

COUNCIL IS CALLING RAILWAY BOARD TO RUN STREET CARS

Fair Wage Officer of Dominion Government Will Also Be Called—Men Agree To Co-operate in Reasonable Spirit Pending Outcome of Investigation—Temporary Settlement of Tie-Up Is in Sight.

Temporary settlement of the street railway employees' strike is in sight. Mayor E. S. Little will call the Ontario Railway and Municipal Board to the city today. A fair wage officer of the Dominion Government will also be called.

This was the course of action decided on by the city council last night. The whole street railway situation was debated in committee of the whole, and a delegation from the trades and labour council was heard, as well as representatives of the street railway union.

On receiving the assurance of John Collier that the street railway men were willing to meet a fair wage officer and would operate the road for a short time at least, Ald. John Bridge, seconded by Ald. Edwin R. Seabrook, moved "That the railway board be called in at once, provided that the men will agree to meet a fair wage officer and co-operate in a reasonable spirit to enable the railway board to operate the system and provide the service required under the provisions of bylaw 216 for a reasonable time, for the purpose of developing all the facts of the case."

The motion was carried unanimously in council upon the committee rising and reporting.

In the meantime the police commission will be asked to permit the owners to carry passengers for a fare in order to provide transportation for the citizens. At present a chauffeur's license is required before a fare can be charged.

Mayor Little opened the general question by moving that the council go into a committee of the whole, with Ald. B. R. Watkinson as chairman.

Ald. F. R. Watkinson asked if any application for higher fares had been received. The chairman replied in the negative.

Why Discuss It?

"Then why discuss this? It is a matter between the company and the men," said Ald. Watkinson.

Ald. Moorhead said the question was not one of wages, but of whether the city's agreement with the city was being adhered to. No one would object to the men getting higher wages, but the increase must come from the right source.

Arthur Mould, William Bernard and Raymond Smith presented a resolution passed at a special meeting of the trades and labour council asking that the railway board be called. Mr. Mould said he had not come on this side higher fares of any other side issue. The men were not on strike, and not only they, but the trades and labour council did not think it was right for the city council to stand "pet" on the matter when there was a means of settling the difficulty.

"The railway board has us a chance to know where we are at. It is time this matter came to a head. We have now the best opportunity we ever had to come to some decent terms with the company," said Mr. Mould.

Citizens Annoyed.

Mr. Bern C. spoke to the same effect. He said the citizens were really very annoyed because the council took no action after they had been warning them for some time. Mr. Bern C. said the third delegate, thought that the company's lack of attempt to run the road was a great deal more than a strike. He pointed out that the men were in no condition to endure a long strike, and that there was no one until the council had done its utmost to bring affairs to a head.

"Have the men and the company done all they can to straighten it out, or are they trying to throw on this council the work that they are not doing?" he asked Ald. O. I. Cunningham.

"We are not here to discuss a side issue," replied Mr. Mould. "The demands were presented six weeks ago. Then was the time for action. Our business is to support the claim for labor for a living wage, and it has been flatly refused in this case."

"You are introducing a side issue," contended Ald. Cunningham. "A conciliation board could have been called at the option of the men, the company or both. But both the men and the company have refused to call the board. On the other hand, yet they come to the council and ask that the railway board be called in when a strike occurs or is threatened, and the citizens don't get service. It cannot increase fares or wages. It can only operate the road. If it finds that it is effect, and if the company refuses to resume operation it can continue to run the road. On the other hand, if the road is not paying it simply steps out. A conciliation board can determine what the men should be paid. Ald. Cunningham further declared that sooner or later a decision would have to be made as to whether higher fares should be paid or the franchise should be taken over by the city.

Mr. Mould said that the Trades and Labour Council resolution merely asked

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MUSIC CLUB CLOSSES SEASON BRILLIANTLY

Artists' Concert Provided Delightful Finale.

After 25 years of successful organization in London the Women's Music Club closed its season last night with a brilliant artists' concert in the Y. M. C. A. Auditorium. The vocal numbers of Elizabeth Campbell, distinguished contralto of the San Carlo Opera Company, harmonized delightfully with the instrumental numbers of Jean Wood, pianist of Toronto. For a while, local critics might almost call Miss Wood a contralto pianist, so soft and rich is the quality of her playing, lacking the hard brilliancy so often characteristic of her brother musicians.

While Miss Wood scored a decided triumph for herself, the real ovation of the evening was accorded Miss Campbell, who was gracious enough to respond again and again to the incessant clapping which followed each of her numbers. Not only does she possess a personality radiating charm and a voice pure and rich and wide of range, but she makes every moment of her singing fascinating by reason of her supreme dramatic power. Never for a moment does she come out of the mood of the song she is singing, and so great is her ability to enter into the feeling of the number she is rendering that it appears to be sung for the first time by one in whose mouth the words of the song are put.

It is difficult to pick out one number from another, but perhaps the greatest advantage the marvelous range of her voice. The same song included "James Fillette," a sprightly, delicate air of the eighteenth century; "Pavane," a beautiful and "Bonne Humeur" (Chaminade), a brilliant number which she repeated to the enthusiastic applause of the audience.

The Waters of Minnetonka" (Laurance) number exquisitely rendered. This occurred in a group which included Rogers' "The Star," Kramer's "Hour," and "Morning" (Speaks).

Mr. Fernandez, from La Favorita (Donizetti), "Pace and Senso" (Burdick), from Gluck's "Orpheus," were the big operatic numbers, the last followed on request, by "Heart Sweet Voice," from "Samson and Delilah," which was brought to the evening to a triumphant close.

Miss Wood is a pianist who appeals to both the student musician and the popular audience. While not at all sacrificing her art, she manages to awaken the interest of the ordinary listener in a way in which many another distinguished musician fails to do. Her touch is wonderfully sympathetic and her interpretations decidedly her own. As an accompanist and as a soloist she has proclaimed herself to be a master last evening. Perhaps the best heard at her best in Liszt's "Hungarian Rhapsody" No. 4, whose weird, wild melodies were brought out with delightful clarity and understanding. Chopin's "Ballad in G Minor" was another big number on her program. A third group included "Idyll" (Macdowell), "Valse Caprice" (Cyril Scott), and "Prelude in G Minor" (Chopin).

The people made her play encores after every number, and they were a Chopin Valse, "Romance" (Gruenfeld), and a Grieg "Spring Song."

A. Y. P. A. Dramatic Club Scores Another Success

"Mrs. Temple's Telegram," a play staged by the Young People's Association Dramatic Club, finished its third engagement in St. Matthew's Church Sunday School room last night, and was a decided success. The street railway strike was blamed for the play being smaller than at last week's performances by Rev. H. B. Ashby, who acted as chairman.

The play portrays the troubles of a married man who gets into a dispute with his wife, who does not believe him to be trustworthy. Many interesting and funny incidents occur when the husband attempts to clear himself of the charges made by his wife. The play will be repeated on Friday, May 7, in Belmont, and again on May 11 in the Crown Memorial Church. The latter performance will be given for the benefit of the Church of the Redeemer.

The actors in the play were Miss Viola Taylor, Miss Jean Jones, Miss Verma Alder, Miss W. Parker, Clarence Stanley, A. E. Henderson, Fred Butler, H. Noble and H. Parker.

Miss M. Patterson delighted the audience with her singing between the acts.

WANT BUSINESS TAXES ON BREWERIES REMITTED FOR ONE MORE YEAR

Representative Appears Before City Council at Monday's Session.

Remission of business taxes on breweries was favored by the city council in a resolution passed last night. The proposal comes before the Legislature Toronto today.

Since restrictions were imposed on the liquor traffic in 1914 business taxes have been remitted each year. The new Government intimated that this might not be continued. Brewers are asking that the taxes be remitted for one year more until the result of the Dominion referendum is known.

William Meredith represented Carling's and Labatt's breweries before the council last night. He pointed out that the members of the council would not be voting on a matter of temperance, but on a matter of justice. The brewers' trade had been greatly reduced, and it was not fair to tax them until it was known whether they could make use of their buildings.

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BIRD NOTES

(Contributed by McIlwraith Ornithological Club.)

The cool, backward weather of the week or ten days has had a decided effect on the movement of the birds. During that time but two or three new arrivals have been reported, and where there should have been dozens or more. We have been afield, however, and our reward has not always been the recording of new species, something is generally seen which has not been seen before.

A pair of marsh-hawks have selected as their summer home this year a swampy place not far from the city. The male is one of the beautiful bluish-green adults not often seen. His mate is in the brown plumage and has several feathers missing from one wing. The other morning the male bird was seen, doing the "dive," an interesting performance during the nesting season. While flying at some 50 or 75 feet from the ground he would repeatedly dive towards the earth, rising abruptly again with twists and turns, which were almost impossible to follow. The time uttering a series of call notes, no doubt intended for a song. In this manner he progressed across the fields and marsh until lost to view behind some trees. These birds are very beneficial, living almost entirely on mice, frogs and insects, with occasionally a few small birds, and should be protected and encouraged wherever found.

Two members of the warbler family were reported Monday, the palm warbler and the northern water-thrush. A few warm days will no doubt see a considerable addition to the list.

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Washington, May 4.—An appeal to all Chinese residents in the United States to observe May 9—the fifth anniversary of the acceptance by China of the 21-demand note of Japan—as a day of "humiliation and inspiration," was sent out by the Chinese Nationalist League. Demonstrations are being planned for each of the larger cities. It was said here, which will duplicate similar gatherings throughout China.

NOTED SCULPTOR DIES.

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