

MANY CANDIDATES QUALIFY LOOKS LIKE BIG FIELD MONDAY

Mayorally Race Remains the Same—Several of the Old Aldermen Drop Out—Will Be Many New Faces Next Year.

THE QUALIFICATIONS TO DATE.

Mayor—Ald. Stevely, Ald. Matthews.

For Aldermen—Geo. W. Armstrong,

Charles Brennan, Neil Cooper, James

Donnelly, Donald Ferguson, John L.

Flanagan, William Gerry, Andrew

Greenless, Ed. Martyn, A. J. Morgan,

Charles G. Moorehead, Robt. Parsons,

G. E. Rose, D. A. Stewart, Sam R.

Maness, John H. Saunders.

Water Commission—W. E. Saunders,

Wm. Jones.

Board of Education—J. W. West-

velt, G. N. Weekes, Dr. Teasdale, Dr. H.

A. Kingsmill, Wm. Trafford, Rev. D.

B. Hamilton, A. E. Barbour, Victor J.

Gilpin, Dr. J. B. Campbell.

The municipal atmosphere is clear-

ing, and the candidates are beginning

to line-up for next Monday's race.

This morning two candidates for the

mayorally had qualified.

There are two candidates for the

water commission who have taken the

declaration.

Sixteen aldermen have signified their

intentions of running.

The field is going to be a large one,

with a considerable chance of many

new men getting through. The race

is consequently a very open one, and

there is little chance of knowing the

personnel of next year's aldermanic

board.

The Aldermen.

So far only four aldermen of the

present year have taken the declara-

tion.

They are Ald. Gerry, Ald. Saunders,

Ald. Rose and Ald. Cooper.

Ald. Stevenson will make his declara-

tion this afternoon.

Ald. Gillean declared that he was

certainly going to retire.

Ald. Booth will not start either. He

has dropped out finally.

Ald. Beattie may run, although he

is not decided.

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P. M. Says Laborer Should Be Paid Wages Case in the Police Court

Merchant Who Sold Tobacco To
a Boy Is in Serious
Position.

The last day was probably the busi-
est in the whole year for Magistrate
Love, and although he started prompt-
ly at 10 o'clock, it was not until nearly
1:30 in the afternoon that the last
case was disposed of.

The most interesting case was that
of a young Englishman named Edward
Gilmore, who charged Ernest Poole
with non-payment of wages.

Poole keeps a restaurant on the
market, and was in court not long ago
on a similar charge.

The case this morning rested entire-
ly with Magistrate Love, and in sum-
ming up he told both parties that they
were doing business in a very unbusi-

nesslike manner, and advised them in
future to commit all such transactions
to writing.

According to Gilmore's story he
agreed to work for Poole for \$1 a day
and his board. He worked a month
and received some board and a little
money. In his claim he asked for
\$27.70. Mr. Poole alleged that Gil-

more was out of work and had said
he would be glad to work for him for
the winter for just his board and a
little spending money.

Both parties had witnesses, but
neither had any written document,
and in summing up his worship stated
that he was in favor every time of
deciding for the workman in cases
where there were no documents.

The laborer, he considered, was
worthy of his hire, and it was unrea-
sonable to suppose that a big, strong,
young man would work under such
conditions as Mr. Poole had repre-

sented. (Continued on Page Eight.)

Will Receive Good Roads Committee

Word has been received by the good
roads committee of the county coun-
cil that the Minister of Public Works
will receive a deputation on Jan. 7 re
the good roads bylaw passed by the
council at its last session.

The deputation will consist of S. F.
Glass, London Township; D. D. Gra-
ham, Mosa, and County Engineer Tal-
bot.

Metcalfe Township is not represent-

ed on the deputation and has entered
an appeal through Reeve Foothill.

Thief Yielded Up the Fur-Lined Coat

A rather humorous incident in con-
nection with a valuable fur-lined
overcoat took place at Appin a day or
so ago.

High Constable Hughes had been
notified that the coat had been stolen
from in front of E. H. Rosser's gen-
eral store, where it had been hang-
ing, and as soon as possible paid
Appin a visit.

There he found that two of the

county constables were searching for
a couple of negroes whom they
suspected of the theft.

The high constable advised the con-
stables to seek elsewhere for the coat,
and it is supposed that the remark
was overheard by a bystander.

At all events, the next morning the
coat was found directly across the
street from Rosser's store, where it
was easily recovered.

The Indian Pleaded Guilty To Theft

Joseph Henry, a Muncey Indian,
pleaded guilty to two separate charges
of theft before Judge Elliott in the
county judge's criminal court this
morning.

On Dec. 9 Henry stole a robe from
J. Sweitzer, of Delaware, and shortly

afterwards he purloined a carpet, two
pairs of blankets and a bedspread from
George Gilders, also of Delaware.

Henry is also awaiting a hearing on
another charge of theft, along with
Victor Borst, a supposedly slightly de-
mented white man, who has been liv-
ing among the Muncey Indians.

YEAR'S LAST MARKET A GOOD ONE

To all appearances the farmers were
determined to end the old year with a
record-breaker in market prices, for
almost everything on the market this
morning was sky-high.

Butter and eggs alone remained
steady.

Oats jumped up from 8 to 10 cents
over last Saturday's mark, and one
load of hay was reported to have been

sold for \$18. General prices were from
\$17 to \$17.50.

There was a scarcity of oats and
hay, and that probably accounts for
the rise in prices. Yesterday there
were only two loads of hay, and very
few oats offered.

Dressed hogs jumped up 25 cents a
hundredweight, but the dealers, never-
theless, look for a drop in the price of
live hogs.

NESBITT SUES FOR CRIMINAL LIBEL

Toronto, Dec. 31.—An action for
criminal libel has been taken by Dr.
Beattie Nesbitt against Rev. J. A.
MacDonald, managing editor of the
Toronto Globe.

The information was sworn out before the police magis-
trate this morning, and Mr. MacDonald
will appear to answer at 10 o'clock on
Monday morning. The action arises
out of articles published in the Globe

which Dr. Beattie Nesbitt alleges re-
flect upon his character. In his in-
formation Dr. Nesbitt alleges that Rev.
Mr. MacDonald published without legal
justification a defamatory libel, imput-
ing that he (Dr. Nesbitt) was addicted
to the commission of scandalous acts,
unfitting him for the occupancy of
public office and making him unwor-
thy to associate with respectable men
and women.

Dates Set for By-Elections

Ottawa, Dec. 30.—Writs have been
issued for the by-election in Stanstead
by the death of Henry Lovell (Liberal),
and in South Huron by the death of
B. E. Gunn (Conservative).

The vacancy in Stanstead was caused
by the death of Henry Lovell (Liberal),
and in South Huron by the death of
B. E. Gunn (Conservative).



"Ring Out the Old, Ring in the New"

Bylaw for \$75,000 Debentures Passed

There was a special meeting of the
council at noon today to pass a bylaw
for the issuing of \$75,000 debentures
for the purchase of grounds, and the
buildings for the isolation hospital, on
Ottawa avenue and Waterloo street.

The bylaw was given three readings
without opposition.

The meeting was the last to be held
by this year's council.

Those present were Mayor Judd,

Ald. Beattie, Ald. Stevely, Ald. Gil-

lean, Ald. Saunders, Ald. Scarlett,

Ald. Rose, Ald. Booth, Ald. Matthews,

and City Clerk Baker.

Popular Loan Proved a Big Success

The whole of the popular debenture
issue is practically taken, just a few
smaller sums being left. It will all be
taken up this afternoon, and the city
will receive considerably more than it
would had the debentures been sold
to a firm of bond sellers.

Ald. Stevely has been congratulated
on the magnificent success of the
scheme. It was a popular loan in the
fullest sense of the term. It was he
who originated it, and it is much
appreciated at this time.

Three Municipal Meetings This Week On Thursday, Friday and Saturday

Outside Speakers Will Deliver
Addresses On Niagara Power
on Saturday Night.

There will be a number of meetings
this week to discuss municipal ques-
tions.

On Thursday evening the meeting
will be held in the city hall. Mu-
nicipal matters will be discussed at
this meeting.

On Friday evening there will be a
meeting in the East End for the same
purpose to be held in the town hall.

On Saturday night there will be a
meeting in the city hall to discuss
Niagara power. This meeting will be
addressed by Hon. Adam Beck, Mr. W.
K. McNaught, M. P. P., North Toronto,
and Mr. P. W. Ellis, a member of the
hydro-electric commission.

Ald. Stevely is making a splendid
canvass of the city. He is working

hard, and is meeting with great en-
couragement. He has done splendid
service for the citizens of London.

He has been an active member of
the board of trade, has been an alder-
man for eight years, during which
time he has served on all the important
committees in the council. Ald.

Stevely has initiated a great deal of
legislation of the very best sort, and
is deserving of the best the city has.

His election is practically assured.

The scrutineers for the bylaws must
report to City Clerk Baker before 11
o'clock Thursday to take the declara-

tion.

Candidates have until this evening
at 9 o'clock to either qualify or with-
draw from the race for municipal
honors. (The candidates for the coun-
cil and water commission must qual-
ify, else their names will be omitted
from the ballot paper. Those wish-
ing to withdraw from the contest for
the board of education must do so in
writing before 9 o'clock tonight.)

CHILD PREFERRED MOTHER

Adopted Father of Kidnapped Lind-
say Girl Gives Up Attempt.

Lindsay, Dec. 30.—The curtain has
probably fallen on the Marion child
abduction case. Mr. Marion succeeded
in tracing the child to Ogdensburg, N.
Y., and after securing the assistance
of the local police, the child was
brought to the police station, and had
an interview with her adopted parent.

It is reported that the child de-
clared that she did not wish to re-
turn to Lindsay with him. In view
of the complete change in the atti-
tude of the child, Mr. Marion de-
cided that he would not have any-
thing further to do with her.

It has since transpired that the
adoption papers are faulty and unin-
firmed, not having been signed by the
father.

FELL BETWEEN LOGS

"Short Cut" Over the Ice Brings Death
to Two.

Vancouver, B. C., Dec. 30.—News
comes from Rock Bay that Kenneth
Mathieson and Matthew McSkar, na-
tives of Scotland, have been drowned.

The men took their Christmas dinner
at the hotel at Rock Bay Sound, ate
supper at the operative camp six
miles distant and started for their
sleeping quarters in camp two miles
away about 6 o'clock. They attempt-

ed to make the usual short-cut by
walking along logs lying across the
bond of the lake. The snow lay to a
depth of three or four inches. They
were missed on Friday. Their tracks
were followed and this resulted in the
finding of the bodies. The men had
evidently fallen between the logs into
the lake. McSkar belongs to John-
stone, near Paisley; Mathieson to
Glasgow.

PHONES AND MANITOBA

Tribune Says Government Has Bought
Out the Bell System.

Winnipeg, Dec. 30.—The Tribune pub-
lishes an interesting rumor tonight to
the effect that the Bell Telephone sys-
tem in Manitoba has practically passed
into the control of the Government, a
basis of sale having been agreed upon,
which will be signed in the near future
to await the ratification of the House.

The Tribune also says the valuation of
the system as fixed by the expert of
the Government, will be so arranged
as to effectually block any awkward
questions by the Opposition, and that
the Government will assume control
early in the new year, but will not
operate it.

They have a scheme similar to the
lucrative one under which the C. N. R.
was handed over to Mackenzie & Mann
and as soon as the purchase has been
effected the system will be turned over
to another corporation, probably the
Automatic Company, to operate under
a measure of Government control.

NICOLET RETURNS GOV'T CANDIDATE

Turcotte Elected To Succeed Mr.
C. R. Devlin in Commons
By 500 Majority.

Ottawa, Dec. 30.—Mr. Turcotte, the
Liberal candidate, carried the Nicolet
by-election today by at least 500 ma-
jority. The election was due to the
vacancy caused by Mr. C. R. Devlin,
who entered the provincial cabinet.

REV. GEO. SIMPSON DIES SUDDENLY

Was at One Time Editor of The
Canadian Presbyterian and
Chicago Interior.

Huntsville, Dec. 31.—The death oc-
curred early this morning of Rev. Geo.
Simpson, aged 75 years. Rev. Mr.
Simpson, for many years, was associ-
ate editor of the Interior, Chicago,
and at one time editor of the Canada
Presbyterian. Over a year ago ad-
vancing age compelled him to re-
linquish his editorial work. He spent
the summer at his cottage on Pentstemon
Lake, and remained in Huntsville at
the end of the season. Though Rev.
Mr. Simpson had been in poor health
for several months, his condition did
not assume a critical aspect until a
week ago. He is survived by his wife
and two sons, W. K. Simpson, Honto-
to, and George Simpson, Ottawa.

Funeral of Rev. Dr. McCosh.

The funeral of Rev. Robert McCosh
at Chatham yesterday was largely at-
tended by friends and clergy. Christ
Church, the scene of his labors for fif-
teen years, was packed, as was the
yard adjoining. The service at the
church was conducted by the Bishop
of Huron. His lordship paid a high
tribute to the dead, and spoke of his
lofty character and genuine friend-
liness and popularity with all classes.

As the deceased was chaplain of the
Twenty-fourth Regiment, a firing party
accompanied the cortege to the
grave and fired the last volley.

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statistics on the number of tuberculars
in the city seem to be extremely hard
to obtain.

Twenty-nine died during the first
half of the year from the white plague,
and nineteen in the second half.

On the whole, however, there was
less contagious disease than last year,
and fewer deaths from this cause.

Typhoid Fever.

In 1906, there were forty-two cases
of typhoid fever reported, with twenty
deaths.

In 1907 there were only fourteen
cases reported, with six deaths. The
year 1906 was a hard one on children,

there being no less than 135 cases of
diphtheria, with 10 deaths.

The past year there were only 54
cases reported, with 2 deaths.

Scarlet fever cases to the number
of 52, with 2 deaths, were reported last
year, while this year there were only
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been five.

For the Month.

The vital statistics for the month of
December, 1907, show 76 births, 27
marriages, and 50 deaths, as compared
with 62 births, 36 marriages and 65
deaths for the same month last year.

Of the deaths, seven were of persons
who were over 70 years of age, the
ages running from 73 to 83.

Year's Figures.

During the year there were 958
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During the year 1906, there were 967
births, 478 marriages and 656 deaths.

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same, there being only five less this
year than last.

There was a good increase in mar-
riages, there being 82 more than last
year.

There were thirty more deaths dur-
ing this year than last.

BOMB WRECKS ROME'S EXCHANGE MANY ARE BURIED IN THE RUINS

A Large Section of the Stock Exchange of the Italian
Capital Collapses—Eighteen Wounded
Were Taken Out.

Rome, Dec. 31.—A dynamite bomb
exploded in the stock exchange of this
city today. Up to the present time it
has been ascertained that eighteen per-
sons were wounded. Some of the in-
jured are buried under portions of the
building, which have collapsed. Fire-
men, policemen and troops have been
hurried to the scene, and are now en-
gaged in calming the excitement and
conducting the work of rescue.

It is supposed that the bomb was
thrown with the intention of prevent-
ing the customary end of the month's
liquidation. The roof of the courtyard
of the exchange collapsed with the
force of the explosion, which occurred
shortly before 4 o'clock. The stock
exchange is situated in the center of
the city. The people in the vicinity of

the building were thrown into a state
of consternation. The explosion was
followed at once by cries of despera-
tion from within the exchange. A
large crowd numbering several thou-
sand began to congregate outside the
building. When the police and troops
arrived they took charge of all the
approaches. The fear of other out-
rages suddenly possessed the throng,
and the people fled. In the mad rush
there was great danger of loss of life
and limb. The stock exchange build-
ing is closed by a large iron gate. This
was at once swung to, and helped to
the maintenance of relative order in-
side the exchange.

Ambulances and doctors have been
summoned, and the latter are caring
for the wounded as they are brought
out.

Forty-eight deaths from tuberculosis
in City of London During the Year

Startling Figures Shown in the
Record of Vital
Statistics.

Forty-eight deaths due to tuber-
culosis for the year 1907, in London,
as compared with nineteen deaths
from the same cause during 1906, is
the startling story of the statistics of
the year.

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