

MORE LIGHT ON ELECTRIFICATION

West London Boosters in the Dark in Regard to Beck Proposal.

A LONG DEBATE HELD

Mr. R. A. Y. Stinchcombe Declared That the Cost of the Line Would Be Doubled and It Would Not Pay.

Once again, the utter absurdity of rushing a vote of the people on the proposed electrification of the London and Port Stanley Railway was shown, when at the regular meeting of the West London Progressive Association on Wednesday night, the great majority of the members present voiced their individual opinion that they were either against electrification or that they were not sufficiently versed in the matter to express an opinion. By common consent, it was decided to leave the question alone for the present, and discuss it at some future date. The feeling of the meeting was condensed in the statement of Vice-President James J. Clark, who presided.

"We must have more light on this important topic before we can give an intelligent opinion."

The majority of the members were against electrification.

More Light on the Subject.

"We should have more information on electrification," said Mr. R. A. Y. Stinchcombe in a spirited address. "I am not in favor of a municipally-owned railway or in favor of municipal ownership of any kind. You can tell a municipal institution at one glance. A typical example would be the street-lighting system the city is giving us. The light is poor, and dirty lamps are the rule. Then again, look at our West London Breakwater—\$55,000 thrown away to the winds."

"They state that they will give us a 30-minute service to the lake by electrification. It can't be done. The steam road is giving very efficient service at present. If the L. and P. S. R. is electrified as planned, the cost of the railroad will be doubled, and there will be \$2,000 a week interest to be reckoned with. The L. and P. S. has not the earning power to meet this gigantic expense. I am in favor of selling the railroad to the highest bidder."

Would Not Pay.

Mr. E. Pocock was surprised that such a large and momentous question should be introduced to a body of working men in such a sudden manner. He stated that he did not understand the proposition, and knew of many others in the same boat.

"I know this much about it," said Mr. Pocock. "I know that the L. and P. S. R. runs through a very rough section of the country, and owing to the roughness, it would be extremely hard to make a railroad pay operating ex-

penses. If we lease it to the C. N. R. we will get \$20,000 to \$25,000 a year for it."

Mr. W. Churchill could not understand how a 30-minute service to the lake would be possible. He had heard on good authority that 44 miles an hour was the limit for electric railroads. There were numerous stops to be made en route to Port Stanley, and these would have to be considered.

Against Taking a Vote.

"I know nothing about it," said Mr. James Hevey, sen.

Mr. A. Clark, who was the only member who at first endorsed electrification, later admitted that knowledge on this topic was also almost a blank with him. He also would like to hear more about it.

Everywhere throughout the hall, the members, one after another, stated that they would not put themselves on record either for or against the electrification proposition. Before doing so they wanted more accurate information on the question. Some suggested the folly of voting on a bylaw they knew nothing about.

Dennis Bylaw Indorsed.

The association passed a resolution indorsing the bylaw by which, if passed, the Dennis Wire and Iron Works is to receive a loan of \$25,000 to enlarge their plant.

Mr. E. R. Dennis was present, and gave a lucid address on the proposed scheme. The speaker wanted the bylaw to pass on account of it being a forward step in a progressive industrial policy for the city. He considered that London needed such a policy, and stated that in the past none existed. If the bylaw carried, they intended doubling their present capacity, and would install sufficient equipment to employ 150 hands. Mr. Dennis stated that the loan called for \$25,000, on which 4½ per cent interest would be paid. The principal would be paid back in annual installments.

Mr. R. A. Y. Stinchcombe was decidedly against the proposed loan, and stated that he would vote and work against a bylaw to this effect. He considered that such a loan granted to one firm would soon be asked for by all firms, and it was not good business for a city to become a loan agency for anyone. Personally he had nothing against Mr. Dennis.

Messrs. R. Annett, Alf. Murdoch, J. Williams and R. Hevey all approved of the Dennis bylaw, and stated that they would vote for it. On a motion by Messrs. Annett and Hevey, the association indorsed the \$25,000 loan to the iron works firm.

Single Sessions.

Mr. Dennis, who is also a member of the board of education, was subjected to a deluge of educational questions. Some wanted to know the reasons for the return to single sessions in the kindergartens.

Others wanted an immediate explanation for the present condition of Empress avenue school.

Mr. Dennis stated that he had not come prepared to answer such questions, but considered that the single sessions in kindergartens to be the only proper thing for educating the young. The cost would be but \$2,000 a year more than at present. He stated that the single sessions produced the greatest efficiency, and this was what the board were aiming at. Nothing definite was done in regard to the Empress avenue school. An invitation will be extended to the trustees to attend a meeting in the future and explain such matters.

Booths Were Very Attractive

—Those in Charge of the Affair.

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Home Cookery Table—Messrs. Hunt, Sims, Copp, Barr, B. Kershaw, R. A. Y. Stinchcombe, T. Houghton and Miss Bertha Moorehead.

Work Table—Messrs. Turville, Finnegan, Dexter, Jeffries, Smith, Coombs, Friendship.

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Candy Table—Misses Hodgson, M. Smith, Hazel Gibson, Chords.

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Christmas Tree—Mrs. Hobbs, Misses Edna Gibson, Olive Coombs and Saunders.

Ice Cream—Misses Cushing, Forward, Marjorie Dexter, Hodgins, L. Keenan, Beacon, Moorehead and M. Jeffries.

Tea Room—Messrs. Garrett, Kershaw, Chords, Tozer, Stanton, Gesh, Gatecliff, Ruse, Washburn and Miss Gower.

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in London who knew of the existence of the M. C. R. option before its publication by the Advertiser this morning. They say it is Mr. Bedford's fault if he did not know.

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Forest City Loyal True Blue Lodge

Officers Elected For the Year at the Annual Meeting.

At the annual election of officers of Forest City, Loyal True Blue Lodge, No. 64, in St. George's Hall, Richmond street, the following officers were elected for the following year, are:

Worshipful Master—T. H. Pitt (re-elected).

Deputy Master—Mrs. M. A. Jones (re-elected).

Recording Secretary—J. Walton, (re-elected).

Financial Secretary—Miss L. Pitt (re-elected).

Treasurer—Mrs. F. Pitt (re-elected).

Director of Ceremonies—J. H. Walton (re-elected).

Chaplain—J. T. Simpson.

Conductor—Miss Maggie Simpson.

Inside Tyler—Mrs. E. Bear.

Outside Tyler—R. A. Jones (re-elected).

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LONDON BRANCH ELECTED OFFICERS

Mr. Fred Currie Is President of the Local Letter-Carriers.

At the regular meeting of London Branch No. 4, Federated Association of Letter Carriers, which was held in the Albion Block, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Fred Currie; vice-president, B. Kennedy; treasurer, Jas. Cushing; secretary, W. M. Empey; collector, M. S. Macbracken; representatives to Trades and Labor Council, P. J. Flaherty, G. Templar and Ed. Smith; delegate to bi-annual convention to be held in Winnipeg in August, 1913, Jas. Cushing.

After the election of officers Mr. Fred Bailey, who has severed his connection with the carrier staff after nine years' service, was presented with a beautiful coral-encased stick pin, accompanied by an address. Although taken completely by surprise, Mr. Bailey made a suitable reply.

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GOOD DEAL FOR M. C. R. IF ONLY ON REAL ESTATE

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The Michigan Central is almost certain to close the option to purchase for \$75,000 it holds on the buildings, track and lands of the London and Southeastern Railway.

It was a coincidence that the London Free Press last night printed a picture of the M. C. R. station, and said that "these terminals could not be purchased for \$100,000 today."

The Free Press was unaware of the option that existed, and was unconsciously boosting real estate for the Michigan Central Railway.

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Large German Silver Mesh Bag, \$3.75
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3 pairs Cuff Links. Regular \$1.00, for 50c
1 pair Cuff Links. Regular \$2.00, for \$1.00
1 pair Cuff Links. Regular \$1.50, for 75c
6 pairs Cuff Links. Regular 75c, for 38c
3 pairs Cuff Links. Regular \$1.25, for 63c

Earrings at Half Price

10 pairs Earrings. Regular \$1.00, for 50c
10 pairs Earrings. Regular 75c, for 38c
4 pairs Earrings. Regular \$1.25, for 63c
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