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Most of Old Council Reelected, Tho Some Good Men Fall by the Wayside.

COUNCIL FOR 1904.

MAYOR:
Thomas Urquhart.

CONTROLLERS:
F. S. Spence,
John F. Loudon,
W. P. Hubbard,
F. H. Richardson.

ALDERMEN:

Ward One—Daniel Chisholm, W. T. Stewart, Robert Fleming.

Ward Two—Emerson Coatsworth, John Noble, Thomas Foster.

Ward Three—J. G. Ramsden, O. B. Sheppard, G. R. Geary.

Ward Four—James Crane, W. S. Harrison, S. Alfred Jones.

Ward Five—Frank Woods, William L. Bell, John Dunn.

Ward Six—J. J. Ward, J. H. McGhie, J. J. Graham.

BOARD OF EDUCATION.

GOODERHAM	10557
SHAW	9241
WALKER	8940
PARKINSON	7281
MARTIN	7026
BROWN	6341
KENT	6034
LEVEE	5400
RAWLINSON	5315
SIMPSON	4691
OGDEN	4511
KEELER	4262
Hales	4235
Orr	4230
Church	4054
Douglas	4019
Baird	3865
Elliott	3558
Tweed	3268
Dupean	3220
Clark	3189
Houston	2978
Briggs, A. W.	2947
McKay	2885
Scott	2724
Henderson	2636
Sinclair	2411
Lytle	2348
Rayner	2267
Thompson, S. G.	1950
Gray	1576
Gilbard	1860
Galbraith	1292
Stewart	1287
Thompson, P.	1139
Lamport	1058
Kelly	860
Briggs, J. M.	802
Hogg	758
Miles	665
Roche	540
Saloine	430
Peel	394
Magner	243

The absence of the usual contest for the Mayoralty resulted in a largely decreased vote yesterday, altho the weather was all that could be desired. There were cast in the contest for the Board of Control about 75,000 votes and as each elector was entitled to give four votes, it may be presumed that less than 20,000 voters went to the polls. Two surprises developed in the controllership contest, the one being the remarkable falling off in the vote for William Burns, who did not receive in his own ward as much support as he did last year for alderman. The other surprise was the great strength shown by Controller Hubbard, who carried Ward Four by a large majority and received a very strong support thuout the city. The effect of the new system of cumulative voting was shown very forcibly in the first ward, where Controller Richardson piled up an enormous vote, which carried him thru to victory. The general consensus of opinion last night was that the new Board of Control would be a more efficient one, and that the electors had made a wise selection.

Old Members Come Back.

In the aldermanic contests the great majority of the old members of the Council were re-elected. Ward One returns Stewart, Chisholm and Fleming; in Ward Two, Ald. Foster and Noble are again elected, while Emerson Coatsworth is the new man. Ald. Ramsden heads the poll in Ward Three, with Ald. O. B. Sheppard second and G. R. Geary third. S. W. Burns drops out in Ward Four, and makes room for S. Alfred Jones, while Ald. Harrison and the veteran James Crane are again returned. In Ward Five, Frank Woods has made a phenomenal run, taking ex-Ald. Starr's place at the head of the poll, while Ald. Bell and Dunn are again in the Council, the latter having won a signal victory against a most determined opposition. Dr. Lynd has gone down to defeat in the Sixth Ward, where Ald. Ward, McGhie and Graham have been re-elected.

New Council Conservative.

The political complection of the Council is Conservative. Six are Liberals and twelve Conservatives. Three of the four controllers are also Conservative. In Ward 1 one of the three aldermen-elect is a Liberal. Ward 2 sends a solid delegation of Conservatives in Ald.-elect Coatsworth, Noble and Foster. Ald. Geary is the only Conservative from Ward 3, and in Ward 4 Ald. Harrison is the only Liberal who will have a seat in the Council this year. The three elected aldermen from Ward 5 are of the same political faith, Conservative, while the Ward 6 delegation divides, two Liberals and one Conservative.

Not Many Spoiled Ballots.

There were not as many spoiled ballots as were expected owing to the complex nature of the cumulative system. But thruout the city it was noticed that a great many people did not use their full voting strength. Many ballots contained marks for only one candidate for Board of Control or Board of Education, and instead of giving their favorite candidates all the marks allowed under the new law the voters gave them only one. For instance, each voter was permitted to put four crosses on the ballot for Board of Control and he could give the four to one man or distribute the four votes among them as he desired. Instead of doing this, however, there were numerous ballots containing a single cross.

Fewer people than usual came downtown for the results, and the cold weather made the telephone popular. Up till 10 o'clock the newspaper offices attracted small crowds, while the bulletins were displayed showing the latest figures. As soon as the main results were apparent the interest disappeared, and the streets assumed their ordinary condition.

The voting for the Board of Education was rather surprising in its results. George Gooderham, Public school trustee for the Third Ward, headed the poll easily, polling 10,557 votes, doing well in all the wards. The election of Byron E. Walker is a healthy indication. Altho he made no campaign, his support by the Citizens' Committee must have given him a recommendation, and he secured a surprisingly large vote. Other Public School trustees who go on the new board are Miss Clara Brett Martin and Messrs. Rawlinson, Parkinson, Keeler, Kent, Ogden, Shaw and Dr. Orr of the Technical School Board. Altogether the new board is one that should well fulfil the responsible duties that will be entrusted to its care.

CONTROLLERS.

SPENCE	12,501
LOUDON	11,149
HUBBARD	9,000
RICHARDSON	8,949
Burns	8,705
Starr	8,688
Oliver	8,611
Shaw	7,364

FIRST WARD.

CHISHOLM	1352
STEWART	1344
FLEMING	1321
Wilson	782
Preston	556

SECOND WARD.

COATSWORTH	1867
NOBLE	1362
FOSTER	1358
Carlyle	1070
Cox	954
Mogan	801
Douglas	687

THIRD WARD.

RAMSDEN	2191
SHEPPARD	2068
GEARY	1724
McMurrich	1508
Callow	430

FOURTH WARD.

CRANE	1912
JONES	1865
HARRISON	1820
Vaughan	1565
Burns	1477
Hearn	802
Hacker	546
Hambly	230
Schilling	105

FIFTH WARD.

WOODS	2039
BELL	1576
DUNN	1510
Hay	1246
Stewart	1057
Warlock	1003
McTaggert	520
Clark	254

SIXTH WARD.

WARD	1751
McGHIE	1416
GRAHAM	1356
Lynd	1199
Scott	775

SANITARIUM BY-LAW.

	For.	Against.
Ward 1	405	422
Ward 2	621	526
Ward 3	480	455
Ward 4	765	742
Ward 5	969	836
Ward 6	752	679
	4001	3710

Majority for bylaw 381.

VOTE BY WARDS.

BAIRD—Ward 1, 271; 2, 741; 3, 1291; 4, 710; 5, 462; 6, 380. Total 3855.

BRIGGS, A. W.—Ward 1, 248; 2, 526; 3, 632; 4, 756; 5, 378; 6, 347. Total 2947.

BRIGGS, J. W.—Ward 1, 85; 2, 142; 3, 187; 4, 159; 5, 117; 6, 112. Total 802.

BROWN—Ward 1, 628; 2, 1349; 3, 1551; 4, 1518; 5, 739; 6, 536. Total 6341.

CHURCH—Ward 1, 782; 2, 1034; 3, 776; 4, 647; 5, 422; 6, 393. Total 4054.

CLARKE—Ward 1, 667; 2, 468; 3, 321; 4, 526; 5, 581; 6, 277. Total 3180.

CUMMINGS, MRS.—Ward 1, 184; 2, 424; 3, 380; 4, 574; 5, 413; 6, 411. Total 2386.

DOUGLAS, JOHN—Ward 1, 230; 2, 414; 3, 291; 4, 460; 5, 528; 6, 1896. Total 4019.

DUNCAN, E. J. B.—Ward 1, 480; 2, 612; 3, 576; 4, 147; 5, 740; 6, 656. Total 3220.

ELLIOTT, J. E.—Ward 1, 359; 2, 647; 3, 960; 4, 834; 5, 403; 6, 256. Total 3558.

GALBRAITH, JOHN—Ward 1, 167; 2, 111; 3, 124; 4, 207; 5, 190; 6, 493. Total 1292.

GIBBARD, G. E.—Ward 1, 150; 2, 260; 3, 302; 4, 635; 5, 400; 6, 134. Total 1860.

GOODERHAM, G. H.—Ward 1, 1604; 2, 2100; 3, 2162; 4, 2188; 5, 579; 6, 924. Total 10,557.

GRAY, J. W.—Ward 1, 114; 2, 250; 3, 313; 4, 509; 5, 222; 6, 168. Total 1576.

HALES, JAMES—Ward 1, 818; 2, 1688; 3, 445; 4, 406; 5, 404; 6, 405. Total 4235.

WM. HENDERSON—Ward 1, 477; 2 330; 3, 490; 4, 527; 5, 347. Total 2636.

FRED HOGG—Ward 1, 111; 2, 287; 3, 112; 4, 96; 5, 100; 6, 52. Total 758.

WM. HOUSTON—Ward 1, 219; 2, 535; 3, 603; 4, 812; 5, 419; 6, 390. Total 2978.

A. J. KEELER—Ward 1, 243; 2, 412; 3, 225; 4, 602; 5, 2121; 6, 759. Total 4262.

J. A. KELLY—Ward 1, 87; 2, 99; 3, 103; 4, 127; 5, 255; 6, 179. Total 860.

H. A. E. KENT—Ward 1, 408; 2, 929; 3, 732; 4, 1912; 5, 1084; 6, 569. Total 5634.

W. A. LAMPORT—Ward 1, 60; 2, 200; 3, 308; 4, 304; 5, 100; 6, 86. Total 1058.

L. S. LEVEE—Ward 1, 284; 2, 365; 3, 507; 4, 2434; 5, 1367; 6, 442. Total 5400.

T. A. LYTLE—Ward 1, 192; 2, 398; 3, 202; 4, 834; 5, 377; 6, 235. Total 2238.

F. MAGNER—Ward 1, 28; 2, 17; 3, 50; 4, 82; 5, 55; 6, 23. Total 245.

MISS BRETT MARTIN—Ward 1, 1092; 2, 1848; 3, 906; 4, 1063; 5, 1262; 6, 771. Total 7026.

A. C. M. McKAY—Ward 1, 244; 2, 723; 3, 880; 4, 1072; 5, 521; 6, 445. Total 3885.

G. G. MILES—Ward 1, 31; 2, 63; 3, 45; 4, 108; 5, 129; 6, 280. Total 665.

W. W. OGDEN—Ward 1, 351; 2, 502; 3, 562; 4, 1628; 5, 866; 6, 487. Total 4486.

R. B. ORR—Ward 1, 307; 2, 390; 3, 401; 4, 673; 5, 683; 6, 1793. Total 4256.

M. PARKINSON—Ward 1, 460; 2, 624; 3, 532; 4, 1079; 5, 3087; 6, 1299. Total, 7181.

F. J. PEEL—Ward 1, 39; 2, 42; 3, 45; 4, 45; 5, 108; 6, 115. Total, 394.

M. RAWLINSON—Ward 1, 456; 2, 945; 3, 1756; 4, 922; 5, 828; 6, 371. Total, 5315.

A. J. RAYNOR—Ward 1, 410; 2, 224; 3, 280; 4, 366; 5, 616; 6, 397. Total, 2293.

F. J. ROCHE—Ward 1, 74; 2, 125; 3, 95; 4, 165; 5, 51; 6, 50. Total, 560.

F. J. SABINE—Ward 1, 39; 2, 40; 3, 44; 4, 106; 5, 110; 6, 31. Total, 450.

E. H. SCOTT—Ward 1, 359; 2, 292; 3, 163; 4, 323; 5, 1185; 6, 450. Total, 2772.

W. H. SHAW—Ward 1, 981; 2, 2038; 3, 1505; 4, 1806; 5, 1502; 6, 1240. Total, 9241.

H. SIMPSON—Ward 1, 757; 2, 552; 3, 456; 4, 1174; 5, 1071; 6, 701. Total, 4691.

M. SINCLAIR—Ward 1, 392; 2, 276; 3, 373; 4, 350; 5, 509; 6, 412. Total, 2411.

J. E. STEWART—Ward 1, 248; 2, 140; 3, 109; 4, 157; 5, 418; 6, 235. Total, 1287.

P. THOMPSON—Ward 1, 164; 2, 243; 3, 156; 4, 163; 5, 239; 6, 172. Total, 1139.

S. G. THOMPSON—Ward 1, 317; 2, 687; 3, 217; 4, 258; 5, 275; 6, 156. Total, 1950.

J. WEED—Ward 1, 504; 2, 908; 3, 429; 4, 529; 5, 982; 6, 555. Total, 3368.

WALKER—Ward 1, 354; 2, 1742; 3, 1866; 4, 2567; 5, 1180; 6, 1041. Total, 8940.

THOMPSON AN ANARCHIST.

(Canadian Associated Press Cable.)

London, Jan. 2—Quoting James Smart's letter and Phillips Thompson's statement re destitute immigrants in Canada, also the manufacturers' contradiction, The News says: "We cannot accept the apparently official news. Thompson is a species of Anarchist, but we think the latter has exaggerated the trouble."

ONE OR THREE.

(Canadian Associated Press Cable.)

London, Jan. 2—Rev. H. Bainbridge writes The Mail that the Westminster Abbey Concert Party, managed by Mr. Branscombe, that recently toured Canada, had only one singer who was ever connected with the Abbey choir. Mr. Branscombe says there were three.

BEST SORT OF IMPERIALISM.

(Canadian Associated Press Cable.)

London, Jan. 2.—"The King" calls Borden's plan to send a Canadian regiment to India the best sort of Imperialism, but asks: "Will Canadian officers and men care to risk to smell powder for ten or twelve years as British battalions do."

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PREMIER IS BLAMED.

(Canadian Associated Press Cable.)

London, Jan. 2—Australian papers tell Premier Deakin that the lack of desirable immigrants is due to his restrictive legislation.

POOR CHILDREN FEASTED BY THE SALVATION ARMY

Four Hundred and Fifty Little Ones of the City Have Good Time.

As long as blood flows in the veins of four hundred and fifty little children of Toronto they will not forget the joyous and happy time provided by the Salvation Army yesterday afternoon at the Territorial headquarters on Albert-street. There was not a poor child in the city that the army could ferret out that was not given an invitation to share in the New Year's thanksgiving, and asked to come and get a good dinner. The hour for the feast was set for 4 o'clock, but long before that hour crowds of little tots ranging in ages from 6 to 12 years were filling the spacious meeting hall in the basement where it had been arranged for all to meet and then in a body go to the main hall, which had been turned into a banquet room for the occasion. Mothers accompanied the children who were too small to come by themselves, and even they were made welcome to the festive board.

Their fare, too, was of the best, and the children felt feeling that they would not be able to eat any more for a long time to come. About 4.30 they were marshalled into the big hall, where eight long tables were placed, reaching the full length of the room, with long benches on either side. Twenty young women from the training school were there as waiters, and as many more salvation men attended to the cooking and preparation of the plates. A number of turkeys were purchased for the occasion, several roasts of beef and two bags of potatoes were boiled, as well as a quantity of other vegetables. Tea, bread and butter, fruit, biscuits and plum pudding were also provided. When all were arranged around the big tables, Brigadier Southall, who was in charge of the affair, commenced the proceedings by intoning a hymn of grace. Then the youngsters fell in, and not a moment was wasted till they had all they could eat. When going out they were each given a bag of sweetmeats and an orange as a further means of celebration when they reached their homes. The children could not contain themselves when they beheld the sumptuous repast, and, as it took one accord, they rent the air with cheers. Most of them had never seen one another before but on this occasion chatted and enjoyed themselves together as if they had been friends all their lives. Many people viewed the feast from the balcony of the hall and the scene they witnessed was an animated one. The rattle of the dishes and knives and forks was blended with a continuous babble of voices emanating from well-filled mouths.

To get the large number of children the Salvation Army visitors scoured the whole city. From the alleys and lanes the most of them came. These were ill clad and looked the neglected condition they were in. The Brigadier, who is a kind-hearted man, went around thru the throng of busy feasters and saw to it personally that none were wanting. "If they never had a good meal or should they never get another, which I hope will not occur, they certainly will have everything they want to-day," the Brigadier remarked. And so they did. Few children were from the building whose clothes did not fit them tightly, and an occasional groan could be heard as they were jolted.

TO DIVERT PUBLIC ATTENTION.

(Canadian Associated Press Cable.)

London, Jan. 2.—Frederic Harrison, in his annual address before the Positivist Society of London yesterday, denounced Chamberlain's policy as a scheme to divert public attention. The panacea was land taxation. English acres would still grow food if gamekeepers could be sent to Canada in order to discover who is doing the dumping. The customs department should be ordered in future to see that all entries imported or re-exported must show the actual place whence consigned.

PATTULLO IS MOURNED.

(Canadian Associated Press Cable.)

London, Jan. 2.—Mayor White of Woodstock has cabled regarding Andrew Pattullo's death: "Woodstock and Oxford young profoundly mourn our distinguished representative."

GREAT PABST DEAD.

Milwaukee, Jan. 1.—Captain Fred Pabst, head of the Pabst Brewing Co., died to-day.

THE IMPERIAL LIFE.

An Imperial policy never depreciates in value, but on the contrary, is constantly becoming more valuable. Can you say this of your other security?

SYDNEY B.C. A CITY.

Halifax, N.S., Jan. 1.—By a special act of the legislature of Nova Scotia, passed last year, the Town of Sydney, C.B., became a city to-day.

Briar in cases reduced 25 per cent. what we have left. Alive Bollard.

A Straight Talk to Smokers.

You want the best value for your money. Why pay fancy prices when in "Clubb's Dollar Mixture" you get a pipe tobacco that has all the good features of the most expensive kind? Smokes cool, will positively not burn the tongue. Sold at a popular price: 1-lb. tin, $1; 1-2-lb. tin, 50c; 1-4-lb. package, 25c; sample package, 10c. A. Clubb & Sons, 49 West King. The trade supplied.

Try the top barrel. 31 Colborne-street

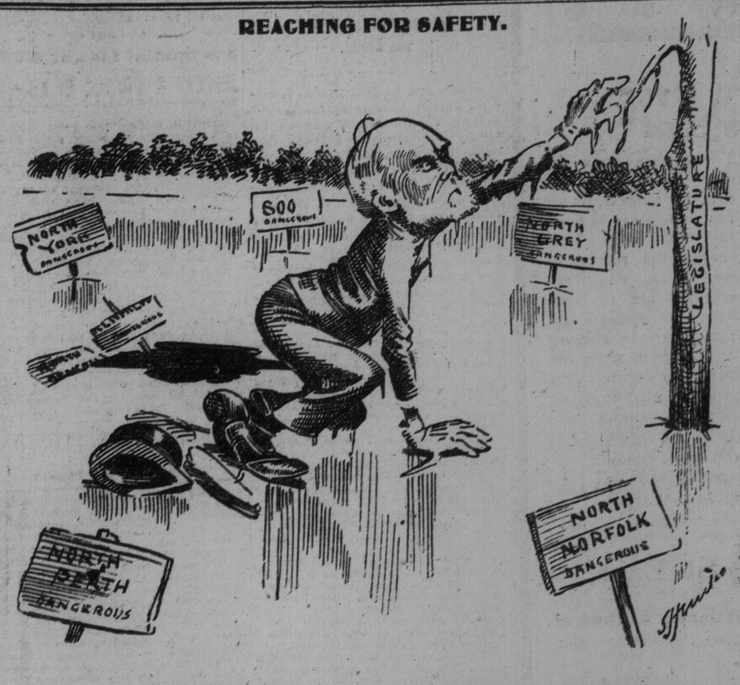
Among the Icebonts.

Every iceboat in the fleet was working steadily all day yesterday, and the fine north breeze made splendid sport. Like diving, it's fun with lots of robes and plenty of furs. Grey goat robes $9.00 and everything in furs. Fair weather's, 84-86 Yonge-street.

MEMBERS-ELECT OF TORONTO'S NEW BOARD OF CONTROL.

F. S. SPENCE. J. F. LOUDON. W. P. HUBBARD. F. H. RICHARDSON.

REACHING FOR SAFETY.



MR. ROSS: It's from here to the tree—perhaps from the tree to the "country."

Situation in the Far East Most Gloomy Rupture Is Thought All But Inevitable

Japanese Government Stopping Despatches to the London Newspapers.

London, Jan. 2—The Far Eastern situation is regarded as of the gloomiest. No further news has developed, but the fact that not a single telegram from Japan has been received by any London newspaper since Thursday night in itself creates alarm. The telegraph company is not aware of any delay in the transit of messages, and it therefore is supposed that the Japanese government is stopping despatches.

The feeling of apprehension was reflected at Lloyd's yesterday, underwriters demanding additional premium to cover a war risk on all vessels, no matter of what nationality, proceeding east of Singapore.

The London morning papers print alarmist statements. The Daily Telegraph in leaded type says:

"EVEN IN DIPLOMATIC CIRCLES HITHERTO SANGUINE OF PEACE, THERE IS A RECOGNITION THAT A RUPTURE IS ALL BUT INEVITABLE. NEITHER JAPAN NOR RUSSIA WILL ABATE ANYTHING OF THEIR CLAIMS, AND THERE IS NO DISPOSITION ON EITHER SIDE TO INVITE THE MEDIATION OF FRIENDLY POWERS. IT IS BELIEVED THAT JAPAN WILL TAKE DECISIVE STEPS WITHIN THE NEXT FEW DAYS UNLESS A CONCILIATORY MESSAGE IS DESPATCHED FROM ST. PETERSBURG, A CONTINGENCY WHICH THOSE BEST ABLE TO JUDGE DO NOT ANTICIPATE."

The Daily Mail deals similarly with the situation and says that it understands that Russia has reached a decision, which, when communicated to Japan, must precipitate hostilities. The sailing of the Nippon mail boat Inaba Maru, which was fixed for yesterday from England, has been postponed. Among the unconfirmed rumors in steamship circles is one that the peninsula and Oriental Steamship Company has sold four of its liners thru a French firm to Russia. The Daily Mail's Malta correspondent reports that five Russian torpedo-boat destroyers which are undergoing repairs there have suddenly been ordered to sea in an unfinished condition.

GROWS VERY CRITICAL.

Tokio, Jan. 1.—The situation is growing extremely critical, and it is believed the chances for war are greater than ever before. Peace hinges on the character of Russia's response. If the Russian reply is unsatisfactory, it is almost certain that Japan will fight immediately. If Russia desires peace her position will be difficult to maintain, for the Japanese are distrustful of her promises. If Russia's response is delayed for a week it is expected that Japan will demand an immediate answer. The announcement that Russia is seeking naval stations in Corea, buying stores in America and buying coal in Japan has increased the war spirit of the Japanese nation. Influential newspapers are urging the government to promptly despatch a fleet to guard the Corean coast and patrol the Corean channel. The Minister of War and Navy, their general advisory staffs and commanders are conferring daily. Full plans for the campaign of the army and navy have been prepared, and the scheme of land and water transportation completed. The thoroness of Japan's preparations is pronounced superior to that of Germany prior to the Franco-Prussian war. It is anticipated that Corea will be the scene of the earliest operations. The invasion of Chinese territory other than by Corea and across the Yalu River, it is thought, will depend on the nature and extent of the Chinese efforts to expel the Russians from Manchuria. Sass Ho will be the principal base of the navy, and the main point for the embarkation of troops. It has not yet been disclosed what place will be the principal army base, nor whether the

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Nineteen Theatres Closed By Chicago Mayor's Order

No Playhouse Will Be Allowed to Open Its Doors Unless it Has Asbestos Curtain.

THIRTY TEACHERS GONE.

Chicago, Jan. 1.—Superintendent of Schools Cooley announced to-night that the Iroquois Theatre fire had killed twenty-four teachers in the Chicago Public schools and six teachers are still reported missing, making a total of thirty.

Chicago, Jan. 1.—As a result of an investigation made at Mayor Harrison's orders, nineteen theatres and museums were ordered closed to-day, some of them being among the leading and most popular play houses of the city.

The act of the Mayor was based on the ground that every one of these places had omitted to supply an asbestos curtain. The theatres ordered closed are: Howards, Sam T. Jacks, Marlowe, New American, Olympic, Academy of Music, Alhambra, Avenue, Lijou, Chicago Opera House, Columbus Stock, Thirty-first-street, Criterion, Fiegenbaum's, Milwaukee-avenue, Garrick and Glickman's. In addition to these the London Globe Museum and the Clark-street Museum were also compelled to close their doors.

The Chicago Opera House and the Olympic Theatre are vaudeville houses of the highest class. They give a matinee every day, and it is seldom that seats can be obtained for any performance at the time of the opening. In addition to this they have been accustomed to sell large numbers of tickets for standing room. The Garrick Theatre is a small playhouse on the northeast side of the city and should not be confounded with the larger theatre of the same name, situated on Randolph-street, one block west of the Iroquois.

Must Have Asbestos Curtains.

The Mayor declares that no theatre should be allowed to open its doors in Chicago hereafter unless it was provided with an asbestos curtain of standard quality that would work at all times and under all conditions.

"It may not be possible," said Mayor Harrison, "to prevent loss of life when audiences rush for the doorways, but I have determined to see that every precaution is taken to prevent such occurrences as will alarm the people and start them on a rush for the exits. It is all very well to say that the great loss of life in the Iroquois Theatre was due to the fact that the people lost their heads and crowded into the doorways and aisles like maniacs, but the fact remains, and it cannot be denied, that there would have been no panic if the apparatus in this theatre, which judged by all ordinary standards was the best equipped play-house in the city had been in proper working condition. There is no getting beyond that fact. From all the evidence now in hand it is clear that if the asbestos curtain in this the-

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BRADY TALKS BUSINESS OF THEATRES IN TORONTO

Cosmopolitan Character Relates His Experience at the Chicago Holocaust.

William A. Brady, he of the glad hand and smiling face, theatrical manager, owner, independent amusement magnate and cosmopolitan character, is a King Edward guest. He came in from Chicago last night to look after the interests of his company at the Princess, "Pretty Peggy," and spend New Year's with his wife, known to the stage as Miss Grace George.

Mr. Brady is the same genial "Billy" of the old days, so popular while he was struggling to the top from the very bottom of the theatrical world, never too busy to help a comrade or those less fortunate, in the days of his own adversity. In the success of William Brady there is a lesson that might stimulate beginners in other professions that that of the stage. To-day he owns more than a dozen big theatrical companies in all parts of Canada and the States, has an interest in many play houses, gives lucrative employment to more than five hundred people and takes a lively interest in all lines of amusements and sports. He started without a dollar and is still on the sunny side of forty, with the air of a schoolboy and the energy of a cyclone.

Pen-Picture of "Billy" Brady.

Of compact figure, smooth-shaven, his derby hat tilted back over his head, displaying a fine countenance of singular frankness, Brady discussed Toronto theatres, praised the energy and enterprise of Canadians, deplored business depression in the States and commented on the different phases of the Chicago catastrophe in an entertaining manner with The World last night.

"Could such a disaster happen in Toronto? Yes, and anywhere else until some device has been invented that will make man immune from panic," observed Mr. Brady. "I am well acquainted with the Toronto play houses. They are equipped with modern appliances, but you must remember the Chicago theatre was a modern fireproof play house. In this case the blaze started from a defective calcium light. Here is something that touches Toronto. A calcium light is not dangerous in the hands of competent operators, but it is a very dangerous piece of modern stage furniture when not handled by experts. Every local play house of course uses this kind of machine. Every company on the road carries an expert, but he is forced to employ from three to five men at each stop.

Should Employ Experts.

"I was born in the business and know

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A CHANCE TO COMPROMISE.

It is freely admitted on both sides of politics that the five election petitions should be disposed of if possible before the legislature meets. The calling of the legislature in a few days in advance of five election trials, which might leave the government without a majority in the House could only be justified by the existence of extraordinary reasons for calling the members together on Jan. 14.

Mr. Ross declares that these extraordinary reasons do exist. He says that the legislature must meet at once to ask for tenders for work on the Temiscaming Railway and for voting money which is needed at the beginning of the new year. The force of these contentions is not apparent to people who maintain that the first duty of the administration is to fairly represent the people.

Neither argument nor protest, however, will avail. Mr. Ross has called the legislature for Jan. 14, and the question is: How best can the evil of this course be mitigated? The leader of the government and the leader of the opposition can solve the question, if they will.

Let it be admitted for the sake of argument that there is certain legislation which must be put thru the House as soon as possible. It is non-contentious legislation, a purely formal matter of voting necessary supplies and calling for tenders.

If the opposition would consent to facilitate the passage of this legislation the business could be transacted in two days. The legislature could be prorogued and the courts could proceed at once with the election trials. These would probably be concluded by the end of January. The House could then reconvene and conclude the sessional program.

The execution of this plan would mean little or no extra expense since one sessional indemnity would cover the two sessions just as one indemnity answered the purposes of the session at which constable legislation was passed.

The opposition would doubtless consent to expedite business to make this proposal feasible, and the Ross government could not very well refuse to enter into such a fair arrangment.

It is better that a man who has been elected by corrupt or fraudulent means should sit only two or three days in the legislature than that he should hold his seat for the entire session, keeping in office a government which may not be in power. The plan proposed will make the best of a very bad situation. The leaders of the parties have now a chance to rise above purely partisan considerations by expediting the passage of pressing legislation, and at the same time excluding from the legislature members who are not entitled to their seats.

SMALLPOX AT MILDMAY.

Man From Dakota Taken With the Disease.

Mildmay, Jan. 1.—A case of smallpox has made its appearance in the southwest portion of the township. Mildmay is situated on the Harrisburg and Southampton branch of the G.T.R., some 110 miles from Toronto. The patients came to Mildmay from North Dakota on a visit, and brought the disease with him. The Board of Health is doing everything in its power to prevent the spread of the disease.

FISHING SCHOONER ABANDONED.

Halifax, N.S., Jan. 1.—The French fishing schooner Sappo has been abandoned in the Straits of Belle Isle, and the captain and sixteen of the crew came to Sydney to-day on the Bruce, en route to St. Pierre. They tell a tale of great suffering, many having hands and feet frozen. The vessel was set on fire when abandoned, and the crew rowed in dories for 14 miles to Red Island.

DIED AT PORTSMOUTH.

Portsmouth, Jan. 1.—William Sullivan, ex-deputy warden, Kingston Penitentiary, died here this evening at 8 o'clock, aged 68 years.

Anti-Local Option Committee Rooms 24 Dundas-St., Toronto Junction.

Toronto voters taking street cars will find committee rooms at end of Queen and Dundas line, and arrangements have been completed to take Toronto voters from the committee rooms to their respective polling places. This will also apply to voters polling at No. 11, Township of York. Phone No.: Junction 90. 671

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BAD FIRE IN QUEBEC.

Damage to the Extent of $230,000 Caused New Year's Eve.

Quebec, Que., Jan. 1.—A big fire last night caused damages to the extent of $230,000, partially covered by insurance. About 9 o'clock fire was discovered in the large block on St. Peter-street, occupied by Dr. Ed. Morin, wholesale druggists, and McCall and Shehyn, wholesale drygoods. It started in the upper storey occupied as a drug factory by Dr. Morin, and in three hours the whole building with its contents was destroyed. Dr. Morin had a stock valued at $40,000, and insurance to the amount of $25,000. McCall & Shehyn's stock was valued at $160,000, with insurance to the amount of $130,000, divided in different companies. The building was valued at $30,000, and belonged to the nuns of La Congregation Notre Dame. The loss on the building is covered by insurance.

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C.P.R. EXTENSION OPEN.

Montreal, Jan. 1.—The C.P.R. extension from Labelle to Nominingue, a distance of 25 miles, is open for traffic. The government engineer and C.P.R. officials inspected the line yesterday.

Meerschaum Pipes reduced, 25 per cent. off what we have left. Alive Bollard.

New Year's Gifts. Geddes', 412 Spadina

MARRIAGES.

GAMMOND—KNIGHT—On Tuesday, Dec. 29, 1903, at 165 Langley-avenue, Toronto, by Rev. Wesley Dean, Mr. Irving H. Gammond of Toronto, to Miss Marie Knight of Winnipeg.

McLEAN—McMAIN—On 31st ult., at the residence of the bride's parents, 75 Bleecker-street, by Rev. E. Horace Mussen, M.A., rector of All Saints', Collingwood, Godfrey Edward McLean of Collingwood (of the 25th Regt.), to Florence Maud McMain of Toronto.

DEATHS.

CLARKE—At his late residence, Fairbank, on Jan. 1, 1904, William Clarke, aged 80 years and 3 months. Member of York Pioneers.

Funeral on Monday, Jan. 4, 1904. Private.

HUNT—On the evening of Dec. 31, 1903, at 267 Concord-avenue, William Hunt.

Funeral on Saturday at 2.30 p.m.

FURNESS—At 240 Wellesley-street, on Jan. 1st, Annie J. Roberts, beloved wife of P. S. Furness, and daughter of the late David Roberts, C.E.

Interment at Sparta, Monday, 4th inst. No flowers. St. Thomas papers please copy.

FLEMMING—On Jan. 1st, 1904, at her father's residence, 296 Davenport-road, Nellie B. Flemming, in her 19th year.

Funeral Monday at 2 p.m., Jan. 4th, from above address, to Mount Pleasant Cemetery.

IONSON—At his father's residence, 1022 Queen-street East, on Friday, Jan. 1st, Albert Roy, dearly beloved son of Albert Ionson, aged 1 year and 3 months.

Funeral from above address, on Jan. 2nd, 1904, at 2.30, to Norway Cemetery.

LEADLAY—Suddenly, on Jan. 1st, 1904 at his late residence, corner Queen and Crawford-streets, John Robert, beloved husband of Fanny and eldest beloved son of John and A. M. Leadlay, Esther-street, in his 54th year.

Funeral to Mount Pleasant Cemetery, on Monday, Jan. 4th, at 2 p.m.

LOUGHEED—At his late residence, No. 3 River-street, on Friday morning Jan. 1, John Lougheed, aged 88 years.

Funeral Monday, Jan. 4, at 2.30 p.m., to Mount Pleasant Cemetery.

Try the decanter at Thomas.

STEAMSHIP MOVEMENTS.

Jan. 1.	At.	From.
Cimbria	New York	Genoa
Parisia	New York	Genoa
Bresian	New York	Bremen
Mongolian	New York	Glasgow
Carthaginian	Greenock	Philadelphia
Cymric	Queenstown	New York
Lucania	Queenstown	New York
Switzerland	Philadelphia	Antwerp

DECIDEDLY COLD.

Meteorological Office, Toronto, Jan. 1, 8 p.m.—The pronounced cold wave mentioned last night now covers the country from the Rockies to the Province of Quebec, temperatures of 20 degrees below zero being recorded in northern localities. Light snow falls have occurred from Ontario to the Maritime Provinces.

Minimum and maximum temperatures—Qu'Appelle, 8 below—24; Winnipeg, 20 below—10 below; Toronto, 2—26; Ottawa, 10 below—20; Moutreal, 8 below—22; Quebec, 12 below—12; Halifax, 10—20.

Probabilities.

Lower Lakes and Georgian Bay—Fresh to strong northeasterly to northwesterly winds; decidedly cold, with some light snow falls.

Ottawa Valley and Upper St. Lawrence—Generally f