York County and Suburbs of Toronto

TOWNSHIP CAN'T DO BUSINESS ON AIR

Reeve Syme and Delegate From Fairbank in Verbal Combat.

CALL SPECIAL MEETING

Engineer Was Instructed to Design Two Concrete Bridges.

A verbal duel enlivened the meeting of the York Township Council yesterday when Charles Lacey representing the Toronto Heights Club appeared in regard to the payment of taxes on the club property. The taxes amounting to $14.80 with $1.50 for expenses had not been paid in the specified time and the township served notice of payment within three days. Mr. Lacey said that the club had only taken possession about three weeks ago and thought it unfair that it should be held responsible. He claimed that the notice was not delivered in the proper manner as it had been placed in a pile of lumber opposite the club. That in his opinion was not the correct way for the officials of the township to conduct their business, besides he could tell the council of numbers of property owners in the Earlscourt district that had not paid taxes for years.

Go Ahead and Do It.

"Well, Mr. Lacey," said Reeve Syme, "if you can keep track of all the land and property that changes hands in this township and collect all the taxes you are a smarter man than I give you credit for, and if you think you can then go ahead and do it."

"I think it unfair that we should be asked to pay $1.50 extra," continued Mr. Lacey.

"How on earth are we going to get our taxes if we don't put charges on for nonpayment?" asked the reeve. "Why don't the people pay in the proper time and then there would be no necessity for extra charges. We can't run this council and do our business on air. We've got to get the money." Mr. Lacey shouted that the officials were not doing their work in the proper way. Then followed some wrangling between the reeve and Mr. Lacey during which each one voiced his opinion with great vehemence, and which ended in Reeve Syme advising Mr. Lacey on matters of propriety when speaking to the council.

Like a Gentleman.

"Listen here Mr. Lacey," he said, "I want you to come into this council and speak like a gentleman. I'm sick of you coming here in a domineering manner, and I'm going to tell you that I will stand for it no longer. I would like if people of Earlscourt would send men here who can address the council properly."

"I will come to this council as often as I please, and I know how to speak to the council for whom I have the greatest respect," replied Lacey, "and you will be damned glad to take more from me yet." The reeve told him to "go to it."

Afterwards they shook hands and the matter ended.

School Debentures.

The board of school trustees for S. S. No. 15 applied to the council for an issue of $18,000 debentures for the building of an additional four rooms to their school on Vaughan road. The council decided to grant the request and to make the amount payable in 20 years at five per cent.

The petition of C. E. Kent and others for a sewer, 2703 feet long on Oakwood avenue from the northerly city limits to the centre line of Rodgers road as a local improvement was referred to the assessment commissioner and engineer for report.

Engineer Frank Barber submitted a report regarding sidewalks on Woodbine and Salmon avenues, to be paid by special assessment. No action was taken.

The clerk was instructed to publish in The Toronto World, a notice of meeting of the council on May 29 at 2.30, to consider the advisability of altering the boundaries of S. S. No. 9, York Township, by adding that portion of York known as Union S. S. No. 2, which was separated from the city by the arbitration board recently.

The engineer was instructed to design two concrete re-inforced bridges, one to be erected on the 5th concession, lot No. 8, over the Black Creek and the other over the same creek on Lot No. 7, on Scarlett road.

Charles Brooker, 28 Eversfield road made application for an ice cream license. It will be granted.

The council passed a bylaw for the issuing of licenses for the sale of ice cream in the stores thruout the township.

NEWS OF WARD SEVEN

DEATH OF MRS. FARMER

Small Boys Start Fire and Give Brigade Wild Goose Chase.

The death occurred last night at Grace Hospital of Mrs. Harriet Farmer of West Toronto, after a long illness. The late Mrs. Farmer was 46 years of age and is survived by a grown-up family. She was a prominent member of the West Toronto Corps of the Salvation Army, under whose auspices the funeral will be held from 218 Mavety street to Prospect Cemetery tomorrow afternoon.

Small Fire.

The Keele street firemen were called out about 7.15 last evening to extinguish a small fire in a stable at the rear of 1602 Dundas street. Some small boys had been lighting fires in the neighborhood of the shed and the sparks flew over and set fire to some straw on the floor. Very little damage resulted.

The King Edward Public School basketball team played the senior Annette Street School team in an inter-school league game yesterday afternoon and were defeated by the latter team. Mr. Biggar of the Annette street staff officiated as referee.

Keele Street Fountain.

The Keele street drinking fountain is being prepared to provide the thirsty with water for the coming summer. It was yesterday cleaned out and repainted, and it is thought that within a couple of days the water will once again be bubbling into the basin.

NEWS OF EARLSCOURT

SCHOOL TOO SMALL

Children Running Streets for Lack of Accommodation — Car on Fire.

Since the reopening of the Earlscourt public schools, Dufferin street, after the Easter holidays, children have had to be refused admittance to the schools for want of room almost every day, the consequence being that a considerable number of boys and girls are running the streets of the district for want of school accommodation.

Principal McLean would be glad of at least two portable schools to help in some small way to relieve the situation. The real need, however, is the additional six rooms suggested to the committee to be placed on the school building, and which were not considered necessary by that body on their last visit to Earlscourt.

Street Car Afire.

A street car burst into flames while climbing the Avenue road hill last evening. The car, No. 1694, was loaded with passengers and was nearing the grade on the top of the hill when a fuse blew out and it took fire. A car coming from behind pushed the other to St. Clair avenue to where the reels were summoned and after an hour's work the blaze was extinguished. The incident caused much excitement.

Woodmen of the World, Northern Camp, No. 297, held an informal meeting last evening in Little's Hall, visiting members from Parkdale Camp being present. A special meeting will be held on June 1 to decide the advisability of holding the meetings once a month, instead of twice a month, as at present. The camp has a membership of fifty.

Fifty-eight cadets from Earlscourt public school took part in the parade on Sunday to the Arena. Many more would have been present, but were unable to do so, owing to lack of uniforms.

The pupils of Oakwood high school will take part in the decorating of the monuments on Empire Day. Arrangements are at present being made at the collegiate.

Heights Social Club.

The Toronto Heights Social Club will hold a general meeting at the clubhouse, Harvey avenue, tonight at 8 o'clock, A. Harvie, president, in the chair. An executive meeting will be held immediately after the general meeting to gt full reports from the several committees regarding final arrangements for the field day to be held on the 25th inst. A full attendance is requested.

Fifty per cent. of the cost of widening Day avenue will be contributed by the city, the remainder by the residents. When completed, there will be a thru thorofare to Goodwood avenue.

A petition is being circulated in the Silverthorne district for a postoffice, to be placed in Bowden's Grocery Store, corner of Silverthorne and Heredale avenue. Any person wishing to object to the site can do so at the meeting to be held in Hughes school, Caledonia avenue, this evening.

Close Contest.

Davenport Methodist League and Earlscourt Methodist League held an exciting debate last evening in the auditorium of Central Methodist Church, Earlscourt, Hon. Thomas Crawford presiding. The subject was Home Rule for Ireland. At the conclusion of the discussion, the judges retired to consider their decision, and at 11 o'clock no verdict was arrived at, an open verdict being returned.

TODMORDEN

Mr. and Mrs. Philip Pedlar, 19 Torrens avenue, celebrated the 25th anniversary of their wedding on Friday evening, May 15. Mrs. Pedlar, who, with her daughter, received their many guests, numbering about 120, was attired in a Copenhagen satin gown. A very enjoyable evening was spent, supper being served in a marquee on the lawn, and many speeches were made. Among the guests present were: Drs. Norman Allen and McBeth, the Rev. Mr. Buchanan and Mrs. Buchanan and the Misses V. and G. Hogg. The happy couple were the recipients of many handsome and useful gifts.

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TWO NEW RAILWAYS THRU WHITBY TOWN

Grand Trunk Awakened After Sixty Long Years of Sleep.

LAYING T. AND E. RAILS

Interviews With Public Men Regarding Service Required.

S. A. Baker, Canadian agent of the Chicago and Great Western Railway, whose headquarters are at Toronto, is making a liberal outlay on the property which he recently acquired on the Kingston road near the western entrance to Whitby. Mr. Baker is having the dwelling modernized thruout, and the three acres of grounds surrounding it planted with fruit trees and ornamental shrubs. Speaking of the local transportation question Mr. Baker said: "I am personally not much interested in the schedule which will be put on by the Canadian Pacific to Ottawa, but I am interested in the train service to Whitby, and especially with respect to the hour at which the last train leaves Toronto at night. I believe the people of Whitby and Oshawa would greatly appreciate a train service which would enable them to attend important social and other evening events, and the theatres at Toronto, and return home the same evening."

Mayor Willis said Whitby has now good railway accommodation with the main line of the Grand Trunk, the lake shore route of the Canadian Pacific about to be opened, and equally as good from the Canadian Northern, and the Toronto and Eastern electric line when it is finished.

"We placed our desires respecting the best train service for this section before the C.P.R. officials, who came here to see the new C.P.R. station. The officials included Alfred Price, assistant general manager; C. P. Foster, assistant passenger traffic manager; J. T. Arundle, general traffic superintendent; G. Ham, publicity agent; A. L. Hertzberg, divisional engineer; A. E. Stewart, superintendent of motive power of the Dominion Construction Company; M. G. Murphy, district passenger agent.

Two First Trains.

"Mr. Foster stated that the new C.P.R. line would be opened on Sunday, May 31, at noon by two trains starting one from Montreal and the other from Toronto. He also gave an assurance that the afternoon service between Oshawa, Whitby and Toronto would be given special consideration in the next C.P.R. schedule."

Mayor Willis said the new route via the C.P.R. would be a great convenience as Ottawa was a difficult place to visit by the Grand Trunk. An evening train starting from Toronto between 6 and 7 and making something like a seven-hour run, or anything like that on the new C.P.R. line would be a boon."

Laying Electric Line.

Active operations are in progress on the Whitby portion of the Toronto and Eastern electric railway. The line was constructed to within one mile east of Whitby last fall. This spring a big gang of men and a force of teams have been at work, and the rails are now being laid.

Schedule an Outrage.

F. Howard Annes, ex-councillor, said: "Many of us considered the present Grand Trunk schedule an outrage. We look for relief in three ways from the new C. P. R. The most important for the professional and business men here is a reasonably early train from Toronto in the morning with the morning papers and mails. If the C. P. R. puts on a train starting from Toronto between 5 and 6 in the morning, it will be of great advantage to the residents here and at Oshawa, and at other local points. At present we do not get our morning papers or mail until after 9 o'clock.

"Next in importance to the early mail train, I place the need of a train leaving Toronto late enough for our people to attend great functions, banquets, theatres and other entertainments in Toronto, and get back home about midnight.

Slept Sixty Years.

"The Grand Trunk has begun to improve its service between here and Toronto, but it had been having a Rip Van Winkle monopoly sleep for 60 years before the fear of competition began to wake it up. We shall soon be independent of it, and be in a position unrivaled by any town east of Toronto in Ontario.

"When the Toronto and Eastern is completed we shall have an hourly service on a 40-minute time card.

"Our present service to Ottawa is very tedious and prolonged. I know of no suggestion better for the C. P. R. management to adopt than Mr. Maclean's, as published in The World. An evening train with a dining car would certainly be a great convenience, running from Toronto early enough to reach the Dominion capital about midnight. This would be greatly valued by public men of Ontario County, who gather here as the county town, frequently during the session, to go as deputations on public and other important missions to Ottawa. They would certainly be in much better form for business after a good sleep in an hotel at Ottawa, than after spending all night on the cars."

How Municipalities Won.

Mr. Aannis said: "I take aspecial pride in the completion of the C. P. R.'s Campbellford, Lake Ontario and Western branch, as you will see by the minutes of the town council that the original charter for the line was a result of a resolution moved by me and seconded by James Rutledge. My resolution called a conference of municipal representatives to promote a lake shore branch of the C. P. R. The conference was held at Bowmanville on Feb. 17, 1890. It has taken almost a quarter of a century of agitation to bring the project into completion.

"Mayor Galbraith of Bowmanville was chairman of the conference and I was elected secretary..

"The conference started the ball rolling by appointing a deputation of representatives from Whitby, Oshawa, Bowmanville, Port Hope and Cobourg, to meet the president of the C. P. R. The outcome was the Campbellford, Lake Ontario and Western Railway. The first trains will pass thru here on the completed line in 11 days."

Q.O.R. AND HIGHLANDERS' SCORES AT RANGES

The scores of Q.O.R. and Highlanders, omitted in error from yesterday's report of the shooting at the ranges on Saturday, are as follows:

Q.O.R.: Pte. Rowe, 100; Col. Sergt. Matthews, 98; Sgt. Eddis 96; Sgt. Pratt, 95; Pte. Rutherford, 95; Corp. Taylor, 94; Pte. Jefferies, 94; Pte. Hagarty, 93; Sgt. Foster, 91.

48th Highlanders: Pte. Sutell, 100; Pte. Griffin, 100; Pte. Kyles, 97; Pte. Campbell, 95; Pte. Buick, 95; L.-Corp. T. Young, 94; Pte. Graham, 94; Pte. A. H. Young, 93; Piper McLeod (of the Bisley team), 92; Pte. McKenzie, 92; Pte. Leslie, 92; Pte. Hooper, 91; Corp. McDonald, 90.

Following are the scores of the Grenadiers and the I.R.C.:

Grenadiers: Cl.-Sgt. Kelly, 102; Lt. Morrison, 101; Pte. White, 101; Pte. Wall, 100; Lt. Neale, 99; Sgt. Clarke, 99; Capt. Burson, 98; S. Sgt. Bayles, 98.

I. R. C.: Pt. Cuseck, 99; S. Sgt. Emo, 98; Pte. Docherty, 98; Pte. Mockman, 97; Pte. Hutchison, 97; Pte. MacDonagh, 96; Pte. Green, 93; Pte. Hillis, 93.

NOBLETON'S FAREWELL TO POSTMASTER LARKIN

Residents Present Illuminated Address to Retiring Official.

J. W. Larkin, merchant and postmaster of Nobleton for the past 24 years, has sold his business and is removing to Yonge street. He has been a leader in the various movements in the interests of Nobleton and his departure is cause for general regret in the vicinity. Something of the esteem in which Mr. and Mrs. Larkin are held in Nobleton and surrounding district was made manifest on Saturday night, when about 250 people gathered in the village hall to bid them farewell.

An illuminated address was read and presented by Rev. J. H. Colclough, rector of the Church of England, on behalf of the gathering. The address included a complimentary reference to Mrs. Larkin and family, and it testified to the high esteem in which Mr. Larkin was held by the community. It was signed by the following: Rev. J. H. Colclough, Messrs. Wm. Couper, Harvey L. Snider, Edward Kaake and John Wilkie, jr. Mr. Larkin's response was a feeling expression of appreciation at the honor paid him and his wife and family.

Wm. Couper presided, and he paid a personal tribute to Mr. Larkin in a happy vein. A musical program was given by the Nobleton orchestra and others, and refreshments were served by the ladies.

JURY WAS CENSORIOUS.

A verdict of "suffocation," while working as a civic laborer on the construction of a sewer on Balsam avenue, was brought in by the jury at the inquest held upon the body of Jacob Jacana last night. The jury strongly condemned the tunnelling system of constructing sewers, and recommended that the city engineer abandon that method in favor of open cutting.

MISSION ASSISTED WITH FREE FOOD

Fifty Tons of Bread Distributed by One Institution Last Winter.

At the 18th annual meeting of the Yonge Street Mission last night it was reported by the superintendent, J. C. Davis, that last winter the mission helped 1,150 families, as against 26 families the previous winter. For this work and for the 45,938 free meals provided by the mission it took 139 tons of food, not including milk and coffee. This figure does not include 50 tons of bread representing 72,000 loaves. There were 2,250 gallons of coffee and 6,810 gallons of milk distributed. In the past year 1,170 meetings were held in the mission, with a total attendance of 92,262. There were 13,106 articles of clothing given away and 2,294 free beds provided.

H. E. Irwin, K.C., presided and addresses were delivered by Dr. E. Hooper and J. C. Davis.

FIFTEEN MILLION LOAN BY NEW SOUTH WALES

Australian State Will Offer Substantial Bonus With This Issue.

Canadian Associated Press Cable.

LONDON, May 18.—New South Wales, which has been one of the most frequent overseas borrowers, is about to issue another loan. The amount is $15,000,000 in 4 per cent. stock at 99. In January the last issue of £3,000,000 of 4 per cent. stock was made at 96. When the news that another £300,000 of this stock was to be issued at 99 reached the market, the existing stock dropped from 101 to 100. A substantial bonus will be included in the first interest payment on the new issue. Three months' interest will be payable on July 1, altho the last instalment is not due until the end of July.

CORONER'S JURY FIND DEATH ACCIDENTAL

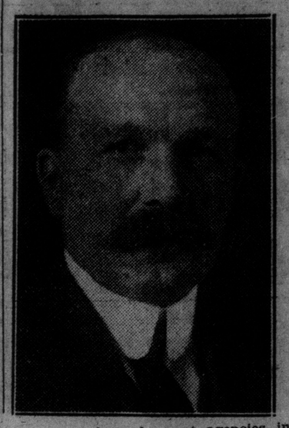
Recommend Precautions to Minimize Risks in Swift Factory.

A recommendation that the Swift Canadian Company put in a solid platform instead of the plank placed between the vats of this factory in order to minimize the risk which workmen encounter while skimming the vats of boiling oil, was brought in at the inquest into the death of John Dominko, Austrian, who met his death as a result of falling into a tank of boiling oil and water at the premises of the Swift plant. It was brought out that the workmen slipped on the plank. A verdict of accidental death was returned, and no blame was attached to any person. The Austrian was removed to Grace Hospital after the accident which occurred on May 6 and he died five days later.

DETECTIVE PRESENTED WITH TRAVELING BAG

On the eve of his departure for Ireland, where he is to spend a two months' vacation, Detective Miller of the local detective force was presented with a club bag and traveling outfit by Inspector Kennedy, on behalf of his comrades, yesterday morning. The detective has secured two months' leave of absence, and leaves for the old country Tuesday night at 7.20.

JAMES C. MITCHELL



Inspector of employment agencies in Ontario.

CALGARY WILD OVER OIL BOOM

Brokers Spring Up Like Mushrooms and Trading in Shares is Active.

Canadian Press Despatch.

CALGARY, Alta., May 18.—There is no abatement in the oil excitement. The Dingman well gushes at least once a day; an oily substance that burns has been cut into in the bottom of the McDougall Segur, and the Mammoth has opened a pocket of wet gas. Practically all of the other wells now drilling are showing up well.

The stock buying of Saturday was repeated today. There may have been a few less shares sold, but they were higher in price and probably more money changed hands. Many of the stocks are being greedily taken at prices several times in advance of subscription. The city is full of strangers and business is feeling the effects of the loosening of the money and the restoration of confidence.

Not less than 100 new brokers' offices were opened today. Every available foot of space in the more desirable section of the shopping district has been quickly snapped up, and the oil brokers are crying for more room. The front of the west and most exclusive jewelry store in the city was transferred into a broker's office this afternoon.

OPERATIC STARS SANG IN SASKATOON CHURCHES

And the Upshot is Decision to Exact License Fees.

Canadian Press Despatch.

SASKATOON, May 18.—The city council has decided to exact a license from all churches which use buildings for public lectures, concerts or theatrical entertainments. This action has been prompted by a visit from several operatic stars of international fame, who sang in churches.

TOOK A LONG TIME TO OBTAIN NEWS

Officials at General Hospital Not Anxious to Impart Information.

REPORTER'S TROUBLES

Tried to Ascertain Condition of Dr. Bruce Smith, But No One Would Tell.

Dr. Bruce Smith, provincial inspector of prisons and asylums, was admitted to the General Hospital yesterday; but it took a World reporter within a few minutes of an hour to obtain from the authorities the most meagre information respecting the doctor's condition. Incidentally the obtaining of the information revealed what a popular commodity red tape is in "the most modern and expensive institution on the North American continent."

The hospital keeps a general information bureau just inside the main entrance. The title, however, is misleading. It should be termed the "bureau for the suppression of information"; that is supposing the treatment meted to The World is that which is afforded to any other legitimate pursuer of news.

Last night the reporter enquired at this bureau respecting the doctor's condition, and the cause of his admission to the hospital. After satisfying the dignified "purveyor of information" as to his identity, and making it thoroly plain that he was neither a mendicant nor a hold-up man, the reporter was directed to the "office of the private wards."

There he was told to sit down until the superintendent could be notified of the important event. In about three-quarters of an hour that lady was located, but on her arrival on the scene she took pains to explain that she had no jurisdiction to give out such important information as the condition of a patient. No one under the rank of assistant medical superintendent could do this, she said. At the same time she directed the enquirer to this official, Dr. Haywood.

"Information Bureau."

Back to the "information bureau" went the reporter, only to find that Dr. Haywood was having a night off. To this information was imparted the advice to call again tomorrow. The lady in the bureau was certain that the private ward people should give the particulars, but she was equally certain that Dr. Halwood could not be interviewed, even tho he was in his room in the building.

Followed about ten minutes of earnest conversation on the part of the reporter, punctuated by monosyllabic replies from the lady, before she finally condescended to call the doctor on the phone. Apparently she was then given permission to give out the particulars for which The World man had been hungering for an hour, for at the conclusion of the telephone conversation she announced that the doctor was in the hospital, was suffering from appendicitis, and might have to be operated upon.

FELL FROM LADDER.

While painting on the verandah roof of the residence at 80 Helendale, Harry Bebbin of 58 Soudan avenue, fell 12 feet to the ground, and fractured a rib. Dr. Jeffs attended him, and conveyed him home in his motor car.

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