Police Have Lost Confidence Of People Says R. B. St. Clair

His Counsel Will Appeal Case, and Will Cover Bond Until It Is Decided—Severely Criticizes Local Police Force for Alleged Neglect of Duty.

"I will be before Judge Denton on Thursday," said Rev. R. B. St. Clair, superintendent of the Toronto Vigilance Association, to The World last night. "My council will appeal the case and I think that that will cover the question of my bond until the appeal is decided." This was in answer to the question of whether he would give the bond asked by the judge or submit to sentence.

Mr. St. Clair addressed some remarks to a meeting of the association regarding his recent dealings with the police. "I think the authorities were anxious to get the prints of the finger which pointed them the way to their duty," he said.

"They have lost the confidence of the community," he continued, "and if there were recall the people would recall the police. I do not refer to the rank and file nor to all the officers. There are many honest officers. Inspector Geddes is doing splendid work and there are many others who are honestly performing their duties as best they can.

Abominable System

"If they would get rid of that abominable system found in the higher police offices there would soon be no use or need for a vigilance association." He referred to a letter of a theatre manager instructing the manager of a company to keep his show clean. He said, "We do not want the police to cut things which should not be cut. We don't want any fake arrests on some outrageous charge which will be thrown out of court and form the basis for a statement from the police that convictions cannot be secured and that the demands of those who would improve these performances are absurd. I do not know that this is to be done, but we are looking for something along these lines and I have been informed over the telephone that we might expect something of the kind.

"I am not fearing the outcome of my case. I said that if a sentence was to come I would serve it cheerfully. I have not nor will I recede from that position. I have confidence in the courts."

Would Cheerfully Serve

He said that if it should be his portion to serve out a sentence, long or short, he hoped that the others would carry on the work and not let it flag in his absence. In reviewing the work of the association, he declared: "If there is one thing more than any other that gives me satisfaction and joy, it is to be able to go along St. Patrick's square and see happy little children playing in clean mirth about doorways where less than a year ago they were exposed to the degrading influence of the inmates of brothels run within where solicitation was open and flagrant."

He quoted from the report of Chief Grasett in 1907 a statement which said there were no houses of ill-fame except in neighborhoods where their presence were not obnoxious, and asked where such neighborhoods could be found. He desired to know if because a man was poor he must be content to have such folks for neighbors.

Sympathy Cheap.

Rev. Dr. John Eby, who was elected president, declared that he accepted the position temporarily with a view to seeing if the organization could not combine with others of like intent and declared that funds must be secured to carry on the work. He said that sympathy was cheap and that those who had the interests of the movement at heart would express more with their purses and support the movement substantially.

Dr. Eby opened the meeting with prayer, in which he prayed: "Guide those in charge of public affairs, the police and others, that the right thing may be done."

His Review.

Mr. St. Clair's review of the year's work ran thus:

"Since the organization of the Toronto Vigilance Association, in the spring of 1911, a total of 130 immoral establishments have been reported to the police. Over 100 of these have been closed and the inmates have been sent to the Mercer, jail or prison. A considerable number have left the city altogether. In but a few instances do we find that any of the women thus proceeded against locate elsewhere in Toronto. Since we called attention to the inadequacy of sentences in the police court, the percentage has risen from 32 to 53 per cent., in respect to keepers, and from 15 per cent. to 43 per cent. as to inmates and frequenters of houses of ill-fame. This is having a very salutary effect. Street solicitation is greatly diminished, and calling from windows and doorways, of which there were 35 cases within three-quarters of a mile of the office of chief of police (some indeed directly opposite the city hall) is now, we are thankful to say, a thing of the past.

"Over 25,000 picture postcards and illustrated papers have been examined, and those appearing to be objectionable were placed in the hands of the police for appropriate action. Questionable advertisements have been investigated. Chinese dens, 'cadets' who live off the avails of prostitution, moral perverts who have been leading young boys astray, street 'mashers,' automobile pests and young girls who have fallen into the hands of designing strangers, are among the many classes dealt with since our organization.

"We are pleased to observe that theatrical performances are now being conducted with more regard for the law."

Additional Officers.

The following idditional officers were unanimously elected:

Vice-president—Dr. W. M. McFadden.
Recording secretary—W. R. Sherk.
Corresponding secretary-treasurer—W. M. Metford.
Superintendent department of investigation—Rev. R. B. St. Clair.
Superintendent department of rescue work—Mrs. S. J. Grant.
Superintendent travelers' aid department—Rev. A. G. Doner.
Superintendent reform and legislation—Herbert D. Tresidder.

Hydro Power Gives New Life to Radial

GALT, Oct. 1.—(Special.)—It is stated that the receiver of the Grand Valley Railway Co. intends to establish a freight service between Brantford and Galt almost immediately. A splendid type of freight and express car, which has been under construction for some time, is now nearing completion, and will be placed in commission as soon as arrangements with the Hydro-Electric Power Co. for a supply of power from Galt are completed.

A suitable building in Galt, on the right of way of the company, for use as a power station, has been arranged for and the necessary equipment will be installed as soon as a few alterations in the building have been made.

Pier Fire at Phila Loss About Million

PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 1.—(Can. Press.)—Property valued at $1,000,000 was destroyed by flames which swept pier 80, South Wharves, at the foot of Snyder avenue here today, in one of the most spectacular fires that ever occured on the Delaware River front. The pier, which was owned by the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad, and valued at $350,000, was entirely destroyed. Merchandise loaded on the structure was valued at an equal amount, and the adjoining property was damaged to the extent of more than a quarter of a million dollars.

A squad of laborers working on the end of the pier, had their escape to the shore cut off by the rapid spread of the flames, which are supposed to have been due to crossed electric wires. The men were rescued by tugs.

BILL FLINN REAL SPENDER

Pennsylvania Whirlwind Has Expended $144,000 Thus Far on Progressive Campaign.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 1—(Can. Press.)—The total expenditures of William Flinn of Pittsburg, in the 1912 Progressive campaign, have been $144,308, according to a statement he gave to the senate campaign expenditures committee today. The total "Roosevelt expenditures" covering Mr. Flinn's personal activity as leader of the Roosevelt forces in Pennsylvania, were $99,384, but the statement showed an additional sum of $5080 "expended by John S. Weller, treasurer of the Roosevelt League.

"Other amounts expended by Mr. Flinn came under the head of expenditures and Republican and Progressive organization work, which Mr. Flinn did not characterize as Roosevelt expenditures."

LAWYERS MUST CONSULT JUDGES

Judge Morgan Tells Lawyer That He Must Consult Him Before Arranging Days For Hearing of Cases.

Still another delay has cropped up in the action brought by John Clark to recover damages from the street railway company for injuries sustained in a collision between a wagon he was driving and a street car at the corner of Queen and Simcoe streets last Christmas Day. First a disagreement among the jury forced a new trial. Next one of the jury was laid up, and yesterday morning, when the case came before Judge Morgan for trial, L. F. Heyd, counsel for the defence, was away in Winnipeg, and his son stated that he would not return for three days. Mr. McClarty, member of Mr. Heyd's firm, stated later that he had arranged with Mr. Herbert Lennox, K. C., M. L. A., counsel for the street railway company, to go on with the case Friday morning.

His honor, however, thought it a piece of impertinence for lawyers to arrange days for cases without consulting the convenience of the judge. "The case must either go on next Tuesday or wait for the winter sittings," was the judge's decision.

MRS. E. MYERS IS DESTITUTE

Was Injured By Street Car Last January and Poverty Follows—Her Case Goes to Non-Jury List.

The suit of Mrs. Emily Myers against the Toronto Street Railway Company was yesterday morning in the jury civil assizes transferred to the non-jury list, and Chancellor Boyd empowered defendants to get the motorman, who was driving the car at the time of the accident, by commission.

Last January plaintiff was crossing the corner of Queen and Simcoe streets and was struck by a car, which, she claims, was traveling at an excessive speed. The woman's story is a pitiable one. W. E. Raney, K.C., her counsel, stated to Chancellor Boyd yesterday that she had been literally starving to death since the accident. She and her 17-year-old daughter have been living on the little they could earn, and now that the mother is disabled, they are entirely destitute. Mr. Raney is himself meeting the disbursements in the case.

Struck by Train But Life Saved

Thurlow Township Farmer, Escaped Miraculously, When Horses Were Killed and Buggy Smashed.

BELLEVILLE, Oct. 1.—(Special.)—J. Bradshaw of Thurlow Township, today escaped death in a miraculous manner. He was delivering milk to the Thurlow cheese factory, and had occasion to drive over the G. T. R. track about two miles east of the city. Bradshaw, as he drove upon the track, did not notice a westbound freight train which came along at this time, at a fair rate of sped. The engine struck the team, killing both horses and also demolished the wagon.

The occupant was thrown off from the track for some distance and fortunately escaped serious injuries.

Mr. Bradshaw claims he was suddenly taken with a weak spell and did not hear the train approaching.

WINDSTORM IN PARIS

PARIS, Oct. 1.—(Can. Press.)—A violent windstorm injured over a score of Parisians early this morning and swept over the city, wrecking several districts. A number of buildings under construction were blown down, trees were uprooted and chimneys hurled from the roofs of many of the older houses into the streets.

Keeping Staples.

If the dry staples used daily in the kitchen be kept as far as possible in glass bottles they will retain their flavor and freshness twice as long, says an exchange. The wide mouthed preserve jars are handy to label and use for the purpose in the pint and even half pint size.

WILL NOT BUILD RAILWAY AT HUMBER

Board of Control Decides Not to Take Advantage of Privilege and R. Home Smith Will Probably Build the Line Himself—Residents Object to Model Housing Layout.

Acting on the recommendation of the city solicitor, the board of control yesterday decided that it would not be advisable for the city to take advantage of its privilege and build a radial car line up the Humber Valley. The interests represented by R. Home Smith were granted a charter to build such a line last winter, provided the city did not prior to January 14, 1913, decide to construct the road. If at its next meeting the council does not take exception to the recommendation of the board of control, the matter will likely be dropped.

According to City Solicitor Johnston the city was not at present in possession of sufficient information to deal intelligently with the question. It may be, he pointed out, that the traffic experts would have a recommendation regarding the matter, and hence he recommended that no definite action be taken regarding the building of the line until the experts' report had been received.

In a letter dated October 1, Mr. Johnston gives the situation as follows:

"This land lies without the city limits, and we are of opinion that the corporation should not undertake to contract and operate such electric railway. Indeed it is very doubtful if the ratepayers would sanction the necessary expenditure, and it is problematical if the requisite surveys could be made and the data assembled in time to submit a by-law to the electorate on January 1. The statute provides that at the end of five years the city may, if desirous, acquire the railway by paying the cost of same, plus loss in operation, if any."

Object to Plans.

Alderman McBride and Samuel Hamilton headed a deputation of residents from Albemarle avenue, who objected to the diversion of Main and Sparkhall avenues as provided for in the surveys of the Toronto Housing Company, which have been endorsed by the city. It was claimed that the residents had already paid their share of the cost of extending that street, but, according to the Housing Company's plans, the street was to be diverted to the south in such a way as to give a frontage to those who were not bearing any share of the cost of the previous undertaking. The controllers saw the injustice of the situation and referred the matter to the assessment committee for a report.

A New Position.

The board approved of a recommendation from Commissioner Harris that an officer be placed at the head of the accounting and purchasing branches of the works department at a salary of $2500 a year. The commissioner plans to consolidate these two branches and place them in charge of a competent officer.

Exhibition Service.

Dr. Orr, manager of the Exhibition, in a letter to the board urged the city to take steps to have a car service brought to the eastern entrance of the Exhibition. The fair, he stated, would continue to grow year by year, and better transportation facilities were an absolute necessity. Mayor Geary, however, announced that the engineers of the Dominion Railway Board had looked over the situation with the city's engineers and would submit a report upon the matter.

S. R. NORCROSS DEAD

Was Father of J. W. Norcross, Transportation Manager, Toronto.

PORT COLBORNE, Oct. 1.—S. R. Norcross, one of Port Colborne's oldest citizens, died today in his 75th year. Mr. Norcross leaves a widow and one son, J. W. Norcross of Toronto, manager of the Merchants' Mutual and Interlake Lines. The steamers of these lines and of the Canadian Lake Transportation Company will fly their flags at half mast until Thursday afternoon in respect to Mr. Norcross. The funeral will take place on Thursday afternoon to Overholt's Cemetery.

WELLAND FAIR OPENS

WELLAND, Oct. 1.—The annual fair of the Welland County Agricultural Society opened here today. Large entries for big purses promise fine sport on Wednesday, when a large attendance is expected. Horses and colts will be shown Wednesday. There is a fine showing of potatoes in spite of the predictions of rotting wet weather. The fruit is of fine quality, and classes well filled in the ladies' department. Poultry exhibits are especially fine, and there are heavy entries, many prize winners at Toronto Exhibition being shown.

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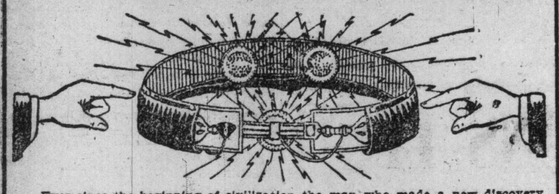

Ever since the beginning of civilization the man who made a new discovery or invention was jeered or laughed at. When Morse, the inventor of the telegraph, claimed that he had a means of transmitting messages by electricity nearly everybody thought he was crazy.

To-day people are almost as skeptical about my invention as they were fifty years ago. When a doctor comes forward with a new remedy, or a new method of curing disease, their first cry is "Show me." I can do it.

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Stopped Him From Walking in His Sleep.

Dr. McLaughlin, Tillsonburg, Ont., July 10, 1912.

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DEATH OF MISS ORR

Former Resident of Oakville Passed Away Yesterday in Toronto.

Miss Carrie Orr, cousin to Dr. J. O. Orr, manager of the Canadian National Exhibition, died at the home of her brother, C. R. Orr, 1656 Dufferin street, yesterday morning, of heart failure.

Miss Orr was born near Oakville, and was for years actively connected with the Oakville Methodist Church. She came to Toronto about twelve months ago to reside at 616 Bathurst street, but, not enjoying very good health, she went to the home of her brother about a week ago. She is survived by her brothers and two sisters.

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