

HE IS TO GET EXEMPTION.

THE COUNCIL AGAIN CONSIDER THE GARRINGTON CASE.

The discussion in the Council last evening—Ald. Fenwick quite warm on the question—The City Solicitor will prepare a by-law giving a good debate.

The matter of assessing the property of Joseph Carrington, tanner, at a low rate for five years was discussed at the council board last evening.

Ald. Muckleston presented a communication from Mr. Carrington in which he stated that he would be satisfied to have his assessment on his tannery buildings and other property adjacent thereto, fixed at \$5,000 for five years.

Ald. Muckleston spoke in an able way respecting the request of Mr. Carrington and maintained that in the interests of the city it should be granted. The citizens should encourage manufacturers for whom these depended, to a great measure, the prosperity of the city. He expected that in a few years, if the city continued to prosper as it was doing, they would be enabled to attract manufacturers here without granting them any exemption. He moved, seconded by Ald. Gaskin, "that the prayer of Mr. Carrington's petition be received and granted, and that the city solicitor be requested to prepare a by-law, in accordance with the same."

Ald. Fenwick opposed exemptions. Some citizens favored the exemption of Mr. Carrington from taxes to a certain extent, but while there was one person for him there were nine against him. The speaker was in business and was not exempted from taxes in his life, and why should he be asked to pay for the privileges of city life for Mr. Carrington or anyone else. He believed in the principle of taxation here by free sites and bonuses Kingston had not got to such a condition of affairs. He was sure that if they agreed to exempt Mr. Carrington for five years they would be taking a step that would cause trouble in the future, they would be adding strength to the exemption question. It would cause dozens of people to present claims for exemptions. He held that there was not one of these men who would not screw the poor man down to the last notch.

Ald. Creighton—"Do you not do the very same thing."

Ald. Fenwick stated that his men received fair pay and were advanced according to their worth. If they wished to verify this statement they could do so by asking his clerks.

Ald. McLarty—"You ought to give other people credit for something."

Ald. Fenwick proceeded stating that the people, who asked for exemption, were simply requesting other citizens to pay their taxes. He moved an amendment to the motion, seconded by Ald. Adams, "That no other exemptions to existing manufacturers, or others be granted without a vote being taken of those qualified to vote, and that the city solicitor be requested to prepare the necessary papers so that an expression of the ratepayers can be given to the council."

Ald. Gaskin was against exemption pure and simple, but he was also a Kingstonian, and he was willing to help to build the city up. So long as Belleville offered inducements to business men to go there they should do all they could to keep employers of labour here. If all the pieces go back on exemption Belleville might become a large place. It has been said that in the past that Kingston was run by a lot of "old fogies," but this cannot be said now. They should keep their city ahead, and they could do this by assisting Mr. Carrington in the matter of exemption. Since the last discussion on the Carrington question he had not heard one man speak against granting the exemption. Everyone spoken to was in favor of the council helping him.

Ald. W. Robinson—"On what amount did Mr. Carrington pay taxes before?"

Ald. Shannon—"Ten thousand dollars."

Ald. W. Robinson said he would vote in favour of Mr. Carrington being exempted, but it would be the last time while he was in the council he would vote for exemption to any one. Mr. Ford would be asking for exemption as soon as he learned that Mr. Carrington was exempted and Mr. Ford had just as good a right to exemption as Mr. Carrington. All men should be treated alike in this matter.

The mayor—"Mr. Ford was exempted for a time."

Ald. Robinson—"That's the trouble when exemption is granted once the man that is benefited will want it again."

Ald. Gaskin said Mr. Carrington was promised exemption when he came to the city first and he should be treated fairly.

Ald. Hiscock was strongly opposed to exemption, but as Mr. Carrington carried on the only other industry of the kind in the city he should be assisted. He was a heavy loser by the late fire.

Ald. Adams contended that Mr. Carrington was not a heavy loser by the late fire as it was supposed. He had saved about 500 hides worth from \$2 to \$2.25 each. The vats were not injured and they were full of hides. The injuries to the boiler and machinery, was slight.

Ald. C. Robinson thought that when exemptions were granted to men they should be required to state how many men they intended to employ.

Ald. W. Robinson—"That cannot be done."

Ald. C. Robinson—"That's the great trouble. The poor men are all willing to vote for exemption provided the parties exempted employ a certain number of men. There would be no trouble in carrying bonuses for industries if the owners would guarantee to employ a certain number of men and manufacture goods for the foreign market. There is too much exemption in church property. That's where the shoe pinches. The feeling at the time the locomotive works was closed up was that that institution was being exempted when no men were being employed in it."

Then the amendment was submitted and lost on the following division:

Yeas—Mayor Thompson, Alds. Adams, Carson, Fenwick, 4.

Nays—Ald. Creighton, Gaskin, Gilderleeve, Hart, Hiscock, Minnes, Muckleston, McCammon, McLarty, McLeod, Rees, C. Robinson, W. Robinson, Shannon, Swift, Wilson, 16.

On seeing the vote Ald. Fenwick looked very much disappointed. The motion was then presented and adopted, the words "that the prayer of the petition be granted" having been eliminated. The city solicitor will now prepare the necessary by-law.

Escaped From the Orphans' Home.

A small boy named Bennett belonging to the orphans' home escaped from that institution yesterday. This is the second time he has made his exit. He was brought from England some time ago, and was given to a citizen to take care of, but he proved unmanageable and was taken back. Though only ten years of age he secured the clothes of another boy so as not to be known. When caught he will be sent back to England. He was found on a wharf this morning. He left this afternoon for Montreal where he will take the steamer for Liverpool to-morrow.

TO GET A HOLIDAY.

Mr. Flanagan Told to Go Off For Three Months and Enjoy Himself.



M. FLANAGAN.

Moved by Ald. W. Robinson, seconded by Ald. Minnes, "That the city clerk, Mr. M. Flanagan, be given three months' leave of absence; that the council engage a man to do his work while he is away, and pay him, and that the clerk be granted three months' salary before he leaves the city and that the finance committee be requested to provide funds for the same."

Before the motion was submitted kind expressions of opinion, respecting the clerk, were made by Ald. W. Robinson and Minnes. Each of the speakers had known the clerk over forty years, and had found him a thorough gentleman.

The motion was carried unanimously, in the absence of the clerk. When he returned the mayor informed him of the kind expressions of opinion made, and wished him, on behalf of the council, a pleasant time during his holidays. He hoped that he would return to the city much refreshed in health.

The clerk was taken by surprise. He thanked the aldermen for their kindness to him in granting him a holiday. He was glad he had gained their respect and esteem, and hoped he would never do anything to cause them to feel ashamed of him.

Rewarding a Faithful Servant.

M. Flanagan has been holding the position of city clerk for forty six years. During that period of service he never asked for furlough. The council acted wisely last evening in granting him a respite from his arduous labors. A holiday at this stage in his life will help to rejuvenate him. He has not yet decided where he will spend his holidays.

AT THE CEMETERY.

The Final Scene in Connection With Major Short's Demise.

On nearing the gate of Catarqui cemetery yesterday the troops attending the late Major Short's funeral were drawn up in single file at either side of the road. A procession of officers then passed down between the lines the band playing the "Dead March in Saul." On arriving at the grave the concluding portion of the burial service was read by Rev. Buxton R. Smith, who delivered a short address full of genuine feeling and sympathy. He said that Canada as a nation was grieving, for not only was he, by whose remains they stood, loved and respected by his brethren in arms, but by many others. Respect and esteem were universal for him throughout the dominion. He asked those present to return to their several occupations pondering on what they had this day witnessed, knowing that they themselves must ere long likewise lie down for the last time. However, he plainly pointed out that there was no real necessity for gloominess to accompany such thoughts. He concluded by pronouncing in a most impressive manner the blessing: "The Lord bless thee, and keep thee, and the Lord make his face to shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee, and the Lord lift up his countenance upon thee and give thee peace, now and forever."

When the grave was partially filled in, the firing party were ordered forward, and, executing the word of command discharged three volleys of blank cartridge in the air. This ended the gallant and beloved soldier were left to sleep that long long sleep when the night has closed, and the sheets are laid on with the shovel.

The Hotel Arrivals.

Arrivals at the British American Hotel—Dr. W. P. Chamberlain, Morrisburg; J. Evans, Iroquois; J. A. H. Allan, Perth; F. E. Fairbairn, Brockville; J. M. Cameron, Toronto; R. G. Wright, Nanapanee; T. H. Carey, Montreal; G. W. Bitton, London; R. Chestnut, M. M. Holland, Oswego; J. M. Allan, Chicago; J. Greenfield, Toronto; O. B. Bell, Detroit; J. J. Wright, Peterboro; W. D. Smith, Oswego; B. Crisdale, North Port; Mrs. Stickney, C. D. Stickney, New Bedford, Mass.; J. Carman, C. Pettit, Cornwall; J. Bernie, W. Hutchins, Toronto; W. Wilson, Q. C., Ottawa; W. C. Caldwell, Lanark; N. P. Wheeler, G. Law, Montreal; J. M. Wallace, St. Catharines; T. E. Cunningham, Montreal; H. McAllan, Toronto; A. B. Bous, Montreal; W. R. Barber, Toronto; J. J. Brown, Montreal; P. M. Ranson, Kinderminster, England; J. B. McMurrich, Oswego; G. Fischel, Montreal; J. Ott, Brantford; G. Martin, D. Stevens, Barrie; W. A. Theisher, Iroquois; F. A. Hall, Perth.

Somewhat Premature.

Messrs. Moore, of Douglas, and Williams, of Kingston, have left for Aylin Lake to view the mineral wealth of that country. Mr. Williams is interested in the K. & P. railway, and if the resources of the upper country warrant the extension of the railway the company will at once commence construction. This news from the Eganville Enterprise is probably premature as to the railway company's thoughts of building the extension at an early date.

Only \$10.50 a Suit.

Prevost, of the New York clothing store, will make to order a suit of all wool English serge for \$10.50—a first-class fit guaranteed. These are the goods which he has imported for several years and they have given entire satisfaction. These serges are Indigo dyed, and guaranteed not to fade. See his window.

Some Duck Details.

Mrs. Robert Hunter, of the Isle of Man, Pittsburg, has a lot of ducks that have been laying some very large eggs, some of which measure 8 1/2 by 8 inches. Mrs. Loughrain, wife of Sergt. Major Loughrain, Portsmouth, has a duck which laid an egg measuring 8 1/2 by 6 1/2 inches. It weighed 5 1/2 ounces.

The schr. Watertown, which ran on a shoal near Brockville, will be examined at the Catarqui dry-dock.

THE FATHERS' MEETING.

THE ROUTINE WORK THAT WAS EXECUTED LAST NIGHT.

A Batch of Communications and Petitions Sent to the Proper Committees—The Reports Adopted—Much Money Voted Out—The Minor Matters.

A regular meeting of the city council was held last evening. There were present the mayor, Alds. Adams, Carson, Creighton, Fenwick, Gaskin, Gilderleeve, Hart, Hiscock, Minnes, Muckleston, McCammon, McIntyre, McLeod, Rees, C. Robinson, W. Robinson, Shannon, Swift and Wilson.

From Capt. W. Dandy, pointing out the bad condition of the slip at the foot of Queen street, the water being covered over by coal oil refuse. The paint on his vessel had been destroyed while she was in the slip. He would require remuneration for his loss.—Referred to the committee on wharves and harbors.

From Lieut. Col. Cotton, "A" battery, relating to the watering of streets. He asked that a portion of Ontario street, opposite the barracks, and the barrack square be watered by the city free of charge, and contended that owing to the large sum which the military authorities paid the city annually for street watering his request should be granted.

A discussion relating to the communication was carried on for a time.

Capt. Gaskin said that the military authorities furnished music to the citizens free during the summer months, and he thought it was the least the city could do in return for this favor was to grant the prayer of the communication and allow a watering cart to go into the barrack square, as soon as the new cart, now in course of construction, was built. He was sure Ald. Creighton would agree with him on this proposition. The speaker was always ready to grant a favor to a soldier.

Ald. Creighton reminded Ald. Gaskin that he was not in favor of granting a bonus for the camp.

Ald. Hiscock was opposed to the watering of the barrack square free. It was private property, and the military authorities had as much right to pay for the watering of it as other citizens.

The mayor said that there was some force in Ald. Hiscock's contention, but they should consider that the officers of the battery furnished the citizens with free musical concerts.

Ald. Creighton said the watering of the barracks square would benefit the non-commissioned officers of the battery, and he for one thought the least the city could do was to grant willingly the request of Col. Cotton.

It was finally decided that as soon as the new watering cart was built to water the barrack square free of charge.

From J. E. Clark, city auditor, presenting a statement showing the expenditure in connection with the K. & S. E. railway by-law up to date to be \$1,950.90. The city wanted \$3,000, so that there is over \$1,000 remaining.—Filed.

PRESENTING PETITIONS.

Ald. McCammon—From W. J. Chapman and others asking that a sewer be built under the local improvement act on Picard street.—Referred to the streets committee.

Ald. Muckleston—From O. S. Strange, T. McKay Robertson and W. McRossie respecting the laying of a new boardwalk near their properties on Union street.—Referred to the streets committee.

Ald. Gaskin—J. L. Whiting and others asking that a sidewalk on Clergy street, between Johns and William streets, be removed outside of the boulevards. The petitioners were willing to stand the expenses of the change.—Granted.

Ald. C. Robinson—From James Cowdy and others, praying that Park street be extended eastward from Victoria street to Albert street.—Referred to the streets committee.

THE FINANCE REPORT.

The payment of the following accounts was recommended: E. Law, \$14.40; John Thompson, \$6; H. Stobart, \$10.80; W. Campbell, \$1.57; B. Keegan, \$50; W. McCabe, \$2.72; pay list, \$764.76; John Lemon, \$234.31; Mrs. Leadbeater, \$6; Kingston gas light company, \$11.20; W. Naylor, \$16.38; N. Vanwinkle, \$7.08. On the application of W. Power, respecting the dry-dock, the committee recommended that no action be taken; that local debentures Nos. 4, 5, 6 and 7, amounting to \$1,063.42; also a debenture for \$1,800 of the debt arrangement issue, bearing 4 1/2 per cent., be sold to yield the purchaser 4 per cent. per annum.

Water works accounts: G. I. R., freight, \$42.68; Bell telephone company, \$19; A. Simmonds, \$3.50; C. E. Good, \$42; R. Boyd, \$1.50; Montreal rolling mills, \$951.60; Chown & Cunningham, \$51; McMahon Bros., \$31.33; E. Law, \$11.68; A. Gartshore, \$266.45; National meter company, \$146.50; Stevens & Burns, \$860.95; Dominion express company, \$1.60; A. Gunn & Co., \$9.42; Thomas Robertson & Co., \$288.18; M. J. Grady, \$1,928.44; pay list, \$423.18; city of Kingston (current account), \$3,441.50; W. McRossie, \$198.29.

With reference to the payment of \$1,928.44 to the water works contractor, Ald. McIntyre thought he should not receive any money until he made the streets, in which he laid pipes, as good as they were before he touched them.

Ald. Gilderleeve said they could not keep the money back. They had to pay the contractor 85 per cent of the money due him. They could keep back 15 per cent until he put the streets in proper shape.

Ald. McIntyre did not think the contractor should get 85 per cent of the money until he finished his contract.

Ald. Gaskin said the city engineer would attend to the matter, and the contractor would not be paid in full until he completed his work.

THE OTHER REPORTS.

Ald. Gaskin presented the report of the streets committee, which has already been published. It was adopted.

Ald. Shannon presented the report of the court of revision. It recommended a remission of taxes on the Kingston business college if the city solicitor gave it his opinion that the college was exempt by statute.

The solicitor stated that if the assessment was not made until after the date of the letters patent incorporating the college the assessor would not have had jurisdiction and his assessment would have been void. The taxes were for 1887 the assessment being made in the autumn of 1886, for that year. If the assessment was made before October 3rd, 1886, as it is likely, the rolls being returned October 1, it would be lawful, but he thought if the college authorities had appealed it would have been struck off, and he did not think under the circumstances it would be right to hold the assessment; and that it should be struck off. It would be too technical to hold, and not equitable.

The court recommended that the taxes charged against W. McNamee and Elizabeth Allen be remitted; that the taxes on property purchased by the city for the water works department be also remitted. A remission of taxes was granted on property in Ontario ward occupied by the customs department after May 1st, 1888. Taxes were

asked to be remitted to the widow of the late Felix Donnelly for the year 1888.—Adopted.

Ald. Creighton presented the report of the city property committee. It recommended that the petition of H. Brown asking for paper to put on the walls of his rooms in the city buildings be granted, and that the expenditure must not exceed \$4; on the communications of the Young Men's Christian association and the Fourth Methodist church asking for a remission of rent for the city hall, committee recommended that requests be granted. The committee asked further time to consider the repairs to be made to the ponds.

The following sums will be required for the present year: Repairs and incidentals, \$400; gas, \$600; fuel, and cutting, \$300; total, \$1,300. If it is decided to build two new closets in the shambles, spoken of in the report of the committee on markets, a further sum of \$200 will be required.—Adopted.

VARIOUS OTHER MATTERS.

George Thompson, collector, reported that the total amount collected in taxes for 1888 is \$102,611.03, leaving uncollected a balance of \$6,278.36.—Filed.

Ald. Hart suggested that the collector or treasurer be requested to furnish a statement showing the time the assessment rolls have been closed during the last five years.

Ald. McIntyre moved, seconded by Ald. McLeod, that the streets committee consider the extension westward of Brock, Mack and Earl streets. The motion was carried.

Ald. Adams said he had moved a resolution in the council relating to the construction of the North street drain. He wanted to know if the streets committee had ignored the resolution.

Ald. Wilson said the engineer was preparing a report.

The matter of tendering for tile pipe for drainage purposes was referred back to the streets committee.

Ald. Hart advised the chairman of the streets committee, if he was of the opinion that those who tendered to supply the tile pipe had formed a combine to beat the city, to cable for the quotations of tile pipe at Glasgow before awarding the tenders.

The report of the committee on parks, which has been printed, was referred to the finance committee.

The council adjourned at 11:30 o'clock.

INCIDENTS OF THE DAY.

News Paragraphs Picked Up by Our Reporters in Their Rambles.

Gas stoves from \$2 upwards at the gas works.

Clayton hotels are booking rooms for July guests.

The street cars are not paying expenses, by long odds.

For general Stanton No. 4 coal go to the Gas Works yard.

Remember the children's sale in St. George's hall to-morrow afternoon and evening.

At the next meeting of the council the city budget will be presented by the finance committee.

The county auditors have finished their work. They find a deficiency of \$1,243.38 for the year.

The ladies should call at the Gas company's office and see the gas cooking stoves in operation.

The finest line of camping shirts, ties and newest thing in collars, Gieses Ajar, at The Grand Union.

The K. & P. RR. surveyors have made a careful survey of various routes from Harrowsmith to Nydenham.

Hanson's magic corn salve cures corns and bunions with three applications. 15c. per box at Wade's drug store.

G. A. Browning, son of the Rev. A. Browning, Belleville, has passed as solicitor and will practice in Kingston.

As soon as the school board secure the Normal school lot they will put up a building similar to the Central school.

Ladies' balbriggan hose, 2 pairs, for 25c; silk gloves, half gloves, silk mitts, &c., all at lowest prices, at R. McPaul's.

For dry oak and soft maple, soft wood and hard wood at lowest prices, go to Crawford's, foot of Queen street.

Yesterday, W. Kemp, Sydenham, died suddenly after lifting a barrel of liquor. He was seized with vomiting and expired.

Genuine Halifax tweeds for suits made up to order at low prices by Lambert & Walsh.

Breck & Booth have the best slabs, hard wood and dry blocks. You can get just what you want in the fuel line at their yard.

Ald. Swift has sold twelve lots on Horse Shoe Island. Ald. Rees and Deputy Warden Sullivan purchased a lot each yesterday.

The collegiate institute football team will play the Ottawa high school team on Thursday afternoon on the Queen's college campus.

At present there are over two hundred scholars in the public schools who have passed the entrance examination to the collegiate institute.

Bacache is almost immediately relieved by wearing one of Carter's Smart Weed and Belladonna bacache plasters. Try one and be free from pain. Price 25c.

Bangs, switches, wigs, Caniff corset, best make. Apprentices to dress-making, New York system, taught free of charge, over Walsh & Stacy's, 106 Princess street.

Parasols, long handled, parasols, short handled, parasols checked, plain shot, satin, silk, alpaca, in short every kind of a parasol, at the very lowest prices, at R. McPaul's.

Tapestry, Brussels, velvet pile, wool, union, and hemp carpets, the cheapest in the city. Remember you can buy hemp carpet for five cents per yard at R. McPaul's.

The scholars of the Kindergarten school intend giving a concert on Thursday. This is to show to parents and those who take an interest in such work what progress has been made.

On Sunday a number of boys on Wellington street were throwing stones at a dog on the opposite side of the street. Two citizens who were passing came near getting hit instead of the dog.

At the concert in connection with the children's sale in St. George's hall, Wednesday evening, the R.M.C. cadets will contribute several songs and choruses. Admission to concert, 15c.

Frank Carson and Frank Parker arrived last night from Barrie en route to the penitentiary. They remained in the police station over night. They will serve two years and two months each for burglary. Both of these men served a term in the Penitentiary.

McCauley and Son, of Toronto, are beyond question the easy leaders in the ornamental stained glass trade in Canada. Their vast business extends from Nova Scotia to British Columbia, and thousands of public and private buildings bear testimony of this firm's ability to execute beautiful and durable windows of every description.

A bonanza for the workingmen, for the merchants in fact for every one who will now buy one of the lots belonging to the Midland agricultural association. Part of them are now for sale. The balance unsold by the morning of the 24th inst. will be disposed by auction at 12 a.m. on the grounds.

By applying to W. Moore, real estate agent, 90 Brock street, full particulars will be given.

TOPIC FOR DISCUSSION.

THE QUESTION THAT IS DISTURBING VIGILANT CITIZENS.

Would it be Desirable to Have a Free Library or Should the Council Aid the Institute—The Process Necessary in Establishing a Free Library.

Last evening a meeting of the board of directors of the Mechanics' Institute was held in the art school room. There were present: James Redden, president; H. Crothers, secretary; R. Baird, Rev. R. T. Burns, R. S. Dobbs, Prof. Gouvier, Dr. Herald, R. M. Horey, A. McArthur, James McArthur, J. McKay, J. M. Machar, G. Mills, T. Mills, W. Neish, C. E. L. Porteous, J. B. Strathy. The meeting was called to consider the report of the committee appointed at the last meeting as to the best means of increasing the resources of a free library, whether by the establishment of an institute or an appeal to the city council for an annual grant, as is done in almost every large city in the dominion. The committee reported as follows:

"That this committee recommends that steps at once be taken for the establishment of a free library, under the 'free library act'."

J. M. Machar read the act and pointed out the course which would have to be taken to secure a free library in this city, which, he said, would be maintained by all taxpayers—the maximum rate being one-half mill on the dollar. The assessment at present being about seven millions, would yield an income of \$3,500, instead of \$1,200 as at present. A petition signed by one hundred ratepayers would have to be presented to the city council, who would then submit the question to the electors by a by-law.

The board of management would be composed of representatives nominated by the council, public school and separate school boards respectively. The mechanics' institute and public school libraries may merge their libraries at their own option.

A long discussion ensued in which a majority thought it would be advisable to make the experiment, believing that it would result in greater usefulness, and in securing a library worthy of the city. Toronto, Hamilton, Guelph, Brantford, St. Thomas, and many other cities had made the change with advantage to the public; on the other hand it was held that the mechanics' institute had done good work and was now in a better position and better patronized than before, and that with an annual grant from the council of \$500, it would meet the requirements of the city with its present population, as against the heavy expenditure which the establishment of a free library would necessitate. Dr. May, superintendent of mechanics' institutes, on his late visit expressed the opinion that free libraries were not meeting the expectations of their promoters, and that mechanics' institutes, as at present constituted, were capable of extending greater benefits and usefulness than free libraries. In England where they have been long established their utility is beginning to be questioned—many preferred the institute system as better suited to meet the needs of those who had neglected their education. Complaint was made that mechanics in this city did not avail themselves of its advantages as they might do, notwithstanding the low subscription, and it was urged that they could take the management if they chose to do so, and that all intelligent mechanics were already members.

In conclusion it was thought advisable not to take any steps in the new direction without more information on the matter, and that an opportunity be given for ventilating the subject by an expression of public opinion. It was also thought to be more of a question to be decided outside the board rather than by its self-extinguishment. Therefore the committee were requested to meet again, procure all the information they possibly could by correspondence or otherwise, and report a month hence.

The meeting was an interesting one as evincing much greater interest than it was in former times possible to evoke. The result either way cannot fail to be without greater intellectual provision to the reading public being secured.

Methodist District Meeting.

The clergymen of the Methodist church in Kingston district met this morning and after devotional services, Rev. R. Stilwell, Sydenham, was elected secretary, and Rev. J. J. Haylock assistant. The characters and work of the ministers were examined and they were found blameless in life and doctrine. The name of Rev. C. E. Dodds which appeared in the minutes was dropped because of his non-acceptance of an appointment. Rev. W. J. Sparling was recommended to be received into full connection, and Mr. Downs, a probationer of one year's standing, was recommended to be continued on trial.

COMMERCIAL MATTERS.

MONTREAL STOCK MARKETS.

Table with columns: STOCKS, MONTREAL, MAY 21—12 NOON, ASK D., OFF D. Includes entries for Bank of Montreal, Ontario Bank, Bank du Peuple, etc.

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PRODUCE COMMISSION DEALER.

Headquarters for Clover, T'nothy, Field and Garden Seeds.

Choice Family Flour. Strong Bakers' Flour specialty.

MONTREAL PRODUCE MARKET.

MONTREAL, MAY 21. Flour—Receipts, 500 bbls. Sales, 800 sacks. Market quiet and weak and without change. Patents winter, 5.75 to 5.85; patent spring, 5.50 to 6.00; straight roller, 4.50 to 5.1; extra, 4.50 to 4.80; superfine, 3.50 to 4.50; Ontario Bags, 2.00 to 2.00; City bags, 5.65 to 5.75 for strong Bakers.