

COUNCIL MEETING

The village council held its regular monthly meeting on Monday evening last. All present except Mr. Blau chard.

After reading and adoption of minutes of last meeting, the clerk read the auditors' abstract statement for the past year of the financial condition of the village and the high and public schools, which, on motion was received and adopted and ordered to be published in the Reporter.

On motion, the treasurer was instructed to forward a cheque for \$50 to W. R. McDowell, Armprior, as part payment for plans and specifications for new town hall.

On motion, an order for \$2.00 was given Mr. Jacob to purchase wood for Lake Pipe, as he is in destitute circumstances through sickness.

On motion, an order for \$1.50 was given the chief of police for removing snow from sidewalk in front of the Hicks property, Victoria street, said amount to be added to the taxes on the property for 1903.

For the convenience of contractors in Brookville wishing to see plans and specifications for town hall, the clerk was instructed to be at the St. Lawrence Hall, Brookville, on Saturday next for that purpose.

B. LOVERIN, Clerk

A WARNING

Boston, Mass., March 25.—Prof. Dallas L. Sharp, of Boston University, as preacher in the First Methodist Church, said on Sunday:—

"No woman who wears a sea gull or a song bird in her hat can ever get to Heaven. If you need an Easter bonnet, get it. Wear it to church, for what better place to wear it than to church. It is an honor to God and a benediction to the soul to see Easter bonnets. Get the bonnets, however, without robbing and killing. Those who rob the lives of the song bird and the beautiful plumage, cannot hope for Heaven."

SCHOOL REPORT

The following is a report of the Athens Model School for the month of March:—

Total aggregate attendance, 2936.
Total average attendance, 133.
Total average percent present, 85.

FORM IV.

Entrance Class—Edith Brown, Wesley Stevens, James McLean, Jessie Brown, Dan Conway, Effie Blanche, Hazel Rappell, Letitia Arnold, Manly Berney, Stanley Gledes, Jessie Arnold, Earnie McLean.

Jr. IV.—Florence Gainford, Lloyd Wilson, Wallace Johnson, Steve Stinson, Edna Fair, Mabel Derbyshire, Roy McLaughlin, Willie McLean.

Aggregate attendance, 411.
Average attendance, 19.
Average percentage present, 93.

FORM III.

Sr. III.—Alan Everts, Caroline LaRose, Winnie Wiltse, Glenn Earl, Jean Karley, Roy Parish, Bessie McLaughlin, Muriel Fair.

Jr. IV.—Kenneth Blanche, Beaumont Cornell, Kenneth McClary, Carrie Covey, Estler Kincaid, Belle Earl, Francis Ross, Elmer Scott.

Aggregate attendance, 685.
Average attendance, 31.
Percentage, 80.

FORM II.

Sr. II.—Keitha Parcell, Austin Tribute, Rae Kincaid, Kenneth Wilson, Bryce Wilson.

Jr. II.—Bessie Johnston, Russell Bishop, Allan Warren, Lily Gibson, Kenneth Rappell.

Aggregate attendance, 577.
Average attendance, 26.
Percentage, 78.

FORM I.

Sr. Pt. II.—Mina Donnelly, Allan Bishop, Keith McLaughlin, Lloyd Pickett.

Jr. Pt. II.—Kathleen Massey, Mary Pickett, Bertha Stinson, Russell Warren.

Sr. I.—Gladys Gainford, Jay McMullen, John Kelly, Hauis Rockwood.

Inter. I.—Flossie Fowler, Geraldine Eyre, R. K. Walker.

Jr. I.—Sammie Scott, Orel Parcell, Clara Lillie.

Aggregate attendance, 1,263.
Average attendance, 57.
Percentage, 89.

A. LILLIE, Teacher

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CANADIAN.

Toronto, April 4.—Prof. Goldwin Smith, who has been ill for the last ten days, is rapidly recovering.

Montreal April 6.—Mrs. Mary Ann Sadler, the well-known writer, died last evening aged 85 years.

Montreal, April 6.—The week's traffic returns for the C.P.R. ending March 31, amount to \$1,156,000, as compared with \$939,000 for the corresponding period last year.

North Augusta, April 3.—Fire broke out yesterday morning about 2.30 in Mr. D. W. Carpenter's saw-mill, which is a total loss. The loss is estimated at about \$1,000, with no insurance.

Niagara Falls, Ont., April 6.—The Council has decided that there shall no longer be a curfew rung at 9 p.m. The curfew law has not been enforced for some time, and the ringing of the bell is considered unnecessary.

Ottawa, April 6.—Lieut.-Col. Sir Percy Sherwood will command this year's Bisley team, and Capt. Munroe of the 90th Regiment will be adjutant. The Executive Committee of the D. R. announced the appointments Saturday morning.

Toronto, April 4.—D. Connor, a C.P.R. brakeman, had his leg crushed between two freight cars Thursday night at Peterboro. He died yesterday morning from heart failure, caused by the shock. The dead man's home is said to be in Barrie.

Brantford, April 6.—The body of John Springle, who disappeared from his home on the Mohawk road more than four months ago, was found yesterday in Mohawk Lake near the starch works. The body was badly decomposed, and was interred this afternoon in Mount Hope Cemetery.

Toronto, April 6.—On behalf of the defeated candidates at the last election in North York for the Commons, Kerr, Davidson, Paterson & Grant on Saturday filed a protest against the return of Mr. Thompson, the present member. The usual allegations of bribery and corruption are made.

Vancouver, B. C., April 3.—The contractors having decided not to accede to the demands of the Amalgamated Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners for eight hours a day and 40 cents an hour, some 300 men went out. One small contractor who yielded to the men was refused lumber at a sawmill.

THE UNITED STATES.

New York, April 6.—John McQuade, treasurer of Tammany Hall, died Saturday from the effects of a carbuncle.

Philadelphia, April 4.—The Reading Company has forbidden its employees on the New York division to smoke cigarettes.

Dubois, Pa., April 4.—Four men were killed and several injured at London Mine, near here, to-day, by a fall of rock and earth.

San Francisco, April 4.—The jury in the case of Walter N. Dimock, accused of stealing \$30,000 from the United States mint, reached a verdict of guilty yesterday. Sentence will be imposed next Wednesday.

New London, Conn., April 4.—The barge Fitzpatrick sank off Long Island Thursday night. The boiler exploded as she went down and five men were lost. The wreck was reported by a tug which put in here yesterday afternoon.

Gloversville, N.Y., April 4.—Emerson Hill, aged 25, an engineer, was instantly killed at his father's saw mill in Gargos, near here, yesterday. He was adjusting a belt on an engine when he slipped and fell on a saw, which cut his body in two and severed both legs.

GENERAL FOREIGN NEWS.

Cairo, April 3.—The bubonic plague has reappeared in some parts of Egypt. Cholera cases are reported at Alexandria.

Paris, April 6.—The prefects of police, reporting on the service of notices to the congregations to disband, say no disorder occurred.

Gleiwitz, Prussia, April 4.—Eight men are known to have been killed and fourteen entombed as the result of an explosion of gas Thursday in the Koenig Luise mine at Ostfeld.

Paris, April 3.—The Figaro states that the Institute of France at a secret meeting have decided to award to Dr. Emile Roux, the sub-director of the Pasteur Institute, a prize of \$20,000, founded by M. Daniel Osiris for the person that the Institute considered the most worthy to be thus rewarded.

NEW COLONIES.

Sydney, New South Wales, April 4.—The Supreme Court has decided that the goods imported for the Government are not liable to the commonwealth import duties.

St. John's, Nfld., April 3.—The sealing steamer South Cross, with 18,000 seals, and Grand Lale, with 26,000 seals, returned from the seal fishery Wednesday. Nothing has been heard from four of the steamers in the Gulf of St. Lawrence.

NEW POSTAL RATES.

Third and Fourth Class Matter Both Affected.

Ottawa, April 6.—The Postoffice Department announced that on and after Saturday the rate of postage on third-class matter, except seeds, cuttings, bulbs, roots, bedding plants, and plants, will be one cent for each two ounces or fraction thereof, and on fourth-class matter one cent for each ounce or fraction thereof.

ASSEMBLY ADJOURNS.

Legislature Disposed to Await Proceedings of the Royal Commission—Judicial Tribunal's First Session.

Toronto, March 30.—The Legislature discussed the evidence bill, and in this the Attorney-General introduced two important amendments. One provides that no person shall be excused from answering questions which may lead to any punishment, penalty or penal proceedings. The other provides that Mr. Ganney's statement of Friday last shall be deemed to be a charge against the Ministers other than the Provincial Secretary, under the terms of the last clause of the commission.

Toronto, March 31.—The remaining business which the Legislature had to dispose of before adjourning to allow the Royal Commission to sit was concluded this afternoon, and the members separated until April 21st. Mr. Henry Carson presented his amendment to the evidence bill, providing that the commission should make no finding, and argued that the instructions were vital. On a vote being taken, the amendment was lost by 41 to 46.

Several minor amendments were declared lost on the same division, and the bill was carried. The supply bill of \$345,000 for April was not opposed by Mr. Whitney by word, but Col. Matheson offered a vote of confidence motion, censuring the Government for not holding the North River election. This was lost on the same division. A vote was taken on the motion to adjourn for three weeks, with a result similar to the first. At 5.15 the Administrator, Chief Justice Mace, entered the Chamber and gave assent to the bill respecting evidence. This formality occupied a few minutes only, and immediately after he retired the House adjourned.

ROYAL COMMISSION.

Organized and Then Adjourns to Take Evidence 13th April.

Toronto, April 4.—The enquiry into the charges against Hon. J. B. Stratton, of the Ontario Government, by Mr. R. R. Ganney, the member for Manitoulin, was yesterday morning adjourned until Monday, April 13, at 10 a.m. The delay thus entailed will render it impossible that the investigation will conclude before the Legislature reassembles on April 21.

The investigation was formally opened with great solemnity at eleven o'clock sharp in the new jury court room. Subsequent sessions will be held in No. 1 jury court, however. The two judges comprising the commission, Chancellor Sir John A. Boyd and Chief Justice Falconbridge, did not wear their judicial robes, but were attired simply in the garb of King's Counsel. Mr. Charles Grant, Registrar of the Court of Appeals, took his post as recorder of the commission, and Mr. Nelson R. Butcher was on hand as official reporter.

There was a distinguished array of counsel on both sides.

For the Conservatives appeared Hon. S. H. Blake, K.C., Charles H. Ritchie, and Mr. W. D. McPherson. Mr. Sam. Price, barrister of St. Thomas, is also associated with the defence.

For the Liberals appeared Messrs. E. F. B. Johnston, K.C., W. R. Riddell, K.C., and Mr. J. M. McEvoy, the well-known criminal lawyer of London.

Toronto, April 6.—Counsel in the inquiry are busy preparing for the opening of the case on the 13th. It will require the whole of the week to get all the evidence in the proper shape for presentation.

Saturday W. D. McPherson, who is preparing the case for the accused, Mr. Ganney, in a briefing case, served an order for the production of documents on E. F. B. Johnston, chief counsel for the defence. The order is as follows:

"It is ordered that each of them, the Honorable J. R. Stratton (Provincial Secretary), the Honorable G. W. Ross (Premier and Provincial Treasurer), the Honorable John Gibson (Attorney-General) the Honorable Richard Harcourt (Minister of Education), the Honorable E. J. Davis (Commissioner of Crown Lands), The Honorable Frank Latchford (Commissioner of Public Works), Frank J. Sullivan, R. A. Grant and Capt. John Sullivan of Toronto; D. A. Jones of Beeton and R. R. Ganney do on or before Monday the 6th day of April, 1903, make full discovery on oath according to the practice of the High Court of Justice for Ontario, and as if each of the above mentioned persons was a party in a cause in the said High Court of Justice, of all the books, papers, documents and things which are or have been in his possession, custody, or power, relating to any matters in question herein or relevant thereto, and also on or before Monday, the said 6th of April, do produce to and deposit with me for the use of the honorable commissioners, all the said books, papers, documents and things."

G. C. Grant, Registrar of the Said Commission. Mr. Johnston has not yet filed any documents, but will probably do so to-day.

JUDGES WINCHESTER AND HATTON.

County Judge of York and County Judge of Grey Appointed.

Ottawa, April 6.—At Saturday's Cabinet meeting Mr. John Winchester, Master-in-Chambers at Osgoode Hall, was appointed Senior County Judge of York in succession to the late Judge McDougall. The vacant Judgeship in Grey County, caused by the death of the late Judge Cressor, was filled by the appointment of Mr. W. J. Hatton, K. C., of Owen Sound.

It is understood that Mr. Winchester's appointment to the Surrogate Judgeship by the Ontario Government will follow.

DOMINION PARLIAMENT.

The Feature of the Week Was the Introduction of the Redistribution Bill—Other Questions Dealt With.

Ottawa, March 30.—The state of Sir Oliver Mowat's health, was a topic for discussion to-day in the House. The chief speakers on the subject were Mr. W. F. Maclean, Sir Wilfrid Laurier and Mr. F. D. Monk, but nothing was done. A number of questions were answered by Ministers and several bills were introduced.

Ottawa, March 31.—Sir Wilfrid Laurier to-day introduced the Redistribution Bill. The measure covered but one typewritten page, setting forth the number of members allotted to each Province, the principle that county boundaries shall be observed as far as possible, the division of counties to be made in a schedule which shall be prepared by a joint committee of the House, composed of four Liberal and three Conservatives. The Provinces east of Lake Superior lose representation, and those west of it all gain in proportion to their increase. Hon. John Costigan presented his home rule bill for Ireland resolution, and it was carried by: Yeas 102, nays 41.

Ottawa, April 1.—The House of Commons had a short session to-day, adjourning at 9.15, all the private members' business on the order paper having been disposed of. The greater part of the afternoon was consumed in an animated debate upon the resolution favoring the prohibition of the manufacture and sale of cigarettes, offered by Mr. Bickerdike, Montreal. Sir Wilfrid Laurier, while opposing the motion, announced that the Government had laid down no policy on the question, and each person was free to vote as he pleased. The resolution carried by 103 to 48. Mr. Puttee (Winnipeg) drew attention to the poor railway accommodation for immigrants, and Sir William Mulock promised urgency in attending to the matter.

Ottawa, April 2.—The debate in the House upon the second reading of Mr. John Charlton's bill to amend the Dominion Elections Act, 1900, this afternoon was animated and at times decidedly heated. The object of the bill is to make it so perilous for those who seek to engage in corrupt practices, by placing them at the mercy of those they seek to corrupt, that the practice will be stamped out. Hon. W. S. Fielding suggested that it would be in the public interest to appoint a special committee of representative men from both sides of the House with a view to drafting legislation which would be effective in stamping out corruption in elections. A number of bills were read a first and second time.

Ottawa, April 3.—Friday is usually a dull day in the House, but this afternoon an interesting discussion took place on the labor troubles in British Columbia. Mr. Ralph Smith brought to the attention of the House the seriousness of the situation created in British Columbia by these troubles, which threaten the progress, if not the national life of the Province. He suggested that this was a case where the Government ought to have power to step in, and asked for the appointment of a commission to investigate the conditions, which exist and make a report in order that the influence of public opinion might be brought to bear in the interests of a settlement.

ADDITIONAL LOCAL

As a result of the strike, about 500 men are now idle in Smith's Falls.

Mr. and Mrs. A. James, of Toronto, visited old friends in Athens last week.

The New York Herald has an idea of its own about encouraging an increase in the population. It would have the government pay a bounty of \$1 for the first child, \$2 for the second, \$4 for the third, \$8 for the fourth, and so on. It does not say so, but probably it would favor special inducements for twins, triplets, etc.

The Education Department has issued a circular to school inspectors asking that Arbor Day and Empire Day be properly observed in every school. This year the former falls on Friday, May 1, and the latter on Friday, May 22. Mr. Harcourt remarks: "Let Arbor Day be a bright joyous holiday devoted to the pleasure of making beautiful what should be beautiful, and developing in the young minds a keen appreciation of nature. Let Empire Day be also a day which will foster a healthy national patriotism and awaken all the pleasurable emotions which the love of our country and empire should inspire."

A resolution favoring prohibition of the importation, manufacture and sale of cigarettes was carried in the Dominion House of Commons on April 1st by a vote of 103 to 48. It was not made a party question, the members expressing their individual opinion in the vote. Looks as if the small boy who seeks distinction along the cigarette line would have to tackle cigar or go out of business. The manufacturers, with their vested interests, are yet to be heard from and by the time this resolution is framed into a bill they will no doubt make their influence felt. Considering the hearty endorsement given to the resolution, it seems altogether improbable that the manufacturers will be able to prevent the enactment of the prohibition.

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