, Ark., March 16.—The authorities thus far to-day have secured no trace of the cracksmen who blew open the vault of the Bank of Brookland and escaped with $2,500 yesterday.

The robbers got a good lead of the officers as they carefully severed all telephone and telegraph wires leading from the town, after which they blew open the safe.

NEW FISH MERGER.

Halifax, March 16.—The option held by the recently formed Maritime Fish Corporation, of Montreal, on the properties of Howard Anderson, David Sproule and Short and Ellis, at Digby, has been accepted by the National Securities, Ltd., the financial backers of the new fish merger. Two independent fish firms remain, those of Joseph E. Snow and Syda and Cousins.

FATALLY BURNED.

Toronto, March 16. — Fearfully burned, four-year-old Irene Lang was brought to the hospital here this morning from Milton. The little tot tried to carry a lump in her home and it fell, her clothing caught fire and she was frightfully burned before her mother smothered the flames with a blanket. It is said she cannot recover.

A CIVIC BREAKDOWN.

ALD. FULLERTON—"Now, Mr. Mayor, see that mixture is not used on the next job."

PROPOSED RUSSO-JAP ALLIANCE

NEGOTIATIONS ARE REPORTED COMPLETED

Move is Not Popular in Russia, Where Trouble is Feared

(Times Leased Wire.)

St. Petersburg, March 16.—That a storm of protest against the Russo-Japanese alliance, hinted at by diplomats, is believed certain to come when the completion of the negotiations is announced.

The foreign office to-day diplomatically evaded any statement regarding the actual extent of the negotiations, but unofficial dispatches from Japan declare that the alliance has been completed.

These dispatches have been sufficient to raise a popular clamor against the alliance that shows that any official announcement here is certain to bring trouble for the officers of the foreign department.

It is feared that the situation will be seized upon by leaders of revolutionary parties to stir up still further discontent.

"Open Door" in Far East.

Washington, D. C., March 16.—The unofficial announcement to-day that Japan has decided on a sudden change of front and is now planning to submit a proposition to the United States government, in which this country will be invited to assist Japan in guaranteeing the "open door" policy in the Far East, both startled and pleased diplomats here.

According to members of the Japanese embassy here, the new plans will be made known to Secretary Knox within a few days.

It is understood that the Mikado is arranging to make the United States an informal ally in the domination of the Orient.

The policy of commercial equality of all nations will be guaranteed, it is said. The plans are tentative, however, and it is said are to be submitted to the state department indirectly, and not through the regular diplomatic channels.

A CAR ANNOUNCER.

Must Have a Place in Every Saloon in Chelsea, Mass.

Boston, Mass., March 16.—Every saloon in Chelsea must employ a car announcer to remind its patrons of the running time of cars which pass the door, when liquor licenses become operative in that city on May 1st. The new regulations issued by the Chelsea licensing commission are believed to be the strictest in New England. Besides the announcer feature, they provide that only one line of men is to be allowed to stand at a bar, and no drinks are to be passed to any thirsty ones back of the line.

DERRICK FALLS.

(Special to the Times.)

Toronto, March 16.—While a gang of steel workers engaged in erecting the eight story office building for the Toronto General Trust Corporation at the corner Bay and Melinda streets, was hoisting a big steel derrick to the complete frame work on the second story this morning, the guy broke and nine thousand pounds of metal crashed to the street, making matchwood of the covered passage on Melinda street. Joe Joglin, a French Canadian, who was half way up on the arm of the derrick when it fell, sustained internal injuries and bruises to the head and face, but will recover.

There are 3,639 miles of used waterways in England and Wales; that is, waterways capable of being used by barges.

STEAMER MAY HAVE FOUNDERED

WRECKAGE FROM VESSEL WASHED ASHORE

Feared Loss of Prinz Willem II. With Fifty-Two Lives

(Times Leased Wire.)

Havre, March 16.—Wreckage from the Dutch steamer Prinz Willem II. was picked up off Belle Isle to-day and confirms the belief in marine circles that the steamer was wrecked and that its passengers and crew have been lost. The Prinz Willem sailed from Amsterdam for the West Indies and New York January 21st. There were 52 persons, passengers and crew, aboard.

Nothing was heard of the vessel after it sailed, and because of the rough weather it was known the ship must have encountered on the trip, fears for its safety were entertained.

The finding of the wreckage to-day shatters the hope that the vessel may have been merely disabled and been able to live out the rough seas.

A search in the neighborhood of the floating wreckage will be made in the hope of finding something more definite concerning the fate of the vessel and the persons who sailed on her.

MORE SETTLERS FOR THE CANADIAN WEST

(Special to the Times.)

Toronto, Ont., March 16.—Thirteen hundred settlers left Union Station yesterday for Western Canada. It is estimated that since the first of the month 5,000 have gone west.

ARRESTED ON CHARGE OF MURDERING SWEETHEART

Man Wanted in Seattle is Taken Into Custody in Mexico

(Times Leased Wire.)

Seattle, Wash., March 16.—Living in a cottage in the village of San Angel, a suburb of the city of Mexico, where he is married and has a baby girl, Joseph Fiad, alias John Fayaad, charged with the murder of his sweetheart, Miss Lada Nichola, aged 17th, at her home here more than three years ago, has been located.

Fiad is under arrest in Mexico, and a warrant charging him with murder in the first degree is on its way there to-day. Fiad is accused of shooting the girl after she refused to elope with him. He was indicted for the murder by a grand jury.

HIDDEN TREASURE.

Toronto, March 16.—In examining the effects of the late Jonathan Graham, an old man who lived retired at the residence of E. C. Sewell, on Shuter street, for the past two years, securities were found valued at between $50,000 and $60,000. A brother has been notified.

AWAIT ARRIVAL OF MEDIATORS

WALKOUT OF FIREMEN MAY BE AVERTED

Head of Brotherhood Says the Railway Employees Favor Arbitration

(Times Leased Wire.)

Chicago, March 16.—The officials of the railroads and the firemen are marking time to-day, awaiting the arrival of Chairman Knapp, of the interstate commerce commission, and Commissioner of Labor Neill, who will attempt to avert the threatened strike of 27,000 firemen throughout the west.

The government officials are expected to be here to-morrow morning ready to take up the questions at issue immediately.

W. S. Carter, president of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen, to-day expressed hope that the mediators would be successful. He said, however, that the men had wished to arbitrate from the first, and that the railroads would have to change their attitude if a strike is averted.

Carter stated that the important feature of the work of the mediators will be to determine just what phases of the differences are the proper subjects of arbitration.

The railroad officials and the firemen have agreed that the subject of wages is a matter for arbitration. The firemen, however, insist that the question of the representation in the union and other technical phases of the relations of the companies and the men should also be submitted to arbitration.

The railroad officials to-day express confidence that mediation will be successful. They say that the danger of a strike is over.

Carter told a reporter for the United Press to-day that he will not countenance delay under any pretext whatsoever, and made it clear that he will demand that Knapp and Neill take action immediately upon their arrival.

"It will be pretty difficult to tell the chairman of the interstate commerce commission and the United States commissioner of labor to 'hurry up'," said Carter, "but we will have to make it clear to them by our actions that we cannot permit delay."

Carter refused again to reveal the date upon which the strike will be called in the event that arbitration fail.

TAKES POISON.

Eva Strangeways Fox Commits Suicide While Under Arrest at New York.

New York, March 16.—Eva Strangeways Fox, the English newspaper woman and one time accepted member of the higher society of New York and other cities, died yesterday in Bellevue hospital from the effects of a drug taken with suicidal intent. She had been arrested on a charge of passing a worthless cheque, and after vainly pleading for release, swallowed several tablets from a box which she carried in her handbag. She became ill and for ten days hovered between life and death.

READY MADE FARMS.

Calgary, March 16.—Officials of the C. P. R. Irrigation Colonization Company have returned from Winnipeg. At the irrigation colony on the Langdon branch a number of ready-made farms are being rushed to completion in order that they may be ready for British immigrants due to sail from Liverpool at the end of the month.

MEN WHO SEEK ENGINEER'S POST

COMPLETE LIST OF ALL THE APPLICANTS

Names of Those Who Are Popularly Regarded as Having a Chance

(From Wednesday's Daily.)

R. E. Speakman, C.E., of Brandon, having declined the offer of the position of city engineer, the City Council is now called upon to further inspect the list of applications which were forwarded in response to the advertisement a few weeks ago. The matter will probably be gone into at this evening's special meeting of the council, though the final appointment will likely be made at a later date. A complete list of the applicants is as follows:

H. W. D. Armstrong, John W. Astley, Ernest G. Barrow, J. W. B. Blackman, Walter S. Brooke, G. H. Burnett, Donald Cameron, K. M. Cameron, Kenneth M. Chadwick, J. G. W. Campbell, Edwin S. Clark, H. B. R. Craig, F. A. Creighton, William Mahlon Davis, W. Z. Earle, A. W. Ellison Fawkes, J. C. Gardner, Leonard Godday, H. S. Greenwood, W. Hollingworth, H. A. Icke, W. Jamieson, W. T. Main, Myles Morley, W. P. Morrison, F. T. McArthur, I. S. McKie, H. A. McLean, George Paxton Napier, A. O'Meara, John Sears, T. W. Sheffield, James J. Simpson, Angus Smith, E. A. Stone, H. Webster, J. M. Wilson, R. P. Lawrence, W. S. Lea, Trevor Keene, F. W. Kewstubb, W. H. Pretty, A. Neal.

At the time the committee of the council decided on the appointment of Mr. Speakman, the list was carefully gone over and the recommendations of the applicants scrutinized and not more than a half dozen names were entertained. Thus it is possible to determine pretty accurately who will be "in the running" now that the council is forced to make another choice. These candidates are John W. Astley, G. P. Napier, Angus Smith, H. W. Webster and W. S. Lea.

The selection of Mr. Astley was strongly urged by Mayor Morley, and if his worship is still of the same mind that gentleman will no doubt stand a good chance of getting the position. Mr. Astley is an elderly man, at present in the employ of the city of Winnipeg in an engineering capacity. He is known personally to a large number of former Manitobans who are now resident of Victoria, and is highly spoken of. He is said to have recently saved the city of Winnipeg a large sum of money by his careful figures on contracts.

Mr. Napier is at present in the employ of the provincial government. He was recently placed in charge of the construction of the Mill Bay road, and is said to have given the best of satisfaction in that capacity. He has a number of warm friends in Victoria who are putting up a strong fight on his behalf. Mr. Napier is a Scotsman who has had large experience in engineering undertakings.

Mr. Smith is at present employed in Regina. He was formerly city engineer at Stratford, Ont., and has a number of excellent recommendations. He is sure to receive the votes of a number of the members of the council, as he was strongly supported for the position at the time of the first ballot.

Mr. Webster is an Irishman, hailing from Dublin. He is said to have attained considerable eminence in the Old Country as a civil engineer and has splendid recommendations for the position now vacant in Victoria. It is known that a number of the members of the aldermanic board are in favor of Mr. Webster.

Mr. Lea is a native of Fredericton, New Brunswick, where he at present resides. In the opinion of some of those who have had the privilege of examining his testimonials, he is far and away the best qualified of any of the applicants. He sends testimonials from many of the great engineering firms in the eastern part of the continent and from the staff of McGill University, where for a number of years he was lecturer on engineering subjects. Notwithstanding the fact that he shows the best papers of any of the applicants, he is said to have been "turned down" at the first meeting when the applications were considered on the ground that he "looked too young"!

ROOSEVELT AT OMDURMAN.

Former President Pays Visit to Battlefield in Soudan.

(By Staff Corresoondent of the United Press.)

Khartoum, March 16.—There was no rest for Col. Theodore Roosevelt today.

Early this morning he started on the trip to the Omdurman battlefield. The journey was made in a boat. When the party arrived, Col. Hutchinson, dressed in a picturesque uniform and surrounded by a party of officers and shieks, extended a hearty welcome. The visitors headed by the colonel were conducted about the battlefield.

Numerous other points of interest were visited on the return trip to this city.

Upon the return here Col. Roosevelt was met by Slatin Pasha, the inspector-general, who conducted the party to the house where he was imprisoned during the war, 12 years ago. Slatin told the colonel the details of his life during the long imprisonment. Roosevelt was intensely interested and expressed warm admiration for the man

CARD PLAYING AN OFFENCE.

Newburgh, N. Y., March 16.—Miss Katherine Seeger, a sister of County Judge A. H. F. Seeger, who was given the alternative of retiring from the choir of the Moulton Baptist church, of this city, or forsaking card playing, resigned from the choir. When Rev. Frank A. Stoddard, the pastor, learned that the soprano in the choir had recently given a euchre party, he took her to task and told her she would have to give up card playing or resign.

PEERS DISCUSS REFORM SCHEME

SPEAKERS FAVOR LORD ROSEBERY'S PLANS

London Chronicle Outlines Cabinet's Policy Regarding House of Lords

London, March 16.—When the reform debate in the House of Lords was continued yesterday the Archbishop of Canterbury advocated internal reform after due deliberation and generally supported Rosebery's resolution, while the Marquis of Salisbury and the Duke of Northumberland carried war into the enemy's camp by alluding to the decadence of the Commons in recent years. The Marquis of Salisbury said the Lords should therefore fit themselves for the increased responsibilities thrown on them. He expressed his intention to vote for Rosebery's resolution. The debate then adjourned.

Government Plan.

According to the Chronicle, Liberal, an organ of the government, the plan for the reform of the House of Lords upon which the government will appeal to the country, if defeated, provides for the constitution of a second chamber of from 200 to 240 members elected for a term of seven or nine years. Peers or commoners above the age of 40 years are to be eligible for election, which will be by the parliamentary voters grouped in larger constituencies.

The plan further provides that the chamber shall have no power in finance, but a revisionary and delaying power in legislation, and that the differences between the two houses shall be adjusted by joint sittings.

DIES FROM BLOOD POISONING.

Pendleton, Ore., March 16.—Mrs. Frank Gilliland is dead in this city to-day as the result of blood poisoning caused by vaccination to prevent smallpox. She was 29 years old and leaves a family of five small children.

REJOICING IN RANKS OF SUFFRAGETTES

Home Secretary Announces Conditions in Prisons Will Be Ameliorated

(Special to the Times.)

London, March 16.—There was jubilation at the suffragette headquarters last night over the announcement in the Commons by Winston Churchill, home secretary, of several changes in the treatment of prisoners in various jails. In reply to questions, Mr. Churchill said the government would lay on the table a rule which would require statutory force in the ordinary manner, by the terms of which the prison commissioners would be empowered to mitigate treatment in case of offenders sentenced under the second and third divisions, whose previous character had been good. He said further that there would be an amelioration of conditions in respect to the wearing of prison clothes, the cutting off of hair, bathing and cleaning of cells.

TO VOTE ON PROPOSED STATE-WIDE STRIKE

Pennsylvania Labor Leaders Will Take Action Immediately

(Times Leased Wire.)

Philadelphia, Pa., March 16.—The efforts to end the street carmen's strike here apparently are falling through today.

The refusal of the Transit Company to arbitrate has stirred the union leaders to immediate action.

The state federation of labor is preparing for a state-wide strike, which the officers of the organization say now seems inevitable.

A notice was sent out to the various unions to-day to take an immediate vote upon the proposition of calling out all organized workmen in Pennsylvania.

SETTLERS FROM HOLLAND.

Five Hundred Will Take Up Farms in the Canadian West This Year.

Winnipeg, March 16.—The advance guard of a party of 500 natives of Holland, who intend to settle on the irrigated lands in Alberta this year, has arrived. Representatives of the party have been in communication with J. Bruce Walker, the commissioner of immigration, for some time. They may locate on irrigation lands, as they believe conditions there will be somewhat similar to their native land. All are experienced farmers, and it is expected those who locate here this year will only be the forerunners of a big influx from the land of dykes and windmills. Altogether there are now 600 immigrants en route to Western Canada.

ARTIST COMMITS SUICIDE.

Ill-Health and Despondency Over Wife's Death Cause Him to End Life.

New York, March 16.—When the Oceanic arrived to-day it was learned Willis E. Davis, a wealthy artist of San Francisco, committed suicide on the vessel on March 10th. His death has been reported by wireless and the announcement stated that he succumbed to heart failure.

Letters and papers found in the artist's effects indicate that ill health and despondency over the death of his wife in October led him to ta[illegible]

CIVIC INQUIRY IS DECIDE[illegible]

TURN THE LIGHT ON SMITH'S HILL RES[illegible]

Question of Repairs Over Until New City [illegible]gineer Arrives

(From Tuesday's Da[illegible])

In the hope that the new [illegible]neer will have arrived in t[illegible] the City Council last night [illegible]let the report of G. H. Bry[illegible] city engineer, on the condit[illegible] Smith's Hill reservoir, lay o[illegible] for another week. A decisio[illegible]reached to hold a judicial in[illegible] in the whole manner of the [illegible]tion of the reservoir. Evide[illegible] taken on oath and the ci[illegible] will assist the council in t[illegible] Several members of the bo[illegible] the opinion that an inves[illegible] the council would likely pro[illegible] and Mayor Morley suggest[illegible] would be pleased if some [illegible]binal were empowered to m[illegible] vestigation. As the decisio[illegible] present, however, the inqu[illegible] conducted by the whole c[illegible] meeting to be summoned n[illegible]

On the report of the acti[illegible]gineer being read, Ald. M[illegible]tened the wisdom of decidi[illegible] with the work of repair unt[illegible]cil had received the ad[illegible] Speakman, the new city en[illegible] would arrive shortly. He [illegible]tion to this effect.

This was seconded by [illegible] Bannerman.

Ald. Bishop urged that [illegible] be a thorough injuiry int[illegible] manner in which the res[illegible] constructed so that the blam[illegible] put upon the proper parties [illegible] imperative in the interest [illegible]ple, as well as the officials [illegible] who were under a cloud.

Ald. Langley asked wh[illegible] city engineer was expected[illegible]

Mayor Morley said in re[illegible] had been promptly notifie[illegible]pointment. There was to [illegible] meeting of the City Coun[illegible]cil that evening, and he [illegible] city would be informed s[illegible] the date of his arrival.

Ald. Langley thought it [illegible] just as well to let the rep[illegible] until the new man had [illegible] position. The reservoir wo[illegible] thing for Mr. Speakman [illegible] hand on, and if he made [illegible] it he would earn the grat[illegible] people.

Ald. Ross favored going [illegible] the investigation in the m[illegible]

Mayor Morley warned th[illegible] if they were not carefull[illegible] find summer here withou[illegible]voir being in shape to hold[illegible] would be a very serious m[illegible]

Ald. Humber did not [illegible] the services of any en[illegible] needed in order to repair [illegible] and make it watertight. [illegible]ten or more men right in[illegible]day who were prepared to [illegible] He wanted the work done[illegible]

Ald Mable insisted tha[illegible] should lay over for one [illegible] suggestion met with gene[illegible]

Mayor Morley again e[illegible] dissatisfaction at the del[illegible] be midsummer before th[illegible] completed.

The motion to lay the [illegible] table for a week was [illegible] Humber alone voting in t[illegible]

Ald. Bishop then move[illegible] vestigation be made int[illegible]stances connected with [illegible]tion of the reservoir. T[illegible]ended by Ald. Ross.

Ald. Fullerton express[illegible] skeptical of the value of [illegible]ducted by the whole co[illegible] called that the last inve[illegible] only a white-washing aff[illegible] an assurance that the [illegible] would be made to suff[illegible] however, favor an inve[illegible] only regretted that the [illegible] not institute criminal [illegible] against the parties resp[illegible] shabby work.

Mayor Morley—Does th[illegible] members of last year's c[illegible]

Ald. Fullerton—Oh, las[illegible]cil was all right.

The mayor explained [illegible] intended his remark as a[illegible]

Ald. Humber said he [illegible] favor of an investigatio[illegible]dition of the high-level [illegible] included in the scope of t[illegible]

Ald. Mable thought it [illegible] right to notify Arthur L[illegible] fact that an investigat[illegible] held, so that he might [illegible] wished to do so.

Ald. Langley was no[illegible] investigation by the [illegible] was the best method of [illegible] there was no doubt the [illegible] the fullest inquiry. H[illegible] he wrote to the press [illegible] of constructing the res[illegible] progress, pointing out [illegible] was not being executed [illegible]nounced at the time as [illegible] he felt now that if his a[illegible] taken at that time muc[illegible] have been saved to the [illegible] solicitor should be in[illegible] present at the inquiry a[illegible] same.

The motion to have a[illegible] by the council was the[illegible]

Mayor Morley remar[illegible] motion had passed that [illegible] have been better to hav[illegible] body conduct the inves[illegible] council would be very [illegible] own work.

OPENING FOR T[illegible]

London, March 15.—The [illegible] National Society has re[illegible] letter pointing out the a[illegible]ing teachers in Canada [illegible] been laid before the [illegible] Church and School Ma[illegible] press approval of the o[illegible] sending it.

EXPRESS R[illegible]

Ottawa, March 15.—T[illegible] way commissioners wi[illegible] inquiry into express rat[illegible] April 16.