

County Council Hears Contradictory Stories About Check

All Arose of Renting the Rooms For Election Purposes

Matter Investigated

Ex-Sheriff Smith's Statement Does Not Agree With Sec'y-Treas. and Atty.-General's Dept.

Former Sheriff Roy W. Smith and Secretary Treasurer Major J. S. Scott appeared before the County Council this morning at its final session and discussed the delayed check for the rental of the County Court House, rooms for election purposes. This check has provoked considerable discussion at the session of the Council which closed today.

Roy W. Smith this morning told the Council that he offered to turn over the check to the Secretary Treasurer several months ago and that that official refused to accept the same, stating that he did not know to whom the check was to be delivered.

The Warden of the Council sent for the Secretary Treasurer who denied the statement that Mr. Smith had ever previously offered him the check until a few days ago. Then Mr. Smith came to the Secretary Treasurer's office when the auditor appointed by the County was there and handed him the check for thirty five dollars. Thomas Davidson, the caretaker, had previously stated that the amount paid in by the government for the use of the rooms for election purposes was forty eight dollars, being eight dollars per room for six rooms.

Councillor Malone gave a report of the special committee to investigate the checks presented to the secretary treasurer for the use of the county court house as polling booths during the federal and provincial elections. He said that a committee of two went to the attorney general's office and found that in York county four booths were rented at \$7.50 each, eight booths at \$6.00 each; 64 booths at \$5 each, and nine booths at \$4 each. He said that the secretary treasurer told him that he surmised that the four booths rented at \$7.50 would be as follows: the sheriff's booth at the Sheriff's office in the court house; a booth at the city hall, one in Devon and one in Marysville.

Coun. Malone pointed out that according to Ex-Sheriff Smith's letter the sheriff's office was not paid for but according to the reports received from the attorney general all offices renting at \$7.50 apiece were paid for, the date of the check was July 23, 1935—nearly one year ago.

Former Sheriff Smith's letter to the Board was as follows:

Gentlemen: I have read in yesterday's newspapers the report of the proceedings of the York County Council in which it is stated that I had received from the provincial government \$48 to be paid as rental for rooms in the Court House building for election purposes and that I had paid over to the county \$35 only, and that I had paid that only recently.

I did not receive \$48 for this purpose. I received only \$35. I offered to pay this to the secretary treasurer when it was received but he was not prepared to receive it at that time as

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LIEUT.-GOVERNOR MACLAREN RETURNS FROM ABROAD

QUEBEC, July 11—Hon. Murray MacLaren, Lieutenant-Governor of New Brunswick, arrived here yesterday aboard the liner Duchess of Bedford, from a visit to the British Isles. He represented New Brunswick at the centennial celebrations of the University of London and also visited Scotland. While in Edinburgh he was honored with the degree of doctor of laws, honoris causa.

He was accompanied on the trip by Mrs. MacLaren and his daughter, Miss Margaret MacLaren.

F. R. Webber of Boston is in town and is stopping at the Queen hotel.

Robert MacKenzie arrived in the city from Arlington, Mass. He is stopping at the Queen hotel.

"QUEEN OF THE REGATTA" IS TO BE SELECTED

A & B Club Regatta This Year to Have Brand New Feature—Is There Winsome Miss Who Has Physical Grace and Abilities Who Cares For "Queen" Role?

The A. & B. Club regatta, which is less than two weeks away, will have as one of its features this year the selection of "Queen of the Regatta,"—a winsome miss whose charm and physical grace and abilities will win her the acclaim of the judges. A cup has been donated for the winner.

More than 10,000 people are expected to be present for the two days of water sports. The fleet from the Royal Kennebecasis Yacht Club and the Saint John Power Boat Club are expected to start their cruise to the Capital on Monday, arriving here later in the week. In all there will be about seventy boats, comprising the Saint John clubs and the boats of the A. & B. Club here. Fifty five are

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YORK COUNCIL REAFFIRMS FAITH IN AN ABATTOIR

The York Municipal Council at its final session this morning reaffirmed its faith in the proposed abattoir and cold storage plant for York county and passed the following resolution: "Resolved that the resolution passed at last session of the council respecting aid for a cold storage plant to be established in Fredericton be reaffirmed and that the committee appointed thereunder be continued, subject nevertheless to the condition that the municipality shall have the right, should the county deem it advisable, to make the annual grant applicable to a cold storage plant and abattoir, or to an abattoir alone should such be established." The resolution was moved by Councillor Waugh and seconded by Coun. Elbett.

Coun. Manuel thought that the back taxes should be collected before any grant to the abattoir be given. The people in his section were opposed to such an expenditure, he said. Solicitor Limerick pointed out that the resolution did not give the committee any power to act.

Want Bounty on Bears
Coun. Nason said he believed the

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Closed School Meetings

The Boston School Board which has been one of the few modern school boards in the United States or Canada to hold star council meetings, now sees the error of its ways and has thrown its meetings open to the press. This was done after a strong demand had been made on the part of the press and public for an open door at the school meetings, at least as far as the press was concerned.

The Boston Traveller in an editorial on the matter says:

"The Boston school committee has voted to admit the press to its meetings. Executive sessions are a thing of the past.

Sincere difference of opinion existed on the question. One was that school affairs are the public business and the press is entitled to opportunity to report all the whys and wherefores. The other side of the story is that matters come up that can be more freely discussed without outside witnesses.

Nor does this attitude connote the slightest skulduggery. Suppose a youngster is in trouble of a serious sort and the committee wishes to do something helpful about it. On the one hand it might be said that intimate details are not for public consumption. On the other it can be pointed out that a decent press would protect the right of youngsters in trouble.

Your newspaper feels that Committeeman Smith deserves credit for insisting that the whole business be kept in the open. Your newspaper feels as well that Supt. Campbell deserves credit for sincerely defending his point of view on the matter. These two, differing honestly on this question, will both be found to have but one purpose—good service to the children, the citizens and the teachers."

The Boston School Board does not deal with financial affairs, nor did it handle the people's money, but the public demanded publicity just the same. Had the Boston School Board been given the people's money to spend and had carried on its deliberations behind closed doors as does the Fredericton School Board, the demand would probably have been much stronger. The ghosts of those who dumped the tea into Boston Harbour would probably have arisen up and held an indignation meeting on "The Common."

In Fredericton we allow our school board not only to conduct its meetings behind closed doors, but we also allow it to spend hundreds of thousands of our money in any way it wishes, and the public is not allowed to know anything about the items. It is alleged that a proposed increase in teachers' salaries went to buy loud speakers for the assembly hall and other gadgets, and that some of the teachers did not get the expected increase, while one teacher who had an inside track with the trustees fared better. As these things are hidden from the public by the closed door the press has no way of giving particulars.

One of the members of the school board, and one of those who has been on the board long enough to imagine that they own it, has the unlimited nerve to say that the press cannot be trusted to handle "the proceedings decently." This remark was both intemperate and indecent. Any reliable member of the press will, as the Boston Traveller says, protect the children who might get into trouble with the school board. If the teachers get into trouble they would get a fair show. The teachers are public servants paid by the public and the public has a right to know what they are doing.

There are conditions in our city schools today about which the parents are up in arms. The school board represents the people. What is the board doing to remedy these things? OUR SCHOOL CONDITIONS ARE FAR FROM SATISFACTORY. WE COULD BE MORE SPECIFIC BUT WE WILL NOT COME OUT WITH IT AT THE PRESENT TIME. What is the school board doing to remedy affairs? Are the members of the school board too sleepy or are they ignorant of school affairs as they are going on at present?

The majority of the school board is elected by the city council. The city council should select men and women on the school board in whom the people have confidence, and when they will no longer merit the confidence they should make a change and appoint others. What are the Aldermen doing to regulate the control of the school board? Everyone knows that the school board like the police commission ignores the aldermen and laughs at the city council and does as it likes.

The Daily Mail does not publish the reports of the school board, because these are not reports of the school board meetings. They are cut and dried "ready to wear" reports handed out by the secretary and contain only what the school board wants the public to know. Skeleton reports. As long as the public are satisfied with these skeleton reports they will get them, but not in The Daily Mail. This paper sent a reporter out to take in the meetings and he was not allowed behind the closed door where the people's business was being transacted in private, and the people's money was being voted in secret. Secrecy always breeds suspicion and The Daily Mail will not be a party to it by passing out and dried reports of the school meetings along to the public with the pretense that they are the true reports of the meetings. They are not.

Frank Burns, Editor Kentville Advertiser, 2nd Vice-President

WINNIPEG, July 11—L. J. Bennett of Craman, Man., was elected president of the Canadian Weekly Newspapers Association at its seventeenth annual convention here tonight. George James of Bowmanville, Ont., was elected first vice-president, and Frank Burns of Kentville, N.S., was named second vice-president. Eastern members of the board of directors elected included: Charles Albion, Springfield, N.S., and A. L. Barrett, Curling, Nfld.

W. H. Bridges, H. J. Humphries, and Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Farren are guests at the Queen hotel today.

Lord Tweedsmuir Enters Hospital in Montreal

QUEBEC, July 11—A member of the Governor General's staff yesterday confirmed reports His Excellency had left Quebec City and entered the hospital in Montreal, but said Lord Tweedsmuir was "not really ill." The spokesman said His Excellency entered Royal Victoria Hospital in Montreal for X-ray observation and examination on the advice of his physician. The Governor General would return to the Citadel, vice-Regal residence here, on Sunday, he said. "No Vice-Regal engagements have been cancelled," the member of the Governor General's staff said, "though of course the Governor General himself will not be able to attend."

DELEGATES H. & S. ASSOC. CONVENTION ENTERTAINED

Stirring Addresses Are Heard by Representatives From All Over Canada.

(Special to The Daily Mail)

TORONTO, July 11—The delegates to the fifth convention of the Home and School Association, which was held this week in Toronto, were entertained at a reception given by the Toronto Public Library at Central Auditorium. An informal address was given by C. R. Sanderson, assistant librarian.

The guests were received in the large rotunda by Mrs. Reece, the Provincial President, gown in marine green lace; Mrs. R. S. McLaughlin, first vice president of the National Federation, in white chiffon; and Dr. George Kerby, National President. Miss Jessie Ronke and members of the library staff assisted in welcoming the visitors, and, following the reception, a visit was made to the internationally known Boys' and Girls' House, on St. George street, where Miss Lillian Twiss spoke of the work.

Announcement was made that following the sessions in the Royal York Hotel, there would be a drive, terminating at High Park Forest School, where a reception and tea would be held by the Toronto Council of the Federation. In the absence of Mrs. Peter Sandford, President, guests will be received by Mrs. W. H. Plant, Mrs. D. McKerhen and Principal MacKinn of the Forest School, with Mrs. R. Belyea in charge of the refreshments.

Among guests at the reception were Dr. W. P. Percival of Montreal; Mrs. W. R. Morris, Peterboro; Mrs. Robt. Dorman, Ottawa; Mrs. G. H. Lightfoot, Stratford; Mrs. W. J. Young, Saskatoon; Mrs. Whorlow Bull, of Windsor; Mr. and Mrs. L. A. de

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OLD AGE PENSION WILL CURTAIL MUNICIPAL AID

It is estimated that upwards of one hundred thousand dollars per year is now being paid out by the different municipalities in relief and that over one thousand are receiving municipal relief. When the Old Age Pension checks are sent out on July 31 these will have the effect of relieving the situation, according to the statement given out at the Old Age Pension office today. These checks, payable on July 31, will be for the month of July and the checks will be payable at the end of each month.

Only three inspectors have been retained on the permanent staff. The ninety odd temporary inspectors have completed their organization work and have finished their connection with the office.

Quints Temporarily Lose Spotlight To Their New Brother

Hundreds of Curious Gather Around Barricaded Dionne Farmhouse in Callander

Dr. Dafoe Not Called to Mother of Quints

Disagreed With Quintuplet Doctor Over Care of Famous Babies

New President



F. W. TOWNLEY-SMITH
President C.S.G.A.

SEED GROWERS ADJOURN TO DEEP BROOK

F. Townley Smith Elected President of Association at Final Session Here—Meeting Continues at Deep Brook, N. S., Today

The Canadian Seed Growers' Association ended its two-day session here yesterday afternoon and elected F. W. Townley Smith of Lashburn, Sask., as president for the ensuing year, succeeding Prof. Robert Summerby of MacDonald's College, Quebec, who is named an honorary vice-president. The delegates at the meeting here left last night for Deep Brook, N. S., where they will continue in session today.

The election of officers resulted as follows: President, F. W. Townley Smith; Robertson associates of

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CALLANDER, Ont., July 10—The new eightpound brother of the Dionne quintuplets and the forgotten five other little Dionnes kicked his fat legs and howled healthily today while hundreds of curious persons gathered around the barricaded seven room farmhouse of Mr. and Mrs. Oliva Dionne.

The mother and the child were reported in excellent condition.

The birth of the 12th child to the parents of the world's only quintuplets, was "very successful" according to Dr. J. E. I. Joyal, of North Bay, who attended.

"As far as I was concerned it was only an ordinary birth," Dr. Joyal said, "but I am glad that the mother and baby are in such excellent condition."

Dr. Joyal was engaged by the Dionnes because they disagreed with the quintuplets' doctor, Allan Roy Dafoe, about the care of their five famous daughters.

The crowds of visitors who came today expecting to see something unusual were disappointed. There was no indication that the birth, which had been expected for several weeks had taken place.

Sentry on Porch

On the porch of the house in which the five baby girls were born at dawn on May 28, 1934, sat Telephone Demers, Mrs. Dionne's uncle, who acts as sentry to enforce the no admission signs nailed to trees surrounding the home.

He discussed the weather with the neighbors and newspapermen, but when asked about the new nephew he replied: "I can't say anything." Demers will not allow anyone with out a written permit from Oliva Dionne to enter the house. He has acted as the household spokesman during the several weeks that the birth had been anticipated. A few days ago he remarked that he wanted "never to hear a baby mentioned again."

Two special constables at the Dafoe Hospital, across the road from the Dionne home, were equally adamant against discussing the new arrival. They knew the temperature was at a record high, but said that all they knew about the birth was what they heard by radio.

Much Gayer Father

Oliva Dionne was a much gayer father today than shortly after the quintuplets were born. This morning

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Will Commemorate Operation First Steam Railway In the Dominion

Heat Continues Today With a Slight Drop

With New Brunswick sweltering under a temperature of 86, there seemed hope of showers last evening which, however, did not occur. A cooling breeze brought relief to the weary citizens in the Capital.

From the Rockies eastward even to inland Nova Scotia, heat rays beat a torrid tattoo on crops of all kinds. Ontario simmered and baked under the Dominion's highest temperature recordings as farmers in many sections looked forlornly at almost ruined crops.

In Western Canada, farmers who have watched crops turn yellow and brittle during a 14 day siege of hot weather sat back with grim optimism and pinned their last hopes on old weather records that told of similar conditions in other years.

Experiments of Samuel F. B. Morse in Perfect- ing Telegraph.

(Special to The Daily Mail)

TORONTO, Ont., July 11—Tuesday, July 21st, time will move backward for the telegraphs and the easy-going days of more than half a century ago will be recalled; not only for an hour or two. To commemorate the double historical event of the operation of the first steam railway in Canada and the completion of the experiments of Samuel F. B. Morse in perfecting the telegraph and establishing, a year later, the first system of rapid, long distance communication, D. E. Gallo-way, Assistant Vice-President of the Canadian National Telegraphs announced that a special wire set-up would be made from coast to coast and that old time operators, now on pension or engaged in other business activities would gather at the various telegraph offices from coast to

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Lad's Courage Saves Companion From Drowning

Presence of mind in a boy of ten years of age was demonstrated last week when Douglas Wilkins, ten year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Victor Wilkins, Queen street, saved from drowning a seven year old companion, David Owen of Ripples. The two boys were swimming in the Millpond at Ripples, the Wilkins boy being there on his vacation. The water there is from 14 to 16 feet deep and young Owens got out beyond his depth. The Wilkins boy, seeing the plight of his companion swam out, grasped Owen with one hand, and paddled him ashore. It was a nerve feat and a skillful one for one so young in years. The Owens boy was unconscious when he was brought up on the shore, but recovered soon afterward. Douglas Wilkins returned to his home here yesterday.