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BOLD ROBBERS.

Attempted to Loot an Ontario Bank Branch but Were Foiled.

ST. CATHERINES, ONT., April 7.—(Special)—A daring attempt was made to rob the Imperial Bank branch at a small place called St. David's, nine miles from here this morning, when four robbers made desperate efforts to get at the cash, amounting to \$3,000.

While two of the robbers were at work on the vault, two of their partners kept watch outside.

One of the bank clerks hearing an explosion, arrived at the bank, but not having a revolver was helpless, and while the robbers kept watch at the door, he took to pelting stones

and bricks, the robbers returning the compliment with bullets.

The noise of the fusillade soon woke up the whole village and people flocked up to see what was going on.

Notwithstanding the whole village was out, the robbers kept up their work.

After a second attempt to blow open the vault they decided to decamp and left in two rigs in the direction of Niagara Falls.

The police were notified and are on the look out. The robbers are supposed to be a gang from Buffalo.

MR. FLEMMING'S RETURN.

Provincial Secretary Re-elected by Acclamation—Message to the Public.

WOODSTOCK, April 7.—(Special)—Sheriff Hayward opened his court at 10 o'clock and at noon there being but one nomination for a seat in the legislature, the sheriff declared Hon. James K. Flemming, re-elected by acclamation.

The provincial secretary through the medium of the press, as there was no speech making, wishes to thank the electors for returning him without opposition.

He said it would be his ambition to serve the province to the best of his ability in the position to which he has been called and as well render to his own people the best that is within him.

He feels that the responsibility is great but is satisfied that the reforms promised by the premier will be carried out as speedily as possible.

WANTED THE FLAG.

Judge Wedderburn a Stickler for Courtesy Due the King's Justices.

HAMPTON, April 7.—(Special)—The April term of the County Court or King's County, Judge Wedderburn, presiding, opened this morning at 11 o'clock.

His Honor called the sheriff's attention to the absence of the flag which courtesy and custom call to be flown over the court house when any

of the King's justices are present in the prosecution of public business.

He was informed that the halyards are broken and thereupon he instructed the sheriff to request the necessary repairs so as to have the flag floating in the future when the court is in session.

STARVING INDIANS.

And a Dull Fur Trade in the far North of Canada.

WINNIPEG, April 7.—(Special)—Colin Fraser, a well known fur trader who is here disposing of his winter packet has gloomy forebodings of the future of the fur trade.

He says: "I have been up twenty years in the north getting fur and I never knew so poor a year as this."

Some of the Indians are starving about Fort Chipewyan, there are no

rabbits even, nothing at all but a few muskrats and the Indians are often hungry and many Indians are without food.

One starving man came into the Fort and we fed him. I thought he would kill himself he was so greedy to eat. We sent out for his family and brought them in and gave them food.

DIED ABROAD.

Son of Robert Hull Passed Away at Cincinnati.

WOODSTOCK, April 7.—(Special)—Word has been received here that Samuel Hull, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hull, of Woodstock, who has been absent from here for a few years, is dead in Cincinnati, Ohio.

The body will reach here tomorrow. No particulars of Mr. Hull's death have been received.

Miss Myrtle Gunter, daughter of Mr. J. B. Gunter, who has been seriously ill at her home on Brunswick street from meningitis, is slightly improved today.

THE STOCK MARKET.

MONTREAL, April 7.—(Special)—Stocks were dull and unchanged today. The features were: MacKay, 59; Soo Common, 114; Lake of the Woods, 114; Shawinigan, 66; Twin City, 86; Mexican Bonds 89; Montreal Power, 92.

Mrs. Droppyn—It's a wonder your kitchen girl doesn't insist on using the piano.

Mrs. Dthaynm—Let the impudent thing do it if she dares! I've found out that she can play it better than my girls can.

He's not the man to stand idly by when a fellow-ran needs assistance.

No? No, he immediately gets busy and tells the mere bystanders what to do.

INCREASE OF \$4,000.

Assessment This Year Will be \$73,000—Increased Pay for Pumping Station Engineers.

The city council held a committee meeting last evening over three hours and not through with a considerable amount of business. A delegation from the Hartt Boot & Shoe Company was given a hearing and asked that the mortgage held by the city on the company's property here be cancelled.

The engineers at the pumping station were granted a fifty dollar increase in their salaries on account of extra work entailed by the filtration plant. The accounts for the past month were passed.

Mayor Chestnut presided at the meeting, the others present being, Alds, Hooper, Mitchell, Kitchen, Walker, Farnell, Jewett, Moore, Clark, Winslow, City Clerk McCready and Auditor McKay.

The Mayor stated that a delegation representing the Hartt Boot & Shoe Company had a matter to lay before the committee and it was decided to give them a hearing.

Mr. John Palmer, vice-president of the Company was the first speaker, and asked the council to release them from the mortgage of \$10,000 given as security for a bonus paid by the city when the factory was established. He pointed out that the mortgage, while of no real benefit to the city, was a serious drawback to the company. The authorized capital was \$100,000, but only \$60,000 had thus far been subscribed, and with a mortgage standing against the property people hesitated about investing their money in the concern.

This made it more difficult for the directors of the company to finance the business. It was necessary for him to tell them that the concern was now on a safe foundation and was here to stay. He hoped the council would see their way clear to grant the company's request.

Mr. J. A. Reid, the manager of the Company, who spoke next, pointed out that the output of the company had increased from \$150,000 to \$275,000 per year, and was capable of still further expansion. The goods were sold in every province of Canada, and already enjoyed a reputation that was envied by older concerns. Last year the factory paid out in wages the sum of \$65,900 and the total amount paid out in nine years was \$412,972. He felt safe in saying that the city had long ago received full value for its investment in the property.

Mr. Edward Moore said he had been connected with the company since its formation and felt safe in saying that it had been a great benefit to the city. A good portion of the burden had up to the present been borne by Mr. Hilburn and he did not regret having done so. He hoped that the council would see its way clear to cancel the mortgage, and thus assist the company to raise more capital.

Mayor Chestnut promised that the matter would receive very careful consideration and with this assurance the delegation withdrew.

OPERA HOUSE RENTAL. A communication was read from the Wonderland Moving Picture Company setting forth that the sum of \$18 per night paid by them for the use of the opera house was more than the usual fee charged to local talent, and asking a refund of \$504, which amount they claimed was overpaid during the past season.

City Clerk McCready said that the application had been made to the last council and turned down. As a matter of fact Mr. Staples, the manager of the company, had voluntarily offered to take the hall at a rental of \$18 per night, after learning that Mr. Penney had made an offer of \$12.50 per night for it. He (McCready) had fixed the rate at \$18, because he regarded moving pictures as foreign talent.

Mr. Staples, who was given a hearing, claimed that the members of the company were taxpayers, and thought that they should have the opera house at the same rate usually charged to local parties. He thought that the fee of \$18 per night included a nightly license fee of \$5, which the company had no right to pay. For the protection of the public, the company had had constructed a galvanized iron box for the moving picture machine, when in operation. This had cost them \$31, and they thought that the city should pay the bill. The object of the box was to prevent a panic in case a film should catch fire.

Protection of this kind had been strongly advocated by the Daily Herald, and the company had not waited for the city to act. He admitted that he had volunteered to pay \$18 per night for the hall, but thought he was entitled to a refund.

The committee after some discussion, decided to reimburse the company for the cost of the iron box, but in regard to the hall rental it was

felt that no reduction could be made.

A check was ordered to issue in favor of Secretary Bliss for the city's share of the cost of administration of justice last year.

A letter from Mr. Rainsford in regard to Mr. James Bird's alleged claim for damages against the city on account of injuries sustained by the caving in of a trench, was referred to the water committee.

An offer from Mr. John Perry to operate a watering cart for 25 cents per hour was referred to the road committee.

INCREASE OF PAY.

Ald. Farrell read a communication from the engineers of the pumping station, calling attention to extra work imposed on them by the installation of the filtration plant, and asking for an increase in their salaries.

Ald. Farrell explained that he had told the engineers that he thought that their claim was a just one, but he had not held out much hope that an increase would be granted this year. He promised, however, to lay the matter before the council without any recommendation, and abide by the decision of the board.

The matter was discussed at some length and the committee decided to recommend an increase of \$50 to each of the three engineers. A motion by Ald. Jewett that the amount be \$100 did not find a seconder.

A letter from Dr. L. A. Currey of the Hampstead Steamship company, applying for free wharfage for the steamer Hampstead this season, was read, and it was decided to grant the request.

Ald. Farrell thought that the value of the wharf privileges given to the Hampstead would come out of the wharfing, the upset price of the wharves when sold at auction should be reduced to that extent. The committee did not seem to think that this was necessary.

THE ASSESSMENT.

The assessment for the ensuing year was then taken up and passed at \$73,000, which is an increase of \$4,000 over last year. The increase is almost entirely due to an over expenditure in the water department last year. The only item not fixed at the previous meeting was for street lighting, and this was placed at \$6,000. Chairman Kitchen explained that it would be necessary to provide a new belt, and make some repairs to the building. The appropriation last year was \$5,600. Administration of Justice was fixed at \$2,000, and contingencies at \$8,791. The fixed expenditure is \$32,109, and the controllable expenditure at \$40,891. The assessment is the largest in the history of the city, but it is not expected that there will be much increase in last year's rate.

It was after eleven o'clock when the council adjourned.

HO EYMOON'S TRAGIC SEQUEL.

M. P.'s Son Succumbs to Typhoid Fever.

London Daily Mail: Captain Adrian Rose, of the Royal Horse Guards, the youngest son of Mr. C. D. Rose, the Liberal member for Newmarket, died on Wednesday in London from typhoid fever.

The sadness of his death is accentuated by the fact that he was recently married and had just returned from a honeymoon trip in Egypt, when he was seized with the illness. Captain Rose was married to Miss Nancy Green last December, in York Minster.

(His father C. D. Rose, M.P., is a Canadian, son of the late Sir John Rose, at one time finance minister of Canada.)

A TORY RUMOR.

Toronto World Hears a Federal Election is Imminent.

TORONTO, April 7.—(Special)—The World (Conservative) today says: "An appeal to the people by the Dominion government seems imminent."

It is stated that a request was received yesterday by several city printers to tender within forty-eight hours for work in connection with the issuing of voters' lists.

Any one interested in the chafing dish should certainly call and see the lady make some delicacy. She is at Armour's Booth in Edgcombe's store—d.