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This Clothing business of ours is not a mere mushroom growth, but is the result of untiring care in studying the requirements of strong, vigorous boys, and the necessities of men...

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We are showing a line of Fruit Dishes, Berry Spoons, Cold Meat Forks, Spoon-Holders, etc., from \$1 up. See them.

HUGHAN & CO., Jewelers, opp. Wood's Tin Shop.

CANADIAN PACIFIC RY.

HARVEST EXCURSIONS. WILL BE RUN ON Aug. 29th, returning until Oct. 28th, and Sept. 12th. Nov 11th, 1899.

Hot Times for the Farmers

are here, and we can supply them with goods that will lessen their labors. Harvest Supplies, Binder Twine, Haying Tools, Paris Green, Machine Oils.

of the HIGHEST Quality - that is what counts these days. J. G. EDWARDS & CO. Hardware, Paints, Oils, Iron and Steel, Bicycle Supplies.

ARE NOW EXEMPT

By-Laws Granting Same Passed Last Thursday

TO KENNEDY DAVIS CO., THOS. ROBSON AND DOVEY BROS.

A Short Session but Businesslike-The Citizens Band Receive the First Portion of Grant-The Board of Health Referred to the Board of Health Pursuant to the call of the mayor, our city fathers gathered in special session Thursday to consider and pass the by-laws granting exemption from taxation to Kennedy, Davis Co., Thos. Robson and Dovey Bros.

At eight o'clock sharp, his worship the mayor ascended the dias, members present being Aldermen Crandell, Jackson, Sotheman, Ingle and Horn; absent, Alderman Lennon. Before entering into business of the evening the following

Communications were disposed of as follows: From Thos. Robson, offering to sell the southerly eighty feet of lot 3, north side of Peel-st., for the sum of \$300, side of Peel-st., of a right of way, reserving the lot for sale to be no longer binding if not accepted within 30 days from date.

Report was read and adopted. The by-laws were then read and carried. Alderman Sotheman then read Reports 17 and 18, as follows: Your committee on Finance met in town clerk's office at 7:30 on the evening of August 28th, present: Messrs. Jackson, Ingle, Horn, Crandell, Mr. Robson and Thos. Stewart, who were all present. The chairman read a resolution in council referring By-Laws Nos. 839 and 847 to the Finance committee to report on same.

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LABOR AND JOUAUST.

They Have a Serious Disagreement in the Rennes Court.

MAITRE LABORI MAY RETIRE.

M. Trarieux Testifies in Behalf of Dreyfus - The Meanness of Commander Lauth - A Retaliator of Piffal Stander - Two Hours of the Court-Martial Trial spent Behind Closed Doors.

Rennes, Sept. 7.—Two hours at the opening of yesterday's court-martial trial of Captain Dreyfus were spent behind closed doors.

The Open Session. The largest audience yet assembled in the Lyceum was present when the open session of the court-martial began at 9 o'clock. Senator Trarieux, former Minister of Justice, at once resumed his testimony. M. Trarieux took up the testimony of Savignaud, the witness for the prosecution who had claimed to have written letters addressed to M. Scherpenberg to consent upon the questionable role played by Commandant Lauth in the affair.

Commandant Lauth, in the prosecution allowed a hearing, and on the conclusion of his deposition, Commandant Lauth confronted him. The Commandant declared that he had acted honestly throughout and that he had not the least doubt of Lieut.-Col. Piquart's innocence.

At a striking incident occurred when Commandant Lauth, a moment later, asserted that Lieut.-Col. Piquart had always showed the greatest contempt for the officers of his bureau, asserting that on one occasion Piquart had brought to the general staff, in the presence of Madame Henry and Lauth, a woman, Madame D., who was the wife of a magistrate, and Lauth intimated, Piquart's mistress.

At the same time there arose from the spectators a chorus of indignation cries, "Oh," "Canaille," "Cochon" and "Mort!"

The gendarmes were ordered to repress the outbursts of indignation which had been evoked by the conduct of Commandant Lauth in publicly naming a woman in a scandalous connection.

Gen. Zurlinden spoke. General Zurlinden, formerly Minister of War, followed Commander Lauth as the witness for the defence. He spoke in justification of his action while he was Military Governor of Paris and Minister of War, in the matter of the taking of the measure which was absolutely necessary in order that the court should clear up the charge of forgery brought against Piquart. Moreover, General Zurlinden said, the Minister of Justice had persuaded him to send Lieut.-Col. Piquart before a military court.

Trarieux Replied. M. Trarieux replied to General Zurlinden's witness with Lieut.-Col. Piquart's ten months in prison.

M. Labori then asked a question of General Zurlinden regarding the petit bleu.

Colonel Jouaust, president of the court-martial, refused to put the question, on the ground that the court was engaged in the trial of Dreyfus, and not of the Piquart affair.

M. Labori then tackled General Zurlinden, who admitted that the magistrate inquiry showed that the petit bleu was not tampered with when it first arrived at the Intelligence Department, and that, consequently, Piquart could not have been guilty, at all, of distorting the document.

M. Labori asked that M. Paleologue, the expert of the Foreign Office, be consulted with reference to the reading before the court of diplomatic documents which established irrefutably the authenticity of the petit bleu.

M. Paleologue, who sits behind the judges, came to the front of the stage, and said that he did not know to what documents M. Labori alluded.

"The document," replied Labori, "in which is recounted a conversation between M. Deleasse (former Prime Minister) and Count von Munster-Ledenburg (German Minister to Paris), in the course of which Count von Munster-Ledenburg had admitted that he sent Major Esterhazy a number of telegraphic cards of petit bleu.

M. Paleologue responded that what M. Labori said was quite true, and that the document belonged to the diplomatic dossier. As to the petit bleu in question, added M. Paleologue, Colonel Schwartzkoppen could affirm whether he wrote it or not; in any case, M. Paleologue said, he believed it was sent by Colonel Schwartzkoppen. This declaration by the expert of the Foreign Office created a marked sensation in the court.

Trarieux Called Down. M. Trarieux called down upon a long statement, in the course of which he said Major Esterhazy was acquitted, not judged.

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MUNICIPAL MATTERS.

Convention of Mayors and Aldermen Meets in Hamilton.

MANY REFORMS PROPOSED.

The Delegates Welcomed by Mayor Testez, Who Was Chosen to Preside - Personal Property and Income Assessment - The Sale of Land for Taxes - A Resolution on the Subject Carried.

Hamilton, Sept. 6.—The delegates to the municipal convention set for yesterday and today in the City Hall did not show any alacrity in gathering together yesterday morning. Not more than a baker's dozen were present at 10 o'clock, the hour set forth for the commencement of the convention. Mayor Testez was unanimously chosen chairman and he proceeded to welcome the delegates. The Mayor spoke at some length, discussing the inequalities and anomalies of the Assessment Act, which will come up for discussion to-day, Mayor Testez said he was personally in favor of a lessening of the number of aldermen, the election of longer aldermanic terms, and the selection of representatives from the city at large. Municipal ownership would also be considered. He regretted the small attendance, but drew attention to the fact that this meeting was but a beginning, and that in future years there would be a greater attendance. Assistant City Clerk S. H. Kent was appointed secretary.

Assessment of Personal Property. Mayor Testez was unable to be present at the afternoon meeting, and he deputized Mayor Johnson of Belleville to act as chairman.

A Frank assessment commissioner, of Ottawa, introduced the following resolution, respecting the assessment of personal property: That the law as it now stands in assessing personal property is impracticable and impossible of equalization; that no basis is given to the assessor upon which to judge and assess; that the law is in the assessment of real property; that each property owner should be required to make an annual return of personal property or income to be assessed; that in Great Britain, as in the United States; that all incorporated companies, including banks, should be assessed as other individuals or partnerships; that the revenue of persons from Dominion, provincial or municipal bonds should be assessed as other personal property or income.

In speaking to his resolution, Mr. Pratt said it was impossible under the present Assessment Act to arrive at any true estimate of the value of the personal property of a man, because there was no basis on which to work. He was opposed to the exemption of goods, and thought they should pay taxes on personally. City Solicitor Macleod, in seconding the motion, said he believed it would be easy to make a personal assessment of the exemption of goods, and the tax should be based on a lower scale.

Mayor Walters of Lindsay agreed with the former speakers. Assessor Dolson of St. Catharines was not so strongly opposed to the act, but he thought the clause exempting from taxation stock amounts up to \$400 ought to be abolished.

The resolution was carried, and a committee was appointed to prepare the resolution into the form of a bill, and report to the convention in the morning.

Seizure of Personal Property. City Solicitor Macleod spoke on seizure of personal property for taxes, and moved the following resolution: That no sale of lands or goods in any county should be made in respect of these having been goods or chattels within the county belonging to or in the possession of the person assessed; that the lands, goods or chattels upon such lands should be liable for taxes, and of the property by distress having been made, the payment of taxes due in respect of said lands.

The motion was carried. Ex-Alderman Cluff of Ottawa introduced the following resolution, which was seconded by Mayor Radford: That, in the opinion of this convention, the polling sub-divisions made by the Act of 1897, which property in each ward of a municipality has to be separately assessed should be removed, and the whole amount of the property belonging to the ward should be assessed as one unit, and the place of business within the municipality as a going concern.

Mr. Cluff, continuing, said he was opposed to exempting property treated as a going concern from taxation. London's association had done so, and Ottawa's was about to follow suit. He objected to places of learning, which had become incorporated, going free. These were municipalities should take up. Another object of that franchise. In his opinion, no franchise should be allowed to run longer than 10 years.

The motion was agreed to, and the convention adjourned until this morning at 10 o'clock.

Vote of Lists. On motion of E. H. Kent, seconded by Ald. Graham of London, the following resolution relating to the voters' lists was passed: That, in the opinion of this convention, the polling sub-divisions in which the Manhood Suffrage Registration Act is in force, should be for municipal purposes only. That the number of voters for municipal elections in a sub-division should be increased from 200 to 300, and that an election should not be void or voidable for the reason that a polling sub-division does not contain more than 300 voters. That the Board of Registrars should define the polling sub-divisions for elections to the Legislative Assembly and that the Board of Registrars should register with the Board of Registrars under the Manhood Suffrage Registration Act.

Local Improvement. City Solicitor Macleod introduced a motion dealing with the frontage assessment for local improvement rates, and the rates thereon. It was seconded by Ald. Graham of London and carried. It was as follows: That sub-section 1 of section 630 of the Municipal Act be amended by inserting after the word "council," in the third line, the words "and the value of the land only, and not on the improvements thereon," and by adding at the end of the said sub-section the words "and the value per foot of frontage of the land to be so exempted from any general rate or assessment provided for in sub-section 2 of section 671, and such valuation shall be subject to appeal under sub-section 5 of said sub-section."

John Livingstone Dead. Listowel, Ont., Sept. 7.—Mr. John Livingstone, died at his home here last night, in the 89th year of his age. Mr. Livingstone was the last surviving member of the family of Dr. Livingstone, the African explorer, and was two years older than his famous brother. There was a strong family resemblance between the two brothers, and they maintained an intimate correspondence until the Doctor's death.

Church Robbed at Cooksville. Cooksville, Sept. 7.—Tools were taken from a blacksmith shop at Summerville yesterday, and the Catholic Church at Dixie was broken into and the communion set stolen.

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The audience appeared to be impressed by this vehement protest. M. Labori again insisted that he be allowed to question General Billot. Colonel Jouaust still refused, and a heated wrangle once more ensued. M. Labori made a passionate protest against the attitude of Colonel Jouaust, and then said: "I decline to allow you to speak."

As Exited Ejected. M. Labori retorted excitedly: "I bow to your ruling, but I take note that every time I put a question which is irrefragable you refuse to allow it. This declaration issued for the defence delivered in a ringing voice, punctuating the silence with striking gestures. The audience burst into loud applause, and the greatest excitement prevailed. Colonel Jouaust said: "If this demonstration is renewed I will have the court room cleared. Have you anything more to say, Maitre Labori?"