

HAMILTON HAPPENINGS

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DEATH OF INSANE WOMAN NOT CLEARED BY INQUEST

Not Shown How She Secured Oil and Matches—County Council Proceedings.

HAMILTON, Jan. 26.—(Special.)—Coroner McNicol conducted an inquiry into the death of Mrs. Samuel Sweet, an inmate of the asylum, who set fire to her clothing Saturday night. The evidence showed that she rubbed her body with signal oil and attached herself to a flower stand by means of a wire which she had wound around her neck. The husband testified that before she was found, how she got to the oil, the wire and the matches was something none of the witnesses could explain.

William Lawson, 137 North Hughson street, was arrested late to-night, charged with obtaining by false pretences \$45 from Thos. Sherwood, 28 Guise-street.

James Bradley, 155 King William-street, was arrested this evening on the charge of being disorderly in the Savoy Theatre.

Pole in Middle of the Road. At the council this afternoon Councillor Nicholson said that one of the poles of the hydro-electric commission had been located in the middle of the road at Freetown. The commission will ask the commission to die of the road at Freetown. The council will ask the commission to change the location. The charge was made that the Dominion Natural Gas Company was taxing the people of Dundas five cents a thousand feet more for gas than its franchise allowed, and steps will be taken to compel the company to live up to its agreement.

Joseph Irwin and Jno. R. Murray were appointed as the county representatives on the Dundas High School Board. A bylaw will be considered to make of the Beach-road, Barton and Main-streets part of the county system of roads.

Good Times Signs. Several Hamilton concerns have announced that they will make large additions, including the following: Hamilton Steel & Iron Company, \$1,000,000; Otis-Pensom Elevator Company \$300,000; International Harvester Company, \$100,000; London Machine Company, \$20,000.

Having noticed in The World yesterday that a comet was to be looked for last evening, Charles Hall, a local astronomer, made some observations. He says that the comet which was visible for night was Deirake's comet.

A Chicago despatch says that Irwin Proctor, youngest son of the late John Proctor, was married in that city to Miss Cleveland yesterday.

Thomas Fanning has been elected chairman of the board of license commissioners.

Thomas Higgins, who formerly kept a restaurant at 667 East Barton-street, was found in an unconscious condition this morning at 24 William-street, Rochester. The authorities think he tried to end his life as the gas in his room had been turned on.

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Got an Extra Hour's Work. OTTAWA, Jan. 26.—During the course of the examination of Prof. Skelton before the special committee of the house of commons, which has the eight-hour bill before it, Ralph Skelton brought out an interesting point this morning, when he stated that for 20 years past it had been the custom of the coal miners of the north of England to work only seven hours a day, but that since the passage of the eight-hour bill by the British Parliament last year they had been compelled to work eight hours.

Denies His Confession. ROCHESTER, N. Y., Jan. 26.—James Hall, the United States marine, self-acquainted of the murder of Anne Schinacher, near this city last August, arrived here in custody of the sheriff this morning. He complained bitterly of his life in the U. S. navy, and demanded food and treatment. He now denies having committed the crime, and his confession may have been a ruse to secure his discharge from the navy.

Will Appoint Successor Soon. It is understood that a successor to A. W. Campbell, deputy minister of public works, will be appointed by the end of next week in order to allow Mr. Campbell to work with him and advise him for a few days before he leaves for Ottawa, on Feb. 4.

The salary attached to Mr. Campbell's new post under the Dominion Government is \$6900, an increase of \$1750 on what he was receiving from the province.

ICE ON BAY UNSAFE. Property Commissioner Harris warns the public that it is at present unsafe for anyone to venture upon the ice on Toronto Bay. There are openings at both the eastern and western gaps, and a stretch of water for about two hundred yards in the centre of the Bay. Should there be a frost, it is likely that the openings would only be thinly covered with ice, and therefore dangerous to pass over.

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NEED EMERGENCY EXITS IN TORONTO'S SCHOOLS

Chief Thompson Also Recommends Discontinuance of Hot Air Heating.

That every non fireproof school more than one storey in height should be provided with emergency exits, is the recommendation of Chief Thompson.

The chief, who was asked by the mayor to report on fire protection in the schools, points out that none of the schools have emergency exits. Although impressed with the "complete system of fire drill," the chief considers that the class of schools mentioned should have wide emergency exits as far as possible from interior stairways and opening onto wide, fireproof stairs enclosed in a fireproof shaft.

After commenting on the greatly improved fire protection in the schools as compared with conditions two years ago, the chief says he would prefer to have the hot air systems of heating existing in many schools replaced by steam heating apparatus, as experience in local school fires was that the fuses and shafts of the hot air systems not only hid the fire from view, but prevented water reaching it.

The exit doors should not be locked, but should be provided with emergency bolts, making them secure from the outside and easily thrown open from the inside, so that no time would be lost in an emergency.

The resignation of Joseph Thompson, commissioner of industries and publicity, was accepted by the board of control yesterday, and he was voted a three months' salary allowance.

Controller Foster opposed the latter proposal, saying that he objected to "adding more debt on the city to pay extra salary," but his colleagues thought otherwise.

In reply to Controller Spence's query as to whether the department would be discontinued, the mayor said he was not inclined to fill the position at present.

Several points have to be settled before the board will agree to pay Mrs. Agnes Ward, 94 West Rochester-street, \$500 asked as compensation for injuries received thru being knocked down by a city auto last summer.

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Typoid Prevalent. Typoid fever continues prevalent thruout the city. Dr. Shoenke says there have been 52 cases reported so far this month, while there were but four cases for the whole of January, 1909.

He advises that water should be boiled, as recent analyses have shown a high rate of bacteria and the presence of coliforms for four or five days after succession. He thinks the unsettled weather which has stirred up sediment is to blame.

3 BOYS RUSHED TO NEW YORK. Tilbury East Council Take No Chances of Hydrophobia.

DETROIT, Mich., Jan. 26.—(Special.)—The three schoolboys of the Valetta school, Tilbury, Ont., who were bitten by a supposed mad dog last Saturday, have been sent to the Pasteur Institute, New York, for treatment, in charge of Rev. Dr. Smith of Comber. After the lads were bitten excitement reigned in the neighborhood and Tilbury East Township Council decided that the safest course was to send the boys directly to New York.

A proclamation has been issued that all dogs in Tilbury East must at once be tied up, muzzled or shot.

The head of a strange dog that was later shot in Merlin is now in Toronto for examination.

OLD BUILDING SOLD. Apartment House to Be Erected at Sherbourne and Wilton.

The residence of the late Judge Thos. Ferguson on the northwest corner of Sherbourne-street and Wilton-avenue, has just been sold to R. A. Webber, who intends remodeling the old building and erecting a modern apartment house. The property has a frontage of 126 feet on Sherbourne-st., and a depth of 134 feet. The price paid was \$35,000.

For sixty years this old residence has been the home of families prominent in Canadian history such as: Hon. G. W. Allan; Sir James Lukin Robinson; Charles Moore; the Macklains of Chipewa, and the late Judge Ferguson.

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PRINCE WILL PAY FOR LAND EASEMENTS

Not a Square Inch Will Be Confiscated for Power Line, Says Sir James.

"So long as this government is in power, not an atom, not a square inch of land will be taken from anyone without being paid for. Every dollar and every cent to which they are entitled will be paid."

SIR JAMES WHITNEY.

Almost every member of the legislature was in his seat when at 3:15 P. M. Herbert Lennox (North York), rose in his seat to move the adoption of the address in reply to the speech from the throne.

Mr. Lennox, who was greeted with hearty applause, congratulated the government on the accession to the cabinet of Hon. L. B. Lucas and twitted the leader of the opposition on rumors of his retirement. He hoped they were not true. No man deserved better of the Liberal party than the present leader of the opposition. (Applause.)

It was not unlikely, as history repeats itself, that in a quarter century or so he might even find himself in the premier's place.

"Yesterday," the speaker continued, "we celebrated the fifth anniversary of the death of the late Premier."

Referring to the visit of Premier Gouin, he said, "The direct result of this visit will be a united and cohesive staff of provincial officials."

A Free Parliament. After rapidly sketching the history of the hydro-electric commission from its inception in 1905, Mr. Lennox dealt with the question of disallowance, quoting the decision of Justice Falconbridge in the Felker case.

"We contend," he said, "for freedom to legislate within our jurisdiction. We are responsible, not to the Dominion Government, but to the people to whom we appeal, and they by their unanimous voice have endorsed our stand."

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