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Eugene Coste Explains To
The Council The Position
of the Gas Company

AWKWARD RESOLUTION

The Analysis Will Now Be Received In
A Few Days And Citizens Will Be
Satisfied

The members of the City Council and the Natural and Chatham Gas Companies held a conference in Harrison Hall last evening. The meeting was called by acting Mayor Austin, who was asked to do so by D. A. Coste, the promoter of the Natural Gas Company enterprise.

Those present at the meeting were Aldermen Austin, Westman, Kerr, Bullis, Stevens, Meynell, Potter and Massey, and Messrs. D. A. and Eugene Coste, P. S. Coate, B. F. Dowd and C. J. Near, foreman for the Natural Gas Company. Ald. Austin, on motion of Ald. Kerr and Westman, was appointed chairman of the meeting.

D. A. Coste, who spoke first, thanked the members of the Council for giving him a hearing. He had seen many misleading statements appearing in the newspapers in the form of letters. He wanted a chance to correct any erroneous impression which might have gone abroad. He explained that the Dominion Gas Act was passed in 1886, before natural gas was in use in Canada, and it was in 1890 that the clause respecting natural gas was inserted. This Act was passed solely for the purpose of allowing the Government to test metres and thereby derive a revenue.

Mr. Coste said that he had been in the natural gas business in Welland 17 years before the question of purification was raised. It was first raised in Hamilton, where an artificial gas company had discovered the clause pertaining to purification, and decided to use it to prevent the use of natural gas in that city. They were not successful in their purpose, however. The same thing had happened in the city of St. Catharines. The law was most absurd. Even at Ottawa they admitted that the amendment should be made. This Act allows the use of open stoves—a really dangerous circumstance—and yet calls for purification, which practical use proved to be unnecessary. The gas companies were asking that the law be amended allowing gas to be used in its unpurified state, and that clauses be inserted calling for the use of covered stoves, with proper flues, etc. The gas used in Ohio and Indiana contained more sulphuretted hydrogen than the Tilbury gas. Mr. Coste could not see why this gas should injure the people of Chatham any more than it does elsewhere. If the gas were purified it would simply mean that its price would have to be raised to at least \$1 per thousand feet. The gas cannot be purified under high pressure, and it would be necessary to install five to eight purifiers. These purifiers would create a vile smell in their vicinity, and it would be next to impossible for men to work near them.

Mr. Coste referred to the committee meeting when the Council and the gas companies had settled the matter of prices. At this meeting he said the preliminary agreement was drawn up and signed by the Mayor and the two companies. There was no mention of purification at that time. It was at City Solicitor Wilson's suggestion that the clause pertaining to purification was inserted. The speaker said that he was told that Mr. Wilson's partner was solicitor for the Maple City Oil & Gas Company, a rival company of the Volcanic Oil & Gas Company. It all smelt of resentment on the part of the Maple City Oil & Gas Company.

The reference in the Council's resolution about the Niagara accident was taken up by Mr. Coste, who said this was a striking instance of misrepresentation. The people who were smothered at Niagara lost their lives because the chimney on the stove was choked up, the house was not properly ventilated, and the fumes which were allowed to burn without a top on the stove had burned up and absorbed all the life-giving properties in the air. Mr. Coste said that he was at the inquest into the death, the details of which plainly showed that sulphuretted hydrogen played no part in the tragedy. The same thing would have happened had the unfortunate people been using coal gas, or a coal fire under similar circumstances. One-half bushel of soot was taken from the chimney in this instance. Mr. Coste stated that a sample of the local natural gas had been sent to Prof. Phillips, of Pennsylvania, whose test showed that the amount of sulphuretted hydrogen in it amounted to 72 per cent.—less than three-quarters of one per cent, which when properly mixed with air would reduce the percentage to one-tenth of one per cent. When consumed it would no longer be sulphuretted hydrogen but sulphurous acid. The local gas was identical the same as that which has been used in Leamington for 18 years without any trouble or complaint. Mr. Wilson made some queer statements about it permeating

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Infatuated With Woman He Left Wife And Family Then Committed Murder

John Raymore Bartender
Of Toronto Leads An
Exceedingly Fast Life

MURDER THEN SUICIDE

Mrs. Mary Charlton Now Lies Dead
In Toronto The Victim Of A Man's
Jealous Rage

Toronto, Feb. 16.—Another tragedy was yesterday added to the list of ill-fated associations. There are no harrowing details; nothing for the morbid to gloat over, nothing that one should care to read. It is a plain story of a bad infatuation, jealousy, murder, suicide.

The dead woman is Mrs. Mary Charlton, who lived at 100 West Richmond street. The dead man was John S. Raymore, employed as a bartender at the Tremont House. Raymore was married man. He met Mrs. Charlton about 3 years ago, and became so infatuated with her that he neglected his wife and child and went to live with the Charlton woman. His own wife then left him and has not been near him since.

Raymore and Mrs. Charlton quarreled frequently, but always made up again. They had a more serious row a week ago, and Raymore stayed away from the house.

The murder and suicide occurred yesterday afternoon at 8.30 at 100 West Richmond street, where Raymore had been living with her. Mrs. Charlton met Mrs. Mabel Cartwright, and invited her to her house. On the way they saw Raymore walking ahead of them. Fearing trouble Mrs. Charlton suggested walking in another direction. After, as they thought, they had allowed sufficient time for Raymore to disappear, they went to Mrs. Charlton's house.

When Mrs. Charlton appeared at the door she met Raymore face to face. He had been on the lookout for her from a downstairs window. She started back in fear. He grabbed her by the arm, pulled her in and said, "Come upstairs, Mary." She refused. It was all over in a few seconds. He fired twice at her. One bullet entered near the breast and the other in the mouth and out the cheek, striking on her knees and hands and moaned "My God, Mabel."

Another second and Raymore placed the revolver to his right temple and fired the shot which ended his own life. He fell backward through a door which leads into a parlor bedroom.

The shots attracted attention. One of the first to arrive was the 18-year-old son of Mrs. Charlton, who called a passing hack. She died before she reached St. Michael's Hospital. Raymore died about 15 minutes after the shooting.

Mrs. Charlton was the widow of Robert Charlton, who kept a hotel in Yonge street some ten years ago. She leaves three children, all boys. When the body was searched there was found \$300 in cash, and a bank book showing \$2,000 to her credit.

Raymore formerly kept a cigar store in York street, just north of King street. He got going wrong and became a bartender in the Wilson House, York and Pearl streets, and has worked in other places. His wife has supported herself and two children and is much respected. They both came from Fergus.

Coroner Young will open an inquest to-day.

WAS A SUCCESS

Carnival At The Rink Last Night Was
Largely Attended—The Prize
Winners

The carnival held at the rink last night was a brilliant success. The costumes were numerous and some were very beautiful. The ice was in an excellent condition and the crowd, although large, was quite orderly.

Mr. Shillington, when seen this morning, was quite pleased with the way the evening passed off, and wishes to thank all those who helped to make the evening such a success. The following are the lucky people who won the prizes:

Lady's fancy costume, Winter, Miss Carrie Wanless.
Gentleman's fancy costume, Indian Chief, Mr. Percy Morley.

Fancy skating, Most Sheldon.
Lady's comic costume, Squaw, Miss Patterson.

Gentleman's comic costume, Uncle Josh, James Trotter.

Barrel race, Ernie Deloge.

The judges were Mrs. (Dr.) Russell, Mrs. F. H. Brisco, Miss Fanny Massey, Mr. J. Glasford, Mr. J. Wadell and Mr. Walter Seane. Special mention must be made of the beautiful costume "Robin Hood," worn by Ernest Cloutier. Mr. Cloutier is also a very graceful skater and was awarded second prize by the judges.

Special sale of table and pocket cutlery, scissors and razors at our closing out dissolution sale. Geo. Stephens, D. H. Douglas, phone 6.

The Present Position

The conference between the alderman and the representatives of the Volcanic Oil and Gas company and the Chatham Gas company, held in the Clerk's office in Harrison Hall last evening was a long and cumbersome one—so long and cumbersome that it would be impossible for a newspaper to give out all the details. Even were it produced verbatim in print, it might possibly only result in the reader's confusion, so complicated did matters become at times.

But the facts which came to light at the meeting, as nearly as they can be pictured in concise readable form are as follows:

1.—That some of the alderman have developed a semi-prejudice against the acceptance of natural gas without purification. This prejudice, if for want of a better word it may be termed such, appears to have been born of an alarm which has been sounded in their ears—an abnormal fear lest they should make a false step, that would prove ruinous to the city's interests, and perhaps later blight their reputations as aldermen.

2.—That the Chatham Gas company, were they to turn on the gas while the Dominion Gas Act stands unamended, with the resolution of the Chatham City Council before the Government, would be liable to a fine of twenty dollars a day for every day that the natural gas is turned on.

3.—That while the Council are not standing directly in the way of allowing natural gas to come into Chatham, they are by reason of the above-mentioned resolution preventing the use of natural gas in this city.

4.—That the Council refuse to take into consideration practical proofs, showing that Tilbury gas is now being used in the near vicinity with no dire effects, and admit that they will be willing to take the theoretical advice of so-called experts, whose learning is mostly gotten from books.

5.—That the Natural Gas company are willing to go to great expense and trouble to have a proper test of the gas made, if such a test be made immediately, so that there will not be unnecessary delay.

6.—That the Natural Gas will be sent to Toronto today to be tested immediately by Prof. Shuttleworth and if found to contain One per cent or less of Sulphuretted Hydrogen the Council will send a communication to the Government rescinding their previous resolution.

IT WAS THE BEST EVER

Annual Macaulay Club
Dinner Was A Decided
Literary Treat

EVENING OF PLEASURE

It was a small, but thoroughly intelligent and capable body of men who assembled in the Garner House last evening to celebrate the event of the annual Macaulay Club dinner. The evening was a most profitable and enjoyable one from every standpoint, and the general opinion seemed to be that it was one of the most successful banquets ever held by this enterprising club.

The Macaulayites are enjoying a most prosperous year under the direction of President H. D. Smith, and judging from the excellence of the several speeches and the warm enthusiasm displayed by the members, the club is by no means falling short in the performance of its mission. It is Chatham's literary organization, and only the members of it can realize its wonderful influence.

Messrs. McCoig & Richards deserve the highest praise for the able manner in which they looked after the wants of their guests. The banquet itself was all that could be desired, and was by no means the most unimportant feature which contributed to the pleasure of the evening.

President H. D. Smith presided over the first part of the program in his usual excellent style, and handed over the second part to the Vice President, R. W. Angus. A slight diversion from the order of the evening was the introduction of a couple of songs during the first part.

The toast list was as follows:

The King.
Canada and the Empire—Messrs. Stone and McCoig.

The Army and Navy—Messrs. Coltart and Beeson.

The Club—Messrs. Arnold, Chinick and Gundy.

Sister Societies—Messrs. McGeachy and Cameron.

Literature and Drama—Dr. Musson, Mr. W. Park and Mr. Seullard.

Science and Art—Messrs. Lane, Kidd and Plawes.

Out Door Sports—Messrs. Aitken, Poole and Laurie.

The Ladies—Messrs. Foreman, Jackson and Greening.

The Planet will carry a full assortment of the finest Calendars for next year, and persons contemplating placing an order for next year should wait until they see our samples. They will be better and cheaper than you have been paying for this class of work.

A MOTHERS' ASSOCIATION

Miss McTaggart Introduces
New Scheme In Kindergarten Work

MOTHERS ENTHUSIASTIC

Miss McTaggart, the clever director of the McKeough school kindergarten, has decided to introduce a novel feature in the conduct of her department of the education at McKeough school. A Mothers' Association has been formed in connection with the kindergarten, whose duties it will be to hold meetings and discuss any matters which may be of interest to their children, and also offer any suggestions which they may deem proper, in assisting in the work of the school.

An organization meeting was held last evening, when there was a very large attendance of the mothers. The following officers were elected: President—Mrs. J. C. Fleming. Vice-President—Mrs. McKishnie. Secretary—Mrs. S. B. Arnold. Executive committee—Messdames Burke, McFarlane and Snider, and Miss McTaggart.

It is thought that the formation of this society and its future life will tend to bring the mothers in closer touch with the pupils of the kindergarten, and in this way it is expected that the work will be even more successful and interesting than it is at present. It is a praiseworthy scheme, and great credit is due Miss McTaggart and also Miss Abram, the principal of the school, for carrying it through to such a popular and successful issue.

It is the intention of the association to hold regular meetings, and the interest of their meetings may be enhanced by addresses at different intervals from prominent men of the city who are interested in education.

NEW HOTEL

J. L. Wilson & Son, architects, have been instructed to prepare plans and specifications for the new Queen's Hotel, to be erected in Ridgeway, to replace the one recently destroyed by fire. The building will contain thirty bedrooms and, when completed, will be one of the most modern hotels in Western Canada.

DIED IN NELSON B. C.

The death occurred yesterday in Nelson, B. C., of William Ball, Jr., son of William Ball, Cross street, this city, and formerly of Chatham. The sad news was received by relatives here yesterday.

Deceased was born and raised in this city. He afterwards moved to Blenheim, and from there went to British Columbia for his health.

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