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Officers Installed.

On Wednesday night Western Lutheran Pioneer, L.O.L., No. 470, held its annual meeting, when the following officers were elected and installed for the ensuing 12 months: Edward Appleton, W.M.; F. H. Woods, D.M.; Edward Scott, Chaplain; Henry L. Smith, Rec. Secretary; James Conlan (re-elected), Fin. Secretary; William Cheney, Treasurer; John Hastings, D. of C.; Sidney McKenzie, Lecturer; William Tiller, Edward Doole, William Graham, John Courtney and Edward Courtney, W. H. Harlton and S. McKeown, Auditors; George Verral, Inside Tyler; Thomas Phair, Outside Tyler; T. Shaw, Webster, M.D., Physician. The installation ceremony was performed by John Dixon, District Master for West Toronto District. A committee was appointed to prepare and have engrossed a resolution of condolence, which is to be presented to the family of ex-Ald. William Bell, recently deceased.

Trouble in Rossland Over Finances.

Rossland, B. C., Dec. 9.—A suit has been commenced to quash the two by-las recently submitted for the approval of the taxpayers of Rossland. An effort is being made by influential citizens to prevent the present civic government from handling any more of the city's money.

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The popular "Kelvin" model, in all the most beautiful tartan patterns. Capes with tartan patterns outside and in; also those of plain color, with tartan reverse side, at $10.00 and $11.00 each. And an immense collection of fancy plaid and check capes, in "Kelvin," golf and traveling styles, at $4.50, $5.00, $6.00, $7.00, $8.00, $9.00 each.

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THE FINANCES OF THE CITY

A Statement of the Expenditure and Revenue for 1897.

The Total Expenditure is Estimated at $2,873,798, Which is $170,000 Less Than in 1896—The City's Credit Stands High—The Board of Control Give an Account of Their Stewardship.

The Board of Control held a session yesterday, at which a number of important matters were under consideration. A very interesting document presented was an officially compiled account of the Board's stewardship for the year. The City Treasurer's statement of the estimated revenues and expenditures for the year ending Dec. 31, 1897, is as follows:

Revenue.

Balance from 1896	$ 16,830
Water rates	445,000
Rentals of city property	93,607
Licenses:	
Liquor	22,600
General	26,000
Market and weigh house fees	25,500
Police Court fines, etc.	7,000
Street Railway revenue surplus, after paying charges on new bonds	15,349
Province of Ontario and County of York, towards administration of justice	9,130
Sundry other revenues	16,705
Total ordinary revenue	$ 687,411
Taxation, 17¼ mills on the dollar	2,176,387
Total revenues	$2,863,798

Expenditure.

Charges on city debt, except schools and Public Library	$ 820,235
Administration of justice	293,073
Public Library	32,498
Industrial Schools and Children's Aid Societies	14,541
Toronto University	5,000
Schools:	
Public	455,727
High	42,508
Seperate	93,345
Technical	10,000
Hospitals	35,000
Public Health	31,935
Registry Office	500
Total uncontrolable expenditure	$1,777,562
Total Expenditure	**$2,863,798.**

The various committees have kept within their appropriation, although transfers from one fund to another have been made to avoid calling for special grants. The controlable expenditure totalled $1,086,236, making a total expenditure of $2,863,798. The disbursements have been gradually cut down year by year from $3,325,832 in 1893.

Although the assessment is $11,000,000 less than in 1896, the expenditures for the year are $170,000 less than in 1896. The amount set aside out of the Street Railway revenue to meet the annual charges on the Street Railway permanent pavement debt is $131,631, and the amount raised by special taxation to meet the charges on the local improvement debenture debt is $542,000.

Debenture Redemption.

There is also reported the largest debenture redemption in the history of the corporation. During the year general debentures to the amount of $1,138,791.41, and local improvement debentures to the amount of $615,926.38, aggregating $1,754,767.79, matured and were paid off as follows:

(1) Six per cents. renewed at 3½ per cent	$1,112,033 31
(2) Redeemed with sinking fund moneys	642,734 48
	$1,764,767 79

Issues to the amount of $1,608,635.65, counting renewals, have been authorized.

The Civic Credit.

The report states that the credit of the city never stood higher than at the present time. During the year temporary bank loans have been procured on the most favorable terms, the average rate paid not exceeding 3¾ per cent. The report continues:

"Our 3½ per cent. bonds command a good premium in Great Britain, which augurs well for the success of the forthcoming issue of debentures. The loan, no doubt, will command the attention of capitalists both in this country and abroad. The high financial credit of the city in the money markets of the world must be a matter for congratulation to the citizens of Toronto."

The report recommends, further, that the heads of the civic departments be required to furnish annually a detailed statement of city assets in the form of stores, implements, horses, carts, Fire Department plant, etc., under their charge.

Good and Bad Stables.

Taking up the finding in regard to their inspection of public works and buildings, the report commends the efficiency and cleanliness of the western city stables, but complains of the dilapidated, insanitary condition of the eastern and northern stables. It urges better fire protection for the eastern, and the removal of the northern to a lot owned by the city in Tannery Hollow, the disposal of the present lot to defray expenses of consructing new stables.

Progress on the New City Hall.

Progress on new City Hall is commented upon. The board found that the steam heating, plumbing, electric and gas work was well advanced, the heating being advanced sufficiently to allow the use of same to heat the buildings, thereby enabling the other contractors to push on with their work. The plastering, since the last start, has, practically speaking, been all completed. The contractors for the carpenter work are making fair progress with their work. The staircases are being erected and a portion of the top flat is finished. The stone work on the tower has been carried up to that portion surrounding the dials of the clock. Stone for completing the tower and the entrance steps is nearly all upon the ground and about finished in cutting, and an early start can be made in the spring to complete this small portion of the stone work. There are now employed upon the buildings in all trades about 125 men, and this number will be increased to about 150 next week, and will be increased from time to time during the winter months as the interior work demands.

Improvement to Parks.

Upon the subject of parks the controllers take pride in the various roadway-paving, pathway-laying, sodding, floral and general decorative work done throughout the park area. Of Queen's Park, the road and other improvements are noted. In High Park 500 trees of various varieties have been planted. In Riverdale the public skating rink is being reconstructed, and hydrants for flooding put in. In the Horticultural Gardens two old greenhouses have been reconstructed and the palm house and pavilion improved. The old wharf at Island Park has been repaired.

In Exhibition Park new pig pens have been erected at the east end of the grounds; the Machinery Hall has been altered and enlarged; two new stables have been built to take the places of the three destroyed by fire; a new ring and track for the exhibiting and judging of carriage horses, etc., has been constructed, and for the better protection of the buildings from fire, several new fire alarm boxes have been placed in various portions of the grounds, and a new 12-in. water main is now being laid by the Water Works Department throughout the whole length of the park.

The bicycle bylaw was amended by striking out the clauses providing that children shall not be carried in front of bicycles, and that not more than two shall be allowed to go abreast.

The Mayor and Tax Exemptions.

There is little likelihood that the question "Are you in favor of the principle of abolishing all exemptions from municipal taxation?" will go to the people in January next. Ald. Lamb objected that if manufacturers in Ontario were taxed on personalty it would drive them to Quebec. It would put a discount on business. He was in favor of exempting churches. Exemptions from income tax would be involved and he was sure there was no possibility of the plebiscite resulting in an affirmative decision. The Mayor supported him with his double vote and the matter will go on to Council, with a recommendation that it be referred back.

Other Business Transacted.

The tender of the Park Commissioner for the construction of the Island caretaker's cottage was the lowest at $1175, and it was accepted, subject to the approval of Architect Lennox.

The waterworks improvements for Parkdale, recommended by the Board of Works at a cost of $4500, was left over for further consideration, Mr. Keating having reported that they would be non-revenue producing.

City Treasurer Coady was authorized to advertise in England, Canada and the United States for the sale of $1,036,600 of debentures.

The board would not entertain the request of E. A. Macdonald for the appointment of a commission to enquire into the practicability of the aqueduct scheme.

Street Railway Earnings.

Following is the Street Railway statement for November:

	Gross Earnings.	Percentage to City.
November, 1897	$89,447.45	$7,155.79
November, 1896	76,145.73	6,091.65
November, 1895	78,592.60	6,287.41
October, 1897	87,964.37	7,037.15
October, 1896	78,343.49	6,267.47
October, 1895	78,216.98	6,257.35

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In a score of departments you will find things suitable for presents for gentlemen. This is especially so in the Men's Furnishing Section—lots of lines that'll fit in all right:

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Men's Extra Heavy Plain or Ribbed Black Cashmere Hose, special 25c
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Men's Fancy Trimmed White Cotton Night Shirts, all sizes, special at from $2 down to $1.00
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Boys' Imitation Grey Lamb Caps, Dominion or wedge shape, heavy, well-covered goods, lined nicely, worth 40c, special 25c
Men's South Sea Seal Caps, extra choice quality, Dominion or wedge shape, a very nice Xmas present, worth $16, special $12.00
Men's Extra Choice Persian Lamb Gauntlets Gloves, slink lamb lined, fur cuffs, heavy black kid palms, very special prices at from $12 down to $10.00

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Ladies' Heavy Plain and Ribbed Cashmere Hose, full fashioned, high spliced ankle, reg. 40c a pair, special 3 for $1.00
Ladies' Fine Saxony Wool Hose, with English worsted heel and toe, special at 3 pairs for $1.00

Ribbed Underwear Specials

Ladies' Ribbed Merino Vests, high neck and long sleeves, open front, reg. 35c, special 25c
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Men's Fine Black Venetian Coats and Vests, in 3-button cutaway morning style, good, heavy Beatrice lining, mohair braid binding, cut and fit perfect, worth up to $7.75, special..$5.75
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Palms, reg. $4.50, special $3.25
Palms, reg. $3.50, special $2.25

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Dated at the office of the Secretary of State of Canada, this 22nd day of October, 1897.

R. W. SCOTT,
Secretary of State.

Varsity Notes.

The Engineering Society of the School of Practical Science met on Wednesday. The president occupied the chair. Dr. Birge gave an interesting address on "Sewerage Farming." He spoke about the sewerage farm near London. Mr. Minty read a good paper on the "Relations between the Mechanical Properties of Steel and its Chemical Composition." Mr. Gulik was elected first year editor for Varsity. Mr. Burnside was elected representative for the pharmacy dinner, and Mr. Smallpeice was elected representative to the Osgoode "At-Home."

Schooner Lost With Two Lives.

Victoria, B. C., Dec. 9.—The provincial police have been notified of the loss on the Fraser River sand heads of the New Whitcomb schooner C. E. Ward, with her owner, Jacob Leonaby, and another man, whose name is not stated. The schooner was laden with tombstones for New Westminster.

COUNTY AND SUBURBAN NEWS.

Toronto Junction, Dec. 9.—(Special.)—William Blevins, a brakeman on the C. P. R., who resides on May-street, had his hand badly crushed while coupling cars at Parkdale this afternoon. He was taken to the General Hospital, where two fingers were amputated.

The Peep o' Day Bicycle Club has taken up the challenge from the Twilight Bicycle Club to play a football match for $50 a side. They also add that if the Twilights think they can play hockey, they will put up $25 more.

The members of the Toronto Junction Gun Club held the first of a series of handicap shoots for the Sheppard Trophy, this afternoon. At 20 birds the following scores were made: McGill, given 3, 20; F. Wakefield, scratch, 19; Agin, given 2, 19; Sproule, given 7, 19; Wilson, given 6, 19; H. D'Eye, given 2, 16.

At the annual meeting of Court Davenport, I.O.F., No. 82, to-night, the following officers were elected: John Sutherland, C. R.; William Thomas, vice-C. R.; I. L. Beattie, financial-secretary; Dr. Reid, recording secretary; Mr. Shoults, chaplain.

York County News.

Mr. John Cannon of Sutton has in his possession a violin which belonged to the Emperor Napoleon I. The ex-alderman's father, Lieut. Cannon, was one of the guards who had charge of the Emperor when banished to St. Helena, and so pleased was the royal captive with the young lieutenant that he gave him the violin.

The Jones family gave a very interesting concert at Islington on Wednesday night.

Vaughan Township council meet at Vellore to-morrow.

The Canadian Order of Foresters at Weston gave a very successful "At-Home" in their rooms last night.

Magistrate Cruickshanks of Weston committed John Blake to 14 days hard labor for wife-beating.

A shooting match will be held at Smith's Hotel, Lambton Mills, on Dec. 16.

Rev. R. Rennison of Sault Ste. Marie, has been invited to take the parish of Lloyd town, recently vacated by Rev. Leo Williams.

At the Grand Union are: J. A. Macpherson, Montreal; R. L. Bonstreet, Corry, Pa.; S. Williams, London; D. A. Wilson, Youngstown, Ohio; George Gordon, Tottenham; C. R. Dayfoot, Georgetown; C. F. Bowerman, Baltimore, Md.; Alex. Wilson, Seaforth.

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All druggists sell this standard English preparation at 60c a large bottle; trial size, 25c.

Old Days Around Niagara.

St. Stephen's schoolhouse was crowded last evening by those anxious to hear the lecture given by Miss Agnes Fitzgibbons on "The Life of Laura Secord, or a Page of Canadian History." The lecture was bright, clever and beautifully illustrated with limelight views. The evening was an interesting one to both old and young, as Miss Fitzgibbons touched on the thrilling incidents of the past. After the lecture there were views given of portions of the Niagara Peninsula, as well as views of the annual camps pitched at Niagara by the members of the Bible Class in the past seasons. The lecture was given under the auspices of the Young Men's Bible Class, and the proceeds were in aid of the gymnasium. Mr. Barlow Cumberland was an efficient chairman.

Steamer Parnell Ashore

Colchester, Ont., Dec. 9.—The steamer Parnell, bound for Milwaukee, loaded with corn, ran ashore one mile east of here at 8 o'clock this morning. No assistance has reached her yet.