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TUESDAY	7,165
WEDNESDAY	6,908
THURSDAY	7,143
FRIDAY	7,055
SATURDAY	7,361
TOTAL	42,624
Daily Average	7,104
Average Daily Sworn Circulation Last Three Months, 1905,	6,553

WARMING UP

The morning of the civic nomination day produced a mild sensation, with the publication in the morning papers of sundry rumors about cliques and combinations, pools and the like.

With one accord the gentlemen interviewed on the subject denied with emphasis that they had anything to do with any combine, but by comparing one statement with another it is made clear that a pool was to be made up, and unless there was a combination there would be no need of a pool. Of course there is nothing unusual in a number of candidates in different wards, who are favorable to each other, making an arrangement for a joint representation at the polling booths. It is probably done at every civic election. Therefore those making up a pool for this purpose would not be guilty of any startling innovation, and would have no great reason to deny such action—unless they were ashamed of their company. As Mr. Tarte once observed: "Elections are not won with prayers." Even in a civic election there must be an exercise of the wisdom of the children of this world. Why, then, this universal chorus of denial?

The fact of the matter is that a number of eager civic politicians, including some aldermen and some new candidates, strongly urged by a number of persons having axes to grind (and these latter are not necessarily contractors at all) have been getting together to secure the election of certain men and possibly to secure control of the city council. The Times does not believe that these persons are actuated by sinister motives, even if their motives are not of the highest; but it does believe that there should be in the next council a clear majority of independent men, not bound by any pledges or influenced by any combination. The protestations of innocence are too eager and universal. They suggest much more than a frank avowal of friendly mutual support in the campaign would do. They make people doubtful and suspicious.

It is now quite clear that we are to have a lively campaign. The elector who wants to know how he shall vote may easily apply the test suggested some days ago by the Times. Would he confidently hand over the management of his own or any private business to the candidate seeking his support? If not, then he should not put that man in charge of the city's business. The city needs a strong and able and independent council.

SUNDAY CLOSING

That the subject of Sunday closing of stores is attracting a great deal of attention in England appears from the following report of a recent debate in the House of Lords:

"Lord Avebury moved that in the opinion of the house the subject of the Sunday opening of shops demands the serious and early attention of His Majesty's government. He said the subject was pressing, for the evil was spreading, and it was important because it affected the health, welfare, and character of a considerable section of the community. Resolutions in favor of Sunday closing had been passed in all parts of the country—Manchester, Liverpool, Glasgow, and other centres; but what he asked for was not that Sunday opening should be made illegal—for that was the case already—but that the law should be rendered effective by increasing the fines. A day of rest was necessary, quite apart from the religious aspect of the question, and an overwhelming majority of the working classes were in favor of the proposal.

"The Archbishop of Canterbury did not suppose that the matter would be lightly set aside. Both sides of the House had been committed for a long time past by the mouths of their leaders to the idea that the matter was one requiring most careful consideration and possible action. Sunday trading was on the increase, and action should be taken in order, if possible, to check it.

"Lord Tweedmouth said the subject was an extremely important one. The government would not oppose the resolution, but they had decided to appoint a joint committee of the two Houses to consider the whole question."

ANTI-USURY BILL

The Times prints on another page the text of the anti-usury bill now before the House of Commons at Ottawa. This bill has been introduced as a result of the very extortionate rate of interest charged by some firms of money lenders in Montreal and Toronto. It is of interest to note previous efforts to legislate on this subject.

In the session of 1897, a bill was introduced providing that no higher rate than 6 per cent per annum could be recovered by process of law. This bill was withdrawn and a government bill introduced, fixing a rate not to exceed 8 per cent, but the opposition was so strong that most of the important clauses were dropped, and even then it was finally abandoned.

In 1899 a bill fixing the limit at 10 per cent in case of action at law was introduced, and passed the senate, but was defeated in the commons.

In 1900 the rate of interest, in the absence of an agreement, was fixed at 5 per cent. The bill of 1899 was re-introduced in the senate and passed, but failed to reach the commons before the house rose. In 1901 it was introduced in the commons but killed in committee. One clause of that bill read as follows:

Notwithstanding the provisions of Chapter 127 of the Revised Statutes, no person shall stipulate for, allow or exact on any negotiable instrument, contract or agreement whatsoever, a rate of interest or discount greater than 20 per cent. per annum, and the said rate of interest shall be reduced to the rate of 10 per cent per annum from the date of issue of process in any suit, action or other proceeding for the recovery of the amount due."

This bill, as already stated, failed to pass. The bill quoted on another page of today's Times has passed its second reading in the commons.

It is scarcely creditable to the health authorities or the civic authorities of St. John that no proper provision is made for removing diphtheria patients to the epidemic hospital. This disease has been prevalent during the past winter. Where a case occurred in a family of children it is in many cases most desirable that the patient be removed to the hospital, where far better treatment is assured than could in many cases be given at home, while the very grave danger to the rest of the family is removed. Yet no proper provision has been made for the removal of such patitnts. This is a subject which might fairly claim the attention of those in authority.

The Telegraph this morning reminds the members of the city council that no action has been taken to secure the regulating valves for the new water system, and that the committee of enquiry on the new wharf has not yet rendered its decision. These are matters that should not be delayed.

The friends of the valley route for the G. T. P. were heard to good advantage in parliament yesterday, and incidentally Mr. Carvell paid a handsome compliment to the city of St. John, upholding its claim to be the freight port of the new line in the winter season.

Director Murdoch's blast in the Daily Sun has been answered by a counter-blast at City Hall, which will perhaps discount his charge that he is persecuted by any newspaper. On second thought he will perceive that his recent action was not marked by his customary discretion.

The Ludlow appears to resent being used as a plebeian tugboat, but it is reassuring to know that there is once more something wrong with the approaches to the floats. The public had begun to fear that things would run smoothly.

Such a commercial course in the high school as was suggested at the meeting of the school board last evening will be generally approved by the citizens. The additional expense would be trifling.

Once more the city may have an inspector to aid the engineer and director of public works to keep an eye on the new wharf.

This is the last day for eager citizens to get into the marry war for possession of reserved seats at City Hall.

The boom in winter port trade continues and taxes the capacity of the steamship berths.

INSURANCE REBATES

(Toronto News.)

Some astonishing statements in connection with insurance rebates have been made lately. The News has investigated the matter sufficiently to feel convinced that if rebating could be done away with entirely the cost of insurance would be reduced very materially, perhaps from 8 per cent to 12 per cent. All reliable and candid insurance men blame the rebate system for much of the present excessive expense ratio. The prevalence of the system of rebates and the amounts of the rebates themselves are likely to make the inquisitive ask questions.

There have been rebates given in Toronto within the last three months of 50 per cent. and even 65 per cent. That practically consumes the whole first year's net premium; that is, the proportion of the premium which the law requires shall be set aside as reserve. The company has to make it up somewhere. Where does the money come from? It comes from various sources, apparently, but they all narrow down to the policy-holders.

Mrs. S. W. W. Pickup, of Granville Ferry (N. S.), is in the city.

Premier Tweedie arrived from Fredericton last night.

Rev. C. W. Hamilton returned from Moncton last night.

H. B. Robertson, of Sussex, is in the city.

Rev. James Crisp, of Marysville, was in the city yesterday on his way to Sackville.

Rev. C. P. Carleton, of Petersville, is in the city.

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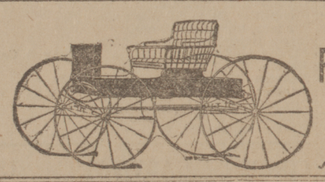
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MAY MEAN SOME SCHOOL CHANGES

At a meeting of the school trustees last night, Chairman A. I. Trueman introduced Ald. Bullock, who has been recently appointed to the board to succeed Dr. W. W. White, resigned.

The meeting discussed the introducing of manual training and it was agreed that the chairman call a special meeting to consider the subject. In the meantime he will correspond with Dr. Inch, superintendent of education, with a view of having T. B. Kidner, manual training superintendent, attend and the members will inform themselves on the subject as far as possible.

Communications were received from James Johnston, janitor of the Aberdeen school; Isaac Mercer, janitor of Victoria annex; Mrs. Mary Walsh, janitor of St. Malachi's, asking for increase of salaries. All were referred to the buildings committee. A bill for seventy-six nights' attendance was received from F. S. Hill, janitor of the night school. On motion of Trustee Russell, it was agreed to pay him 50 cents a night, the same as last year.

A bill was submitted to the board by the Brookville and Coldbrook schools for city pupils who attended those schools during the session of 1905. The total was $79.62 and it was ordered paid.

After reports of the inspection of the High school and Victoria school boilers had been read, a discussion on the subject of fire drills took place. Mrs. Skinner reported that a pupil attending La Tour school had told her there had been no fire drill in the building for two months. She thought it most important that the drill take place once a month.

Dr. Bridges in reply said the reason there was no fire drill in the winter time was because they did not like to turn the pupils out of doors in the cold weather. Fire drill will be held every month till November, he said. He thought that was often enough. At this point the discussion dropped.

It was agreed that the schools should close this year on June 22 to give the teachers an opportunity to attend the provincial institute at Chatham June 27, 28 and 29. The schools will be open two Saturdays to make up for the time.

The subject of manual training was then taken up and a very interesting discussion on the value of the present school curriculum to the pupils followed.

Trustee Lockhart asked if it would not be possible to arrange so that there would be an option, those who wished to take an arts course going on to the higher branches and those who meant to engage in mercantile or mechanical pursuits taking either the manual training or commercial course. It was pointed out that this would have to be done.

The chairman thought the curriculum as far as grade 8 ought to remain as it is.

Trustee Bullock pointed out some weaknesses in the present system. Writing, he thought, was not taught as it ought to be. There were also too many pupils to one teacher.

Dr. Bridges replied that the average number of pupils in each room was about 50. He thought, also, that in the event of a commercial course being introduced a handwriting expert would have to be engaged if it was desired to teach the subject as it ought to be taught, as there were not above three or four on the present staff who were competent.

Trustee Bullock was appointed by the chairman a member of the buildings committee and a visitor to Victoria school and Victoria annex with Trustee Russell. Till the end of the year he will also be a visitor to the High school and St. Vincent's with the chairman.

The secretary's report for March showed a total enrollment of 7,094 with a daily average attendance of 5,859, a percentage of 82.6 of the whole.

After passing some bills, the board adjourned. Those present were A. I. Trueman, Mrs. Dever, Mrs. Skinner, Messrs. Coll, Nase, Lockhart, Keefe, Russell and Bullock.

MACADAM PAVEMENTS

(Toronto News.)

The time seems to have come in Toronto when the City council should prohibit the laying of macadam roadways except in the outlying districts. The past winter has demonstrated the unsuitability of this class of pavement. Indeed, it has been patent for several years to those connected with the street department. During the late fall and early spring, when the temperature is so low that the water from the sprinklers freezes as it falls, it is impossible to keep down the dust. It creates conditions of extreme discomfort to pedestrians, menaces the general health, and is the direct cause of heavy losses to merchants whose goods it ruins.

P. E. ISLAND

CHARLOTTETOWN, April 10 (Special)—Last night in the provincial legislature the premier carried a resolution through its final stage on a strict party vote, reaffirming the resolution adopted at the conference of provincial premiers at Quebec calling for increased subsidies to the provinces.

It was opposed by the leader of the opposition on the ground that it took more from P. E. I. than it gave back. The lieutenant-governor will be asked to present the resolution to the governor-general in council to be acted upon. The offer of the ice-breaker Montcalm as a winter steamer by the Dominion government is not meeting with approval here.

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