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London, Tuesday, Dec. 16.

ALDERMEN AND CIVIC REFORM. The proposition to reduce the wards of the city from six to three will be voted upon by the people of London at the coming municipal elections.

When the matter was brought under the attention of the Council last night, by the agency of a petition signed by over 1,600 taxpayers, there was a good deal of squirming on the part of certain aldermen, who seem to have the notion that the citizens who desire to ascertain the opinion of the people on this civic reform are engaged in a plot to get rid of the whole of the present

Board of Aldermen.
As we understand the facts, the Board of Trade and the citizens who agree with them that the time has come for the taxpayers to take action entertain no such idea as is credited to them by the aldermen who exhibited so warm a degree of temper in the Council Chamber. It may be that a reduction in the number of wards would result in the relegation to private life of more than one of these fearful aldermen, but the community would survive the calantity. The people must be permitted to judge what is best for them both as regards the number of the wards and the personnel of the Board of Aldermen. In any case, the change can, at the connectivens as are available for the people will be able to pick and choose use of clickes, but the reduction of the Council for 1892, and by that time the people will be able to pick and choose use of the Council for 1892, and by that time the people will be able to pick and choose use of the Council for 1892, and by that time the people will be able to pick and choose use of the Council for 1892, and by that time the people will be able to pick and choose use of the Council for 1892, and by that time the people will be able to pick and choose use of the Council for 1892, and by that time the people will be able to pick and choose use of the Council for 1892, and by that time the people will be able to pick and choose use of the Council for 1892, and by that time the people will be able to pick and choose use of the Council for 1892, and by that time the people will be able to pick and choose use of the Council for 1892, and by that time the people will be able to pick and choose use of the council for 1892, and by that time the people will be able to pick and choose use of the council for 1892, and by that time the people will be able to pick and the personnel of the Council for 1892, and by that time the people will be able to pick and the personnel of the Council for 1892, and the people will be able to pick and the personnel of the Council for 1892, and the people

Matters of Municipal Reform Before the City Council.

The Ward-Reduction Scheme Evokes Warm Discussion.

Ald. O'Meara Talks About "Flanne! Mouthed Scandal-Mongers."

License-Reduction, Ward-Reduction and the Frontage-Tax System To Be Voted on by the Electorate.

The citizens' petition asking that the aldermen submit to the ratepayers the uestion whether or not the wards of the

question whether or not the wards of the city should be reduced to three caused considerable discussion in the Council Chamber last evening. The preyer of the petitioners was finally granted, subject to the opinion of the city solicitor touching the legality of the reduction. In introducing the matter Assistant City Clerk Kingston read the following letter from Mr. T. Herbert Marsh, which explains itself:

To his Worship the Mayor, and Aldermen of the city of London. Gentlemen:
I herewith beg to send you one of the largest petitions ever presented to a municipal council in this city, respectfully asking that you will submit to the electors at the coming elections the following question: Shall the number of wards in the city be reduced to three?

I may add that though this petition has been signed not only by business men and may be on signed not only by business number of the workingmen, and had there been greatly increased. I trust, therefore, you will submit the question either by bylaw, or otherwise, as you may deem best; and should there be any doubt of the legality of

Ald. Anderson then moved that the consideration of the petition be deferred for another week.

A question, but in that sense alone. The petition presented to the Council, which was signed by citizens of every class in the comminity, without respect to their social standing or proclivities in national polities, is the best possible justification for the belief that the movement is no more a party movement in the sense insinuated by the aldermanic objectors than is the movement for the reduction of liquor licenses. The Advertiser favors the people pronouncing on the proposition because of its merits, and our contemporary the Free Press no later than the 14th November last, gave its unqualified adherence to the movement. In its issue of that date the Free Press thus delivered itself:

"The true remedy for the money leakages is to reform not so much the personnel of the Council as the ward system ander which the pressure toward expenditure is fostered. Reduce the number of wards. Have three instead of six, or, better still, but one, with three to five aldermen, who would answer for the purpose of a general commission."

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A question was raised whether the act of Parliament respecting the amalgamation of South London would affect the proposed in the armore respecting the amalgamation of South London would affect the proposed in the system and row division of the wards other city. Ald. Jones contended that as far as No. 6 ward was concerned the petition proposed the right and proper thing. "Ald. Anderson the wards of the city. THE COUNCIL DEFENDED.

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"Until this is done, not only will the best men not go to the Council, but there will be no let up in the potty outgoes with a large aggregate, no matter who is in control."

The weakness of the opponents of the reform here pleaded for is exemplified by their attempt to lead into false issues.

PERSONAL AND GENERAL.

—A New York specialist, who has just ceturned from a visit to Dr. Koch, says emphatically to consumptives: "Don't go to Berlin. Just now it is, of all places, the place to keep away from."

Have nothing to say personally against them. They have done one great job, and the engineer apent over one-shird of his time at the work. He had one of the best foremen, and under him another able man to look after the details of the work. This work was done under the ald dermen have to many friends hanging on their backs, but it must not be forgotten that the aldermen have too many friends hanging on the work was done one great job, and the engineer apent over one-shird of his time at the work. He had one of the best foremen, and there work was done under the had one of the best foremen, and the work was done one great job, and the engineer apent over one-shird of his time at the work. He had one of the best foremen, and the work was done under the had one of the best foremen, and the work was done under the had one of the best foremen, and the work was done under the had one of the best foremen, and the work was done under the had one of the best foremen, and the work was done under the had one of the best foremen, and the work was done under the had one of the best foremen, and the engineer apent over one-shird of his time at the work. He had one of the best foremen, and the engineer apent over which and the palace had one of the best foremen, and the engineer apent over the old corpration for the work. This work was done under the had one of the best foremen, and the palace had one of the best foremen, and the p

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—Potato growing from."

—Potato growing experiments in France show that the erop from whole seed is about 700 pounds per acre more than that from out seed, allowing for the difference in weight between the two sorts. The moral is plain that the best results in potato growing are to be obtained by using uncut potatoes for seed.

—The election for Kilkenny, which will show the strength or weakness of Parnell, takes place on Monday next. Sir John Pope Hennessy is the candidate who opposes Parnell's programme. It will be supported by Mr. Vincent Scully, who has the sympathy of the Tories, but they are avery short crop in the region.

Fred E. Anderson, oldest and only son of the Wyoming postmaster, who left therefour years ago for the West, arrived unexpectedly at his parents Friday evening, giving them a pleasant surprise. Since loaving there he has visited Denver, Omahan and other Western cities, and for some ime past has resided in Pomona, Cal, here he is doing well. On his way home visited New Orleans, Mexico and thern cities. He intends remaining e until February.

ing the petition is that the old Tories may be crowded out of the Council. There are some old chaps in there, they say, that cannot be got out any other way—such men as Skinner. Boyd, Taylor, Wallace and Bartlett. I am opposed to the measure, but think it only right that the petition should be handled by the people."

Ald. Thomas unburdened himself of a long complaint respecting the usage of the Council by the press. "It was stated time after time," he said, "in this Council Chamber that the price paid by this Council Chamber that the price paid by this Council Chamber that the price paid by this Council of 29½ and 29½ cents per night per light for electric lighting was the cheapest light in Canada. This statement never appeared in the papers. There was a nigger in the fence. It has been charged that the aldermen's hands had been greased. That the awarding of the electric light contract was one of the paid jobs. I would like to see the statement in the papers now." In support of his complaint he recited a story of the inaccuracies of the Free Press. "There are two places of amusement in the city. At one of them an entertainment was announced and one of the bands engaged. It rained, however, and ment in the city. At one of them an enter-tainment was announced and one of the bands engaged. It rained, however, and the band's engagement was canceled, but in the morning Free Press I read a third of a column describing how the band discoursed sweet music and everybody was pleased. A similar thing happened at a different place on Saturday afternoon, and on the follow-ing Monday morning the Free Press con-tained an account of how the band played and how the people enjoyed themselves." and how the people enjoyed themselves."
Ald. Bartlett recorded himself as opposed
to the granting of the request. If the
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Council wished to obviate the difficulty of ward appropriation it should adopt the system of the frontage tax.

Ald. Wallace took a different view of the matter. "I am in favor of granting the request of the petitioners. If there has not been some grievance there would be no petition here. The way in which the taxes have been run up has given cause for com. ve been run up has given cause for com-

And. Anderson said that he was opposed to the granting of the request because of the way in which the thing had been sprung upon the Council. He contended that not one-tenth of the people signing the petition knew what they did.

Ald. Skinner held that there was just as good cause for refusing the petition of the temperance people as the present one

o. 1 Committee Accounts,—Deputation to Thomas, \$3.

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3. Committee Accounts.—Fire department, sheet, \$633 70; H. & C. Colerick, \$125; A. knewl, \$400; W. H. McDonald, \$44 05; h Bros., \$42 76; D. Ferguson & Bros., \$40 77; Telephone Company, \$12 50; T. Hartley, tovens & Burns, \$200 24; Wm. Fox., \$160; ary Manufacturing Company, \$2 cents; cipay sheet, \$3 85; street watering, Tell, \$74 20; Smith Bros., \$35 05. Total

McNeil, 978 30; Simith Bros., 929 00. 1048; 31,378 44. Relief Accounts.—M. Baldwin, 871 18; C. Beckett, 822 24; Women's Christian Association, 303 32. Total \$159 74.

2. That the petition of Mr. L. Lawless, redog tabe granted by reducing assessment on their present properties on King street to \$20,000 for ten years, to date from Jan. 1, 1891.

4. Re assessment commissioner's report on Salvation Armylot, and recommending the acceptance of the explanation given.

5. That B, Harris be refunded \$10 for error in collecting a license.

6. That the petition of Mrs. Agnes Heron be

granted by charging loss takes against the property.

7. That petition of Mrs. Hogg be referred for the petition of R. Gray for rent of room in East End Hall be granted.

9. That the petitions of Mr. A. Massey, Mere-dith, Cameron & Judd, and W. N. Taylor be lied.

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10. Your committee beg to submit the Police Court clerk's report for November.

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12. The report of No. 3 Committee recommending that M. Baldwin be paid \$100 for watering Stanley street, and that five fire alarm boxes be purchased and erected for No. 6 ward was read by Chairman Boyd and adopted.

13. The report of No. 2 Committee, recommending the payment of William Howie's accounts of \$95 69 and \$36 60, was presented by Ald. Jones and adopted.

14. The petitions of Wm. Greenward, Jane Fleming, Joseph Lynch, J. G. McCue, Rosa Garrity, Wm. Wylie, Anna Rowe, Elizabeth Ward, C. R. Somerville, A. Ferguson, Mrs. E. Saunders, J. Williams, Mary R. Thornley, G. McGuffin, G. Plaxton and Mrs. Long re taxes were referred to No. 1 Committee.

15. The McClary Club's request asking for the use of the City Hall on Jan. 16 was granted.

16. The thanks of Lieut. Col. Smith for the vote of thanks nassed by the Council to the vote of thanks nassed by the Council to the vote of thanks nassed by the Council to the vote of thanks nassed by the Council to the

granted.
The thanks of Lieut. Col. Smith for the vote of thanks passed by the Council to the members of "D" Company Band were received and filed. The communicant also intimated that the band would be ready to give similar concerts next support.

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NEW BUSINESS.

Ald. Anderson moved that application be made to have the Municipal Act amended at the next session of the Outario Legislature by reducing the number of aldermen in a ward from three to two. Lost.

Ald. Jones moved that a bylaw be submitted to the electors by which all street improvement shall be done under frontage tax. Carried.

tax. Carried.

BYLAWS.

The bylaw for uniting certain polling subdivisions and appointing polling places and deputy-returning officers for the next municipal elections was passed. The following deputies have been appointed:

Ward 1-C. A. Kingston, Thomas Cousins, Thomas Parkinson and Richard Galpin.

Ward 2-manes Percival, Samuel McBride, Oswald Balames Hereival, Samuel McBride, Oswald Balames Wilson, John Fleming, Albert Trimble and Stephen Grant.

Ward 4-Alex, Guillam Wilson, John F. Showers, Albert Trimble and Wilson, John E. Showers, Charles Bartlett and Edward M. Flock, Ward 6-Alfred S. Cox, Richard M. McElheran, James A. Young and H. N. T. Colquboun.

The bylaw fixing the assessment of E.

on the questions of reducing the liquor licenses, reducing the wards and having street improvements done under frontage tax system were read a second time, and the Council then adjourned at 11:45.

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BURNS.

THE CLOTHIERS. SOMETHING NEW. petition be laid over for a week.
Ald. Jones moved in amendment that the request of the petitioners be granted provided the city solicitor is satisfied that there is nothing illegal in the move. This was carried almost unanimonally.

NUMBER ONE COMMITTEE.

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