

WINNING TICKET CONTROLS POLICE AND JUSTICE DEPTS.

Standing Committees Appointed by City Council--Mayor's Inaugural Address--City's Stone for Bridge--Maxwell & Mitchell Suit Not Touched--Lively Meeting.

Standing committees for the year were appointed by the city council last night. The aldermen also decided to furnish as much crushed stone as possible for the concrete abutment and retaining wall of the approach to the highway bridge, reversing their former decision on hearing Mr. A. R. Wetmore, chief engineer of the Public Works Department, state that a slide would occur unless concrete were put in at once.

The mayor at the opening of the meeting made a short address in which he mentioned the most important matters which would probably come before the council during the year. His Worship forecasted an increase in the assessment.

The excitement of the meeting was furnished by Ald. Hooper and Ald. Clark. The former asked if he had been removed from the chairmanship of the fire committee because of graft or of rumors of graft in the fire department. He was informed that no one had heard of any graft in that department while he had been head of it. Ald. Clark desired to reply to statements made by Ald. Hooper on election night by making a comparison between the financial situations in 1908 and 1909. He was ruled out of order and as the council as a whole did not wish to hear him he did not make the statement.

In the make-up of the standing committees the successful ticket assumes entire control of the police commission and the administration of justice committee, five most important bodies at the present time. As was expected Ald. Mitchell was made chairman of the roads committee. Ald. Walker's appointment to the chairmanship of the fire committee was rather a surprise. The other appointments were not unexpected.

The matter of the suit Maxwell and Mitchell was not touched. Both contractors and their legal representative, Mr. Jas. Holland were present. At the close of the meeting they stated that they had appeared at the request of the city and that the next time the city would have to go after them. It is the intention of the aldermen to consider the matter at the April meeting of the council.

Those present were His Worship Mayor Thomas, and Aldermen Hooper, Mitchell, Walker, Harrison, Jewett, Osborne, Clark and Calder. The reading of the minutes of the

FRENCH JOURNAL AFTER RIVAL

Paris, March 19.—The *Matin* announces today that it will institute a suit against *La Journal* for \$100,000 damages because of a series of articles which the latter published connecting the management of the *Matin* with the Carthusian affair. The liquidation of the property of the Carthusian Monks is a part of the scandal under investigation by the government.

FUNERAL OF LATE GILMOUR BROWN.

The body of the late Gilmour Brown will arrive in Fredericton at noon Monday. The funeral will be held Monday afternoon. Rev. Dean Schofield will conduct the service. Interment will be made at Forest Hill Cemetery. Announcement of the hour of the funeral and the place from which it will be held will appear in the *St. John Telegraph* Monday.

A NEW ARRIVAL.

The Fredericton friends of Mr. and Mrs. John G. Settle, formerly of this city, will be interested in the announcement of the arrival of a baby girl, at their home in Westmount, P. Q., on Thursday of this week.

Mr. C. H. White, of Houlton, Me., is registered at the Barker House.

Mr. William Taylor of Halifax, is at the Queen.

Mr. H. J. Sheehan of St. John, is at the Barker.

Mrs. Harvey Mitchell, of Upper Keswick Ridge, is registered at the Queen.

preceding meeting was dispensed with.

MAYOR'S ADDRESS

The mayor made a few remarks at the opening of the meeting. He stated that it would be necessary for the city council to meet on or before April 10th, to make up the assessment. It would be impossible to keep the assessment to \$71,000, but the necessary increase should be as small as possible. However an assessment should be made that would provide for all departments and make over-drafts unnecessary. During the past year there had been a remarkably large amount paid out on roads and streets and public works. In fact he could remember when the total city expenditure for all purposes was no greater. He would advocate more permanent street work and less patching. He also advocated improvement of the water-front. In its existing condition it detracted greatly from the appearance of both city and river. The matter of improvement of the water-front, should be taken up with the provincial government at once.

His Worship also made a plea for protection of the shade trees which were being mutilated by employees of the electric lighting company and others. He proceeded to make a few remarks about the city's hay, and burdock-farms. The height of grass and weeds on some streets had been disgraceful. The mayor also mentioned the necessity for cleaner streets in the summer and better snow-plowing and sanding of pavements in the winter.

On the motion of Ald. Clark the council proceeded to the election of standing committees for the year. They are as follows:

FINANCE, PRINTING AND SCHOOLS

Ald. Weddall, chairman; Ald. Calder, Ald. Clark.

ROADS AND STREETS

Ald. Mitchell, chairman; Ald. Vanwart, Ald. Jewett, Ald. Calder, Ald. Walker.

WATER AND SEWERAGE

Ald. Vanwart, chairman; Ald. Osborne, Ald. Harrison.

STREET LIGHTING

Ald. Harrison, chairman; Ald. Hooper, Ald. Clark.

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MINERS NOT SURE OF FINAL OUTCOME

Cincinnati, Ohio, March 19.—There can be no final determination of the controversy between the mine owners and mine workers of the United States until next week. The joint conference of operators and miners of the Central competitive field has placed the entire matter in the hands of the joint scale committee. That committee has referred it to its own sub-committee adjourning until Monday to await the report. It is admitted that if no agreement comes from the sub-committee the National Convention of the United Mine Workers of America will determine what action the miners should take. The miners convention had a brief session today.

METROPOLITAN HOTEL, ST. JOHN, WAS RAIDED

(Special to The Mail.)

St. John, N. B., March 19.—The police made a sensational arrest this morning, about 3.30 when they raided the Metropolitan Hotel, Charlotte Street, and found conditions existing there which they say warranted their arresting the proprietors, Chas. T. Goggin and his wife, charging them with keeping a bawdy house, and the following on a charge of being inmates: Edward Brown, Albert Hopper, Otty Clarke and Arthur Clarke, Hattie Wheaton, Gertrude Hopper, Bessie Ferris and Margaret McFarlane. All pleaded not guilty in the police court and the cases were set for hearing this afternoon.

Mr. O. Wright, of Montreal, is in the city.

MR. PINDER OF YORK NOT HARD TO SATISFY

Distinguished Nackawicker is now a Subservient Tool of the Government.

In the public accounts committee this morning, Mr. Pinder declared that he did not see anything to improve in regard to the Public Works Department. Possibly he did not intend to be taken seriously. If he did his statement was a most remarkable one.

It was remarkable in view of the fact that letters from the department officials have shown that large amounts of money have been expended without any authority whatever. It was remarkable because the days' work system has been the rule instead of the tender system; in view of the fact that, while the chief commissioner has said that money spent on the roads in the fall was for skirting, large amounts were spent for other purposes. It was remarkable in view of the very large amounts paid to structural superintendents. It was remarkable in view of the fact that thousands on thousands of dollars were spent in the fall of 1908 for the purpose of assisting in securing the election of Conservative candidates for the Commons.

This morning it came out that up in Northumberland County \$10,000 was expended on the Tabusintac bridge under the day's work plan, with no inspection whatever from the provincial engineer. Such methods, it can readily be seen, are full of dangerous possibilities. The expenditure of \$10,000 of the people's money under no inspection, is absolutely indefensible. This particular piece of work was done under Mr. D. Desmond who last year received \$1,084 for his services, expenses, etc.

In Kent repairs were made on the Pineau bridge at a cost of over \$500 in the fall of 1908. This work the provincial engineer stated, was done without authority.

Hon. Mr. LaBillois said that information from Kent was to the effect moreover, that the work had not been done satisfactorily. It is perhaps unnecessary, when the methods of this government are borne in mind, and when it is remembered that the work was done in the fall of 1908, to say that the day's work system was followed.

In Charlotte, Mr. Owen Carroll did work on the sea-wall and highway at Whitehead at a cost of \$217. This was another of those cases in which, according to the statement of the provincial engineer, the work was done absolutely without authority. So the money goes.

In the case of Kings and Madawaska counties much of the bridge work was done under men who were in the provincial employ under the old government. In these counties there was little room for criticism. Down in Queen's concrete work was done by a

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STREET RAILWAY BILL AMENDED

The corporations committee met this morning, Mr. Slipp in the chair, and agreed to the amended bill for the incorporation of the Hartland & Miramichi Railway Company, excluding the right to dam certain streams for power purposes.

The bill to incorporate the Fredericton Street Railway Company was then taken up. Mr. J. W. McCready, city clerk of Fredericton, presented the proposed amendments on behalf of the city. Mr. C. Fred Chestnut, on behalf of the promoters of the bill, replied, showing the company's opposition to certain of the amendments, which he claimed were too stringent for a community of this size. The bill was then referred to a sub-committee composed of Hon. Mr. Maxwell, Mr. Robinson and Mr. Young, to report back.

The sub-committee considered the bill for some time and finally the bill with amendments satisfactory to the city was agreed upon. It will be reported.

F. B. B. CONCERT.

Don't forget the Fredericton Brass Band concert one week from Monday at the Opera House. A splendid programme is already arranged. Vocal solos by Miss Kelly and Miss Brewer, male quartette, violin solo by Mr. Dudomaine, banjo solo by Mr. Cecil Hilder. Descriptive selections and overtures by the band. Tickets to all parts of the Hall, 35c. each.

Messrs. T. B. Hartt and D. W. Mersereau of Fredericton Junction, are registered at the Queen.

FRANCE WINS OUT IN TARIFF DIPLOMACY

Gets Minimum Rate from Uncle Sam Without Granting All her Minimums.

Paris, March 19.—The French cabinet devoted all of today's session to a consideration of the Franco-American tariff negotiations. Subsequently a semi-official note was given out which read:

"The status of the tariff negotiations with the United States affords the hope that a satisfactory agreement will be reported.

Nothing more definite was forthcoming today, despite the fact that President Taft is quoted here as having announced last night that a complete agreement had been reported, and that he would today sign a proclamation giving France the favored rates as provided in the Payne-Aldrich Act.

The influential weekly "Opinion" warmly congratulates Ambassador Jusseau and the government upon the imminence of an agreement with the United States. It considers the result of the tariff negotiations as a compromise but argues that France in reality is the victor having forced the United States government to abandon its demand for all of the French minimums.

LATER.

Washington, March 19.—President Taft tomorrow at Albany will sign a proclamation of today's date, giving to France and Algeria the minimum rates under the Payne-Aldrich Act.

MEAT STRIKE WAS MARKED FAILURE

Cleveland, March 19.—The official death of the "meat strike" has been announced. When the strike began the price of beef was 6 cents wholesale. Today it is 7 to 7 1/2 cents. Hogs jumped from 9 to 11 cents. Eggs fell from 38 to 21 cents and butter is 33 cents, a fall of a nickel, both because of milder weather. Potatoes are 10 cents a bushel lower, as they are getting old.

The net result has been an avalanche of investigation, but no new legislation is reported from any state. Prices still are high.

The movement was started two months ago by Fred W. Sebelin, who suggested that sixty day abstinence pledges be signed as a blow at the increased cost of living. Meat was the target, although other articles of food were not overlooked. The plan spread over the country and for a week or two flourished. Then it sputtered and burned out.

Thousands of persons boycotted meat for a while, and many small shops were closed because of lack of business, but trade reports indicate that few adhered to a no-meat diet.

JAPANESE DENY THE STORY OF AGREEMENT

Tokio March 19.—Details of the story published in America to the effect that Japan had proposed and outlined a new agreement with the American government have been received with much surprise here. The foreign office denies the report positively.

DEADLOCK NOW AT AMERICAN CAPITAL

Washington, March 19.—The conference of regulars and insurgents failed to reach an agreement and at 11 o'clock the members left the committee room. "There is no agreement and the fight is on," said Representative Morris as he came out.

EARL GREY AND FIELDING TO MEET TAFT AT ALBANY

President Taft's arrival at Albany was expected at 2.30 p.m. Earl Grey, the president and the governor will all speak tonight at University club dinner and the Canadian party will not meet. President and Gov. Hughes until they greet each other there.

SKATING AT CURLING RINK.

Skating at the Curling Rink Monday evening. Band. Admission, 25 cents.

THREE CARS DYNAMITED IN PHILADELPHIA LAST NIGHT

Strikers and Company Still Apart but Better Feeling is Observable--Greenwall Threatens State-Wide Strike on Monday--Men Going Back to Work in Considerable Numbers.

Philadelphia, Pa., March 19.—After a week of peace talk and innumerable conferences between union leaders and peacemakers, the striking motormen and conductors and the officials of the Philadelphia Rapid Transit Company are still apparently far apart. There is however a better feeling on both sides and this coupled with a desire to bring the strike to an early end may lead at any time to the opening of negotiations.

All peace conferences held have been between representatives of the strikers and persons interested in ending the trouble. The Rapid Transit Company has not been directly represented in any of the meetings, but has been kept informed of the progress of events. The informal peace meetings will continue until common ground can be found upon which to bring both sides face to face.

This is the 29th day of the street car strike and the fifteenth of the general walk-out. There have been few desertions from the ranks of the trolley men but there is a slow move-

ment toward a return to work on the part of the general strikers. The return is not general but each day finds a few more men returning so that today there is not nearly the great number of men idle as there was during the first few days of the sympathetic strike.

President Greenwall of the state federation of labor is still determined to put the state-wide strike into effect on Monday. He said today that he hoped this will not be necessary but at present he sees no way in which to delay the instructions of the recent state convention of the federation. The dynamiting of the three cars in different parts of the city last night are the first serious acts of violence reported in nearly a week and the police are making a rigid investigation of the affairs. Following the attempts to blow up, the cars it has been learned that 100 sticks of dynamite were stolen from a quarry on the outskirts of the city Thursday night. The police have been instructed to watch all persons who carry packages of suspicious appearance.

YANKEE CRUISER ORDERED TO LIBERIA

Washington, March 19.—The United States cruiser, Birmingham has been ordered to proceed forthwith to Monrovia, Liberia, upon the urgent request of the government of Liberia, which has represented to the state department that it is powerless to hold in check the rebellious tribes now in revolt against it. It appears that the tribes of Oreboes, a powerful people inhabiting the region of the Cabally River adjoining French territory to the southeast of Liberia have rebelled against the Liberian government and are besieging the town of Harper at Cape Palmas, where there are considerable missionary interests. The object of the insurrection seems to be to force the Liberian government to purchase peace.

Mrs. Donald Munro of Woodstock, arrived in the city last night.

TORONTO HOSPITALS ARE OVERCROWDED

Toronto, Ont., March 19.—(Special) Typhoid situation here is growing serious. All the city hospitals are crowded and have had to refuse patients during the past week. A man was taken to Grace Hospital last night with a broken leg and had not a patient been discharged a few minutes before he could not have been taken in.

MARYSVILLE TOPICS.

March 19.—The I.C.R. suburban train is to be held until after the play on Monday evening, so all the theatre patrons can attend the theatrical performance at the Opera house in Fredericton by the Myrkel-Harder Co. a well known company which visited the city a great many times. It is to be hoped the train will be held other evenings throughout the week.

MOCK PARLIAMENT TO PRODUCE.

The Mock Parliament at the University will prorogue tonight. All the usual ceremonies will be observed. During tonight's session the government will bring down the Women's Suffrage Bill. Hon. R. F. Armstrong Minister of Public Works will introduce the bill. An interesting debate is expected.

BELOW ZERO.

The thermometer at the Pumping Station registered 2 below zero at an early hour this morning. The cold snap following closely after mild weather was felt very much.

STOCK IMPORTATION STRONGLY RECOMMENDED

Another interesting and valuable session of the agricultural committee of the House was held today.

Mr. Woods reported for the sub-committee appointed to consider the question of stock importation. While the committee were not able to present a report individually, he was in favor of an importation of dairy cattle and sheep. He had received many letters from members of agricultural societies, urging that importations be made. The subject was discussed at length and the following resolution was passed, moved by Mr. Woods, seconded by Mr. Pinder.

"Whereas there is a considerable awakening of interest among our farmers in stock raising;

"And, Whereas it is very important that the best possible animals should be used for breeding purposes;

"And, Whereas our New Brunswick breeders of pure bred stock have not a supply adequate to the needs of the province;

"Resolved, That we recommend that the Department of Agriculture take such steps as are necessary to secure the introduction of desirable pure bred cattle, sheep and swine, in such numbers as will fairly meet the needs and demands of the various districts upon such plan or plans as will best insure a high quality of stock and at the least expense to the province."

Moved by Mr. LaBillois, seconded by Mr. Allain, and unanimously passed: "Whereas, the Minister of Agriculture for Canada has arranged through his Department for sending pure bred sheep into the provinces of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island for sale by auction,

"Resolved, That the said Honorable Minister be requested by the Provincial Department of Agriculture to arrange similar sales for New Brunswick, and we recommend that at least one hundred pure bred rams be sent this summer to be sold at several central localities throughout the province."

BUSH THE SKATER BACK FROM EUROPE

St. John, March 18.—Mr. O. B. Bush, the one armed skater, of Vancouver, who left here a month ago to represent Canada in the European championships held at Helsingfors, Finland and who also skated in other championships in Europe arrived here today on the *Empress of Ireland*.

Henry A. Powell K.C., of St. John was in town on Friday.