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Hamilton Happenings

SMITH BEGINS ACTION TO QUASH POWER BYLAW

Claims Aldermen Had No Authority to Contract for Next Year's Council.

HAMILTON, Dec. 18.—(Special.)—Great interest was taken in the trial that began to-day before Justice Anglin of the suit brought by Jas. Smith to quash the bylaw passed by the city council last July giving the lighting and electric power contract to the Cabaret Power Company. The judge will go to London to-morrow, and will resume the hearing of the case at Toronto on Monday. W. E. Middleton, Toronto, and D. Arvey Martin represented the plaintiff, and Frank Waddell, K.C., appeared for the city, and Geo. S. Lynch-Stanton, K.C., for the company. The grounds upon which the bylaw is being attacked are: That the contract does not commence until next year and therefore this year's council had no right to make a contract for next year's council, also it was admitted that the contract company had supplied since Nov. 1, some 30 horse-power of the 1200 it is supposed that the contract with the company was not advertised as provided in the Municipal Act; that there was no appropriation to pay for the power taken from the company, and that the contract was given to the company, who the ratifiers had voted twice in favor of closing a contract for hydro-electric power.

False Pretences Charged.
Chas. Donnelly, who kept a grocery store on Britannia-avenue was arrested last evening on the charge of obtaining by false pretences goods to the value of \$28 from the W. H. Gilford Co.

Final Meeting of the Year.
The annual meeting of the year the powers committee this evening passed a resolution of appreciation of the services of its chairman, Ald. Jutten, who was declared, had handled the affairs of the department better than they had ever been managed before. The contract of building sewers on

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WHY IT IS IMPOSSIBLE.

"Papa, we're going to have a Christmas tree again this year, aren't we?"
"No answer."
"I say, papa, we're going to have a Christmas tree, aren't we?"
"Don't bother me, dear."
"Yes, but I want to know."
"Long pause."
"Say, papa, are we going to have a tree?"
"Get on with you, my busy."
"Well, I won't bother you if you'll just answer me."
"What do you want to know?"
"I want to know if we're going to have a Christmas tree this year."
"Why?"
"Because I'm—er—writing a paper for the church club next Saturday night on 'The Conservation of Our Forests.' Now go and play with your doll."
C. W. T.

Riverdale High School.

The Riverdale High School first annual commencement was held last night in the school building.
Dr. W. E. Ordan, chairman of the board of education; Messrs. R. R. Davis, Dr. W. E. Hawke of the board of education took part in the presentation of the diplomas and prizes.
Dr. Pakenham, dean of the faculty, presided at the exercises.
The diplomas for those who passed the university and departmental examinations were presented together with prizes won by the school in athletics.

Thought He Understood.
"Now, young gentlemen," said the professor of moral philosophy in winding up his little talk to the class, "you understand, do you not, what I mean when I use the term 'ethical and intellectual aristocracy?'"
"Yes, sir," answered the young man with the bad eye; "it means being great and good, in your mind."

COBALTERS OBVIOUS TO MARKET FLUCTUATION

Good Stocks Now a Purchase—Department Not Treating the North Country Properly.

COBALT, Dec. 17.—(From the Man on the Spot.)

While apparently the only effect of the heavy increase in the value of the mining stocks, everyone here recognizes that a big revival and boom are bound to come early in the New Year.

It must be remembered that the general Christmas trade from Cobalt is now on, and the Cobalters do not go down among the yeamany of Old Ontario with an empty pocketbook. What matters the sacrifice of a few thousand dollars at Christmas time? is the axiom of the genuine Cobalter.

The result is if they only know it in Toronto, Montreal and the east, that these are bargain days in the Cobalt stock market.

Temiskaming, LaRoc, Nipissing, McKinley-Darragh, Buffalo, Crown Reserve and City of Cobalt companies are all giving their shareholders substantial Christmas boxes.

The Right-of-Way Company has a \$100,000 Christmas bonus for its points.

When the statistics of Cobalt's production and dividends for 1908 are forthcoming, the wonderful growth of the camp will be shown.

While many people are going out, many more, however, are coming in. The statistics of the new arrivals is generally towards the new camps up the Montreal River, or down in the unsurveyed territory south of Lorrain.

So much has been written about Elk, Miller, Silver and Gowanda lakes sections that the new camp, twenty-eight miles south of Hamilton, with its shipping mine, the Keeley, and the great Wetliufer, with its enormously rich silver vein, passing one of the greatest surface showings of native silver yet seen in this north country, are apt to be overlooked. The Elkhardt Company is doing much to advertise this southern camp.

New Silver District.
Gowanda, Silver and Elk lakes are as familiar to Cobalters as the great shipping mines here.

The Moose Head was the first in the Montreal River section to advertise Elk Lake.

The wonderful discoveries on the Gages and Otterton soon became conspicuous, and on all sides the Otterton is recognized to-day as showing every promise of becoming one of the greatest shippers in the north country.

The Bonnell claims, which are owned by a Cobalt syndicate, are known to be rich in silver, and these properties are being carefully developed.

The silver finds by the Mann brothers are becoming famous. The result is that this entire north country has been staked and is being developed.

The genuine prospector is, after all, a rare avis. Many of Cobalt's rich discoveries were made by henderfoot, and is satisfactory to know that in this new north country many old-timers, the genuine real article, have made good discoveries and after years of chasing the will-o-the-wisp have been something more substantial within reach.

Stage money does not go in Gowanda nor Elk Lake.

Messrs. McLaughlin and McIntosh made one of the earliest rich finds at their successful claim of several months ago.

On the southwest shore of Gowanda Lake, about a mile south of the Mann felled, several months ago a tree was felled. The trunk of the tree was wonderful, but skillful bushmen as the men who felled the tree were, its appearance as an X-man. There was a peculiar smell about it, and it was as proof positive that the tree was a silver tree. There was a vein of silver in its trunk, and it was a fact that they had another bunch of claims which they were anxious to dispose of. The tree was made a month ago. This sale having been effected, the tree was converted into logs and the trunk was cut into several lengths, rich in native silver.

It is a transportation difficulties in the Elk Lake section, which has been vividly described by The World's commissioner. The real hardships and troubles of the prospector cannot be told. They have to be seen and experienced.

It is about fifty miles from Gowanda Lake to the town of Cobalt. Many months ago we were told that a wagon road was going to be built by the government. A team can cover the twenty miles between Elk and Cobalt in about five hours. The road impassable. Many encampments, but the fact remains that the company having a limit located at Gowanda Lake. The road is that this road built. The trunk is that too frequently the advice of the wrong kind is taken by those in authority. A man may be a successful furniture dealer, insurance agent or general prospector in the north country, and may to his own satisfaction pose as an authority in wood-craft and bushwhacking.

Lesson in Road Building.
In different sections of this country there are to-day tote-roads built years ago by lumber companies to enable them to get in their supplies. No engine was employed nor no scientific road-making attempted. The roads were made cheaply and made properly, which is more than can be said, speaking generally, for the road-making efforts we to-day have to look at. I travel over these roads and reach the outlying mining camps in this district.

The contract for this road was made after a biased trial had been made by a government employe. The contractor may have undertaken to do the road work cheaper than it really could be done for. Nevertheless, it really could follow the biased trail. He did it, and it was a matter of five or six miles. The road went down the hill just the same. Any old bushman could have blazed a road when a road could be made. Economy is a good thing, but in this case it is suffering every day by reason of departmental stinginess, rather than of economy.

It is well to remember, and this fact is not so strongly impressed upon the people of Old Ontario, that the development of this country means the development of the Canadian wholesaler. Instead of looking for royalties and direct pecuniary returns, let money be made, but wisely, and the benefits to the manufacturer

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- Wallets 50c to \$5.00
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- Ladies' Fitted Suit Cases—Walrus grain leather, black or brown, steel frames, leather lined, ebony brushes and toilet set. 21.50
- Gentlemen's Fitted Suit Cases—Walrus grain leather, black or brown, steel frames, leather lined, ebony brushes and toilet set. 21.50
- Suit Cases—Grain cowhide, steel frames, brass locks, brown or russet. Special. 5.75
- Suit Cases—Cowhide leather, brown or russet. Special. 10.25
- Ladies' Umbrellas—Gloria silk covers, paragon frames, paragon handles, leather lined, gold-mounted and Congo handles. Special. 1.50
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- Ladies' Umbrellas—Pure silk, paragon frames, pearl handles with gold flagstone designs. Special. 15.00
- Gentlemen's Umbrellas—Gloria silk covers, paragon frames, Congo handles, silver mounts. Special. 1.50
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