

CITY COUNCIL DECIDES TO PAY MR. PHINNEY'S BILL

Members of Former Council Oppose Payment--Grants Voted Both Local Bands and Twenty-five Concerts are Required--Mr. Peter Farrell Appointed to Board of Health.

There was some cross-firing between members of the "government" and "opposition" at last night's meeting of the City Council. The two matters which caused the greatest discussion were the voting of grants for hand concerts and the payment of the bill of Mr. J. D. Phinney, K. C., for services in connection with prosecutions for violation of the Canada Temperance Act.

Ald. Calder, Ald. Jewett and Ald. Hooper, were firmly opposed to the payment of this bill which amounted to \$580 and wanted the matter to go to the Administration of Justice committee for further consideration. The majority thought otherwise.

In regard to grants to the bands, Ald. Hooper urged giving \$300 grant to the Fredericton Brass Band and dealing with the 1st Regt. Band afterwards. Others opposed giving more than \$300 in grants to the bands, and that amount was finally divided between the two organizations, \$25 to the Fredericton Brass and \$75 to the other. Twenty-five concerts of which four are to be on Sunday, will be played during the summer.

All members of the council were present.

AUDITOR'S REPORT

The Auditor's report of monthly expenditures was as follows:

Roads and streets	\$575.73
Public works	33.95
Contingent	255.38
City hall	28.35
Fire	60.28
Wharves	25.60
Market	43.75
Administration of justice	83.37
Street lighting	79.91
Canada Temperance Act	580.70
Sewerage connection	58.43
Sewerage expenses	114.49
Water	288.97
Total	\$2,229.01

MR. PHINNEY'S ACCOUNT

With regard to the motion to pay \$580.70 to Mr. J. D. Phinney, K. C., for services in connection with the enforcement of the Canada Temperance Act, Ald. Hooper said he was not satisfied with the explanation made concerning the item in committee. Mr. Phinney, he supposed would have to be paid. But why had the bill not been presented before. Of course it was said that it was thought the former councils could not pay it. Mr. Phinney had performed work not ordered by the council, but by private parties and partially paid for by the latter.

Ald. Hooper moved, seconded by Ald. Jewett that the item go to the Administration of Justice committee for further consideration.

Ald. Calder concurred with the remarks of Ald. Hooper. He thought, however, that a bill of this size should be taxed by someone competent to judge the value of legal services. He thought Mr. Phinney would not present an unfair bill, but to do away with any suspicion of unfairness his charge should be taxed. Such action would meet with the approval of the people. He would support the amendment.

Ald. Clark remarked that the item stood in the Auditor's report as did any other.

Ald. Hooper—"Was it examined by the Auditor before being presented?" Ald. Clark replied that it had not. If the bill were taxed it would mean additional expense to the city. Mr. Phinney had been advised that it would be useless to present the bill during the last year. As to Mr. Phinney suing the city in case the council refused to pay his bill, he (Ald. Clark) had advised against such action as he remembered what had happened in the case of a stenographer's bill which the council had

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PIERPONT MORGAN SUFFERS RELAPSE

Financier Now in Europe Reported to be in Dangerous Condition, but Great Secrecy as to Actual Facts Observed.

New York, May 4.—It has been learned in inner financial circles that J. Pierpont Morgan, now on recuperative tour in Europe, has suffered a severe relapse; and information which has come out, is to the effect that the American financier is in a dangerous physical condition at the present time. This news has been carefully kept, because of the effect it would have on the stock market, and the facts of the case, it may be stated, are known exclusively to the very closest friends of Morgan.

COMMANDER PEARY GOES TO ANTWERP

Antwerp, May 4.—Commander Robert E. Peary has accepted an invitation to lecture before the Royal Geographical Society of Antwerp.

UP RIVER SURVEY PARTY STARTS WORK

Woodstock, N. B., May 4.—D. W. Maxwell, chief engineer of the St. John Valley Railway survey organized his staff this morning for the up river section, and the camp will be pitched near the power company's station, two miles from town. The correct list of those employed on the survey is as follows: Chief Engineer—James J. Taylor. Transitman—F. W. C. Wetmore. Levelman—Fred Baird. Typographer—B. W. Harmon. Rodman—Charles Moffatt. Chainmen—Ambrose McGinley and Fred McLean. Rodman for Typographer—Aubrey Rideout. Tapeman for Typographer—Frank McVey. Axemen—Sidney Giberson, Guy Pryor, Wm. Hamilton, Jas. Picket and Gordon Bailey. Cook—Wilfred Crawford. Teamster—Fred Cowan. Miss Josie M. Ryan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Marcellus Ryan, was married this morning to Mr. Edward Griffin of Auburn, Me. Rev. Father McMurray officiated. The happy couple left on the early train for Houlton, thence to Ashland, Me., where they will make their future home.

WINTER PORT RECORD.

St. John, N.B., May 4.—(Special to The Mail)—Official statement of Winter port business for the season just closed shows total of export value of \$24,396,300 about \$20,000 ahead of last year and constituting new record. Cattle fell off largely but other lines increased. More Canadian goods shipped and slight fall off in American.

PARLIAMENT PROROGUED EARLY THIS AFTERNOON

Ottawa, May 4.—The second session of the eleventh parliament of Canada was prorogued this afternoon by His Excellency Earl Grey, with all the accustomed pomp and ceremony of military escorts, booming guns from Nepean Point, and a large attendance of the Capital's militia headquarters staff in gold lace and braid to give color to the scene. In the Senate Chamber His Excellency read the speech from the throne in English and in French, reviewing the work of one of the most important and fruitful sessions of Parliament since Confederation in respect both to the largeness of the issues involved and the amount of useful and far-reaching legislation put through.

A feature of the final ceremonies of the six months' session was the presentation to Earl and Lady Grey by the assembled members of the farewell address of appreciation and good will passed by both Houses yesterday. The address on behalf of the people of Canada to the retiring Governor General and Her Excellency was read in English by Speaker Kerr and in French by Speaker Marcel.

This morning's final proceedings in the Commons included the final passage of the new tariff regulations in connection with the recent settlement of the United States and concurrence in the estimates. Before the orders of the day, Hon. H. R. Emmerson draw the attention of the House to the letter written by Admiral Kingsmill in reply to a request for information as to the conditions on which Canadians could join the new Canadian navy. In the letter Admiral Kingsmill stated that entry would be conditional on competitive examination, but that probably there would be no openings for three or four years yet, until the new ships were ready.

BAKERS STRIKE BECOMING SERIOUS

New York Faces Bread Famine, and Supplies Have to be Obtained from Other Cities--Imported Men Cause Riot.

New York, N.Y., May 4.—Rioting continues in the bakers' strike. One strike breaker has been stabbed, several mauled, and hundreds of loaves of bread tossed from wagons in to the street, but no fatalities. Both sides, employers and strikers maintain an air of confidence and conflicting statements of the status of affairs were issued.

The strikers say that six thousand men are out and most of the big bakeries including those in the larger hotels are seriously crippled. The employers on the other hand, insist that they are only temporarily handicapped and will quickly fill all vacancies. Many hotels however are getting bread from neighboring cities. The bakery which supplies Columbia University ran short of supplies and hungry students were limited to one slice of bread each for breakfast this morning. A squad of strikebreakers have arrived from Philadelphia.

WELL KNOWN GIBSON MAN DEAD FROM PARALYSIS

Mr. John Miles, one of the best known residents of Gibson passed away at his home this morning after a lingering illness from paralysis. He was a farmer by occupation, and was held in the highest esteem in the community in which he lived. In politics he was a staunch and life long Liberal and always displayed an active interest in public affairs. The deceased was seventy-six years of age and is survived by a family of four sons and three daughters, viz, Albert and Ralph at home, Frederick of Sydney, Frank of Weyburn, Sask. Mrs. Willis, McPherson and Mrs. W. Brewer, St. Marys and Mrs. Louis Sterling of Gibson. Mr. George Miles, of St. Marys is a brother, and Mrs. William Barker of Gibson a sister of the deceased. Three others, Partlelow William and Thomas reside in the West. The funeral will be held on Friday afternoon at 3.30 o'clock. Rev. C. P. Wilson will conduct the services.

AWFUL FATALITY ON ELECTRIC RAILROAD

Springfield, Ohio., May 4.—Two men were killed and nine persons severely injured late last night in a wreck on the Ohio Electric Railroad near Urban. W. H. Ferguson a motorman and M. M. Roark of this city were killed when a freight car broke away from a trolley express car and plunged down a steep grade into a passenger car. The injured include two women.

DISASTROUS COLLISION DURING FOG AT SEA

Two Steamers Collide Last Night off Cape Cod Light--Only Hard Work Saved Appalling Loss of Life--Great Heroism Displayed by Officers and Some of Crew.

Provincetown, Mass., May 4.—With her bow high in the air and her after-compartments full of water, the freight steamer San Turice staggered into harbor at dawn today after a perilous night off the end of Cape Cod, following her being rammed last evening by the oil tank steamer Ligonier. Skillful seamanship and a plucky engineer and crew saved the San Turice from going to the bottom but her commander, Capt. Folker, had no soft work for fifteen of his deck-hands who, like rats from a sinking ship, scurried over the sides of the vessel to the Ligonier, while the latter's bow was grinding the side of the San Turice. The collision took place off Cape Cod light, about eight o'clock last night, in the midst of a dense fog. The San Turice had discharged a heavy cargo of sugar in Boston and was jogging along around the Cape for New York. The Ligonier with several hundred thousand gallons of oil under her hatches, which she had loaded at Port Arthur, Texas, was groping her way north through the smother of fog, for Beverly.

The Ligonier struck the San Turice on the starboard side, abreast of the main rigging. A twelve foot hole which reached below the water line, was torn in the San Turice's side. The deck crew of the San Turice were

panic-stricken and leaped over the boat of the Ligonier before the two vessels drew apart. Ten minutes after the collision both vessels were out of sight and out of hearing of each other. The Ligonier is equipped with wireless and Capt. Gates immediately notified a shore station in Boston of the collision and stated that an effort would be made to beach the San Turice, as the collision took place within a mile of the shore. Capt. Gates said that his vessel was only slightly injured forward and that he would remain in the vicinity until morning, when he would proceed to Beverly, his destination. It was a ticklish piece of work coaxing the water-logged San Turice around the end of the Cape. Her bow was high in the air, and the wake of her screw was held over the taffrail. At any moment the bulkhead doors might give way under the pressure and the steamer settle in a minute's time, yet her engine-room force stoked away as if coming down a safe harbor. Capt. Folker and two officers clung to the bridge and guided the crippled steamer as she slowly worked across Peaked Hill bars and rounded Race Point into the harbor.

It is expected that the San Turice will be towed to Boston. The Ligonier was expected to reach Beverly during the day.

SENSATIONAL CASE AT ST. JOHN

Investigation into Affairs of the Disraeli Asbestos Company Discloses Shortage of Funds--Officials Arrested for Embezzlement of Same.

St. John, N. B., May 4.—(Special)—For some time rumors have been current that sensational developments would arise in the affairs of the Disraeli Asbestos Co., as a result of the investigations recently made by the directors of the company. This morning these rumors were verified when H. Leslie Coombes of this city was arrested by Deputy Chief Jenkins and Detective Killen on a warrant charging both him and Richard D. Isaacs with stealing, appropriating and converting to their own use the sum of \$5,700, the property of the Disraeli Asbestos Co.

Coombes has been in the employ of the company as assistant managing director. F. W. Campbell legal adviser of the company arrived in the city yesterday and acted with E. P. Raymond this morning when the case was taken up in the police court before Judge Ritchie.

Daniel Mullin, K. C., appeared for the defendants. After hearing part of the evidence of one witness, Alexander Warrell, the case was adjourned until two o'clock. Mr. Mullin asked for bail for his client, but his application was refused. Coombes, however, at the request of his counsel,

was allowed to remain in the guard-room until this afternoon.

Alexander Warrell was placed on the stand. Mr. Campbell asked him if he was a shareholder in the Asbestos Company, but the question was objected to by Mr. Mullin, and the objection was sustained.

Mr. Campbell—Have you been appointed to any position by the company? Mr. Mullin—I object on the ground that I question the legality of the proceeding. I question the legality of the meeting held by the alleged company because I contend there is no such company as the Disraeli Asbestos Co. legally constituted.

Mr. Warrell was allowed to state however, that he had been present at a meeting held at the office of the company on April 14, when the following had been present besides, Messrs. Daniel I. LeBranche, Coder Coombes, Banks and Healy.

The minute book of the company was produced, but its acceptance as evidence was objected to by the counsel for the defense on the same grounds as those on which his former objections were based. The court here rose until 2 o'clock this afternoon.

AUTOMOBILE RACE ENDS IN FATALITY

Milford, Conn., May 4.—One man was killed and another badly hurt to day when an automobile running at a high rate of speed along New Haven Ave., in an easterly direction crashed into a telegraph pole and was demolished. Two other men were in the car but were unhurt.

The man that was hurt refused to give his name or any information about himself and refused to be removed to a hospital. He directed that he be taken to a hotel in Bridgeport. He had a broken leg and minor injuries. The wrecked machine is said to have been racing with another which disappeared after the accident.

The experiment of tobacco-growing in Ireland is now meeting with success.

"INCUBATOR BABY" CASE COMES UP AGAIN

Holton, Kas., May 4.—Five persons were brought to trial in the county court here today charged with complicity in the sensational kidnapping at Topeka in August last of Marian Bleakley the "Incubator baby" of the World's Fair fame. The defendants are Mrs. Stella Barclay of Buffalo N.Y., who once adopted the child, and who is alleged to have planned the kidnapping, N. Gentry a Kansas city detective, Frank H. Tillets, in whose employ Gentry was, and David Gregg of Topeka. Marian Bleakley was recovered in Kansas City and after a fight in the courts was restored to her mother.

Skim milk is as good a feed for hens as for pigs, and will bring as much profit.

STOCK MARKET VERY DISTURBED

In Consequence of Dealings in American Securities in London, Considerable Discrepancy is Shown in Running Sales.

New York, N. Y., May 4.—Opening prices of Americans in London showed violent reactions from the closing here yesterday and opening prices in New York's showed convulsive rebounds in some stocks. The principal speculative issues, such as U. S. Steel, Union Pacific, Southern Pacific and Reading showed wide quotations on running sales. The advance in Southern Pacific ran to 2½, American Car 2½, Reading, 2½; C. P. R. 2; Virginia Carolina Chemical, 1½; Union Pacific, Northern Pacific, Great Northern Pfd. and North American, 1½, United States Steel, 1½, and the active list generally from a large fraction to a point.

SOME QUOTATIONS.

Amalgamated	65½
Canadian Pacific	184½
Erie	27½
Great Northern, pfd.	133
Northern Pacific	128½
Pennsylvania	132
Rock Island	43½
Soo	135½
Southern Pacific	122½
Union Pacific	117½
U. S. Steel	81½

New York, N. Y., May 4.—Wall st.—Noon—The decline in exchange rates gave color to the reports that large blocks of new bonds had been sold to foreigners. Rumors placed

the amount at over \$100,000,000. Money rates in London were easier and orders for stocks came from that centre. Prices were shaded before noon. Bonds were firm.

New York, N. Y., May 4.—The American Tobacco Company declared a quarterly dividend of 2½ per cent. on the common stock and an extra dividend of 7½ per cent. A quarterly dividend of 1½ per cent declared on the preferred stock. All these dividends were the same as those for the last quarter. The extra dividend declared a year ago for the corresponding quarter was 5 per cent.

Chicago Corn, May, 59½; July, 62½; Sept., 63½. Oats, May, 41½; July, 40½; Sept., 38½.

New York, N. Y., May 4.—Cotton futures opened steady, May, 14.25; July, 14.75; Aug., 14.10; October, 12.73; Nov., 12.55; bid: Dec. 12.54; Jan., 12.52.

S. A. LAND WARRANTS \$780 McDougall & Cowan's Winnipeg office quoted South African Land warrants at \$780.

SAME DIVIDEND ON PENN.

The directors on the Pennsylvania Railroad have declared the regular quarterly dividend of 1½ per cent., payable May 31 to stockholders of May 5.

GERMAN AVIATOR MAKES GREAT FLIGHT

Strassburg, Germany, May 4.—The German aviator Wienziens last night made a brilliant flight in his aeroplane. He started from the aerodrome four miles from the city and

passed over the houses in Strassburg twice encircling the steeple of the Cathedral of Strassburg 462 feet in height.

The aviator returned to the aerodrome and made a safe landing.