

INTEREST IS LACKING, BUT ALL FAVOR WIPING OUT THE LONG TERM FRANCHISE PRIVILEGES

Small Attendance at Meetings Held Last Night to Discuss the Street Railway Purchase By-Law--Ratepayers Addressed by Aldermen.

Before only a handful of the rate-payers of Ward 1 at Dufferin School last night, Ald. W. M. Charlton, chairman of the Railway Committee of the City Council explained the proposed plans for the purchase of the Brantford Street Railway and the Grand Valley Railway.

This was the first of the series of meetings which the City Council are holding in the various wards and Ald. George Sigman, who occupied the chair, expressed his regret at the small attendance.

Ald. Charlton said he was in the same position as those in attendance. He is a ratepayer and a property-owner and the question that is foremost in his mind is whether it will be advisable for the city to burden themselves with some \$2,500,000 of debt.

Ald. Charlton briefly outlined the history of the street railway since the franchise was granted twelve years ago. As everyone was aware the salary which Mr. E. B. Stoddard, receiver of the road, was getting was too much and a great amount of his salary should have come to the city to pay for the taxes on the road.

"The question might be asked," continued the speaker, "how did we come to bid \$2,500,000 for the road? The council had carefully gone over the matter and following the advice of City Solicitor Henderson, they concluded that now was the proper time to purchase the road and put it on a paying basis. \$125,000 of the bid is for the first mortgage, which the First National Trust Co. There is a mortgage on the car barns of \$4,000 on the Colborne street property of \$25,000 and the balance amounts to \$25,000. Herefore the council decided upon the offer of \$2,500,000."

"Municipal of next week the police will be asked to vote \$270,000. The extra money to go for equipping the road and purchasing new cars, is done in the neighborhood of \$50,000. In the city at the present time there is in the neighborhood of nine miles of track and this will all have to be repaired.

FIRE TRAGEDY IN NORTHERN ONTARIO TOWN TO-DAY SNUFFS OUT THE LIVES OF FOUR PEOPLE

[By Special Wire to The Courier] BRECHIN, Ont., March 17.—Mrs. Thomas McCauley, her 6-year-old son, John, and Josephine Callaghan, a servant, lost their lives early to-day, when the Brechin hotel was destroyed by fire. It was feared that another child was burned, but this cannot be confirmed. About 2 o'clock this morning Thomas McCauley was awakened by the smell of smoke in his room, and, rushing out, discovered the entire lower part of the building in flames, which in a few minutes engulfed the entire frame building. He made a desperate attempt to rescue his wife and the other occupants of the building, but was prevented by a stiff breeze across the street flames. The fire was carried and destroyed the residence and office of Dr. Gilpin.

The three hundred residents of the village were practically all on

the scene, fighting the fire with a line of buckets, the only available means, but at 4.30 the fire had burned itself out. The body of Mrs. McCauley was found in bed, not burned, but smothered by the smoke. The other bodies could not be found, and were either completely buried or buried under portions of the ruins too hot to search. Mrs. McCauley slept on the ground floor, while Miss Callaghan and little John were on the upper floor.

The fire started in the basement, presumably from a defective furnace. The destruction of the hotel and outbuildings entails a loss of ten thousand dollars, while Dr. Gilpin's loss is five thousand.

The children who escaped the holocaust were saved by the neighbors. The building is totally destroyed, and an effort is now being made to recover the bodies of the victims.

DEATH LIST FOUR

BRECHIN, Ont., March 17.—As a result of the fire in the hotel here early this morning, four people are dead: Mrs. McCauley, her ten-months-

MR. A. C. LYONS PRESENTS AMBITIOUS PLAN TO BUILD AN UP-TO-DATE MARKET PLACE

He Has Secured Property on Darling Street and is Ready to Go Ahead—Plan is Outlined to the City Council Today.

To build an up-to-date market building in the heart of the city, property already having been secured is the ambitious plan laid before the City Council to-day by Mr. A. C. Lyons. The enterprise is a private one as explained by Mr. Lyons in the following communication addressed to the City Council:

To His Worship the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Brantford, Gentlemen.—Some months ago I obtained options on some property on the south side of Darling street between Mitchell's Garage and Market street with the intention of erecting thereon an up-to-date, fireproof, sanitary public market, entirely enclosed, heated and lighted and possessing all the good features of the St. Lawrence Market, Toronto and the Dayton market, Dayton, Ohio, in so far as they apply to a city the size of Brantford and its agricultural surroundings.

I desire now before proceeding with the construction to place myself on record with your honorable body so that later on you will not be in a position to question the propriety of a legitimate business venture for the general good of the citizens passing some by-law that will compel the closing up of this market building after we have been to great expense to furnish the citizens of Brantford and the farmers of the vicinity a place where they can buy and sell all market produce amid surroundings which will be convenient, clean and sanitary.

The following are a few of the advantages of this market as far as the public are concerned:

1. Fireproof building, concrete floor, heated and lighted.
2. Open every day from 7 a.m. to 11 p.m.
3. Complete up-to-date toilet conveniences; free; towels, soap, etc., for a penny if desired; shoe shine, manicure, barber, etc., also available.
4. Restaurant in connection upstairs; free lunch room for use of farmers, tea and coffee available for farmers bringing their lunch at 5 cents per cup.
5. Separate sections of the stalls for fish, meat, eggs, butter, poultry, fruit, etc.
6. Stalls may be reserved for certain days the year round if desired.
7. All stalls fitted with moveable partitions so that several may be thrown into one or all removed if desired for special purposes to throw all the interior into one.
8. Bus service to all trains and radicals to meet those farmers who do not drive in.
9. No horses or wagons allowed inside the building.
10. Bus delivery of goods at certain hours each day to certain sections of the city at trifling charge.
11. Certain evenings, music and moving pictures, the latter of interest to farmers, tradesmen, students and the workmen as the films selected will be of an instructive and scientific nature, all free.
12. Free accommodation and office with telephone for sanitary inspector and veterinary.
13. Charges for accommodation will not be greater than now charged on the present market.
14. Arcade entrance expected from Dalhousie street.
15. Any merchant in any line can have a location for selling or advertising his store and its bargains, also for taking orders or demonstrating.
16. With the Council's permission a public weigh scale will be erected and maintained on Darling street near the main entrance.

The ground is amply large as market day is every day and all day.

The advantages to the city will be:

1. The taxpayers will not be called upon to pay for a \$100,000 or \$200,000 dollar market on a million dollar site. Private enterprise does the financing.
2. The merchants will profit as the new market will bring to Brantford hundreds of farmers who now do not come here at all on account of the poor accommodation. They spend their money in Hamilton and elsewhere, which rightly belongs to Brantford.
3. On the present market place could be located the future City Hall as this square will gradually fall into disuse as a market, though it may legally have to be available to any who desire to so use it.
4. The City could allow the property on the corner of Queen and Darling.

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cluded a solo, "No Night There," sung by Mr. Melvin Savage. A solo "Ashamed of Jesus," sung by Miss Carlette and a solo "Just When I need Him Most," sung by Miss Ethel Ester. "Anywhere With Jesus," rendered by the Misses Hazelton and Marjette and Messrs. Scott and Howison. In the anthem, "Still, Still With Thee," the solo parts were sung by Miss Josephine Waldron.

Meetings at Marlboro. Rev. W. Clark, who preached at Marlboro street Church Sunday, will continue special services at the church on Tuesday Wednesday and Friday.

Bad Blood

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ADMITS THAT HE MARRIED SECOND WIFE

Young Man in Police Court Today is Quite Popular With Ladies.

Gordon B. May, a young man was charged with the serious offence of bigamy at the police court this morning. He pleaded guilty.

Although he has not the figure of an Apollo or the features of an Adonis, there is something in the nature of May which attracts the opposite sex. If the story of his life is to be believed, he is a regular Bluebeard. Of medium height, medium build with dark flowing locks, brown eyes, a roman nose and a slightly pale complexion there is nothing to suggest a very handsome man in his make-up. According to his first wife, who was a Miss Lane, he met her and won her heart in Oshawa during the year 1907 and they were married on Jan. 4th, 1908. They lived in perfect harmony for two years and after their second child had been born he left her. He did not leave without a word instead he told her with tears in his eyes that he was leaving her for some time and with that he vanished. She knew no other reason than that she heard there was another woman at the bottom of affairs. From day to day in early 1910 until the present time she had heard nothing of him and he never wrote. She was left defenceless in the town of Oshawa, after he had sold most of the furniture and valuables, with the princely sum of 75c and two children were dependent upon her. Fortunately for her, her parents were living and she went under their roof, where she still remains. Quite recently she heard that her erstwhile husband was in Brantford and that he had contracted a marriage with a girl in that city. She informed the police and they soon verified the facts of the case and at the instance of his first wife, May was charged with the offence. The girl whom he had married here a year was not the one for whom he had cast her aside in 1910 and there are many with whom he has carried out intrigues since, according to the original Mrs. May.

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Municipal Talk Is Lively Today--Mr. Kellett Said To Have a Boomerang Re Purchase By-Law

Who are going to get the jobs? Will there be any jobs? If so, what salaries will be attached? These and various other questions are the features of a real live discussion in municipal circles at the present time. They have cropped up as a result of the street railway purchase, which looks like a sure thing next Monday, and as a result of new features talked at at the City Council, the appointment of a purchasing agent, stores keeper, electrical inspector, etc., etc.

The Courier was informed last night that there were already five men after the job of street railway manager and a hundred men after the office of purchasing agent. The latter figure looks to be somewhat exaggerated, but the former is not.

"The plan to place Mr. A. K. Bunnell in charge, as outlined in the Courier Saturday, looks to be the most feasible of any yet presented, and is one that will satisfy ratepayers next Monday, when they vote, that the City Council in handling the railway will proceed along safe, conservative lines until the system is placed upon a definite working basis. Moreover, Mr. Bunnell could have the assistance of Mr. Fred W. Frank in that regard. Mr. Frank has been auditor of the railway for several years, and is thoroughly in touch with its management."

The above statement was made last night to a Courier representative from one who will have something to do with the matter in Council. From the statement it appears that the appointment of high-salaried engineers, managers and experts will be deferred until the permanent commission to handle the street railway is appointed. In the meantime a working basis will be arrived at after a thorough investigation of the financial possibilities of the road, its earning powers, operating expenses, etc.

MAY BE BOOMERANG

It was hinted to-day in civic circles that a boomerang against street railway purchase was in course of preparation by Mr. W. P. Kellett. "Why does Mr. Kellett oppose the purchase when he made a big bid for the street railway himself?" asked Mayor Spence, when seen this morning. Just what the nature of Mr. Kellett's boomerang is is not known, although it is said to include statistics showing failure of municipal operation of a street railway in Brandon, Man.

"I think," said Mayor Spence, "that it is pretty well agreed by all ratepayers that the opportunity is now to wipe out the 38-year franchise rights. That in itself is worth the purchase price, and it gives us the whiphand to do what we like and take care of ourselves without being at the mercy of a private corporation such as the one which has up to the present existed, and which has really done more to retard the growth of Brantford than any other agency in the city."

THE PURCHASING AGENT

As for the appointment of a purchasing agent, some opposition has developed to the move, although the recommendation, as such, has been approved by Council. When the appointment comes to the by-law stage, and the duties of such a purchasing agent are thoroughly defined, it may go through alright. At present the finance committee is at work on plans wherein they hope to show where the city can save money by the appointment. The plan must include provision for storage facilities, and it is said there is a likelihood of the Colborne street power-house of the street railway or the West Brant barns being used for such a purpose.

THE "THUNDERER" AND COMPETITORS

Cannot Print Enough Penny Dailies to Meet the Enormous Demand.

[By Special Wire to The Courier] NEW YORK, March 17.—A cable to the World from Ldn says: The publisher of the London Times said today: "We had orders for 750,000 copies of our first penny issue to-day, but we printed and sold just less than 300,000 because the printing has to be so carefully performed. Our orders for tomorrow are still larger and we have sold over ten pages of small advertisements. The normal size of the paper will be as to-day, twenty-four pages, but it will run up as high as thirty.

The paper is exactly the same in quality, and print, as to the two penny edition, and how it is to be made a paying proposition is a problem that is puzzling Fleet St. According to its last balance sheet The Times made a profit of \$100,000 last year; about 2 per cent on its capital.

PARIS EDITOR IS SHOT DOWN BY A WOMAN

She Was the Wife of the Minister of Finance--Political Affair

PARIS, March 17.—Mme. Caillaux, wife of M. Joseph Caillaux, Minister of Finance and at one time Premier, fired five shots from a Browning revolver at Gaston Calmette, editor of the Figaro, in the office of that paper at 6.25 last evening. Four bullets took effect and M. Calmette was removed to a private hospital at Neuilly where he died later. The shooting was the result of a letter written by M. Caillaux to his mistress which M. Caillaux published last week in the course of his campaign against M. Caillaux.

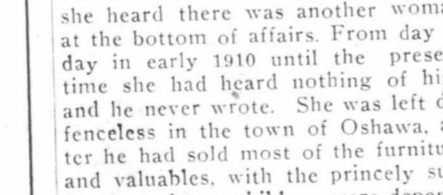
Mme. Caillaux, who was formerly the wife of Leo Clarette, the well-known writer and lecturer and contributor to nearly all the daily papers and magazines, was locked up in Saint Lazaire Prison, where women of the lower class are sent. Mme. Caillaux is the third wife of the Minister of Finance.

About five o'clock in the afternoon a woman dressed in black entered the office of Figaro and sent in her card. She paced up and down the reception room in an excited manner for about an hour. Shortly after six o'clock M. Calmette accompanied by Paul Bourget, the author of Cosmopolis, crossed the ante-chamber. The woman arose and handed him her visiting card. After glancing at it, M. Calmette said to Bourget: "It is Mme. Caillaux, I must receive her."

He invited Mme. Caillaux into his private office and they had been there but a few minutes when five shots

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O The Shamrock!



Through Erin's Isle,
To sport awhile,
As love and valor wandered,
With wit the sprite,
Whose quiver bright
A thousand arrows squandered;
Where'er they pass,
A triple grass
Shoots up, with dewdrops
streaming.
So softly green
As emerald seen
Through purest crystal gleaming.
O the Shamrock, the green,
immortal Shamrock!
Chosen leaf of bard and chief,
Old Erin's native Shamrock.

NEEDLES WERE FOUND IN GIRL'S BRAIN

She Was Heavily Insured and Police Arrest Step-parents.—A Strange Case.

EDMONTON, Alb., March 17.—The death occurred a few days ago of a four year old girl named Lowe who lived with her step-parents at 449 Gallagher street. Yesterday Dr. Campbell was called in, and as he was not altogether satisfied with the circumstances attending her death, he called in Coroner Dr. Forin, who made a post mortem examination and found that there were five needles thrust into the brain through the skull. The child carried heavy life insurance. The stepfather, Wm. Lowe and his wife, have been taken into custody by the police pending an investigation, which is now proceeding. All the parties are negroes.

Shower For Their Majesties

[By Special Wire to The Courier] LONDON, March 17.—Militant suffragettes contributed an extra and unreserved "turn" to the programme given before King George and Queen Mary at a music hall performance to-day in aid of hospital. During the singing of the National Anthem a shower of militant suffragette pamphlets fluttered from the gallery above the royal box. Some of the papers floated into the box and found a lodging on the shoulders of the King and Queen.

Simultaneously a woman occupying a place in the stalls of the theatre stood up and pointing a finger at the royal party shouted: "Your Majesties: Mrs. Pankhurst is in prison. I therefore—"

The woman was unable to proceed further her speech as a detective clapped his hand over her mouth and she was escorted out of the theatre.

Free Music Sheet

In honor of St. Patrick's Day a free song sheet is issued to the Irish readers of the Courier to-day. The song is a patriotic Irish one, sung by Marie Jones of the "Piff Paff Puff" company. All the Courier carriers are supplied with copies, but if any subscribers are missed by the Courier office. Paris subscribers can get them at the store of J. H. Fisher & Son.

The Courier music will be played by the orchestra at the Brant theatre at the performance to-night.

MAUSOLEUM CO. ELECTS OFFICERS

Business Meeting Was Held in This City Yesterday Afternoon.

A meeting of the Dominion Mausoleum Company was held in the office of Wilkes and Henderson yesterday afternoon when the following were elected officers of the company: H. Powell, President; I. Chapin, vice-president; M. M. Cleaveland, secretary and managing director; W. W. McEwen, treasurer; Thomas Hendry, director; Wilkes and Henderson, solicitors; K. V. Bunnell and Co., auditors.

DEVOID OF INCIDENT

TORONTO, March 17.—The celebration of St. Patrick's Day in Toronto was devoid of incident. The Anticommunist Order of Hibernians held their customary concert in Massey Hall this evening, but there is no promise of the fact that this is the anniversary of the birth of Ireland's patron saint is the prevalence of a sprig of shamrock or a bit of green ribbon.

ARREST BANDIT IN MONTREAL CHURCH TODAY

Beauchamp is Caught in City of Montreal Early This Morning.

[By Special Wire to The Courier] MONTREAL, March 17.—Joseph Beauchamp, one of three Bandits wanted for the murder last Wednesday morning of Constable Bourdon at St. Laurent, and for whom the police have been scouring the whole province, was arrested this morning in St. Vincent de Paul church on t. Charline street.

Beauchamp was kneeling among the mourners attending the funeral services of a little girl. The bandit was recognized going into the church by Constable Choquette, who followed him. When Beauchamp knelt down the policeman threw himself upon him. Beauchamp made an attempt to get his hand to his hip pocket, but Choquette frustrated his effort and himself pulled the gun secreted there and threw it firmly by the officer then quietly submitted.

When the policeman sprang at the murder suspect and threw his revolver up the aisle of the church the little funeral party immediately rushed for the door.

Reassured by the prompt manner in which Choquette handled Beauchamp, the mourners returned to their pews and the mass was being continued even before the policeman and his charge had left the church.

Several other people had identified Beauchamp in the church and had notified detective headquarters, so that by the time the policeman and

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