# Hamilton Happenings

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## HYDRO POWER COUNCIL NINE CATARACT LIMIT

### Mayor Stewart Believes Friends of Beck Scheme Will Control Next Council.

HAMILTON, Dec. 30.—(Special.)—It is generally admitted that Hamilton will have a hydro-electric council next year. There are but 14 Cataract candidates, and counting all those who have the remotest chance of election, Mayor Stewart considers that the Cataract people cannot possibly elect more than nine aldermen, and he does not look for that many. Other municipal politicians consider that seven is the very outside number the company can elect.

The Cataract lawyers appear to stand alone in their contention that Justice Anglin's decision binds the council for five years to take power from this company. There appears to be some room for dispute as to whether the street lighting contract will stand or not.

**Separate School Board.**

The following were elected by acclamation to-day as members of the Separate School Board: Ward 1, Charles J. Bird; Ward 2, J. Redming; Ward 3, P. Arland; Ward 4, T. C. Cochrane and William Keating; Ward 5, D. M. Sullivan; Ward 6, T. Flahavan; Ward 7, F. Byrnes.

**Alter Acquitted.**

J. Alter, 103 South John-street, was acquitted in police court this morning on the charge of keeping a common gaming house. Samuel Tottenburg, who was the complainant, testified that Alter got a rake-off, but the other witnesses denied this, and the case was dismissed. Robert Reynard, Ancaster, was fined $10 for being disorderly on a Hamilton and Brantford car, Roderick McKay and James Stewart were committed for trial on the charge of defrauding Edward Leonard, a lodging-house keeper.

**Ward 4 Conservatives.**

At a meeting of ward four Conservatives this evening, T. H. Pratt urged Ald. Bailey, who is chairman of the finance committee, to call his committee together Thursday morning, and to cable $1000 to the sufferers from the earthquake in Southern Italy. Ald. Bailey and the three Conservative aldermanic candidates addressed the gathering.

**Moral Reform Meeting.**

Only a handful attended the meeting of moral reformers held in the Simcoe-street Methodist Church this evening in the interests of H. A. Martin and Joseph Ross, the temperance candidates. A majority of the audience were women and children, and only two of the clergymen who were advertised to speak made an appearance. The speakers were the candidates and Rev. John Young, Rev. H. C. Livingston and Rev. James Bracken.

**THE COBALT LOCAL TRAIN SERVICE.**

Editor World: I am down here at the King Edward over New Year's Day. I have been on a Yonge-street car and know what a strap-holder is; but I want to tell Colonel Englehart of the T. & N. O. Railway commission that I read his statement in to-day's World and do not like it. We supply more strapholders on his local train service at Cobalt than the Toronto street cars. I do not like his cure—motor cars WHEN HE CAN GET THEM. In the meantime, let him give us more trains, even if pulled by steam engines. The cars are full and cannot help but make money. He need not be afraid to go ahead and incur expense. There is a profitable business between Liskeard, Haileybury and Cobalt that he ought to give a decent service to. We are willing to give him our good silver for a good service. The movement that is coming our way all over Silverland, as your paper calls it, will overtax the Colonel's railway this spring. Let him hustle or this camp will hustle in an electric local road.

Beverley.

**George Nelson Dead.**

George Nelson died at the City Hospital to-night, and his body will be shipped to London to-morrow for interment. He had been employed in this city for some time as a cigarmaker.

Mrs. Margaret Wickham, widow of James Wickham, passed away at her home on East MacAulay-street to-night at an advanced age.

**Damming the Grand River.**

A deputation of gentlemen interested in the damming of the Grand River waited on Hon. Dr. Reaume yesterday and extracted a promise of further consideration. A survey was requested at an expense of $1000. George Pattinson, M.L.A., Galt; H. G. Lackner, M.L.A., Waterloo; J. J. Craig, M.L.A., Fergus; W. S. Brewster, M.L.A., Brantford, were among those present

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## Public Amusements

The appearance of a new novel by Winston Churchill is an event. Mr. Churchill has made two or three of the best contributions to recent American fiction, and now we are to have a new play founded on his latest work "Mr. Crewe's Career," which is billed for next week at the Royal Alexandra. The book is about a youth, Hercules, of a lawyer who breaks with his father, the chief counsel for the railroad which absolutely controls the politics of the state. Young Mr. Vane is intended to be a hero of the type of splendid American youth engaged in the struggle of purer politics. His father represents a generation the time for the passing away of which has come. Mr. Flint, the railroad president, is the man of business who sees but one duty, that, namely, of guarding well the interests of his stock and bondholders. Mr. Crewe is the upstart rich man, who sees his political opportunity in the new-born demand of the people for their rights.

Matinees will be given on Thursday and Saturday.

The Wagenhals & Kemper Company announce an elaborate production of the great play of contemporary American life, "Paid in Full," by Eugene Walter, at the Princess Theatre for one week beginning Monday next, with matinees Wednesday and Saturday. In the presentation that the Wagenhals & Kemper Company offer they will have one of the most notable acting companies in America and the production here will be as complete as that given for two years at the beautiful Astor Theatre, New York, and for six months at the Grand Opera House, Chicago. "Paid In Full" has been endorsed by the critics as the greatest play since the days of "The Banker's Daughter" and "Jim the Penman."

The plan of the big popular concert to be given in Massey Hall to-morrow night is now open at the hall. The artists who will take part include Stuart Moncur and Miss Jean Stuart, who sang with so much acceptance on Thanksgiving night; the 48th Highlanders' Band, J. W. Bengough, humorist, a fine male chorus of twelve voices, reel and solo dancers in costume and other interesting features.

Florence Gale with her clever company is making her first appearance at Shea's Theatre next week in "The Girl Who Dared," a sketch for which Miss Gale has received the warmest praise everywhere. The Empire City quartette, The Quigley Bros., Rosaire and Doretto, Lyons and Parks, Levigne and the Kinetograph are the others on the big bill for the next week.

Commencing next week the matinee days at the Royal Alexandra will be Thursday and Saturday instead of Tuesday and Saturday. This change is made for the convenience of the traveling companies who will in future be the attractions and also in deference to the requests of many of the patrons of the theatre. The evening prices will remain the same as they have been all season with one or two exceptions, where owing to contracts previously entered into it will be necessary to advance the prices somewhat for these attractions.

A grand testimonial benefit will be tendered Harry Girard of the Imperial Opera Company on the farewell appearance of that company at the Royal Alexandra Theatre on Saturday evening. Besides the regular performance of "Jack and the Beanstalk" an extensive program will be given, in which Hallen Mostyn will reappear in the scene from "San Toy" in costume entitled "Yen How and His Six Little Wives," assisted by six ladies of the company. Harry Girard will sing "I Want What I Want When I Want It" from "Mlle.Modiste"; while Miss Agnes Cain-Brown will sing several solos from "The Jewel of Asia" in costume. The many friends of the Imperial Opera Company will turn out to bid them farewell. Mr. Mostyn will accompany the aggregation on tour and his fame thruout Canada will prove a valuable asset to his compatriots.

Great was the welcome received by Harry Lauder in Massey Hall, the largest auditorium in which he appears in America, yet Orchestral Hall in Chicago for the last days of last week were crowded each time and the effect he produced may be gathered from the following remarks. Tribune: "The happiest hour an audience has enjoyed for many a day"; Post: "His remarkable performance created a furore"; The News: "The greatest entertainer on the stage to-day." Toronto will enjoy Lauder on Wednesday and Thursday afternoons and evenings of next week. The sale of seats begins this morning.

To-night the girls of the chorus at the Star will give us their version of vaudeville. After the evening show an athletic smoker will take place to start at 11 p.m. Five good boxing bouts are to be given besides a wrestling match which will be to a finish. The following youngsters will clash: Paddy Lovatt and G. Ashley; N. Lang and Fred Daly; Harry Peters and Ed. Picton; Ed. McHugh and A. H. Lake; J. Sullivan and J. Hubbard. All bouts to be three rounds each and to a decision; tournament rules to govern. Popular prices of 25c and 50c will be exacted at the door. Friday night election returns will be read from the stage.

"The Road to Yesterday," the famous Shubert production, which will be the offering at the Grand next week, is a quaint and beautiful play. There has been little change in the company since Messrs. Shubert placed it upon the stage of the Lyric Theatre in New York, where it enjoyed the unprecedented run of nearly a year. The characters of the two acts of to-day are carried back along the "Road to Yesterday" by a midsummer night's wish and find themselves in their previous incarnation on earth. This will be the first time "The Road to Yesterday" has been presented in this city at less than dollar-fifty prices.

Next week's attraction at the Majestic Theatre will be "Thru Death Valley," a play which contains at least one sensation that has never before been approached in the annals of melodrama. A man is tied at the stake, while close at hand a venomous rattlesnake is bound. The unfortunate victim's head is immediately opposite that of the snake. Moisture makes a snake stretch. Rain falls and the snake's head approaches nearer and nearer the face of the victim. Just as he is about to give the fatal sting, something happens which saves the hero.

The Toronto Conservatory of Music will reopen after the holidays on Monday, January 4th.

The Rose Hill English Folly Company is the attraction at the Gayety this week. The chorus girls will give their version of vaudeville to-night. Friday night election returns will be read from the stage.

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