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THE ADVERTISER, LONDON, ONTARIO, MONDAY DECEMBER 28, 1908.—TEN PAGES.

FIVE NAMES FOR THE MAYORALTY OF LONDON  
SIXTY-TWO NOMINATIONS FOR ALDERMENProposing of Candidates  
for Municipal Offices  
Quiet Affair.NINETEEN FOR  
SCHOOL TRUSTEESFour for Hospital Trustee—Ex-  
Alderman Matthews Was  
Nominated for Every-  
thing in Sight.Nominations passed off very quietly  
at the city hall at noon today. There  
was the usual crowd in attendance, per-  
haps a few more, but there was no  
excitement.Five were nominated for the mayoral-  
ty, and there is a possibility of  
a contest, probably between Mayor  
Stevie and Mr. F. J. Darch, although  
there is nothing definite as yet.The Council.  
There is a huge mob out for the  
council—that is, provided they all go  
to the polls.No less than 62 were nominated, in-  
cluding all of the present council. At  
least eleven of the present members  
will run. There are a number of good  
men nominated, and a good council  
can be selected."The People's Pick."  
Mr. R. P. Matthews takes the lead  
for being nominated, being named for  
every office in the calendar.Four were nominated for hospital  
trustee. It is understood that Mr. S.  
Serafini will seek re-election, and it  
is hardly likely that he will be op-  
posed.Board of Education.  
There is also a considerable number  
named for the board of education, in-  
cluding names being "bumped." There  
will be a contest for the five vacancies.  
Four of the five retiring members are  
again nominated, Mr. Charles McCor-  
mick being left out.The Rules.  
Candidates for the board of education  
must withdraw or their names will go  
on the ballot paper. The nominees for  
the other positions must qualify before  
9 o'clock Tuesday night or they will  
not be balloted for.The names are as follows:  
MAYORALTY.FRED J. DARCH, merchant, by C. H.  
Merrifield and C. W. Fitzgerald.CHARLES M. GRAHAM, merchant,  
proposed by H. Winder and W. Baw-  
den.RICHARD F. MATTHEWS, merchant,  
by John S. Paine and James Jef-  
fries.JOHN M. PARSONS, gentleman, by H.  
M. Douglass and H. Winder.SAMUEL STEVIE, merchant, by C.  
R. Somerville and W. Allen Young.

HOSPITAL TRUSTEES.

THOMAS GILLEAN, by Jos. Law-  
rence and J. W. McCandless.RICHARD F. MATTHEWS, by W. A.  
Wilson and W. S. Davidson.F. G. RUMBALL, by Thomas Reycraft  
and J. W. McCandless.S. SCREATION, by J. H. A. Beattie  
and W. C. Greer.

WATER COMMISSIONER.

URBAN A. BUCHNER, by G. W. Arm-  
strong and C. E. Beltz.FRED J. DARCH, by Whit Lancaster  
and E. A. Shoebottom.W. C. FITZGERALD, by W. A. Wilson  
and A. B. Greer.JOHN BIGGS, by John D. Wilson and  
T. W. McFarland.HUGH A. STEVENSON, M. D., by W. S.  
Davidson and James Jeffries.JOHN M. PARSONS, by H. Winder  
and Alf Hale.R. F. MATTHEWS, by H. A. Kings-  
mill and C. M. R. Graham.HUGH A. McCALLUM, M. D., by J.  
B. Smallman and J. D. Duffield.BLAZE AT BRACEBRIDGE, ONT.,  
DESTROYS TWO BIG BLOCKSMidnight Conflagration, Helped by Gale, Spreads From Sibbett's to  
the McCosh Blocks and Does Great Damage  
Before Being Subdued.Bracebridge, Dec. 28.—Last night at  
midnight a fire was discovered on the  
upper story of a block of buildings  
owned by G. W. Sibbett and occupied  
by L. B. Godson, as law offices. There  
was a heavy gale blowing, and the fire  
gradually spread northward, and soon  
the whole block was enveloped in  
flames. Strong effort was made to  
confine it to the Sibbett block, but it  
gradually worked its way north into  
the block owned by Mr. McCosh, of  
Orillia, and this also was burned.Following is a list of business  
houses destroyed: Thomas & Co., jew-  
ellers, book and stationery, publishers  
of the Gazette newspaper, loss \$20,000;  
insurance \$15,000; John C. Carruthers,  
drygoods, loss \$24,000; insurance \$19,  
000; G. R. Simpsons, sporting goods,  
loss \$6,000; insurance, \$2,000; Max  
Axler, general store, loss \$1,500; insur-  
ance \$6,000; James Whitten, hard-  
ware, loss \$20,000; insurance \$10,000;  
Thomas E. Godson, law office, loss un-  
known; G. W. Sibbett block, loss \$14,  
000; insurance \$8,000; John McCosh  
block, loss \$16,000, covered by insur-  
ance.

## THE OLDEST MAN

Blenheim, Dec. 28.—The old-  
est man in Canada, died Friday  
morning at his home at Shrews-  
bury, in Addison Smith, aged  
111 years. He was a slave in the  
south until he escaped to  
Canada. He is survived  
by twelve sons. Some of them are  
porters on express trains on  
the Wabash and other roads.CHINESE RIOT OVER  
THE OPIUM CRUSADETwo Thousand Rebels Under Arms  
and Extra Troops Are Called.Anoy, China, Dec. 28.—The riots which  
started on Saturday with the refusal of  
the natives to obey an order prohibiting  
the planting of opium poppies, now af-  
fect twelve villages. Twenty miles west  
of Tungan 2,000 men are reported under  
arms. They have withdrawn to the Bellu  
Mountains, and the authorities have as-  
ked the viceroy at Foochow for additional  
troops.CHINESE CRUISERS  
TAKE BRITISH SHIPLatter Said to Have Run Down and  
Sunk a Junk.Hong Kong, Dec. 28.—The British  
steamer Tai On was captured yesterday  
by two Chinese cruisers near Kaim Chuk,  
west of the river.The reason for the capture is believed  
to lie in the fact that the steamer sev-  
eral months ago ran down a junk and  
drew was in a theatrical company which was  
on board. Further developments from  
the capture are expected.

## ST. THOMAS MAN ROBBED

Detroit Thugs Pummel Him and Get  
Away With \$300.Detroit, Dec. 28.—Alvin Yorks, of  
St. Thomas, Ont., complained to the  
police last night that two men had  
blown up and robbed him of \$300 while  
he was in an alley off Michigan av-  
enue. Yorks is unable to give a de-  
scription of the holdup men. He was  
badly pummelled about the face and  
head.

## A HIGH COMPLIMENT.

Winnipeg, Man., Dec. 28.—The high-  
est compliment yet paid to Prince Rup-  
ert, the new Pacific port, comes from  
the Grand Trunk Pacific's chief com-  
petitor. It is announced that the  
Canadian Pacific Railway has ap-  
pointed a freight and passenger agent  
at that port. This is another evi-  
dence of the correctness of the con-  
tention of Mr. Hays that Prince  
Rupert will command attention. Prince  
Rupert seems to have arrived in ad-  
vance of the first Grand Trunk Pacific  
train.

## THE WEATHER.

TOMORROW—MILDER.

FORECASTS.

Toronto, Dec. 28—8 a.m.

Today—West to south winds; fair to-  
day and on Tuesday.

Tuesday—Higher temperature.

TEMPERATURES.

Today. Yesterday.

8 a.m. Min. Max.

London, Saturday .....

London, Sunday .....

London, Monday .....

Calgary .....

Port Arthur .....

Parry Sound .....

Toronto .....

Ottawa .....

Montreal .....

Quebec .....

Father Point .....

Dawson .....

Vancouver .....

Kamloops .....

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Prince Albert .....

Moose Jaw .....

Winnipeg .....

Halifax .....

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other in rapid succession over the north-  
ern portion of the continent, and the  
pressure remains highest over the south-  
ern half.JOHN S. TOWNSEND.  
Popular President of the Travelers'  
Club, Who Was Re-elected Sat-  
urday Night.JOHN T. GREEN,  
Who Has Again Been Honored With  
the Presidency of the Western  
Ontario Travelers' Asso-  
ciation.DR. BRIGGS' LETTER  
ON SUNDAY CARSCitizens' Committee Issue Reply  
to Rev. Mr. Briggs' Letter.The citizens' committee issued the  
following statement concerning Rev.  
Mr. Briggs' letter:In Saturday's paper Rev. Mr. Briggs,  
pastor of Ashkin Street Methodist  
Church, published a letter from Mr.  
Briggs, of Toronto. In this letter Rev.  
Mr. Briggs stated that he is "thor-  
oughly" of the opinion that the use of  
Sunday cars is a "sin" and that he  
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that the use of Sunday cars is a "sin"Rev. Mr. Briggs fails to publish this  
statement about which Mr. Briggs is  
so horrified.The statement Mr. Briggs is repre-  
sented as making is as follows: "Multi-  
tudes use them for convenience in  
reaching their places of worship."The committee wishes to say that  
this is put in as a quotation, not as a  
fact, and moreover, that nearly all  
of these ministers' letters have been  
published in full in the papers and  
elsewhere, so that the public can  
judge whether any quotation has been  
used correctly or not.The statement made was this, that it  
has been said over and over again in  
London that Christian people and church-  
goers do not use the Sunday cars in  
other cities. Mr. Briggs' statement  
was used in this connection. This  
was the only distinctive piece of in-  
formation in Mr. Briggs' letter that  
seemed worth while to the committee.

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ALMOST MURDER ON HYMAN ST.George Cook, of St. Thomas, Came to This City. Accumulated a  
Jag and Committed Cowardly Act in the Home of His  
Defenseless Sister—Remanded to Wednesday.An affair which came nearly being  
a murder occurred at the home of  
Mrs. Mary Howell, a widow, living at  
1 Hyman street, late on Saturday  
evening, and as a result Mrs. Howell  
is at present suffering severely from  
shock and from wounds she received.

Beaten by Brother.

According to her story told in the  
police court this morning her brother,  
George Cook, came over from St.  
Thomas to spend Christmas with her.  
Cook is a big, burly blacksmith, and  
on Saturday spent the afternoon  
drinking, while his sister, who works  
for her living, was out working.

Cook Was Drunk.

On Saturday evening she returned  
late with a friend, and when the two  
came into the house they found Cook  
there drunk. He acted very rudely  
and finally ordered the friend away.  
After she had gone Cook and Mrs.  
Howell had some words regarding the  
affair, and Cook attacked his sister in  
the most savage manner, hitting her  
repeatedly in the face, knocking sev-  
eral teeth out, and cutting and bruising  
her face badly.

A Brutal Deed.

Mrs. Howell was rendered uncon-  
scious. The neighbors heard the row  
and a policeman was called. He came  
and found Cook drunk, but to the of-  
ficer he stated that there had been no  
women there.The case of Alex. Nelson Blackwell,  
charged with bigamy, was enlarged  
until Wednesday.The case of Gavin Monaghan, charged  
with assault, was withdrawn.  
James McKenna, charged with using  
abusive and threatening language to  
his wife and family, was bailed to ap-  
pear in a week.John Brazil, a vag, was remanded  
for a week.CALABRIA SHAKEN BY QUAKES  
HUNDREDS REPORTED DEADItalian Province Shaken by Great Earth Shocks and a Repetition  
of Last Year's Catastrophe Is Feared—Many  
Casualties Reported.Rome, Dec. 28.—Violent earth shocks  
were felt in Calabria at 9:30 o'clock  
this morning. Serious damage is said  
to have resulted, and hundreds of casu-  
alties are reported at Mileto, Gonnadi,  
Stefanioni. At Stefanioni the shock  
was most severe, but San Gergori, San  
Glogor, Majorata also suffered.Assistance is being rushed from  
here and other points, as it is feared  
there has been a repetition of the ter-  
rible disaster of two years ago.Catania, Sicily, Dec. 28.—A tidal wave  
swept into this port today, a result of the  
earthquake. The people on the water  
front were thrown into an indescribable  
condition of fear. The approach of the  
water was seen, and sharp cries of warn-  
ing rang out. The people fled from the  
docks and the water front into the town.  
Where the sailors could get ashore, boats  
of all kinds were abandoned.The waters came and left confusion  
and damage in their wake. It is not  
known yet whether any lives were lost.  
A number of fishing boats were swamped  
and three steamers in port were more or  
less damaged. The Austrian steamer  
Budavato was nearly overwhelmed. Much  
merchandise piled on the docks was  
washed away.Brief reports have been received here  
from Palermo, the capital of Sicily. The  
shocks there lasted 22 seconds. The tele-  
graph and telephone system were put out  
of business, and railroad communication  
was interrupted, but the submarine  
cables from Palermo are still working.BOSTONIAN WANTS A WIFE  
FROM EAST OF LONDON, ONT.Dr. Cronan Seeks a Helpmeet Who Has No Bad Habits, Is Not a  
"Butterfly" and Who Will Stand Five Feet, Eight Inches  
and Weigh 135 Pounds—Oh, Girls, What a Chance!Boston, Dec. 27.—A beautiful home  
and an accomplished husband are  
awaiting here the lucky Canadian girl  
who can and will meet the qualifica-  
tions this exacting bachelor insists  
on.The would-be groom is a prosperous  
businessman of Wilmington, Mass.  
His name is D. J. Cronan. He has  
set his heart upon winning a blushing  
bride from across the border, and to  
aid his quest for his Canadian soul-  
mate he offers \$25 as a reward to  
the person introducing him to the right  
woman, and \$100 reward to anyone  
proving untrue any of his statements  
concerning himself and his earnest-  
ness.

Mentions London.

"I consider the average United  
States woman the laziest on the face  
of the earth, and they bring their  
children up the same way. I want a  
girl from east of London, Ont. I  
do not care whether she comes from  
Ontario, Quebec, New Brunswick,  
Nova Scotia or Prince Edward  
Island," said Mr. Cronan yesterday to  
a reporter. "I have set out to find  
my ideal in Canada, and I will suc-  
ceed."

Cronan's ideal is as follows:

NOMINATION DAY

Mayor Geddes, of St. Thomas, Re-  
Elected by Acclamation.Walkerville, Ont., Dec. 28. — Nom-  
inations for mayor were C. L. Chilver  
and R. H. Revell.Kingston, Ont., Dec. 28.—Ald. D. A.  
Givins and Ald. Daniel Couper were  
nominated today for the mayoralty.St. Catharines, Ont., Dec. 28. — The  
mayorality nominations here today  
were J. S. Campbell and Landis  
Bradt.The session of New St. James will  
be held this evening at 8 o'clock.

St. Thomas, Ont., Dec. 28. — Mayor

LONDON BRAKEMAN WAS KILLED  
MET INSTANT DEATH AT FT. ERIEJ. W. Bremner, of 203 Rectory Street, the Victim of a Fatal  
Accident While Making Up a Train—Was Employed  
on the G. T. R.—Born in ScotlandJ. W. Bremner, a young Scotchman,  
who resided at 203 Rectory street,  
East London, was instantly killed yes-  
terday morning while shunting cars in  
the Grand Trunk yards at Fort Erie.  
Bremner, who was a brakeman, left  
this city Saturday night at 10:30 with  
a light engine, the other members of  
the crew being Conductor Atkinson,  
Engineer Hueston, Fireman McCall  
and Brakemen Heard, all of this city.

Slipped on the Ice.

The crew laid over at Fort Erie,  
and yesterday morning commenced to  
make up a freight train to bring to  
this city. The train was pulled along  
the main line and stopped when clear  
of a switch. Bremner then threw the  
switch, opening the siding and sig-  
naling the engineer to back up, cross-  
ed over.It is supposed that he slipped on the  
ice, for the next moment the other  
members of the crew were horrified to  
see his body lying across the rails.  
Before the train could be stopped one  
pair of trucks of the first car had  
crossed his body, cutting it in two.  
He died almost immediately.Word was sent to this city inform-  
ing the officials of the accident.

Born in Scotland.

J. W. Bremner was a son of Mr. A.  
Bremner, of Hill of Forrest, Janets-  
town, Thurso, Scotland, and was 22  
years of age. He had been in Canada  
but a short time, working on a farm  
near Paris, Ont., until the first of  
September, when he secured employ-  
ment as a brakeman on the Grand  
Trunk running out of this city.The remains will probably be  
brought to this city on train No. 6,  
which arrives in this city at 6:15 this  
evening. The funeral will be held  
under the auspices of St. John's Lodge,  
No. 29, as the deceased was a mem-  
ber of a Masonic lodge in Scotland.Bremner's relatives were notified by  
cable by the Grand Trunk officials  
yesterday. The coroner of Fort Erie  
has decided not to hold an inquest.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Buffalo, N. Y., Dec. 28.—J. W.  
Bremner, of London, Ont., who was  
employed as a brakeman on the Grand  
Trunk Railway, is dead, the result of  
being run over by a Grand Trunk  
freight train in the railroad yards at  
Bridgeburg yesterday. Although ter-  
ribly injured, he displayed remarkable  
vitality, and lingered for over an hour  
after being run over.Bremner was 22 years old, and was  
said to have been prominently affili-  
ated with a branch of the Masonic Lodge  
at London, Ont. Just in what manner  
he received the injuries which caused  
his death has not yet been learned.  
He was one of the crew of a slow  
freight, which had its destination near  
Fort Erie. He was missed suddenly  
by the other members of the crew and  
a search was immediately started.  
Bremner, unconscious and crushed,  
was found lying across the rails. He  
was carried to a nearby house and  
surgeons immediately summoned. They  
saw at a glance that the case was a  
hopeless one. The unfortunate mar-  
ligered in an unconscious condition  
until his death an hour later. The  
body was turned over to Undertaker  
Atwoods, Coroner Brewster was sum-  
moned from Ridgeway, and is mak-  
ing an investigation.WELL DRILLER IS CONFIDENT  
PLENTY OF WATER THEREMr. James Peat Says the Test Well Is Down Sixty Feet and  
Nearly Full—Air Compressor To Make a Trial on  
Wednesday To Ascertain Quantity of Water.The test well at the foot of Horton  
street is down about 60 feet at pres-  
ent, and will be drilled perhaps four  
or five feet further.It is filled with water up to within  
five or six feet of the top, and it is  
expected that there will be still more  
water in it when it is sunk further."We have plenty of water," said Mr.  
James Peat. "We are going to sink  
the well five or six feet further, and  
then we will test our air compressor  
and try to pump the well out. I have  
tried it with the sand pump several  
times and it is impossible to lower the  
water to any extent. We are on the  
same strata as the other wells—La-  
batt's, Hunt's and several others—so I  
think we are on the proper spot. On  
Wednesday we will make the test with  
the air compressor and I am positive  
it will be a success."

May Drill Another Well.

"The well is drilling is an 8-inch  
one, and if there is the water in it IThornton Hains To Be Star Witness  
Expects To Shatter Prosecution's CaseFatal Ending Feared To Mental  
Disturbance of Brother.Flushing, Dec. 28.—The building up  
of the defense of Thornton J. Hains  
to disprove the charge that he was a  
principal with his brother, Captain  
Peter C. Hains, Jun., in the killing of  
William E. Anns last August at Bay-  
side, was taken up in earnest today  
before Justice Crane in the supreme  
court. Counsel for Hains has nearly  
a score of witnesses under subpoena,  
but whether they will all be called is  
problematical.

The defense is said to have under-

subpoena two eye witnesses of the  
killing who were not called by their  
state. Their testimony will tend to  
show that Thornton Hains' actions  
when Anns was shot were those of a  
defense for his brother, and not of  
defense, Thornton Hains will be the  
star witness in his own defense. He  
will probably not be called until near  
the last. He will likely be on the wit-  
ness stand the entire day.Raymond C. Wolver, a builder, will  
testify that it was at his invitation  
that the Hains brothers went to Bay-  
side on Aug. 15. General and Mrs.  
Peter C. Hains, parents of the de-  
fendant, will likely be summoned to  
give testimony concerning the mental  
(Continued on Page Nine.)RUSSIAN MADE A  
FUTURE IN COBALTWilliam Mueller Struck It Rich in the  
North.A very interesting visitor in the east  
end is Mr. Wm. Mueller, a Russian,  
who has struck it rich in the Cobalt  
district. Mr. Mueller, who was until  
a short time ago employed as a car-  
penter in this city, visited the Cobalt  
district with a companion, a black-  
smith.His companion bought up a claim,  
and commenced work, and within a  
short time was rewarded by unearthing  
a vein of very rich metal. He has  
shipped a quantity of the ore to this  
city, and a local firm is now turning  
out the finished material.The ore is being manufactured into  
croses for use in Russian churches,  
where they will be shipped by Mr.  
ing conducted by Rev. G. B. Sage.Mueller, who has secured a large  
order from churches in Poland.  
He states that in some parts the ore  
is particularly rich, while in others it  
is difficult to find a vein. It is found  
in crevices in the rocks and is some-  
times taken out in lumps weighing  
over a thousand pounds. He will re-  
turn to the Cobalt on Wednesday.

## Death of Mrs. Osborne.

Mrs. Elizabeth Osborne, wife of  
Mr. Walter Osborne, died at her home,  
34 St. Andrew street, this morning,  
after an illness extending over a year.  
Mrs. Osborne was the eldest daughter  
of the late Thomas and Annie Culbert,  
and was widely known and esteemed.  
Besides her husband she is survived by  
three children. One brother, Richard  
Culbert, of this city, and one sister,  
Mrs. Michael Cahill, of Grand Rapids,  
Mich., also survive. The funeral will  
be held on Wednesday afternoon, to  
Woodland Cemetery, the services be-  
ing conducted by Rev. G. B. Sage.