

CHAIRMAN HITS BACK.

Mr. Crooks Replies Sharply to Mayor McLaren's Letter.

Accounts In Question Were Passed by Board a Month Ago.

Mayor Still Insists on Adequate Salaries and No Extras.

Mayor McLaren's letter in connection with the accounts for overtime for the inspectors of the Health Department, which was made public yesterday, brought a sharp reply from Thomas Crooks, chairman of the Board of Health.

The Mayor had not received the letter this morning when the reporters called on him, but when informed that the health authorities were preparing a warm package for him he discussed the matter freely.

The stand he takes is that, as the Finance Committee pays the salaries of employees of the board, that body should be consulted in matters of this kind. That would have been the proper thing he says for the Board of Health to have done.

Dear Sir.—Your letter addressed to me as Chairman of the Board of Health, which you gave to the newspapers yesterday afternoon, was received by me only this morning.

From statements credited to you in one of the newspapers you insisted that these moneys were received by the men before the account was formally passed by the committee of the Board of Health.

Under the Public Health Act in case of dangerously contagious or infectious diseases, such as smallpox, scarlet fever, etc., both of which have visited the city this year, the Board of Health officers have very large powers. It is necessary for them to act promptly and employ men at any and all hours to prevent the spread of disease, and delay in consulting the municipal necessary sums on the order of members of the board, or any two of them, for services performed. This \$108 was for overtime, and there is no duty whatever cast upon the Board of Health officers to consult the Finance Committee in regard thereto.

If you would interest yourself in attending to the duties of the office that you fill, without wildly making statements about matters of which you have not informed yourself properly, it would be much more to your credit. I have given twenty years of my time in the interests of the public health of this city, and have endeavored to the best of my ability to perform the duties of my office, all of which I have done voluntarily.

The Internal Management Committee of the Board of Education to-night will deal with a petition from a large number of people in the township, west of Garth street, asking that their children be permitted to attend the public schools at the city rate. It is not likely they will be granted, although some of the trustees are in favor of reducing the fee for these children from a dollar to twenty-five cents a month, if the board has power to do it.

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KNOX SALE.

Ladies Opened a Large Affair This Afternoon.

The annual sale of work under the auspices of the Mission Band and Ladies' Aid Society of Knox Church opened this morning, with a collection of novel and useful articles that far surpasses all previous ones. The various booths were laid out in an artistic and original manner, and reflect great credit on those who were in charge.

MAY LOSE AN EYE.

Cornwall, Ont., Dec. 2.—Leonard and Roy Slimer, young sons of Donald Slimer, slinger keeper in Cornwall township, were playing soldier when Leonard was accidentally jabbed in the eye by a toy sword, wielded by his brother. He is now in the hospital here with the doctors trying to save the sight of the injured eye.

DR. SAM SMALL.

The large crowds that heard Dr. Sam Small last Sunday and Monday at First Methodist Church, will be glad to learn that the famous Georgia orator will speak in Central Methodist Church, corner of John and Rebecca streets on Friday night, Dec. 3rd. Dr. Small has been asked to speak on the subject which is of burning interest to the citizens of Hamilton at this time, reduction in the number of barrooms.

A Smoker's Christmas Gift.

The highest grade of briar pipes with genuine amber mouthpieces in handsome cases are offered at peace's pipe store. You can select a good pipe for your friend at the headquarters, 107 King street east.

Hero Suicides

Salt Lake City, Utah, Dec. 2.—Threatened with eviction from the hotel where he has been staying with his bride, because he could not pay his bill, Captain W. A. Johnson, a well-known mining expert, took cyanide of potassium yesterday and was found dead in his room.

Acquaintances say that Johnson was formerly manager of the Guggenheim mining property in Nicaragua and South America, served Cecil Rhodes in South Africa, and made a brilliant record in the Boer war under the British flag. He is said to have spent a fortune in mining claims in Nevada.

HAS CAUSED SOME STIR.

City Hall Aroused Over Criticism of Annex Disposal Plan.

Engineer Macallum, However, Admits It Is Not Modern.

Too Many Hydro Men Running For Board of Control.

The report in the Times yesterday, that a well known sewage disposal expert declared Hamilton's new \$175,000 annex plant, which will not be put in operation until next summer, to be obsolete now, caused quite a stir in the City Hall.

Macallum arrived hastened to-day to defend it. They say it is modelled after the most up-to-date plants of the kind in America, and embraces some entirely new ideas. T. A. J. Murray, of Toronto, who is recognized as an authority on all matters pertaining to sewage disposal, is the expert who declares that the system is obsolete. He made that statement in the presence of City Engineer Macallum and Assistant Engineer Heddie after spending some time examining the plant.

Efforts were made to-day to discredit the story. When the city engineer was asked if he considered the annex plant a modern, up-to-date affair in every way, and what Hamilton might expect for its expenditure of about \$175,000, he said, "No, I would not say that it is. But the term obsolete is very vague. I think that it will work all right, provided care is taken to see that no chemicals get in to destroy the bacteria." Another improvement that will have to be made is to raise the land of the feeding tanks so that the effluent will be evenly distributed over the surface of the filtering beds by the sprayers. There is not enough pressure at present to do this.

No less than eleven of the fourteen candidates for the Board of Control who have declared themselves in the field will ride the Hydro-Electric horse next January. This does not appeal to the men who have managed the Niagara power campaign here. They fear that with such a large crop of Hydro candidates in the field the vote will be so split up that not one of the candidates will be sure of election. Efforts will be made to get some of them to withdraw or to run for aldermen.

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BAD FALLS.

But In Both Cases Men Were But Slightly Hurt.

A plug blowing out of a steam gauge on a boiler at the Chipman-Holton knitting mills, Mary street, this morning, knocked William Grace, 4 Grove street, down, and he fell from the boiler loft to a cement floor below, a distance of 20 feet. He was attended by Dr. Hopkins, who found the man had sustained concussion of the brain. He was taken to his home, where he came to. No bones were broken.

FINES FOR DRUNKENNESS.

Owen Sound, Dec. 2.—R. B. Miller introduced a by-law at last night's meeting of the town council to make the minimum fines for drunkenness and disorderly conduct \$2 for the first, and \$5 for each subsequent offence. The minimum fine for a first offence hitherto has been \$1.

SAFETY DEPOSIT BOXES.

To rent at \$2 a year and upwards for the storing of deeds, bonds, stocks, wills, silver and other valuables. TRADERS BANK OF CANADA.

KING DISSOLVES PARLIAMENT

Prorogued Until January 17th—Premier Asquith Makes An Announcement—Will Re-Enact Tax Measures.

London, Dec. 2.—Premier Asquith announced in the House of Commons to-day that the Government had advised King Edward to dissolve Parliament and that His Majesty had accepted the invitation. The Premier added that the Liberals were returned to power the first act of the Government would be the re-enactment of all the taxes for which provision was made in the budget rejected by the House of Lords.

All the preliminaries to the great political battle are being cleared away this afternoon, at Sandringham, where the King held a meeting with the Privy Council, during which he signed an order proroguing Parliament until January 17th, 1910. The fixing of this date was a mere formality, as before that time the present House will have been dissolved.

The centre of interest to-day was the House of Commons, where Premier Asquith, on behalf of his Government, delivered the reply to the action of the Lords in withholding their consent upon the budget. The House was crowded with members and the galleries were filled with Lords, diplomats and other distinguished personages. The Ministers and Unionist leaders, including A. J. Balfour, who had sufficiently recovered from an indisposition to take part in the debate, entered the chamber during the course of the routine business, and were received with cheers by their supporters, who rose to their feet and waved their hats in welcome to their chiefs.

The Nationalists, who had decided not to participate in the debate or division, were conspicuous by their absence.

PASSES RESOLUTION.

London, Dec. 2.—The House of Commons by a vote of 349 to 134 to-day passed the resolution of Premier Asquith to the effect that in rejecting the Government's budget bill the House of Lords had committed a breach of the constitution and usurped the rights of the House of Commons.

Arthur Henderson, leader of the Labor party in the House of Commons, announced that the Government would have the whole-hearted support of the Laborites.

ASQUITH'S SPEECH.

Premier Asquith's first words, as he rose amid the widest demonstration of enthusiasm to move the resolution of which he had given notice on Tuesday, were: "We are meeting this afternoon under circumstances without example in the history of the British Parliament."

The Prime Minister pointed out that in opening Parliament the King had invited the House of Commons alone to make provision for the heavy additional expenditure in view of the necessities in the way of social reform and the national defence. The budget was the result, and it represented, he said, in a greater degree than any other measure of "our time" the deliberate work of an overwhelming majority of the representatives of the people. In the course of (Continued on Page 10.)

TALE WORTH THE READING.

If True Morris Levy Should Not Be In Prison.

He Was Given Three Years For Subornation of Perjury.

Chief Witness Now Says His Evidence Was Not True

(Special Wire to the Times.)

Toronto, Dec. 2.—Three years in Kingston Penitentiary for subornation of perjury and two years for perjury were the sentences pronounced against Morris Levy, of Hamilton, and Solomon Altman some time ago here. At present it looks as though the pair may manage to get a new trial. The story, as told by Altman, is an extraordinary one. The charges on which the men were convicted arose out of an action brought before Master in Chambers Cartwright by Levy against Solway and Cohen. Altman gave evidence in favor of Levy at the trial; then he went to Niagara Falls for a time. Apparently suffering from pangs of conscience, he came back to Toronto and gave himself up to the police, saying that he had committed perjury at the instance of Levy. He has now made an affidavit in which he says he was persuaded to come back by three men, who promised him a good position and money enough to bring his wife out to America. When here he says he met the three, who got him drunk and kept him so, or drugged, as he protests. In any event, he went to a lawyer, made a confession of perjury and signed a paper which he did not understand. Later on he learned that he had "confessed" to having accepted \$20 from Levy for giving evidence for him. He says the three threatened him with jail or death if he did not stick to his story. A visit to the Crown Attorney, to whom the story was repeated, ended in his arrest and appearance in the police court, where he stuck to his story again. As a result of that Magistrate Denison sent him down for two years. Now he swears he was telling the truth at the trial and the opposite when he came back from Niagara Falls.

Mr. Reginald Eyre will try to get a stated case for him, and Mr. E. F. R. Johnson, K. C., will do his best to get a new trial for the Hamilton man.

THE MAN In Overalls

We want a sewer expert. Mr. Barrow has the floor.

With an ice-breaking outfit the Macassa might run the whole year round. Wonderful boat.

Only three weeks to Christmas. Get after them. The clerks are waiting.

There's St. Peter's Home. How in the world do they manage to keep it running?

We can't win elections in a day, a week, or a month. To win we must begin now. Let us see what kind of a plan of campaign you propose to have.

The proposal to bridge the railway at the bedside end of Dundurn Park has again been lost sight of. We are all so careless.

The Sunday schools will all be well attended this month—at least until the Christmas tree entertainment is over.

Now that we are in the last grip of 1909 we might ask ourselves what we did with all those New Year resolutions.

Toronto seems to have fallen back into the old rut again—singing school, quilting bees and spelling matches.

Yes, I know. It's the easiest thing in the world to write a funny paragraph. But did you ever try it?

The budget was a matter on which the Lords would not budge.

While I think of it, couldn't the Mayor help the moulders to settle their strike? It should have been settled long ago.

But can the ladies see over one another's hats?

It takes all sorts of people to make a world, and it may be that being a Hydro-Electric man is a recommendation for a Controller candidate.

The art exhibition is still open. If you have any pretensions to being artistic, go up and look.

That invention of a match scratcher by Frank Quinn may after all be only a pipe dream.

Theminks some men are Hydro-Electric because they think it is popular. Anything to get there.

Those who drive on York street say it is a pretty good corduroy road.

Wonder if Tommy Gould will oppose Johnnie Milne for the presidency of the Conservative Association on Saturday night.

THE MEDICOS.

Annual Dinner and Election Held Last Evening.

The Medical Association held its annual dinner at the Hamilton Club last evening, and elected officers for the year. The guest of honor was Dr. J. T. Fotheringham, of Toronto, who delivered an interesting address. Officers for the year were elected, as follows: President, Dr. Storms. Vice-President, Dr. Morton. Treasurer, Dr. Gillrie. Corresponding Secretary, Dr. Unsworth. Recording Secretary, Dr. Kappel.

WAITED ON HIS KNEES

For Chance to Duck Under a Passing Car.

Ronald McDonald's Novel Attempt to End His Life.

Was Arrested and Taken to the Police Station.

To wait on his hands and knees for a moving car and to throw himself in front of it as it passed—such was the novel and peculiar manner in which Ronald McDonald, a tailor, residing at the corner of MacNab and Vine streets, attempted to rid himself of the responsibilities and troubles of this life. At 12:55 p. m. to-day, as south-bound car No. 54, in charge of Motorman Massen and Conductor Nelson, was approaching the railway office at the corner of James and Gore streets the motorman noticed a man on the road in a kneeling position as if he was searching for something, and being suspicious of his actions the motorman slackened the speed of the car. As the car passed him the man threw himself underneath it and but for the quick action of Massen would not be living now to tell the tale. He was taken in charge by Officer Yaxley and for some time refused to disclose his name, but when taken to No. 3 station told it. He had apparently been drinking and the police locked him up on a charge of attempted suicide. In speaking of the affair Motorman Massen said that he was assured that McDonald really intended to end his existence.

REASONS WHY

Registry Office Is a Source of Revenue to the City.

At the municipal elections in January a by-law is to be submitted to authorize the issuing of debentures to raise money for the erection of a new registry office. The building seems to be a necessity, and a good investment on the part of the city. It is a necessity in too small to accommodate even the current books and documents pertaining to city and county real estate dealings, and for the other sufficient reason that the existing building is unhealthy, and has caused much illness to the staff employed there.

It would be a good investment because during the past six years the registrar has paid to the city and county a yearly sum averaging \$5,844, and as the cost of the new building will not exceed \$40,000, there should, after providing for interest, be a yearly sum received from the office more than sufficient to provide the necessary sinking fund to retire the debentures to be issued, without any actual expense to the citizens.

Under a recent amendment to the Registry Act the local office will, in future, as in Toronto, pay to the city and county \$90 in each \$100 of the net income over \$6,000. As the receipts of the local office for 11 months of 1909 are largely in excess of the whole year of 1908, the city may count on a substantial sum for this and future years.

The office is and will continue to be a source of substantial revenue to the city. This is an unique state of affairs, and one which should secure popular support to the by-law to be submitted.

The plans of the proposed new building contemplate a very handsome addition to the Court House Square.

BURNED TO DEATH

Maxwell, Ont., Dec. 2.—Sadie Coultis, six years old, only daughter of William Coultis, was burned to death yesterday. No one was in the house with the child at the time except her aged grandmother, Mrs. McFadden, who was unable to render any assistance.

A PLUCKY WOMAN

(Special Wire to the Times.) Windsor, Ont., Dec. 2.—After having risked her life to save her six-year-old son from burning to death, following a gasoline explosion in the family home in Sandwich East, Mrs. Arasas Drouillard rushed from the house with her clothes on fire and plunged into the icy waters of the Detroit River to quench the flames. With Spartan-like fortitude she then made her way to the burning house and saved it from total destruction by stamping out the fire and dashing buckets of water here and there. She was severely burned about the face and arms.

NOT LIKELY TO ACCEPT.

Rev. A. J. Vining Asked That His Name be Withdrawn.

But James Street Baptists Extended Call to Him.

And Will Await With Interest His Final Decision.

The meeting of the members of James Street Baptist Church last evening for the purpose of discussing the advisability of extending a call to Rev. A. J. Vining, of Talbot Street Baptist Church, London, was not as large as had been expected, only 230 out of the 800 members being present. After considerably friendly discussion a motion was passed that a call be extended to Mr. Vining.

Yesterday afternoon the members of the special committee received a telegram from Mr. Vining, asking them to withdraw his name, but it was placed before the congregation. It is generally conceded by the members that Mr. Vining will not accept the call, although they are desirous of having him do so.

When the meeting was opened by the chairman, Mr. A. Lutes, the reason for which it had been called was briefly explained by him, and the special committee was then called upon for their report.

Mr. C. G. Booker, on behalf of the committee, presented the recommendation, which was that the church extend a call to Mr. Vining.

Mr. R. C. Stevenson moved that the recommendation of the committee be accepted, and that the call be extended. The motion was seconded by Mr. S. G. Gillies. When the vote was taken 180 out of the 230 present were in favor of the call being extended. Considerable discussion took place, but it was all of a friendly nature.

Mr. R. C. Stevenson said he was in favor of the call being extended to Mr. Vining because he considered him the proper man to take on the work where Mr. Sycamore had left off.

Messrs. C. G. Booker, C. W. Bradford and A. Lutes also made short speeches strongly in favor of the call being extended, and gave their reason for doing so.

The members are now anxiously waiting to hear from Mr. Vining, as, although he expressed his intention of refusing, they are very anxious that he consider it.

A London despatch says that when it was made known to Mr. Vining that the call had been extended to him, he said, "I cannot understand it. I both wrote and wired the James street congregation not to consider my name at all."

WILL REMAIN IN LONDON.

(Special Wire to the Times.) London, Dec. 2.—A delegation from James Street Baptist Church, Hamilton, arrived here this morning to ask Rev. A. J. Vining to accept the pastorate of their church. Mr. Vining stated to your correspondent that there is little likelihood of his leaving London. At next meeting of his congregation the matter of either enlarging the present Talbot Street Church or building a new one will be discussed, as for some time the present church has failed to accommodate the people, owing to the popularity of its pastor.

LIKE HIM.

First Methodists Want to Hold on to Mr. Lancelley.

First Methodist Church is evidently quite well satisfied with the work of their new pastor, Rev. E. B. Lancelley. At the meeting of the Quarterly Board—practically the first meeting since Mr. Lancelley took up his duties, for the September meeting was held immediately after he returned from his summer vacation—a unanimous call was extended to him to the pastorate for not only the next year, but also for the full four years allowed by the rules of the church. Mr. Lancelley accepted and expressed his appreciation of the hearty support he was receiving from the officials and the people.

FIRE ON OCEAN VIEW.

Norfolk, Va., Dec. 2.—Heroic work by volunteer firemen early to-day probably saved Ocean View, Norfolk's "Coney Island," from almost total destruction by fire. Six large frame buildings, including four summer hotels and several smaller structures, were partially burned. The origin of the fire is not known.

Just Received.

A fresh stock of Whitelaw's sanitary paper diapers. They are soft and strong, and perfectly absorbent. To be worn inside the regular diaper, and thrown away or burnt when soiled. Put up in packages of 50 and sold for 65c.—Parke & Parke, druggists.

A STRANGER INTERVIEWED

On Behalf of Young Girl, In Gore Park.

Called Officer's Attention to Conduct of Three Italians.

Charge of False Pretence Laid by a Landlady.

What was believed to be a case of an attempt at the pernicious iniquity of luring young girls away for immoral purposes came to light in police court this morning, though the evidence sworn to by P. C. Campaign, sen., was not sufficient to warrant a charge of that nature being laid.

Shorty Anglo, an uninviting-looking Italian, was arraigned for being disorderly last night.

P. C. Campaign, sen., swore that he was approached by a stranger, who requested the officer to observe the overtures being made by the defendant and two other Italians to a young girl in Gore Park. That was about 7 o'clock. The overtures warranted the officer in arresting Shorty for disorderly conduct, and this morning he was told to get back to Burlington, where he lives, and not come to the city again. If he does the magistrate promised the Italian one year in jail.

The girl in the question was Dorothy Baker, a mere child, who ran away from Mrs. Barrow's, Clifton avenue, where she (the girl) was employed as a domestic. Last night Truancy Officer Hunter took charge of the little miss, and this morning Mrs. Barrow took her back to her home. She came to this city from Woodstock about six months ago.

Charles Coombe, mountain top; Thos. Barry, 75 Catharine street north, were arraigned for being drunk and disorderly at the Hamilton Cotton Company's factory yesterday. Both pleaded guilty, and each was fined \$5.

The message the police received by telephone was that the two men were fighting there. P. C. Hawthorne was despatched to the scene, and he arrested the belligerents.

William A. Murray, 47 Murray street, comes up to-morrow on a charge of false pretence, preferred by Susan Davenport. It is alleged that defendant obtained three weeks' board from complainant by misrepresentation.

Murray was remanded till to-morrow, though M. J. O'Reilly, for the defence, objected strongly to the remand, saying he was ready to go on, but Mr. Washington's request was granted.

Counsel for the defence asked his worship to allow his client out in the meantime, on his own recognizance, intimating that there was nothing in the charge. His worship, however, fixed bail at \$100.

GOOD WORK.

Inspector Berlinghoff Was Kept Busy During November.

Inspector Berlinghoff, of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, continues to do good work. During the month of November he dealt with over forty cases. It is well known that the object of the society is to protect animals, and the society follows the practice in all cases of warning those who are cruel, and when such warnings are disregarded, then to bring the parties before the magistrate. During last month over thirty warnings were given, and it is hoped that the parties will keep their promises and save themselves from being brought before the court. Four convictions were recorded, in which parties were summoned after more than one warning. The inspector has visited the brick yards, the gravel pits, smelting works, James and John street mountain, warning all against overloading, employing horses with galled shoulders, etc. Six horses totally unfit for any work were humanely destroyed. There are many people who report cases of cruelty coming within their observation, but who decline to appear and give evidence, and the guilty ones often escape because of it. Anonymous letters are frequently sent to the inspector and president. People who are interested in the kind treatment of animals should not be ashamed or afraid to sign their names when making reports. All interested in this good work should become members of this society. The fee is \$1. Those desiring to do so can send their names to Adam Brown, president; H. E. MacLaren, secretary; John Berlinghoff, inspector, 95 Murray street east.

DISTRICT ROYAL TEMPLARS.

At the monthly meeting of the Hamilton and Westworth District Council, R. T. of T., last evening, progress was reported in a number of departments of activity. It was decided to begin a series of carterball games between the various Select Councils in the city, and to have a debate at the next District Council meeting. Arrangements, it was announced, had been completed for a sermon to the Royal Templars of the city by the Rev. H. Edgar Allen in the Victoria Avenue Baptist Church on Sunday evening, Dec. 19.

DEATH OF SISTER BASILLA.

At St. Joseph's Hospital last evening the death occurred of Sister Mary Basilla, who for fifteen years was there as a trained nurse. Deceased was Miss Clancy and she came from near Walkerton, Ont. She was taken ill on Wednesday, suffering with a rupture of a blood vessel. Funeral services will be held at the hospital at 9 a. m. to-morrow and the interment will be in Holy Sepulchre cemetery.

The members of St. Mark's Chapter, Brotherhood of St. Andrew, will entertain the men of the church in the parish house on Monday evening.