

HAMILTON NEWS.

POLICE CHARGE THE STRIKERS WITH BATONS DRAWN.

Steel Works Shut Down—Hon. Mr. King at Liberal Club Banquet—Spring Parade of the Thirteenth—Street Railwaymen Will Probably Settle.

(Special Despatch to The Globe.)
Hamilton, April 1.—The first spring parade of the 13th Royal Regiment was held to-night. There was an unusually large turnout, 500 of all ranks being on parade. The occasion was more than usually interesting by reason of the fact that Lieut.-Col. Mewburn assumed command to-night. Long service medals were presented to Major Fearman, Capt. Domville, Lieuts. Laidlaw and Sergt. T. C. Dunford. Cups were presented to B and H companies, which won the senior and junior indoor rifle matches. H company won the second senior, besides the first junior, and F company won the second junior prize. Pendants were presented to members of the teams.

Police Charge Strikers.

About 600 of the foreigners in the employ of the Hamilton Steel & Iron Company made a demand for an increase in wages from 15c to 20c an hour to-day, and when the company officials refused to accede to it they walked out. It was feared for a time that they would make trouble, but a large party of armed police kept order without having to resort to strong measures. Had the police not appeared on the scene it is very probable that considerable damage would have been done to the works, as the men appeared to be in an ugly mood for a time. The walk-out of so many men has forced the company to temporarily shut down their works, and they are being guarded by the police. The greater part of the men who went out were employed at the rolling mill on Queen street and at the steel plant in the east end. They had been paid 15c an hour until a few days ago, when they received an increase to 16c an hour. This did not satisfy them and from the discontent that was shown it was feared that a demand would be made for more money and that trouble might follow a refusal. It is understood that a meeting was held last night, when the matter was discussed, and the officials of the company took precautions to prevent trouble by notifying the police early this morning, with the result that a large party was sent to both places about 7 o'clock. At that time the men were all about the works, and as many of them acted in a suspicious manner in sneaking about freight cars and outbuildings they were charged by the police with drawn batons. They offered no opposition and fled in disorder. In one case a constable was ordering a party away from behind some freight cars when a foreigner crept up behind him and was about to attack him. The policeman was warned and gave chase, but the foreigner got safely away. A few of the men tried to rush a gate that the police were guarding, and Detective Counter checked them by flourishing a revolver. Another party entered the works, and as it was suspected that they might damage the furnaces they were driven out by the police. The fires have all been banked and the works shut down. Another little disturbance occurred this evening, when some men on the night shift went to the works. Some strikers were loitering about, but beyond making remarks caused no trouble. The entire police force has been ordered to the works in the morning early. The men will be armed, and they expect that they may find trouble awaiting them or shortly after they arrive. One man who had been working during the day was found about going home this evening, and he was provided with a revolver at the plant. The police saw him running across the fields and acting suspiciously and they arrested him. A revolver and knife were found on him. He gave Carlo Basile as his name. It is not likely that any charge will be pressed under the circumstances.

Look for Settlement.

The statement was made this morning by officers of the Street Railway Men's Union that the trouble over schedules would likely be settled without serious difficulty. Under the present conditions the company cannot make better arrangements, but a number of new cars are expected next week, and when these arrive the schedules can be rearranged and the grievances will be probably removed in the rearrangement of runs.

Closing Up Assize List.

Mr. Justice Britton returned to the city to-day to continue the non-jury cases that were on the Assize list last week, when he had to leave for Blouffe. In an action that was brought by H. H. Anderson against Damase LeFleur for \$900 on a promissory note, his Lordship gave judgment for the plaintiff, with costs, and interest. His Lordship granted a stay of ten days, and the judgment may be appealed. The second case for trial was an action that R. Bell, Victoria avenue, brought against the city for \$1,000 damages for injuries received by reason of a fall on an icy sidewalk. Judgment reserved.

Board of Control.

In reply to the criticism that was levelled at him yesterday, because he did not tender on a sewer, City Engineer Mucallum to-day informed the Board of Control that he had not been notified that tenders were to be opened on Wednesday, and he charged that the loose manner in which the affairs of the board were run was responsible for this. Secretary Kuppelo said the board's affairs were run on a perfect system. Mayor McLaren gave instructions that the City Engineer be notified of all business concerning his department that is to come before the board on the evening before the board meets. In connection with the scandal over the west end sewer, in which it is said bull-rushes were used as packing, it was also stated to-day that the sewer ran up hill, and the matter may be further investigated. The building permits that were taken out in March totalled \$289,330, compared with \$172,350 for March of last year. April was given a good start by the taking out of permits to the value of over \$500,000. Tenders for the Nurses' Home were opened this morning and referred to a committee. The lowest tenders totalled \$17,146, and the city has \$23,000 to spend.

Liberal Club Banquet.

The Liberal Club held their annual banquet to-night in their rooms in the Arcade, where a large gathering assembled. Calvin Davis, President, was in the chair, and Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King was the speaker. Hon. A. G. MacKay was to have been present, but was unable to be there. The following toast list was honored:—"The King," "Hamilton," and "The Liberal Association," proposed by Mr. A. J. Soule, responded to by Mr. W. H. McClelland; "Canada and the Canadian Parliament," proposed by Mr. Adam Zimmerman, responded to by Hon. Mr. King; "The Liberal Club," spoken to by Messrs. P. D. Creerar, K.C., and J. M. Eastwood. Mr. H. Wardrope, K. C., spoke on "Ontario." Hon. Mr. King, after speaking of the great heritage of the British Empire, referred to the duty the various parts of it had in maintaining its supremacy. It was not to be wondered at that nations built navies to

protect their commerce, as this was an age when all were struggling for commercial supremacy. This led him to the subject of the navy that was near to the hearts of all Canadians. The Government was confronted with two great bodies of public opinion, and he believed that it had done what was most nearly in accord with both. There were two courses open to the empire. The first was to seek to centralize it and the other course was to have centres of strength. This latter course was the better. The Liberal Government at Ottawa had that object in view in the course it pursued. If each outpost of the empire would make itself a centre of strength the integrity of the empire could be maintained, as it could in no other way, and the Liberal Government in taking the course it had on the naval question had followed the best traditions. Hon. Mr. King then referred to Canada's friendly relations with the United States, and said it was the duty of both Governments to promote these conditions. Only last week the Government had prevented a tariff war and other great questions had been settled in a similar way to the advantage of both countries. As Canada and the United States were nearing 100 years of peace between them they should take some steps to celebrate the glories and triumphs of peace, and he hoped to see this done in a fitting manner in 1914.

Notes.

Mrs. Glassford, 264 West avenue north, died at her home to-night in her 75th year. The journeymen carpenters will likely make a demand for an increase in wages from 35 cents to 40 cents an hour, and it is likely that members of other building trades will demand increases. The customs collections for the port of Hamilton for March amounted to \$203,443, an increase of \$70,000 over those of last March. The increase in the receipts for the fiscal year 1909-10 over those of the previous year were \$540,288, the total having been \$1,818,000.