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SPEEDY RECORD!

Made By the City Council of 1904 --- It Inaugurated Many Reforms in the Interests of the Citizens--- A Summary of Some Things It Has Done.

The statement has been made that the city council of 1904 has done more work in the interests of the citizens than its predecessors have for many years past. A review of the council proceedings for the past twelve months proves that the statement is true.

Collection of Taxes. One of the chief changes made in the system of collecting the taxes in March last, the finance committee made some recommendations concerning the early collection of statute labor and dog taxes which were not being paid in.

Fire Department. A good arrangement was made in regard to the placing of hydrants. Hereafter the fire and light committee, with the city engineer, will report as to the necessity and location. Then the water works committee will erect the hydrants, and the charge be made to the city.

County Accounts. A matter brought to the attention of the council early in January by Ald. Meek and Knapp was the necessity of closer investigation into the relations of the city and county. Of late it is held that the city has been paying too much to the county for various things in connection with the court house and registry office, and on motion of the above named aldermen, the council decided to request the county council to secure all work or supplies for court house or registry office, by tender, when the city is liable for the cost; that when the county properly committee confer with the city auditor by present when the county property committee is passing the accounts, which the municipalities are jointly interested. The wisdom of this can easily be seen. It is said that last year the city, under the old agreement, paid \$3,100 of the \$3,400 cost of jail maintenance. In view of this, it would be well for next year's council to consider the agreement and make some fair arrangement as to the proportion of expense to be paid by each municipality. The city has been getting the short end of the deal too long, and the matter having been opened by this year's council, it would be well to sift it to the bottom.

Other Things Done. The council re-arranged the polling sub-divisions of Frontenac, Rideau and Victoria wards, as the voters in some cases exceeded the legal 200. It appointed a special committee to report upon the amount of water power available for use near Kingston. It gave assistance to the petition of Queen's medical college for the establishment of a provincial pathological laboratory here. It gave co-operation to the petitions regarding the extension of the Rideau canal to Deser's Lake and for the reopening of the Wolfe Island canal. It discussed the proposal of Ald. Rasmussen to ask the government to erect a new post office or an examining warehouse on the spot between the present post office and custom house on Clarence street. A committee consisting of Aids. Behan, Mowat and Carson was appointed to discuss the matter with Hon. Mr. Hartly. This scheme having been broached, it should be pressed by the council of next year.

Deafness Cannot Be Cured. By local applications, as they cannot reach the diseased portion of the ear. There is only one way to cure deafness, and that is by constitutional treatment. It is caused by an inflammation of the mucous membrane of the Eustachian tube. When this tube is inflamed, it swells and the sound is entirely blocked. Deafness is the result, and unless the inflammation is taken out, and the tube restored to its normal condition, hearing forever is lost. Hearing is caused out of the ear, as shown by the fact that nothing but an internal condition of the mucous membrane. We will give One Hundred Dollars for every case of Deafness (except the kind that cannot be cured by all the Catarrh Cure. Sent for circulars to J. C. Wells, O. Sold by Druggists. Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

LIFE PRISONER WHO NEVER LOST HOPE OF RELEASE.

Matthew Jones, the life prisoner in Kingston penitentiary, just pardoned by the justice department, has served seventeen years for arson. The crime for which he has suffered was the burning of a barn near Saratoga. The only evidence against him was his being found drunk on the road about a mile from the fire and his having previously been in jail on a similar charge. Jones still declares he is innocent. The husband of Lambton county farmer took him to a tree at the time and were about to lynch him when he was rescued by the sheriff. Some of these men had been in the jail, and found him guilty. He was sentenced to life in the penitentiary. Jones is an expert shoemaker and worked at his trade in the penitentiary. His wife, who is white, and three children, has kept up the cottage home in Marine City, Mich., expecting every year that her husband would be proved innocent and released. His daughter, a student at the University of Michigan, has written him letters full of longings for his return and he had been promised from time to time speedy release. This man and his father were both born in Kingston and lived here for many years. Matthew spent his boyhood days within a mile of the prison in which he has suffered for so many long years for a crime which he claims he did not commit. His sorrows and suffering have turned his hair white, but he looked forward to a petition which was sent from Marine City, Mich., last year, bringing about his release.

A SUNDAY SCHOOL TREAT. St. George's Cathedral Children Celebrate.

The Christmas entertainment for St. George's cathedral Sunday school was a capital one, and reflects all sorts of credit on the entertainment committee. The first number were the choruses from "Pinafore," the crew of the good ship, looking smart in their naval uniforms, being made up chiefly of boys who are in the school, having resigned on April 25th. Ald. Meek introduced a by-law relative to the collection of taxes. In May, W. King was appointed to collect back taxes on the percentage plan and the result has been that out of \$34,000 overdue for several years, only \$5,800 remains unpaid.

Mrs. John Rockwell. Passed Away on Christmas Eve. In Duluth. Mrs. John Rockwell (formerly Miss Hilda McMillen) died on Saturday, 24th inst., at her home in Duluth, Minn. After having been in the hospital for several weeks, she was a number of years when she made a large number of friends, who will sorrowfully remember the sad news. She was a very capable and active woman in the home, and was a member of the W.C.T.U. and had charge of the legislative department of the Ontario Association. In Queen Street Methodist church she was a leader and helper and her business-like manner and pleasant ways attracted many to her side. In Toronto she was a member of the church, and was a devoted mother and a religious woman. A husband, a son and daughter survive. H. C. McMillen, Picton, was a brother of the deceased.

What is the Outlook in Aldermanic Circles. The News and Times calls upon the electors to support Hon. N. Robertson in St. Lawrence ward. Mr. Robertson served two years as alderman for Frontenac ward and D. J. Millan are out to win in Ontario ward. Both would look capably after the interests of the ward. Two tried men like Ald. Kent and Behan will again be returned in Ontario ward. The people should only be too glad to avail themselves of the services of two such faithful servants. In Frontenac ward, the present two representatives, Aids. Cooper and McFarlane, were presented to the electors. The other likely man is J. S. R. McCann.

Head of Four Generations. Maurice Egan, Woodstock, born in Cork, ninety-one years ago, living till the age of thirty-four in Plymouth, Eng., where he learned his trade as carpenter, settling in Kingston for two years, when he served as sergeant in the rebellion of '37, marrying here his wife, Miss Mary Madden, and moving to Woodstock, fifty-five years ago, has the distinction of being head of four generations.

A Creamy Food. Scott's Emulsion is cod liver oil prepared as a food—not a food like bread or meat, but more like cream; in fact, it is the cream of cod liver oil. At the same time it is a blood-maker, a nerve tonic and a flesh-builder. But principally it is food for tired and weak digestions, for all who are fat-starved and thin. It is pleasant to take; children like it and ask for more.

INCIDENTS OF THE DAY. Newsy Paragraphs Picked Up By Reporters On Their Rounds.

Read carefully the civic record and act as you deem best. Pretty New Year's gifts at cost price. Taylor Drug Co. Orders received at McAuley's book store. The thermometer registered about fifteen degrees above zero this morning. The electors are enthusiastically in favor of the return of Mr. Pense to the Ontario legislature. Have you a New Year's gift to make? Set what Chosen is selling in fancy goods and perfumery at cost. Three more statutes labor law delinquents were assessed an extra dollar each at the police court this morning. The deputy returning officers for Monday's elections will receive their instructions at the city clerk's office on Saturday evening. A gang of men were employed this morning clearing the car tracks from the penitentiary hill to Bowwood, and it was expected that a thorough service would be put on by night. Great sale of ready-made clothing before Christmas at Prevost's; men's assortment mens' overcoats, \$7.50; suits, all wool, \$5.50; wool pants, \$1.25; boys' Raglan overcoats, \$3.75. In the referendum on Monday to vote Yes, means that the ratepayer in and water plants; to vote No, means that he wants the civic control to remain as it is at present. The board of education candidates in St. Lawrence ward are hard at work among the electors, and a keen contest is anticipated. Dr. Anglin says he has lived thirty-three years in the ward and has at present three children in the schools. Ex-Alderman Craig says power can be brought to the city and sold for half the money now paid for it. If he is elected mayor it will be a strong endorsement for him to push the enterprise. Cheap power is a need if we want to keep in the race. The Methodist Magazine and Review for January begins its sixty-first volume and thirty-first year in an improved and somewhat enlarged form. Illustrated articles are a striking feature. Among those appearing are "The Lessons of the World's Fair," with twenty-two engravings. One convert to conservatism calls it "the gift of heaven" in his chats about civic administration; but all conservatives are self-denying, upright, noble citizens who seek to do public duty without any attempt at political benefits. But the record disproves the assumption. Employees of the gas works have been trying for several days to discover the source of a leak in the gas main near the corner of Union and Barrie streets. The leak is a very serious one and the gas has been finding its way through the sewer into the cellars of many houses in that neighborhood. The men started digging this morning at a spot where the leak is supposed to be.

COOK'S SUNDAY-SCHOOL. Has a High Tea, and Entertainment.

Cook's church Sunday school held their annual Christmas entertainment, on Wednesday evening, in their school room. Although the weather was rather unfavorable, yet a fairly large audience was present. The entertainment consisted of a tea to the pupils at five o'clock, followed by a concert in the evening. The concert, which was provided entirely by the pupils, was of a very pleasing nature, and was enjoyed by the electors. Diplomas were presented to eighteen pupils for being present every Sunday during the year, and to five who had only been absent once. A very interesting event during the evening was the presentation of a beautifully illustrated address and a handsome chair to Robert McFarlane, the oldest person engaged in the school's work. Mr. McFarlane was unable to be present owing to illness, and was represented by his daughter. Before dispersing a bag of confectionery, etc., was presented to the children of the school. The teachers, officers and friends held a little reunion after the audience had departed. Light refreshments were partaken of, followed by short speeches about the various phases of the school's work. Substantial donations for the poor were received during the evening; these will be distributed to-day.

"Toronto's Favorite Hotel." The years as they pass but add to the popularity of the Queen's hotel, Toronto. The hotel has been practically redecorated and refurnished. Every room contains hot and cold water, steam heating and long distance telephone. Rates are from \$2.50 per day and up, and with bath from \$3 up, 100 rooms with baths.

Crossing Impossible. Passengers were unable again, today, to get to and from Cape Vincent by crossing the south channel in all but the most impossible. It was doubtful if even the mail would be got over today, though an effort was to be made. With cold weather till Saturday, the stage route between Kingston and the Cape should be all right.

An Open Secret. Few don't know that "Swiss Food" is the best breakfast cereal. P. McIntosh & Son, millers, Toronto. Ex-Alderman Craig was a strong force in securing a graded system of wages for the firemen. He thought good men should be well paid.

Some people have the taking-cold habit. The old cold goes; a new one quickly comes. It's the story of a weak throat, weak lungs, a tendency to consumption. Ayer's Cherry Pectoral breaks up the taking-cold habit. It strengthens, heals. Consult your own doctor about this. J. C. Ayer & Co., Lowell, Mass.

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