

COMMITTEES AWARD CONTRACTS.

Painters' and Glaziers' Union Protests to School Board.

The Supply Committee of the School Board met yesterday afternoon at 3.30. W. H. Thompson was appointed to the vacancy in the Supply Department at a salary of \$500 per year.

The contract for school desks and chairs was awarded to the Office Specialty and School Furniture Company of Preston.

The contract for kindergarten supplies went to the Steinberger-Hendrie Company. The contracts for public school supplies were awarded as follows: Text books, W. J. Gage & Co.; binding text books, George Byford; blank books, Warwick Bros. and Rutter; blank forms, W. J. Gage; drawing paper, Canada Paper Company; rulers, Steinberger & Co.; lead pencils, Copp Clark & Co.; pens and penholders, Copp Clark & Co.; ink stands, and all multiple bottles, Copp Clark & Co.; crayons, Steinberger & Co.; blackboard erasers, Steinberger & Co.; pointers, Steinberger & Co.

A deputation from the Painters' and Glaziers' Union waited upon the Property Committee and complained that the caretakers of the schools do the painting and glazing in the buildings, and they thought this should be done by the painters of the city. The Property Committee promised to take the matter into their consideration. Contracts for carpenter work in the various schools were awarded as follows: Winchester, M. Hutchinson, \$1200; Withrow-avenue, F. Armstrong, \$672; Essex School, F. Armstrong, \$722.

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PETITION FOR THE CANAL.

Business Men Favor "Canalization" of Rivers From Lakes to Sea.

New York, March 13.—A memorial signed by about 300 business men of New York was presented to State Senator Merion E. Louis today, approving his resolution introduced at Albany asking Congress to complete surveys for a canal thirty feet deep between the Great Lakes and the Atlantic tide-water. At the meeting a resolution was adopted favoring an international convention to organize a continental association to promote the construction of deep waterways and the "canalization" of rivers.

Died From His Burns. Willie Willoughby, the little boy who was burned so severely at 10 Hackney-street on Thursday evening, died yesterday morning at the Sick Children's Hospital.

SATURDAY NIGHT ON SCANDAL.

Thinks the Government Impotent and Advises Radical Measures.

Saturday Night deals with the scandal editorially thus: Happily there have been few such episodes in the history of parliamentary debate in Canada as Mr. Gurney's statement on the floor of the legislature on Wednesday afternoon. Mr. Gurney is the much-discussed member for Manitoulin Island, who, elected as a Conservative, announced his intention some weeks ago of giving the government his support. In brief, he now says that he was bribed with hard cash to change his allegiance. He connects the Hon. J. R. Stratton with the transaction, and claims that he (Gurney) was justified in accepting the money offered him, in order to obtain convincing proof of the corruptness of the government. Part of the money alleged to have been paid to him and all the documents in the case Mr. Gurney laid upon the desk of his leader, Mr. Whitney. Mr. Gurney's statement was a very long and detailed one, but the position of the whole matter is briefly as here stated.

True or untrue, the fact that such charges could be made by a member from his place in the House is a serious reflection on the moral degradation we have reached in the politics of this province. The good name and honor of Ontario, not merely the political fortunes of a cabinet or a party, are involved. Mr. Gurney's charges have created a profound sensation and stirred the public mind and conscience as never before. To-day but one subject talked about where men meet together, and until this matter is investigated to its depths

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and the truth fully established, no matter who may be hurt in the process, there can be but one question and one single issue in the politics of Ontario. Premier Ross has promised an investigation of the charges involving the honor of his colleague, the Provincial Secretary. This investigation, to satisfy the public temper, will have to be the most impartial and sweeping character. No partisan or personal consideration must stand in the way. If there are bribes occupying exalted position, enjoying the emoluments and wielding the authority of office, they must be punished and driven from public life, no matter who or what they may be. Until such investigation is instituted, however, the press and

public are in duty bound to suspend judgment. Mr. Gurney's charges having been duly filed, are now in the strictest sense sub judice, and no immediate expression of opinion on their merits will further any good end. In the meantime, pending inquiry, it is the duty of the Hon. J. R. Stratton, in justice to himself, to his colleagues and to the Crown, of which he is a sworn adviser, to resign his portfolio. Such a step would not be in any sense an admission of guilt, and could not be so interpreted. But Mr. Stratton is, until adjudged guilty or innocent of the charges brought against him, an accused person, and no accused person ought to be a counsellor of the Sovereign or of the Sovereign's representative. Here we come to the famous policy of the Dominion government in continuing in office as Lieutenant-Governor a gentleman who is no longer physically capable of discharging his constitutional duties. Sir Oliver Mowat is an admirable character, to whom everybody wishes well, but here in Ontario face to face with a political crisis the gravity of which has not been approached perhaps in its whole history—a crisis which may yet demand alertness, energy and authority in the Lieutenant-Governor if justice is to be done and the interests of the people safeguarded, but instead of these qualities being found in the Executive mansion there is a mild and invalid old age, who is an administrator has to be appointed for the discharge of the more formal and petty functions of the government. Without the least desire to be unkind to Sir Oliver, I must say he ought to have been retired at the end of his term. Before the present political crisis is thrashed out, it may easily happen that the necessity for a Lieutenant-Governor who is capable of being it in fact as well as in name may become apparent to all.

Montreal Herald (Lib.): It is only fair to withhold judgment until the evidence has been submitted to that criticism which will come in the committee appointed to investigate. There are parts of Mr. Gurney's story which call for a good deal of explanation. That, for example, in which he alleges that he divided the spoils with the man whom he accuses of being the go-between. Again, if it be true that he has all this time been pressing for political favors at the hands of the government in the matter of the distribution of patronage, he will have to make out a very complete case indeed to clear himself of the reproach of impugning a lot of people in his plans without their knowledge. That there is an air of probability about the story is not to be denied, but there is so much that is creditable to Gurney that we had better wait till we hear the end of it.

Peterboro Examiner (Lib.): No doubt the opposition politicians and opposition journals will make much of the Gurney incident, but the public, with a desire to be fair, will do well to suspend judgment pending the investigation into the charges and allegations of Mr. Gurney, which seem to be highly colored, and to bear evidence of being the result of a carefully concerted plan by those interested for party purposes, in discrediting the government.

Oshawa Reformer (Lib.): From information which has reached the public through the courts and other channels it has been made apparent that rank corruption has been carried on in the name of both parties in provincial politics, and also having disclaimed responsibility for it, neither of the leaders has refused to accept whatever favorable results may have come to them through such gross misconduct on the part of their professed friends and supporters. How the present state of affairs is to be remedied is perhaps not so easily stated, unless by the complete breaking up of present political alignments in Ontario and a readjustment of party affairs.

Bellefonte Intelligencer (Con.): The member from Manitoulin certainly deserves the thanks of all good citizens for thus bringing to light a foul conspiracy to defeat the will of the people.

CANADIAN CAPITAL IN CUBA.

Sir William Van Horne Would Build \$1,000,000 Hotel in Havana.

Havana, March 13.—Sir William Van Horne has visited President Palma and offered to purchase the State Penitentiary property, valued at \$500,000, his purpose being the erection of a \$1,000,000 hotel with New York and Canadian capital. The President promised to take the matter to Congress and use his influence to secure the sale.

O.S.A. Officers.

At the 31st annual meeting of the Ontario Society of Artists the following officers were re-elected: President, C. M. Manly; vice-president and treasurer, Gustav Hahn; secretary, Robert F. Gagen; auditors, J. Smith and C. E. Nourse; executive council, G. A. Reid, W. E. Atkinson, F. S. Chalmer, Chas. W. Jefferys, J. W. Beatty, F. M. Bell Smith and J. W. L. Foster; representatives on the Industrial Exhibition Association, Robert F. Gagen and P. McGillivray Knowles. The two pictures selected for the Provincial Art Gallery were "An Upland Pasture," by H. Brudenell and "Plax Workers," O. P. Staples. The Ontario Society of Artists' prize for 1903, which carries with it \$200, was awarded to W. E. Atkinson for his picture "Autumn."

Female Inspectors to Go.

Washington, March 13.—Commissioner of Immigration Williams at New York has made a report to the Treasury Department on the employment of female inspectors. The report points out many objections to the employment of these inspectors, and Commissioner General of Immigration Sargent has replied to the Secretary of the Treasury that their services are not needed.

Hawaiian Gold in U.S.

San Francisco, March 13.—Sixty-five thousand dollars of Hawaiian money has been transferred from the United States sub-treasury to the local mint. This is the first consignment of Hawaiian coins to be melted and turned into United States money.

Princess's Sudden Death.

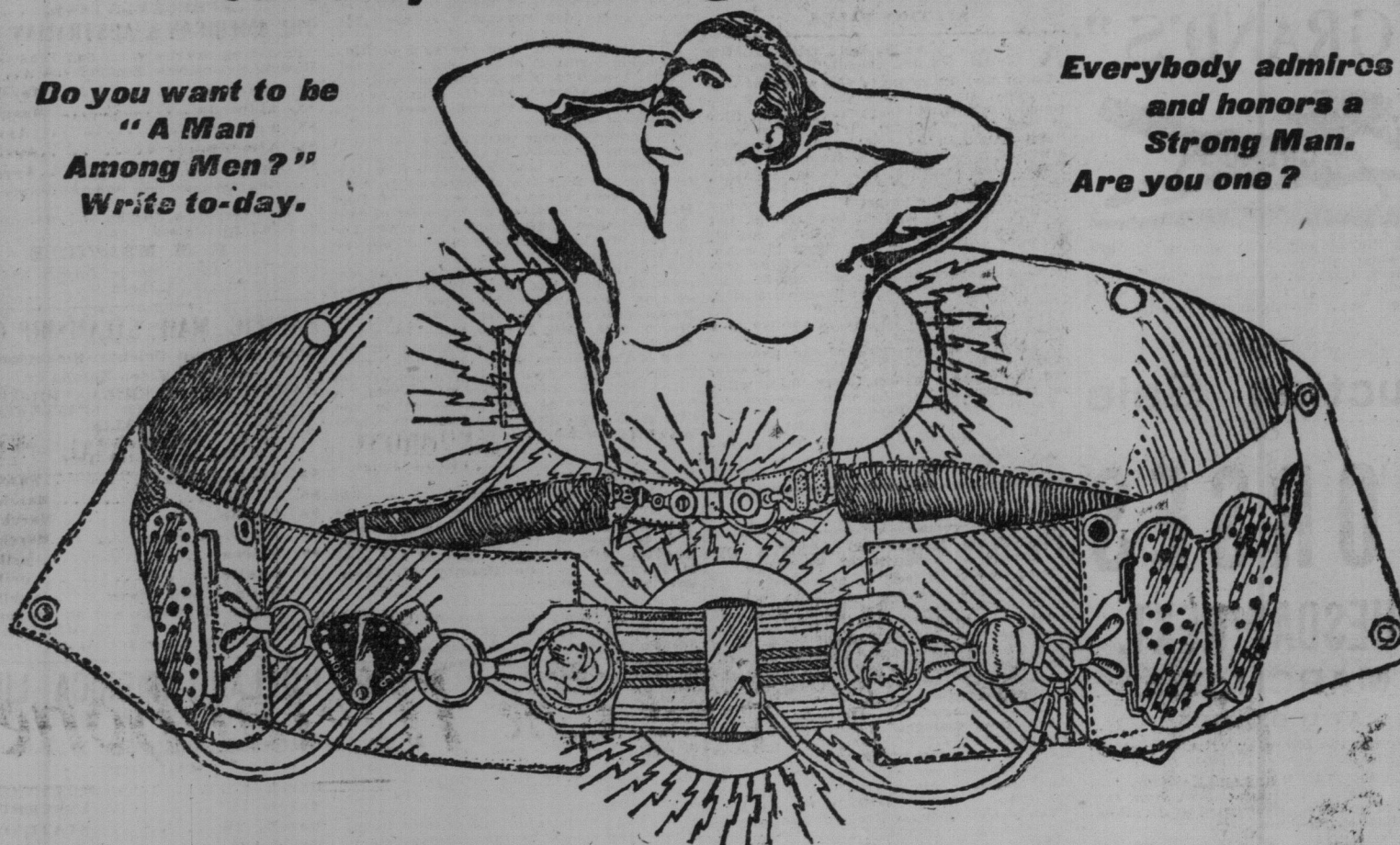
Berlin, March 13.—Princess Bernhard of Saxe-Weimar died suddenly on Wednesday near Hanover. She was seized with convulsions while driving with her husband, and expired two hours later in a way-side cottage. The Princess was of obscure origin.

At 6 o'clock last night an alarm from box 21, at King and Yonge-streets, brought the fire department to the scene of a fire at the restaurant.

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One of the world's greatest scientists, whom all the New York papers eulogize as the man of the hour, in a series of lectures at all the great institutes gives his experience in delving into the mystery which surrounds the organ of life. He explains the vital processes, and after ten years of close study arrives at the definite conclusion that demonstration of life and action in every living thing is due to electricity. Now, what this great man claims is the same as I have been preaching to the public for the last twenty years. I did not discover it, it has been my belief, and I can cite you thousands of cases of men from seventy-five to ninety who have returned to the hard labor of their youth with a vim, after having worn my appliance for three months.

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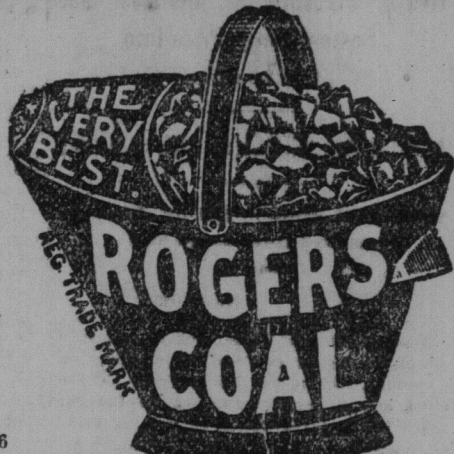
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Deserted From Halifax. According to notification received by Inspector Stark, an officer and a guard of soldiers from the Royal Engineers, Halifax, are on their way here to take the charge of Corporal John James, a deserter, who was arrested here a couple of days ago. He will be taken to Halifax and tried for desertion.