# PURCHASING DEPARTMENT FOR THE CITY IS FAVORED BY COUNCIL

Mendelssohn Choir Gets Ten. Thousand Toward European Tour-T. J. Henry is Chief Electrical Inspector Eastern Entrance to Exhi bition This Year.

A large amount of business was worked thru by the city council yesterday. Every member tried to shorten debate and talk to the point. There was even an interim session behind closed doors to agree upon the amount of retiring allowance to R. T. Coady, but that did not head off a lengthy debate. A feature of the meeting was a vote of 16 to 7 in favor of continuing the negotiations for the council."

Legislation is to be asked for authority to issue debendures for a \$45,000 of continuing the negotiations for the street railway purchase.

is to have an eastern entrance this year by building a temporary bridge at Bathurst street to cost \$117,000.

Recommended annexations in the morthwestern suburbs were referred back. It was decided to continue the purpose of the frontage will cut down the expense to \$30,000.

The recommendation to establish an electrical installation inspection department, with T. J. Henry as chief inspector, at a salary of \$2500 a year, was adopted. Controller Church tried to have H. F. Strickland appointed inbuying lumber in the open market in-stead of by contract, owing to falling

Ald. Wickett made a sharp attack upon the treasury department, alleging that at least \$100,000 was sacrificed by the safe of \$20,000,000 of city securities last year. His allegation was as sharply challenged by Ald. The council was in session for over

nine hours. Choir Grant Carried. Sir Edmund Walker, J. W. Flavelle, W. P. Gundy and Dr. Vogt led a large deputation that urged the council to

the members of the council would do

the Mendelssohn Choir is the greatest choral organization in the world. "A are paying their own way in this pro-jected trip abroad," he said, "and what we contribute will be to assist then get a compet these who cannot afford to pay their wn way on the trip."
Ald. Graham's amendment to make the grant \$5000 was lost and the re-commendation that \$10,000 be granted

earried by a good majority.

To Tax the Rich. Ald. F. Spence moved for a special mittee to consider and report upon how unearned increment can be taxed and the tax collected. The motion carried. The committee is as follows: Singer, Graham, Smith and F. Spence Ald Meredith put thru a motion that the works committee consider supplying seasonable wearing apparel

to the scavengers.

Ald. D. Spance moved that the corporation counsel half the Ontario Railway Board to withdraw the order allowing the Toronto Railway Company owing the Toronto Railway Company of "Y" the Queen street cars at Boushead avenue. The motion carried.

The bylaw for the extension of Wilto "Y" the Queen street cars at Bous-

tion was held over because a majority

# **VILLA'S OUTRAGES**

British Parliament Cheered Sir Edward Grey's Significant Allusion to Situation.

### MAKING ENQUIRIES

Ambassador at Washington Instructed in Mode of Conducting Investigation.

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request impressed upon the leaders of the Constitutional party in Mexico the necessity of respecting the lives of for-eigners. I should like to add to that the fact that we are communicating with the government of the United States does not, of course, imply t has any responsibility for what has taken place.

"Communication has been made because the United States alone can in these circumstances exercise any influence to discover the truth and get "Evidence and Was Allowjustice done. Juarez is close to the United States frontier, and we have ourselves no means of exercising inence in those regions under existg circumstances. I am still in com-unication with the British ambassa-

Other Missing Europeans.

Instructions to Ambassador.

Cor. Adelaide and Yonge Streets ch

street railway purchase.

The purchasing department was decided upon. The Mendelssohn Choir got its grant of \$10,000. F. J. Henry was appointed chief inspector of electrical installations. Exhibition Park is to have an eastern entrance. The

stead of Mr. Henry, but had little sup

port.

The suggestions regarding metropolitan areas were referred to the transpopulation committee.
Without decate the objection to the

Proposed allotment of Consumers Gas Co.'s capital stock was approved.

Department Will Save.

Ald. Risk opened the debate upon the establishment of a purchasing department by asking for a full explana-

pense for the tour abroad of the Mendelsoohn Choir next year.

Controller Simpson urged not only
the grant but as beens to the choir so
that the concerts in this city could be
given at rates which would permit all
felasses to hear the best choir on this
continent.

Ald. Graham voted that the grant
be made \$5000 instead of \$10,000.

Ald. McBride offered to contribute
\$100 towards the \$10,000 if the rest of
the members of the council would do

The parameted epartment and under the board under the board of control. Most of the purchases are under contract. The head would be empowered to make such purchases as would be of advantage
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and quality, and he would have to keep posted on prices. I feel satisfied there is easily \$50,000 worth of material wasted every year, and this would be stopped. The board would recommend at next meeting a man for purchasing agent."

This council has been turned into a bear garden several times thru just such tactics as Controller Church is adopting today."

Ald. Maguire loudly supported Controller Church and was applauded from the gallery.

"This sort of thing only widens the breach in the council," Ald. Maybee declared. "The purchase issue should be settled by the ratepayers before any other action is taken about civic car lines."

"It seems that the matter has been tackled a little too much in a piece"Never" Controller McCarthy declared that meal fashion," said Ald. F. Spence. Before voting we should have more details. I move to refer back the re-commendation for more details." "We want facts and figures," Ald

"First approve the principle and

"The department would cost several hundreds of thousands of dollars." said Ald. Wickett. "It means building warehouses. We should not "If it is the intention to go into department store business, I'm not in favor," said Ald. Hiltz.

No Warehouses.
"It is not intended to build ware-Wickett, Spence houses, or spend \$70,000 or \$700.000," Controller McCarthy explained. "Our thought is to take the nucleus now organized and extend the organiza-

would pay the whole expense of the department," said Mayor Hocken. The recommendation to establish a

ton avenue to West avenue was held over because the subway had been left out and has to be put in.

It was decided not to press in the left out and has to be put in.

The bylaw to restore the standing meantime for a proclamation of the McNaught bill for the interchange of

traffic between street railway systems want a committee on reception only.

Too Much Committee.

When the matter of revision of the portation situation.

ance of other Europeans in Mexico is evidenced by fact that Sir Edward Grey has communicated with the ambassador at Washington respecting steps that it might be possible to take to ascertain the whereabouts of these peo-The newspapers, while awaiting the

result of the enquiry instituted by the United States Government, are practically united in condemning the action of Villa, which some of them regard as nothing less than murder.

#### SITUATION IN MEXICO DOESN'T WORRY FRANCE

PARIS, Feb. 23.—The French foreign office has no comment to make on the Benton affair in Mexico, nor does the Benton affair in Mexico, nor does the French Government appear to be disposed to offer any suggestions to the United States on the subject or to press any other policy upon Washington than the policy which is now being followed. The foreign office appears content to leave President Wilpears content to leave President Wilson to work out the situation.

## JOSEPH WARREN **GOT THREE YEARS**

ed to Go.

A three-year sentence in Kingston penitentiary was given Joseph War-States Government as to what further steps can be taken."

The distribution of the court of the prisoner of th Other Missing Europeans.
I Sir John Reese asked whether Sir Edward Grey had any information concerning other Europeans who are said to have disappeared in Mexico.

Sir Edward replied: "No. sir, but I the police lurking in an alley, and the police lurking in an alley, and who in turning kings evidence said will have spent 291-2 years of his life Sir Edward replied: "No, sir, but I have already telegraphed to Sir Cecil who, in turning king's evidence, said who, in turning king's evidence, said they intended to assault Ernest Thomas, cashier for Elias Rogers Co. Had the hold-up been accomplished the pair expected to get \$600 Quack-phush was remanded for sentence

these people."

Francis Dyke Acland, parliamentary under secretary for foreign affairs, made an earlier statement, in which he said:

"The pacification of Mexico is an object we earnestly desire to see accomplished, but it is impossible to effect it by Eritish intervention. We do not intend to make any attempt of that character which would be both fulfie. which would be both futile until today to be tried on a fourth.

The postonice sorter, William G. Cunningham, accused of thefts from That the British Government is con-cerned over the reported disappear- a jury.

# EWS FROM THE CITY HALL

### RIGHTLY INFORMED **NUMBERED SEVEN**

He Rallied Six Disciples to So McTaggart Explains Win-Support of His Anti-Purchase Motion. Contracts.

So Sam McBride Characterizes Weights May Be Iron or Lead Tommy's Latest-Maguire Loud in Support.

ity council yesterday upon the street allway purchase and the vote was 16 to 7 against the opponents. Controller Church had six "disciples" ready to follow him thru any blind alley.

Controller Church had on the order paper a motion that legislation be asked for power to construct and operate civic car lines in every part of the city heeding a service, and go ahead with construction without asking con-

sent of ratepayers. "The most ridiculous and prepos partment by asking for a full explanation.

"We would save from \$50,000 to \$100,000 a year," Mayor Hocken explained. "All big concerns have a purchasing department. It would be a separate department and under the a separate department and under the legislature. This council has been turned into a part of the purchasing department and under the legislature. This council has been turned into a pear worder.

"Never heard of such an outlandish proposition as Controller Church has made," Ald. McBride declared.

Bold Gallery Play.

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Ald. Maguire tried to swing in as an amendment a resolution that a bylaw for additional civic car lines be submitted to the ratepayers at the earliest opportunity. Mayor Hocken ruled it was not an amendment and was out of order,

Ald. McBride moved that Controller two experts making their investigation armed with a wrong set of specifications. This, Mr. McTaggart said, was admitted. The difference in the wood to which exception was made was specifically provided for in the contracts, but Judge Winchester had overlooked the clause in the specification respecting exceptions. The exceptions were for woodwork under the roofs and common flooring. "First approve the principle and then get a competent head to attend then get a competent head to attend an amendment a resolution that a by-Ald. McBride moved that Controller

Then Controller Church's motion prevailing practice in the building trade. The term lead weights was merewas killed on the following division:

-7.
Nays—McCarthy, Simpson, Smith,
F. Spence, Hiltz, Singer, Whetter,
Risk, Walton, Wickett, Wanless, Robbins, D. Spence, McBride, Dunn,

### EASTERN STAR DANCE.

Queen City Chapter No. 7 of the Eastern Star Society held a concert, supper and dance in celebration of their first anniversary in Foresters' Hall, College street, last night. The reports presented showed that the society was making progress both in reciety was making progress both in resist the section described as "contain-

### NO SUCH ADDRESS.

The local detective offive has received a telegram from the New York police, asking them to locate Robert F. Guest, thought to live at 2137 East Queen street. There is no such address. Robert Lacey, aged about 70 lies dead in the New York City morgie, and from papers found on him the New

### IS CRITICALLY HURT.

While engaged in coupling freight cars in the Union Station yards yesterday afternoon Arthur Walker, 609 Crawford street, was caught between two shunting cars and badly crushed. two shunting cars and badly crushed. He was conveyed to the Western Hospital, where it is reported he has internal injuries and is in a critical con-

# EXPERTS WERE NOT PROPOSED SQUARE

chester Report on Wood

### OUTLANDISH PROPOSAL LEAD A STOCK PHRASE

as Desired, is Explanation. Wide open and brisk were the pro-ceedings at the first meeting yesterday

afternoon of the special committee to report on Judge Winchester's findings, and Supt. Bishop's reply respecting the board of education building de-The committee commenced by adopting a resolution that the meetings be open to the press, and members of the

board.

Trustee Miles Vokes was an energetic chairman, and 30 pages of Judge Winchester's report were dealt with.

Trustee McTaggart, chairman of the board, said that he was prepared to express his views regarding the investigation in public, and when some sections of the report came up his remarks would be somewhat drastic.

The Coal Contracts.

The members of the committee disposed of the first section, dealing with the coal contracts in short order. It was agreed that it cast no reflection on the officials of the building department.

Experts Were Wrong.

Trustee McTaggart explained the situation in regard to the carpentry work and the difference between the statements of Jessiman and Craddock, who made a series of charges of irregularities, and the contradictions made by Supt. Bishop and others. The discrepancy was explained by the chairman of the board as arising thru the two experts making their investigation

Ald. McBride moved that Controller Church's motion be referred to the board of control, but the motion did not carry.

Then Controller Church's motion admitted, was in accordance with the Yeas—Church, Rowland, Maybee, Meredith, Graham, Ryding, Maguire that actual metal. The term and did not require that actual metal. The iron weights were cheaper, but would not be a factor in letting contracts.

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It was true, however, that some con-tractors had used "a limited quantity That was without either the approval or the assent of Supt. Bishop or the building department.

#### ing the fireworks." DEMOLISHED CAR VESTIBULE.

A horse in a Rogers Coal Co. delivery wagon ran away from in front of the Toronto Silver Plate Co. on King street yesterday afternoon, and was only stopped after it had collided with and completely demolished the front vestibule of Queen street car 1038, at any other railway and public assistand from papers found on him the New York police believe Guest is a friend of his.

Westibule of Queen street car 1038, at the corner of King and Portland sts. The wagon was also badly broken and the wagon was the horse may have to be shot.

### LABOR SMOKER.

A smoking concert will be held in the assembly hall of the Labor Temple on Thursday evening, under the auspices of the Independent Labor party. In addition to the musical program that will be rendered, Fred Bancroft will address the gathering on "Workman's Companyation". gathering on "Workmen's Compensation From a Labor Standpoint." Controller Simpson will also speak; while Joseph G'bbons will occupy the chair.

### ----AND THE WORST IS YET TO COME



# A LOUNGING PLACE

Alderman David Spence Opposes Postoffice Project, Which Was Held Over.

### AWAIT DOUBLE REPORT

Commissioners Forman and Chambers Will Send Documents to Council.

Ald. Robbins, chairman of the parks and exhibition committee, advised deferring for a couple of weeks the annexation of Cedarvale until Commissioner Chambers arranged for another driveway in the plan of the subdivision.

Ald. Wanless moved that the recommendation be referred back. This was carried by a vote of 11 to 7. The recommendations to annex the Forest Hill district and the Upper Canada College district were also referred back.

A report giving information upon the proposed postoffice square, came up for consideration at 1 o'clock this morning and Mered the declared against taking any action to have the square.

"The council is not in favor of the square, and we should vote now to kill it," said Ald. Walton.

"Until a report from Commissioner Forman and Commissioner Chambers is made to the council no action can be taken," Ald. F. S. Spence said.

Ald. Maguire made an appeal for support of the square. Ald. McBride did likewise.

"The not even willing to wait for a reference of the square."

"I'm not even willing to wait for a report," Ald. D. Spence said. "A postoffice square would be a lounging place for a bunch of loafers. It is up to the government to put a square there, if it is needed. This council will never vote

in the value of the surrounding property would largely meet the cost of the square.

"We shouldn't kill the proposition tonight," Ald, Whetter said.

Controller Church's motion that the matter be thrown out was lost. The report from the commissioners will be made to the next meeting of the council.

Ald, Maguire tried another motion, that civic dines be built in all needed sections. It was sent to the works committee.

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Controller Simpson moved that the offices in the assembly hall be constructed by day labor. It was sent to the board

## on control. The council adjourned at 1.25 this a.m. **MACKENZIE SAYS**

PUBLIC MISLED Many Subsidies Mentioned in

Blue Books Have Never Been Paid.

### FUNDS DIVERTED

South American and Other Enterprises Financed by Private Resources.

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Phantom Subsidies.
"There have been placed on the statute books of Canada millions of dol. lars of cash subsidies which have never been earned, many of the subsidized been earned, many of the subsidized companies having passed out of ex-istence, and millions of dollars of bond grarantees which have never pro-gressed farther than the original au-

gressed farther than the original authorizing legislation.

"The Canadian Northern is not an exception to this general statement. Guarantees have been granted by provincial governments for lines which have never been commenced which vincial governments for lines, which have never been commenced, which may never be built, and which, in some cases, were never asked for by the company. These guarantees, with unearned cash subsidies to certain branch lines within the system are charged up by statisticians, casually charged up by statisticians, casually referring to the blue book, as against the constructed mileage of the C. N.

C. N. R.'s Finances.

"So much for the origin of representations that have taken place. Now as to the facts: The C. N. R. Co. has under construction and expects to have completed by the end of 1914, 9943 miles of railway. There are completed 8694 miles and under operation 7152 miles. The completed and uncompleted mileage has cost for construction and equipment to Dec. 31, 1913, \$303, 319 232. From the Dominion and the provincial governments, and from municipalities, up to the same date, there C. N. R.'s Finances. provincial governments, and from municipalities, up to the same date, there have been received, by the companies: forming the C. N. R. system, whilst under control of Mackenzie, Mann & Co., \$20,992,567 in cash subeventions, or about 6 per cent, of the total cost of the railway milegue constructed. of the railway mileage constructed.

Not Over-Subsidized.

"These figures are correct. They include all the cash subsidies received from public sources as a set-off against the three hundred and three mil'ions of costs before mentioned. River, and subsequently traversing the Saskatchewan Valley from the Pas Mission to the Rocky Mountains cross as the river eight times in a distance of 1000 miles. When compared with the cash subventions given to either of the other transcontinental railways, or when compared with the total cort of the work and the great economic good which has been and is being accompile he do by the CNR system. These from the United Kingdom, When compared with the cash sub-ventions given to either of the other

# SIXTEEN THOUSAND FOR COADY PATTERSON NOW IS TREASURED

A. E. Black Becomes Deputy-Treasurer — Appointment Made by Council After a Lengthy Debate-Vote Two Years' Salary Was Thirteen to Nine.

R. T. Coady, former city treasurer, ment of a finance com was given \$16,000 for a retiring allow- the referring back of the

ance by the city council. He had claimed the full amount (\$24,000) permitted ous appeal for support of the by the statutes. Controller Simpson tions and so did Ald. Maguire. "I'm absolutely shocked at "Mr. Coady was in the employ of the troller Simpson's statement to "Mr. Coady was in the employ of the city for forty-one years," Mayor Hocken said, "and we are warranted in being liberal to him in considering board of control's report is a ization of the treasury Ald. Wickett said. "The his retiring allowance. He probably spent much more in entertaining financiers from England than other heads of departments may have saved for their shocked. Mr. Patterson is departments may have saved for their old age. He never took a holiday. Are if we going to take a discount on integrity and enthusiasm in office? He made his salary every year in the way has he handled exchange. If we are going to get the best service for this city we must make it rank with the best service of the private communication. over the depression. office of city treasurer. I'm in private concerns. Thru illness and thru high-minded action Mr. Coady is today without a dollar laid up for his

"We ought to be ashamed of our-would not stand the selves if we do not give the \$24,000," of alleged financiers. Ald. Smith declared. "The civic survey Ald. Risk was not in favor of the full an awful lot of nerve to

"I move that we vote Mr. Coady an clare

Spence. Spend a lot Controller Church insisted that \$24,- Survey and their report their report motions. I "I think the people of Toronto would recommend approve our making the amount \$16,- McCarthy. 000," said Ald. Graham. "I move in "The cive amendment that we give \$16,000." Should have the same of the cive and the cive amendment was the call motion." This amendment was the only motion put, and it carried by 13 for and 9

against.

Then the matter of the promotion of Mr. Patterson to city treasurer and Mr. Black to deputy city treasurer was taken up. Ald. Wickett urged that the promotions be held up as requested by "I'm going to support to the civic surveyors will a support to the civic surveyors will be civic surveyors. "The city business should not be held

mittee seems to me to be an after- partment," said Ald. Wanles thought," said Mayor Hocken, "for the will he feel if we put a fina request to await the surveyors' report missioner over him afterwas came only last Friday, and we have should let this matter stay obeen discussing reorganization of the couple of weeks." been discussing reorganization of the couple of weeks."

It we have any self-respect left we should do our work without waiting for a civic survey report. We have known Mr. Patterson many years, and know his capabilities."

The promotions were made Ald. F. S. Spence urged the appoint—vote of 14 to 9.

Bought Old Charters.

the same way as the man on the street owns his watch. If they had then re-

tired from railway building, and had retained the lands, they would be in

Used to Redeem Bonds.

R has shared in the work of develop-ment of western Canada in the days when it was needed, when western Canada had been for years practically

stagnant. The railways in existence at the advent of the C. N. R. were located in the southern portion of Mani-coba and the then territories. The C.

N. R. plunged into the comparatively unknown and unsettled country of the

north, making for the Saskatchewan

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worst time of the depression year," Ald. Wickett said, "and

way and Canal Co., the Winnipeg and Hudson Bay Railway Co. and the Manitoba and Southeastern Railway Co. for the construction of certain defined lines in Manitoba, and the then Northwest Territories. The lands at that time had little value as, by reason for inadequate transportation facilities, there was no eagerness to take up farming in Western Canada, and under the homestead regulations the few settlers coming into the country obtained all the land they required for the discharge of homestead duties. The promoters, who had more confidence than finance, were anxious for western development and hawked the charters from one end of Canada to the other, seeking in vain support from the financial interests. The promoters of the Winnipeg and Hudson Bay Railway visited New York, London and Paris in a fruitless endeavor to arouse an interest in the undertaking. Guaranteces, Not Subsidies "The bonds of companies kno C.N.R. system have been guar the Dominion and several provi the Dominion and several province ernments, and up to Dec. 31, 12 companies have received the proceed on the process of the position on the part of the companismize the benefits of these tees, but it must be acknowledged company's hitroger terms. ompany's bitterest arouse an interest in the undertaking. "Years after the land grants had been authorized by markament, Maczenzie and Mann bought the charters carrying the land grants, and built the

railways. They did what the finan-ciers of Canada, or the United States, of England, and of the continent, after careful scrutiny, repeatedly refused to do. After the railways had been constructed and the stautory provisions for the grants discharged, Mackenzie and Mann owned the land exactly in "Up to the 31st day of December, there also have been expended for purposes of the several companies withe system \$134,123,171, raised absolute. without sove nmient assistance; this amount is compared with the fipreviously quoted as to cash subven moneys raised from land grants, m heys raised by the guaranteed sties, it will be seen how little truth. an enviable position in today's world of finance. One would not need to go far back in Canadian history to find examples of men who have done this "However, this was not the course of action. The lands were turned over to the Canadian Northern Railway Co. and used for issuing land grant bonds. Lands were sold from time to time at market value, and their proceeds applied in redemption of these bonds. Up

plied in redemption of these bonds. Up to Dec. 31, 1913, there were issued \$24,000,000 of land grant bonds. The land grant made to the companies, the charters and rights of which were secured by Mackenzie and Mann, total 4,000,000 acres. The company got the benefit of these lands.

"It will not be denied that the C. N. personal advantage. But since the ment has been hinted at, by re journalists, it is deserving of an Used Personal Resources

MRS. McDONALD DEAD.

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tles, it will be seen how little truth to the statement that the C.N.R. been built by public fungs, and preserve a guilible public to Mackensie Mann for their private emolum at "With the statistics that have given it would appear almost una sary to deal with the statement moneys voted to the C.N.R. have giverted and invested by either Sir moneys voted to the C.N.F. adverted and invested by elillam Mackenzle or Sir Don South America, or elsewhere

Used Personal Resources.

"Sir Donald Mann has never had interest in South American secun Such funds as Sir William Mackend vested in South America were invested in South America were utilized the funds of the panies in the C.N.R. system for personal benefits. They have not drawn upon the companies for sal or traveling expenses. They have prepared to confine any benefits may receive to acquiring the constock of the company, and have det the best of their years to the bull up of what they believe will be a troontinental railway system creditable Canada."