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FIRE LIMIT IS EXTENDED

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Mayor Corbett said he had been waited upon in regard to the matter, but his answer was the council did not have any money for the purpose. Times were hard and any spare money the council might have would be needed next winter to aid those out of employment. If the city managed to get a few industries this summer, perhaps the council in order to show its joyous mood might give a few band concerts, or if the locomotive works happened to open he was sure the aldermen would vote a sum of money to see that the works were opened to the accompaniment of band music.

Ald. Peters was opposed to voting money for band concerts in times like these, and Ald. Graham declared that any spare cash the council had would be taken by the Board of Works to patch up holes in the roadways. Ald. Kent did not see where the council was going to get the money for concerts. The budget did not provide for it.

Contagious Hospital.

Ald. Driscoll said he was glad that Ald. Peters and Kent realized what conditions might be next winter. He reminded the aldermen that the citizens had voted \$150,000 for the erection of a new contagious building for the General Hospital. He asked Ald. Kent, who is chairman of the hospital board of governors, when the building was going to be started. Now was the time when so many men were out of work. Long enough time had been spent with the plans. One would think, he said, that the hospital board was starting in to erect a state capitol by the long delays.

Ald. Kent replied that the plans had been accepted and the architects had been instructed to call for tenders. It was hoped to award those tenders within two weeks and to have the work started immediately afterwards. The architects were hopeful that the roof might be on before the snow came, but he himself was doubtful of this. He would like to see that condition, however, as it would enable men to work in the building all winter.

Ald. Graham asked if only local labor was to be employed.

Ald. Kent replied that was the intention and the instruction given in the specifications.

Ald. Driscoll said that the only way was to have a special clause in the contract providing that only Kingston labor was to be employed on a building that the people of this city were paying for in taxes.

Ald. Kent stated that as chairman of the hospital board, he would see to sign the contract and he would see that there was a satisfactory labor clause.

The Bathing House.

Ald. Kent made a statement with regard to the Richardson bathing house. Complaints had been made that it was not being kept open according to the agreement with the Richardson family. He read over the days and hours it had been opened since the 15th of May. The weather had been so chilly up to the middle of June that few persons had come to bathe up till that time. Now the house was open from 8 a.m. till noon and from 2 to 3 p.m. One complaint made was that hot water could not be secured for showers, but all bathers had to do was to ask the caretaker to turn on the hot water when they wished it. Notices to this effect had now been put up in the building.

Mayor Corbett said he was glad Ald. Kent had made an explanation as he had been receiving complaints. He was sure that the parks committee would see that the agreement was fully carried out.

Other Business.

On recommendation of the Board of Works, the contract for excavating for a switch into the industry of the Thomas Watson company was awarded to Peter McCoy for \$3,188.70. Certain material is to be purchased by the city from the street railway company, and the sum of \$1,850 was voted for additional materials that might be needed.

It was decided to extend the water system to the Maclean building at the outer station for the Kingston Packing Company, which was opening up business there.

On motion of Ald. Graham and Kelly, the Standard Auto Service was granted permission to erect a gasoline tank and pump on Queen street.

Ald. Cohen wanted to know if the city did not have enough gasoline stations. The addition of more did not seem to lower the price of gasoline, he remarked.

"We have twenty-two grocery stores on Montreal street," said the mayor, "so why should we not have as many gasoline tanks. You cannot refuse a business concern permission without good reason."

Ald. Holder said that care should be taken to see that the gasoline tanks were erected so as not to obstruct the highway. He instanced one where this was the case.

Ald. Graham said that the city engineer would see that the tanks did not cause an obstruction.

Permission was given Mr. Phillips to erect a portico in front of his new house, No. 11 Concession street, eighteen inches over the street line.

A by-law was passed for the construction of a concrete walk on the south side of Brock street between Victoria and Toronto streets.

In attendance at the meeting were Mayor Corbett and Ald. Bawden, Chown, Cohen, Driscoll, Graham, Holder, Johnston, Kelly, Kent, McCarty, Milne, Nash, Peters, Sargent and Smith.

In the absence of the city clerk, W. A. Newlands acted in his stead.

NEW LEGAL LIGHTS.

Smith, Hewart, Pollock and Scott Follow Reading.

Certain to be distinguished are the men who once get into line for those politico-legal positions which are so highly thought of in Britain. Become a Solicitor-General and you are on the way to a seat on the Woolsack. "Freddy" Smith became Solicitor-General, then Attorney-General and soon was wondering whether to accept the Lord Chancellorship or the Lord Chief Justiceship.

So it goes to-day. Sir Gordon Hewart succeeded Rt. Hon. F. E. Smith as Solicitor-General and then as Attorney-General, just after the war. Sir Ernest Pollock succeeded Hewart as Solicitor-General and now as Attorney-General. Mr. Leslie Scott succeeds Sir Ernest Pollock, and the man who succeeds Mr. Scott will be on the first rung of the ladder.

Now Sir Gordon Hewart becomes Lord Chief Justice and a peer, Lord Trevelin having resigned. Lord Trevelin, by the way, is the exception, having come by way of the bench rather than politics. Last year when he succeeded Lord Reading the man in line was Sir Gordon, who is now "the welcomed when he might have been the welcome," as Lord Trevelin has said.

It is a bright succession. Reading was too brilliant and active to stay on the bench. Lord Birkenhead has risen just as meteorically as Lord Reading and as Lord Chancellor makes the Woolsack a very pretty place. Mr. Scott, the new Solicitor-General, was in Lord Birkenhead's law office in Liverpool years ago and has long been marked for promotion. Sir Gordon Hewart had a good reputation as a journalist before commencing a very successful career at the bar.

John Bull From Dublin.

John Bull is among the celebrities photographed by William M. Van der Weide, the famous photographer, who is now writing his memoirs. At least, the artist claims one subject who might have served as the typical representation of the proverbial Englishman—rosy cheeks, mutton chop whiskers and all.

Sir Robert Ball, F.R.S., was the man who looked like the drawings of John Bull, and so I found you," said the photographer.

"Do I really look like him?" asked Sir Robert, with mock innocence, confessing a moment later that British artists had sketched him for magazine covers when John Bull was wanted.

Van der Weide found the learned scientist "the jolliest and ruddiest of Englishmen." It so happened, however, that Sir Robert was born in Dublin, studied at Trinity College and served for many years as Royal Astronomer of Ireland.

Otherwise he was English enough, although some have been willing to spoil the story by saying that he has an Irish face.

Impetuous Eric.

Impetuous beyond a doubt, hard perhaps, a bully, never, courteous always and often smiling—this is the characterization of Sir Eric Geddes given by a former secretary. His rush into prominence was very sudden, his popularity waxed and waned several times, and now he has got out of politics at forty-six years of age with an interesting reputation and some remarkable experience.

Sir Eric's last great act in office was to draw up drastic recommendations on national economy in government. "Curiously," he was once considered a spendthrift and the newspapers which lauded his economy report used to belabor him as the apotheosis of waste. He would hire big men such as Sir Hardman Lever, Sir Francis Dunsell, Sir George Beckett, and others, and they cost commensurate salaries. They cost tens of thousands and saved millions. The tens of thousands were attacked and the millions ignored. And Sir Eric did not care, at least he has never admitted that he cared. Perhaps he never will tell just what a trial political affairs were to a business man in those war and after-war days, for silence is his way.

A Highly Valued Privilege.

Among the fortunate persons who have the privilege of being present at a coronation or a royal wedding at Westminster Abbey are the headmaster, under-masters, and the King's Scholars on the foundation of Westminster School. The earliest record of this right is contained in the report of the Lancaster Herald in the reign of James II, which reads as follows—"And it is to be noted that when the Queen entered the Choir the King's Scholars of Westminster School in number forty, all in surplices, being placed in a gallery adjoining to the Great Organ Loft, entertained her Majesty with this short prayer or salutation—Vivat Regina Maria—which they continued to sing until his Majesty entered the choir, whom they entertained in like manner with this prayer or salutation—Vivat Jacobus Rex—which they continued to sing until his Majesty ascended the theatre."

Millhaven Reports.

Millhaven, July 13.—The farmers are having. Everyone was glad to see the rain on Wednesday and everything looks very fresh. The Bay View Women's Institute met at the home of Mrs. Fred Wemp on Wednesday afternoon. A large crowd was present and an enjoyable time was spent. Lunch was served by the hostess. Albert Clement, Kingston, is spending a few days at Fred Wemp's. Miss Kathleen Wemp has returned home after attending the Chautauqua in Kingston. Misses Bernice and Vera Miller are visiting friends in Rochester, N.Y. Miss Elda Macdonald, Kingston, is the guest of Miss Kathleen Wemp. Mrs. A. Goodearle and son, Toronto, have come to their summer camp. Orton Amy and family, Montreal, are camping at Henry Thomas'. Mrs. William Fleming and son, Kingston, are spending a few days at Charles Fleming's.

At Seeley's Bay.

Seeley's Bay, July 13.—W. Richardson, Brockville, is visiting friends here for a few days. George Sutherland's coils were killed by lightning in Wednesday night's storm. L.O.L. No. 13 went to Brockville on July 12th, also a large number of residents from here and vicinity. Dr. A. Randall and family and sister, Miss Eva Randall, Milwaukee, are visiting friends here for a few days. Mrs. Newman, Grand Rapids, Michigan, is visiting friends the past few days. Farmers are very busy haying; the crop is a heavy one. Large quantities of berries are being picked. The crop is a good one.

Curtis Memorial Fund.

The Queen's summer school students' Curtis memorial fund is being raised by energetic co-operation on the part of the students. During the past week the fund has been increased nearly one hundred per cent., the fund now standing at about \$540. The objective is \$2,000. The Ottawa district has raised 77 per cent. of its objective and all the districts are working hard to make their totals.

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By Athens Resident Whose Farmhouse Was Hit by Lightning.
Athens, July 14.—Mrs. Benjamin Livingston, Elgin street, met with a severe loss in the heavy electrical storm of Wednesday night when her farmhouse, about a mile away, was totally destroyed by fire. The tenant, Byron Beale, was awakened by the fumes of smoke and escaped from the burning building with very few articles of clothing or pieces of furniture. Much sympathy is expressed for their losses.

After an illness of about ten days, Wilson H. Wiltse, aged sixty-one, son of the late Coleman Wiltse, passed away at his Isaac street residence. The late Mr. Wiltse will be greatly missed in the Methodist church where he was a trusty official and superintendent of the Sunday school. His widow, one daughter, Miss Frances, a sister, Mrs. T. Cook, Brockville, and one brother, Rev. George, Chicago, survive.

Mrs. John Wiltse, an aged resident and her sister, Mrs. Ruth Riley, are both very low owing to advanced age.

Ralph Wiltse, Michigan, re-visited his relatives here last week after an absence of fifty-four years. He went to the old homestead, now the property of Herb. Bedford, and drank from the old spring where he quenched his thirst in boyhood days. Born on July 8th, to Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Blancher, a son, Mrs. Clifford Bracken and infant son, Crewe, arrived to spend some time with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Willson.



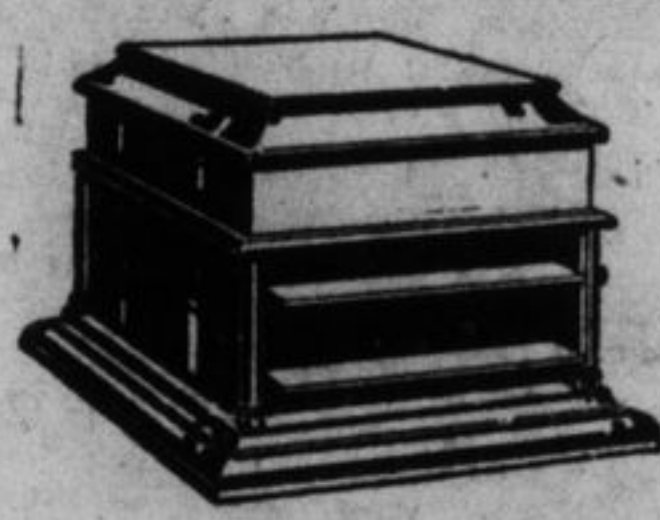
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