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## TO PAVE TWO BLOCKS

### The City Council Passes the Necessary By-law.

#### Ald. Graham and McKay Resign Their Seats—Ald. Toye'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 roadway. To the council of 1911 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, a strong plea by Ald. Chown, the board of works chairman, who was ably seconded by Ald. Rigney, the alderman felt like singing some strains 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 unanimously. Without his vote the by-law could not have passed, as seventeen voters 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 mayoralty candidates, Aids. Graham and McKay, tendered their resignations which were accepted. Ald. Toye 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 resign.

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 thanked the committees. The committees had all done good work. His wish was 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 still 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 it had treated him.

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 these 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 wise and foresightful. 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 duty which he could possibly attend to. He had never finished upon the smallest or the largest request which it was possible to grant.

#### General Business.

In attendance were Mayor Couper and Aids. Armstrong, Bailey, Carson, Chown, Hartley, Harrison, Hoag, Kent, McKay, McKay, McCartney, Rigney, Robertson, Clugston, Elliott, Green, and Toye. These communications were read: Secretary local board of health enclosing copy of resolution re Queen street sewer.

City solicitor, enclosing report of delegation re affidavits 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. Toye, resigning his seat in Stuyvesant ward.

Women's Christian Temperance Union requesting funds for contribution to Campbellton fire sufferers.

These recommendations of the finance committee were adopted: That \$5.20 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 \$500 be paid to Mrs. Meritt in compensation for injury to her property by reason of the construction of the subway at the sum of \$1,050 be placed to the credit of the city.

#### DAILY MEMORANDA.

8 o'clock dinner, Grant Hall, 11th evening.

Merry-making, Palace Co. Grand Opera House, 12 o'clock.

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 30,000 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 arises in Washington whenever the question of lengthening the hours for government employees has come up.

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The water works and light, heat and power committee reports as outlined in another column, were passed.

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## 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 returning 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 to 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 sight must not be lost of the fact that the polling was on the old register, which was much more favorable to the liberals than to the conservatives."

"Altogether 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 reared, 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. L. 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 away. He became exhausted and fell 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.

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## 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 elections 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.

Belleville, Ont., Dec. 20.—J. Connel, R. J. Conway, A. Draycott, H. Davidson and R. Muir employed in the moulding shop of the Marsh and Thornton 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 Cosily Confined.

Guelph, Ont., Dec. 20.—In an action brought this morning by George P. Flath against Dr. Hobbs for alleged illegal detention in Homewood sanitarium, the plaintiff alleged that he was handcuffed 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.

### Limbo, Ohio, Dec. 20.—In a concerted effort to escape from the county jail this afternoon four prisoners won their way to freedom after a murderous assault on Sheriff Van Gurten. 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 Hurt.

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.—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 Bowler's 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 his head 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 bill line was responded by the G.T.R. from Fairbank Junction to Yonge street, Toronto.

## 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 held 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-clad residents of adjacent tenements.

It has developed, as a result of investigation that a slipped 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. Barham, R. McCallvary, of the collegiate boys; C. Esford, 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, 10 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 2 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 struggle.

As every boy has a chance in these tests quite a lot of interest is being taken, and it is expected that every member will "hiss up" when the whistle 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.

### Don't 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 picked up a dead sparrow in the same room where Willis was discovered. The bird flew into the room for protection—for the same purpose as Willis came in for.

### Masonic Installation.

The local Masonic lodges will hold a joint installation ceremony on the 27th, at 8 p.m. R. W. Bro. R. G. Graham, D.D.E.M., Gannock, will act as installing master. The installation 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 located in the County of Portland, fifty miles from the Canadian Northern R.R. to east sample assayed \$17.50 to the ton. Asses is east.

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

A good deal depends upon the dress in which it comes to table and table. Fry's chocolates, 20c. J. Crawford.

## WEATHER PROBABILITIES.

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

## COME ONE COME ALL

### TO THE GREATEST HARVEST OF Christmas Novelties

### KINGSTON HAS EVER KNOWN.

