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**THE WHIG'S LETTER BOX**

**A LAST WORD ON THE BIJOU INCIDENT.**

A Taxpayer Criticizes the Board of Works For Useless Expenditure—Another Word About County Clerk Edwards.

Kingston, Feb. 1.—To the Editor: Although the misrepresentation of the Kingston News, and tired of successfully refuting them, I must once more intrude upon your columns for the purpose of exposing the latest attempt of this advertising sheet to throw discredit upon the Bijou theatre, its manager and employees. I allude to the letter published in your paper yesterday by Reporter McFavish, of the News, in reply to the affidavits of John Cairns and Edward Pound—affidavits which I did not see until I read them in your columns, but for which I have no apology to make. The reporter, a boy of seventeen, scarcely out of school, quotes John Cairns as follows: "No investigation of the Bijou theatre was ever made by any reporter, or editor, of the News staff"; and this boy-reporter quotes from one of my letters as follows: "No member of the News staff ever made an examination of the building except possibly from his seat among the audience." Then the reporter quotes from John Cairns's affidavit, a so-called admission that he, the boy writer, was present in the operating room, etc. And the reporter, inspired, no doubt, by the editor, deduces from these three facts that the first two are false: Now, I repeat the first two facts, and I admit the third, and I will show that the deduction inspired by the editor is false and insincere, and that the avowal of Mr. Cairns and myself are true. The News accomplishes its remarkable feat of garbling and misrepresentation, first by suppressing the context of my letter, and secondly by suppressing the fact that its so-called investigation was made on December 9th, 1907. Permit me to quote the context which the News omitted: "Previous to the publication of these false and libellous articles (the fire-trap fabrication), no representative of the News ever called upon me for information. No chance was given me to refute the statements. No member of the News staff ever made an examination of the building, except possibly from his seat among the audience. Neither Publisher Newton or Editor Black made the slightest effort to verify their statements."

The whole paragraph referred to in the News fire-trap cannot be read in any other sense, and it clearly meant that no member of the News staff had investigated the exits and equipment. Now has the News denied that? Does it affirm that its reporter made an investigation of these conditions? Not at all. It picks out the sentence only, and takes advantage of the word "even," to place a false construction on my assertions.

"As to the statement of the Bijou man that no one of the News staff was in his place," writes Reporter Black, "except a member for a short time as part of the audience (observe the misquotation). The News has to say that the statement is incorrect, for one of our staff was in the house recently for an hour and the point of observation was alongside the operator, etc."

Now, what does this mean? If it means anything it is that this reporter was in the operating room at the Bijou for the purpose of investigating the exits and equipment. This impression which the News seeks to give is strengthened by its crafty use of the word "recent." John Cairns quite naturally and properly interpreted the word "recent" as being in relation to the fire-trap outbreak, and promptly and truly and properly denied the statement.

The boy-reporter, inspired by the editor, asserted that he had been in the operating room "at a recent date," etc., and that Mr. Cairns's denial was untrue. Now, why all this "recent date" nonsense? The News could easily have specified the date. Why did it not do so? Simply because the statement of the date would have punctured the bubble of misrepresentation which the News had blown. As a matter of fact the date as sworn to by Cairns and Pound was December 9th, and as the News confessedly based its fire-trap story on the St. Catharines' disaster which occurred about Jan. 14th, and published it on January 15th, it is evident that the boy, McFavish must have called at the Bijou on entirely different business, and that the pretended investigation of the exits and equipment "on a recent date" was purely fictitious.

As a matter of fact McFavish's visit related purely to the attack on the Bijou during the Freshmen's rush, and in no way concerned the exits and equipment. He made a feeble attempt to "pump" the operator, as to my refusal of information and went away, and this is the sole basis of the News's pretence that the exits and equipment of the Bijou were investigated by one of its reporters "at a recent date."

The only hypothesis on which Bro. Black can crawl out of the situation in which these facts place him is that his schoolboy reporter was really a man in knowledge and experience, that he was a finished and expert electrician—that this seventeen-year-old actor of the Clan McFavish, was really a cool-headed, crafty, far-seeing diplomat, that he knew that a fire in eight weeks there would be a fire in St. Catharines, and an outbreak from Brother Black, and that he kept a sharp lookout from the corner of his eye, measured the width of our exits, gauged the amperage of our current, estimated the capacity of our wires, sized up the resistance of our fuses, criticized the quality of our fire-proofing, noted the capacity of our switches, and stored it all away in that great McFavish brain, against the time when Bro. Black should have need of it. But, if this wonderful reporter got all this information—and no investigation would be any good without it, what did Bro. Black do with it all, when the time came? Certainly none of it got into the paper. If the News knew, through McFavish, that he had an a-s-t-o-r-e and from-

did operating room, why did Bro. Black not say so? If it knew we had the latest fire-prevention devices why did it suppress the fact. If it knew that we had two double exits in front why did it say we had only a single door? If it knew our rear exit was not reached through a hallway, why did it say it was? If it knew that we "had never complied with the underwriters' rules," why did Inspector Hanley certify that we had complied with them?

It seems to me that Bro. Newton and Bro. Black have placed themselves between the horns of a dilemma. Either their reporter was a capable one and made an adequate investigation, in which case the News deliberately suppressed it in order to discredit the theatre; or else the reporter was incapable and made no investigation, in which case the News's latest statements regarding McFavish are merely made to bolster a story which has been shown to be baseless, as far as the Bijou is concerned. Personally I don't much care which horn the News chooses.

Now as to the smoking, the boy-reporter asserts that he saw it done by an operator while working the machine. John Cairns and Edward Pound have made a declaration equivalent to an oath that this is untrue. In the light of the News's behaviour throughout this affair, I think it is unnecessary to say more.—ANNESLEY BURROWS.

(With this letter an episode which has done the local press little credit must close as far as the Whig is concerned.—ED.)

**A Misuse of City Money.**  
 Kingston, Feb. 1.—(To the Editor): I notice that the chairman of the board of works has appointed a committee of "specialists" for the purpose of purchasing a roadmaking plant, and as "specialists" are usually well paid for their "specialties," I desire to register a protest against such a silly and useless expenditure of municipal money.

The small sum of \$12,000 was voted for the express purpose of building, or improving roads, and not to be wasted in paying "specialists." At the same time, a roadmaking plant will cost about \$8,500 or \$9,000, and if the board of works, with the assistance of the city engineer, the "assistant engineer," and all the mechanics in the city's employment, are incapable of making so small a purchase, involving so small an amount, they are certainly in no way fit to be entrusted with the management of the city's affairs, and should be retained in the city's service.

When Ald. John Carson was chairman of works, he made, with the committee's aid, his own purchases, and I have yet to be convinced that the city suffered from his able and independent action.

In the name of common sense, what does the conservative council mean in thus abusing the privilege conferred upon it by the vote of the people, who in the passage of the \$12,000 by-law expected the whole of this small sum to be used in roadmaking alone?

If this is a criterion of what we must expect from the present council, what will be the condition of our finances at the end of the year?

His worship, Mayor Ross, should look in on the "camera" proceedings of the board of works, and block such a preposterous and unjust proposition as the paying of a board of purchase specialists.—TAXPAYER.

**Concerning The County Clerk.**  
 Mountain Grove, Jan. 31.—(To the Editor): "Medicine" in your issue of January 27th, thinks that I am a little too severe on Dr. Edwards's personality. Evidently he hasn't the welfare of the county at heart. I, with others, think that no man can justly give thought and attention to our county affairs who holds so many offices, as enumerated in your issue of the 30th inst., by "Elector."

He the "sore" a word of explanation. Mr. Avery, M.P., was elected township councillor, received a warrant, and thereby fully fitted and qualified himself for a member of parliament. Now, Dr. Edwards was never elected by the people for any position. He has simply been appointed county clerk, jail surgeon, etc. Mr. Avery was brought out by the township which gave a conservative majority which townships elected him, first, in a bye-election, then in a general election, in spite of the trick balloted brigades. Jealousy was not my motive, but the saving of the county council's deliberations.

It is unfortunate that the impression has gone abroad, that the county clerk should have summoned the council, a week earlier than the authorized time.—FARMER.

**Caught In The Storm.**  
 A van load of young people left the city Friday night for Westbrooke to attend a dance. The drive out was fine and the dance was better, but at four o'clock Saturday morning, when they started for home the real fun commenced. They got about three miles out and were forced to return as the horses could not pull the heavy sleigh through the snow. They returned to Westbrooke and had to stay there until Saturday morning, arriving back in the city on Sunday afternoon at four o'clock.

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**YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK**

**SPECIAL SERVICE HELD IN COOKE'S CHURCH.**

Observance of Young People's Day and Anniversary of Founding of Christian Endeavor Society—Address By Rev. Dr. MacTavish.

At Cooke's church, on Sunday, young people's day, and the anniversary of the founding of the Christian Endeavor society, was observed by a special service in the evening, when the pastor, Rev. Dr. MacTavish, gave a brief summary of the work of the Christian Endeavor society, and delivered a most inspiring address on "The Young People, and the Missionary Movement." The programme carried out was that issued by the general assembly of the Presbyterian church's societies in Canada, and the pastor's subject was that chosen by this committee. It is of interest to note that the Christian Endeavor society was organized twenty-seven years ago, Feb. 2nd, at Williston, church, Portland, Maine, and Rev. Francis E. Clarke, now at the head of the Christian Endeavor movement, was, at that time, pastor of the church. Rev. Dr. MacTavish referred to this and said that it was truly said that it was born of God. He knew of no other movement among the young people that had been so marvellously blessed. There were 65,000 societies, with 3,500,000 members. There had been marvelous growth. Many tributes had been paid to the good work of the societies by pastors. The testimony was almost unanimous, that the most beneficial organization in a congregation.

In dealing with the subject, "The Young People and the Missionary Movement," Rev. Dr. MacTavish said that one must recognize the fact that the church considered the importance of missionary work. As an evidence of this one had only to refer to the work of the women's foreign missionary society, the women's home missionary society, the young people's union, the Sunday school mission Students' Volunteer movement, the Laymen's missionary movement, and other organizations, all of which had the one object in view, that of the evangelization of the whole world. Young people should study missions, pray for missions, give to missions, and go for missions. For intellectual development there was nothing better than a course in mission study. By such study the sympathies of the young people would be broadened. Livingston had said, "Anywhere, provided it was forward," and his words should be remembered. By this step faith in the gospel, and the power of the gospel could then be better realized. He should not only study missions, but also pray. In the words of the Lord's prayer, "Thy Kingdom come," we had been praying for missions all our life, but perhaps we had not realized this. In this prayer we asked that the words of the missionary to the heathen might be very effective. There should be earnest prayer for the missionary who would leave home and friends to go among strangers in foreign lands. There should also be prayer for the young and old converts, and for those who are not converts.

There were 14,000 missionaries in the world, and each one was responsible for 65,000 souls. How often would the members of this congregation hear a service in the speaker was responsible for such a number? A

**DR. R. K. PATERSON.**

Dr. R. K. Paterson, of year '06, medicine, has completed the examinations of the English Conjoint Medical and Surgical board, by passing the final in January, and is now an L.R.C.P. (London) and an M.R.C.S. (Eng.). He was well-known at Queen's, having been captain of the senior rugby team, and won the championship in 1904. Dr. Paterson was a house surgeon both in the General and Rockwood hospitals.

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**THE SPORT REVIEW**

**QUEEN'S III AND CADETS II PLAY THIS EVENING.**

The 14th Team Preparing For Parkdale—St. Georges Likely To Meet Picton In Semi-Finals.

Queen's III will play their first game of the season at the Kingston Skating rink to-night, when they meet Cadets II in the first game to decide the championship of the district in the junior "intermediate series." The "Indians" have had lots of men out to practice and should be able to give the soldiers a good run. The game should be a good exhibition of junior hockey.

**14th And Parkdale.**

The 14th Regiment team will practice after the game to-night. The boys are bound to be in the best of shape for their game on Saturday night with Parkdale in Toronto. The locals feel confident that they can win out, but are going up prepared to put up a stiff fight. The men should all turn out to practice at every opportunity this week, as a practice when seven men are out is the only proper kind.

**St. Georges And Picton.**

The St. Georges junior champions of the eastern district of the O.H.A. will also practice at the rink to-night. The next game for the Saints will be in all probability be with Picton, the team that put the junior Frontenacs out of the running last season. With good practice and a little head work the Saints should put it over the Picton bunch.

**Many Hockey Games.**

Three games are scheduled for the rink this week: Monday, Queen's III vs. Cadets II; Wednesday, Cadets II vs. Queen's III; Friday, Queen's vs. McGill. Numerous city league games will also be pulled off on the open air rinks during the week.

**Still Another Team.**

A few days ago it was rumored that the clerks in the Kingston & Pembroke railway offices would organize a hockey team, and to-day the first announcement was made of the line-up. It is as follows: Goal, H. Free; point, E. Welch; cover point, M. Singleton; rover, R. Dickson; right wing, W. Mackie; left wing, R. Ward; centre, J. Welch.

**Sporting Notes.**

Picton and Port Hope are now tie in their junior hockey district. Arthur A. Irwin has signed a contract to coach the University of Pennsylvania baseball team this year. The Manitoba hockey league has dropped the charge against Baird of inflicting serious injury on Lannon and Serviss of Portage.

Hackenschmidt, of Russia, easily defeated Rogers, American, in the wrestling match at London, Eng., for the championship of the world. He got falls in 7 min. 35 sec. and 6 min. 45 sec.

The Montreal baseball club has been practically sold to home men. W. Strachan, a soap manufacturer, is the leading spirit and is forming a \$25,000 company.

It was Taylor and not "Marty" Walsh who put out Ross of the Montreal Wanderers at Sherbrooke. Walsh was penalized, but he was not the offender. The injury to Ross was purely accidental anyway.

Ottawa Free Press: By a fraction Russell Bowie of Victoria retains his lead among the goal bombardiers of the E.C.H.L. Marty Walsh, the Ottawa centre, is right on his heels. Bowie is a rover, but he comes in on the cage from all directions. He led the league last year and looks good to repeat it this. Marty Walsh's record is also a good one. He scores an average of 3.13 goals a game.

**CITY HAS TO PAY.**

The city has to pay for removing the snow off the streets to enable the street railway cars to operate. The railway company has merely to keep its tracks open. The city has to do the rest. This arrangement is under the new agreement made between the city and the company in July 1905. The company has the right of stopping its service if the city does not remove the snow from the sides of the tracks. The snowstorm will take quite a large sum of money from the coffers of the Board of Works. The citizens have thus a first touch of the kind of agreement the council would not let the electors report by vote upon the terms arranged.

**SECURED ENGLISH DEGREES.**

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