

WILL MAKE NO RECOMMENDATION MR. MOORE ON WATER SCHEMES

Estimates of the Cost of High Pressure and Filtration
Will Be Submitted—Engineer Denies Statements
Credited To Him—High Pressure Cheaper.

"I never made the statements credited to me regarding the two schemes for increasing the water supply," said Engineer John M. Moore, of the water works department, this morning.

"There was nothing discussed at the meeting yesterday afternoon regarding the increasing of the water supply. The figures given in the Free Press must have been taken out of some former report."

Mr. Moore was at the meeting yesterday afternoon, but, as stated, the matter of increasing the present water supply was not brought up.

It was pointed out that Mr. Moore was alleged to have stated that the cost of the Chipman scheme was \$425,000, whereas in actual fact Engineer Chipman stated it would cost but \$300,000.

"I have made no statement regarding the matter at all," Mr. Moore answered.

NO RECOMMENDATION.

"Are you going to make any recommendation as to which scheme is the better?" was asked.

"I am not," he answered. "I am just going to submit a report as to what the schemes mean with the cost."

"What are your figures for the cost of the schemes?" was ventured. "The Maury scheme, \$369,000; the high-pressure scheme, \$350,000," he replied. "In either case there will be the expenditure of \$75,000 for new mains in the city."

Superannuation Fund for Firemen No. 3 Committee Discussed Matter

Chief Clark Presented Much Information on the Subject
Last Night.

At the meeting of No. 3 committee yesterday afternoon Chief Clark submitted his report on the superannuation fund, as operated in other cities. The committee asked that a copy of the bylaws of the superannuation fund of the local police force be submitted to it, after which the committee will endeavor to work out a plan.

The contracts for the firemen's clothing were let also.

In Other Cities.

Chief Clark reported that he had written to several cities regarding the superannuation fund.

He found that the local police department has a first-class fund for the protection of its members.

Toronto police and fire departments have a similar fund. Any deduction in pay of the men from whatever cause, must be paid into the fund.

Hamilton fire department had no fund, but has one in course of completion.

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Hyman Hall Filled To Overflowing Very Large Crowd at "The Home"

Splendid Programme—Refreshments Served—All Had a Good Time.

A great success was the "At Home" given by the Young Liberal Club last night in Hyman Hall. The hall was crowded to overflowing, and other rooms of the club had to be used to accommodate the crowd. President Sippi presided and he proved an ideal entertainer.

The musical programme was excellent. The Wesleyan Male Quartet sang several selections in splendid style, and made a great impression. This quartet is a good one. Mr. Jack Wilson sang well, and

Mr. Tom Ranahan also sang in excellent voice.

A stump speech was given by Mr. J. Stevenson, and it was very funny. W. Robson gave a piano solo that was highly appreciated, and Mr. W. Madden danced cleverly.

Some Speeches.

Short speeches were made by President Sippi, Mayor Stevely, Geo. C. Gibbons, K. C., Ald. Moorhead, and others.

All kinds of games were played during the evening, and a most enjoyable time was had.

Refreshments were served after the programme.

The affair will be noted as one of the most successful ever held by the club.

Every part of the city was represented and the greatest enthusiasm prevailed.

Ninth Day for Hamilton Radial Bill One Clause Is Finally Drafted

Clause Brings Measure Under the Control of Railway Commission.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Ottawa, Feb. 13.—This was the ninth day for the Hamilton radial bill before the railway committee. Mr. Clarke today introduced an amendment to clause 1, which in effect inserted some of the matter cut out yesterday on the suggestion of the minister. This created a long discussion. A clause was finally drafted with the assistance of Mr. Graham. The effect of this was to bring the bill under the Dominion act as it is at present or may hereafter be amended and to come within the control of the railway commission. Mr. Lennox argued in favor of putting it under the jurisdiction of the provincial board and obtain 2 cents a mile. Mr. Gibson said that on parts of the road the fare was now less than 2 cents, but if the company had to spend two or three millions to tunnel into the heart of the city of Toronto it might be necessary to charge more than a 2-cent a mile rate.

Answering some questions, Mr. Gibson said that the section from Oakville to Toronto would probably be first constructed and then the section to Niagara River.

Mr. MacDonnell moved a resolution making the road subject to the jurisdiction of the Ontario Railway Board and in so far as its power to sell electricity is concerned to the jurisdiction of the hydro-electric power commission. This was declared out of order.

Section 3 was amended, providing that cars in the city of Toronto would only stop and take up and lay down passengers in the city of Toronto at such points as approved by the city of Toronto and that the road would not run east of Roncesvalle, except by tunnel.

Mr. Henderson (Halton) protested against the limitation of competition. He supported the bill because it was to give competition, and this might prevent passengers getting into Toronto except by changing cars.

Mr. Gibson said that this company did not want to do a local business in Toronto. The arrangement was as satisfactory to him as it was to Toronto. The bill was amended, making it run through St. Catharines.

Will City Vacate County Property?

The manufacturers' and reception committee of the city council will meet tomorrow afternoon at 4 o'clock. There is not much business to be transacted by the committee. Immediately following this there will be a meeting of No. 1 committee.

The main question of discussion will be the notice from the county council to the city council to vacate the premises

at present occupied by the water commission and the boards of works, near the court house.

The notice was sent last year to No. 2 committee, but that body paid no attention to it. The premises were to be vacated by Jan. 1, 1908.

"I think we can make satisfactory arrangements," said Ald. Beattie this morning.

Mayor Stevely Makes Appointments



MAYOR STEVELY

on the recommendation of Mr. Stephen Grant, assessment commissioner.

The appointment of the clerks has not yet been officially announced. There will be four appointed as usual.

Three of them will be Mr. A. Black, sen.; Mr. Geo. C. Dobie, and Mr. Jas. R. Gillean.

The fourth will be either William Peel or Arthur Essery. It is not known which of them it will be.

HOW'S THIS?

Winnipeg, Feb. 13.—Calgary, Alta., dispatch says that at an open air meeting of several Calgary businessmen held yesterday, a resolution of condolence with Eastern Canada on its sufferings from severe wintry weather, was passed. The meeting adjourned early, as a number of those present had engagements to play tennis or golf. A half-mile swimming competition in the Bow River was held yesterday.

Freight Agent Here.

Mr. H. Ransome, of Detroit, traveling freight agent of the Michigan Central was in the city this morning.

Police May Ask for Superannuation After Twenty-five Years' Service

The Matter of the Promotion of P. C. Downs Is Likely To Be Brought Up.

Two very important matters will come before the police commissioners at their next meeting, when a petition will in all probability be presented from the members of the force, asking them to investigate the appointment of P. C. Harry Downs, to be acting sergeant with acting sergeants' pay.

The men, it is alleged, feel very strongly in regard to this matter, and

state that Chief Williams has departed from all usual customs in making the appointment.

Claim Seniority.

In the past it has been the rule, it is said, to appoint men to any vacancies that may occur in the order to which they are entitled by seniority, provided there are no marks against the man's character.

Until the present instance this rule has been strictly adhered to, and in the recent promotion of Sergeants McDonald and Monaghan, Chief Williams is said to have represented very strongly the claims of seniority.

In the case of the acting sergeant,

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ST. VALENTINE'S DAY

Tomorrow, which is the anniversary of St. Valentine, promises to be kept as usual, according to the bookkeepers who report that they have sold large numbers of those missives, tender and otherwise, which lovers and those who are not lovers send to one another on Feb. 14.

This custom started, according to the fellows who write history, away back in the first century.

The Greeks of those days who had not at that early time developed a mania for starting quick lunch counters used to have a big celebration in honor of Juno and Pan, two persons who were supposed to look after the love affairs of the time.

Youths and maidens in particular, used to seek the nooks in the mountains where Juno and Pan used to be supposed to come, and told their secrets aloud in the hope that the divinities would hear them and help things along.

About the first century, however, valentines came along and showed the Greeks the error of their way, and converted them to Christianity.

Ever since that time, Juno and Pan have been forgotten, and all the honor has been given to Valentine, who is reputed to have become a saint.

Instead of having a more or less national celebration, Valentine advised the Greeks to send little tokens of their love to each other, or to give parties at which young lovers could have a good time.

The idea proved so popular that ever since the 14th of February has been observed for that purpose.

South Enders Win Their Point Will Have Fine New Fire Hall

Location of New Structure Will Be Decided Upon Shortly.

At the meeting of No. 3 committee yesterday, it was decided to ask City Architect Nutter to prepare plans for the two new fire halls to be erected in this city this year.

Mr. Nutter will prepare the plans as soon as he has the isolation hospital plans out of his way, and the matter of the erection of the halls will be a matter of but few months.

This action of the committee does away with all possibility of the removal of the East London fire hall. It will remain as it is.

A hall in the South End.

The location of the new halls has not been decided on by No. 3 committee, but an endeavor will be made shortly to choose the sites. They will be chosen, so the committee says, to afford the very best protection possible.

Both halls will be practically the same in architecture and equipment.

"Some people have represented the East London people as opposing the building of the hall in the southeast end," said Ald. Moorhead, "but this is a mistake. The East London people object most strongly to the removal of the present hall, and I think they are justified. But they do not object to the building of the new hall in the southeast end—in fact, they think that it will be of great benefit to the people in the eastern section of the city. We do not want a hall at the expense of any other part of the city."

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Retail Grocers Will Hold a Banquet

The Retail Grocers' Association of this city will give a banquet in the Tecumseh House on Thursday evening, Feb. 27.

The wholesale grocers and the city travelers will be invited, and it is expected that the attendance will reach 150.

The committee having the matter in charge are: Harry Ranahan, president; Thomas Shaw, vice-president; E. J. Ryan, treasurer, and Cyril Hayes, secretary.

The banquet promises to be a great success.

Inspector Well Pleased With Hotels

Provincial Inspector Morrison and Inspector Galpin are very busy making the round of the hotels of the city.

"So far everything has been found to be most satisfactory," Inspector Morrison told The Advertiser today, "and beyond a few recommendations of a minor character my report will be an excellent one."

"I think there will be no move made to reduce the number of licenses

as everyone appears to be well satisfied.

"All the commercial men seem to be pleased with the accommodation, and the temperance societies have no complaints to make."

Successful Operation.

Mr. Fred McCormick, of Oxford street, who underwent a very critical operation at St. Joseph's Hospital last week, is convalescing. His many friends will be pleased to hear of his speedy recovery.

CASES SET FOR THE HIGH COURT

The Grist Which Will Come Up for Hearing on Saturday Next.

The following cases have been set down for hearing before Mr. Justice Teetzell in the high court for London to be held next Saturday:

Re Chinese Ontario Ginseng Company—Application for winding up the company by Mr. W. G. Winnett.

Motion re Allison Law for committee to manage estate of supposed lunatic, A. Greenleaf, for motion.

Motion by way of appeal to set aside an order made by the county judge, in which certain particulars were ordered to be given. Wm. Crayston vs. Walter J. Scott, Mr. T. H. Lacombe for motion. Meredith, Fisher & MacDonald, contra.

Motion for winding-up order re Amalgamated Oil Company, of London—Blackburn & Wicks for motion; Buchner & Gunn for company. An order was made yesterday by a high court judge in Toronto, directing a winding up, but the above motion, which has been standing for several weeks, must be disposed of.

KILLED CARLOAD OF HOGS

Car Wrecked While Being Switched, and Breaks in Two.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Woodstock, Feb. 13.—The tracks in the vicinity of the Grand Trunk station resembled a pork-packing plant this morning. A car of 65 hogs en route to the Ingersoll Packing Company was in some way wrecked while being switched, causing the car to break in two and killing nearly all the animals.

HOLDSWORTH WILL RECOVER

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Woodstock, Feb. 13.—Alfred Holdsworth will, it is stated today, recover from wounds self-inflicted on Monday morning, after having shot his son in the arm following a domestic quarrel.

His face was terribly shattered, and he will be permanently disfigured. Upon recovery he will be tried on two charges of feloniously wounding his son and of attempted suicide. The son, William, is getting along all right.

OXFORD CAR WAS DAMAGED BY FIRE

Car No. 139 of the Oxford street line took fire at the corner of Centre avenue and Richmond street last night about 9 o'clock, and the line was blocked for about fifteen minutes while the blaze was being extinguished.

Some of the woodwork beneath the car was completely burned away, and the insulation of several wires.

The car was sent to the barns.

PIE WORSE THAN RUM

Washington, Feb. 12.—"Mince pies and ice water are more injurious to health and morals than intoxicating liquors," the house committee on judiciary was informed today by Theodore Sutro, representing the National German-American Alliance. Speaking on the Littlefield bill, aimed to make state prohibition laws effective, Mr. Sutro escaped from a shower of cross-questions from the committee long enough to enter into a dissertation upon rich food as a cause of crime.

"If the law can say to a man 'Thou shalt not take a sip of wine or beer or whiskey or brandy or rum or gin or any other kind of liquor,' it can say the same authority say to him 'Thou shalt not take a mouthful of mince pie and a tumbler of ice water,'" he said. "Gentlemen of the committee, over-indulgence in intoxicants is not the only excess conducive to crime in this country. I give it as my firm belief that as many murders have been committed by dyspeptics, made dyspeptic by too much mince pie and ice water, as by men inflamed to violence by strong drink!"

THE WEATHER

TOMORROW—MILD.

FORECASTS.

Toronto, Feb. 13.—8 a.m.

Today—Very mild, with a few showers. Friday—Generally fair, and a little lower temperature.

Local Temperatures.

The temperatures recorded at the local observatory yesterday were: Highest, 39.6; lowest, 29.6; average, 34.5.

TEMPERATURES.

Stations. 8 a.m. Min. Weather.

Calgary 14 6 Clear

Winnipeg 29 26 Cloudy

Vancouver, B. C. 32 32 Fair

Port Arthur 34 22 Fair

Perry Sound 38 36 Cloudy

Toronto 38 36 Cloudy

Ottawa 35 18 Cloudy

Montreal 30 14 Rain

Quebec 22 14 Cloudy

Falher Point 10 6 Cloudy

The first column in the above table records the temperatures at 8 o'clock this morning, and the second column records the minimum temperatures during the 24 hours previous.

WEATHER NOTES.

The depression mentioned yesterday has now passed to the northward of Lake Superior, and another one is forming in the extreme Southwest States.

Rain has fallen in Ontario and Western Quebec, and local snow in Manitoba.

Temperature is generally much the same as yesterday.

YESTERDAY'S TEMPERATURES.

Minimum and maximum temperatures: Atlin, zero—30; Port Simpson, 28—36; Victoria, 34—44; Vancouver, 32—41; Kamloops, 20—28; Edmonton, 6—32; Battleford, 6 below—13; Prince Albert, zero—28; Swift Current, 2—16; Winnipeg, 24—32; Port Arthur, 22—31; Toronto, 26—38; Ottawa, 2—28; Montreal, 2—19; Quebec, 6 below—20; St. John, 4—22; Halifax, 12—22.

KAISER BREAKS BALKAN PACT AND LINES UP WITH SULTAN

Germany Abandons Concert of Powers To Administer Macedonia's Affairs and Crisis Looms Up.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 13.—The Novoe Vremya publishes an article, dealing with the breaking-up of the concert of powers hitherto engaged in pressing the Porte's consent to the introduction of judicial, financial and administrative reforms in Macedonia.

At a conference of ambassadors in Constantinople this week, says the Novoe Vremya, called for the purpose of affixing ambassadorial signatures to a joint note with reference to judicial reforms which have been the subject of negotiations for the past twelve months, Ambassador Marshall Von Bieberstein made the startling announcement that Germany declined to proceed further in company with the powers in this matter. Instead Germany proposed to abandon the joint note, agreeing with the Turkish counter-proposals, whereby

Turks, instead of Europeans, should be appointed inspectors of courts, in return for which the Porte would consent to extend the mandate for European gendarme officers, which expires in March of this year.

The Novoe Vremya interprets this action on the part of Germany to mean the collapse of the entire Muerztag programme, and states that it was due to secret treaties already concluded between Austria, Hungary, Germany and Turkey, by which Germany obtains long-sought concessions, and guarantees for the Bagdad railway, Austria gets the Novipazar railroad line, and the exclusive right to build a railway in the vilayets of Uskuk and Saloniki.

Baron Von Bieberstein's announcement, says the Novoe Vremya, has been communicated to the home government, and is expected to be the starting-point for a new grouping of the powers in the nearest east.

No Charge for Water for Streets Water Commission So Decides

Estimates Were Taken Up Yesterday, But Were Not Completed.

The water commissioners held a special meeting yesterday afternoon, when the question of estimates was taken up. The figures were not completed, however.

At the suggestion of Mayor Stevely, it was decided to reduce the rental charged the city for hydrants from \$25 to \$15 per annum.

This will mean a considerable reduction in No. 3 committee's estimates, but will also mean the same reduction in the surplus of the water commission.

sion, so this merely transfers the account from one book to the other.

The water commission will follow the precedent established last year, and will supply the city with water for street sprinkling purposes free of charge if the amount of water at the disposal of the commission will warrant it being used for such purpose.

It was expected that the question of submitting a scheme for increasing the water supply would be discussed, but so much time was taken up in the settlement of the estimates that no time was left for talking over the water situation.

Another meeting will be held shortly, when the question will be taken up. Those present were Chairman Jones, Commissioner Darch, Mayor Stevely, Engineer Moore and Secretary Elliott.

Has Pere Marquette Been Making Hay While the City of London Slept?

It was stated by an alderman this morning that the Pere Marquette had been making hay while the sun shone, and while the city council was sleeping the company got in on the city in proper style.

He declares that the Pere Marquette has either leased or bonded all the beach at Port Stanley, and if the city leased the property to another company other than the Pere Marquette, the city would still have to deal with

the Pere Marquette for a lease of the beach for landing passengers.

At the same time, the alderman favors a re-lease of the road to the Pere Marquette on that ground that if any of the big roads got the line they would practically tie it up, so as to avoid water competition.

Several of the rival companies, it is said, are trying to get the elevator company to move away from Port Stanley, in order that another black-eagle would be given that port as a shipping center.

Demanded Immediate Payment Amalgamated Oil Co. To Be Wound Up

Held Extensive Properties in the Oil Fields of Western Ontario.

At Toronto yesterday Chief Justice Falconbridge made an order winding up the business of the Amalgamated Oil Company, of this city, with offices on Clarence street.

The order was made upon the application of William Cockburn, of Hespeler, a creditor to the extent of \$969, and it is expected that the winding-up will have been fully completed within three months.

The Reason.

The reason for the winding up is that the creditors insisted on immediate payment, and that the company, on account of the financial stringency in the money market, was unable to meet

these obligations of purchase, and did purchase, a large area of Tilbury oil land.

The latter, however, has been largely disposed of. The company possesses both free holds and lease holds on the Petrolea properties, which cover a large area.

The company was organized for the purpose of developing oil lands, and all its investments are said to be paying ones.

The Stockholders.

The stockholders reside both in Canada and on the other side, but the controlling interests are held by London people.

The London and Western Trusts Company has been appointed liquidator, and Mr. U. A. Buchner, of Buchner & Gunn, is looking after the company's interests here.

Mr. W. Middleton, Toronto, is acting for the applicant for the winding-up order, and Mr. C. Wood, also of Toronto, is acting for the company.

The Views of the Insurance Men On the New Government Measure

Canadian Life Association Representative Suggests Several Changes.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Ottawa, Feb. 13.—Mr. J. K. MacDonald, Toronto, representing the Canadian Life Insurance Association, was heard this forenoon at the bank-accepted two million souls, and the securities amounted to \$190,000,000 securities. After quoting statistics to show the vast interest which insurance represented, he said that the bill represented opinions and theories rather than the outcome of practical men. He suggested a number of changes. The limit placed upon securities of 90 per cent in section 20, he wanted eliminated. He also suggested a number of changes in respect to the making of returns, and wanted the superintendent of insurance to have freer scope in going to the head office of any insurance company doing business in Canada, whether in the United States or across the Atlantic. The act leaves it to the United States. Mr. Armstrong suggested that this would con-

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