THE CITY COUNCIL.

Amendments to the Amalgamation Bill Authorized.

The Fire Horse "Jack" Must Go—Hucksters Complained of—Taxes Remitted.

The City Council meeting last night was attended by Mayor Taylor, Ald. Anderson, Bartlett, Dreaney, Boyd, Garratt, Jones Skinner. Wallace, Fitzgerald, Moule, O'Meara, Taylor, Heaman, Wyatt, Clerk Kingston and Commissioner Grant.

COMMUNICATIONS.

Secretary Abbott—Enclosing resolution of Board of Education for grant to enlarge schools. No. 1.

Ed. Pritchett, G. A. Hall, Wm. Donohue, Robert McLeod, C. H. Mortimer, Walter Andrew, Agnes Heron, re taxes. No. 1.

C. E. Keene, for Trades and Labor Council, re publication of assessment roll. No. 1.

Samuel J. Bell, walk on William street; James Fallahe, sewer, Dundas street east; E. H. Gustin, flag walk on Dundas, between Waterloo and Colborne streets; George Fox, re walks and repairs to Wellington street; Caleb Wall, for walk on west side Market Square. No. 2.

S. Thompson, for free rent of hide inspector's office; W. F. Bullen, against watering stock pavement on Queen's avenue; Parke & Purdom, re repairs to Jacob Smith's market stall; E. McKay and other liverymen, to abolish fees; Wm. Bell, re license fees. No. 3.

W. Hillier, for use of Western Fair grounds for Orange Order on July 12.

City Solicitor Meredith, referring to certain objectionable amendments to bill now before the Ontario House for amalgamation. Mr. Meredith was given full power to deal with any clause not satisfactory.

C. Stiff, showing total number of men employed on G. T. R. at present in the city as 954. Received and filed.

Sir Joseph Hickson, that special market rates at present granted to London from surrounding districts could not be extended to other districts, as small towns were objecting to those already granted. Received and filed.

W. J. Element, for use of City Hall for Court Robin Hood for concert. Granted.

J. Dingwall, for use of City Hall April 7 for Machinery Molders' Brotherhood. Granted.

Edith Slaght, for City Hall for W. C. T. U. meeting. Granted.

J. Dodd, for use of East End Hall for the Wolverine Baseball Club. Granted.

From Port Stanley Council, enclosing the resolution passed by that body in re need of improvement at the harbor, and urging that the Government so amend the Railway Act as to make the collection of vessel freight rates compulsory on railway companies. Acknowledged and filed.

Mayor Taylor reported the result of the recent visit of deputations to Toronto and Ottawa re Carling Creek sewer and Port Stanley harbor improvements [as published already in the ADVERTISER]. Received and filed for reference.

NUMBER THREE COMMITTEE.

By Ald. Boyd, chairman:

1. That Dorrien Company's report be filed.
2. That the petition of Judge Elliot et al be laid over until street watering specifications are drawn out.
3. We called for tenders for cleaning the market, relief wood and Fire Department supplies, and recommend acceptance of following as the lowest: Crawford Beckett for cleaning market for one year including keeping snow off walks, $320; Crawford Beckett tender for relief wood for 2, 4 and 5 wards, and Mr. Baldwin for No. 3 and No. 4; H. H. Ravner's tender for cast rines, 6½c per pound; C. McCallum's tender for sulph. copper, 6½c per pound.
4. That the Fire Department horse, "Jack," be given to the Water Commissioners at a valuation to be made by Dr. Wilson, V.S., and that this committee be empowered to purchase a new horse for the Fire Department.
5. That tenders be called for street watering and repairs to carts.
6. That the present Weigh Scale Clerk be allowed to retain market fees for the current year on same conditions as last year.

On clause 6 Ald. Moule moved that the weigh scales fees be sold by tender. He believed Mr. Healey a good man, but the principle should be maintained.

Several members urged that when a good man was secured he should be retained.

Ald. Heaman and Ald. Taylor supported Ald. Moule, but the report was adopted.

NUMBER TWO.

By Ald. Jones, chairman:

1. That the communication re damage to Rickard's property by construction of M. C. R. on Bathurst street, we recommend that he be paid $100 in full of all claim.
2. Accepting tenders for supplies.

Adopted.

NUMBER ONE COMMITTEE.

By Ald. Moule, chairman:

1. Your committee having examined the following accounts and finding them correct, recommend the same for payment:

NUMBER ONE COMMITTEE ACCOUNTS.	
Printing, Advertising, Etc.—	
ADVERTISER Printing Company	$225 41
Free Press Printing Company	167 50
Stamps	10 00
Salaries—	
D. Murray	9 00
D. Murray	9 00
D. Murray	9 00
Incidental Expenses—	
Deputation to Toronto	46 00
Deputation to Port Stanley	2 40
Telegrams	53
Insurance Renewal—	
Police Station—Imperial Fire Insurance Company	37 50
Total	$517 14
NUMBER TWO COMMITTEE ACCOUNTS.	
Streets, Etc.—	
Pay sheet	$ 87 93
Pay sheet	64 68
Pay sheet	34 92
Pay sheet	236 25
Wm. Howie	34 80
Wm. Anthistle	33 90
Wm. Anthistle	
City Hall—	233 5
Jones Bros	
Sewer Repairs—	34 0
Canada Chemical Company	
Victoria Park—	16 5
Geo. Colbert	
Total	$806 6
NUMBER THREE COMMITTEE ACCOUNTS.	
Fire Department—	
Pay sheet	$650 70
A. Thompson	13 00
J. C. Watts	4 45
Street Lighting—	
Rail Electric Light Company	53 77
Hunt Bros	26 07
Wm. Ironside	7 75
Wm. Ironside	50
Markets—	
Hunt Bros	5 00
Pay sheet	1 32
M. Baldwin	8 40
Street Watering—	
John Turner	7 25
City Hall—	
Hunt Bros	56 31
Total	$1845 21
RELIEF ACCOUNTS.	
M. Baldwin	267 86
Aged Men's Home	100 56
John Lawson	48 00
Railway passes	9 85
Total	$426 27
Grand total	3,595 08

2. Granting petition of Mrs. Kelly, remitting half her taxes.
3. Filing petitions of Mrs. M. F. Ward and Mrs. J. Pendergast.
4. Filing petitions of J. M. Coane and A. McLean.
5. That rent fees for use of City Hall be paid in advance and before janitor lights up.
6. Empowering committee to sell by auction or tender frame buildings on Central school grounds.
7. Police Court Clerk's report for February.

& Progress on communication of Judge Elliot re voters' list, motion of Ald. Anderson re administration of justice, memos from Council and a number of ratepayers' petitions.

9. Auditors report for 1889.

On clause 2, Ald. Jones moved that Mrs. Keily's taxes be entirely remitted, as the case was a very deserving one. Six other members supported him, and on the Mayor's casting vote the half remission was allowed to stand.

Report adopted.

OTHER BUSINESS.

Mayor Taylor called the attention of No. 3 to the fact that the law restraining hucksters from buying up goods before 11 o'clock was being violated. Farmers came into the city with empty wagons, bought up loads of beef and sold it again the same day. The market was not one of that character.

Ald. Bartlett applied for some seats for the East End Hall.

Ald. Jones—Probably that had better wait awhile, as the committee are thinking of recommending that the hall be sold.

Ald. Garratt—There are a lot of seats upstairs here in the garret; we can give them without much trouble.

The matter was referred to No. 2.

Adjourned for one week.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY.

A Successful Performance by Local Amateurs—The Opera House Crowded.

The audience at the Grand Opera House last night, which could scarcely find standing room, was Irish from the top of the house to the bottom, so that it goes without saying that it was a pleasant one. The play, "Kathleen Mavourneen," was also traceable to the land of the shamrock, and everything denoted St. Patrick's day. Before the curtain went up Father Tiernan gave an address which was a mixture of stirring patriotism and Irish humor. The speech provoked mirth and cheers, alternately, and was a happy beginning to a most enjoyable evening. The well-known play of "Kathleen Mavourneen" had been announced to be given "by amateurs," but the acting all round would have done credit to many professional companies, and well deserved the hearty applause which greeted it. Mrs. B. Chadwick as Kathleen, was a pleasing impersonation of the simple Irish girl. She acted brightly, and looked the part as well. Mr. J. K. McDonald, as Terence, showed himself possessed of very good powers of acting, and became a great favorite with the audience at once. Mr. H. M. Clark as Bernard Kavanagh, made a first rate villain, and once or twice obtained hearty plaudits for his really fine acting. The rest of the cast was very good, Miss Mary Brophy, as Kitty, being a particularly natural representation of the typical Irish maid.

The cast was as follows:

Terrence O'More	Mr. J. K. McDonald
Billy Buttoncap	Mr. J. K. M. Donald
Bernard Kavanah	Mr. H. M. Clark
Father O'Cassidy	Mr. Thos. Burns
David O'Connor	Mr. M. J. Morkin
Captain Clearfield	Mr. Thos. Ranahan
Black Rody	Mr. W. S. Rychard
Red Barney	Mr. J. L. Stodert
Darby Doyle	Mr. Bert Leys
Dennis	Mr. Mat Gould
Kitty O'Lavery	Miss Mary Brophy
Lady Dorothy Kavanah	Miss Marcella Brophy
Kathleen O'Connor	Mrs. Burk Chadwick

Between the last two acts, several specialties were introduced.

Miss . . . . in full Highland costume, gave the sword dance in neat style, and received merited plaudits.

The "Big Eight," of the Young Liberal Minstrels, as they appeared at the Grand Opera House, Toronto, followed in their song and dance, as prepared after many weeks' rehearsal under Mr. McDonald. Their song, "Listen to Dat Steamboat Whistle," was catchy, while their dance was one of a most intricate and fascinating character. The encore was a hearty one, and the four dark-skinned ladies and gentlemen indulged in a rousing reel, which showed their individual terpsichorean talent and set many hundred feet tapping on the floor in unison with the lively strains of the orchestra.

Messrs. McDonald, Morkin, Paladino, Campbell Paladino, Hunter, McKenna and Kearney composed the "eight."

Mr. J. Marshall Williams sang "Simon, the Cellaer," and, as his voice was up to his well-known standard, received an encore, responding with "The Diver," which gave still better scope for display of his magnificent voice.

Master Tiny Morkin gave an Irish jig, his nimble limbs going through the movements so well that he was called on to repeat his dance.

Every credit is due to Mr. J. K. McDonald who managed the entertainment and to whom the unqualified success of the performance is due to a great extent.

COLONIAL RIGHTS.

Newfoundlanders Protest Against the Modus Vivendi Negotiated with France.

ST. JOHNS, Nfld., March 18.—Great alarm and indignation have been created here over the modus vivendi negotiated with the French in regard to the lobster fishery on the shores of Newfoundland. The claim to the right to catch and pack lobsters on the coast and shore of the island is not admitted by our people. Its recognition as understood here is regarded as a fresh infringement on the colony's rights and territory. Both Chambers of the Legislature have passed resolutions strongly condemning the modus vivendi as an invasion of the colony's territorial rights and injury as to our fisheries and our people who depend upon them. These have been telegraphed to London. Public feeling here is very strong over the affair.

MUSICAL AND DRAMATIC.

Lady Colin Campbell is stage struck. She has written a drama in which she will take the leading part, and is negotiating for a London theater in which to produce it.

Campanini has had a surgical operation performed on his throat and is said to have entirely recovered his voice. He has not sung in opera since he lost $90,000 by bringing out "Othello."

Mrs. Kendal, at the tea given her by the "nice" actresses in New York, advised the girls to marry men of their own profession and act off the stage to the extent of being at all times pretty and amiable.

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OUR NORTHWEST:

A Cheerful Epistle from a Former Middlesex Man.

A Fine Country Awaiting Development Around Regina.

Grand Chance for Successful Cattle, Horse and Sheep Raising.

[Special Correspondence of the ADVERTISER.]

I have been requested by many of my friends in Ontario to write a letter on the Canadian Northwest as a farming country. I thought it would save time and give more information by having it published in your paper. I will confine my letter to the Regina district. This district was nothing but the bare prairie in 1882. We find a great change since that time. Several fine towns have been built up along the line of railway. The town of Regina, capital of the Northwest Territories, is being built up rapidly. Seven years ago it was nothing but a few tents; it has now between 2,000 and 3,000 of a population. The population increased 500 last year. The Regina and Long Lake Railway was built 150 miles last fall, and will be pushed along to Prince Albert early in the spring. The Prince Albert people will rejoice when it reaches them. Prince Albert is a town about the same size as Regina. Five hundred miles of railway were built in the Northwest Territories and Manitoba last year. Crops of all kinds were very good in this district last year. Regina district has always had as good a crop as any part of the great Northwest Territories. The wheat crop was good for last season, averaging from 18 to 28 bushels per acre, and weighing from 60 to 66½ pounds per bushel. At the Regina show there was as fine an exhibit of all kinds of grain as I ever saw at any exhibition. Mr. David Jelly sent a bag of wheat to the fair at Toronto; it took first prize there. The same wheat was shown at Regina and only took third. You can see that there is

NO DISCOUNT ON GROWING WHEAT

in this country when we can send our third prize wheat to Toronto and take first. The Regina district has suffered less by frost than any other part of the Northwest Territories or Manitoba. Few have ever suffered by frost, and those who have suffered, in nine cases out of ten, did so by their own fault. They were a couple of weeks too late in seeding. The farmers that have been in the country four or five years and have worked their land got from 1,000 to 1,800 bushels of wheat last year.

THE BARLEY AND OAT CROP

was very good in this part. The sample was No. 1. Not much oats was sown last year; not nearly enough for home use. The farmer that had a large oat crop was lucky, for oats are worth 55 cents per bushel. But few peas have been grown in this district; not many pigs are raised in this part, and there is not much need of growing a large crop. Take the grain crop on a whole, if it is one of the poorest seasons that has been in the Northwest, you will find that the Northwest farmer is as well off, if not better, than the Ontario farmer, taking everything into consideration. The farmer in the Canadian Northwest has no land to pay for unless he wants more land than his homestead. The Northwest farmers have great reasons to be thankful that they are not like their friends across the line in Dakota. The Dakota farmer has suffered from bad crops for three years—that is in a great part of that country. There is a tax put on every old implement in sight as well as on the watch in your pocket. Mr. Smith burnt a couple of machines last fall to escape the taxes. A neighbor of his pays on the total of ten sections, stock and implements, $1,000 a year. A great many are going to leave Dakota in the spring and settle in Manitoba and the Northwest Territories; they have seen nothing but poverty in Dakota. Stock of all kinds does well in this country. Horses will live out and pick their living all winter on the open prairie. Horses that are not raised in this country are better stabled at nights the first winter. More Bronchos are raised in this country than any other class of horses. They make first-class saddle horses for the Mounted Police and good roadster horses and will kill two Canadian horses. The best kind of a horse to raise in the Northwest is a good heavy animal; they sell best in this country. There will be a good market in the Northwest for many years for good heavy Canadian horses and your Ontario farmers ought to breed the right class. Horses with a cross or two of Clydesdale will demand the highest prices. Thousands of horses are shipped into Manitoba and the Northwest every year from Ontario and Quebec, and thousands of settlers coming in every year from the old countries that will have to buy horses. We have a great advantage over your Ontario farmers in raising cattle. We do not have to feed over two or two and a half months at the most. Last winter cattle

PICKED THEIR LIVING ALL WINTER,

and I did not see a poor animal last spring. There is always abundance of grass in the Northwest at all times of the year. That is one reason why we can raise such good cattle. As a rule a great many of the Ontario cattle is going back a great part of the year instead of growing. Cattle get their growth a year younger here than they do in Ontario. The Northwest farmer who has got them to sell gets the highest price. There are but a very few thorough-bred cattle in this district. We have a few capital Shorthorns, they are the favorite breed here. We have plenty of room anywhere for a full-sized beast; there is no risk of its getting twisted or crippled winding in and out among the stumps and rocks as is the case in the first twenty years' experience of Ontario pioneering. This is a grand sheep country. There is not near as much rain in the spring and fall of the year as you have in Ontario, and that is why sheep do so well here The fall rains do much harm to your Ontario sheep. There are a great many Montana sheep in this part. They are a very hearty sheep and do well. There are a few good flocks of Cotswolds, Oxford and Shropshire Downs, and these breeds demand high prices. Sheep and lambs fetch better prices here than in Ontario. You Eastern men would be astonished to see how stock will live here in the winter. Dry cold does little harm to either man or beast, and if you do see now and then reported some poor fellow found frozen to death, it is only because they don't want to hurt the feelings of his friends by telling the stark truth that he got drunk before he froze. The hay grows wild in large sloughs and is of the finest quality. It is reckoned as good as your timothy and oats for fattening stock. The town of Regina feeds 1,500 tons of hay a year. About 40 miles south of Regina, a little to the east, there is the largest hay meadow to be found in any country. It is known as the

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