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NO ACTION TAKEN.

There were only six of the ten aldermen present at last night's meeting of the City Council, and the business of the gathering was run through in less than an hour.

The question of another sewerage plebiscite was not touched, but after the meeting an expression of opinion among the aldermen gave ample evidence that the proposition will readily pass the Council when it comes up next month. At least three of the absent aldermen are strongly in favor of a plebiscite.

The time when such a vote may be taken is only an incident, a simple detail that can easily be settled. The Herald mentioned the date of the civic elections as a time when probably a larger vote would be called out, than if we had simply to vote on sewerage or no sewerage.

The Herald is not discouraged by the failure of the Council to take the matter up last night. Next month the aldermen will be setting their houses in order to meet the voters at the polls, and they will probably all be in their places ready to give their attention to anything and everything likely to increase their popularity and prestige.

The plebiscite will come again surely and soon. The Herald's advocacy of it has started the people talking, and when the voters get in earnest on a public question the aldermen soon drop into line.

A GREAT LEADER GONE.

Presbyterianism in Canada has sustained a serious loss by the death of Rev. Dr. Robertson, superintendent of home missions in the North West. Indeed it is claimed that Dr. Robertson has done more substantial work for the development of the North West than any other man.

The fallacy of the idea that Christian civilization can flourish without the pressure of the Christian Church, says the writer of an appreciative sketch of Dr. Robertson, has been amply demonstrated in the reign of lawlessness and crime which marked the early development of many parts of the Western States. And the fact that a similar condition of things was obviated in Western Canada is due no less to the energetic administration of the law than to the ubiquity of religious influences which fostered that law-abiding spirit without which mere law is powerless. It is no injustice to other religious bodies, but simply a statement of facts as founded on published statistics, to say that the home mission work carried on by the Presbyterian Church in Manitoba and the Northwest is more extensive than that of any other denomination. And of the whole of that work since its very inception, Dr. Robertson has been both the heart and the head.

At the time that Rev. James Robertson entered upon his work as the first pastor of the first Presbyterian Church in Winnipeg, over thirty years ago, there were only five ministers in the whole of Manitoba, British Columbia, and the Northwest Territories. In 1881 Dr. Robertson was entrusted with the supervision of the work in this portion of the Dominion, and today it contains one hundred and fifty self-supporting Presbyterian congregations and twelve hundred and eighty augmented congregations and mission stations, almost every one of which has been planted by his own hand. With the eye of the general, he picked out the strategic points in the great new land, and stationed his outposts at them. His great intellect perceived the won-

derful possibilities and the boundless resources of the broad West, and he realized the importance of building the Church into the very foundations of its new life.

But he did more than that. He not only directed the campaign at the front, but by his great strength of personality and power of argument, he succeeded in persuading the people in the churches of Ontario and the Eastern Province that the war was well worth what it cost.

The school boards of a number of cities and towns in Ontario have been seeking for qualified instructors in manual training, and to meet the occasion a special course of six months' training will be provided free at the Macdonald Manual Training School in Ottawa. The Department of Education at Toronto it is announced will give a bonus of \$120 each to a number of approved teachers from Ontario who complete the course successfully. The other condition is that teachers accepting the bonus will undertake to remain in Ontario for one year thereafter.

In connection with the war, it is interesting to note that the War Office is considering the advisability of supplying false teeth to the forces. Sixty per cent. of the applicants for enlistment in General Baden-Powell's police have been rejected on the ground of bad teeth, and hundreds of applicants for service with the Yeomanry were disqualified for the same cause. The Dental Hospitals of London have notified the War Office that they are prepared to make good the deficiency or equip applicants who are otherwise eligible at £1 per head.

The horrors of war are illustrated by the enormous British losses in South Africa. The total reduction of Great Britain's military force in South Africa from the beginning of the war to the end of December, including deaths from disease, men reported missing, etc., amounts to 24,299. Of this number 19,430 were actually killed or died. A total of 64,330 men were invalided home, the majority of whom recovered and rejoined their commands.

Judge Gwynne, of the supreme court of Canada, whose death was reported yesterday, was in his 88th year and had been on the bench 43 years. Several gentlemen are mentioned for the vacancy. Hon. David Mills, Minister of Justice, being the most prominent. The position is worth \$7,000 a year.

Twenty-eight million bushels of grain from Manitoba and the Northwest were delivered by the Canadian Pacific Railway Company at the lake fronts last year, and have either already been carried east or are in their elevators."

Mr. Drouin one of the Liberal candidates in St. James division, Montreal has withdrawn, and the fight for the vacant seat in the house of Commons will be between Ald. Brunet, Liberal, and Mr. Bergeron, Conservative.

It is stated that the St. John county local bye election will be held Jan. 25th, nomination one week earlier. Dr. Rudock the government nominee is the only candidate yet in the field, and he may be returned by acclamation.

HARVEY STATION.

(Special Correspondence to the Herald.)

Jan. 7.—There is much dissatisfaction with the new mail route to Brockway. The mail was formerly carried to Brockway by way of Tweedside and York Mills. The people of Tweedside and some others, are up in arms against this arrangement and a petition is being sent to the authorities to have another change made the petition now bears about 200 signatures.

Lister's new flour mill at York Mills is kept running pretty steady, and has ground a large quantity of wheat this season. The flour produced gives satisfaction generally, and is much superior to that of the old mill. Parties taking good wheat to the mill can rely on getting good flour. The mill is a boom to this section of the county, and Mr. Lister and his son David deserve much credit for their enterprise and skill in the matter.

Mr McLean's concert which was held in the upper church last Tuesday even-

ing, was largely attended and was a very enjoyable affair. It consisted chiefly of vocal and instrumental music and a number of drills by the Sunday school children. The proceeds amounted to over \$20, which will be given to Home missions.

WHITE'S COVE.

(Special Correspondence to the Herald.)

Jan. 3rd.—The races at Gagetown were postponed until the 11th on account of poor ice in the creek.

The first team crossed Grand Lake yesterday.

The roads have been very bad but the snow which fell this morning made very nice sleighing.

Mrs Gordon, wife of Rev Mr Gordon, is seriously ill with pneumonia.

The people of this place were very much pleased with the result of the election in York.

A donation party was held at the Narrows, Dec. 31st. Although the roads were in a very bad condition a large number managed to get there and enjoyed themselves very much. \$20 was realized.

William Wright, who has been teaching at Boiestown, leaves for that place tomorrow.

The skating on the lake has been very good and large crowds take the advantage of it.

Miss Nellie Smith of the Narrows, daughter of Rev. R. Barry Smith, was last week united in the holy bonds of matrimony to Mr. Chapman of Port Elgin.

Miss Pearl Sharpe, of the Narrows, is visiting relatives at Waterborough.

The young people of this place are very successfully carrying on a Debating Club.

Hugh A Farris leaves for Acadia College next week.

SELLING GIRLS IN NIGERIA.

Dealers Push Business Just Like a Horse Dealer.

Business connected with the sale of some silver took me one day to the house of a slave dealer who had some twelve or fourteen very engaging females to dispose of. Entering the house through the heavy pillared, low be-matted porch, I found myself, when my eyes had grown accustomed to the subdued light and the fleecy smoke of the burning spices, in a large, square, hall-shaped room. The young women were squatting about on skins and mats, doing up one another's hair, touching up one another's eyes with kwoili (black antimony powder), laughing, talking, singing, and to all appearances thoroughly enjoying themselves, notwithstanding that they had only recently been torn from the bosom of their families. When the dealer had looked at the silver I brought with me he directed my attention to his stock, and, after a few observations relative to their place of origin, called up two or three of the girls and tried to push business, expatiating upon their points just as a horse dealer might do in this country. One was cunning in the preparation of the perfumes of the country, in the blending of civet and frankincense and myrrh, just the wife for a wealthy Ba Ture (white man) like me. Another could sing and dance; all were clean and well favored. After listening to the dealer for some time I told him very plainly that I did not require a female slave. "Ah," he replied, "then I know what you want, and have just the article to suit you." And a girl, half Arab, half Sudani, was immediately produced from a different room. The dealer was sure she would suit me — he was aching to get that silver without paying currency for it — he would let me have her cheap; she wasn't everybody's money. "No! she is not," I readily admitted, adding rather more forcibly, "she isn't mine, for instance." — Empire Magazine.

Baden-Powell on Buller.

Major-General Baden-Powell, when interviewed as to the dismissal of General Buller, said, with a lot of feeling: "It seems terribly hard luck, after all the splendid service. It seems to me to have been a little breakout that should have been forgotten."

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