

RURAL POLICE DISCUSSED.

County Council Will Forward Memorial to Government.

Road Superintendent Explains About Some Gossip.

Hunter Suit Cost the County Something Like \$600.

The County Council this morning discussed and passed considerable business of an important nature, which included a resolution by Councillor Hills, urging the county to forward a resolution to the Government supporting the new scheme that had been set forth for the providing of regular provincial police, as the present system was considered inadequate.

Councillor Hills, on behalf of the Legislative Committee, reported on the damage claim of Joseph Ross, who was injured by his horse becoming frightened at a load of sand left on the road, and running away.

A resolution was made that the settlement of the claim be left in the hands of the warden and the Superintendent of roads and bridges.

Councillor Binkley moved an amendment, that the case be left in the hands of the warden.

Councillor Binkley said the joke of the Legislative Committee was going too far, as the amount it had cost for their meeting to discuss the damage claim was sufficient to pay the claim.

Councillor Hills moved an amendment to the amendment, that the matter be left in the hands of the Legislative Committee.

It was decided to leave the matter to the warden.

Councillor Hills wanted to know if a statement that had been made about the Road Superintendent not attending to all the roads was right. Was the Superintendent doing his work or not? The complaint had been that the appropriation was spent on the Beverly Road, and the Superintendent had not inspected it.

Superintendent Taylor replied he had been five times on the road and had interviewed the foreman of the section.

Councillor Burgess said he was responsible for the statement, but he had only made it to show how the Superintendent was overworked.

Councillor Hills—I have no brief for Superintendent Taylor or anyone else, but I think he should be given an opportunity to explain the matter. One statement was made that the superintendent had not been on another road when I knew he had. I think such talk should be stopped.

Superintendent Taylor said his attention had to be divided among all the roads and he could not stay too long in one place.

Mr. Binkley asked what the cost of the Hunter suit had amounted to, and also the amount of the Beach taxes.

The Hunter case was left for Solicitor Counsell to report on, but the taxes matter was not gone into.

Councillor Hills offered a resolution as follows: "That this Council desires to express its approval of the recent action of the Ontario Government in inaugurating a Provincial police system for the better protection of life and property, and the detection of crime; and this Council is of the opinion that it is expedient that the same should be extended so as to re-construct and improve the present county police system."

The resolution carried unanimously. Councillor Hills made a motion that no more roads be taken under the good roads system until it could be arranged so that every township could have equitable consideration.

The matter was left over until the afternoon's session.

The Warden explained that Solicitor Counsell had reported on the cost of the Hunter case which had been \$600, made up of, costs at court of appeal, \$300; county court, \$200, and damages, \$200.

The question of the gravel pit on the Plains Road was left in the hands of the Road Superintendent and Road Commissioners to stop gravel from being illegally removed.

ORDER OF SCOTTISH CLANS. This society held its monthly meeting in Kennedy's Hall, James street north, last evening. Chief Dingwall presiding.

At the business meeting it was arranged to hold a dance on Burns' night, Jan. 25 next. Six new members were initiated. Dancing was kept up until 12 p. m., and songs were contributed by Mrs. Cooper, Mrs. Dingwall, Miss Bankier and the chief. The next monthly meeting will be held in the same hall on Jan. 12.

FOUND HIS LEG BROKEN. Harry Clancy, 46 Jackson street east, was taken to No. 3 police station yesterday morning for being drunk on the street. Later, when he sobered up, he complained about his leg causing him much pain. He was taken to the City Hospital, where it was found the leg was broken. It is thought he slipped on the sidewalk, as he says he does not know how it happened.

Girl Suicides.

Mexico City, Dec. 9.—Rodolfo Gaona, a bull fighter, known as the "Idol of the bull ring," is under arrest on serious charges in connection with the suicide of Maria Noeker, 15 years old. The girl, whose family is well to do, was of a romantic disposition and looked upon Gaona as a hero. She slipped away from home one night and went to a ball. On returning home next morning she committed suicide by shooting. Police investigation, it is alleged, showed that she was with Gaona at the ball.

Rodolfo's brother, Enrique, is also in prison in connection with the case, but the mysterious charges against the men are not published.

SHIP AFIRE ON LAKE.

Steamer Clarion Burned and Two Men Met Death.

Male Frozen to Death—Fear For Thirteen Men.

Some of the Crew Saved and Hurried to Buffalo.

Cleveland, O., Dec. 9.—Two men lost their lives and the fate of thirteen others is unknown as a result of the burning of the steamer Clarion near Point Pelee, Lake Erie, early today. Six members of the crew were taken from the Clarion by the steamer L. C. Hanna, and brought here, and then rushed by train to the Buffalo headquarters of the Anchor Line Company, the owner of the Clarion.

According to the hurried tale, all attempted to leave the Clarion as soon as it was ascertained that she could not be saved. Captain E. J. Bell, of Ogdenburg, N. Y., and twelve other members of the crew took to the lifeboat. They left without food, and it is feared that they may either starve or freeze to death before rescued, for high seas are running on the lake, owing to the recent storm. One of the crew fell overboard while attempting to enter the lifeboat, but was later pulled out of the water and put in the lifeboat.

The mate was frozen to death after he had been overcome by smoke and exposure. An effort was made by the six men who stayed on board to enter another lifeboat, but it chanced them. One sailor fell overboard and was drowned in his efforts to save the boat. Later these men were rescued by the steamer L. C. Hanna. The Clarion is a 1,700-ton steel freighter. She was bound from Detroit to Erie, Pa., to lay up when fire broke out last night.

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AT PRAYERS.

Sudden Death of Windsor Man at Prayer Meeting.

Windsor, Ont., Dec. 9.—Death came without warning to Meredith Conn, 70 years old, a prominent paving contractor, at the Central Methodist Church last night. Mr. Conn was in the act of kneeling for the opening prayer by the pastor, Rev. F. W. Hollinrake, formerly of Zion Tabernacle, Hamilton, when he was stricken with apoplexy. Death came before there was time to summon a physician. Mr. Conn had been a resident of Windsor for 12 years. Prior to coming here he lived in Dutton and Tyrone, Ont., where he was engaged in the wood and grain business. He leaves a widow and a family of five sons and three daughters.

WELL BOUGHT.

Schmidt House Property Sold To-day For \$20,200.

The Schmidt House and barber shop adjoining were sold this morning by Judge Monck so that the heirs to the Lewis estate could secure their money. The purchaser was M. J. O'Reilly, K. C., and the price paid was \$20,200, which is considered reasonable for the property in that section, situated on James street, west side, near Merrick, and extends through to the market. The frontage is 39 feet 4 inches.

The heirs to the estate are: Charlotte E. Lewis, widow of the late John Bradley Lewis; Jessie Bradley Moore; William Bell, K. C.; Onie Isabella Lewis; Harold Bradley Lewis; Russell J. Lewis; Clarence E. Lewis; W. Stewart Lewis and Ethel S. Sperry.

The property was sold subject to a reserve bid and Mr. O'Reilly purchased it on speculation.

SAFETY DEPOSIT BOXES. To rent at \$2 a year and upwards, for the storing of deeds, bonds, stocks, wills, silver and other valuables. TRADERS BANK OF CANADA.

Have You Seen Them? The splendid display of Tom Smith's crackers, more beautiful than ever before. Christmas stockings that are filled with toys and other things that fill the hearts of the little folks with joy. They are not expensive, from ten cents up to two dollars. New paper shell almonds, walnuts, Brazil, Tiberts, pecan nuts; also walnut, pecan, almond meats, almonds paste.—Bain & Adams.

OWNER OF FIRST TELEPHONE RETIRING FROM SERVICE.

Mr. Hugh C. Baker, Who Has Been Connected With Company From the First, Has Earned Rest.

Built Original Street Railway in Hamilton and Owned First Telephone Company in Canada.

Two circulars were sent out to-day, one from the Hamilton and the other from the Montreal office of the Bell Telephone Company of Canada, which mark an epoch in the company's history. Mr. Hugh C. Baker, who himself owned the first telephone exchange in Canada, and who obtained the original charter for the Bell Telephone Company, is retiring from the position of manager of the Ontario Department, a position which he has held ever since the organization of the company in 1886. The circulars issued to-day are as follows: Montreal, 9th December, 1909.

To all Concerned: It is with great regret that the Company has to announce the resignation of Mr. Hugh C. Baker as manager of the Ontario Department, which position he has filled for nearly thirty years to the entire satisfaction of the Company. Mr. Baker (who owned the first telephone exchange which was opened in Canada), joined the Company at the time of its organization in 1886, and has at all times rendered valuable service.

Mr. Baker has accepted the position of special agent, and the directors are pleased to know that his services will be available to the Company, whenever he is called upon.

Correspondence hitherto addressed to Mr. Baker as manager of the Ontario Department, will be addressed to the Company at Montreal, after 31st December.

The Ontario Construction Department at Hamilton, and the special agency department, under Mr. Ashley, will be continued as at present until further notice.

C. F. Sise, President. Hamilton, 9th December, 1909. To Local Managers: I have to notify you that after a ser-

vice of about thirty years as manager of this department of the Company's business, etc., head office has been good enough to relieve me of the detail work of the office, and that, while still I hope capable of being of some use to the Company in other directions, I shall have but little to do with local managers and other officials in the department after 31st instant, and will therefore have to sever, with regret, the pleasant business relations which have existed between us; in most cases for a number of years. Wishing you all success and prosperity, I am, yours faithfully, Hugh C. Baker, manager, Ontario Department.

While Mr. Baker is retiring from the active work of the important position of manager of the Ontario department, the company, in making him special agent, will have the benefit of his long experience and eminent advice, and it thereby shows not only its appreciation of his services, but the great value it

The Man In Overalls

New story Saturday. Is the Christmas feeling stealing over you? The loosening up of the County Council in the matter of salaries is attributed to a sudden attack of enlargement of the heart. Is Mr. Downey willing to place a pris-

3 More Shopping Days Before Christmas



AT YOUR SERVICE NOW!

THE WOMAN CLERK.



MRS. OCEY WARDLOW MARTIN, VICTIM OF "THE BATH TUB MYSTERY" AT BROOKLYN, N. Y.

ONLY \$2,000.

Rev. A. J. Vining Was Not Offered \$3,000 to Come Here.

James Street Baptist Church received the decision of Rev. A. J. Vining, of London, to whom a call was recently extended, at the mid-week service last night. In writing to the church clerk, Mr. Henry Moore, Mr. Vining expressed his appreciation of the kindness of the Hamilton congregation in calling him, but stated that he had decided to decline.

Mr. Vining made the same announcement in person to his people in London, and the congregation received the announcement by singing the doxology, and a number of members expressed appreciation of the step.

The statement has been sent out from London that Mr. Vining had decided to remain there at a salary of \$2,000, although offered \$3,000 to come to Hamilton. This is not true. James Street Baptist Church offered \$2,000 only. That is considered the standard there upon which to begin a new pastor. The church expects to pay \$2,200 after a few years.

HEAVY FINES.

\$125 and \$100 For Selling Liquor In Ancaster.

Mayor Lawson, of Dundas, administered the law with a firm hand in the case of two Ancaster men charged with selling and keeping for sale liquor, contrary to law. Ancaster is under the local option law. Both men charged, William Wall and Dell Wilbur, were found guilty. A fine of \$125 and costs was imposed on Wall, and \$100 and costs on Wilbur.

Paper vs. Frost. Paper vests can and do keep out the cold and keep the natural heat of the body in. They are finished off nicely, and so light that you are scarcely aware you have one on. If you don't believe that a nice warm vest can be made from paper, just come in and ask to see them. From 75c to \$1.25 each. Parke & Parke, druggists.

FOUND DEAD. (Special Wire to the Times.) St. Catharines, Dec. 9.—Anson Higgins, for many years an honored Welland Canal employee and respected resident of Thorold Township, was found dead at his home this morning. He is supposed to have been dead since Sunday. He was eighty years of age and a widower.

Cost of Bread.

Chicago, Dec. 9.—Cost of bread in Chicago has proved a puzzle to J. R. Cahill, an investigator for the labor department of the Board of Trade of England. Mr. Cahill told of his bewilderment before the City Club last night. "I can't understand," said he, "how we can buy bread in England for one-third the price you pay in Chicago, when you send us our wheat. You have to pay five cents for four ounces of bread, while we get a loaf weighing 64 ounces for ten cents. Our four-pound loaf never costs more than 12 cents, and usually only ten cents. I confess I can't understand it."

AGREES WITH MACALLUM.

Toronto Expert Opposed to Hydro Engineer's Advice.

Bill to Maintain Partly of Navigable Waters.

Civic Departments Winding Up With a Surplus.

The city officials received a surprise to-day when attention was called to an amendment to the act governing navigable waters which is at present before the Senate. The amendment reads as follows: "No person shall throw or deposit, or cause or permit to be thrown or deposited, any sewage, offal, refuse, animal or vegetable matter of any kind into any river, stream or other water, any part of which is now navigable or flows into any navigable water."

"You can easily see how far-reaching the effect of that would be," said Engineer Macallum, who received a copy of the bill from Ottawa. "We might be prevented throwing garbage behind the reventment wall, and where we accommodate many people on little streets near the water, where there are only two or three houses by permitting them to drain sewers into the bay or inlet, we would have to install small pumps and pump all this sewage to the main sewers."

He wrote Mr. Baker, saying that Hamilton was strongly opposed to the proposed amendment. It would hit Toronto and other cities, too, and cost them many thousands of dollars.

Indications are that the waterworks expense and construction accounts, and the fire department's financial statement will all show small surpluses at the end of the year, according to statistics furnished the city engineer by Secretary James this morning. The construction appropriation was \$65,421, the actual expenditure to date is \$56,318, but work already sanctioned by the Council, the \$6,000 set aside for waterworks shops and \$2,000 to complete the mountain system will bring it up to \$84,993 by the end of the year, leaving a balance of \$428.

The waterworks expense appropriation was \$52,958, of which a balance of \$7,059 to tide over this month remains. There will be a small surplus at the end of the year.

The fire department had an appropriation of \$71,242. It has \$8,569 to carry it through this month and should have a small balance at the end of the year.

One of the intake pipes at the filtering basins runs only 210 feet into the lake, while the anchor ice forms as far out as 230 feet. Frequently during the winter it clogs the pipe. City Engineer Macallum said to-day he would urge that provision be made next year for extending this pipe about a thousand feet and carrying the other intake into thirty feet of water. Not only will this do away with the danger of clogging by ice, but it will avoid the nuisance caused by roily water when eastern gales are raging.

E. B. Merrill, a Toronto electrical expert who was employed by the city in the street lighting arbitration case, is of the same opinion as Engineer Macallum. (Continued on Page 12.)

R. C. A. Party of Artists From Toronto Saw Pictures Yesterday.

Yesterday Mr. G. A. Reid, past president of the Royal Canadian Academy of Arts; Mary H. Reid, R. C. A. of A.; R. F. Gagen, C. M. Manly, F. H. Bugden and Mr. Davies, curator of the Toronto Art School, all of Toronto; Mary E. Wrinch and members of the Ontario Society of Artists, spent the afternoon viewing the paintings of the R. C. A. of A. now on exhibition in the public library building, and expressed their high appreciation of the excellence of the exhibit. On Saturday a large party of the Arts and Letter Club, Toronto, intended coming up for the purpose of seeing the pictures. The art-loving people of Hamilton should not miss this fine exhibition.

ITALIAN MISSING. John Vito, 44 Murray street west, is missing. Last Monday morning he left his boarding house, intimating that he was going for a walk. He was attire in his working clothes. He has not been seen since. It was thought he might have gone to the Dundas stone quarry to work, but inquiries made there failed to throw any light on his mysterious disappearance. The police are working on the case. He is of stout build, age 27, and dark.

Tyrrell's Furs, Jewelry. For quality value any stock stands supreme. Be quick. Short trip. At Hotel Cecil, room 45, opposite ladies' parlor, evenings, until Friday, then Saturday to my store, St. Catharines, until the New Year. To-day reminds you of furs. I have nearly everything from Persian lamb jackets, reliable seal, to lower priced furs. My jewelry stock is large and beautiful; never better. Why not give a diamond, watch or ring, the gift of all gifts? Then jewelry, sterling silver and ebony sets, umbrellas, wrist bags, etc., gifts for the best boy and best girl. Terms easy. Call at once, or phone Tyrrell's.

ALIMONY GRANTED. An order was made this morning by Judge Snider, granting Mary McDonald \$4 a week interim alimony from her husband, Norman McDonald, to continue until the trial of the action brought by her against him for alimony. W. M. McLennan for plaintiff, S. F. Washington, K. C., for defendant.

CORNWALL WEDDING. Cornwall, Ont., Dec. 9.—Miss Dora Frad, of this town, and Mr. Milton Weintraub, New York, were married at the house of the bride's brother, Mr. N. J. Frad, the leading clothing merchant of Cornwall, Mr. and Mrs. Weintraub will reside in New York.

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NO VIOLATION OF THE ACT.

M. Cummings Strictly Observed the License Regulations.

Both Cases Brought by Police Were Dismissed.

Anthony Krimiski and Wife Advised to Go Home.

The charge of a breach of the liquor act laid by the police against M. Cummings, corner of Barton and James streets, and Thomas Burns, corner of Cannon and Wellington streets, was dismissed this morning after a long exposition of the interpretation of the act as viewed by S. F. Washington, K. C. Crown Attorney, and Geo. Lynch-Staunton, K. C., for the defence.

His worship said nothing happened but a technical breach of the act. During his sixteen years on the bench there had been more efforts to defeat that act than any other, but he had always tried to follow the strict interpretation of the law. Inkeepers were, he said, usually full of devices and schemes to defeat the act, and though the case in question might be a technical breach of the Act, yet he believed that was a lot of philosophy in the Roman axiom that says too strict interpretation of the law may commit an injustice. He advised those interested to endeavor to get their orders in early, and make deliveries early also. "In this case," he said, "I have no reason to believe that the orders were not given within the proper time." He also said that another case might come up very similar, but in which the evidence might warrant a conviction; therefore dealers should not get a false impression from the decision in this case.

P. C. Barrett said that on Saturday evening he saw the delivery wagon at the store after 7 o'clock, and later saw it on Barton street east, near Westinghouse avenue. Subsequently he saw deliveries made at 4 Birchwood avenue, 93 Sherman avenue north, and later the officer made the seizure.

P. C. Cameron corroborated the evidence of P. C. Barrett.

James Swartz, 4 Birchwood avenue, said he went to Cummings' store about 6 o'clock on Saturday evening, and gave his order, which included some liquors, and paid for it.

Mrs. Dolan, 93 Sherman avenue north, said she ordered a keg of lager by telephone about 5 o'clock on Saturday evening.

Mr. Staunton, for the defence, submitted that there was no sale. The magistrate said the English court had held that a sale is not completed until delivered.

Defendant said no liquor went out of his store after 7 o'clock on the evening in question, and on the Saturday evening he closed sharp at 7 o'clock, and the liquor was loaded then ready for delivery, after which the driver went to his supper.

Reel, the driver, told of the seizure. Mr. Staunton quoted English law, mentioning particularly the case of Pletts & Beatty. He also said he had written to the department in Toronto, and had received a letter from Mr. Saunders, which said section 50 of the liquor act says there shall be no sale after 7 o'clock p. m. on Saturday, but there appears to be nothing in it to prevent delivery after that hour, and in view of the decisions in Toronto Police Court the department had not prosecuted where purchase was made before 7 o'clock, and delivery after. Mr. Saunders added that he had seen no decision made on the matter in the higher courts.

Mr. Staunton contended that when the liquor was in transit and was purchased, it could be seized by purchaser's creditors. He said the Police Commissioners had instructed license holders that delivery could be made after 7 o'clock if purchase was made before that hour.

Then Mr. Washington said two or three license holders had complained about not being allowed to deliver after 7 o'clock.

Mr. Staunton said both cases were exactly the same, and he wished them to stand or fall together.

When Anthony Krimiski, 76 Locomotive street, showed up this morning he was sober. He had spent yesterday where he neither touched, tasted or handled. Mr. Ogivie does not allow even the smell to enter his institution. Anthony was ready to go on with his non-support case. Mrs. Krimiski said last Saturday she went out to buy an overcoat. When she returned Anthony had bolted the door and refused her admission, and also forbid the children to let their mother in the house.

"Do you want to pay her so much a week or want her to come home again?" asked his worship of defendant.

"She can come home if she mends the children's socks, washes the dishes and cleans the house," said hubby.

"Tell her to go home then," was the curt remark from the bench, for the Magistrate has an aversion to people airing every little domestic trouble in court.

James Dostater, an Aldershot brave, was in yesterday for excessive imbibing. He was fined \$2 then. No sooner did he get outside than he over-imbibed again. This morning he was fined \$5, for his Worship said the court might as well have the money as the saloon keepers.

A Swafe's Christmas Present. A companion case with several high grade briar pipes would just suit a smoker. They are different shapes with amber and vulcanite mouthpieces. Make a selection at peace's pipe store, 107 King street east.

KILLED SHERIFF. Shreve, Ohio, Dec. 9.—After he had led his family in terror all night, Roy Lee, believed to be insane, to-day shot and killed Sheriff Jacob Bell, of Holmes County, when the officer attempted to enter Lee's home to arrest him.