

COMPANY CLAIMS RIGHT TO APPROVE OF BLOCKS

Used in Street Railway Track Allowance.

THE BOARD OF WORKS

SEEMS TO HAVE MISINTERPRETED AGREEMENT

City Council Refers Matter Back.—It is held that the City Engineer should advise as to the type of block to be used.

The Board of Works will again have to deal with the question of the type of block to be used on Princess and King streets. According to the city council discussion on its recommendation with regard to referring the block question to the Montreal Tramways chief engineer, it seemed that the board had misinterpreted the agreement between the city and the street railway company, and that the latter had to approve of the block to be used. The view was also advanced that it was the city engineer who should advise the council as to what kind of block that should be used, and not T. H. Mather, of Syracuse, N.Y., who was only engaged to assist the engineer in preparing plans and specifications for the street railway work.

The following letter was received from J. L. Whiting, K.C., solicitor for the street railway company: "As we understand that you propose to submit to the chief engineer of the maintenance of ways of the Montreal Tramways, Limited, the type of block to be used on Princess street, I would call your attention in behalf of the street railway company to the provisions of clause eleven of the contract. Under its terms, the type of block is to be approved by the railway company, (the word improved being inserted by mistake for approved) The Montreal engineer is empowered to decide any dispute as to the method of construction and as to this I understand there is no dispute. The type of block is not a matter for his decision."

The recommendation of the Board of Works was as follows:

Committee's Report.—That whereas the result of the conference between Thomas. H. Mather, engineer for the corporation of the city of Kingston, and Prof. Kirkpatrick, engineer for the Kingston street railway company re. the type of block to be used for the track allowing in connection with the paving of King and Prince streets, has been to the effect that Mr. Mather has recommended vitrified brick and Prof. Kirkpatrick recommended wood brick, that this matter be submitted to the chief engineer of maintenance of the Montreal Tramways company for a decision.

Ald. Elliott wanted to know what was to be referred, and also what it was to cost. He also wanted to know who was city engineer. Mr. Mather engaged as engineer, merely to assist the council and the city engineer. If he was to assist the latter, then Ald. Elliott claimed the recommendation of Mr. McClelland should be taken.

Ald. Graham, who represented the Board of Works report in the absence of Ald. Fair, read the report of the agreement regarding Mr. Mather, and admitted that he was appointed to assist the city engineer. As to the character of the block, Ald. Graham held that the city had the right to choose whatever block it desired, for it had to maintain the roadway. Ald. Graham took the view



ALD. J. W. LITTON. Announces himself as a mayoralty candidate.

that no reference had to be made to the Montreal Tramway engineer as to the type of block.

Ald. Ross wanted to know if there was any disagreement between the city and the company with reference to the type of block. He could see none. There was nothing on record to show it.

Mayor Rigney pointed out that the Board of Works has never recommended to council any particular block.

Ald. Graham claimed that the city engineer should first have recommended the type of block before he drew the plans and specifications.

Ald. Couper pointed out that the city engineer had made a report to the block that should be used, and the Board of Works refused to consider it.

FAMOUS BEAUTY SUES FOR MILLION

Brings Action to Break Million-Dollar Will, Which Disinherits Her.

New York, Dec. 22.—Alicette Anne De Carriere, famed for her strange attraction, and known Europe over as the "Bessarabian beauty," has brought suit to break the million dollar will of the late Nelson Taylor, who killed himself when the famous beauty shattered his romance and left him alone after three years of happiness. She claims to be his widow, and will specifically disinherit her.

OUTPUT SHOWS INCREASE

Shipments From State Owned Mines Almost Double.

St. Paul, Dec. 22.—Shipments of iron ore from state owned mines in 1913 totalled 2,860,190 tons, almost double those of 1912, according to figures given out by the state auditor's office. The 1912 output was 1,446,736 tons.

The increase in the state owned mines is more than two-thirds that of all mines in the three Minnesota ranges. The total shipments for 1913 was 36,195,187 tons, and in 1912, 34,102,270 tons.

Viscount a Deacon.

London, Dec. 23.—Viscount Mountmorros was ordained deacon of the Church of England, and appointed curate of Hyde, Isle of Wight. Viscount Mountmorros, who is forty-one years of age, is married and has one daughter. His heir-apparent is his cousin, who is a clergyman.

Christmas Eve, my friends, when the shepherds, who were poor travellers too, in their way, heard the angels sing.

"On earth, peace, Good will toward men!"

BANK ROBBERS LEET BILL

Tried To Hold Up Bank of Ottawa At Vancouver.

Vancouver, B.C., Dec. 23.—Two robbers Saturday entered the Robson street branch of the Bank of Ottawa in this city, but failed to get away with any money. In fact, they left a small souvenir in the shape of a ten-dollar bill. It was just after the bank opened at ten o'clock that two young men approached the teller's desk and pushing through a ten dollar note, asked for change. The teller reached for the cash and, at the same moment, each of the two men produced a revolver and commenced shooting. The teller ducked under the counter. The robbers fired five shots and tried to reach the bills, but could not.

People in the neighborhood began to rush towards the bank and the robbers, still firing, started away. They escaped in the fog, which was heavy, at the time. The bank still has the ten dollar bill brought in by the robbers.

Great variety Club Bags, Leather Suitcases, Christmas Gifts, Toronto prices, Dutton's.

Special Suits, \$1.50, Dutton's.

SAVED BY BIBLE. Bullet Fired At Anti-Saloon Crusader Was Deflected.

Blairsville, Pa., Dec. 23.—A deliberate attempt to assassinate Rev. Dr. R. E. McClure, pastor of the Blairsville United Presbyterian church and president of the Indiana County Anti-Saloon League, failed late last night when a bullet fired at the minister penetrated a Bible which he carried under his arm, and made a slight abrasion upon Dr. McClure's left side. The authorities are searching for two men, one of whom fired two shots at the clergyman and who dropped his hat in escaping.

Dr. McClure had made a sick call and was returning to his home. He visited his church to secure his Bible, which he left there after prayer meeting services. As the minister reached the street leading to his home a whistle sounded and one of two men raised a revolver and fired. The bullet went wild. The minister picked up a stone, hurled it at the men and ran toward them. As the assailants retreated, the one with the revolver fired a second time, this bullet tearing through the minister's Bible and clothing. Both men then fled.

KAISER HAS AGED IN PAST FEW MONTHS

The Year 1913 Has Left a Deep Mark on His Countenance.

Berlin, Dec. 23.—Many persons who have seen the kaiser recently have observed that the year 1913 has left a deep mark on his countenance. The monarch has aged tremendously in the past few months. It looks as if the cares of state and the interests of his family never rested so heavily on his shoulders. Those who saw the kaiser last week for the first time in three months, noticed that his hair has grown very grey and thin; his face is thin and haggard, and bears the lines of care.

Among the worries which have affected him has been the political situation, efforts to maintain peace and prevent the extension of the war in the Balkans, the Zeebrugge incident, and efforts made in the press and the Reichstag to bring about the dismissal of Dr. Von Bethmann-Hollweg, the imperial chancellor. Maximilian Harden, probably the best informed publicist in Germany, hints in an article on the subject of the kaiser, the "Black family cares, worries and annoyances."

THE GREAT MEANING.

Phillips Brooks, D.D.
Lift up your eyes to the great meaning of the day, and dare to think of your humanity as something so divinely precious that it is worthy of being an offering to God.
Count it as your privilege to make your offering as complete as possible, keeping nothing back, and then go out to the pleasures and duties of your life, having been truly born anew into his divinity, as he was born into our humanity on Christmas day.

PEERS IN BUSINESS

Has Started Artificial Teeth Society In London.

London, Dec. 23.—Lord Haldon, who has started an artificial teeth society with Lady Haldon in Oxford street, is only another member of the upper house who is also a business man.

Lord Londonderry is, strictly speaking, a coal merchant, and the carts bearing his name are often seen in the streets of London. Lord Rayleigh's milk shops are well known in the west end, and a former Lord Hampden was in the same trade.

FATAL PARASITE IN UNCOOKED PORK

Washington Sends Out Warning Against Eating of Raw Products.

Washington, Dec. 23.—To prevent the spread of trichinosis, a dread disease little known to the American people, the department of agriculture issued a warning against the consumption of raw or uncooked pork products, the declared source of the malady. In many districts of the country, particularly in sections with large foreign populations, the state meat said, large quantities of pork are consumed during the Christmas season, resulting frequently in cases of serious impaired health, if not in fatalities.

The department asserts that during November and December, 1911, there were fifty-eight cases of trichinosis fatal to man, and that in one California community. In one instance the disease was traced to sausage, eaten in an uncooked condition. Other outbreaks of the disease with many fatalities are cited.

The disease is caused by a parasite or worm, microscopic in size, found in hog flesh, and there is no known effective method of treatment. Statistics based upon inspections by government scientists during a period of nine years show that 1.41 per cent. of the eight million hogs examined were infested with trichinosis.

Fine old ports and sherries in wood and bottles at McFarland's.

MAYOR RIGNEY Has Invited Santa Claus to Visit Kingston.

OLD SANTA CONSENTS AND WILL HOLD FORTH IN CITY HALL

On Wednesday Afternoon When All Children, Under Eight Years of Age, Are Invited by the Mayor To Be Present.

The Whig learned on Tuesday morning that Santa Claus would be in Kingston very early on Christmas eve, and one of the reporters was referred to Mayor T. J. Rigney, whom it was said, had first-hand information regarding the visit of old "Santa."

The chief magistrate in the city hall. Here the first thing that attracted the reporter's attention was a large Christmas tree, around which Mrs. Rigney, her children, and a number of assistants were decorating the cedar. The mayor was standing by admiring the progress with the city clerk.

"Yes," replied the mayor to the query. "Santa will be here at five o'clock to-morrow afternoon." All children of the city under eight years of age have been invited by his worship, who retires from office in a couple of week's time, to assemble in the city hall at five o'clock on Wednesday afternoon on the occasion of the arrival of Santa Claus. That is the hour at which he is to make his appearance. He will remain for about one hour, and will likely distribute gifts from the tree. This is the mayor's Christmas tree, and he invites all the people to be present to greet their old favorite, Santa Claus.

PUT MONEY IN OVEN WIFE STARTED FIRE

And All That Was Left of \$300 Was Fifteen Charred One-Dollar Bills.

St. Catharines, Dec. 23.—When Edward Servos, of Youngstown, N.Y., just across the river from Niagara-on-the-Lake, left home for Lewiston yesterday, "baked" his three hundred dollars in bills in the oven of the kitchen stove. His wife, returning unexpectedly, started to cook some biscuits for supper, and when Servos returned all he could rescue from the burning of his three hundred, was fifteen charred one-dollar bills.

SECURED A HOT PUNCH

FOR THE WIFE OF MAN ON "PROHIBITED LIST"

Wife Did Not Get the Liquor, However, and Man Who Secured Liquor and Member of the List Were Both Fined.

The story that George Smith told the magistrate on Tuesday morning, when he was charged with securing liquor for a member of the "prohibited list," did not go with the court, and he was fined \$15 and costs, or twenty days. The poor unfortunate on the list was taxed \$10 and costs.

Smith stated that he secured the liquor for his friend as he had a sick wife.

"I got it so that she could have a hot punch," he said.

The man on the list had a different story to tell, however. He said that Smith suggested that the two secure a bottle of whiskey, as the weather was rather cold. He secured the money to buy the liquor and gave it to the man who was not very long in delivering the wet goods.

"I'll swear that I never knew he was on the list," said Smith, striking his fist on the railing of the prisoners' dock in quite a dramatic fashion. His little speech did not alter the magistrate's opinion.

A strange dropping into the court might have imagined that he was in some foreign land, as for a time there was some great "jabbering" in the case of Evan Shelgon, an Austrian, charged with stealing \$70 from his room mate, a fellow-counterman, Michael Schiro. The two men have been boarding at the old Brunswick hotel, Ontario street, and Schiro alleged that last Friday night, while he was asleep, some peggion entered his room and robbed him of \$70. He had the money in a small bag, which was tied around his neck. He charged Shelgon with the theft, but the latter strongly denied the charge. An interpreter was present to put the court right on the evidence, but after about half an hour was spent in hearing details an adjournment was made until Monday next.

The adjournment was made owing to the fact that another Austrian, whose first name is Peter, is alleged to have been seen coming out of Schiro's bed room. Peter will have to explain his movements on the night of the theft.

The case of a merchant, charged with having a sign in front of his place of business which does not conform with the law, was further enlarged for a week. The council passed a by-law relating to signs Monday night, but it is understood that Fire Chief Armstrong is opposed to the sign complained of. The city

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BORN.

JONES—In Kingston, on Dec. 20th, 1913, Mary, widow of W. H. D. Jones, a son.

NEVILLE—At Kerrobert, Sask., on Dec. 21st, 1913, to Dr. and Mrs. J. D. Neville, a son.

McBROOM—In Washburn, on Dec. 22nd, 1913, Henry McBroom, aged 81 years. Funeral notice later.

SOWERBY—In Murvate, on Dec. 22, 1913, Mary Sowerby, aged 64 years. Funeral from the residence of D. J. Sowerby, Murvate, Wednesday, at 10 o'clock. Interment will be in Friends and acquaintances are respectfully invited to attend.

WEIR—At Pine Hill Cusheald, Hugh Russell Weir, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. John Weir, Sunday, Dec. 22nd, aged 23 years, 6 months, 14 days. Funeral will leave his father's residence Wednesday morning at 11 o'clock, to Pine Hill Methodist church, thence to Cataract cemetery. Friends and acquaintances are respectfully invited to attend.

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Advertising reflects the spirit of the hour. It is up to the minute news.

Just run your eyes over the advertisements in to-day's Whig and see how they breathe the spirit of the season.

But their cheery voice is more than mere greeting; it is the attention of a trained helper saying, "Here I am, at your service!"

To-morrow is the last Christmas shopping day! Are you ready?