

STRAIGHT ISSUE MAKES THE CANDIDATES

Tube Question Issue on Which
Hang Chances of Hocken
and Geary to Read
the Inaugural
Address.

It has been such a long time since a definite issue has divided two majority candidates that the average taxpayer, who, so to speak, likes to see a fight, not a sparring match for the mayor's chair, is inclined to look pleased and exclaim, "Welcome to our city."

The underground railway scheme supplies the combustible material. Until it happened along the prospect appeared to be that, as in other years, one candidate would simply bid against the other. If Controller Hocken announced that he thought civic economy might make possible a tax rate of 17 mills, Controller Geary might be expected to figure out that by wise administration, without skimping any needed works, a rate of 16-1/2 mills should do. But instead of being merely rival Santa Clauses, they promise to give and take sledhammer blows in full view of the spectators.

The Tube Question.

The view taken in well informed circles is that the tube question will come close to deciding who will deliver the inaugural address of 1910. Controller Hocken is largely given credit for a sincere desire to provide rapid transit for the masses, but here and there is a sceptic who has the opinion that the controller is more interested in getting for himself a quick transit to the city hall. Anyway, he is as closely identified with the project as is R. J. Fleming with the street railway. He has prepared a report of many thousands of words and very soon thousands of copies will be available for distribution. People who, like Ald. McMurrich, think this city should wait 50 years before thinking of tubes may class this literary product with the works of Jules Verne, H. G. Wells and other daring fictionists, but it looks as if the great body of public opinion is with the controller.

Controller Geary is bound to profit by such sentiment as exists against the tubes, since he is elected himself leader of the opposition. If there is any "street railway vote" Controller Geary will get it. A competitive system would not be any more popular with the local traffic magnates than is the civic distribution plant with the Electric Light Co.

It is no exaggeration to say that friends of Controller Geary are seriously alarmed about the probable effect of the tube railway propaganda in the suburban districts. The city which has the alarm of the first and seventh wards, the east and west extremes, have "gone to" the scheme is apparently an index to the feelings of their constituents. It will be rather surprising if Controller Hocken doesn't corral the suburban voters in a way to roll up for him sweeping majorities all through what might be called the outer zone. If the suburbanites were to be benefited at the expense of the general citizens, the project might prove a boomerang, but this is not the case. The diversion of traffic from the surface lines means fewer strapholders, and as street railway revenue is to meet all charges that disturbing bogey, the debt, will not loom large.

Spence is Keeping Quiet.

Getting away from the railway issue, it may be said that the campaign has developed no special feature within the past week save an apparently increased possibility that the Controller will run for mayor. There are times when he seems to hover on the verge of an announcement, but all he does is to hover. It is believed by some followers of the game that the controller is waiting until the other two have absolutely gone so far with their campaign that neither can pull out, so that it may not be known until nomination day on Dec. 23, just who the starters will be. Thus may the history of 1906, when F. S. Spence only issued into the open on the day of nomination, repeat itself.

Mr. Spence, by the way, is keeping quiet, but there are certain signs which point to a return to public life. One is that he is writing letters to his favorite newspaper, the said letters and Mr. Spence's name being rather conspicuously displayed. Another thing is that the ex-controller is being seen about more in the busy haunts of men. He was, for instance, noted among the gathering at the opening of the city bath. Trifles like these, however, mean nothing, when out of civic life.

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office, has some of the elusive qualities of a phantom, so that when he actually appears as a public function the effect is like that of a materialization. It means something, probably that he will run for the board of control. Whether he will succeed or not depends considerably on whether Ald. Bredin also runs, and whether Controller Ward steps out. Ald. Bredin should poll more votes than Mr. Spence, but probably less than either Controller Harrison or Ward. If the two last named were re-elected and Ald. Bredin landed a place, there would be three Liberals on the board, and that Mr. Spence could make a solid four is hardly conceivable. To sum up, if Ald. Bredin can't be elected, Mr. Spence can't, and if the former gets there, the ex-controller can't, any way.

Ald. Church and McGhie are both running strong, each having an excellent chance. Ald. Foster announced Friday that he was more likely to enter than not, with which non-committal utterance his admirers must have been pleased. The only man who contented himself with a British League celebrity, says he will be a candidate, and the friends of ex-Ald. McBride want him to fill out the field, but he may run in the third ward again.

STEAMER TELLS STORY OF FLOATING WRECKAGE

Oil Barrels Thrown Along the Shore
—Only Clue is That Steamer
Arabian Carried Oil.

SAULT STE. MARIE, Ont., Nov. 20. —The steamer Minnie M. arrived down last night and reported passing through wreckage consisting of barrels of naphtha oil and gasoline thrown along the shore from Whitefish Point down for miles, numbering about 200. The only mark on them indicated that they were from Sarnia, and filled with Canadian oil. There is no clue to what steamer they are from, except the steamer Arabian unloaded 100 barrels of the same oil here Sunday night and loaded up for Port Arthur.

RAILWAY LINES DELAYED

Parliament Will Be Asked to Extend
Time of Construction.

OTTAWA, Nov. 20. (Special.)—Application will be made on behalf of the Canadian and North Shore Railway Company to Parliament for an act to extend the time for the completion of the railway between Sudbury and Little Current, and to extend the time for construction of the following lines of railway: From Meaford to Owen Sound; from a point near the Elsie Mine, Nipissing, thence about 20 miles to the township of Drury or Hyman, Lake Superior, between Michipicoten Harbor and Betsworth Bay; from the township of Bowell, Algoma, through townships of Wisner, Noman, Capreol and MacLennan, to a point in MacLennan; from a point near the township of Current, Manitowish, thence 10 miles crossing the main line of the C. P. R. or near Onaping or Carter stations; from a point in the township of Drury or Hyman, thence easterly to Sudbury from Little Current, to the south shore of Manitowish Island, or Fitz William Island, and from there to the township of Bruce, to the town of Sound, passing through or near Warton.

TARANTULA IN MAIL.

Throws Dead Letter Office Clerks
Into Frenzy.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 20. —The dead letter office of the postoffice department to-day held its name, when a tarantula was thrown into it by a clerk. The tarantula was found in a box of mail, and it was so large that for a moment it threatened to become a stampede.

The tarantula was found when J. E. Davis, an experienced clerk in the opening of a suspicious mail, tore the cover from a mysterious looking package addressed to "Dr. J. E. Davis, Viceroy, via Leon, V. Florence, Italy." He found a box packed with small holes. Placing it to his ear he heard it in an effort to discover whether or not it contained an infernal machine. The lid came off. "Jumping Jehoshaphat!" exclaimed Davis, when he found a gigantic tarantula rearing on his shoulder. He knocked it to the floor, where it promptly began a masterly retreat. When it was out of sight he called for another one to escape the fuzzy peril. Never, said a veteran employee of the dead letter office, were so many silk stockings seen in the office before.

After a brief but determined search the tarantula was discovered in a pile of mail sacks, where it was killed.

ST. PATRICK'S CHAPTER, R.A.M.

Excursion to Buffalo Wednesday, Nov. 24.—\$2.10—Return—\$2.10.

St. Patrick's Chapter, Royal Arch Masonry, will leave for Buffalo via Canadian Pacific 9.30 a.m. fast train Wednesday, Nov. 24. Tickets are good for return by train on Wednesday or Thursday following, which gives passenger opportunity of spending American Thanksgiving Day in Buffalo. Par car attached to train. Tickets on sale with commotion or Canadian Pacific ticket offices, southeast corner King and Yonge streets, King Edward Hotel and Union Station.

Hope Diamond Safe.

NEW YORK, Nov. 20. —Contrary to reports, the famous Hope diamond did not go down in the wreck of the *Bayne* at Singapore, but is now in possession of a Paris jeweler named Rosenau, if it is not, a spray, douche, saline, cream, or inhaler, but is a more direct and more powerful treatment than any other. It cleans out the head, nose, throat, and lungs so that you can again breathe freely and sleep without that nagging-up feeling that all catarrh sufferers have. It heals the diseased membrane and makes a radical cure, so you will not be constantly blowing your nose and spitting, and at the same time it does not poison the system and ruin the stomach, as internal medicines do.

It seems that the jewel was offered for sale by Selim Habib last June, but was withdrawn. Subsequently it was bought by Rosenau, who has confessed rather ruefully that it is still in his possession.

Died at Los Angeles

J. Reginald Smith died at Los Angeles, Cal., on Saturday, Oct. 16. This gentleman was born in St. Catharines about 37 years ago, and came to live in Toronto at the age of 15. During his residence in Toronto he was in the employ of George Borgefeldt & Co. Mr. Smith was married in Los Angeles and leaves a wife and one child.

Five Years for Forgery.

HAMILTON, Nov. 20. —At the police court this morning George Travers was sentenced to five years at Kingston for forging the name of Mrs. Colquhoun to a \$25 cheque which he tried to cash at the Hotel Royal.

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