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## TORONTO NOTES.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

TORONTO, January 19th, 1892.

As indicated in my last epistle, the regular meeting of our T. & L. Council was held on last Friday evening. President Geo. Bradly was unable to attend owing to illness in his family and vice-president A. W. Holmes took the chair. Contrary to my forecast there were very few changes in the delegates made by subordinate bodies, thus implying that the delegates of the term just ended had performed their duties to the satisfaction of the bodies they represented. After the minutes of the previous meeting had been read and confirmed, the election of officers was the first order of business. The candidates for the office of President were G. Bradly, (retiring president); Thos. W. Banton, (chairman of the retiring Legislative Committee); A. W. Holmes and Robt. Lamb. On the third ballot Mr. Banton defeated Mr. Holmes by a vote of 22 to 15. This is the second time only since the formation of the Council in 1881 that the President was not re-elected to a second term. For Vice President Messrs. H. T. Benson, Geo. W. Dower and Jas. Coulter were nominated. On the second ballot Mr. Dower was elected over Mr. Benson on a vote of 21 to 19. The following gentlemen were elected by acclamation, viz: F. C. Cribbin, corresponding secretary; Ed. Glockling, financial secretary; Chas. March, treasurer; H. T. Benson, librarian; and T. L. Westcott, sergeant-at-arms. All the "old-timers" having declined, the following gentlemen were ultimately elected by acclamation as a Legislative Committee, viz: Messrs. Geo. T. Beales, G. W. Brown, H. Gibbins, R. L. Simpson and W. J. Watson. The Municipal Committee is composed of Messrs. J. Armstrong, R. Glockling, H. T. Benson, J. W. Dacy and George Devlin. The Organization Committee is composed of Messrs. H. T. Benson, G. W. Dower, Geo. T. Beales, Robt. Lamb and Geo. M. Rogers. Educational Committee: Messrs. Ed. Glockling, F. C. Wagharm, Jas. Coulter, Jos. Lynch and Wm. Wright. J. Francis, R. Glockling and W. H. Parr were elected auditors; While Messrs. R. Glockling, John Armstrong and D. J. O'Donoghue were chosen as trustees.

President Banton, on assuming office thanked the Council for the unlooked-for and unsolicited honor, and while soliciting assistance and forbearance from the Council, promised to do his duty diligently and impartially.

Always keeping in mind the fact that the main object of my communications to the Echo is to keep our fellow-workingmen in Montreal posted as to the work aimed at and being performed by organized labor in Toronto I draw upon the News of last Saturday for its succinct synopsis of the contents of the reports presented by the several committees as follows:

### THE LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

report dealt at its commencement with Dr. Wild's recent sermon, in which he urged the necessity of securing the immigration of fifty thousand people. The committee agreed with the reverend doctor in that there was room for a great many immigrants, but it held that, under the present system of government, the only effect of the influx of so many would be the immediate cheapening of labor. To many of the comfortable class, to which the worthy doctor belonged, the cheapening of labor would be a desideratum. These people are always proud of parading their patriotism and loyalty, but the average wage earner could not see the force of the arguments. An article by W. J. Ashley in this month's Methodist Magazine was favorably commented upon. An address printed and published by the Social Reform Committee was presented, and its adoption by the Council was recommended. The desirability of incorporating many of the reforms suggested by "The Initiative and Referendum" in the laws of the country was urged on the Council, and the co-operation of all other social reform bodies was asked.

The report was received and adopted.

### THE MUNICIPAL COMMITTEE

submitted that Engineer Cunningham in his annual report to the City Council, had drawn attention to the advantages of the day labor system for doing the city's work, a saving of \$800 being effected on one item alone. The action of the chairman of the Works Committee in giving day labor a fair trial was favorably commented upon. The suggestion made by the Engineer that the city purchase a gang saw and engine so that a saving might be effected in the preparation of paving blocks was received with approval. The advisability of paying aldermen was urged. Superintendent Hamilton, of the Waterworks, came in for a share of rather

share criticism for his recent raise of salary by \$400, as the whole of his work could be done by Mr. Brough. The City Council could afford to dispense with the services of a few men at \$1.50 per day, while a high-salaried man like Mr. Hamilton wanted to get \$400 more in spite of his official career of bungling. The action of the Free Library Board in closing their branch through lack of funds and then opening a museum with Mr. Boyle as curator at \$1,000 a year was condemned. It was pointed out that the black list issued by the Trades and Labor Council had effected the defeat of seven of the aldermen who had shown themselves in opposition to the interests of labor. The hope was expressed that this might be a salutary lesson. A vote of thanks was passed to City Clerk Blevins and to City Treasurer Coady for the many courtesies shown on officials visits to the City Hall in quest of information.

Vice-President Dower said the present salary of Superintendent Hamilton was \$2,200 and the proposed increase was \$300, not \$2,000 and \$400 as mentioned in the report.

R. L. Simpson expressed himself as in favor of the establishment of a museum. The cost would not materially affect the taxes. He thought the report should not have condemned the Brookton branch.

D. J. O'Donoghue would support the establishment of a museum if the first fossils put on exhibition were the people who established it. There were museums in the city now, but they were seldom visited by workingmen. Workingmen had no time to visit museums. The museum, if established, should be provided for by the province or by the Dominion. The whole thing was caused by a desire to find a place for a man, and it had its creation in the brain of Mr. Bain. As a matter of fact this man Bain appeared to run the library, the board and everything else.

Charles March objected to the vagueness of the charges upon which the sweeping condemnation of Mr. Hamilton was based. No specific instances of Mr. Hamilton's bungling were quoted and it was rather hard to condemn a man without good reason.

John Armstrong stated that the superintendent had bungled over the conduit pipe across the bay, and also with the laying of water mains. There was not a water main in the city that was properly laid.

W. H. Parr agreed with Delegate March. He did not think that Mr. Brough's interests should be advanced at the expense of Mr. Hamilton. Brough, too, had been accused of bungling. He was not wholly free of responsibility for the hole knocked in the conduit pipe. He moved in amendment that the clause with reference to Supt. Hamilton be referred back.

The amendment carried, and the report was adopted as amended.

Chairman F. C. Cribbin, of the Educational Committee, reported that the distribution of circulars on the free school book question had undoubtedly aided in the victory which had been achieved at the polls. The appointment of truant officers was recommended so that compulsory school attendance may be put into practical operation. The loss of Trustees Middleton and Hastings as members of the Public School Board was to be deplored. Adopted.

After J. W. Dacey moved, seconded by D. J. O'Donoghue, and carried, that the Trades and Labor Council petition the City Council to seek legislation extending the hours of polling at municipal and school trustees elections till 8 p.m. and also authorizing the payment of aldermen; and that the petition be forwarded to the City Council for presentation at its next meeting, the Council adjourned.

### INAUGURATION OF THE NEW COUNCIL.

Yesterday witnessed the inauguration of Mayor Fleming and the new City Council. Not one half of those who crowded around the City Hall could gain an entrance into the building at all, not to speak of gaining admission into the Council chamber. The crushing was severe but all were good-natured. In the Globe of to-day I observe, as of those present, the name of A. F. Jury, D. A. Carey, T. W. Banton, Geo. W. Dower, W. H. Parr, H. T. Benson and D. J. O'Donoghue and the Misses Mary E. and Katie B. O'Donoghue. Never before in the history of Toronto were there so many ladies and gentlemen of all classes of citizens present on a like occasion and all of whom were entertained at luncheon at the expense of His Worship. The Mayor's room and a very large committee room, to the right and left of the main entrance to the Council chamber were called into use for this purpose. The entrance of the Mayor into the Council chamber announced his first innovation, which met with loud applause. Instead of being clad in the time immemorial court dress, silk plug hat and white kid gloves, he wore a suit of broadcloth, a closely-buttoned frock coat, and a red rose in the button-hole. Mayor Clarke always wore a yellow rose. On ascending the dias and having the chair Mayor Fleming delivered a lengthy and carefully prepared address, during the delivery of which he was very often warmly applauded. What he contemplated in the interest of good municipal government may be in-

ferred to some extent from the following sentences of his:—

There are at present, in my opinion, too many committees of the Council. Every committee involves the holding of meetings, an extra demand upon the time of some alderman, clerical assistance and some other expense. All these might be saved by the amalgamation of committees to even a greater extent than has been already suggested.

Then we can wisely and profitably amalgamate departments of administration. We have too many heads. They needlessly complicated our machinery and entail unnecessary expense. They sometimes require a man who has business with the city to deal with a number of different officers instead of only with one.

Most of you will agree with me, and the public will agree with us, in the conviction that there are in the city service more employees than are necessary. If this conviction is right, then we can only deal honestly with the trust committed to us by cutting down the number of employees. This can be all the more readily accomplished if we discontinue making public improvements at so extensive a rate. The salary bill is too large, everybody admits this. It will be one of our first duties to carefully go into this matter and economize wherever economy is practicable without impairing efficiency.

In concluding His Worship said: "I thank you heartily for the honor done the Council and myself by your presence here to-day. The position of Mayor of Toronto is one to which any citizen might be proud to aspire. There are many present who would adorn it more than I; there is none who would bring to it more of honest determination to work earnestly always and only in the public interest, to the best of his ability. I recognize and appreciate the warm support that I have received from citizens of all classes and opinions. I am glad that in the recent election party politics were forgotten in the common effort for the common good. Toronto is a Conservative city, and in a party contest I would have been hopelessly defeated. To Conservative voters I owe my election. And let me add, that as you so generously kept politics out of the campaign, so I shall never let party preference influence a single act of my official duties."

If notices of motion are worth anything, at least some of the aldermen mean business of a useful and pleasing character, for under that head, the Council being in session, Ald. Carlyle (Second Ward) gave notice for a special committee to promote and encourage manufacturing industries.

Ald. Carlyle (Fourth Ward) gave notice that it is desirable to charge the cost of laying water mains in front of vacant property against the property so benefited.

Ald. Hallam gave notice of motion for general retrenchment, also for the separation in the assessment of the value of land and building.

Ald. Graham gave notice to abolish the Waterworks Department and to amalgamate its working with that of the Treasury and Board of Works.

Ald. Foster gave notice to abolish the office of tax collectors.

Ald. Stewart gave notice of motion for the placing of a clock on Bolton Avenue Fire Hall; for a Saturday half-holiday for the scavenger department in summer; also for shorter hours for firemen.

Ald. Bailey gave notice of motion to keep the polls open from 9 in the morning till 8 in the evening.

Ald. Atkinson gave notice to appoint three or more gentlemen from outside of the Council as a Court of Revision.

Ald. Bailey gave notice to charge street repairs as a local rate, and Ald. Verral gave notice for the filling up of Island lagoons, also the regulation of polling booths, and the establishment of a wholesale fruit and milk market.

Among the retiring nominees of the City Council on the High School Board was Mr. W. H. Parr, of the Trades and Labor Council, but it is pleasing to note that he was again re-appointed as one of the city's representatives on the H. S. B. Mr. Parr is able, hard-working and very attentive, and the compliment of his re-appointment in this instance was a well deserved acknowledgment of the fact.

With your kind permission I will have a word or two to say next week in reference to the allegations contained in the communication in your last issue of Mr. George W. Dower.

A heavy fall of snow last night gave Toronto good sleighing to-day, but it has not as yet contributed in lessening the ravages of La Grippe and through which many people are dying—especially those of advanced years, and it is impartial in its grasping of rich and poor alike.

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### Independent Order of Good Templars.

A new lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars was instituted in the East End of the city Monday evening, by Bro. Jas. H. M. Crerar, special D. G. C. T., assisted by Bro. D. H. Howard, G. S., and Bro. E. G. Ellis, G. E. S. The attendance was very large, including representatives from nearly every lodge in the district, and great interest was shown in the proceedings. The new lodge will be known as "Maple

Leaf Lodge, No. 130." The following officers were elected and immediately installed by Bro. J. H. M. Crerar: Chief Templar, Bro. B. Roberts; Vice Templar, Sis. M. J. Mercer; Supd. J. T., Sis. Mrs. Boyd; Sec., Bro. C. Vicars; Fin. Sec., Bro. R. Boyd; Treas., Bro. Jas. Hughes; Chap., Sis. E. Mercer; Marshal, Bro. Alf. Platt; Guard, Sis. I. E. Mercer; Sentinel, Bro. W. Walker; Ass.-Sec., Sis. H. Clark; D. M., Sis. J. Platt. Recommended for D. G. C. T., Bro. Jno. Mason. After the company had been refreshed with cake and coffee, words of encouragement were given by Bros. Howard, Ellis, Thompson and Freeman. The new lodge will meet on Monday evenings in the Temple Hall, No. 323 Notre Dame street. A hearty vote of thanks to the visitors for their assistance and encouragement brought the meeting to a close.

### The Late Cardinal Manning.

At the regular meeting of Dominion Assembly 2436 K. of L., held in their Hall, Chaboulliez Square, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, that Dominion Assembly desires to place on record its tribute of affection for the generous-hearted and venerable prelate, Cardinal Manning, the champion of the toilers, whose death is sincerely mourned by the workers throughout the world. His memory will be always affectionately cherished for the kindly interest he unceasingly manifested at all times with the laboring classes.

Be it further resolved, that a copy of the above resolution be inscribed in our minutes and a copy sent to the press for publication.

## OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE.

ST. GABRIEL WARD.

To the Editor of THE ECHO.

Sir,—The people of Montreal, now in debt to the tune of nineteen million dollars are the most apathetic and ignorantly contented people I should think there are upon this continent.

In the ward where I reside the retiring alderman, Mr. P. Dubuc, has been in the Council three years, and during that time his voice has never been heard in the Council chamber, yet we find taxpayers residing here willing to accept him as their superior in intellect and qualified to represent them and their interests in the Council. God help them with their choice; they must be afraid some body will do something. This man has done nothing only vote at the dictation of Messrs. Stevenson, Prefontaine & Co. If his opponent, Mr. Berthiaume, is no better, for decency's sake we should ring the changes if only to let the public see we were trying to mend our ways a bit. But I believe, in Mr. Dubuc's opponent, we have a man who is a little progressive, because he has knowledge enough to know that we are behind the times in civic matters, and he is willing to pledge himself if elected to have the city do its own scavenging, and see that it is properly done, not left around for weeks together, as it is now sometimes in our Ward.

Mr. Berthiaume also thinks we should have electric cars here, but run by and for the people at cost, which means seven or eight tickets to any part of the city for a quarter. A few extra arc lights to assist the police in their duties in this ward is also necessary. He believes the roads on the outskirts of St. Gabriel would stand a lot of improvement; also in the equalization or abolition of the water tax; taxing vacant land to its full value; a fair and impartial means of assessing properties by practical men; public parks especially where the laboring classes live, and work for the unemployed at fair wages to be found at all times by the city.

The above is only a brief outline of what Mr. Berthiaume is willing to work and vote for if elected, and I would ask my fellow-electors to place this beside Mr. Dubuc's nothing in the past, the same now, and just double nothing in the future, and if any sane man can vote with Dubuc after this, then my opinion is the whole ward should be disfranchised, and be compelled to trust to luck until they are competent to vote intelligently. Hoping you can find room for this,

I remain, etc.,

AN ELECTOR OF ST. GABRIEL WARD.

Twelve thousand ship yard helpers have struck at Sunderland, Eng., against reduction.