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HONORS OF NEW YEAR'S SHARED BY CANADIANS

Premier Borden Now Wears Title of Right Honorable---Knighthoods for Hon. J. M. Gibson, E. B. Osler, Rodolpe Forget, Joseph Pope and Others.

CHIEF SLEMIN GETS MEDAL FROM KING

Canadians Honored.

Premier R. L. Borden — Privy Councillor.
Lieut.-Governor J. M. Gibson — K. C. M. G.
Joseph Pope, undersecretary for external affairs—K. C. M. G.
Thomas Cooper Boville, deputy-minister of finance—C. M. G.
Rudolph Forget—K. B.
E. B. Osler—K. B.
Charles Slemin, Brantford's chief of police—King's medal.
Daniel Woodley Prouse, K.C., Newfoundland—K. B.

LONDON, Dec. 31.—(Can. Press.)—The New Year's honor list this year is a short one, as a result of the honors conferred by the King during the Durbar, but the selection covers a wide range of civil servants, politicians and men of distinction, the various professions and commerce being included.

Canada is well represented in the colonial list, which is headed by Robert L. Borden, the Canadian premier, who becomes a privy councillor. Only three peerages are conferred, the new barons being Sir Thomas Gibson-Carmichael, governor of Madras; Sir Alfred Thomas, for many years leader of the Welsh party in the house of commons, and Samuel Hope Morley, ex-governor of the Bank of England.

New Baronets.

Among the new baronets are: Wm. Nelson, chairman of the Nelson Steamship Line; Thomas Skinner, a director of the Canadian Pacific Railway, and deputy governor of the Hudson Bay Company; Joseph Beecham, Valentine Chirol, director of the foreign department of The London Times; H. Rider Haggard, the novelist, and S. J. Pocock, a large land owner of England and Canada.

The Canadian honored besides Premier Borden, are Col. John Morrison Gibson, lieutenant-governor of Ontario, and Joseph Pope, under secretary for external affairs, who are made knights commander of St. Michael and St. George; Thomas Cooper Boville, deputy minister of finance, companion of St. Michael, and St. George, and Lieut.-Col. Rodolphe Forget of Montreal, and Edmund B. Osler of Toronto, both members of the Canadian parliament, knights bachelor.

The Honors.

The honor conferred on Mr. Borden, that of membership in the imperial privy council, gives him the dignified title of "right honorable," and gives him place in the general table of precedence above baronets and knights Grand Cross and other knights of all the orders except that of the garter. His Canadian colleagues are Sir Wilfrid Laurier, summoned and sworn July 6, 1897; Sir Richard Cartwright, Nov. 9, 1902; Sir Henry Elzear Taschereau, May 16, 1904; Sir Charles Tupper, Nov. 9, 1907, and Sir Charles Fitzpatrick, June 28, 1908.

The most distinguished order of St. Michael and St. George, of which Lt.-Gov. Gibson and Mr. Joseph Pope become knights commander (K.C.M.G.) was originally established in 1818, to

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RIGHT HON. R. L. BORDEN.

Voters, Remember:

That tubes will not add to your taxes. They will reduce them.

That they will relieve the congestion in transportation and bring the Toronto Railway Company to time.

That they will come none too soon. Toronto has nearly half a million population now.

That they will furnish work to many who now have to seek relief from the city.

That they will bring in customers for Toronto merchants from the radial lines.

That they will settle up the suburbs and prevent slum areas.

VOTE FOR PROGRESS.

Do not be afraid that the city hall cannot handle any work the citizens want done. The only brake on city hall activities is the brake applied by the citizens themselves or their aldermen. If the people say progress the officials will make progress. Vote for progress.

KILL THE SLUMS.

Toronto wants something better than slums. The only way to get something better is to go for it. The tubes will be one way of going for it. The Bloor-street viaduct will be another. Let us take the way out from the slums.

MAKE HOCKEN SURE.

Hocken is the man who resisted the temptation of a mayoralty election in order to carry the tube project to success. Be sure and vote Hocken for controller.

WARM ATTACK ON HOME RULE

Unionists, Encouraged by Dissension Among Government Supporters, Are Waging War to the Death.

LONDON, Dec. 31.—(Can. Press.)—While every member of the Unionist party is taking some part in the campaign against home rule, which A. J. Balfour opened just before his retirement from the leadership of the opposition forces, and which Andrew Bonar Law, the new leader, endorsed in a recent speech, the man who is looked to to keep up the fight is Sir Edward Henry Carson, member for Dublin University, solicitor-general for Ireland in the last two Unionist governments. Sir Edward Carson is an uncompromising opponent of any change in the form of government in Ireland, and is one of the best platform speakers in the country.

Sir Edward started his campaign by the announcement that, if necessary, he would lead an armed rebellion. Whether he would go to these extremes or get the men of Ulster to follow him, should he decide to do so, it is for time to tell. However, he is fighting his battle with all the fervor of an Irishman, and his voice is being raised from one end of the country to the other against what he declares to be "The crime of the age."

Leave Well Enough Alone.

Generally his argument is "Ireland is prospering; leave her alone," another version of Bonar Law's battlecry, "What Ireland requires is less politics and more industry." These arguments are for those Englishmen, who no longer believe that home rule means separation and who, tired of the Irish question, advocate the granting of self-government to "Get rid of the subject."

From Unionist platforms there is no denial that in times past Ireland was unjustly treated, but under the union Ireland has prospered, and, as Sir Edward put it, "all arguments of Saxon oppression and Saxon misrule no longer hold good."

Maintenance of imperial rule in Ireland, he contends, made land purchase, which is the root of Irish prosperity, possible. The Liberals, he claims, knowing this, have stopped land purchases for their own ends.

Nonconformists Aroused.

There are other arguments against the desire of Ireland for nationhood, chief among them being that which caused Joseph Chamberlain and other Unionist leaders to desert Mr. Gladstone, and which some of the nonconformist followers of the present government cannot forget—the possibility of religious intolerance.

Sir Clifford Cory, one of the great coal and shipping barons of Wales, a staunch Liberal, has resigned the presidency of the Cardiff Liberal Association because the committee invited John Redmond to the city to address a meeting on home rule, and has reminded the government that he is as strongly opposed to home rule as ever.

Other nonconformists are in doubt as to whether to throw over their convictions against placing their co-religionists in Ulster under the rule of Catholic Ireland or the government, which has promised them a new education bill and disestablishment of the church in Wales.

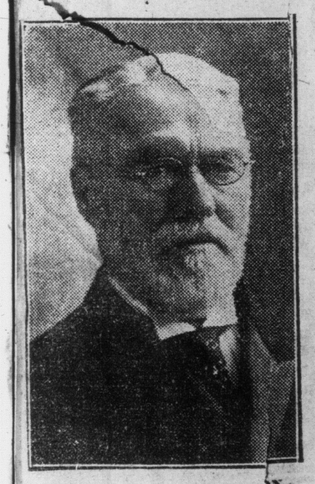
BE A LIVE ONE.

A stitch in time saves nine. Some people want to leave over all the improvements Toronto needs, till they are dead. Never mind them, they are dead ones now. Vote for the bylaws and look alive.

THE BYLAWS

Hydro-Electric System	Vote For
Bloor and Parliament Viaducts	Vote For
Civic Car Line, Danforth Avenue	Vote For
Extra Street Lighting	Vote Yes
Subway for Underground Railway	Vote Yes
Annexation of North Toronto	Vote Yes
Two-Year Term for City Council	Vote No

Three Newly-created Canadian Knights



SIR JOHN MORRISON GIBSON.

SIR RODOLPHE FORGET.

SIR EDMUND BOYD OSLER.

AN OVATION

Signor Flemingo and his dancing bear are to-day the objects of a popular demonstration.

A Sane Man's Views on the Bylaws

W. K. McNaught, M.L.A. for North Toronto, Seat A, is fully as eager about the result of the vote on the bylaws as any other citizen. He is particularly anxious that the hydro-electric extension bylaw should be carried. The $2,000,000 asked for is to cover the territory not included in the plans prepared seven years ago.

"I hope to see the subway bylaw carried also," said Mr. McNaught. "The street car situation is very bad, and is getting worse.

"There is only one cure, and that is the tubes. We should get them right away.

"If it is true what the street railway people say that they can carry no more people, then we must have the tubes. The tubes is the only thing to bring them to time. The transportation situation is getting worse every year.

"It looks as tho the street railway company were riding for a fall. They are wanting the people to buy them out. Let us spend our money on the tubes. They will pay from the start, and they will make the railway company sit up and do things.

"As a citizen, I feel very strongly on the street railway situation, and I see no effective remedy but the tubes.

"I will vote for all the bylaws except the two-year term for the aldermen, and the laying of watermains as a local improvement.

"New Year's Day is a good day to start for a bigger Toronto. We must be prepared to build for a bigger day. I have no sympathy with the people who cannot consider the interests of the city. We must get rid of our slums, and to do that we must provide access to the cheaper land and give the people rapid transportation to the outskirts. The Bloor-street viaduct is a most important link in the city's development."

As a member of the Hydro-Electric Commission, second only to Hon. Adam Beck, and a representative citizen of Toronto, Mr. McNaught represents the most practical and sagacious part of the community.

Two Drowned at Smith's Falls Eleven Others Escape Death

Treacherous Ice of River Brought Peril to Many Skaters—Keble Gibson and Minnie Pruner Broke Thru and Perished Before Their Plight Became Known.

SMITH'S FALLS, Dec. 31.—(Can. Press.)—A sad drowning fatality took place here last evening, the victims being Keble Gibson, aged 16, years, a clerk in the Frost and Wood office, and Minnie Pruner, only daughter of J. J. Pruner, aged 15 years.

With hundreds of others the young couple were skating on the river, and at the time of the accident were skating together. At a point near Beech Island, a mile and a half above Smith's Falls, the ice gave way beneath them. Despite the fact that there were so many on the river, no one witnessed the accident. Both bodies were recovered in a short time, but life was extinct.

Miss Pruner's body was frozen to the ice at the place where she went in and Gibson's was found just below in seven feet of water. The two were great favorites with their young companions and their tragic death has cast a gloom over the town. The parents of both victims are well known residents of Smith's Falls.

Others Narrowly Escaped.

In addition to the two who were drowned, eleven others had miraculous escapes during the day. The ice appeared to be solid, but it had numerous weak spots and in these the unwary were caught. Among those who had narrow escapes were Mr. and Mrs. Robert W. Warwick, Ottawa, who are spending the holidays in the town. They were returning home after spending the afternoon on the river, and when half a mile from town, they skated into an air hole. As in the case of Gibson and Miss Pruner, no one saw them go in, and it was only by the most heroic efforts on the part of Mr. Warwick that he succeeded in getting his wife and himself out, as the ice kept breaking away as soon as they seized hold of it.

Fainted Before Rescue.

Mrs. Warwick swooned from shock, which made it all the harder to effect her rescue, she being in a precarious condition for some time after being taken out, but is now recovering from the effects of her experience.

Roy Boyd, a clerk in the Bank of Ottawa, and Miss Ella Caswell skated into the hole where Gibson and Miss Pruner went in, and after a trying experience, succeeded in reaching ice strong enough to support their weight. They were in the water ten minutes.

TUBES AND LOWER TAXES.

Do not let anyone persuade you that tubes mean more taxes. Tubes mean less taxes and better credit for the city. Vote for tubes.

NEW YEAR OPENS UNDER HAPPY GUIDANCE

Nineteen-Twelve Begins Beneath Beneficent Star of Good Fortune--With Springtime Toronto Will Be Under Sway of Star of Speed.

Hurrah for 1912! Toronto hailed the advent of the new year with Venus, the queen star, reigning as the ruling planet. Those familiar with astrological lore will recognize the propitious symbolism. They are also aware that the new year of our calendar does not synchronize with the more ancient almanacs. For in the most remote ages the new year was dated to begin with March 21, our first day of spring. Venus, the planet regnant since last springtime, therefore sheds her benign influence over the birth of the new modern calendar year. She has always been accredited with bringing good luck in her train and showering with happiness all things under her sway. This influence will, therefore, according to our local astrologers, continue to enhance the general good luck until the first day of spring this year. Mercury will then succeed to the planetary throne. His influence is reputed to be variable, according to the position which he holds in relation to the other heavenly bodies, but what is chiefly important and significant from the Toronto point of view is that Mercury is the god of speed and what the people of Toronto require, as is admitted on all hands more than anything else, is more speed in the all-important matter of street transit. That the star of speed should become enthroned on the first day of the second quarter of our new year accords well with the governance of the first quarter by the goddess of good fortune. If the stars speak true 1912 should be a year of remarkable prosperity and phenomenal progress. Therefore Torontonians could with confidence as they heard Big Pen peal out the advent of the new year enthusiastically exchange the season's greetings.

New Year's eve falling on a Sunday was naturally exceedingly quiet, and with the election law automatically closing the bar-rooms again to-day, a dry new year in that sense is another feature of its advent. The nature of to-day's issues in the civic arena is likely to afford plenty of stimulation to the citizens and to make the holiday quite lively from that viewpoint. With open water in the bay, the harbor is this new year passing under the control of an enlarged harbor commis-

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U. S. HOLDS FIRM IN ATTITUDE TO RUSSIA

President Taft Strongly Defends Refusal to Arbitrate Differences, and is Cheered at Big Peace Banquet — Signs of Dissension Melted in Wave of Enthusiasm.

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—(Can. Press.)—Preceded by dissensions which seemed for a time to threaten a climax anything but pacific, the citizens' peace banquet to-night proved in realization everything that its name implied—so far at least as concerned its attendant conditions.

President Taft, who was the guest of honor and chief speaker of the evening, while making as he had previously at similar gatherings, the arguments for the pending arbitration treaties between the United States and Great Britain and France, went further to-night and replied specifically to some criticisms which have recently been made of the principles embodied in those treaties. He also made answer to the charge of inconsistency lodged against advocates of the arbitration treaties, who did not favor arbitration in the difficulty between the United States and Russia.

No Arbitration With Russia.

"Those of us who are in favor of these treaties have been criticised as inconsistent because we did not invoke arbitration in the recent difference with Russia," said Mr. Taft. "I am not entirely willing to speak frankly as I might of that because my tongue is tied in a slight way by what we hope for in future negotiations. All that I can say is that if you will read the great argument of Elihu Root on the question of why the treaty should be terminated and why arbitration would not do. I am content to stand on his exhibit and explanation of that."

A burst of applause greeted this declaration by the president.

"The truth is," continued Mr. Taft, "that the treaty itself contains contractual obligations on the part of the United States to recognize the doctrine of non-expatriation and recognize the right of Russia to say that the naturalized Russian citizens in the United

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"Wets" and "Drys" Wage War To-day

Seventy-two Ontario municipalities will vote upon the question of the adoption of local option, and fifteen which are now dry, on the question of repeal. Most of the places, which are being assailed by the "drys" are comparatively small, without from one to four licenses.

Interest centres chiefly in the big fight on for repeal at Owen Sound. A vigorous effort is also being made to restore licenses at Richmond Hill, Lakefield and Beamsville.

The biggest places being attacked to-day by the Ontario Alliance are Port Arthur, with nineteen licenses; Fort William, seventeen; Chatham, sixteen, and Waterloo, twelve. Last New Year's Day local option was carried in twenty-six places by three-fifths majority; had a majority, but less than three-fifths, in thirty, and was absolutely defeated in twenty-five places.

There was a reduction of licenses during 1911 by means of local option and license reduction bylaws of two hundred and seventy-six, leaving a total of one thousand nine hundred and seventy-four licenses in the province.

The results will be received by the Ontario Alliance to-night at Room 411, Confederation Life Building.

A NEW YEAR GREETING.

The business of the W. & D. Dineen Company has this year been the largest in its history and in every respect, as the president puts it, "the most satisfactory."

Mr. Dineen, speaking to a World representative, said: "We have always endeavored not only as part of wisdom, but because it is our natural preference to carry on our business with justice and impartiality and with profit to our customers as well as ourselves. We know we have succeeded, because we have adhered to the policy of the "pure fur" as they call it in the States. This means buying the very best of pelts only and not leaning in quality. Our many years of work has told splendidly this season in our receipts and in the satisfaction our customers have received.

"The company desires," concluded Mr. Dineen, "to acknowledge the assistance, which the public has given us and to wish everyone a very prosperous and happy New Year."