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CITIZENS OF BARRIE HEARD WHITNEY REPLY TO RECENT SPEECH OF PREMIER

Declares that Barring Mr. Ross R. R. Gamey is the Intellectual Equal of any Ontario Cabinet Minister.

Barrie, Ont., Dec. 28.—(Staff Special.)—J. P. Whitney, leader of the Ontario opposition, entered into the political atmosphere of Centre Simcoe to-night by addressing the electors in the Grand Opera House in the interests of A. B. Thompson, Conservative candidate. Centre Simcoe is one of the constituencies which the Conservatives hope to redeem, and the political atmosphere is already waxing warm, especially in Simcoe County town.

Last night R. R. Gamey addressed the constituents in a skating rink at Elmvale, and, cold as the night was, there were over a thousand people to hear him. The roads are in a dreadful state, that a county councillar and a load of Conservatives, returning from the Gamey meeting last night, were upset, and the horse ran away. This did not deter the stalwarts of Floss and Vespra from attending the meeting here to-night, and several sleighloads came from points as far distant as Cookstown and Thornton.

A blinding blizzard, one of the worst ever known in Barrie, was blowing, but the meeting was well attended, and the audience most enthusiastic.

Mr. Davidson carried the constituency for the Liberals at the last election by a majority of 49. C. E. Hewson is the present Liberal candidate.

Stalwarts in Line.

H. H. Strathy, president of the Barrie Conservative Association, presided at the meeting to-night, and with him on the platform were prominent local Conservatives, E. A. Little, M.L.A., Cardwell; J. S. Duff, West Simcoe; Dr. A. MacKay, Cookstown, and H. Lennox, M. P. The chairman, on behalf of the Barrie Conservatives, congratulated them on the large turnout, considering the bad weather, which they had so bravely faced, and the short notice they had received of Mr. Whitney's intended visit to the riding. He referred to Mr. Ross' speech at Barrie, wherein he stated that $2,950,000 was now in the treasury, and regretted that it might be dissipated by Mr. Whitney and his followers. He thought this was a slur upon the honesty and integrity of the Conservative party.

Mr. Thompson, who was loudly applauded, in rising, thanked the audience for the reception. He said he was once more a supplicant for their votes, and trusted he had not shown himself unworthy of confidence. Discussing the questions of the day, he said that provincial affairs limited the party to but a few planks, which were largely matters of finance and education, and gave very little room for a difference of opinion. One question which would have to be decided in this election would be the moral welfare of the Province of Ontario. The Ross government has degraded and debauched the province by its political crimes, and should be defeated.

The Rightful Heirs.

The Conservatives had a popular majority and were the rightful heirs to political power. He then reviewed the fighting policy of Mr. Ross in the light of his being returned at the last election by a majority of one. An attempt was made to win over Dr. Reaume by offering him the speakership. Cap Sullivan was engaged to fight Gamey with threats of protest and by offering money. North Renfrew was fought by disfranchisement for nineteen months. Mr. Miscampbell, the late representative of the riding, was fought at the Soo by what some might think a winsome lady, the Minnie M. (Loud laughter.) To-day there was too much moral talking and not enough moral practice.

Mr. Whitney made a few promises, but his deeds proved him to be a man of ability and honesty.

J. S. Duff reviewed the difficulties which have beset the Reform party in the last two years, which has forced Mr. Ross to his present appeal to the country. He thought the Gamey exposures, if they had done nothing more than expose the scandal in the crown lands department, had been of great service in showing the corruption of the province, and the result of this investigation was the cause, and only cause, of the resignations of Hon. Messrs. Stratton and Davis. The Simcoe representatives, Messrs. Davidson and Tudhope, lost their greatest opportunity in not speaking out against their party when these exposures were made. If the Conservative leaders did what Ross and his party had done, the Conservatives would be the first to turn their leaders out.

Greeted With Enthusiasm.

J. P. Whitney, introduced as the coming premier, was greeted with great enthusiasm, the audience standing and waving Union Jacks. Across the front of The Globe to-day were the words, "Remember Ross." Coming thru the snowstorm to-night, he thought of these words, and asked the electors to "Remember Ross." Some of the followers of Mr. Ross might think that if no reference was made to his speech delivered in Barrie, he could not defend himself, but a man who had a majority of the electorate of the province at his back should be able to defend himself against a man who was willing to be a minority premier.

In 1889 he introduced a bill to punish bribery with imprisonment as well as by fine, but the government voted it down, and yet Mr. Ross' claimed to be the party favoring punishment for corrupt practices. The Conservative party was on record in punishing electoral corruption, but the Liberal party had not punished election crimes. On the contrary, many of the participants had been rewarded with lucrative positions, after conviction.

He had been charged with voting against the appointment of a minister of agriculture, but this charge was false, as there was a minister of agriculture before Mr. Ross became premier. He voted against separating the offices of minister of works and agriculture, as at that time there was no need for increasing the number of portfolios.

Mr. Ross told the electors at Napanee that there was no wrong in the West Elgin elections. He said this in the face of McNish's confession, drawn by Mr. Aylesworth, in which he acknowledged that the ballots had been interfered with and thrown away. Then

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WHITNEY AND GAMEY.

Barrie, Dec. 28.—(Special.)—Mr. Whitney, in his speech to-night paid a tribute to R. R. Gamey. He declared the Man from Manitoulin was an able man. He named over the members of the Ontario government, and said, "Barring Mr. Ross, there is not one of them mentally superior to R. R. Gamey."

La Presse Changes Hands Berthiaume Now Out of It

Three Interests Centre in the Newspaper and What One Will Win Out Is the Question.

Montreal, Que., Dec. 28.—(Special.)—La Presse has definitely changed hands. T. Bienveau, manager of the Provincial Bank, who was trustee for Hon. Berthiaume in the deal with Russell and Greenshields, announced this morning that he had nothing more to do with the transaction, that he had handed yesterday to M. Berthiaume all the money coming to him—$400,000—and that the deal was now completed.

The company called La Presse Publishing Company had its first meeting to-day, and the board was appointed as follows:

President, H. Godin, recently financial manager of La Presse; vice-president, L. G. Gratton, chief editor; directors, J. E. Dupont (foreman), H. A. Robert (chief accountant), and A. S. Brodeur (artist).

H. A. Robert will act as secretary. All officers are employes on the present staff, and the Berthiaume family is excluded, altho two sons are employed in the concern.

The composition of the board differs completely from what was announced in The Herald by M. Dansereau when he left for France on Oct. 22 last. M. Dansereau then announced that the board would comprise: MM. Berthiaume, Dansereau, Godin, Bienveau and Ethier. All these names are those of strong Berthiaume men, and appear to have been carefully avoided by Russell, except for Godin, who is the cheval ouvrier of the concern. Berthiaume's influence was certainly feared by the new proprietors.

There are at present three interests centring on La Presse.

First—D. Russell and Greenshields, proprietors, and bound to make the best possible bargain by their acquisition.

Second — Prefontaine, T. Cote and Dansereau, making efforts to obtain the property for Laurier's use.

Third—Berthiaume doing his best to reconquer his paper that has in fact been taken away from him under false pretence.

The three interests are watching each other and playing a close game. Who will be the winner?

JAP GUNS ON 203 METRE HILL NOW WATCH PORT ARTHUR FALL

Gen. Kondrachenko Meets Death in Fortress and Gen. Stoessel Thrown From Horse.

Chefoo, Dec. 28.—(11 p.m.)—It is reported here that the Japanese in front of Port Arthur have mounted two 28-centimetre guns on 203-Metre Hill.

NO TORPEDOES ESCAPED.

Chefoo, Dec. 28.—The persistent rumor which has been in circulation for the past two weeks that several torpedo boat destroyers had escaped from Port Arthur and succeeded in reaching Vladivostock, is denied by the officers of the British steamer Ellamy, which arrived here from Vladivostock to-day. These officers say that the cruisers Rossia and Gromoboi are in good shape.

RUSS GENERAL KILLED.

Tokio, Dec. 28.—Trustworthy advices from Port Arthur confirm the report that Gen. Kondrachenko has been killed and that Gen. Stoessel has been injured by falling from his horse. Gen. Smilnoff is also reported wounded.

JAP LIST OF DEAD.

Tokio, Dec. 28.—The navy department publishes a list of nine officers and 65 men who were killed while on special duty.

The army department publishes a list of 23 officers killed and 56 wounded, presumably at Port Arthur.

GET READY FOR SPRING.

Huanshan, Dec. 28.—Everything continues quiet along the front of the hostile armies. There is little expectation of a decisive movement till spring, when it will be possible for both sides to throw in strong reinforcements to commence the campaign in earnest. In the meantime the chief business of the Japanese seems to be regarding their communication eastward.

They have an unusually full equipment of narrow gauge field railways, one of which connects Gen. Kuroki's base at Shadedzi with Fengwang with a branch to Saimatza. A supplementary line is being laid in connecting Liaoyang with Haicheng. There is an important line of warehouses along the Yalu River and many bridges have recently been constructed with a care unusual in field operation. This elaborate system has been seriously threatened by Gen. Rennenkampff's raids southeastward.

There may be evidences that the Japanese are strengthening and fortifying their line of communications toward Korea, which necessarily will absorb a considerable force.

TO-DAY IN TORONTO.

Dr. Osler, at Canadian Club, Mecconkey's, 1 p.m.
Commercial Travelers' annual meeting, Association Hall, 1.30 p.m.
Photostan Orphans' Home, Christmas tree, Dovercourt-road, 3.30 p.m.
Citizens' Moral Reform committee, Wesley Buildings, 4 p.m.
Harbord Alumnae, St. George's Hall, 8 p.m.
Trades Council, Richmond Hall, 8 p.m.
Trinity College School Old Boys, King Edward, 8 p.m.
First Ward Liberals, Poulton's Hall, 8 p.m.
Conservative conventions—North Toronto, Broadway Hall; South Toronto, Victoria Hall; West Toronto, Association Hall, 8 p.m.
Rameses Temple initiation, Temple Building, 8 p.m.
Northwest Ratepayers' Association, Dunlop conservatories, 8 p.m.
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MAJOR-GENERAL KONDRACHENKO

CHURCHILL ON EMPIRE

Thinks Free Trade Bad Thing for the Millionaire.

(Canadian Associated Press Cable.)

London, Dec. 28.—Winston Churchill, speaking at Malmesbury, said until the great question of free trade versus protection was settled there could be no prosperity in the land. It was a mockery to poor people to say distress would be relieved by increasing the price of food and clothing. Free trade, tho not the best policy for the millionaire, was best for the millions. He asked what evidence there was that the proposed sacrifices were necessary. Were we to think the allegiance of the gallant Canadians would be withdrawn unless purchased by two shillings a quarter on wheat, or was Australian loyalty to be bought by a penny a pound on wool? That was a poor, miserable view of the British Empire.

TELEGRAPHERS' ARBITRATION

The arbitration proceedings between the G.T.R. and its telegraphers was reopened yesterday, and will continue daily this week until finished. No new points were brought out, altho the cause of so many resignations was argued. D. W. Campbell for the men pointed out that in a year 50 resignations from among 230 operators had occurred. W. H. Pope, G.T.R. solicitor, said that the road passed thru a country which gave many opportunities for better employment. Frederick Price, master of transportation at London, was examined at length on the wages and hours of operators and the working conditions.

REFUTES CREWE'S STATEMENT.

(Canadian Associated Press Cable.)

London, Dec. 28.—Mrs. Close, writing to The Times, refutes Lord Crewe's statement that Canada is averse to receiving state pauper children. She quotes a telegram in reference to her scheme from the premier of Nova Scotia: "Our government approves and will assist in a practical way." New Brunswick under certain conditions has promised 200 acres for each homestead farm the guardians purchase.

RE-ARM BRITISH ARMY.

London, Dec. 28.—The war office has placed orders for sufficient 18 1-2 pounder field guns to practically re-arm the whole of the British navy.

JUST A CRIMINAL.

Cleveland, Dec. 28.—Dr. Allen McLean Hamilton, a noted criminologist, reported to-day that Mrs. Chadwick is not insane but is instinctively criminal.

Farmers Burning Cotton.

Fort Gaines, Ga., Dec. 28.—The farmers and merchants of Clay County are here to-day and decided to burn their share of two million bales of surplus cotton. A starter was made to-day when a fire was made of cotton on the streets of Gaines. It is not yet determined where it will stop. The farmers have decided to set the pace and are moving determinedly. A large crowd paraded, with cheers and much spectacular ceremony. The object is to show that the farmers are ready to sacrifice a few bales for the benefit of the masses. The fire is still burning and excitement is increasing.

OTTAWA TO TORONTO VIA KINGSTON.

Ottawa, Dec. 28.—(Special.)—At a mayoralty campaign meeting here this evening, Mayor Ellis announced that he had reason to believe that the G. T. R., which is to take over the Canada Atlantic Railway, will construct a line from Ottawa to Kingston.

This would connect with the main line, and would allow of a train being run direct from Ottawa to Toronto, and would do away with the present changing of cars, as required when going to Toronto on the C. P. R.

The mayor says the city will not be asked to contribute any share of the cost.

TORONTO DEFEATED YALE.

Pittsburg, Dec. 28.—In the interscholastic hockey series to-night Toronto defeated Yale 2 to 1.

EXPECTING WHEAT TO GO UP TO $1.50 BEFORE NEXT CROP

Much of Present Visible Supply is Inferior in Quality and Not Suited for High-Grade Milling.

Montreal, Dec. 28.—(Special.)—A prominent grain dealer predicts very much higher prices or wheat within the near future, and when asked to state what advance was likely to take place, said he would not be surprised to see wheat in Chicago sell up to $1.50 before another drop.

Supplies, he continued, are now at their maximum and large decreases in the visible supply are near at hand. A very considerable proportion of the present visible supply is composed of inferior qualities and unsuitable for high-grade milling.

The same authority also predicts that present prices will look very cheap within 30 days. The April returns, he added, place the Ontario crop at six millions, against thirty millions last year. This means, he says, that certain millers will require at least twenty million bushels of Manitoba wheat to make up the Ontario deficiency, and it would appear from this that all present stocks of wheat in Canada will be required for home consumption.

Deliveries of wheat, he declares, in the United States and Canada have dropped down to very small proportions, indicating very small reserves in farmers' hands, consequently a big advance in foreign markets is inevitable.

BURIED FOR TWO HOURS

Hard Luck of Sectionman in Snowstorm Out in Iowa.

Marshalltown, Iowa, Dec. 28.—A Chicago and Great Western freight train, lost in the snowstorm, has been wrecked two miles south of Melbourne, causing injuries to six train and section men.

Sectionman Wm. Boger was buried under snow and coal for two hours before he could be rescued. He was pinned down by a piece of timber driven thru the calf of his leg.

A wrecking train sent from Des Moines was stuck in a snowdrift two miles distant and was unable to assist.

Traffic on two roads out of this city, the Iowa Central and the Chicago Great Western, was at a standstill to-day. The only trains moving are those from the east on the Northwestern.

On the Great Western there is a snowdrift at Fairbanks half a mile long, 12 feet deep and a thousand feet wide.

FRENCH CATHOLIC CHURCH

Will Be Built in Winnipeg—Whole Block Already Bought.

Winnipeg, Man., Dec. 28.—(Special.)—The French Catholic population of the City of Winnipeg has increased so rapidly that it has been decided to build the Church of the Sacred Heart, which will hold services entirely in French. Rev. Father X. Portelance, formerly of the Sacred Heart, Ottawa, has been appointed parish priest, and has arrived here to commence the work of organizing the new parish. The new church will cost between one and two hundred thousand dollars. A whole block has been purchased for it and its missions, situated between McDermott, Bannatyne, Lydia and Marguerite-streets.

GRAND TRUNK CHANGES

Fitzhugh Returns and Jones to Go to Vermont.

Montreal, Que., Dec. 28.—(Special.)—E. H. Fitzhugh, general manager of the Central Vermont Railway, has been appointed to succeed F. W. Morse as third vice-president of the Grand Trunk. Mr. Fitzhugh went to the Central Vermont from Toronto, and was succeeded in Toronto by George C. Jones. It is now said that Mr. Jones will succeed Mr. Fitzhugh in the Central Vermont Railway. Mr. Brownlee of Detroit will succeed Mr. Jones.

For the New Year.

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Notice—Postcards have been mailed to all persons named on the voters' lists for 1905, notifying them of the polling subdivision at which they vote at the ensuing election.

Parties who think they are entitled to vote, and who have not received such notice, will kindly communicate at once with the Assessment Department.

Robert J. Fleming,
Commissioner of Assessment and Property.

David Hoskins, F.C.A., Chartered Accountant, 27 Wellington St., Toronto

Resolution 1905—Smoke Blue Union Label Cigars.

In the Days of Old.

"A word to the wise," etc., is an old saying, which has been thundered for hundreds of years, but in these days it requires a volume for some people to understand that it pays to look around in life assurance as well as in anything else. We don't mean a bargain counter proposition, but we do mean a policy in the Sovereign Life, and a happy smile which won't come off.

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New Year's Gifts. Framed pictures at Geddes', 481 Spadina.

DIED AT A MEETING.

Grafton, Dec. 28.—Jeremiah Clarke, a prominent farmer, living a mile west of Grafton, suddenly expired this morning while attending a school meeting in Hare's Schoolhouse.

Ex-Ald. S. W. Burns' election in Ward Four should be made sure of.

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NO DODGING IT.

MR. ROSS (insinuatingly): "And do you believe only one party was guilty of bribery?"
OLD MAN ONTARIO: "No, my friend; but there was only one party who, intrusted with the guardianship of the ballot box, practised a system of ballot plugging, ballot switching and ballot burning, and that was the party and the hired tools of George W. Ross."

$30,000 FIRE WRECKS COSGRAVE BREWERY PLANT GALE, COLD AND SMOKE HINDERED FIRE FIGHTERS

Blaze Started in Elevator Shaft, Supposedly From Candle Left by Workman.

The fire department was up against its first battle of this winter, and in a heavy gale and frigid atmosphere did creditable work at a blaze which caused some $30,000 loss to the Cosgrave Brewing Co., Limited, at Queen and Niagara streets. The fire occurred just after 6 o'clock, and altho when first seen the blaze was at its incipient stage, the slight time elapsing between the giving of the alarm and the arrival of the firemen was sufficient to give the fire good headway. It broke out in the elevator shaft, where a week before the firemen had succeeded in stopping a fire which was caused presumably b spontaneous combustion. Since then employes of the Dodge Split Wood Pulley Co. have been putting in a new rigging, and it is thought that a candle may have been left burning when the men quit work last night. The watchman down below saw sparks dropping, looked up and saw a small fire. He ran upstairs, while two others ran to telephone and to pull box No. 48.

The fire fighters faced considerable odds. The building is peculiarly built and situated on the side of a hill. The strong wind broke the hydrant streams into spray. The cold soon encrusted the men and apparatus in coats of ice, while it became impossible for the firemen to clamber on the sloping, iron-sheeted roofs. The smoke, too, owing to the grain and to sawdust packing, was exceptionally pungent.

A General Alarm.

Deputy Chief Noble and District Chief Smith responded on the first alarm, and Chief Thompson went out on a general. The fire was finally confined to the manufacturing plant and malt kiln, the malt house, offices, barley house and new ice plant being untouched. The loss is made up of $10,000 on hops, $10,000 on malt damaged by water and $10,000 on buildings. The machinery damaged is not expensive, but the company will be shut down for at least a month. Other breweries, however, were quick last night in proffering assistance.

Lucky Insurance.

There is insurance of $61,300 on buildings and $48,000 on stock. After the $50 fire of last week the company placed an additional $20,000 insurance.

The insurance carried is: on building, Guardian $12,000, Sun $5000, Imperial $5000, Norwich Union $5000, Manchester and Atlas $7000, Western $10,000, Alliance $10,000, Phoenix of England $6300; on stock: Guardian $5500, Home $2000, Phoenix of England $2000, Royal $4000, London Assurance $5500, National $2000, Western $3000, Sun $5000, London, Lancashire and Globe $8200, Union $500, Royal $4000, New York Underwriters $2700.

It is a wonder the firemen escaped without injuries. District Chief Smith was at home when the box came in and—thanks to the lack of progress in Toronto which doesn't provide all its fire chiefs with rigs—he sprinted to the fire. On Niagara-street he was tripped up by a chain stretched to protect a lawn and had both knees painfully wrenched and bruised. He continued on duty, however. He told a squad of firemen to get out from the burning kiln just before the flooring above gave way. Chief Thompson, too, had his men ordered out of the main building where a big 5000 gallon steel water tank was a possible source of danger.

Burned Out in '78.

he fire made a big reflection for a time, but was not really spectacular. Chief Smith recalled the fact that he had fought the only previous fire, before that of last week's, which has occurred in the Cosgrave Brewery, when in the fall of 1878 it was almost completely destroyed.

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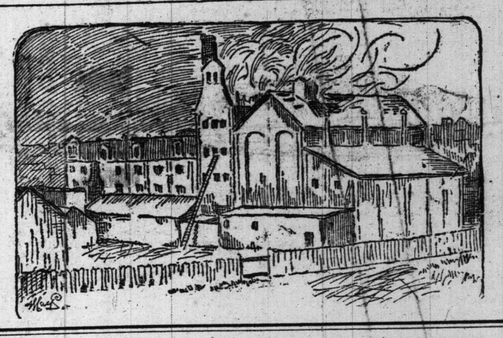

May Increase Its Capital Imperial Bank Considers

Rumor That $1,000,000 Will Be Subscribed Not Wholly Without Foundation in Fact.

The expansion of Canadian business is still calling for increased banking accommodation. In addition to the new banks launched in the last three years, several of the older financial institutions have found it necessary to increase their capital. The latest to make a public announcement of an increase was the Canadian Bank of Commerce, whose capital will be enlarged to $10,000,000 from $8,700,000.

It is now rumored that the Imperial Bank will ask its shareholders to subscribe a million, to bring up the capital of this institution to the full authorized amount of $4,000,000. General Manager D. R. Wilkie, when informed by The World of the rumor, stated that as far as he knew it was not correct. The annual meeting of the bank will not be held till June, but Mr. Wilkie said it would be unnecessary to wait until then, if the directors were desirous of increasing the capital as rumored.

A director of the bank, when spoken to, said that no recent discussion had taken place regarding an increase. He thought it would be better to increase the capital of old banking institutions than to create new ones. The growth of the country would demand increased banking facilities, and when the time was opportune, an increase in the Imperial capital would no doubt be made.

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BIRTHS.

BERNHARDT—At Galt, on December 26th, to Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Bernhardt a son.

DEATHS.

CHAPMAN—At Scarboro Village, on Dec. 27th, 1904, Mrs. Jesse Chapman, aged 63 years 9 months 15 days.

Funeral from family residence, 2 p.m., Thursday, to Washington Church.

DRIFFILL—At 11 Maitland-place, Toronto, on Tuesday, December the 27th, 1904, Eleanor Elizabeth, beloved wife of James Driffill, in her 63rd year.

Service at the house on Friday, the 30th, at 12 o'clock noon, thence to Union Station, for interment at Newmarket.

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S. W. Burns should be in the council for Ward 4. Some undeserved attacks are being made against him, which should solidify his supporters.

Broderick's Business Suits, $22.50 118 King Street West.

RADIAL RAILMAY COMPANY SANDBAGS TOWN OF WHITBY

Withdraws Application for Street Railway Franchise—A Public Meeting Will Be Held

Whitby, Dec. 28.—(Special.)—The bolt from the sky has descended. The Radial Railway Company has notified the town authorities that all negotiations have terminated and the company's proposal withdrawn, and the air is blue with moans and groans from some of the more ardent supporters of the Radial Company's application.

"I told you so" and "We have lost the railway" are now their cries.

The bluff worked, and after a hurried consultation the following requisition was circulated among the citizens:

"Whereas negotiations between the Toronto and York Radial Co. and the Town of Whitby as to the granting of a franchise to the said company for a street railway upon certain conditions have been terminated;

"Therefore we, the undersigned ratepayers of the Town of Whitby, respectfully request that you do call a public meeting of the citizens for the evening of Thursday, the 29th day of December, 1904, at 8 o'clock, in the town hall for the purpose of considering the propriety of reopening the negotiations with the said company."

On this requisition being handed to the mayor he said that he had already been requested to call a meeting for that evening to give the electors an opportunity of hearing W. F. Maclean, M.P., speak on municipal franchises, his speech to be followed by a general discussion. The gentleman who had charge of the second resolution expressed his gratification at the fact of Mr. Maclean consenting to come, and said he would be heartily welcomed by those of the townspeople who approved of the proposed but now rejected agreement.

Many of the electors think that the latest move on the company's part is a bluff pure and simple, but there are many others who fear that the town will not be able to secure as favorable terms under any subsequent agreement. The company's attitude has stifled the opposition, but the majority seem inclined to favor the agreement.

Many inquiries are being made for the gentleman styled by The World as Horatius. He has been out of town this week, but will probably be home for to-morrow's meeting.

Pember's Turkish Baths will cure all diseases. 129 Yonge-street. 365

EAST KENT IN SORRY WAY TO GET A LIBERAL RUNNER

Cochrane Chosen by a Second Convention Withdraws His Name From the Contest.

Chatham, Dec. 28.—(Special.)—This morning a rumor was brought to town to the effect that John Cochrane, the choice of the second East Kent Liberal convention, had withdrawn his name from the candidature. Indeed, a rumor to the effect that Mr. Cochrane had decided to resign has been prevalent for the past few days.

This evening what could be learned from prominent workers thruout the county confirms the story, and it is said that a Liberal convention will be held in Ridgetown to-morrow morning for the purpose of selecting a third candidate.

A despatch received from one of the villages in East Kent states that it has been learned there on reliable authority that Mr. Cochrane has resigned. His reason was that he had accepted the position against his desire, and was practically forced into it by his political friends.

Cochrane was spoken of by men of both parties as the strongest man the East Kent Liberals could put up. He was nominated on the resignation of Howatt to contest the constituency against Phil Bowyer.

FOR A CLEAN CAMPAIGN.

Candidates in West Peterboro Come to an Understanding.

Peterboro, Dec. 28.—(Special.)—T. E. Bradburn, Conservative, and R. F. McWilliams, Liberal, have signed a agreement to do everything in their power to prevent bribery and corruption in the present campaign in West Peterboro.

The candidates have also pledged themselves to use no influence to protect any person or persons either giving or receiving a bribe, but to prosecute to the full limit of the law.

They will neither give nor lend any money during the campaign, and have further promised to indulge in no personalities, but to confine their discussion strictly to the issues of the fray.

Hon. J. R. Stratton is not taking an active part in the contest in West Peterboro, but has taken charge of the organization for William Anderson, the Liberal candidate in the east riding. He is addressing meetings in his interest.

WHIRLS TO HIS DEATH

Young Miller at Baden Caught in the Shafting.

Baden, Dec. 28.—A young man named Jacob Jamieson, whose home is near Moulton Station, Welland County, was killed about 3.30 this afternoon at Sherk & Snider's flour mill, where he was employed as miller. In some unaccountable manner, his clothing got caught in the shafting, and he was whirled to death before assistance could be rendered.

CONSTRUCTION UNDER WAY

Frank W. Morse to Devote Whole Time to G.T.P.

Montreal, Dec. 28.—(Special.—Frank W. Morse, third vice-president of the Grand Trunk Railway system, has resigned and will henceforth devote all of his time to the Grand Trunk Pacific, of which company Mr. Morse is already vice-president. From day to day the new transcontinental is getting into shape and it is stated that by the 1st of May construction at several points will be in full swing.

FORTUNE TELLER CLOSED OUT.

Pittsburg, Dec. 28.—Thru the interference of Manager Harry Davis, of the Avenue Theatre, this afternoon, Anna Eva Fay was forced to surrender to the district attorney, and her show has been closed. She had a hearing before Alderman Toole on a charge of fortune-telling, and she and her managers are to have a hearing tomorrow on a charge of conspiracy to defraud the public. Alderman Toole reserved his decision in the fortune-telling case. Miss Fay has had crowded houses for five weeks, many of her patrons being society women.

NOT AT LIBERTY.

Ottawa, Dec. 28. — Capt. O'Hara, deputy minister of trade and commerce, says he is not at liberty to say anything regarding the Adamson suspension.

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FAIR AND COLD.

Meteorological Office, Toronto, Dec. 28.—(8 p.m.)—During to-day the centre of storm has moved quickly eastward to the Gulf of St. Lawrence, and gales have been general from Ontario to the Atlantic coast. Local snowfalls have occurred in Ontario and Quebec, and heavy rain has fallen in Nova Scotia. The weather has turned quite mild again in Alberta.

Minimum and maximum temperatures: Victoria, 44—48; Calgary, 20—40; Qu'Appelle, 16 below—18; Winnipeg, 26 below—6; Port Arthur, 4 below—4; Toronto, 18—24; Ottawa, 16—26; Montreal, 16—26; Quebec, 14—22; St. John, 20—46; Halifax, 14—46.

Probabilities.

Lakes and Georgian Bay—Strong westerly winds; fair and cold.

Upper St. Lawrence, Ottawa Valley and Lower St. Lawrence and Gulf—Strong westerly winds; fair and colder.

Maritime—Strong westerly winds; fair and a little colder.

Lake Superior—Fair and cold.

Manitoba—Moderately cold, with light snowfalls.

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