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## SCOTT ACT MATTERS BONE OF CONTENTION

**Lively Discussion Over a Bill of \$17.50 for the Services of a Special Officer Employed to Enforce the Act—Mayor Hooper Threatens to Hold up Order for Payment Unless Name is Divulged—Exhibition and Publicity Grants Voted**

Scott Act matters were in the limelight at last night's meeting of the City Council, the first regular monthly meeting since the civic election. Much of the time was taken up by Ald. Farrell in an attempt to find out the name of the person being employed by Chief of Police McCollom on the instructions of the Police Commission as special officer in connection with the enforcement of the Canada Temperance Act, and also information concerning him. The matter came up when the auditor's report on the expenditure for the month was being considered. Ald. Farrell took exception to an item of \$17.50 in the Canada Temperance Act account paid to John H. McCollom, chief of police, for services "by special officer." On being unable to learn the name of the supposed "spotter," Ald. Farrell stated that the city charter provided that all moneys should be paid by the City Treasurer to the persons performing services and followed up the statement with another that by an injunction if necessary, he would prevent the City Treasurer from paying that amount. His Worship Mayor Hooper supported Ald. Farrell in the matter. The discussion ended with the name of the special officer not divulged and with the item passed, but with His Worship informing the council that the motion to pass the item would be ineffective as he would flatly and positively refuse to sign an order to the City Treasurer to pay the item and without such order the amount cannot be paid. In connection with other business, special committees were appointed to consider the matter of grants to the city bands and the erection of an epidemic hospital.

### OPENED WITH PRAYER.

The session being the first regular session of the year, was opened with prayer by Rev. J. E. Wilson, pastor of the George Street Baptist Church, and president of the Ministerial Association, acting as chaplain. Those present were Mayor Hooper, Aldermen Clark, Boyce, Osborne, Farrell, Everett, Weddall, Hoben, Mitchell, Rogers.

### OBJECTIONABLE ITEM.

In the auditor's report coming early in regular course of events, the item to which Ald. Farrell took objection was soon to the fore.

Mayor Hooper dealing with the item ruled it out of order on the ground that there was no name to indicate to whom the money was to be paid.

Ald. Clark appealed from the ruling and moved, seconded by Ald. Osborne that the item be passed.

### ASKS FOR INFORMATION

Ald. Farrell informed the council that the item had been up in committee in a form different from that in which it now was. He wanted information, by whom had this special officer been hired and at what rate of pay, he asked, Ald. Osborne, chairman of the Police Commission.

Ald. Osborne—"The Chief of Police asked the Police Commission for an assistant in connection with the Canada Temperance Act and that a assistant was secured. He was paid at the rate of \$2.50 per day.

Ald. Farrell—"This item then is for seven days' pay. Were those seven days before or after the election?"

Ald. Osborne—"After."

Ald. Farrell—"Is he an employee of John H. McCollom or of the city?"

Ald. Clark—"He is hired by the Police Commission."

Ald. Farrell—"I did not ask Ald. Clark, I asked Ald. Osborne."

Ald. Osborne—"He was hired by the Police Commission."

Continuing Ald. Farrell said it was a high-handed piece of business for any committee of the council to hire a man unknown to the rest of the members to assist another official who was well paid to do his own work.

### ALD. OSBORNE REPLIES

Ald. Osborne stated that under the Canada Temperance Act the proceeds of fines could be used for the enforcement of the Act. There were sufficient funds on hand to pay such an official without asking the citizens for money except indirectly from those who were fined. There were times when in the interest of justice when names should not be given. He felt this was one of the occasions. He felt entirely justified in refusing to name this person.

### INJUNCTION THREATENED

Ald. Farrell said that the Police Commission has a perfect right to employ a policeman or a special officer, but he had a right to be told what his name was. Policemen had to be sworn and he had the authority of the police magistrate to say that no special officer had been sworn in. John H. McCollom had no right to go out and hire a man because Ald. Osborne or a committee told him. Again he wished to call attention to the fact that the City Treasurer was required to pay money to the persons by whom the services were rendered. Continuing Ald. Farrell stated that the original bill set forth that the services had been rendered by John H. McCollom as special officer in committee, that bill had been altered by Ald. Clark.

Ald. Farrell quoted from the city charter in support of what he had said. He claimed it was out of order to pay the bill and said as an alderman he would forbid the City Treasurer to pass the bill and even take out an injunction. Continuing Ald. Farrell said that as the Police Commission was so backward it might be an inference that one of the aldermen had performed the services.

### ALD. CLARK

Replying Ald. Clark said that no doubt Ald. Farrell thought his position at the council called upon him to make remarks such as he had. He was there to criticize. However his contention was absurd. Ald. Farrell had quoted from the city charter a section that had no bearing on the matter. The city charter forbade an alderman to be paid money to be paid another, but it did not forbid the chief of police from employing people and being paid money to pay them. Ald. Farrell had stated that a by-law could not over-ride the city charter but an act of legislation could.

Ald. Farrell—"What act of legislation?"

Ald. Clark—"The act amending the act creating the Police Commission."

Ald. Farrell searched the act and found a section which he said he supposed was that to which Ald. Clark made reference. That section he claimed did not give the right which Ald. Clark had stated it did.

Ald. Clark continued discussing the change Ald. Farrell alleged had been made in the bill of the Chief of Police in committee. It was perfectly within the right of any member of a committee when he observed an obvious error in a bill to make the required change, such as in the case under discussion, changing the word "as" to "by."

### HIS WORSHIP'S STATEMENT.

His Worship, when questioned, was called, declared the motion to pass the item out of order and informed the council before the question was put that should it be passed that he would refuse to sign the order to the City Treasurer to pay the amount mentioned.

The motion was carried. "Carried," said His Worship, "but without effect."

### AUDITOR'S REPORT.

The report of the auditor on the expenditure for the month was passed as follows:

Roads and Streets .....\$ 680.01  
Public Works ..... 3.37  
City Hall ..... 88.86  
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## AN ALLEGED SWINDLER

**Hans Braudera a Swiss Charged with working Mining Stock Scheme**

**Proceedings Brought in Chicago by Swiss Government for His Extradition**

Chicago, Ill., April 2—The United States commissioner today heard arguments in the proceedings brought for the extradition of Hans Braudera, who is being held at the instance of the Swiss government on a charge of having fleeced people of Switzerland out of \$600,000 in fraudulent mining stock schemes. Though still a young man, Braudera has had a highly spectacular career since he first came to Chicago from Switzerland seven or eight years ago. As president of the International Realty Association he has maintained expensive offices in one of the downtown skyscrapers and has been well known about town.

According to the story told by Arnold Holinger, Swiss consul in Chicago, Braudera returned to Switzerland, his native land, about two years ago and duped people in all parts of the republic. Through his relatives and acquaintances in his native town he is said to have gained the confidence of hundreds of persons, to whom, it is alleged, he sold 3,000,000 francs' worth of stock in a mining company which soon afterwards went into the hands of a receiver. While selling the mining stock he also is said to have opened two banks, one in Basel, and the other in Munich. The Swiss government charges him with fraud, embezzlement and misappropriation of funds entrusted to him.

## MARYSVILLE

**Nomination Day For Civic Honors—Proceedings Very Quiet Although A Large Number Present**

Marysville, April 2—This was nomination day for civic honors. Town Clerk A. D. Macpherson opened court at noon.

Mr. C. A. Smith was nominated for mayor by Mr. S. J. Hallett.

Mr. W. H. Gray was nominated for mayor by Mr. Truman Libbey.

The following gentlemen were duly nominated for aldermen to represent the different wards:—

Ward No. 1—Ald. Wm. Harris, Ald. Millard Reid, Fred Gamble and Henry Hanson.

Ward No. 2—Geo. R. Sloat, Aaron Peterson, Sanford Pond, Chas. McConaghey, Ald. Eugene Savage.

Ward No. 3—Ald. Gilbert, Bert Dennison, Marvin Minue and Jesse Stafford.

Ward No. 4—Ald. Morrison, Hiram Pugh, Norman Cochrane.

Chas. Finnmore was nominated for Ward 2 but declined the honor. Geo. R. Sloat also intends to decline.

The Methodist Sunday School held a very successful fancy sale in Odd-fellows Hall last night in which occasion alone \$1,000 were present.

### SINS OF THE FATHERS

A big program of motion pictures is being shown at the Unique today. "The Sins of the Fathers" a Bronco western feature film in two parts full of exciting scenes, including Indians and stage coach hold-up, etc. A Vitaphone feature "A Piece of Blue Ribbon" and a Pathe Comedy, "The Cowboy and the Baby" are all included in today's show. Patrons would do well to try and attend the first show if possible, to avoid crowding.

### MAKING INSPECTION

Major A. T. Ogilvie, Royal Canadian Garrison Artillery and Capt. E. L. du Domaine, R.C.R. are in the city making an inspection.

### BOWLING RESULTS

F. B. Hatt won the weekly roll-off at the Arctic Bowling Alleys last night with an average of 93.2-3.

Mrs. W. T. Whitehead has gone on a trip to Boston.

## DAMAGE TO BRIDGE HAS CAUSED GREAT INCONVENIENCE

**I. R. C. Bridge Only Means of Communication Between North and South Banks of River—C. P. R. Asked to Put on Special Suburban Train Between Nashwaaksis and City But Wants Expenses Guaranteed—Springhill Jam Still Solid**

The ice-jam at Springhill is reported to be solid still that portion which broke away yesterday afternoon and shoved other ice ahead of it with the result that the draw span of the highway bridge was carried away having broken off opposite Mr. Wm. Gilman's one mile below Springhill. The water everywhere has fallen. At this city the drop after the ice ran out was about five feet in a couple of hours. At present ice along the Gibson-St. Mary's shore is solid and extends midway of the river. Along the water-front of the city there is also a quantity of ice jammed inshore. The channel is pretty clear however. At Oromocto the river is reported to be clear except between Thatch Island and the interval where the ice is jammed.

### GREAT INCONVENIENCE.

The value of the Fredericton-St. Mary's Highway Bridge to the people of the city and vicinity was never brought more emphatically to the public mind than by the carrying away of the draw-span yesterday afternoon. At present the only means of communication between the two banks of the river is the Intercolonial Railway bridge. Hon. John Morrissey, chief commissioner of public works, stated last night that piling would be driven for a temporary structure to take the place of the span which was destroyed just as soon as possible. The ice-run, however, will make it impossible probably for a week and in the meantime the public must depend on the I.C.R. bridge.

This morning's I.C.R. suburban train from Gibson to Marysville was crowded with residents of Gibson, St. Mary's and Nashwaaksis who have employment in the city. Milk dealers also were compelled to send their milk in by train. Many pedestrians also made use of the railway bridge.

### ASK FOR C. P. R. SUBURBAN

Mr. C. Fred Chestnut, chairman of the Transportation Committee of the Board of Trade got into communication with Supt. Wm. Downie of the C. P. R. at St. John. Mr. Downie was asked if the C. P. R. would put on a suburban train to leave the Nashwaaksis early in the morning and returning after 6 p. m., or failing that to give the I. C. R. running rights to Nashwaaksis. This morning Mr. Downie replied the C. P. R. would give a suburban service as requested if the running expenses thirty dollars per day, were guaranteed. Running rights for the I. C. R. he said were out of the question. The matter is to be laid before the Transportation Committee, but the establishment of such a train service is doubtful.

### EXTENT OF DAMAGE

The extent of damage on the water front during the ice run yesterday afternoon was not so great as had been anticipated. At Atherton's Boat Livery at the foot of Westmorland street, boat-houses were smashed to kindling in most cases and practically all were damaged. At Chestnut's boat-houses owned by C. W. Hall and Wm. Cruikshank were smashed. That of G. N. Babbitt escaped with a few scratches. The wharves all along the front are covered with ice which was shoved up on them, the water being high. Below the I.C.R. bridge cakes of ice are shoved up on the green and are level with Waterloo Row.

### REPAIRING 'PHONE SERVICE.

The New Brunswick Telephone Company has a crew at work today repairing the cable which was torn away when the draw-span was destroyed. Until repairs are effected there will be no connection with Gibson or Marysville.

Following are the dates of the opening and closing of the river here since 1825:

Year	Opening	Close	Days
1825	April 15	November 20	219
1826	April 17	November 14	211
1827	April 6	December 3	241
1828	April 20	November 19	213
1829	April 17	November 15	212
1830	April 18	November 29	226
1831	April 10	December 1	235
1835	May 3	November 15	196
1833	April 10	November 5	235
1834	April 11	November 17	220
1832	May 3	November 15	196
1836	April 23	November 19	205
1837	April 17	November 9	206
1838	May 1	November 25	208
1839	April 25	November 23	236
1840	April 16	November 23	221
1841	April 27	November 27	214
1842	April 24	November 22	212
1843	April 26	November 13	202
1844	April 14	November 27	227
1845	April 23	December 4	225
1846	April 6	November 28	236
1847	May 2	November 70	223
1848	April 19	November 10	208
1849	April 8	December 2	230
1850	May 2	November 27	209
1851	April 16	November 17	215
1852	April 26	November 25	220
1853	April 17	November 25	221
1854	May 7	November 10	208
1855	April 28	November 22	218
1856	April 25	November 17	215
1857	April 18	December 5	230
1858	April 22	November 13	204
1859	April 16	November 29	226
1860	April 23	November 27	217
1861	April 20	December 3	230
1862	April 18	December 3	229
1863	April 22	November 17	209
1864	April 20	December 9	232
1865	April 6	November 10	233
1866	April 14	December 12	242
1867	April 22	November 17	209
1868	April 22	November 16	208
1869	April 20	November 26	220
1870	April 11	November 22	223
1871	April 10	November 24	227
1872	April 22	November 29	221
1873	April 23	November 12	203
1874	April 21	November 22	214
1875	April 27	November 19	206
1876	April 22	November 30	222
1877	April 13	December 4	235
1878	April 5	December 18	247
1879	April 27	November 22	209
1880	April 22	November 21	212
1881	April 2	November 22	234
1882	May 1	November 26	209
1883	April 18	November 15	216
1884	April 16	November 19	217
1885	April 23	November 27	218
1886	April 21	November 23	216
1887	April 27	December 1	217
1888	April 26	November 21	209
1889	April 16	December 1	228
1890	April 21	November 24	217
1891	April 14	November 29	229
1892	April 15	December 6	234
1893	April 14	November 21	220
1894	April 21	November 20	212
1895	April 19	November 22	216
1896	April 18	November 21	210
1897	April 21	November 21	213
1898	April 20	December 9	232
1899	April 26	November 13	207
1900	April 21	November 20	213
1901	April 17	November 24	221
1902	March 23	November 29	250
1903	March 24	November 27	247
1904	April 25	November 10	220
1905	April 20	November 21	215
1906	April 15	November 26	225
1907	April 17	November 20	211
1908	April 21	November 23	216
1909	April 19	November 30	225
1910	April 6	November 29	234
1911	April 19	November 17	212
1912	April 16	November 29	224
1913	April 1	?	?

### OFFICIAL VISIT

The County Master Mr. R. W. Gregory accompanied by the D.C.M. J. Cowie paid an official visit to No. 21 L.O.L., Gibson last evening. There was full attendance of the Lodge. After the usual routine business was transacted, a very pleasing evening was spent.

### PERSONAL

Mr. F. C. Beateay of St. John as a guest at the Queen. Miss Lottie Scott who has been attending the Fredericton Business College, leaves this evening for her home in Campbellton where she has accepted a position.

## CHARGES OF BOODLING

**Hon. Mr. Lemieux Unearths Scandal in the P. O. Department**

**Ontario Equipment Co. Gets Order for Three Hundred and Fifty Thousand Mail Bag Locks**

Ottawa, April 1—"Let me urge hon. members opposite not to defend the boodlers," was the striking comment of Hon. Mr. Lemieux, when he rose in parliament tonight to reply to statements made by Hon. Mr. Pelletier on reports in newspapers concerning the contract the postmaster general had made for 350,000 mailing locks at \$1 each. Government members vigorously applauded Mr. Pelletier's declaration that the press had maligned him.

"Do not defend the boodlers," counselled Mr. Lemieux, suddenly checking the Conservative enthusiasm. "I warn hon. members that this is the worst boodling case that has ever been before this parliament. When I am through with a plain statement of the facts of this matter I intend to ask the prime minister to appoint a committee for a searching investigation into the whole circumstance." Premier Borden sat silent but Mr. Pelletier jumped to his feet with a demand for a retraction. "No," said Mr. Lemieux, "I do not retract. I ask the premier for a special committee of investigation and stand by the result. I say this is a boodling case and I am surprised to see hon. gentlemen opposite stand behind the boodlers. I repeat that it is a scandal, a robbery and a boodle, and that political friends of the postmaster general engineered the graft, receiving a large amount out of the profits which the contracting Ontario Equipment Company does not take."

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## MONTENEGRO MAY FIGHT AUSTRIA

Vienna, April 1—Part of the Austrian squadron is reported to have reached the Montenegrin port of Antivari, the remainder is held in reserve at Cattaro. Transports with 3,000 infantry aboard accompany the warships.

It is understood that unless the siege of Scutari ceases by tomorrow a naval demonstration will begin.

Cettinje, April 1—Montenegro has answered the latest demand of the powers regarding the withdrawal of civilians from Scutari by stating that army headquarters have refused, for military reasons, to permit the transmission to the commandant of a beleaguered town of a cipher despatch from his government, however, has offered to submit to headquarters a request for the transmission of a message in plain language.

In reply to the powers' previous note, Montenegro expresses regret that it is unable to offer to their wishes to cease hostilities at Scutari and in the territories allotted by the powers to Albania.

Belgrade, April 1—Special despatches from the front say that the Serbian and Montenegrin forces are bombarding the Scutari forts with success, and that their surrender is expected within a day or two.

### PETITIONED FOR SIDEWALK

The Road Committee has been instructed by the City Council to place a sidewalk in Carleton street extension between Charlotte Street and Needham Street. A number of the residents of the locality served by that street petitioned that such a sidewalk be constructed.

The children's annual concert will be given at the S. A. Citadel Thursday, April 3rd. Admission 10 cents.

### HONEY MAKERS BUSY

Maple Sugar and honey makers of Queensbury have been quite busy during the past week gathering their toothsome harvest. The output this year promises to be fairly large.