

**ALD. SAUNDERS
DOESN'T WANT IT**

Isn't Anxious To Be Chairman
of No. 2 Committee.

COMPOSITION OF COMMITTEES

Speculation Continues Unabated as to
How They Will Be Made Up.

Speculation is still rife as to the composition of the several committees of the council.

Ald. Saunders stated last night that he would not accept the chairmanship of the board of works, if it were tendered to him last year, but he refused then, and he will probably continue in his present attitude.

Ald. Garratt and Ald. Rose are both aspirants for the position, and Ald. Gerry would not refuse it for another year.

Ald. Beattie does not want No. 1 committee again. It is possible in rejecting the offer, Ald. Ferguson will be given the honor.

If the latter takes place, either Ald. Stewart or Ald. Gerry will be given No. 2 committee, and Ald. Garratt No. 3.

The Line-Up.

The committees would be as follows: No. 1, Ald. Ferguson, chairman; Ald. Stevenson, Ald. Parsons and Ald. Beattie.

No. 2—Ald. Stewart or Ald. Gerry, chairman; and Ald. Rose and Ald. Saunders.

No. 3—Ald. Garratt, chairman; Ald. Moorhead, Ald. Cooper and Ald. Fitzgerald.

That will possibly be the way they will line up for this year's work.

Other Bodies.

As for the court of revision, it is more than likely that Mr. A. T. McMahon and Mr. Phil Pocock will again be chosen with probably Mr. Pocock as chairman.

It is understood that Ald. Stevenson would like to be a member of the board of health this year. He was tendered a place last year, but he refused, and it is probable that he would accept it now if tendered him. Mr. Thos. Gillen and Mr. William Skinner are also named.

Mr. Niven will be chosen chairman again. He has served one year in that position and has done good work.

Library Board.

There are several names mentioned as likely nominees of the board of education on the library board, the most prominent being Rev. Dr. Ross, pastor of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, and Judge Macbeth.

It is not known which of the two will be named, but it is more than likely that one of them will be selected. Rev. G. B. Sage is mentioned as the probable chairman of the library board. The office generally goes by rotation, and as he is in line for it, the place will probably be offered to him.

Hospital Trust.

Mr. S. Seratton will again be selected chairman of the hospital trust. He has served some time on the board, and has devoted much of his time to that board.

The aldermen are quite concerned about the appointments, and a lot of speculation is going on.

MAY COLLECT SUBSIDY

G. T. P. Now Entitled to \$240,000 From
the Ontario Government.

Toronto, Jan. 6.—The Grand Trunk Pacific may now collect its subsidy of \$240,000 cash, and 3,000 acres per mile for constructing about 120 miles of road west from Port Huron.

William Wainwright, vice-president, Solicitor Tait and Engineer Wood appeared before the railway board yesterday, and convinced them that all the terms of the act of 1904, when the subsidy was voted by the Government, had been fulfilled. A message was also received from E. H. Keegan, who is withdrawing the objections of Port Arthur. The board issued certificates to the auditor to pay the money.

Another stretch of about 80 miles remains to be built under similar terms.

A MAMMOTH DEAL

The Dunford Dry Dock of Port Huron
Likely To Be Rebuilt.

Sarnia, Ont., Jan. 6.—A mammoth deal is on between the Reid Wrecking Company and the Haynes interests of Port Huron to rebuild the old Dunford and Alverson dry dock of Port Huron so that it will accommodate the largest vessels on the lake. The Reid Company has put a large gang of men at work on the dock, and will make it ready for the admission of its tugs for a general overhauling this winter. Should the repairing of the tugs prove satisfactory the Reid Company will buy the dry dock outright and will in the spring tear down the wooden work and construct it of cement. The dock has not been in use for eight years.

SUED BY ORDER.

Hamilton, Ont., Jan. 6.—The grand lodge of the Ancient Order of United Workmen has started an action against Robert Rodgers, of this city, to recover unpaid damages for alleged slander. During the trial of a division court case here a few days ago Rodgers, who was formerly connected with the order, made the statement that it was "rotten" and "bankrupt," and it is now the intention of the grand lodge to make him prove his assertions.

**Insurance Rates Down in Toronto
Due to High Pressure System**

Reduced From \$1 to 75 Cents
in the Congested Area.

Toronto, Jan. 6.—The Mail and Empire says: Dating from the first of January, 1909, fire insurance rates in Toronto are reduced from \$1 to 75 cents on \$100 in the congested area, and from 60 to 50 cents on \$100 in the adjoining or contiguous area. This reduction is on the key rate.

The board of fire underwriters, at a lengthy meeting yesterday afternoon decided to make the reductions in the rates, which are now practically the same as before the big Toronto fire of 1904, or what is known as normal.

More Appliances.

The rates of insurance are based on the value of fire-fighting appliances, and the underwriters, after seeing the test of the high pressure system, decided on the reduction, and also based their action on the belief that more appliances are to be installed by the

city to make a more complete system. The underwriters stated that the high pressure system is not quite as complete as they asked for. They asked for a minimum pumping capacity of 10,000,000 gallons. They asked also for three pumps of 6,000,000, or four of 4,000,000, which would allow one pump to break and still leave 12,000,000 gallons capacity. They believe that the city will install another pump of 5,000,000 gallons capacity, and one of 2,500,000 gallons capacity per day. They based the reduction of rates on the promise that has been made that the extra pumps will be put in.

In the congested district the value of insurance to be placed this year will be several million dollars less than in previous years, on account of the small stock carrying by many of the wholesale and retail houses.

As only the tariff companies were represented yesterday, the reduction does not apply to non-tariff companies, but the non-tariff companies will also reduce their rates, and will give rates 10 per cent lower than the tariff companies.

**Valet Jones Is Close to Death
And Confession May Clear Patrick**

Lawyer Serving Sentence for Killing
Millionaire May Be Freed.

New York, Jan. 6.—Learning that Charles F. Jones, former valet of William Marsh Rice, was dying in Texas, and hearing that he had an important statement to make in connection with the case of Albert T. Patrick, now serving a life sentence in Sing Sing for the murder of Rice, John T. Milliken, a wealthy brother-in-law of Patrick, started last night from this city for Texas to obtain, if possible, the statement Jones is reported to be ready to make.

It was Jones' confession which convicted Patrick of Rice's murder, and secured freedom for Jones, his alleged accomplice.

Hope that the dying valet's statement might be a retraction of his confession, which would aid in freeing Patrick, caused Mr. Milliken, who is a prominent St. Louis man, Patrick's wife, and other friends, to hurry to this city yesterday, where the former held a long consultation with District Attorney Jerome on the case, following which Mr. Milliken made a hasty departure for the southwest.

Will Ask Killing of Three-fifths

Toronto, Jan. 6.—Dr. Chown, of the Dominion Alliance, was very busy this morning getting several matters straightened up prior to his departure for the west this evening. He will spend from now to March 10 in British Columbia, endeavoring to get a law passed by the legislature of that province enabling municipalities to adopt local option, as they do in other provinces. He will not, however, suggest a three-fifths clause. Far otherwise.

"I told Mr. Hanna," he said today, "that we understood the Ontario Government to have adopted the three-fifths clause only as a tentative measure."

We were told it was to remain in force until it was shown to be no longer necessary to the permanency of local option. We held that Monday's vote has proved beyond a doubt that the three-fifths clause is not necessary to stability, and that it acts only as a barrier to municipalities which might otherwise adopt local option.

No Liquor on Holidays.

"I have talked over with Mr. Hanna the legislation which we desire for the coming session. Of course, I am not at liberty to state his policy in the matter, but I may say that we are asking for the prohibition of the sale of liquor on Christmas, Good Friday and Thanksgiving Day.

Given Three Months for Shoplifting

At this morning's session of the police court James Long, the Englishman recently found guilty of shoplifting was sentenced to three months in jail. It is likely that steps will immediately be taken to deport Long. He claims to have a wife and two children living in England, but as far as the police can ascertain, he is a thoroughly worthless character, refusing to work, and spending his time drinking and begging money from other Englishmen to buy liquor.

No Relation to Cronje.

Henry Cronje, who said he was no relation to the famous Boer general, stated that he had found it impossible to secure work, and had even offered to work for his board. Mr. Cronje was remanded for a week on a charge of vagrancy.

Reunion of the County Councillors

The reunion of members, past members and officials of the county council of Middlesex, to be held on Wednesday evening, the 27th of January, during the sittings of the county council, promises to be a happy event. There are about 200 of past members still living, a large number of whom have already signified their intention of being present. The reunion will partake of the nature of a social evening. A banquet will be given, at which two or three prominent speakers will give addresses, and reminiscences of veterans of the county council will contribute to make this a memorable occasion. Notices have been sent to all of the members, and those who have not yet replied are requested to write S. F. Glass at London by return mail, their intention of being present, so that final arrangements may be completed.

Recount Asked in London Township

There will likely be a recount in London Township. At the summing up at St. John's yesterday, the official majority of Reeve Kimball over Mr. S. Frank Glass was declared to be 22.

It is understood that there were a large number of rejected and spoiled ballots in the election, and on this account Mr. Glass has decided to ask for a recount.

The application will come before Judge Macbeth, and if he decides that there is ground for a recount, a date will be set for the examination and counting of the ballots again.

Reorganization of Port Stanley Board

The directors of the London and Port Stanley board will be appointed at the council meeting on Monday.

Seven aldermen and one other representative will be named. The last year's board was composed of the following: Mayor Stevely, Ald. Booth, Beattie, Ferguson, Greenlee, Gerry, Rose, Saunders and Mr. A. W. White.

There is no doubt that Mr. A. W. White will be reappointed.

MANY NEW VESSELS.

Detroit, Mich., Jan. 6.—Lake shipbuilders have orders for sixteen vessels for delivery in 1909. In the list there are 11 bulk freight steamers, two package freighters and three passenger steamers. These have a carrying capacity of 110,300 tons a trip, or two million tons for a season of twenty trips each. All are to be ready at the opening of navigation.

Last year at this time there were twenty-six bulk freighters, two steamers and two package freight boats under construction. In the list carrying capacity of 204,700 tons a trip, but several of them made only a few trips last year and some of them did not leave the ship yards at all. There is considerable less repair work being done now than there was a year ago.

**PRIVATE MOIR
NOT WORRYING**

Though He Will Be Tried on
Murder Charge Next
Week.

IS A WELL-BEHAVED PRISONER

William Watcher Will Also Come Up
at the January Assizes.

There are only two criminal cases to come before the assizes opening here next Monday.

William Watcher, the East Middlesex farmer, accused of attempting to bribe Simeon Platt, in the recent East Middlesex election, will appear for trial.

Watcher has been on bail since his hearing in November, when Squire Chittick committed him for trial.

Pte. Moir.

The other case is that of Pte. Moir, the alleged slayer of Sergt. Lloyd, who will appear on the serious charge of murder. Moir has been in custody since May 12. Moir has been a quiet and tractable prisoner and is seemingly the most unconcerned man about the jail, and the near approach of his trial does not seem to daunt him at all. He wears a continual smile, and is a great favorite with all the prisoners with whom he associates on terms of intimacy, in the two hours morning and afternoon, in which the prisoners take exercise in the jail yard. The law forbids prisoners in remand being compelled to anything, so there is nothing but the daily exercise of the walking around the yard to break the monotony of the long months of confinement. Moir has developed a decided taste for reading, and spends most of his time in this occupation.

Reads Books.

He has plenty of books, as he seems to have numerous friends outside the walls who keep him well supplied. No special guard is kept over him, as he has not been tried and hence, by the law of Canada, is innocent.

The only extra precaution taken is to give him one of the strongest cells. However, even this does not seem to be a necessity, as Moir displays no disposition to try and escape, and seems to be quite willing to await his trial. He is a model prisoner, says Governor Carter, and has not given a moment's trouble since he entered the jail, nearly eight months ago.

The Defence.

Mr. Edmund Meredith, K.C., counsel for the defence, stated that neither Mrs. Moir, mother of the prisoner, nor any of the physicians in Scotland who had attended him would come to London to testify at the trial.

However, a commission had been appointed, and the testimony of Mrs. Moir, several physicians, and other residents of the town, where Moir had lived, had been taken, and would be used at the trial.

The defence will probably be that Moir is an epileptic, and consequently not responsible for his actions, and "We have their evidence to hand now," said Mr. Meredith, "it will be presented at the trial. There will be no delay at all. We will be ready to proceed next week."

Inquest Tonight.

The inquest into the death of David Paisley, the Grand Trunk car cleaner, who was killed on New Year's night at the station, will commence before Coroner MacLaren at the police station tonight. William Ballantyne, Port Arthur, who says he saw Paisley, has given Superintendent Nixon a statement, and will probably be the principal witness.

Married at Parkhill.

A very pretty wedding took place at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Burgess on the fifth concession, on New Year's Eve, when the second eldest daughter, Elsie, was united in marriage to Mr. Walter Richman, of this city. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Mr. McCalla, pastor of the Methodist Church, Parkhill, in the presence of about fifty guests. The bride, who looked charming in cream, carried a shower bouquet of white carnations. The beautiful gifts which the bride and groom were recipients of, attested the high esteem in which the young couple are held. On their return Mr. and Mrs. Richman take up their residence at 55 High street.

THE WEATHER.

TOMORROW—FINE AND COLD.

FORECASTS.

Toronto, Jan. 6—8 a.m. Today—Strong northwest winds; much colder; snow flurries.

Thursday—Fine and very cold.

TEMPERATURES.

Stations. Today. Yesterday.

London. 17. 17.

Calgary. 29. 36.

Winnipeg. 36. 32.

Port Arthur. 28. 28.

Parry Sound. 12. 26.

Toronto. 26. 26.

St. Catharines. 26. 26.

Montreal. 26. 26.

Quebec. 32. 22.

Dawson. 44. 38.

Atlin. 39. 28.

Vancouver. 10. 25.

Edmonton. 36. 36.

Moos Jaw. 38. 27.

St. John. 28. 45.

Halifax. 32. 46.

Minus (—) means below zero.

WEATHER NOTES.

The temperature continues very low throughout the Western Provinces; and the cold wave is now spreading eastward across Ontario.

**Action Against M. C. R. for \$10,000
Widow of Aylmer Man Is Suing**

Jane Insell Asks \$5,000 Dam-
ages From London Street
Railway Company.

There are three new cases entered for a hearing at the coming assizes to be held on Jan. 11.

One is an interpleader issue in the action of W. G. Howlett vs. C. J. Mills, which was first entered for the county court and from there delivered by Judge Elliott to be tried in the high court. The plaintiff affirms and defendant denies that certain goods and chattels seized in execution of a writ of the sheriff of Middlesex did not belong to the defendant at the time of their seizure. Messrs. Meredith, Judd & Meredith act for the plaintiff in the action.

A \$10,000 Suit.

An action for \$10,000 against the Michigan Central Railway Company has been entered by Ida Augusta Haight.

The plaintiff is the widow of Frank H. Haight of Aylmer, a track tank-

hand on the railway, who was killed while walking on the track. Criminal negligence is claimed in that the train was travelling at an excessive rate of speed and gave no warning by bell or whistle. Also the train was running on the north track, while eastbound, which was contrary to custom, and negligence is held in that the deceased was not warned of the fact. The claim for \$10,000 is the amount of damages claimed to have been done to the widow and six infant children in the death of the supporter of the family.

Mr. J. F. Paulds acts for the plaintiff, and Messrs. Kingsmill, Hellmuth, Saunders and Torrance, of Toronto, for the defendants.

Suing Street Railway for \$5,000.

Jane Insell is suing the London Street Railway Company for \$5,000 damages for injuries incurred in a collision between two of the company's cars on Richmond street. The plaintiff was thrown down and sustained injuries that may be permanent, which are claimed to have been due to negligence upon the part of the company.

Mr. J. F. Paulds acts for the plaintiff, and Messrs. Ivey & Dromgole for the defendants.

**Young Liberal Club Elections
Will Be Held Friday and Saturday**

Great Interest in the Presidency
Contest Between Harry Fowler
George S. Gibbons.

The election of officers for the Young Liberal Club will be held on Friday and Saturday evenings next, from 7 to 10 p.m.

Already a great deal of interest is being taken in it, and a large vote will be polled.

Mr. Angus Elliott has been selected as returning officer.

Two members are to be elected to the executive from each ward.

Tickets may be had from the candidates or the secretary, Dr. Claude Brown. A full vote is expected, as there is great interest in the contest, especially for the presidency.

The Candidates.

The candidates are as follows: J. Harry Fowler, B. A., and George S. Gibbons.

Vice-President—A. A. Briggs, J. L. Johnson.

Executive Committee—Ward 2—R. Cooper, Andrew Robson, Thos. Rana-

han. Ward 3—Arch. Black, jun., Charles Clarke, W. R. McKay, Jas. Murray.

Ward 4—Geo. Bayley, Chester Butler, Slim Delaney, Bert Heaman, Ed. Xelles, Gordon Ingram, I. Leonard, Percy Fitzgerald.

Ward 5—Wm. Allaster, G. Arthur, W. Gray, L. H. Martyn, Fred Pace, Lui Paladino, Art Sippl, Jas. Young.

Ward 6—Chas. Ferguson, R. J. Southcott, Earl Insley.

The executive for Ward 1 was elected by acclamation.

**CONSECRATION OF
BISHOP FARTHING**

His Lordship Bishop Williams
and Other Londoners
Present.

A MOST IMPRESSIVE CEREMONY

His Grace Was Duly Installed in the
Metropolitan Diocese This Morning.

A number of local Anglican clergymen left with his Lordship Bishop Williams yesterday for Montreal, to attend the consecration of Very Rev. Dean Farthing as Bishop of Montreal.

The ceremony took place this morning in Christ Church Cathedral, and was attended by leading churchmen from all over Canada.

Dean Farthing has a large number of friends among London clergymen, and to them were assigned prominent parts in the ceremony of consecration. The presentation of the bishop-elect to the Primate was made by Bishop Williams and the Bishop of Ontario.

Rev. W. T. Hill, of the Church of St. John the Evangelist, was one of the two attendant priests, the other being Canon Starr, of Kingston.

The Consecration.

The consecration itself was a most impressive ceremony, commencing at 8 o'clock this morning, the Feast of Epiphany. The Primate, bishops and their chaplains, the bishop-elect and the clergy, after robing in the vestry of Christ Church, formed in a procession, and preceded by the choir, singing "The Church's One Foundation," entered the cathedral.

The Primate was preceded by his chaplain, bearing the metropolitan crozier, and the bishop-elect followed next, attended by Rev. W. T. Hill, of this city, and Canon Starr, of Kingston.

The Service.

The following order of service was then observed:

The Holy Communion office to the end of the Nicene Creed—Celebrant, the Lord Bishop of Ottawa, epistoler, the Lord Bishop of Niagara, gospeller, the Lord Bishop of Quebec, "Kyrie," "Gloria Tibi" and "Credo" (Dykes, in F).

Serving and giving out of notices by the rector of Montreal.

Antiphon—"Lovely Appearance."

Sermon—The Rev. Canon Welch, M.A., D.C.L., rector of St. James' Cathedral, Toronto.

Presentation of the bishop-elect (vested in cassock, mitre, rochet and stole) to his Grace the Primate, consecrating the bishop-elect by the laying on of hands, and the bishop-elect followed next, attended by Rev. W. T. Hill, of this city, and Canon Starr, of Kingston.

The Litany—Rev. Herbert Symonds, D.D.

Address and questions to the bishop-elect, touching doctrine and conduct, by the Primate.

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**COMMISSIONERS
RESTING ON OARS**

Say It's Now Hon. Mr. Beck's
Duty To Prove His
Claims.

ANOTHER WELL COMMENCED

Mr. Peat Has Removed His Derrick
and Drilling Is Now Going On.

It is expected that the water commission will allow Hon. Adam Beck to demonstrate what his wells will do before taking any further steps to solve the water difficulty.

All the members of the commission are somewhat reticent as to what will be their next move.

It is understood that Mr. Beck will hurry the wells as fast as possible, so that if there is sufficient water there the commissioners will be able to pump it into the city mains to prevent any water shortage this summer.

At Work On Another One.

That Mr. Beck is in earnest was evidenced this morning when Mr. J. Peat, the contractor, moved his derrick and drilling rig to the site of the second well. He will begin to drill at once and will rush the work as fast as possible so that it will be known within a week or two whether there is water there or not.

Mr. Peat is securing his second drilling rig, and will have two gangs at work in a very short time.

In the meantime, Mr. Beck is making inquiries into the artesian well matter, and will obtain estimates for the most up-to-date air lift and machinery obtainable.

If there is plenty of water in the second well it will be connected with the present one by a trench several feet underground so that the expense of an extra air lift may be done away with.

The other machinery will be the best obtainable provided, of course, that there is water in sufficient quantities.

Up to Mr. Beck.

So far as can be learned, however, the water commissioners consider it "up to" Mr. Beck to make good his claims.

If he fails to get the water, it is expected that the Kilworth scheme will be submitted alone, so that there will be sufficient water not later than June next to keep the city from danger.

"We have not thought much of the matter yet," said Chairman Jones. "We will probably wait until the well proposition is still further experimented with, and then we will figure out just what we will do. We will meet shortly, and consider our course of action."

A BELATED CHRISTMAS

All Quebec Province is Celebrating
"Little Christmas" Today.

Montreal, Que., Jan. 6.—Today is being observed throughout the Province of Quebec as "Little Christmas," the day being more familiarly known under the church calendar name of Epiphany. It is a public holiday in this province, and all public places and many places of business, especially those of French Canadians, are closed. Services are being held in the Roman and Anglican churches. The French Canadians have many quaint customs associated with today's celebration, and in some respects it is more a day for social festival than is December 25.

**HERBERT THOMPSON
SURRENDERS TO POLICE**

Is Alleged to Be Mixed Up in Assault
Upon Officers.

Herbert Thompson, one of the young men alleged to be concerned in the assault upon police officers Robinson and MacRae, a week ago last Monday night, gave himself up to the police this morning, and after appearing before Magistrate Love, was bailed in the sum of \$2,000 to appear on Tuesday next.

Mr. Thompson gave himself up, after consulting with his solicitor, Mr. A. M. Graydon, who will represent him.