

ADAM M'MAHEN WILL NOT RUN TOO BUSY TO BE MAYOR

Makes a Definite Statement on the Subject—Possible Candidates Are Lying Low—A Scarcity of Candidates for Municipal Honors.

A dead cam still prevails in municipal matters, and there are few candidates seemingly in sight for any offices.

The majority candidates are lying low.

It was thought some days ago that Mr. A. T. McMahon would run for that office, but he now definitely states that he will not run.

Mr. McMahon intends erecting a large warehouse this coming year, and his time will be pretty well occupied with his business.

The other two candidates mentioned seriously for the office are Ald. Stevely and Ald. Matthews, but neither will make any positive announcement of his intentions.

Aldermanic candidates are scarce. Ald. Stevenson, Ald. Rose, Ald. Saunders, Ald. Gerry and Ald. Cooper seem to be the only certain candidates from the old council, as Ald. Booth, Ald. Gillen, Ald. Stevely, Ald. Beattie, Ald. Garratt and Ald. Scarlett have intimated that they will not seek re-election.

So far the only candidates who have announced their intentions of running for alderman are Mr. Chas. Moore-

head, Mr. Robt. Parsons, and probably Mr. John L. Flanagan, of 173 William street.

Water Commission.

In the water commission, Commissioner Saunders will seek re-election. The only other name mentioned as a possible candidate for the position is Mr. R. A. Carrother, who has served on the council and on the board of health for some years.

His term is up on that board, and it is said that he will make a play for the water commission.

Board of Education.

The board of education loses four members this year, and only two have definitely declared that they will seek re-election.

They are Trustees Westervelt and Weekes. Both have been efficient trustees.

Mr. W. W. Gammage was also mentioned as a possible candidate, but he states he is out of it.

Trustee Strong will not run again. Dr. Teasdale some time ago stated that he would not run next year, but he will not commit himself just now, although the impression is that he will be ready when the time comes.

City Will Sell \$100,000 Debentures Finance Committee Has So Decided

Will Bear Interest at Five Per Cent—Are Made Up of Two Classes.

No. 1 committee last evening decided to advertise in the local papers for the sale of \$100,000 local improvement debentures and \$60,000 sewer debentures.

These debentures will be 5 per cent,

and will be issued in allotments of \$100 upwards.

This is the consummation of the popular loan idea advanced by Ald. Stevely some time ago.

There has been some demand for the securities already, one man going to City Clerk Baker this morning and asking for the privilege of taking \$2,000 worth.

Treasurer Pope has also had some applications for sums running from \$100 to \$3,000.

The particulars of the debentures are not quite ready at yet, and they will not be issued for some days yet.

New Gymnasium at the Barracks \$5,000 for It Appears in Estimates

Colonel Peters Says That It Will Mean Much To the Soldier Boys.

"Work will be commenced shortly upon a handsome new gymnasium at Wolsey Barracks," said Col. Peters this morning. "It has not been definitely decided, but it is likely that the new building will be built some place on

the eastern side, near the recreation ground. The Government has placed \$5,000 in its estimates for this purpose, so that we will have a very handsome and well-equipped gymnasium.

"An institution of this kind has been needed for some time in connection with the barracks and will be a valuable acquisition."

"The \$5,000 in the estimates for a magazine will be devoted to improvements in the stores building, which was built a short time ago."

Run Down By a Man On Horseback

Yesterday afternoon about 4 o'clock an unknown elderly gentleman was run down by a man on horseback at the corner of York and Clarence streets and severely injured.

The old gentleman was attempting

to cross the street in front of a coal wagon and did not notice the rapid approach of the rider.

The injured man suffered a number of scalp wounds and was otherwise severely bruised.

Nomination of Liberal Club Officers

The nominations for the officers of the Young Liberal Club will take place tomorrow evening in Hyman Hall. There has been a great deal of interest shown in these nominations, and keen contests are anticipated.

President Sippi says the elections will be the most interesting ever held. Some of the present executive will again seek re-election, and there will be many new aspirants in the field.

The attention of Young Liberals is called to this meeting.

\$2000 Overdraft for Victoria Hospital

As stated some time ago in The Advertiser, the Hospital Trust will have an overdraft of about \$2,500. The exact sum is not definitely known, but it will be in the neighborhood of the sum mentioned.

Last year the overdraft was about \$2,000.

It is thought that the revenue derived next year from the exclusion of outside nurses will make up this deficiency, and preclude the possibility of an overdraft.

The Messrs. Wilson Merely Detained

In reference to the temporary detention yesterday of Mr. Herbert Wilson, the well-known Clarence street furniture merchant, and his brother, some erroneous statements appeared in The Advertiser.

The Messrs. Wilson, who were detained on what does not appear to be a serious charge, were not placed in jail at all when arrested, but were merely brought before Squire Chittick as a matter of form and bailed to appear when gentlemen are well known as businessmen in this city, and have the respect of the public.

Mr. Herbert Wilson when interviewed by The Advertiser stated that businessmen who sell on installment plan are frequently beaten, and matters had reached such a crisis in the particular case in question that immediate action was necessary.

Mr. Wilson, in further explanation of the case, stated that Mrs. Emery

Jones came to his store one Saturday night, and pleaded so hard that she was allowed to take the stove, despite the fact that she was only able to make a ridiculously small deposit. She then stated that her children were cold and were suffering, Mr. Wilson says, and he allowed her to have the stove out of pure charity.

"I never spoke an insulting word to her," Mr. Wilson declared, "but I must say that on the six different occasions my man visited her house, she insulted him. As she would not pay, would give me no satisfaction as to when she would pay, I simply took the stove."

A GOOD MAN GONE.

Montreal, Dec. 12.—Henry Harvey, for many years connected with the Trade Review, in this city, is dead at the age of 63. He had been in failing health for some time past. Mr. Harvey was at one time president of the Press Association of the Province of Quebec.

FIRST LIBERAL CAUCUS

Affairs in General Talked About—Mr. McKenzie Presided.

[Special to The Advertiser.] Ottawa, Ont., Dec. 12.—The first Liberal caucus of the session was held today. Mr. McKenzie (Bruce) presided. Like all first caucuses, it resolved itself into a sort of family gathering, at which affairs in general were discussed.

THE AUSTRALIAN SUBSIDY DROPPED

Expires in August and Will Not Be Renewed—The Reason Why.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Ottawa, Dec. 12.—In the estimates for 1908-09, presented to Parliament last evening, the subsidy for the Australian steamship line from Vancouver to Australia, has been dropped. It amounted to \$180,000.

This subsidy expires in August next and evidently it is not to be renewed although the service is not what it should be. Still that is not the real reason for the discontinuance of the subsidy. As a matter of fact, Australia's treatment of Canada in regard to trade matters is not such as to encourage this country in providing trade facilities for the Commonwealth when the latter continues to place tariff obstacles in the way instead of meeting the Dominion Government's repeated offers of a preference.

The Deskin Government pretended at one time to be anxious for a trade arrangement with Canada, but instead of treating Canada's advances seriously they have not only left Canada out of its preferential list, but have raised a tariff against us.

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Mrs. Levy was some distance from the stove at the time, but the burning oil flew everywhere.

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WALTER TOLL IS THE DELEGATE

Chosen By the Bricklayers To Attend Convention in Detroit.

The local Bricklayers' and Masons' Union met last night and elected officers. Mr. Walter Toll was chosen delegate to the convention at Detroit on Jan. 14. The officers are as follows:

President—C. Northey. Vice-president—W. Coulman. Recording Secretary—S. Foxworthy. Financial Secretary—W. Toll. Treasurer—W. Hawthorne. Conductor—W. Wingate.

Warden—D. Holt. Deputy—J. Feeney. Alternate Deputy—J. Murray. Auditors—F. Tullett, C. Northey. Trustees—C. Judge, R. Adams, W. Green.

Arbitration committee—W. Hawthorne, H. Rymill and H. Hicks. Executive board—C. Judge, A. Mussell, W. Steinhoff, P. Tullett.

DISCOUNT RATE UNCHANGED.

London, Dec. 12.—The rate of discount of the Bank of England remained unchanged today at 7 per cent.



MR. EDMUND WELD, Who Has Been Appointed Clerk of the Crown at London.

THE WEATHER.

TOMORROW—FAIR AND COLD.

FORECASTS.

Toronto, Dec. 12—3 a.m.

Today and Friday—Moderate winds; fair and cold.

TEMPERATURES.

Stations. 8 a.m. Min. Weather.

Calgary 25 22 Clear

Winnipeg 10 10 Clear

Port Arthur 20 10 Cloudy

Parry Sound 0 -2 Fair

Toronto 18 15 Snow

Ottawa 12 12 Cloudy

Montreal 14 14 Snow

Quebec 22 22 Cloudy

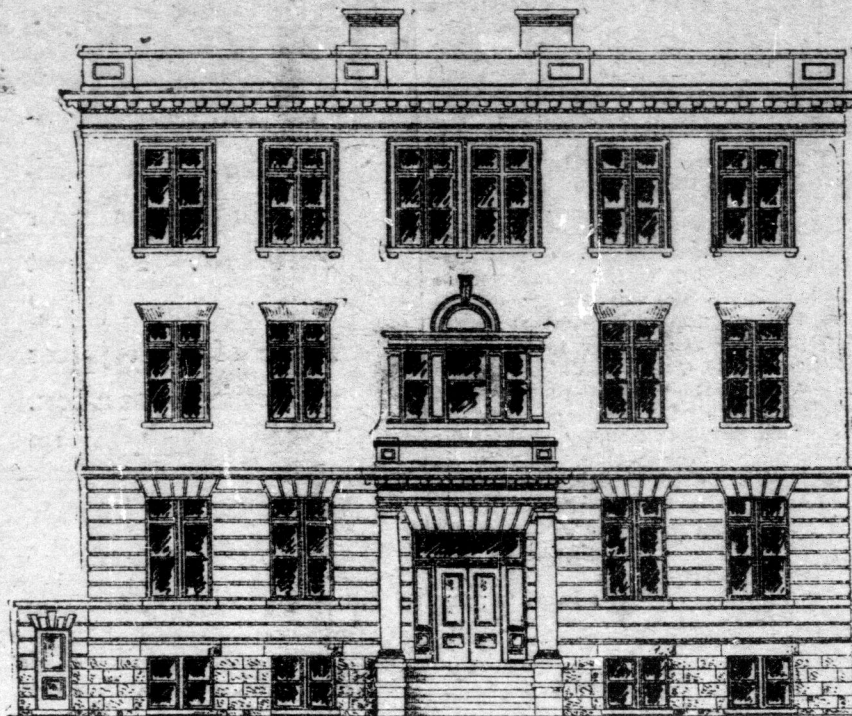
Father Point 24 22 Snow

Minus (—) means below zero.

The first column in the above table records the temperatures at 8 o'clock this morning, and the second column records the minimum temperatures during the 24 hours previous.

WEATHER NOTES.

Since yesterday the eastern disturbance has hovered over the Maritime Provinces, diminishing in energy. The pressure is now also low in the northwestern and southwestern portions of the continent. Light local snow has occurred in Ontario and a moderate and general fall in Quebec. In the Western Provinces the weather has been fine and comparatively mild.



THE NEW HYGIENIC INSTITUTE, Which Is To Be Erected on Ottawa Avenue, Just West of the Nurses' Home.

Narrow Escape of Simcoe St. Woman Stove Exploded in Mrs. Levy's Home

Burning Oil Scattered in All Directions—Loss to Property Is About \$1,000.

A rather serious fire occurred this morning shortly after 9 o'clock at 180 Simcoe street, when the house owned by Mr. Jacob Harris, and occupied by Mrs. Isaac Levy, was gutted.

Mrs. Levy had a narrow escape. The damage will reach about \$1,000.

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In a moment the whole interior of the kitchen was in flames.

She ran screaming from the house, and the brigade was summoned by telephone.

The directions were not properly given, and the firemen for a minute or so did not know where to go.

They were soon on the scene, however, and soon had the fire under control.

The furniture was badly damaged, and a wardrobe was also practically destroyed. The fire ran through the whole house.

The building itself was not badly damaged.

Mrs. Levy had a narrow escape. The burning oil flew on her hands, and burned one of them rather severely.

Her clothes did not ignite, or the results would have been serious.

There is some insurance on the property.

University Agreement Considered Some Minor Amendments Made

Main Points Were Practically Confirmed By the Joint Committees.

The proposed amendments to the charter of the Western University were considered last evening in a joint meeting of the senate committee and No. 1 committee. The amendments, as drafted at the other meetings, were practically adopted, although there were some changes.

The most radical was regarding the endowments.

The original section of the clause read:

"The endowments at present held by the senate shall be transferred to the new governing body."

This was thrown out.

It was explained by Dr. Moorhouse

that there would probably be no endowment fund in existence when the transfer would be made. He therefore thought the clause was needless.

The clause relating to graduates in arts from Huron College was also amended.

The original clause mentioned Huron College alone, and it was thought advisable to change that and make it all colleges in affiliation with the university. This would correct the impression that any one college was getting any of the best of the arrangements.

Honorary Degrees.

The matter of honorary degrees was the matter of an interesting discussion.

Both Ald. Beattie, and Ald. Stevenson thought that the university senate should have larger discretionary powers than those given by the clause.

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Handsome Silver Set for Fire Chief Pleasant Event at Central Station

Firemen Show Their Appreciation of Sterling Qualities of Their Leader

Fire Chief Clark was caught napping last night. It is rare that the chief is caught sleeping, but the boys of the brigade sprung a real surprise on him last night.

After the meeting of No. 3 committee, all went over to the fire hall, where representatives of all the stations in the city were present.

Foreman Case, of No. 1 station, took the visitors upstairs to the assembly room, where the firemen were waiting, and Ald. Gillespie called Chief Clark to step forward.

Then the popular chairman of No. 3 committee read the following address to Chief Clark, on behalf of the firemen:

"Whereas L. Clark, Esq., chief of the fire department of the city of London, for the past four years, has succeeded in placing the fire department in splendid condition; and

"Whereas, the citizens of London have frequently expressed their approval of the satisfactory work of the department; and

"Whereas, the chief, while maintaining strict discipline, has always fairly, impartially and kindly governed the department; and

"Whereas, the chief has endeavored to secure for his men rea-

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Gift of Tongues In Askin St. Church Mild Sensation at Prayer Meeting

A Stranger, Supposed to Be Adjutant Roe, Gave Demonstrations.

A mild sensation was caused at the Askin Street Methodist Church prayer meeting last night, when an alleged manifestation of the "Gift of Tongues" was given by a Salvation Army man, presumably Adj. Roe. The incident is creating quite a bit of talk in the neighborhood, and there is much difference of opinion on the subject.

The regular prayer meeting of the church was being conducted by Rev.

A. K. Bieks, the pastor. Among those present was a man supposed to be Adj. Roe, whose "gifts" have been stirring Ottawa of late. He began to pray, and after uttering a few sentences

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ON TRIAL FOR MURDER.

Sault Ste. Marie, Dec. 12.—The trial of Thomas McFarlane, of Blind River, for the murder of his partner, Nixon, began here yesterday. The evidence against the accused was largely circumstantial, but very strong. It was shown that the deceased could not have shot himself as the bullet entered the top of his head. The bullet must have been fired from overhead.

DOMINION ESTIMATES, 1908 TOTAL OF \$119,000,000 WANTED

Large Sums for Harbor Improvements and Public Buildings—\$30,000,000 for National Transcontinental Railway.

Ottawa, Dec. 12.—Mr. Fielding brought down the estimates of the Dominion at Ottawa yesterday. The amount called for, \$119,237,000, is almost \$20 per head of the population of the country, and if this were to be raised by taxation, as many people imagine, or spent merely in operating the machinery of government, it would be a very serious burden.

As a matter of fact, Canadians are taxed at a remarkably low rate, when the totals are compared to those in the budgets of European peoples. In Great Britain, for example, the army and navy cost \$315,000,000 last year, or \$7.40 per head of the population.

The same service in Canada costs about 90 cents per head. The British debt interest and sinking fund charge last year was \$135,000,000, or about \$3.14 per head of an estimated population of 43,000,000. The debt charges in Canada this year total \$2.06 per head of an estimated population of 6,000,000.

The total estimates on consolidated fund accounts amount to \$76,871,474, with the amount voted last session, of an increase of \$2,355,795, as compared with the amount voted last session. Of this increase \$2,309,100 is chargeable to the larger amounts of the provinces will receive in subsidies. The total of the capital expenditure asked for is \$42,265,620, of which \$30,000,000 are for

the National Transcontinental Railway, and \$4,327,250 for the Intercolonial Railway. The total amount voted on capital account last session was \$41,969,051, or \$396,569 less than the amount asked for this year. The supplementary estimates to be brought down late in the session, will, of course, increase the above totals. Last session the total of the main estimates was \$105,889,000.

The estimates this year include \$30,000,000 for the National Transcontinental Railway, and the people will, of course, own the road when it is built. After it is put into running order the G. T. P., the operating company, will pay a rental for its use.

Much of the big sum called for, it will be noticed, is being spent in laying up assets in the form of railways, canals, docks, grain elevators and public buildings, all of value in facilitating the country's business.

Western Ontario figures largely in the estimates, and additions to public works being provided for in Brantford, Glencoe, Guelph, Hamilton, Kincardine, London, Owen Sound and Welland.

In London provision is made for new magazine to cost \$3,000, a new gymnasium at the military buildings costing \$5,000, and improvements to the postoffice \$30,000; \$14,124 25 is

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Edmund Weld Has Been Appointed Clerk of the Crown for Middlesex

Succeeds the Late Colonel John Macbeth—An Unsuccessful Petition.

Mr. Edmund Weld, barrister of this city, has been appointed clerk of the crown for the county of Middlesex, to succeed the late Col. John Macbeth, who died some months ago.

Mr. Weld is a prominent Conservative, who has done yeoman service for his party and has held different offices

in the Conservative Club and Conservative Association.

He is a prominent member of the London Rowing Club, being well-known as a bowler.

A petition, signed by many of the members of the bar of Middlesex, was presented in favor of the appointment of one of the oldest and best-known barristers of London, but it was not entertained by the powers that be, and Mr. Weld was appointed.

The latter had the sanction of the patronage committee of the local Conservative Association.

Insinuates Lady Had Designs On Him

There are always some funny things happening about the city hall and this morning a rather amusing incident occurred.

The registration of marriages calls for the occupation of the bride as well as the groom.

In the card the bride is named as

having no occupation—but a postscript is carried over on the back of the card, where the groom wrote feelingly:

"I think the occupation of the lady is that of a design."

The card was evidently written a short time after the marriage ceremony.

Will Spend \$3,000 On Postoffice To Improve the Inner Departments

Item Placed in the Estimates for the Purpose By the Dominion Government.

"The \$3,000 in the Government estimates will be devoted to facilitating the work in the inner departments of the postoffice," said Postmaster Cameron this morning.

"There have been a number of recommendations offered in regard to rearranging some of the present divisions in the office and it is likely that they will be made."

"I would not care to say just what changes will be made, as we have received no instructions from Ottawa, and do not know which of our recommendations have met with the approval of the Government."

Christmas Business.

"The Christmas mail is beginning to come rapidly, and from present indications will be heavier than ever

before. At 2 o'clock this afternoon the last British mail, the P. R. boats, that can reach England in time for Christmas, closes, and never in the history of London postoffice have so many letters and parcels been received so early in the season. The mails from England are very heavy also.

"Sums of money amounting to thousands of dollars are being sent home to relatives and friends in England and other countries by people living here."

Plenty of Money.

"The money order clerks have had a very busy time and will have until after New Year."

"Next week we expect the plum puddings will begin to arrive from England. People not in the postoffice would not believe how many of these are sent to London every year by people in England having friends here. Last year during the Christmas week there were several hundred of them come, and we expect there will be even more this year."

Wants Damages for Injuries To Hand

A writ has been issued by W. G. R. Bartram on behalf of Martha Armstrong against Mr. Geo. H. O'Neil, the proprietor of the Tecumseh House, for unstated damages.

The plaintiff is alleged to have lost the entire use of one of her hands be-

cause of an accident which occurred some two months ago, when she got her hand caught in what is known as a mangle, a machine used for pressing clothes.

The young woman has only been over from Ireland for a short time.

The London Engineer Is Recovering

Nothing further today has been heard here of the condition of Mr. William Brown, the former London engineer, who was severely injured in the explosion of a Grand Trunk engine near Pontiac, Mich.

Mr. A. Albert Brown, of this city, a brother, and Mrs. Brown, his mother, are with him.

Word was received last night by relatives here since Mr. Brown arrived there that he was quite badly hurt, but no complications are anti-

cipated, and it is expected that he will be around again in a few weeks. The accident gave Engineer Brown a terrible shock, and it is from the latter that he is suffering more than from his actual injuries, although they are very painful.

Mr. R. A. Brown is expected home this evening.

Mrs. Brown was Miss Sadie Postle, of Detroit, not Miss Sadie Jones, of Simcoe street. The latter was married to a brother of Mr. Brown.