

ALD. GREENLEES FOR MAYORALTY SPLENDID MUNICIPAL RECORD

His Candidature for 1907 Announced—Has Had a Long Civic Experience—An Independent and Upright Man.



Ald. Andrew Greenlees today announced that he will be a candidate for the mayoralty for 1907. For many weeks Ald. Greenlees has been pressed by many citizens to allow his name to go before the public, but he did not reach a decision in the matter until today.

Ald. Greenlees is a man of wide municipal experience. He was for three years a member of the board of education and was honored one term with the chairmanship of that body. He has been eight years in the city council, and has been chairman of the finance committee and the market, fire and light committee.

In the municipal world, Ald. Greenlees is renowned for his independence. He is a firm believer in the doctrine that politics should not enter into municipal matters, and on all questions he has acted, to the best of his ability, for the good of the people as a whole.

A Liberal in politics, he has not always seen eye to eye with the party, and has voted as he deemed best, irrespective of whom it helped or hurt. He was born in Dublin, Ireland, and came to Toronto when quite young. He graduated from Toronto University and after being called to the bar, took up his residence in London in 1872.

During his 34 years here, his record has been clean. He has been returned an alderman without asking a voter for his support.

In the practice of law, he has had no connection with the public service corporations which have made agreements with the city, or are looking for new agreements, such as the Bell Telephone Company, the Grand Trunk Railway or the London Electric Company.

To the principle of granting exemptions or bonuses to anyone, Ald. Greenlees has always been opposed, though so long as the system is in vogue he has maintained that all applicants for civic favors, be the applicants large or small business men, should be treated alike.

Ald. Greenlees voted to submit the Niagara power bylaw to the people. He also voted for the Komoka scheme to be sent to the electors, as recommended by the water commissioners.

Affable, gentlemanly, courteous to all, he numbers his friends among all parties and classes.

Ald. Greenlees is a temperance man, and has always stood for the curtailment of the liquor traffic, but he has never been bitter in his opposition, and his opponents along this line give him credit for being consistent and fair in all his actions and arguments.

His friends expect that he will be elected in January, and they promise to put up a vigorous fight for him against Mayor Judd, who will likely seek a second term.

Mayor Judd being out of the city today, it was impossible to secure a statement from him regarding his intentions as to the mayoralty. As already stated, however, there appears to be no doubt that he will run.

Around the city hall today it was said that there is a chance that his worship will drop out and give Ald. Matthews a chance to oppose Ald. Greenlees, who is looked upon as a very strong candidate.

Those who know best say that this is all wrong, and that Mr. Judd will again seek the mayor's chair.

MAY BE ESCAPED CONVICT

Local Detectives Arrest Young Man Supposed To Be Wanted In U. S.

Detectives Egelton and Rider this morning arrested a young man, who gave his name as Isadore Levin, but who is believed to be Isadore Ley, alias Isadore Whale, a young Hebrew, who escaped some time ago from the Rahway, N. J., reformatory.

A few days ago a letter was received by the local police from Chief Police Officer Moor, of New Jersey, asking them to be on the lookout for a young man who had escaped from the state reformatory, and giving a description of him.

The local detective department responded to the request, and this morning Detectives Egelton and Rider spotted the young man, who is now under arrest, and who answers very closely to the description given by Chief Moore.

While in the city Levin has been working as a tailor at a King street shop. The police here have communicated with the New Jersey authorities, and expect an officer here to take Levin back within a few days.

Inspector Sanders desires to thank the children of grade 1, Rectory street school, for a box of toys donated to the children of the shelter in South London.



Voters in London Will Have Their Troubles in January.

NOT A CANDIDATE FOR MAYORALTY

Ex-Ald. Stevely Announces He Will Not Seek the Office for 1907.

EX-Ald. Stevely announced to The Advertiser today that he will not be a candidate for the mayor's chair of 1907. He has been urged for months by very many citizens to again enter the field, but press of business prevents his running at this time.

Mr. Stevely's friends have not given up hope of seeing him in the council next year, however, and they are urging him to run for alderman if he can spare the time. He has not given his answer on this point, and strong pressure is brought to bear upon him to allow his name to go on the ballot.

Aldermanic duties are not nearly so arduous or exacting as are those of the mayor, and it is hoped that Mr. Stevely will be a candidate in January. That he will be elected all his friends agree. He has been a splendid alderman in the past, and will prove himself an able representative in the future.

PASSED THE PRELIMINARY

Successful London Candidates at Civil Service Examinations.

A special dispatch to The Advertiser from Ottawa says the following have passed the civil service preliminary examination in London: Millie M. Albertson, Raymond J. Carlin, John Stanley Isaac, Thomas H. Murray, Crombie Nixon, William Poole, William E. S. Potts, and Albert John Warner.

CLERGY TRANSFERRED

Three Changes in Huron Diocese Sanctioned by Bishop Williams.

The changes in the clergy of the Diocese of Huron have been approved by Bishop Williams.

Rev. H. A. Thomas, rector of Lucan, has been transferred to Wardsville and Newbury.

Rev. Kenneth McDougall, of Wardsville, a recent graduate of Huron College, goes to Dutton and Bismarck.

Rev. J. Hale, of Paisley, goes to the parish of Princeton and Falkland.

STEAMER MISSING WITH CREW OF 31

Manistique Has Been Lost on Michigan.

Duluth, Minn., Dec. 15. — While being towed to Duluth by the wrecking steamer Manistique, the steamer Ireland came into collision and was disabled. The tug George Crosby, which was assisting the Manistique, took the crew off the Ireland, and in doing so one man was lost. The tug Ireland, into Bayfield, reported the loss of one life, and returned to look for the Manistique, but reports she is unable to find any trace of the vessel. It is feared she and her crew of 31 men are lost. There is a heavy sea running near Bayfield, and the Ireland, which is at anchor near Apostle Island, is also in danger.

Bayfield, Wis., Dec. 15.—The steamer Ireland, from which the crew were removed yesterday, is reported sunk near Sand Island. No news is yet available from the wrecking steamer Manistique, which had 31 men aboard, and which has been missing since last evening. The Manistique and a tug had been towing the Ireland to Duluth for repairs.

DISMISSED FROM FORCE

J. D. McColl and J. Post No Longer on County Constabulary.

County Constables John D. McColl, of this city, and J. Post, of Lambeth, were today dismissed from the force by Judge Macbeth.

Several weeks ago McColl and Post were arrested during a raid on a disorderly house on King street east. They claimed that they had gone to the place in search of a person for whom they held a warrant, but the evidence of the local police did not bear out this contention.

Neither McColl nor Post had been on the county force many years.

COAL FAMINE AT SEATTLE

Seattle, Wash., Dec. 15. — The University of Washington closed its doors yesterday on account of the coal famine, which the city is suffering. The entire city is affected and many sick persons are said to be in danger in cold rooms. Only seven cars of coal arrived yesterday.

TOO GOOD TO BE TRUE

The Grand Trunk Railway this morning began work on the handsome new union depot. The building will be of red brick and stone, and will cost \$300,000. All the other roads entering the city will have terminal facilities there.

City Clerk Baker today received a notice from the secretary of the Underwriters' Association announcing that the surcharge had been struck from the London key rate, and that the reduced rates will go into effect at once.

The success of the new hotel scheme is assured. At a meeting held today the necessary capital of \$250,000 was subscribed. Local capitalists took the bulk of the stock.

The weather probabilities issued from Toronto turned out to be correct today.

The city council has decided to buy several pieces of land in the city for playgrounds for the children. The far-seeing city fathers are agreed that now is the time to secure such property, as real estate is rapidly advancing in price in London, and the playgrounds are regarded as absolutely necessary to the moral and physical well-being of the rising generation.

The residents of Dundas street, between Wellington and Adelaide, have decided to pay out of their own pockets for the reconstruction of the sewer on that street. Between Wellington and Waterloo an amicable agreement was arrived at as to the division of the cost of the new pavement between the north and south sides.

Niagara power was turned on yesterday for the first time. It is so cheap that the London street railway has decided to reduce the fares to 2 cents or thirteen tickets for a quarter.

The city council and the county council held a joint meeting this afternoon and decided to erect a new courthouse and city hall combined, at a cost of \$100,000.

Mayor Judd announces that he will accept no more "commissions" to find out why Ort office-holders should lose jobs. He has also decided to have no more to do with corporations doing business with the city.

On motion of Hon. Adam Beck, seconded by Mr. Wm. Gray, the Council

GOVT. OFFERS MEDIATION

Was Willing to Act Between McLaren's and Striking Employees.

Ottawa, Dec. 15. — Correspondence touching the Buckingham strike, laid before the House by the Minister of Labor this afternoon, shows that Mr. Lemieux did what he could to intervene between the McLaren Company and their employees, and had his offer of mediation been accepted, instead of curtly refused, the bloodshed of Oct. 8 would have been prevented.

THE WEATHER.

TOMORROW—COLDER.

The weather has been colder today from Eastern Ontario to the Maritime Provinces. Light rain is falling in the western districts of Ontario.

Maximum and minimum temperatures: Dawson, 30 below—16 below; Athin, 6 below—2; Victoria, 36—40; Vancouver, 26—36; Kamloops, 20—26; Calgary, 12 below—18; Edmonton, 16 below—20; Prince Albert, 14 below—zero; Winnipeg, 8—12; Port Arthur, 10—30; Parry Sound, 6—24; Toronto, 20—30; Ottawa, zero—10; Montreal, 2—10; Quebec, 4 below—10; St. John, 10—22; Halifax, 12—26.

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.

The highest and lowest readings of the thermometer at the local observatory for the 24 hours ended at 8 p.m. Friday were: Highest, 39.5°; lowest, 1° above.

FORECASTS.

Saturday, Dec. 15—8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Today—Strong westerly winds tonight; becoming colder. Sunday—Westerly winds and moderately cold.

Detroit, Dec. 14.—Upper Michigan: Saturday—Strong and colder. Sunday—Fair, except snow along Lake Superior; fresh to brisk west winds.

TEMPERATURES.

Stations	8 a.m.	Min.	Weather.
Toronto	34	28	Cloudy
Montreal	22	10	Rain
Quebec	16	6	Snow
Father Point	4	8	Cloudy

WEATHER NOTES.

The weather continues cold in Quebec and the Maritime Provinces, but has turned quite mild in Western Ontario. A fall of rain and sleet has occurred throughout the southwestern Ontario, and snow and sleet have fallen in the Ottawa and Upper St. Lawrence valleys.

ADMIRAL DUBASSOFF'S SECOND CLOSE CALL

Ex-Gov-General of Moscow Slightly Hurt by Exploding Bomb.

Moscow, Dec. 15. — Another attempt on the life of Admiral Dubassoff, ex-governor-general of Moscow, was made today, but he escaped with slight injuries. Dubassoff was driving at 1 p.m. in the Taurida Palace, when two men hurled a bomb at his carriage. It exploded with great force, but only slightly wounded the admiral. The would-be assassins were arrested.

THE CANADIAN PACIFIC SEEKS GATE TO SARNIA

Options Obtained on Several Properties and Engineers Looking Over Ground.

Sarnia, Ont., Dec. 15. — That the Canadian Pacific Railway is serious in its intention of extending its line to Sarnia is no longer questioned by the well-informed in railway circles. The past week a number of the road's engineers staff visited here, looking over several entrances to the city, and giving special attention to the mode of reaching the water front. Options have been obtained on some very desirable properties, with ample wharf conveniences. The real object of coming here is thought to be to reach Port Huron, and to effect traffic arrangements with the Pere Marquette system, for the purpose of getting a direct line into Chicago, and for connections to the Northwest.

TREAT FOR THE NEWSIES

Will Be Advertiser's Guests at Bennett's Theater on Monday.

The management of The Advertiser will on Monday evening treat the newsboys of the city to a theater party at Bennett's Vaudeville. Every newsboy is invited to attend. Good seats have been reserved for them, and they are promised a good time. The bill will include some of the best attractions of the season.

All newsboys are requested to be at The Advertiser office at 7:30 p.m. sharp on Monday.

New Offer By Independents for a Telephone Franchise

Finance Committee Considers It Liberal—Rates Quoted Are Considerably Below Those of the Bell.

The Independent Telephone Company, apparently means business, and is ready to deal with the city of London for a franchise on a business basis.

This morning a new offer, which looks good to No. 1 committee, was presented by the company, and if the opinions of the committee count for anything in the council, the Independents are almost sure of a competitive franchise.

Ald. Forristal was acting mayor today, and he hastily called a meeting of No. 1 committee to hear the offer of the Independents, which was also placed in writing.

Secretary Wilson, of Toronto, and his London representative, Mr. Alex. Stuart, K.C., presented the offer and explained it in such a manner to the committee that it was felt that the council will not dare to do anything which will deprive the people of the benefits of competition.

The offer was as follows:

Independent Offer.
Business 'phones, unlimited, \$38. If paid in advance, 5 per cent off, or \$32.50 per annum. Bell rate, \$40 for a Blake and \$45 for a long distance transmitter.

Two-party line, business 'phone \$30 per annum, \$27 if paid in advance. Bell rate, \$30.

Residence 'phones, \$13, or \$17 a year in advance. Bell rate, \$20 and \$25.

Two-party line, residence 'phone, \$15, or \$14.25 a year in advance. Bell rate for same, with a long distance transmitter, \$20 per annum.

Business and residence 'phones, combined, \$50, or \$47.50 in advance. Bell rate, \$60 and \$65 for a long distance transmitter.

Extension sets, \$6. Bell rate, \$10. Limited 'phones, \$15 and 2 cents a call. Bell rate, the same.

Twelve free 'phones for civic use, all other civic 'phones at half rates.

What City Wanted.

The city asked for a rate of \$35 for a business 'phone; \$25 for two-party line business 'phones; \$15 for residence 'phones; \$48 for a business and residence 'phone, combined; \$5 for extension sets, and the old rate of \$15 for limited 'phones, with 2 cents a call. Five per cent off all payments in advance.

Ald. Greenlees stated that he thought as the Bell Company had refused the city's request for a reduction in rates, there was only one thing to do, and that was to grant a franchise to the Independents.

Ald. Gilman declared the Independent offer to be a splendid one.

Acting Mayor Forristal also thought well of it. Of course, being finance minister of the council, he does not like the idea of losing the \$4,000 bonus which the Bell Company is willing to give for an exclusive franchise, but under the circumstances, he is with the Independents.

Mr. Stuart explained that if the \$4,000 was divided among the taxpayers of London, it would only mean 17 cents on every \$1,000 of assessment, and he does not believe that for this small amount the people of London will be willing to take themselves up to one company. And if the taxes which the new company will pay the city on its plant be taken into consideration, it will be found that the Bell bonus will only amount to 11 cents on every \$1,000 of assessment in London.

A special meeting of No. 1 committee is to be called for some day next week to deal with the matter.

Mr. Wilson explained that he was ready to present his offer to the committee yesterday afternoon, but under the impression that the committee met in the evening, instead of in the afternoon at 5 o'clock.

KAISER SEES NEW FAR EAST WAR

Berlin Expects U. S. and Japan to Have Early Clash—Latter to Seize Philippines.

Berlin, Dec. 15. — The relations between the United States and Japan excite extraordinary interest, both in the Government and diplomatic circles here. Emperor William discussed the question with several persons recently and is thoroughly informed regarding President Roosevelt's personal views on the subject. It is believed that Russia's more resolute attitude against Japan's requests for trade and colonization rights on the Amur River and in Siberia and for fishery privileges on the adjacent Russian coasts, is partly due to the discussion of the California school question, between the United States and Japan. The Russian foreign office has been subjected to steady diplomatic pressure on the part of Japan in the latter's efforts to obtain these far-reaching rights, and has been impressed as much by Japan's firmness. The result is that the idea has been created that Japan might make her ambitions the occasion for a renewal of the war with Russia. This idea pervaded the conversations which the foreign minister, M. Iswolsky, had with the Government officials, and others, whom he met here on the occasion of his visit to Berlin.

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AN ABLE DEFENSE OF THE TARIFF

Mr. Fielding Defends Preference and Surtax From Attack by the Opposition.

Ottawa, Dec. 14.—Today's debate in committee upon the tariff resolutions afforded another opportunity for the Opposition to further emphasize the position they have taken in antagonism to the British preference and the German surtax. Mr. David Henderson developed a new line of attack by his proposal that in order to obtain the benefit of the preference goods must be to the extent of 75 per cent of value the product of British labor. Mr. George Taylor, chief Conservative whip, realized that his colleague had gone too far, and proposed as a compromise that the percentage be fixed at fifty. Mr. W. H. Bennett urged that in calculating the percentage the cost of the packages and the profit of the merchant should not be included. Mr. Armstrong followed up his attack upon the Government for having imposed the surtax on German goods, by pointing questions regarding the loss of trade to Canada as a result, and the leader of the Opposition lent a helping hand by the suggestion that the surtax furnished additional temptation to Germans to seek to take improper advantage of the British preference in order to evade the penalties thereof. Dr. Barr suggested that with a lower rate of duty Canadian exports to Germany would be much larger. Mr. Fielding vigorously defended the policy of the Government with reference both to the preference and the surtax. The proposition of Mr. Henderson, as asserted with emphasis, would, if adopted, practically destroy the preference, because, in view of the fact that Britain had to import her raw material, her manufacturers would be absolutely unable to show so large a proportion of British labor as 75 per cent. He intimated quite freely discussed, and the (Continued on Page Ten.)

Water Commissioners Have Xmas Box For Council

Will Hand Over a Surplus of \$6,300—Refund On Water Rates Also.

The water commissioners have a pleasant surprise in store for the city council.

It is no less than a Christmas box of the neat sum of \$6,300 surplus of revenue over expenditure this year.

The commissioners will also strike out the amount of \$700 charged the city for water for street watering which was not given for the city during the dry spell.

The financial condition of the commission came as a pleasant surprise to those around the city hall.

from this, the commissioners have a respectable surplus to hand over to the city.

One reason for this excellent financial position is the fact that the consolidation of the city debt saves the commission annually about \$15,000. That is, the city pays less money each year on its debt than it did formerly, the giant mortgage is spread over a longer term of years, and it will take the citizens much longer to clean off the bill than if the old conditions were allowed to remain.

This saving of \$15,000, and the fact that there has been an increase of pretty nearly 700 in the number of water consumers this year, has resulted in the commission having money to burn.

Hence, the city council, which was steering for an overdraft, through expenditures which loomed up at the end of the year, and also through the bill for solicitors' fees which this year is very heavy, will find itself on easy street, and will have a surplus.