

EXCEPTIONS TO EXEMPTIONS;

The Cold Storage Matter Again Warmed Up

By No. 1 Committee—Further Information Secured, and It Again Goes to the Council—L. and P. S. R. Syndicate Matters Revived.

At the last meeting of the finance committee, the cold storage exemption question was first brought up, and after hearing the views of the L. R. E. O. P. A. in the matter, the committee reported to the council. That body, however, sent the question back, in order that further information might be secured, and at last night's session of No. 1 Mr. Williams, divisional superintendent of the C. P. R., was present, and addressed the members in reference to the storage. Mr. Williams said that the company had come to an agreement with Mr. Cook, who was applying for the exemption, whereby the latter was to lease the building for a term of years. The C. P. R. had constructed the storage, but were the exemption not granted, Mr. Cook, not the company, would have to pay the taxes.

From Ald. Carrothers' remarks it appeared that the subject had been broached at the council some time ago, and Mr. Cook had intimated to him that the exemption would be granted.

Mr. Williams—Yes, it had been up, and it was on the understanding that the building would be exempted that it was put up. Mr. Cook had an offer to go to Woodstock, and would just as soon have gone there as come here.

The petition from Messrs. Slater and others objecting to the exemption was read. It also stated that the exemption granted Mr. Cook they would ask the same.

Ald. F. J. Fitzgerald—I am in favor of granting it now. The council has given them to understand that they would be exempted, and I move that the committee recommend the council to exempt it.

Ald. J. W. Jones—I am against exemptions. I do not believe in such work, and I will vote the same as before.

Ald. Pritchard—I am also opposed to it. When we have residents paying taxes on similar buildings for years, it is an injustice that a new concern should come here and get let off without taxes.

Ald. Pritchard moved in amendment that the matter be again referred to the council with the information supplied by Mr. Williams.

The motion was put and received the support of Ald. F. J. and Jas. Fitzgerald and Carrothers, while the amendment was supported by Ald. Jones, Judd and Pritchard.

The vote being a tie, it was decided to refer the matter to the council.

L. and P. S. R. syndicate matters were again revived, when five claims for wages, referred to the new council from last year, were read. In all the claims amounted to \$700, and the petitioners asked that the sum be paid out of the \$25,000 now lying in the Bank of Montreal.

On motion of Ald. J. W. Jones the requests were referred to the city solicitor to ascertain whether or not the money could be paid without prejudice.

Simon Mitchell and eighteen other residents north of the city limits and south of the River Thames, on part of lots 15 and 16, in the 3rd concession of the township of London, were desirous of obtaining suitable school accommodation within a reasonable distance, and in case such accommodation was provided north of Chesapeake and west of Wellington streets, they would be willing to immediately annexation of the property to the city.

The communication will be dealt with at a future meeting.

Mr. Fleming, a member of the Christian Workers, appealed against the assessment on their Richmond street hall, which was used only as a place of worship.

The Workers had occupied the place since 1892, and had been told by the assessor that every place was assessed, and that they would have to appeal did they object to it.

The committee, however, had no power, and the matter will be sent to the council.

Benjamin Hubbard and H. J. Gorman appealed against statute labor tax. The appeals were granted.

The petitions of Mary Norris, Helen Harris and Charlotte Johnston were granted, but that of Mrs. Caroline B. Clark was filed. W. J. Stirling's appeal against income tax was filed.

Correspondence from Stephen Grant, re single tax system, was laid over.

Mrs. R. Wigmore appealed against certain assessment. Filed.

A sub-committee composed of Chairman Judd, Ald. J. W. Jones, Treasurer Pope, City Solicitor Meredith, and Mr. G. F. Jewell was appointed to confer in the matter of the disputed school moneys between school section No. 2, Westminster, and the city.

J. J. Hawkins, Brantford, wrote the council calling their attention to a communication of Dec. 22 in re the West Ontario Pacific Railway Company, and a certain agreement existing between the C. P. R. and the city. The secretary will answer the communication and give all desired information.

Anderson, Robinson & Co.'s claim of \$33 for interest on check sent with electric light tender was filed, and A. B. Powell's application for insurance on boiler at No. 1 fire hall was referred to No. 3 committee.

An appeal from the proprietors of an advertising sheet requesting city printing was considered.

Ald. Judd said that the concern had been given the voters' lists, and they were delayed two weeks.

Ald. J. W. Jones was strongly in favor of giving the work to the London Advertiser and the Free Press. It was the only way in which the people could be given proper notice of any proposed local improvements.

Then the question came up whether or not the petitioners published a "news-paper" or merely something as an advertising medium. The matter was laid over.

BIGGER THAN EVER.

(Port Arthur Miner.)

The chances are that Mowat will go in as he has always done, with a bigger majority than ever.

VERY DISGUSTED PROHIBITIONISTS

(Goderich Signal.)

These eminent lifelong prohibitionists, the Hamilton Spectator, the London Free Press and the Toronto World, are a little down in the mouth at the attitude of the Provincial Premier on the prohibition question. They would much prefer to have seen him take it into his "serious consideration," instead of putting on his warpaint in the good, old-fashioned way.

Hood's Sarsaparilla is absolutely unequalled as a blood purifier and strengthening medicine. It is the ideal spring medicine. Try it.

T. C. THORNHILL, optician, jeweler, watchmaker and engraver, general repair shop. A. and J. solicited. 402 Talbot street.

WESTERN ONTARIO.

BRUCE.

Rev. Stuart Acheson, of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, Toronto, has received a call from the congregation of St. Paul's church, Warton, at a salary of \$1,000.

Mrs. Klein, wife of the junior judge of Bruce, died on Wednesday after a lingering illness of several months.

ELGIN.

Rev. D. M. Kennedy, of Talbotville, has received an invitation from the Methodist Church at Romney, to take pastoral charge of that circuit at the beginning of the new conference year in July.

R. H. Lindsay, of Malahide, who was nominated as the Patron candidate for East Elgin for the Commons, has accepted the nomination. Mr. Lindsay has hitherto been a Conservative in politics.

ESSEX.

Clever counterfeiters are being circulated around Windsor. On Thursday the Bank of Commerce in that city was successfully victimized by the new scheme. The bank officials have in their possession a \$20 bill. It is made from the quarters of four \$20 bills that have been cleverly split and quartered, one quarter being used in the new bill, thus making \$100 out of \$80.

Morton Christie will commence an action at once to compel the Windsor Council to pay for the 2,000 feet of hose that was ordered by the last year's council and delivered, and which the present council have refused to pay for.

Angus Sinclair, an extensive breeder of thoroughbred horses, has secured eighteen acres adjoining the Windsor Driving Park, and will erect stables and train his horses on the mile track.

HURON.

One of the old residents of Stephen, in the person of Mr. Wm. Welsh, of con. 3, died recently at the age of 79 years. Born in England, he came to Canada at an early date, and settled in the township of Stephen in the primitive days. He leaves a widow and grown-up family of sons and daughters.

J. M. Buchanan, of Wingham, a shoe merchant, was stricken with apoplexy on Wednesday evening and is not expected to live.

The general depression of trade has a bad effect upon the salt business, for at present there is literally nothing doing. Utter stagnation alone describes the condition of trade. There is, seemingly, no demand whatever for an article of such prime necessity.—(Clinton New Era.)

Patrick Kelly, ex-warden of the county of Huron, and ex-reeve of Wythe, died on Wednesday morning at his residence in Wythe. Deceased had been ill since his trip to the old country last fall, and latterly had been under medical treatment in Toronto, where very little could be done for his relief.

KENT.

On Wednesday Felix Bourassa, one of the most highly respected residents of Dover for the past 28 years, died at the residence of his son, Mr. Theodore Bourassa, of Chatham, at the age of 91 years. He came from St. Jacques, Quebec, in 1836, and has resided continuously in the township of Dover since that date until two months ago, when he removed with his wife, to whom he was married nearly 68 years ago, to Chatham, to reside with their son. Thirteen children were born to this venerable couple, ten of whom survive.

Mrs. Bathia Ironside, an old citizen of Theford, is dead. She had lived there twenty years and came from Scotland.

Peter Cairns, a pioneer of Plympton, died suddenly the other morning, aged 76. He leaves a wife and one son, James Cairns.

Pastor F. Harvey has resigned the charge of the Arkona and Theford Baptist Churches, and is open to correspond with any church requiring a minister.

Thomas Foster, con. 10, Rossanquet, will probably lose his life. He was struck in the eye by a piece of bark while splitting wood.

MIDDLESEX.

John Baynham, of McGillivray, died the other day, aged 83 years. He was a staunch Reformer, and a Methodist for 50 years.

Two old residents of Belmont are dead—Mr. Horatio Greece, aged 84 years, and Mrs. W. E. Eden, aged 83.

Rev. J. M. Markwick, Baptist, Lobo, has been asked to stay there another year.

OXFORD.

Daniel Schultz, night watchman at the G. T. R. station, Woodstock, saved the life of S. Burrows, of Belleville, the other day and was rewarded with a \$5 bill. Mr. Burrows was about to board a moving train when his foot slipped, and he would have certainly been dragged under the wheels and killed but for the timely assistance of the watchman.

The Robertshaw estate, valued at from \$70,000 to \$80,000, has been administered at Woodstock. The property is to be divided equally between his children, Mrs. John Poers, of East Oxford, and Mrs. Hill, wife of Dr. Hill, of Norwich, and John Robertshaw, of Woodstock. Owing to the death of the latter his children will receive the father's share.

Administration has been granted in the Poole estate, Ingersoll. The property, which belonged to the late Samuel Poole, consists of a block of stores in Ingersoll valued at \$10,000. The four heirs are: Mrs. Emily D. Poole, of New York; Samuel Poole, of London; James Poole, of Wyoming Territory, and the heirs of Solomon J. Poole, deceased.

PERTH.

Stratford Young Liberals have organized a school.

The amount of milk used by the Donegal cheese factory during the past season was 1,391,715 pounds, which was manufactured into 132,042 pounds of cheese, thus taking 10.54 pounds of milk to make 1 pound of cheese. The total money received for cheese was \$13,370.28, and the average price per pound was 10.125 cents.

Stratford friends of home rule are raising money for the cause.

Robbed a Faro Game.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Feb. 16.—The faro game of Carroll & Webber in this city was held up by two men at 3 o'clock this morning. The robbers secured nearly \$5,000. One of the robbers was taken into custody and identified as a son of ex-Harbor Commissioner Paul Sell. The other escaped.

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CLOSE TO SPRINGTIME IN GEORGIA.

Gettin' close to springtime—know it by the way
The sun is streamin', gleamin' in the middle o' the day;
Know it by the river that is lazyin' along.
An' the mockin' birds a-primpin' o' their feathers for a song!

Gettin' close to springtime—know it by the signs;
Hear it in the whisper o' the maples an' the pines;
Feel it in the blowin' o' the breezes, singin' sweet,
See it in the daisies that are dreamin' at my feet!

Gettin' close to springtime; hope she'll come to stay;
Got a million kisses for the red lips o' the May!
Wearyin' to meet her—list'nin' all the time
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He Dispatches the Trains
That Connect Two Great Oceans.

Though a Man of Advanced Years, Paine's Celery Compound Maintains Him at the Post of Duty.

Mr. G. Swain, Station Master at Winnipeg for the Canadian Pacific Railway, is Made a New Man—The Doctors Failed—Scores of Medicinal Preparations Were Tried and Proved Useless—Paine's Celery Compound Works a Wonderful Cure.



STATION MASTER G. SWAIN.

Mr. G. Swain, the veteran station master at Winnipeg, is one of the old and tried officials of the great Canadian Pacific Railway. He left England in 1853, and settled in Montreal, where he entered the service of the Grand Trunk Railway Co., spending over twenty years of his life with Canada's pioneer railway corporation. In 1880 Mr. Swain went to the Northwest and settled in Winnipeg, where his experience in railroad secured for him his present position.

Mr. Swain, though a man of extraordinary physique and giant strength, was some time ago made as helpless as a child, from the sufferings and agonies of rheumatism, to which terrible disease he had been a slave for fifteen years.