

DOWN TO BUSINESS

The Committee of Fifty Holds the Second Meeting and Organizes for Work.

Sub-Committees Appointed to Deal With Matters of Prime Interest to the Welfare of the City.

There was a very large attendance at the second meeting of the Committee of Fifty last evening in the city hall, and the same business-like spirit characterized the proceedings as was observable at the meeting on Wednesday evening.

The sub-committee appointed on the former occasion to draft sub-committees to deal with matters affecting the interests of the city had prepared a report which commended itself very strongly to the members of the committee, and which was accepted with little amendment and but a small amount of discussion.

His worship the mayor presided, and Mr. G. E. Barnard again discharged the duties of secretary. The meeting opened shortly after 8 o'clock. The reading of the minutes of last meeting was the next business, and they were adopted unanimously. A letter from Mr. H. Dallas Helmecken acknowledging his appointment as secretary of the committee, having to attend another meeting, he might not be able to be on hand this evening, was read, received, and filed.

Mr. C. E. Renouf made a verbal communication from Hon. Robert Beaven, to the effect that that gentleman asked for his name to be taken from the list of members of the committee, as he believed the work should be in the hands of younger men, although quite willing to do all possible to assist the committee in their work.

Mr. Gregory moved that the secretary write Mr. Beaven to the effect that in the wish of the members of the committee for Mr. Beaven to allow his name to remain on the list. The motion was seconded by Mr. W. H. Bone and duly carried.

The report from the sub-committee appointed at Wednesday's meeting, suggesting the proposed sub-committees and the subjects they are to deal with, was then read by the mayor.

Mr. Renouf moved that the report be received and considered seriatim. This was seconded by Col. Prior and carried.

Committee No. 1—Charter and municipal legislation. Messrs. Hunter, Marchant, McPhillips, Redfern and Renouf.

Mr. Renouf pointed out that the object of the committee was merely to discuss the abstract question, and he did not think Mr. McPhillips would find himself in any conflicting position. It was desired to have the benefit of Mr. McPhillips' advice, as it was also of that of every city representative.

Mr. McPhillips said so long as it was understood that he was not expected in his position as a member of the house to be compelled to endorse everything the committee did, and that he was acting more in an advisory position, he had no objection to remain on the committee.

Mr. Pemberton's motion to the committee was then voted upon and defeated, the committee being finally agreed to as read.

Mr. Gordon Hunter asked that his committee would have to do it seemed to him their work was contingent upon what the other committees did. The mayor ruled that until the report was dealt with no other subject could be taken up.

The following were appointed without discussion: Committee No. 2—Aldermen; qualification terms of office, duties, wards: Messrs. Drury, McCandless, MacGregor, McKay, McQuade and Pearson.

Committee No. 3—Improvements; streets and bridges: Messrs. Barnard, Bragg, Challoner, Dahn, Holland, Humphrey, Prior, Stewart and Todd.

Committee No. 4—City debt, consolidation of debt and reduction of city limits: Messrs. Beaven, Hall, Langley, Munn and Seabrook.

On Committee No. 5, railway connection and Indian reserve, Mr. Marchant suggested that the subject of railway connection should also be included, but Mr. Renouf pointed out that it would be necessary to have Mr. Sorby before the general committee and explain his scheme, and it would be better to have a separate committee on the committee on railway connection and Indian reserve.

This was agreed to. Committee No. 6—Revenue and taxation: Messrs. Grahame, Gregory, Leiser, Stephen Jones, Pendray, Pitts and Taylor.

Committee No. 7—Internal economy: Awarded Highest Honors—World's Fair, Gold Medal, Midwinter Fair.

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Messrs. Bone, Brydon, Dwyer, G. Powell and G. E. Powell.

Committee No. 8—Water works and sewerage: Messrs. Baker, Gecel, Flumerfelt, Fraser, Ker, Lemon and Pemberton.

Committee No. 9—Harbor improvements: The committee of the whole. Col. Gregory then moved that no instructions be given by the general committee to any of the sub-committees, but that they be left free to submit their own reports on the various subjects.

Mr. W. H. Langley brought up the matter of the banks purchasing gold from the miners from the north, and quoted instances of men having purchased large quantities of goods subsequently to having disposed of their dust here. Mr. Langley strongly favored the establishment of a mint, and thought it came well within the scope of the committee's work to press this matter upon the attention of the proper authorities.

Mr. D. R. Ker agreed with all Mr. Langley had said, and stated that the matter had been taken up by the Board of Trade, and Hon. Mr. Cotton had pointed out that it was not yet in the power of the local government to do what was asked. The necessary legislation was to be obtained, however.

Messrs. Dwyer and Munn, upon the importance of the proposal. Mr. McPhillips, while not anxious to throw any obstacle in the way of the scheme, foresaw difficulties of a practical character. He thought the location of a branch of the royal mint would mean a difficulty, as the gold would be minted in decimal coinage as in the United States.

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LAW INTELLIGENCE.

The fall court will sit on Monday next. Below is the complete list of cases:

List No. 1—Centre Star vs. Iron Mine; Daniel Yald vs. Mining Co.; Clark vs. Haney; Aldous vs. Hall Mines; McNeel vs. Archibald; Gaston vs. Stewart; Steel vs. Pioneer Trust Co.; Doherty vs. Steel vs. Hall Mines; Nest Egg Mining Co. vs. Can. Rand Drill Co.; Connell vs. Hadden; Davies vs. Le Bot; Hunter vs. Currie; Beccleston vs. Gilchrist; From Mask vs. Centre Star; Reg. vs. Marshall; Hadden vs. Hadden.

List No. 2—Lorenz vs. Buchanan.

List No. 3—Lorenz vs. Dunsuir; Dunlop vs. Haney; Musgrave vs. Beattie; Reg. vs. Bexch Mining Co.; Reg. vs. Little; Reg. vs. Mickle; Reg. vs. Wm. Sutton; deceased; re Nelson City By-law 334; Jardine vs. Bullen; re lot 423, Victoria City; Yald street fire hall case; Reg. vs. Sonner.

Winnipeg, Nov. 3.—W. McCreary, immigration commissioner, has received a telegram from Prof. James Mavor, Toronto University, informing him that the 2,000 tons of coal would sail from the town on the Black Sea, before the end of the week.

Gossip of London

The Hero of the Soudan the Idol of the Hour—Magnificence of His Sword of Honor.

The Resumption of the Exposures by Mr. Ernest Terah Hooley—Society Gossip.

London, Nov. 5.—Apart from politics the attention of London this week has been mostly directed to the demonstration in honor of Gen. Kitchener yesterday, and the resumption of the exposures by Mr. Ernest Terah Hooley, the bankrupt company promoter. The general was the guest of Queen Victoria at Balmoral Castle during the early part of the week, and presented her majesty with some interesting relics of the campaign.

The general returned on Thursday the general went to the ceremony of the resumption of the freedom of the Fishmongers' Company, and it was the former difficulties of a practical character. He thought the location of a branch of the royal mint would mean a difficulty, as the gold would be minted in decimal coinage as in the United States.

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FATAL COLLISION DISASTER.

Engineer's Carelessness Causes Loss of Seven Lives at Wilkesbarre.

Wilkesbarre, Pa., Nov. 5.—Seven men were killed and three fatally injured at Exeter, Collyer, on the Lehigh Valley Coal Company's grounds at West Pittston, near here, this morning. The accident was due to the alleged carelessness of the engineer, David Price, who, acting in disobedience of positive orders, caused the three cars to run into the top shaft. These cars, loaded and weighing eleven tons, fell down the 500-foot shaft and crashed with frightful force upon a carriage carrying ten men. Seven were almost instantly killed. The accident occurred at 6.30 o'clock as the men were going to work and being sent down the Exeter shaft in parties of ten at the same time. Engineer Price, in charge of the little donkey engine, was shifting loaded cars from the new Redash shaft, several hundred yards away, to the Exeter breaker. This track approached the head of the Exeter shaft, and a distance of 30 feet from it curved gently to the right and around the shaft to the breaker. At a point where this track commenced to curve was a switch and 30 feet of track leading to the head shaft, which was used for storing crippled cars. Close to the head of the shaft it was closed by a hand lever. Price's orders were to approach the breaker with the engine at the head of the shaft, and when he was caught pushing cars, and was threatened with discharge for disobeying the order. To-day he did the same thing. The train was going at a good speed when, instead of curving around the shaft, the cars dashed into the shaft, which was open. Price reversed the engine, but it was too late. The cars struck the head block, smashed it, and three of them toppled down the shaft. About 20 feet from the bottom they struck the carriage with fearful force, completely wrecking it. A mass of wreckage fell to the foot of the shaft, choking it, and when after hard work, the men were extricated seven were dead and three fatally hurt.

OWEN SOUND SENSATION.

A Banker Gives a Check for Two Thousand Dollars Under Force.

Owen Sound, Nov. 4.—In the police court to-day Mr. Burt, a moultier, appeared, charged with feloniously wounding Joseph P. Raven, a private banker. Raven's story is that he had a chattel mortgage on the furniture of the Burt family. One morning he called and asked for payment of the rent, and while conversing with Mrs. Burt her husband entered the room and drawing a revolver threatened to blow Raven's brains out unless he signed an acknowledgment of the debt. Mrs. Burt, who was present, urged Mrs. Burt to sign the check, and she also agreed to pay \$2,000. Mr. Raven signed a check on the Merchants' Bank of Canada for the \$2,000, which Mrs. Burt went and presented while he remained still under the revolver. There not being sufficient funds in the bank, he was compelled to give an I.O.U. for \$1,000 and a check. According to Burt's story he had instructed his twelve-year-old daughter to notify Raven to keep away from the house, but on returning this day he found Raven and his wife in what he considered a compromising position. Burt then drew a revolver from his drawer with the intention of shooting Raven, but it was taken away from him and he knocked Raven down with a stick. Raven then voluntarily gave a check for \$2,000 to rush the matter up. The case was remanded.

CANADIAN BRIEFS.

Toronto, Nov. 4.—The bureau of mines has the following statement giving the values of the mineral production of Ontario for the first nine months of the present year, compared with the total production for 1897. During the present year 38,035 tons of gold ore have been treated, yielding 11,889 ounces of bullion, exceeding the total output of last year. In 1897 no silver mining was done, while this year 673 tons have been milled, with a product of 20,867 ounces. Of nickel and copper 83,275 tons were smelted in the nine months; the matte product was 13,472 tons, which when refined gave 1,330 tons of nickel, valued at \$336,216, and 2,236 tons of copper, valued at \$205,569. The production of iron ore increased from 2,763 tons in 1897 to 28,354 tons, valued at \$36,338 at the mines.

London, Nov. 4.—