

TO PAVE TWO BLOCKS

The City Council Passes the Necessary By-law.

Ald. Graham and McKay Resign Their Seats—Ald. Toy's Resignation Refused—Mayor Couper's Services Appreciated.

The city council of 1910 has held its last meeting for the year. It had an hour and forty minutes session last evening, and adjourned after transacting a good deal of business. It ended its term of office by passing by-laws for the construction of two blocks of permanent roadways. To the council of 1910 belongs the glory of passing legislation by which it is now possible to go ahead and construct a certain area of permanent road pavement in Kingston. When the by-laws were passed, after strong pleading by Ald. Chown, the board of works chairman, who was ably seconded by Ald. Rigney, the members felt like joining some form of triumph, and would have done so had the mayor raised the tone. Ald. Carson started out to pepper one of the by-laws for road construction, but when he found that the exact type of pavement had not been decided upon, he joined in with the majority, and enabled the by-law to carry unopposedly. Without his vote the by-law could not have passed, as seventeen votes were necessary. Another feature of this council meeting was the receiving of a report upon utilizing the light plant exhaust steam for heating purposes. Next year's council will have to go into this matter, which may prove a paying investment for the city.

Then the two majority candidates, Ald. Graham and McKay, tendered their resignations which were accepted. Ald. Toy sent in his resignation but for the third time in as many years it was not accepted, as the council appreciates his services too highly to allow him to retire.

When all the business had been transacted, Mayor Couper remarked that it would be the last meeting of council in which he would have the pleasure of presiding this year. He appreciated the kindness of the aldermen during the two years he had been in the chair. Everything had passed off harmoniously, and he wished to thank them. The committees had all done good work. His worship said that people outside did not realize the amount of work done by the aldermen. During his term, he knew that the aldermen had worked faithfully. He hoped the street paving scheme would now go ahead, and make Kingston a hillier, prettier and cleaner city. In conclusion, the mayor wished the aldermen a Merry Christmas and a bright and prosperous New Year. He thanked the press for the fair reports given of the council proceedings and for the kind manner in which they had treated himself.

Ald. Rigney said he would like to have spoken before the mayor delivered his valedictory. However he desired to express, on behalf of the council appreciation of the courteous treatment of the mayor all year. Mayor Couper had served two years, and Ald. Rigney said it was his pleasure during that time to sit around the council board. During those two years there had been decided progress in the city's advancement. Mayor Couper had handled the council's affairs well. He had shown willingness, anxiety and zeal in furthering the city's interests, and Kingston had benefited by his worship's foresight. He reciprocated the mayor's feelings towards the other members of council, and wished him a New Year of prosperity and happiness.

Warm applause followed Ald. Rigney's speech. In response Mayor Couper said that in his humble way he had tried to do his best, and had not neglected any call of duty that he could possibly attend to. He had never failed to answer the smallest or the largest request which it was possible to grant.

General Business.

In attendance were Mayor Couper and Ald. Armstrong, Bailly, Carson, Chown, Hart, Harrison, Hoag, Kent, McKenna, McKay, McCartney, Rigney, Robertson, Clagston, Elliott, Gorman. These communications were read: Secretary local board of health enclosing copy of resolution re Queen street sewer. City solicitor, enclosing report of delegation re amendments to the assessment act. J. O. Hutton, asking for a share of the city's insurance. Arthur Gate, asking for contributions to the Free Library for the Blind, Toronto.

Ald. R. H. Toy, resigning his seat in Sydenham ward.

Women's Christian Temperance Union returning thanks for contribution to Campbellton fire sufferers. These recommendations of the finance committee were adopted: That \$3.20 be refunded to Miss McClellan on account of being charged for sewer entry in error. That on the advice of the city solicitor the sum of \$530 be paid to Mrs. Merrin as compensation for injury to her property by reason of the construction of the subway at the Grand Trunk station. That the sum of \$1,950 be placed to the credit of...

DAILY MEMORANDA.

Science dinner, Grant Hall, this evening.
Merrin-McCay Stock Co. Grand Opera House, 8:15 p.m.
City News by the Express Block, Wednesday night. Good bye.

WORKING DAY INCREASED.

Government Clerks Will Labor Half Hour Longer.

Washington, Dec. 20.—President Taft authorized his cabinet officers in their discretion to add half an hour to the working day of the 20,000 or more government clerks under their control. This is another move on the president's part in the interest of economy, and it has been taken in the face of the usual storm of protests that arise in Washington whenever the question of lengthening the hours for government employees has come up.

A great howl went up when President Roosevelt tackled half an hour to the government clerks' working day four years ago, making the closing hour in the afternoon at 4:30 o'clock. However, the half hour was added and everything went along as smoothly as before, with many thousands of dollars saved annually to the government. When a further addition to the working hours was suggested in President Taft's cabinet the hullabaloo began again.

TO FIGHT HARD

For Parcel Post Service in United States.

Washington, Dec. 20.—A parcel post will be one of the most important subjects that the present congress will have to deal with and the champions of this movement feel confident that some definite steps will be taken toward the establishment of this system before congress adjourns next March. The fact that both President Taft, in his annual message, and Postmaster General Hitchcock, in his annual report, have recommended the rural parcel post, has greatly strengthened their hopes, and they believe that if once a system is established for the rural districts, it will only be a short time before it is made general.

James L. Cowles, leader and secretary of the Postal Progress League, says that a vigorous campaign will be made this year in Washington to bring about the enactment of some parcel post legislation.

HELD UP GAMBLERS.

Man Who Demurred Jailed From Second Storey Window.

New York, Dec. 20.—Seven men walked into a tenderloin gambling club, held on the twentieth minutes and robbed them of all their money and valuables, amounting to several hundred dollars.

The leaders brushed past the lookout at the door, shouted "It's us!" and then fired a dozen shots over the heads of the members to cow them thoroughly. Only one man demurred. He chose instead to jump from a second storey window and was found lying on the pavement with a broken arm. Some shots were returned, and in the exchange another man was wounded by a stray bullet. The robbers fled down the stairs to the street, and the club members, who did not court the acquaintance of the police, followed swiftly.

GAMBLERS MADE THREATS.

Raised \$15,000 to Have Police Official Put Out.

New York, Dec. 20.—First Deputy Commissioner C. J. Driscoll told of a \$15,000 fund which, rumor had it, had been raised by a group of Harlem gamblers to have him "put out of the way."

The first deputy added that he did not believe that such a fund had been raised or would be raised, but said that he knew for a fact that the gamblers were circulating such a story.

Driscoll said that he told about the threats to do him merely to show what the gamblers were doing in the way of trying to stop him.

WINNIPEG MAN SHOT.

Policeman Trying to Take His Revolver Away.

New York, Dec. 20.—During a struggle on the Bowery for the possession of a heavy revolver, between Policemen Joseph McLaughlin and a young man who gave his name as Frederick Holmyard and said he was a member of the Winnipeg (Man.) Y.M.C.A., Holmyard was shot through the head behind the right ear, and is in a critical condition. The policeman was trying to get the gun away from Holmyard after the latter had fired a shot at the officer for no apparent reason.

U.S. COTTON YIELD.

Total Production for the Season 11,426,000 Bales.

Washington, Dec. 20.—The crop report from the board of department of agriculture estimates from reports of correspondents and agents of the bureau that the total production of cotton in the United States for the season of 1910-11 will amount to 5,461,587,000 pounds (not including lintless), equivalent to 11,426,000 bales of 500 pounds gross weight.

Widower's Kissing Costly.

Walla Walla, Wash., Dec. 19.—Evenly believing \$250 each two months to pay for kisses, Archibald Tidesington, of this city, recently convicted of luring Mrs. Elsie Van Zante, of Spokane, and taxed \$500 for so doing, has married Ethel McManis, of Tidesington, who was a widow, advertised for a governess for his children. Mrs. Van Zante answered the advertisement and came here from Spokane, March 10th, to take the position. On March 19th she says, her employer issued her telex. She at once brought suit, asking for \$5,000 damages, but the jury thought one tenth of this amount a fair price for the kisses, and awarded her \$500.

Tidesington has filed a motion for a new trial on the ground of new evidence.

BILL IN 1912

Postponement of Home Rule Measure

TO ACCEPT VETO

THE LORDS WILL LIKELY ADOPT THE BILL.

Unionists Considered to Have Lost Ground and Prestige—Mr. Balfour's Leadership—At Sixes and Sevens.

London, Dec. 20.—H. W. Massingham, editor of the Nation, writes: "The situation is perfectly clear and simple. The Liberal government is re-tuning with a clear majority to insure its being able to carry through its programme. The parliament bill will be passed and the lords will accept it. They will doubtless seek to introduce amendments, but finally they will bow to the inevitable and accept it. There is much cry and little wool in the Tory protestations of resistance of an outrage. Mr. Balfour himself admitted that the parliament bill will be passed and that the lords will do just as they did with the reform bill and several other measures they swore they would never accept, and then accepted."

"Home rule will not come upon the carpet before 1912. It is too early yet to make predictions in this matter, but probably the measure will be along federal lines.

"The unionists are a defeated party, and their prognostications of what they will do later are baseless. The facts are that they are losing ground in the country. The results they obtained in Lancashire were partly due to their juggling with tariff reform. Nowhere else, except in the west, where home rule fears probably influenced the vote, have they made any impression.

"In considering the question of majorities must not be lost of fact that the polling was on the old register, which was much more unfavorable to the liberals than to the conservatives.

"Although the unionists are in a losing cause and their future is not a brilliant one, Mr. Balfour cannot continue to lead them much longer, and whom have they to take his place? They are already at sixes and sevens on the referendum, the juggling with tariff reform having antagonized an important section of the party."

CHICAGO'S LATEST

HOTEL FOR TRAMP DOGS AND CATS SUGGESTED.

Women Found Hostelery at Cost of \$20,000 to Take Care of Waifs of the Street.

Chicago, Dec. 20.—Tramp dogs and cats in Chicago are to have a \$20,000 hotel, the gift of society women who are interested in the work of decreasing the suffering of dumb animals. Members of the Anti-Cruelty Society are active in the movement, but others will aid the project.

At a special meeting of the Anti-Cruelty Society, \$8,000 was pledged in a few minutes as a nucleus for the hotel fund. If a suitable building cannot be found the hotel will be erected, probably on the north side. The names of the donors and the amounts they subscribed have not been disclosed, but there were three or four \$1,000 subscriptions.

The meeting was held at the home of Mrs. R. Hall McCormick. Others present were Mrs. H. I. Hamlin, Mrs. Henry Askin, Mrs. Norwood Pierce, Mrs. S. Cobb Coleman, Mrs. Herbert S. Stone, Mrs. Ira M. Cole, Mrs. C. G. Snow and Mrs. S. R. Tabor.

DIES FROM EXPOSURE.

Victor Oliver, Who Had Hands and Feet Frozen.

Brandon, Man., Dec. 20.—Victor Oliver, of Deleau, who was brought here, last Friday, with his hands and feet frozen, died in the hospital. Oliver had been loading hay in the marshy district near Deleau and was far from any habitation when the team ran into the snow, where he remained in the bitter cold all night. When found the next day his feet and hands were badly frozen.

FARMERS' BANK CLOSED.

Temporarily Put Out Because of Publicity.

Toronto, Dec. 20.—The Farmers' Bank doors here are closed, and payments have been suspended. Secretary Knight, of the Canadian Bankers' Association, Montreal, has gone to investigate the affairs of the Farmers' Bank. General Manager Travers says the bank has been temporarily put out of business by the publicity following the trial at Lindsay.

Whistle Brings Doves to Feed.

Watertown, N.Y., Dec. 20.—Through the kindness of "Jake" Miller, proprietor of a news room on Public Square, a number of doves that hover about the centre of the city no longer worry about their "three square meals" a day.

Mr. Miller feeds the doves regularly and now they have learned to be on the watch for grain.

A lone, small whistle from Mr. Miller is all that is necessary for him to attract the flock.

APPOINTED CURATOR.

G. T. Clarkson Will Take Charge at Once.

Toronto, Dec. 20.—While nominally the Farmers' Bank suspension is for ninety days only, it is thought here that the institution will never open again. Despatches from various cities where the bank did business indicate that the depositors are not making any kind of excitement. It is supposed that most of them have quietly drawn out their money during the last few days, and that there is very little on deposit at present.

Under the authority of the Canadian Bankers' Association, Geoffrey T. Clarkson, of Clarkson & Sons, was appointed curator, to-day. He will take charge immediately. No statement has been given out yet as to affairs of the institution.

THE LAST RETURNS.

The Parliament of King George Is Complete.

London, Dec. 20.—The returns from three constituencies, the polling of which took place, yesterday, and brought to a close the general election for the first parliament of King George V., were announced to-day.

James Gilhooly, who, as an O'Brienite, who long represented the west division of Cork county, was one of those returned, adding one to the independent-nationalists' total. Gilhooly defeated D. O'Leary, nationalist.

In the south division of Kilkenny county, M. Keating, nationalist, was another re-elected.

BURNED BY METAL.

The Hot Stuff Was Scattered About the Shop.

Bellefonte, Ont., Dec. 20.—J. Connell, B. J. Conway, A. Deucevoti, H. Davidson and R. Muir employed in the moulding shop of the Marsh and Henthorne Foundry, here were all more or less burned by molten metal this morning.

The spout of the cupola, where the metal is blown out scattered it about the shop and broke some panes of glass in the skylight. Muir was more seriously injured than his fellow employees.

MENTAL DELUSIONS.

The Plaintiff Had to be Closely Confined.

Guelph, Ont., Dec. 20.—In an action brought this morning by George F. Flath against Dr. Hobbs for alleged illegal detention in Homewood sanitarium, the plaintiff alleged that he was handicapped and at times in danger of death.

Dr. Hobbs replied that Flath was subject to many mental delusions and at times he had to be closely confined. Flath this morning conducted his own case and caused much excitement.

OLD PLAN SUSPENDED.

On All But Properly Equipped Cars.

Toronto, Dec. 20.—The pay-as-you-enter system has been suspended on all but properly equipped cars in Toronto. The railway company has been indicted, on three counts, for badly equipped cars.

A Youthful Hero.

Lima, Ohio, Dec. 20.—In a concerted effort at escape from the county jail this afternoon four prisoners went their way to freedom after a murderous assault on Sheriff Van Guren. Standing over his father's senseless body, the sheriff's fifteen-year-old son held the remaining six convicts at bay with an empty rifle until help came.

The Buzz Saw Burst.

London, Ont., Dec. 20.—Norman Kimball died, this morning, at Victoria hospital, making the second victim of an accident when a buzz saw burst on a farm near here. His face and head were terribly lacerated. Dickerson, the other victim, died instantly.

To Cost \$13,000,000.

Montreal, Dec. 20.—It is understood here that the tender of the St. Lawrence Bridge company to build the Quebec bridge, for thirteen million dollars, has been accepted.

An Auto Fatality.

New Orleans, Dec. 20.—One woman occupant was drowned, and her five male companions escaped, when an automobile, driven at terrific speed, crashed over an embankment and dashed into twenty feet of water.

Called to Cleveland.

Toronto, Dec. 20.—Rev. W. A. Cameron, pastor of Bloor street Baptist church, has received a call to Euclid avenue church, Cleveland. This is Rockefeller's church.

C. P. R. Traffic.

Montreal, Dec. 20.—C.P.R. traffic for the week ending Dec. 14th, 1910, was \$1,899,000. For the same week last year it was \$1,745,000.

Fire on Tuesday gutted Bowles' stores, Guelph, and adjoining places, with a loss of from ten thousand to twelve thousand dollars.

The Winnipeg street railway strike situation is quiet, after riotous scenes on Monday night. There was some stone throwing.

Francis Kniffen, Detroit, Mich., was found dead in bed with a bed split open. His widow Nettie Kniffen, was taken into custody by the police.

The German government has introduced in the Reichstag far-reaching amendments to the patents bill.

The old bell line was reopened by the G.T.R. from Fairbank Junction to Yonge street, Toronto.

A new pipe organ costing \$1,800 is being installed in the Kempsville Methodist church.

A good deal depends upon the dress-when it comes to salads and girls. Fry's chocolates, Soc. J. Crawford.

FELL ON BODY

Of His Father Who Had Been Murdered

IN BOARDING HOUSE

A NEW YORK CRIME BROUGHT TO LIGHT.

Other Dead Through the Great Power Plant Explosion—Sensational Escapes of Residents in Adjacent Tenements.

New York, Dec. 20.—Returning to his boarding house, after a prolonged absence, Ambrose Wilson, a New Jersey business man, stumbled over his aged father's body. The old man had apparently been murdered by a dagger stuck in his neck. The police hold the landlord and landlady charged with the murder.

One man, a watchman, perished in the flames and two firemen were severely injured in fires which destroyed factories in the populous districts in the heart of the city, early this morning.

There were many sensational escapes down ladders and fire escaped by scantily-clothed residents of adjacent tenements.

It has developed, as a result of investigation that a slippery rail was probably the initial cause of the explosion which wrecked the power house and caused terrible loss of life and injury.

Owing to the greasiness of the rails, the motorman was unable to stop an electric train, which crashed into the power house, smashing the gas pipe which allowed the gas to escape into the basement, where it was ignited and exploded by an electric spark.

DOINGS AT THE Y.M.C.A.

Junior Leaders' Corps—Holiday Week Programme.

At the recent examinations, in anatomy, Bible study and gymnasium work for admittance into the Junior Leaders' Corps of the local Y.M.C.A., the following boys were successful: A. McBroome, G. McBroome, W. Simmons, E. Simmons, of the junior class; D. Douglas, B. Barnum, R. McGivillary, of the collegiate boys; C. Esford and W. Leach, of the business boys. The annual Leaders' Corps supper and election of officers will take place the first Saturday in January.

The boys of the Y.M.C.A. have formulated a programme for the week between Christmas and New Year's which will keep them pretty busy.

On Friday, December 23rd, at 7:00 a.m., the juniors will have an athletic competition for the block letter "A". In the afternoon of the same day the collegiate boys will hold their tests. On Wednesday, December 28th, at 7:30 p.m., the collegiate boys will hold aquatic tests for the aquatic "A". In the evening the business boys will have their aquatic tests. On Thursday, December 29th, at 10 a.m., the juniors will have their aquatic tests; in the afternoon the collegiate boys will try for the apparatus "A," and on Friday morning the juniors will try for the apparatus "A."

On Thursday evening, December 29th, the whole boys' division will have one big sleigh drive, returning to the Y.M.C.A. building for a grand bean supper.

As every boy has a chance in being taken, and it is expected that every member will "line up" when the white tie toots.

"What We Have, We Hold."

George Mills & Co. are exhibiting in one of their large show windows a moving lion, standing on a British flag. An appropriate card accompanies it with the following wording: "We have the largest fur trade in Kingston—what we have, we hold." The display is very unique and is attracting a lot of attention.

Does Not Attend Contagious Cases.

According to a resolution of the board of health, the medical health officer is not required to attend on contagious disease cases. He merely receives the report of the patient's attending physician, and directs what is to be done in the way of isolation, etc. He sees that the public is protected from contagion.

Sparrow Was Found Dead.

In connection with the finding of the dead body of James Willis, at the city gas plant, Tuesday morning, there was another very sad incident, in that one of the men peering up a dead sparrow in the same gas plant. Willis was discovered in the same room for the same purpose as in for.

Mass Installation.

The local Masonic lodges will hold a joint installation ceremony on the 27th, at 6 p.m. at W. Bros. R. G. Graham, D.D.G.M., Gananoque, will act as installing master. The banquet will begin at 8:30 o'clock.

The Canadian Pacific and Grand Trunk railway will go to the privy council in a protest against the provincial legislation, which compels them to print tickets, sold in Quebec, in both French and English.

A mine of gold, silver and copper, each in paying quantities is revealed in the County of Portland, fifty miles from the Canadian Northern R.R. to east of Halifax. Assayed \$17.50 to the ton. Access is easy.

That Montreal is to have a first-class dry dock built by Vickers, is the announcement by C. C. Ballantyne, of the Harbour Commission.

Jumped From Tenth Floor. Buffalo, Dec. 20.—Henry F. Allen, seventy-three years of age, an attorney and formerly a judge of the court of claims, jumped from the window of his office on the tenth floor of the Mutual Life building. Every bone in his body was broken. Mr. Allen had been suffering from nervous prostration for several weeks.

WEATHER PROBABILITIES.

Toronto, Ont., Dec. 20, 10 a.m.—Ontario Valley and Upper St. Lawrence—Turning cold, with light snow falls. Wednesday fair and decidedly colder.

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LADIES, if you want to buy him a tie come to

STEACY'S

MARRIED.

LAWRENCE—WHITTEY—At Waterloo, N.Y., on Saturday, May 7th, 1910, by Rev. J. Foster Wilcox. Charles Lawrence, son of Mrs. Lucy Lawrence, 191 Brook Street, Kingston, to Miss Blanche Whittey, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. DePaulville, N.Y.

DIED.

VILLIS, in Kingston, on Dec. 20th, 1910, James Willis, aged 46 years. Funeral, conducted by Rev. W. F. Fitzgerald, will take place from his late residence, 113 Clerg Street, Thursday morning, at 10 o'clock, to Catarauqui Cemetery. Friends and acquaintances are respectfully invited to attend.

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Stockings at 40 cents.
Stockings at 50 cents.
Stockings at 75 cents.
Stockings at \$1.00.
Stockings at \$1.25.

Jas. Redden & Co.

Over \$63,000 in Dues.

Toronto, Dec. 20.—As a Christmas present to Hon. Col. Mattson, the succession dues for December promise to be double what they were in November. Already \$63,462 has come in, an increase of \$22,500 over the whole of last month. The largest was \$16,417 from the estate of the late Bennett Rosmond, of Almonte, which was charged seven and a half per cent., as it went to a grandchild.

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