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THE BIBLE TO BE ON MOVIE SCREEN

Proposal to Depict Old Stories to Retain Interest in the "Old Stories"

It has been said that the Bible is the greatest of romances. Now comes a proposition to put the great Bible stories—all of them—on the moving picture screen, and Frederick Thompson is the man picked to put them on. The plan has taken root, and that many of the most prominent clergymen and educators of the country are rallying to Mr. Thompson's side.

Evidence of this fact came when the Church and School Social Service Bureau, headed by the Rev. William Carter, D.D., Ph.D., and including among its officers Rev. Charles H. Parkhurst, Gen. E. A. McAlpin, and Dr. Josiah Strong, issued a circular letter asking for helpful suggestions along this very line, and hinting that Mr. Thompson was the man to co-operate with them. The letter read in part as follows:

"What do you think of the enclosed interview with Mr. Frederick Thompson, who made Lynn Park and the New York Hippodrome so famous? Do you feel that it would be to the best interests of the Church and School Social Service Bureau to have Mr. Thompson, with his marvelous creative genius, produce the religious motion pictures which he has thus outlined for our own organization, subject, of course, to the careful and reverent supervision of the advisory board as mentioned on this letterhead? Mr. Thompson is ready to go forward in this alliance if we so desire, and to bring to it not only his technical and practical knowledge, but also the high enthusiasm of deep desire of many years standing for the accomplishment of a life work that will tell for the greatest moral good."

An accompanying pamphlet sets forth this argument:

"Thomas A. Edison says that he believes there will be a moving picture machine in every schoolhouse within the next three years, and that most of the curriculum will thus be taught. In the church it surely is

necessary, not only for holding our young people, but also for impressing more definitely specific religious and moral instruction.

"We will have moving pictures of the great Bible stories centering around Abraham, Moses, Elijah, David, and the prophets—the classic stories of the Iliad, the Odyssey—Achilles, Hector, and Ulysses, and all the great heroes of mythology."

Little has been heard from Mr. Thompson since his return to the east, but that he has been working diligently upon this gigantic scheme is known to a few of his intimate friends. Mr. Thompson estimates that five years of continuous work will be required to complete the series he has in mind.

EVENTS OF A WEEK

IN PORCUPINE

Porcupine, Aug. 4.—Mr. Alex Miller, of Swastika is in town on business.

Mr. J. H. McLellan went to Porcupine Junction for the week end.

Mr. A. C. White has sold his Gasoline Launch to the Hoyle Lumber Co. at Keys and is fitting up his speeder for a pleasure boat.

Mr. W. O'Brien, of the Recording Office staff who has been holidaying in Toronto for the past few weeks returned home Monday evening.

Mr. J. J. Lowes, of Connaught spent the week end at his home in Porcupine, returning Monday.

Mr. Holt Pollock was in Matheson on Monday on business.

Mr. R. B. Hunter, of Fulton, N.Y., was a business visitor in town last week.

A happy event took place at the Presbyterian Manse, South Porcupine last Wednesday, July 28th, when Miss M. Childerhouse and Mr. R. M. Garrow were united in holy bonds of matrimony by the Rev. Mr. Malcolm. The happy couple are both well known in Porcupine, Mr. Garrow being the Postmaster here for the past four years. Their many friends wish them a long and prosperous married life.

COUNCIL AGAIN DISCUSS TIMMINS LIVERY LICENSES

Deputation of Townsmen Waited on Meeting Seeking for Protection in Their Business

For almost two hours a discussion took place at a meeting of the Timmins Town Council last Monday evening regarding the question of rates which should be paid in the form of licenses for livery businesses of the town and anything pertaining thereto.

This was following upon a deputation which waited on the Council at a previous meeting when the decisions were made to fix certain figures but, at that time, one or two Councillors told the deputation they might wish to have the amounts altered.

There were a number of local townsmen present to again bring the matter to the attention of the City Fathers who were presided over by Mayor Wilson with those present being Councillors A. R. Globe, C. Dalton, E. McCoy.

The master was first broached when one of the deputation referred the Council to a by-law passed two weeks previously, or decided to be passed, expressing the opinion that the figures then were thought to be high.

The Mayor—"I told you it was high when you were here."

In reply to this the spokesman said of course what they really desired was protection for bona fide livery owners living in the Town and intent on maintaining their business here. In the discussion various amounts were again suggested but eventually the deputation agreed that the following would be quite fair terms.

Livery License by-law \$75; Cab-driver's license \$1.00 per annum; Transfer of Livery License \$5.00; and accordingly this was known as By-Law 47, read to the Council and officially passed.

Similar steps were taken in regard to Carters' licenses when By-Law 48 was passed in the same way and will cover the following fees:—First single express, \$15; and each additional express \$5; first two horse or team express \$25; each additional express

\$5.00.

This seemed to satisfy the deputation and it was decided by Council that the fact of these by-laws being passed should be advertised in The Porcupine Advance, which is done this week.

Civic Holiday Declared.

In view of the fact that a big celebration day is arranged to take place at Cochrane on Wednesday next, August 11th, the Mayor of Cochrane in a letter to Timmins in June asked that the Mayor of Timmins declare the same here and a similar request was sent to South Porcupine where such declaration has been made. Mayor Wilson, of Timmins, however, did not receive the communication which Mayor Rothchild, of Cochrane, stated he had sent and accordingly nothing was done in Timmins. Realizing, however, that probably a good many Timmins citizens would wish to go to Cochrane, Civic Holiday is here declared at the wish of the Mayor, and posters have already been placed round town to that effect.

Adjourned Meeting.

A continuation of Monday's meeting was held Wednesday afternoon when there were present Mayor Wilson, Messrs. McCoy, Globe, Peters and Moore.

A question discussed at some length was in regard to the appointment of a poundkeeper and man to regulate the pound. This subject has been before the Council previously and a by-law on the matter having been prepared it was read three times and adopted by the Council, Messrs. McCoy, Moore and Peters being elected a contingent committee to see to the necessary appointment.

A week ago tenders were advertised for to do necessary stumping work on Cedar street at the order of the Council and these were submitted to Council by the Clerk, the prices ranging from \$100 to \$50. The latter was quoted by Mr. Brosseau who was accordingly awarded the work at that figure.

Accounts were ordered to be paid for work done at the house of the Fire Chief, viz. J. Blackwell \$14.75 and W. Bennett \$15.75.

The Works Committee were authorized to have the boilers at the Mattagami River station covered with asbestos cement. It was further decided that the Board of Works carry out in the nature of street improvements under the Local Improvement Act and that they be instructed to obtain properly signed petitions before proceeding with any improvement.

A by-law was carried confirming the appointment of Mr. J. W. Mahon as Town Solicitor at a salary of \$90 per month.

EASTLAND WAS A

"CRANKY" STEAMER

Was Opinion of Harbor Master
at Inquest Following Wreck of
Excursion Boat

Chicago, August 4.—Overloading under-ballasting and grounding on the river bottom to-day were cited in testimony at the coroner's inquest as reasons why the steamer Eastland toppled over Saturday at its wharf and drowned hundreds of excursionists. Adam F. Wreckler, harbor master, and Joseph R. Lynn, assistant harbor master, both of whom were present when the steamer capsized with 2,500 persons, its licensed capacity, aboard, in ascribing the accident to these causes, told the coroner's jury that the boat "was cranky" and should have never been permitted by government inspectors to carry more than 1,200 persons.

Captain Was Warned.

Harbor Master Wreckler testified that he arrived at the Eastland's wharf twenty minutes before the steamer was due to start, and saw that the boat was listing to port. He said he called to Captain Pedersen, of the Eastland to trim the vessel, shouting that he would not open the Clark Street bridge until the boat was righted.

Mr. Wreckler said the captain tried to right the ship, but she seemed unable to take water into the ballast tanks fast enough. The harbor master said the captain should have been able to fill them in from three to six minutes if nothing had been wrong with the valves.

"I never saw the Eastland loaded so heavily as it was Saturday morning," said Mr. Wreckler. "The boat first listed about seven degrees, then came back slightly and again started over, and kept on going. A boat that is difficult to handle under all circumstances is known as a cranky boat, and I have noticed that the Eastland was inclined to be cranky constantly."

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