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City Council Extend the Scope of the Enquiry.

WIDE AND THOROUGH INVESTIGATION.

No Pent-Up Utica to Confine the Judge's Powers.

The Interim Report of Judge McDougall Presented to the Council and Prompt Action Adopted—Ald. Stewart, Pronounced Guilty By the Report, Takes Exception to His Honor's Remarks—The Mayor's Message on the Subject.

"I find and report that Alderman William Temple Stewart, Chairman of the Fire and Light Committee of the City Council, has been on two occasions wilfully guilty of corruptly soliciting a bribe of money from the manager of a corporation who had put in a tender for a civic contract, for the openly avowed purpose of securing and ensuring the votes and influence of himself and other aldermen in favor of the acceptance of such tender."

Such was the wording of Judge McDougall's report as a result of the investigation into the charges of boodling in connection with the electric light tenders. As a consequence, a strange feeling of unrest pervaded the Council Chamber last night when the council was called to order by the Mayor. When Ald. Stewart took his accustomed seat the strictest silence prevailed.

A Message From the Mayor.

Some important formal business was transacted, and then Mayor Kennedy arose, and with evident agitation, read the following message:

I beg to present an interim report, made by His Honor the County Judge, in the matter of the investigation of alleged corrupt conduct on the part of certain members of this council, in the matter of the electric lighting contract and tenders.

His Honor, in his report, recommends that a fresh resolution be passed by this council to extend his powers and enlarge the scope of the investigation. In the light of the testimony already given, and the report thereon, which I hold in my hand, I would strongly urge upon the council the wisdom as well as the necessity of complying with the judge's request. It is clearly in the interest of good and clean government of the city that the investigation now entered upon should be as extensive and exhaustive as possible.

If it be true that members of this council are, or have been, guilty of selling their votes and influence in this chamber, such charges, surprising and shocking as they are, should at once be thoroughly inquired into, and if they are not true the character of our aldermen vindicated. If, unfortunately, the charges should have any foundation in fact, the sooner the guilty ones are located the sooner will the honest men in the council breathe freely and the council chamber be purged of those unworthy to sit and vote in it.

A Strong Resolution.

Directly the Mayor had concluded the reading of his message, Ald. McMurrich rose to his feet and introduced this resolution, drafted by Judge McDougall:

Whereas it is alleged that improper relations have existed and do exist between members of the council of the city of Toronto and contractors and persons and corporations holding contracts and franchises with and from the said city; and that contracts and franchises are and have been obtained by illegal, improper and corrupt means, and that the public business of the said city and good government thereof have been affected by improper, illegal and corrupt offers made to and by the aldermen of the said city in the conduct of the said public business and its government, and further that relations have existed and do exist between aldermen and those having business contracts or franchises with or from the said city, tending to unduly influence the conduct of the said aldermen in the conduct of the public business and government of the city.

And whereas it is expedient and in the public interest that such allegations should be either confirmed or disproved.

Be it resolved that it be referred to the County Judge of the County of York to investigate and ascertain if such improper relations have existed and do exist between members of the Council of the city of Toronto and contractors and persons and corporations holding contracts and franchises with and from the said city, and that contracts and franchises are and have been obtained by illegal, improper and corrupt means, and that the public business of the said city and good government thereof have been affected by improper, illegal and corrupt offers made to and by the aldermen of the said city in the conduct of the said public business and government; and further, if relations have existed and do exist between aldermen and those having business contracts or franchises with and from the said city, tending to unduly influence the conduct of the said aldermen in the conduct of the public business and government of the city, or whether such relations have existed or do exist between contractors or persons and corporations having contracts or franchises with or from the city, and any of the officials of the city affecting the conduct of the public business and government of the city.

Ald. Foster seconded the resolution.

"Is it your pleasure that this resolution be adopted?" asked the Mayor, and the reply came, "Carried."

Ald. Stewart's Statement.

Ald. Stewart evidently felt that he was called upon to say something.

Amid profound silence and with faltering voice he arose, and said: "At the last meeting of the Council a similar resolution was passed. At the same time I received leave of absence for a month. When I was away spending my holidays in an out-of-the-way place, I received a subpena to attend the investigation to be opened on Nov. 5; but, unfortunately, I did not get it until the afternoon of the 6th. I immediately started for Toronto. With the subpena there was the sum of $14. As I had a return ticket I propose to hand Your Worship the $14, as I expect it belongs to the city.

"In regard to the finding of His Honor Judge McDougall, I can hardly understand it, Mr. Mayor, simply because there was no charge laid against me. I attended the investigation as a witness. I would like the Council to understand that. There was no charge made against me, and yet His Honor brings me in guilty.

"I don't think it is hardly British fair play. That is all I desire to say to-night."

The Mayor: I think it would be the proper course to hand the money to the court.

Ald. Stewart: Very well, sir. With that the matter dropped.

A Family Affliction.

A few minutes afterwards Ald. Stewart was called out of the Chamber. When he returned he conversed with the Mayor a moment, whereupon His Worship announced that Ald. Stewart had received a telephone message that his wife was seriously ill and unconscious, and he begged to be excused.

The full council was present, with the exception of Ald. Lamb, who is still kept to the house, and Ald. Thompson, who is out of the city on leave. The visitors' gallery and the back benches were crowded.

Judge McDougall's Report.

After quoting the resolution of the City Council, requesting the investigation, His Honor reviews the evidence, and continues:

It is manifest to me, that if the aldermen whose names were furnished by Ald. Stewart, as being purchaseable aldermen, are put on the stand and choose to deny all complicity in the alleged corrupt dealings that it will be impossible to attack their credibility by introducing evidence of other corrupt acts in relation to other contracts, while the enquiry is conducted under the Council's resolution of Oct. 8. That resolution is confined exclusively to the tenders for electric lighting and the negotiations incidental thereto.

In the course of the present investigation facts have come to my knowledge, and have also, I believe, been submitted to Mr. Nesbitt, which warrant the belief that the corrupt acts charged against Ald. Stewart and others represent one instance only of a number in which contractors or would-be contractors have had to listen to similar dishonest proposals from aldermen. Many contracts, it is said, have been secured by a large expenditure of money, and this money has found its way, it is said, into the pockets of aldermen who still occupy seats in the Council and pose as virtuous guardians of the ratepayers' interests. Tenders for contracts are said to have been refused because those tendering have declined to respond satisfactorily to applications for money, as the consideration for aldermanic votes and influence.

Other Attempts to Levy Blackmail.

Communications have been made to me within the last few weeks by reputable citizens, stating that attempts to levy blackmail have been made upon them when tendering for civic contracts. In view of all these circumstances, I beg to request that your Council will arm me with wider powers to investigate the truth or falsity of these various charges made, in many cases, by persons willing to testify that there are and have been in the City Council for some years past a certain number of aldermen, whose support or opposition to the granting of contracts has been influenced by bribery and corrupt considerations. I am satisfied that such an enquiry will be in the interests of good and honest municipal government. By this means honest men who serve the city may have their characters cleared of unjust suspicions, and it may be established with certainty upon evidence said to be forthcoming who, if any, are the dishonest and venal representatives of the ratepayers.

His Honor's Findings.

With reference to the present inquiry, I beg to report in the meanwhile as follows:

1. I find upon the evidence submitted that after the City Engineer had made his report upon the cost of establishing a civic plant and had also made his estimate of the cost of running the said plant, and before Mr. McGowan's report on the cost of running the said plant had been received or acted upon by the Fire and Light Committee of the Council, Alderman William Temple Stewart, who was chairman of the said committee, sent for Mr. John J. Wright, the manager of the Toronto Electric Light Company, and informed him (Wright) that the aldermen had made up their minds to procure a civic plant for street lighting purposes and that if Mr. Wright's company had any hopes of continuing their contract for electric lighting for the city after the expiration of the present contract the only way to defeat the project of establishing a civic plant was to corruptly send a sum of money amongst certain aldermen. That he stated the sum required to effect that purpose was $13,000; and he gave his own name and the names of four other aldermen as the persons amongst whom the said bribery fund would be distributed, and whose purchase would effect the defeat of the plan to establish a civic plant.

2. I find that in order to give some time to Mr. Wright to consider this corrupt proposition that the said Alderman William Temple Stewart, Chairman of the said Fire and Light Committee, as aforesaid, stated that he would adjourn a proposed meeting of his committee. And I find on the evidence given that there was a meeting of the said committee proposed to be held on the 25th day of June, 1894, but which was not called until the 27th day of June, 1894. And I find that the said Alderman William Temple Stewart, when asked in examination as to the reason for the postponement of this meeting of his committee, untruthfully stated that it was because Mr. McGowan's report was not ready, the fact being that Mr. McGowan's report was ready and in the printer's hands prior to the 25th day of June.

Wanted to Deceive and Mislead.

3. I find that subsequently on the 14th day of September, 1894, the said Alderman William Temple Stewart again sent for Mr. Wright, the manager of the Toronto Electric Light Company, and submitted to him certain figures which he (Stewart) stated were the figures which would be inserted in the tender of the Toronto Railway Co. for street lighting. The said Alderman William Temple Stewart admitted in his examination before me that such statement to Mr. Wright was false, and that the figures shown were not the figures of the tender of the Toronto Railway Company. I find the object of such false and dishonest statement was to deceive and mislead the said John Wright, and, through him, the Toronto Electric Light Company to induce them to put in a tender for lighting at prices slightly below the alleged Toronto Railway Company's figures, in the belief that such falsely induced tender would prove unsuccessful.

4. I find further on the evidence, and as a proper conclusion to be deduced therefrom, that on or about the 2nd day of October the said Alderman William Temple Stewart, chairman of the Fire and Light Committee, again sent for Mr. Wright. At this time the tenders were all in and the tender of the Toronto Electric Light Company had proved to be the lowest. Alderman William Temple Stewart, chairman of the Fire and Light Committee, again sent to Mr. Wright and suggested to him that to make his company's chance certain for securing the contract, for which they had put in the lowest tender, it would be necessary to furnish him, Ald. William Temple Stewart, chairman of the Fire and Light Committee, with $6000 or $7000 in cash to be distributed by him amongst certain aldermen, including a share for himself.

Stewart Wilfully Guilty of Soliciting Bribes.

5. I find and report as a result of the foregoing conclusions of facts that Alderman William Temple Stewart, chairman of the Fire and Light Committee of the City Council, has been on two occasions wilfully guilty of corruptly soliciting a bribe of money from the manager of a corporation who had put in a tender for a civic contract for the openly avowed purpose of securing and ensuring the votes and influence of himself and other aldermen in favor of the acceptance of such tender.

As to the Brush Company.

6. I cannot refrain from commenting on the extraordinary conduct of the Brush Electric Company of Cleveland.

It has been testified by both Mr. Keating, the City Engineer, and by Mr. Bertram that the representatives of the Brush Electric Company had reported to them that corrupt approaches had been made to them by an alderman. These gentlemen in strong terms expressed their willingness to testify to these attempts to extort money from them. The correspondence, however, shows that there was an abrupt change of front. Mr. Rogers writes Mr. Wheeler not to go on the stand; and the company by their subsequent correspondence with Mr. Nesbitt and Mr. Bertram evidently are unwilling or afraid to give evidence of what they know concerning the alleged corrupt offers; they wish to make it a condition that if they give the evidence they shall get the contract. This proposition is almost as improper as the alleged corrupt approaches reported to have been made to the company. I draw attention to these facts in the hope that the company may yet see their way to send forward the witnesses in question, when the enquiry resumes. Should they not do so, such a decision on their part will tend to show that this company is willing to entertain corrupt approaches, because they now shield the alleged culprit or culprits. If their present attitude is persisted in, it should be a sufficient cause to effectually destroy any prospect they might have of becoming successful tenderers for any civic contract with an honest municipal corporation.

His Honor commends the action of the Electric Light Company in declining to accept Stewart's proposals, favorably comments on the indefatigable efforts of Mr. Bertram to procure the attendance of the agents of the Brush Electric Light Company, and refers to the assistance received from Mr. Nesbitt and his assistant, Mr. A. Munro Grier.

NOMINATED IN LONDON.

Essery and Hobbs—Formally Named for Mr. Meredith's Place.

London, Ont., Nov. 13.—Mayor E. T. Essery, Conservative, and Thomas S. Hobbs, Liberal, were nominated to-day to contest the seat in the Legislative Assembly, vacated by the elevation of Mr. W. R. Meredith to the bench. The proceedings were of very lively character. Mr. Essery took the platform first and spoke for three hours. Mr. Hobbs delivered his speech in ten minutes. Every indication points to one of the liveliest campaigns yet fought in this city.

The Clothes of a Hangman.

Ottawa, Nov. 13.—At the Court House here to-day, when some cleaning up was in progress, a parcel containing an old suit of clothes was found stowed away in a corner. Upon examination it was found to contain the garments which the hangman of Patrick Whalen, the murderer of D'Arcy McGee, wore on the day of execution.

The clothes are of dark material, resembling jean. They are loose fitting. In the bundle was a toque which the hangman wore, as well as the black cap which was put over the head of the murderer as he was rushed into eternity.

The execution took place in 1868. No one but the sheriff and jailer of that day knew who the hangman was. Both are dead since then, and with them has gone the name of the hangman.

A Sensible Device.

Men of fashion who attend full dress functions will be glad to learn that Quinn of 115 King-street west has a full stock of $1.50 English evening dress shirts, with small suspender attachments that keep the bosom nicely in position. Gentlemen whose shirts have a tendency to bulge can have this contrivance sewn on by sending their shirts to us. Send 20c in stamps for each shirt, and we will mail the device with instructions to any address in Canada.

Big Real Estate Deal.

Yesterday was consummated one of the largest real estate transactions reported in the city for some time. That energetic Toronto-street real estate firm, Messrs. Marn & Walker, sold the St. James' buildings, situate in the northwest corner of King and Church-streets, to Mr. William McKenzie, president of the Toronto Railway Company, for the sum of $55,000. It is the intention of the Railway Company to enlarge and improve the buildings at once in order to meet the demand for adequate office space for the business of the company.

An Ocean Liner Aground.

Liverpool, Nov. 13.—Tugs have left for Lough Foyle, Ireland, to bring to Liverpool the steamer Vancouver, which went aground on Lyle's Bank yesterday. Most of the Vancouver's passengers have landed and proceeded to Liverpool via Londonderry. The others remained aboard the steamer. The Vancouver was bound from Montreal and Quebec for Liverpool.

Clarets! Clarets!!—Gold Medal at Manchester, 1894.

We are agents for two large claret firms in Bordeaux. One of them has taken the gold medal for best clarets at Manchester Exposition this year. Only one profit from vineyard to consumer is the reason why we sell clarets at 25 per cent. lower than any house in the trade. Wm. Mara, 79 Yonge-street.

"Dunlop's" Chrysanthemums.

The chrysanthemum is the pride of Japan, and is justly called the Queen of Autumn. Citizens desirous of seeing this royal flower in its beauty should visit Dunlop's conservatories, Bloor-street west, and they will see a display never equalled in Canada before. Visitors are made welcome. Salesrooms, 445 Yonge-street and 5 King west.

Change in Law Firm.

Mr. W. R. Riddell, Q.C., will shortly retire from the legal firm of Millar, Riddell & Le Vesconte and join the firm of Beatty, Blackstock, Nesbitt & Chadwick.

No fear need be entertained for indigestion if you use Adams' Pepsin Tutti Frutti. It prevents all uneasiness at the stomach and strengthens digestion. Take no imitations.

Ex-Senator John J. Ingalls, the great Kansas orator, is coming to Toronto.

CHILDREN OF CIRCUMSTANCE.

A Startling Book By the Author of "A Yellow Aster."

One of the most striking books of the past year was "A Yellow Aster," and the author Iota has now produced something even more startling and the critics are at a loss. The characters are not types; that would be commonplace and make the book like an ordinary novel. They are eccentricities as "A Yellow Aster" was, but in this book, now for sale by John P. McKenna, Bookseller, 80 Yonge-street, they are treated to a more thorough dissection and more elaborate description. The pictures of low female life in London are powerful, realistic and startling. In fact the whole book is a sort of realistic realism of an absolutely new class.

RUNNING AWAY WITH THEM.

WILFRID LAURIER: Hold him in, Dicky, hold him in. There was a terr'ble accident along this road last week.

AT TRINITY'S CONVOCATION.

DR. BOURINOT SAYS STATE PRINCIPLES MUST BE TAUGHT.

The Annual Dinner An Immense Success—Brilliant Speeches From Noted Canadians—The Students Make Merry—Proceedings at Convocation Yesterday—Honorary Degrees Conferred.

The convocation hall of Trinity University rang with merriment last night, as the students and the faculty convened together to partake of the annual dinner. The shout of "Rouge et Noir" went up to the oak rafters many times. Hon. Chancellor Allan presided. On his right hand sat the Bishop of Toronto, and on his left the Bishop of Niagara. Other guests were Ven. Archdeacon Evans, Montreal; Ven. Archdeacon Lauder, Ottawa; Rev. Prof. Clark, Dr. Bourinot, Ottawa; Dr. Martin, Q.C., Hamilton; Rev. Prof. Jones, Archdeacon Bedford-Jones, Canon DuMoulin, Dean Geikie of Trinity Medical College, Rev. Dr. Langtry, Rev. A.J. Broughall, Rev. T. W. Patterson Dr. A.J. Johnson, Lawrence Baldwin, Stewart Houston, J. Kerr Osborne, J. E. Carter Troop, Prof. Rigby, Dr. Temple and J. A. Worrell.

The menu was delicious, and the quotations on the menu card were so unusually good as to call forth references from almost every speaker. They were the work of Mr. Carter Troop, who put in an immense amount of time on it, hit off every episode aptly. The toast to Her Majesty was drunk with zest, and the Greek glee which followed went with great gusto.

The Speeches.

The Chancellor proposed "Trinity" with references to the progress it had made, the erection of the east wing, which was so entailed, and the qualities of the institution. In responding Bishop Sweatman spoke of the University's many vicissitudes in the 42 years of its existence, and its financial needs at the present time. The faculty took pride in its sound moral tone and its atmosphere of culture. He could say truthfully that Trinity was the child of the church.

When Prof. Clark was called on to speak on the same subject the students rose and yelled their approval, "For he's a jolly good fellow," at both the commencement and the conclusion of his speech. He delivered such an after-dinner speech as only he can give, replete with witty references to college interests. He referred to Trinity as a living type, founded on the ancient universities of England—universities which have sent forth nobler men than have been produced in any other nation, said he. It was the aim of Trinity above all to produce cultivated, faithful gentlemen.

Dr. Bourinot on Politics.

Dr. Bourinot in proposing the learned professions spoke on contemporary politics with some force. He said that if he should ever feel inclined to drop his studies and enter politics it would be to start a third party, a party of silence according to the enactments of Pythagoras. He deplored the fact that the students turned out in this country were so densely ignorant of the principles on which this country is governed. The Canadian public at large was equally ill-informed. This fact was forced on one by the knowledge that there was actually a commission in existence in this country to feel the public pulse on the subject of electing public officers. Our Government did not really know whether the people preferred English or American institutions and had given serious consideration to the American elective system, which was the parent of Tammany Hall. He called on our educationist to heed the cry of the National Council of Women and establish text-books on government in the schools.

Archdeacon Lauder responded for the church, Dr. Temple for medicine and Mr. Kirwan Martin for the law.

Other Toasts.

Archdeacon Bedford Jones proposed "Affiliated Institutions," and Dean Geikie replied for the Trinity meds, while Dean Rigby spoke for St. Hilda's, the Bishop Strachan School and Trinity School, Port Hope.

Bishop Hamilton of Niagara proposed "The Faculty," and Rev. Prof. Jones replied. Mr. Chappelle proposed "Sister Institutions," and representatives of many universities responded. For "College Institutions" Prof. Hedley and Mr. Osborne were the speakers, while Messrs. Pollings and Hunter gallantly talked for "The Ladies." "The Freshmen" were dealt with by Messrs. Davey, Martin and Wethey.

The ladies of St. Hilda's came in at dessert and enjoyed the speeches.

Convocation Proceedings

At the convocation in the afternoon the following degrees were conferred: Licentiate in theology, Rev. Dr. Seaborne; B.A., A. M. Wilshere, Rev. W. T. Lipton; M.A., Rev. W. T. Lipton; Rev. J. C. H. Mockridge, Rev. F. Howden; B.D., and D.D., Rev. Canon Mills; D.C.L., Archdeacon Evans.

A report was presented, showing good progress and deploring the departure of Provost Body, who was also eulogized at the dinner which followed. The nominations for the College Council were: Dr. Bourinot, C.M.G.; Mr. Elmes Henderson, Archdeacon Lauder, Lieut.-Col. Matthesson, Rev. J. C. Roper, Drs. Sheard and Millman, Rev. Dr. Thompson, Dr. Halliday, Judge Wilkison and Mr. G. S. Holmstead.

Mr. J. A. Worrell, Q.C., was elected chairman of the convocation and Rev. Bedford-Jones clerk. Elections of members resulted: Prof. E. C. Cayley, N. F. Davidson, G. F. Harman, D. T. Symons, J. G. Carter Troop and Rev. J. C. Roper.

A BRILLIANT EVENT IN THE EAST.

The Royal Canadian Bicycle Club's Ball in Dingman's Hall a Great Success.

The second annual at home of the Royal Canadian Bicycle Club, which was held in Dingman's Hall last night, was in every respect an immense success, and it will be held in fond memory of those who were present as being one of the most brilliant events of the season. The usually cheerless hall was turned into a retreat of comfort and luxury. Bunting of all colors, Union Jacks predominating, the pretty colors of the club, silver and brown, and a magnificent display of plants, made the hall a veritable fairyland. Pictures of all the prominent racing men of the city clubs were liberally displayed in the room, and also the machines with which Davidson, Hensel and other well-known Royal Canadian racers have scored famous victories. On the whole, it was one of the most nicely arranged ball rooms ever prepared in Toronto. Over 125 couples were present, which is a positive indication of the enviable popularity this club enjoys in Toronto.

Glionna's orchestra was in attendance and to the sweet strains of their most delightful music a large and successful program of dances was carried out.

The following gentlemen composed the committee and to them is due the highest praise for the successful manner in which the affair was conducted. Messrs. John Sanders, J. W. Jupp, J. C. Clarke, A. E. Walton, Fred H. Ross, A. J. Mitchell, G. A. Lamb, F. Maxwell, George Capps and W. D. Thurston.

Refreshments were served continuously during the evening by Tasker, who catered to the utmost satisfaction of all present.

The ladies were more tastefully dressed and added to the brilliancy of the occasion. Among the guests were: Messrs. D. J. Sellers, L. H. Bromsill, W. J. Noble, Fred Mauthie, J. Jones, G. Logan, W. Cook, W. K. Booth, P. Humphrey, W. A. Noble, Thomas W. Logan, E. W. McTear, J. F. Blackshine, Charles Logan, O. C. Menboru, W. R. Hensel, J. Vick, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Mitchell, V. R. Fleming, Mr. and Mrs. Rickman, Wm. Wallace, J. C. Wilgar, J. Bury, J. B. Stauffer, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Oliver, T. B. McCarthy, Thomas Johnson, J. E. Crapper, Dr. Ryerson, M.P., J. Crawford, George Grinnell, J. G. Chester, J. W. Blackner, Thomas A. Clayton, Mr. and Mrs. John Sutherland, D. Smith, G. F. Sinclair, W. Humphrey, W. Culross, J. Russell, Mr. and Mrs. Champion, R. Stevenson, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Hughes, Mr. and Mrs. James McFarlane, A. F. Jury, S. Ashby, George Blong, jr., A. McKenna, R. Simpson, R. Tyner, Dr. and Mrs. Cleland, H. Clark, A. Lennie, Thomas Charter, T. Cairns, J. Buckland, J. Humphrey, George Barnes, John Maxwell, J. W. Parker, A. J. Mitchell, G. P. Sharkey, D. F. Smith, J. Havard and Miss Clendennin, Miss N. Wilson, Miss A. McKenzie, Miss L. McKenzie, Miss N. Kennedy, the Misses Melbourne, Miss L. Vick, Miss Logan, Miss L. Baldwin, Miss McClelland, Miss S. G. Mitchell, Miss Buckenden, Miss M. Russell, Miss N. Callander, Miss Booth, Miss Humphreys, Misses Scudds, Miss E. Webber, Miss McKenzie, Miss McKay, Miss J. Wellman, Miss Crawford, Miss McGregor, Misses Grinnell, Miss Jupp, Miss F. Clayton, Miss Alice Smith, Miss Sherlock, Miss Wilson, Miss Dudley, Miss McFarland of Hamilton, and Fraser of Chicago, Miss Johnston, Miss Ashby, Miss Blong, Miss Mundy, Miss Dickson, Miss M. Clark, Miss Nash, Miss Lennie, Miss Mitchell, Miss Dean, Miss Emilo, Miss M. Aiken, Miss M. Wilson and many others.

After a most enjoyable evening the assembly dispersed soon after 2 a.m., many availing themselves of the special cars provided by the club.

25 FEET DOWN A SHAFT.

Serious Accident to an Apprentice in a Lithographing Establishment.

William Murdoch, 112 Hamilton-street, a boy employed with Newsome & Hough, 35 Wellington-street east, fell 25 feet down an elevator shaft yesterday afternoon, and seriously injured his spine. He was taken by Ambulance Driver Tripp to the General Hospital.

Murdock had taken the hoist up to the second flat and left it there for a few moments. In his absence some one raised it to the top flat and, not knowing this, the boy stepped down the shaft, thinking the elevator was still there.

Fired on a British Ship.

London, Nov. 13.—A despatch from Sierra Lenore, West Coast of Africa, says: The master of the British steamer Ambrix recently notified the Liberian officials at Monrovia of his intention to land a cargo at Settra-Croo. The officials forbade him to do so on the ground that Settra-Kroo is not a port of entry, and it would be a breach of the revenue laws to land the cargo there.

The master defied the officials, whereupon a Liberian gunboat fired at the boats landing the steamer's cargo, killing 25 persons.

Verdict of Accidental Death.

A verdict of accidental death was returned last night by the jury empanelled to enquire into the cause of the death of W. J. Spence, who was killed Nov. 5 in the shingle mill of Craig & Co., Dundas-street.

Steel Plate Hot Air Furnaces. Get an estimate. Wheeler & Bain, 179 King-st. East. 36

The Owen Sound Ale in Splendid Condition.

We have now over 2000 dozen Eaton Bros' celebrated Owen Sound ale, in splendid condition. It is made from pure spring water and the choicest East Kent Golding hops and No. 1 bright barley. Wm. Mara, 79 Yonge-street.

Aches and pains are often the result of bad digestion. Correct that and they go. Adams' Pepsin Tutti Frutti is an absolute cure for indigestion in every form. Take no imitations.

Arlington Hotel.

This elegant, comfortable hotel offers every inducement to those desiring permanent winter accommodation.

Beaver Plug is the old reliable gentleman's chew. Try it.

BIRTHS.

WILKINSON — At 240 Carlton-street, on Nov. 13, the wife of W. J. Wilkinson of a son.

Fetherstonhaugh & Co., patent solicitors and experts, Bank Commerce Building, Toronto

HE VANISHED FROM A TRAIN

A COMMERCIAL TRAVELER LOST FROM A SLEEPING CAR.

J. S. Kerngood of New York Retires to His Compartment in the Train at St. Thomas and Has Not Since Been Seen—Was on His Way to Meet His Wife and Celebrate Her Birthday.

New York, Nov. 13.—Jacob S. Kerngood, one of the best known traveling salesmen of this city, on his way home from a four-weeks' business trip through the west, retired to his berth in the Wagner car Raritan, when the Michigan Central train he was aboard was near St. Thomas, Ont., at 10 o'clock last Friday night. When the porter went to the man's berth to arouse him at 8 o'clock the following morning, he had vanished. No trace of him has been found since.

Mr. Kerngood is in the employ of B. L. Price & Co., wholesale clothiers at No. 170 Greene-street, this city, and his home is at No. 151 East 89th street, where his wife and two children now are. He left this city on Oct. 9, made stops at several places, and a week ago to-day reached Omaha, Neb., the end of his journey. His letters home had been affectionate and happy. On Friday he sent the following telegram to his wife:

"I leave to-day by Chicago express. Meet me at the Grand Central Depot at 1.40 Saturday afternoon. We will enjoy your birthday together."

Mr. Kerngood's trip from Omaha to St. Thomas was uneventful. He was of a congenial nature, and soon formed several acquaintances, with whom he played cards and smoked until 9.30 o'clock Friday night. Then he announced his desire to retire. Calling Porter Collins, he gave instructions to be called at 8 o'clock the next morning.

Retired in Good Humor.

"The gentleman was in fine humor," said Collins, in telling of the conversation afterwards to the officials of the road, "and passed several jokes with me. I noticed that he wore a dressing-gown, a smoking cap and a pair of slippers. Finally he yawned, said he was very tired and went to his berth."

Collins had occasion twice that night to convey water to the passengers in the Raritan. There was no movement that he noticed in Mr. Kerngood's berth. The train bounded along, stopped for a few minutes in Buffalo, passed through Rochester at 2 o'clock in the morning, and arrived in Syracuse at the hour when Mr. Kerngood had desired to be awakened.

Many of the passengers were stirring when Collins thrust his hand behind the curtains of Mr. Kerngood's berth to wake him. He touched a bed which had no occupant. Then, hastily gazing within, he looked in vain for the traveler. The bed was rumpled, and had undoubtedly been slept in, but there were no other indications of the man.

The other passengers gathered about the berth, no less surprised than the porter. A hurried search of the car was made, but Mr. Kerngood could not be found. His hat, umbrella, overcoat, valise and shoes were near the berth, but the owner was nowhere to be found.

His Wife Was There to Meet Him.

Mrs. Kerngood was at the Grand Central Station at the appointed hour to meet her husband. She looked in vain for him among the disembarking travelers, and then returned home, wondering at his non-appearance. She told her father-in-law, Eugene E. Sonneborn, who lives in the same house, of her disappointment, and he immediately started out to investigate. The story of the strange disappearance was learned from the railroad officials.

The first theory which presented itself was that the missing man had walked from the car door, but this assumption was declared impossible by Porter Collins, who said he had kept too close a watch on the traveler. But the Railroad Company immediately ordered a patrol of the tracks between St. Thomas and Syracuse. The search was futile, although conducted so thoroughly that several sheets of water were dragged in the fear that the man had dropped from the car and been drowned.

His Habits Exemplary.

"Mr. Kerngood never walked in his sleep as far as the members of his family know," said Mr. Sonneborn last night. "He was not a drinking man. He was such an experienced traveler, too, that we can hardly bring ourselves to feel that his disappearance is due to accident. We fear foul play of some kind, although of what nature, of course, we are at a loss to know.

"His domestic life was very happy, as is shown by his desire to reach home on his wife's birthday."

Mr. Sonneborn notified Inspector McLaughlin of his brother-in-law's disappearance yesterday, and a description of the missing man has been telegraphed abroad. He was 42 years old, of slight build, and a heavy black mustache, black hair and a slight bald spot.

Mr. Kerngood was a man, thirty-second degree Mason, and wore a ring of that order.

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