HAMILTON AND WESTERN ONTARIO NEWS

YULETIDE BUYING WAS ON BIG SCALE

Shoppers Flooded Downtown District—Government Dispensary Busy.

Hamilton, Dec. 24.—Christmas shoppers today flooded the downtown district from morning until night, and in every branch of city life there was great activity. Judging from the scene one would hardly credit the statements recently made of threatened hard times, for every purchaser seemed to have plenty of money, and few there were that were not loaded down with parcels.

Buy Yuletide Medicine.

The busiest spot in town was the government dispensary. The doctors were busy probably for days before, and when the doors opened this morning until Big Ben sounded the closing hour there was a steady rush of invalids and sick people to the government building to get Christmas medicine. The officials had extra help, and even went so far as to have a man keeping the applicants in line.

Street cars were crowded all day, and the passengers used them chiefly for freight trucks, as the means of transporting toys, baby buggies, etc. Automobiles went about town as if there was no speed limit.

All Had Christmas Spirit.

As for the people, the crush wore out many a corn plaster. There was crowding everywhere, and many wild rushes for Christmas bargains, but nobody seemed to mind it, as the Christmas spirit was there with it.

All day one could here "Merry Christmas" from every person everywhere.

Policemen were kept busy keeping the crowds in line, but the coppers were not looking for anyone to arrest. They realized the importance of tomorrow, and few of them would have the heart to lock a man up.

With all these preparations, indications are that Hamiltonians will enjoy a real bright Christmas.

ON MURDER CHARGE, BUT GRANTED BAIL

Edward Taylor of Hamilton Gains Temporary Freedom—Held Two Weeks.

Hamilton, Dec. 24.—Bail of $10,000 having been furnished, Edward Taylor, held on a charge of murder, was freed today from Hamilton jail, where he has been a prisoner of two weeks, following the death of Harry Byrnes.

Lou La Chapple, held on a similar charge, is still in custody. La Chapple gave himself up when he heard the police were looking for him, and came all the way from Moose Jaw to do it.

It is very seldom that a man held on a charge of murder is allowed out on bail, his previous record and connections always being taken into consideration as well as the bail.

TIPSY MAN BREAKS PLATE-GLASS WINDOW

Hamilton, Dec. 24.—Andrew Dubex, whose address the police do not know, this a way all his own of celebrating the festive season, and he ended up in the cells tonight. The story told by the police is that Dubex, who has three charges against him, started out by getting drunk, then he pushed in a plate glass window at the Consumers' Supply Station at Bay and York streets. He then raced up an alleyway, but Constable Waddington followed him, and the reception he got was a hook to the jaw. It took Waddington and Constable McMillan to arrest the prisoner. The charges are drunk and disorderly, wilful damage and assaulting a police officer.

Declare Police Ambulance Answered Call Promptly

Hamilton, Dec. 24.—Police officers tonight resented the story appearing in The Hamilton Spectator to the effect that the police ambulance was not just as prompt at answering a call to an accident as it might have been. The police state that the report is incorrect, and is unfair to the department.

The majority of citizens will agree with the statement that the police ambulance is efficiently managed and on the job promptly, but it cannot be two places at once.

TO HOLIDAY IN JAIL.

Hamilton, Dec. 24.—Just because they celebrated Christmas Eve with too much "joy-water," two drunks will have tomorrow's dinner at the police station unless some kind-hearted friends come to their assistance. One of the men was gathered in by the east end police and the other by the central officials.

CHARGE OF WOUNDING.

Hamilton, Dec. 24.—Martin Mazura, 56 Greig street, is in jail, and Alex. Wodchito, a neighbor, is a patient at the City Hospital, following a quarrel tonight. The prisoner, who is held on a charge of cutting and wounding, hit the injured man on the forehead with something which was not soft, it is alleged. Wodchito is not seriously injured.

FACES S.O.T.A. CHARGE.

Hamilton, Dec. 24.—Nick Herman, Simcoe street, is held on a charge of breaking the O.T.A.

To Cure a Cold in One Day.
Take Grove's LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE tablets. The genuine bears the signature of E. W. Grove. 30c.

Playmates Enable Armless Boy To Shake Hands With Mother

Chicago, Dec. 24.—"Merry Christmas, mother; let's shake hands."

With this remark, Henry Weigmann, 12 years old, today took his mother's hands and a moment later Mrs. Weigmann felt the touch of her son's arms around her neck for the first time in her life, altho they never had been separated.

Henry was born armless.

An operation brought little stubs of arms which helped Henry a lot, not enough to enable him to realize his ambition to become an artist. Last week Henry's playmates took up a collection of $475 and bought him a pair for a Christmas present. They were adjusted today and one lesson was enough to teach Henry how to use them.

HAMILTON EDITORIAL

Merry Christmas.

The World wishes its many readers in Hamilton and vicinity a joyous, merry Christmas. The long-looked-for day has arrived, the children are happy, you are happy because you have made them happy, and are satisfied in the thought that you have done the right thing by your many friends and the poor. If you have helped the different charitable institutions, given what your conscience tells you is correct, you are entitled to sit down and eat your Christmas dinner, from soup to nuts. If you have a guilty feeling, know you have shirked your duty, then your punishment will be just; worry you to such an extent that your dinner will make you sick. But we feel that in Hamilton there are very few of this latter kind, and that, for all, it will be a most joyous day.

Gas Bylaw Should Pass.

Heat, light and water are the three most essential needs of any city. They all are something that we must have, need in our daily lives and no matter what the cost, are forced to pay. Hamilton, in the Hydro, has the light and at a figure all know to be exactly at cost and probably half of what it would be if in the hands of private ownership. Our water is supplied by civic funds and is another argument in favor of public ownership. Just one thing remains—heat. The opportunity now presents itself to the citizens to pass on a bylaw giving the city fathers the authority to instal a municipal gas service. In one form, this is heat. The proposition is to manufacture and supply it at cost. We emphasize this at cost! Is there any possible way that any private company can supply this cheaper than at cost? It is the most natural thing in the world for them to come out strongly in opposition to the bylaw. Why? Because they want the profits from a privately-owned concern. The people of Hamilton are not going to be fooled. An investment in a gas plant is the biggest and best opportunity to save money since the time the Hydro was installed. The citizens know and will act accordingly.

Just a Few Remarks.

One thing is certain. Cigars as received today will be a little better than those passed around next Saturday (New Year's). Campaign cigars are a mixture of used tea leaves and waste paper.

The hold-up and shooting of Dr. E. J. Whiteworth at Binbrook was a most regrettable happening. It is to be hoped that the cowardly thugs who made the attack can be captured and made to pay the proper penalty. If things become much worse it will be necessary to place officers on all roads into the city and make every motorist identify himself. It might even pay to issue identification cards to all motorists.

Evidently the Hamilton evening papers are going to remain neutral in the mayoralty contest. A person that tries to stand in with everybody generally has few friends or admirers.

Traffic cops were necessary at the government dispensary to keep the many "sick" parties in line. Probably all this sickness which needs "medical" attention is caused by looking at their empty pocket books.

Some people express sympathy for the over-worked "postie," forced to make his rounds on Christmas morning, loaded down with a big delivery. But if some of these sympathizers would follow the men around and see the many little envelopes they collect—they might see it in a different light.

MUCH GERMAN MATERIAL FOR SPANISH RAILWAYS

Madrid, Dec. 24.—A large quantity of German railroad material is arriving in Spain as a result of a reported arrangement between Spain and Germany, by which Germany will repay a debt of several hundred million pesetas which she incurred in connection with the feeding of thousands of homeward bound interned Germans by Spain. Reports are to the effect that the entire requirements of the Spanish railroads will be met by the German material, but nevertheless public bids have been requested for railroad contracts on January 15.

Francophile quarters comment on the difference in the arrangement with Germany, declaring that for the credit loan advanced by France, payment was demanded in gold.

VERMONT PLANTS CUT WAGES.

Bennington, Vt., Dec. 24.—Seventeen Bennington manufacturers announced today that in the near future wages in their plants would be reduced to the basis which prevailed in the autumn of 1919. No figures or dates were given.

Among the plants affected are knit underwear and hosiery mills, machine and wood working shops. Nearly every plant in the town is closed, with openings planned for January 3.

OSCAR GLADU, M.P., IMPROVES.

Montreal, Dec. 24.—Much improvement is noted in the condition of Mr. Oscar Gladu, the M. P. for Yamaska, who is lying at the Dupont Hospital, West Sherbrooke street, in a serious condition. It was stated tonight that Mr. Gladu had what is termed a good fighting chance. Last evening his condition was considered as beyond hope.

QUAKE IN ALBANIA CAUSES FORTY DEATHS

Tirana, Albania, Dec. 24.—Forty-two persons were killed, 200 were injured, and 500 made homeless by the recent earthquake in the Tepelini district, it was learned today. The small number of casualties was due to the fact that the district was thinly populated, since most of the population had left owing to the devastation suffered by the towns in the district during the war between the Albanians and Jugo-Slavs.

DISCOVER CAR USED BY THE TWO DESPERADOS

Dr. Whiteworth of Binbrook Is in Critical Condition in the Hospital as Result of Attack by Gunmen—Car, Which Is Owned by Hamilton Dentist, Had Been Stolen.

Hamilton, Dec. 24.—(Special)—Following clues in connection with the hold-up of Dr. J. Whiteworth, of Binbrook, who was shot and probably fatally wounded by hold-up men at an early hour this morning, James Clark, chief of police for Wentworth county, tonight found the car in which the men drove. It was a stolen automobile. The chief recovered the car at Mohawk Park, Brantford, and traced it thru the country until it was found in the ditch. In the bottom of the car were two shells, the contents of which had been fired at the injured man.

Tonight at the hospital it was stated that Dr. Whiteworth was in a critical condition and his recovery is extremely doubtful. The bullet which entered his abdomen, pierced the intestines ten times. He is conscious at times and during these spells Chief Clark has been able to get his story. The chief was at his bedside this afternoon and for a time tonight, but the only description his weak condition would allow him to give of his assailants was that they were young boys and wore peak caps.

The car found in the ditch is a Gray-Dort, number 48445, and it was learned upon inquiries made from the police that it was the property of Harold Thompson, 158 East King street, a local dentist. It was stolen last night between 8 and 11 o'clock from in front of the Y.M.C.A.

Chief is Hopeful.

Asked tonight whether or not he expected to catch the men, Chief Clark said that he had every hope of making an arrest or arrests in the case, and he has asked the assistance of the Brantford police. The chief's story is that the bandits, who went to Dr. Whiteworth's store for gasoline and robbed him of $40 in cash, are local men, and were out for a joy ride and armed with revolvers. When the injured man struggled they knew their only chance to escape was to shoot, which they did, and then, afraid to return to Hamilton, started off towards Brantford. That the police there might know the number of the car, was another fear of the pair, so they left it and walked into that city. The chief, working on this idea, has had every boarding house and hotel in Brantford visited by police officers, and this work is now going on. It is thought that it may develop some important information. Other branches are being followed, and the chief has withheld part of the story of this interesting chase.

Chief Clark has worked hard on the affair, and should the men escape, it will not be his fault.

CHRISTMAS TREAT FOR THOSE IN JAIL

Real Plum Pudding to Be Served Prison Inmates Today.

Hamilton, Dec. 24.—Thanks to Governor Ogilvie, the genial head of Hamilton's jail, the boys of the stripes tomorrow will have a real plum pudding. This is the annual treat of Mr. Ogilvie, and it will be the only extra on the menu. The ordinary diet will be furnished outside of this, which is soup and bread, and there are many men in the cells who will dine at the Barton street castle.

Asked if any men had been allowed out for Christmas, Governor Ogilvie said that none had been allowed out on account of the festive season, but the terms of some had expired, and they were liberated today.

MUST GET DRUNK AGAIN TO WARRANT DISCHARGE

New York, Dec. 24.—A single act of drunkenness is not sufficient, under the laws of New York state, to justify the discharge of an employe who is under contract, two justices of the supreme court held in a decision here today. A third justice dissented and declared a single act of drunkenness during business hours "is inexcusable."

The decision was given in a suit brought by Frederick W. Herbert, real estate agent, against his employers, who had discharged him because he was found drunk. The decision today directed a new trial, upon which the court held the question should be left to a jury.

Paris Restaurants Threaten Lockout on New Year's Eve

Paris, Dec. 24.—Paris is threatened with a restaurant lockout New Year's Eve if the chamber of deputies votes the tax, proposed by the general council of the Seine, of 50 per cent. on the amount paid for Christmas and New Year's Eve suppers in excess of the usual bills of fare.

If the tax is applied the restaurant proprietors' association threatens to lock restaurant doors on New Year's Eve. Leading restaurants are asking for tonight's supper all the way up to 500 francs. The average is about 150 francs.

LOSS IS HEAVY IN SHUTTLEWORTH FIRE

(Continued From Page 1).

was gutted, and the three upper storeys were completely destroyed. Both E. B. Shuttleworth and C. J. Musson were at the scene of the fire early.

Firemen Overcome.

Practically no flame was discernible to sightseers until the fifth story fell in following combustion. Then the flames licked the skies at a considerable height. All the fire proper was on the western end of the building facing Dundas street. It was shortly before the floors caved in that firemen commenced to collapse as the result of the increasingly heavy volumes of smoke and chemical fumes issuing from the upper stories of the building. The first was Fred Walsh of hose No. 1. He is a returned soldier. Firemen Corbett and Walker followed him shortly, and Harvie Smith, lieutenant at hose station No. 1. From this time on men collapsed frequently, and at midnight no fewer than eight firemen were listed among the casualties. The pulmotor was quickly applied in every case.

Traffic Diverted.

Inspector Bond of Police Station No. 2 had good control of the public in the vicinity, and during the early periods of the fire had the traffic diverted from Dundas street to Gould street, and all the Yonge street cars were diverted to Carlton street, King street and Church street on the east, and to Teraulay street on the west.

Despite the rather mild weather which prevailed, the firemen and the police were decidedly cold, and ice was hanging from the sou'westers. However, this in no way impeded the work of the department, which was conceded on all hands to be very effective.

Covered by Insurance.

C. J. Musson, president of the Musson Company, Limited, and vice-president of Hodder and Stoughton, announced early this morning that "everything will be a total loss, but fully covered by insurance."

Manager Powell of the Shuttleworth Chemical Company, it is stated, declares that his company is also fully insured.

The Shuttleworth building is a block beyond the high-pressure zone, which extends northward to Shuter street, and this fact counted against the firemen in fighting the flames.

UNKNOWN CAR HITS MRS. B. NELSON, JR.

Badly Injured in Crash on John St.—Motorist Did Not Stop.

Hamilton, Dec. 24.—Mrs. S. Banks Nelson, Jun., was struck and badly hurt tonight at the corner of John and Younge streets by an automobile, the driver of which is unknown. Mrs. Nelson was carried forty or fifty feet by the car, and after she fell to the ground the man in charge did not stop. A description of the car has been furnished the police, but the number is not known.

Is Removed to Home.

Dr. McGillivray attended Mrs. Nelson. As the accident occurred near her home, she was removed there, and was reported to be resting quietly. The extent of her injuries is not known yet.

Mrs. Nelson was married a few weeks ago, and was formerly Miss Watson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Watson, who are well known here.

LESSENED TRAFFIC ON LACHINE CANAL

Report for Current Year indicates Fewer Ships by About One Hundred.

Montreal, Dec. 24.—Statistics just compiled for the navigation season of 1920 on the Lachine canal traffic, indicate a falling off in the number of ships, the total number of trips reported, 6,692 by 592 vessels, the combined tonnage of which was 307,665, making a total of 3,605,490 tons burthen reported during the season, while carrying grain and miscellaneous cargoes amounted to 3,003,599 net tons. The figures for the season of 1919 were 6,738 trips by 766 vessels, with total of 3,758,862 tons burthen, with grain and miscellaneous cargoes amounting to 2,807,209 net tons.

Of the 592 vessels reported, 188 were Canadian steam, 144 American steam, 165 Canadian barges and scows, 94 American canal boats, and there was one American barge.

LINGERIE IN LAUNDRY ENDS COLLEGE CAREER

Kansas City, Mo., Dec 24.— A flimsy bit of silk lingerie has ruined one Kansas City boy's hopes of being a college graduate, and all thru the inefficiency of a laundry.

The young man recited his misfortune to W. J. Burke, legal aid attorney.

"I have had one unfortunate incident in my college career before," the young man told Mr. Burke. "That is what aroused the suspicions of my parents. I was suspended from Missouri University once for using a hunter's searchlight injudiciously in the direction of the windows of the young ladies' dormitories.

"But this time I was not at fault. I came home Thanksgiving, left my laundry, but was unable to call for it before returning to school.

"My laundry was delivered later to my home. The next thing I knew my parents wired me that my college career was at an end.

"The laundrwman had inadvertently mixed some pink silk lingerie in my belongings. My parents opened the laundry. How about a damage suit?"

"No liability," announced Mr. Burke; "you're out of luck."

United Kingdom Is Facing A Gloomy Holiday Season

London, Dec. 24.—The United Kingdom as a whole was facing a far from cheerful holiday season when Christmas Eve arrived.

It is estimated that at least a million people are without work and London's east end was looking sadly toward the luxury of the west end. Everywhere there were reminders for the well-to-do of what Christmas meant to the less fortunate.

COUNTERFEITERS CAUGHT IN RAID AT DETRIOT

Detroit, Dec. 24.—Federal officers raided rooms occupied by George F. Choate and Tracy B. Tyler here late today and seized approximately 11,000 spurious $20 federal reserve notes, it was announced tonight. Simultaneously, the officers were advised Choate and Tyler were taken into custody in Chicago with nearly 9,000 of the counterfeit bills, which they are charged with manufacturing.

PLEADS GUILTY OF VIOLATING O. T. A.

Fred Marsden Accused of Rum-Running Between Brantford and Windsor.

London, Ont., Dec. 24.—President Marsde nof Brantford pleaded guilty in county police court before Squire W. H. Chittick and Capt. T. H. Robson this morning to a charge of violating the O.T.A. and was fined $500 with 3M. option of five months in jail.

It is understood that Marsden will pay his fine. He and William Phillips were arrested by Police Sergeant Thomas Noonan and Inspector Keenleyside at Crumlin last evening and three sacks of whiskey were found hidden in Broughton's garage, where Marsden and Phillips had left their automobile for repairs.

The prisoners were alleged to have been rum-running between Brantford and Windsor. Phillips pleaded not guilty and no evidence was offered against him by the prosecution. The whiskey was seized, but Phillips was allowed to return the automobile to Brantford.

MANY NOMINEES FOR BRANTFORD

Geo. Wedlake Latest in Field—One-Man Cars Are Started.

Brantford, Ont., Dec. 24.—(Special.)—A deputation waited upon George Wedlake today at noon and requested him to become a candidate for mayor. A petition, signed by 1500 ratepayers, was presented to Mr. Wedlake in support of the request that he should become a candidate. Mr. Wedlake announced this afternoon that he would allow his name to stand. Thus far in the mayoralty field there are Ald. Kelly, ex-Ald. Symons, Mr. George Wedlake and the possibilities of Mayor MacBride, Ald. Ryerson and ex-Mayor J. W. Bowlby.

An appeal has been sent to Hon. S. C. Nixon, provincial secretary, asking him to instantly remove its late appointee, ex-Governor Charles Jones of the county jail, from the jail or residence, from which he declined to move, tho removed from his position by the province. He was recently offered a provincial position at Burwash, but declined and still keeps the residence so that the money cannot move in.

Wood Prices Double.

Since the city went out of the wood business, the woodmen from rural districts are bringing in plenty of wood, but in place of fourteen and sixteen dollars a cord, as the city sold it, they are asking thirty to forty dollars a cord, and measurements are erratic.

Ald. T. E. Ryerson, chairman of the civic finance committee, declared today that the city and county will pay the share of the Brantford-Oakland toll road purchase apportioned to the Six Nations Indians, but which they have declined to pay. The Indians travel the road more than any others, the feeling is that toll roads and an anachronism from which Brantford and Brant have suffered long enough.

Start One-Man Cars.

The Brantford Municipal Railway tonight put two one-man cars into service, to meet the increasing traffic demands. The cars are green, and were bought for $11,000, from a Connecticut railway in the receivers' hands, while new cars would have cost $14,000 each. The new cars will assist to accustom the people to one-man cars, as it is felt that eventually the whole of the local rolling stock will have to be converted to these to keep down operating expenses.

ELECTION CONTEST KEEN IN CHATHAM

Four Try for Mayoralty—School Trustees All In by Acclamation.

Chatham, Ont., Dec. 24.—Chatham will have the usual spectacle of a four-cornered mayoralty contest. With Mayor Fred Brisco, Ald. Murray Reeve and Ald. James C. McLean in the field, Ald. James Newkirk also qualified at almost the last minute tonight. Twelve candidates, two more than last year, are in the aldermanic race. Fred W. James, William W. Turner, William J. Eastman, W. Geo. Kerr and Chas. Clements have been elected to the board of education by acclamation.

No election for the board will be necessary.

Geo. W. Wands has been elected public utilities commissioner by acclamation. There will be a race for the Chatham water board between Harry Westman, present chairman, who is standing for re-election, and W. H. C. Coles, school inspector for East Kent.

FATAL ACCIDENT TO CHATHAM VETERAN

Chatham, Ont., Dec. 24.—The G.W.V.A. club rooms here were the scene of a distressing fatal Christmas Eve accident at 11 o'clock tonight, when Reginald Quinten Campbell, aged 30, of 285 Beaver Hall Hill, Montreal, a war veteran, who had only arrived in the city today, lost his balance while leaning against a banister on the third floor and fell to his death, forty feet below. He was barely breathing when picked up, and died in a few minutes. An inquest was opened tonight by Coroner Bray.

MINISTERIAL CRISIS EXPECTED IN POLAND

Warsaw, Dec. 24.—The fear of the approach of a ministerial crisis which has existed since the resignation of former minister Daszinski, has been increased by the resignation today of Food Minister Sliwinski. It is rumored that there will be other withdrawals, notably of Mm. Poniatowski and Peplowski, respectively the ministers of agriculture and labor. Thus far the socialists have not heeded the open appeal of Premier Witos to continue their share in the government in the present crisis.

DEMANDS HIS SALARY AFTER FIVE YEARS

"Dollar-a-Year" Treasurer of London Then Gives it to Kiddies for Christmas.

London, Ont., Dec. 24.—Demanding that he be paid in cash five years' salary which he had not bothered to collect in the usual way of civic employes, a member of the public utilities department today cast a bombshell into the treasurer's office, which for a time threatened to wreck the financial standing of the city.

Heroic efforts on the part of General Manager Buchanan, assisted by his staff, however, saved the day, and having been thoroly scared by Mr. Buchanan for placing the city in such a financial predicament on Christmas Eve, the culprit, with tears in his eyes, undertook to turn the money over to some charitable fund on condition that he be allowed to retain his situation. He also agreed to forego any accrued interest which the five years use of his money by the department entitled him to.

But truth demands the acknowledgment that the five years' salary only amounted to $5, due to City Treasurer James Bell, the "dollar man" of the city of London. The dollar a year is a recognition that while Mr. Bell is treasurer of the city, he is also responsible for the safeguarding of the moneys of the public utilities commission.

Mr. Bell's five years salary was later turned over by him to the Children's Aid Society for Christmas presents for the kiddies at the local institution.

KITCHENER WORKERS CONTRIBUTE CHEER

Community Christmas Tree Club Arranges Gifts for All Local Institutions.

Kitchener, Dec. 24.—Not a home or institution, as far as the community Christmas tree workers are able to ascertain, will be without Christmas cheer in this city tomorrow.

Santa Claus is due to arrive early this afternoon from the North Pole, and will be conveyed from the collegiate institute to the market square by a large sleigh drawn by four horses in tandem. He will be greeted by the Kitchener regimental band and thousands of school children, who will render a program of Christmas carols. From the platform Santa Claus will send out a score of autos containing baskets filled with Christmas dinners, gifts, etc., which will be distributed to over 150 homes, the house refuges, the Kitchener orphanage, the Kitchener-Waterloo hospital and the Freeport sanitarium.

The enterprise is being staged at a cost of approximately $4,000, contributed by public subscription.

SEEK RIGHT TO BUILD DETROIT RIVER BRIDGE

Ottawa, Dec. 24.—(Can. Press)—Application for incorporation will be made next session by the Canadian Transit Company, with head offices at Windsor, Ont. The company is seeking authority to construct and operate a traffic bridge and railway across the Detroit River from a point at or near Windsor.

DIED FIGHTING RUM-RUNNERS.

Bayonne, N.J., Dec. 24.—Believed to have met death fighting whiskey runners, the body of J. F. McGuinness, prohibition enforcement agent, was found on the shore of Newark Bay today with a bullet wound in his head.

A revolver was clasped in his right hand. His hat, lying nearby, was torn by a bullet.

WOODSTOCK STORE ROBBED OF STOCK

Burglars Ransack It of Hardware—Civic Nominations on Monday.

Woodstock, Dec. 24—(Special).—Burglars gained an entrance to Dare and McGinnis' hardware store last night, and successfully got away with a large amount of small articles, including knives, razors, flashlights, etc. Entrance was gained thru a cellar window. No clue as to the perpetrators.

With nominations on Monday for the positions of mayor, aldermen and members for the board of education, a hot fight is already in sight. Three names will go before the electorate for the mayoralty, Aldermen Macdonald and Parker, and ex-Mayor Clifford Kemp. In the five wards there will be fights for aldermanic positions, with the possible exception of St. Andrew's ward, where it looks like an acclamation for Ald. Murray and Ald. Hill. The four retiring members of the board of education are out for re-election, and the women's council are bringing out Mrs. V. L. Francis and possibly another candidate.

CIVIC CONTEST IN KITCHENER LIVELY

Twenty-Four Candidates on Aldermanic Slate—Two-Man Mayoralty Run.

Kitchener, Ont., Dec. 24.—Twenty-four candidates are on the aldermanic slate in the local municipal election. Among these are ten of last year's fifteen aldermen. On the list are six labor men and three veterans. As expected, the mayoralty contest will be a two-man fight, the contestants being Mayor Eden and Alderman Charles Greb.

The only acclamations were one on the school board and the two water commissioners. S. B. Frey is a third man against the present light commissioners. The candidates follow:

For mayor: John R. Eden, Charles Greb; for aldermen: Jerome Talg, Walter Hartung, E. O. Breithaupt, W. E. Wing, C. Ehmele, A. Euton, G. Zimmerman, A. Plumpner, J. Furlong, C. Messer, J. L. Holtze, A. A. Lumbert, C. C. Hahn, B. Burnham, A. F. Kingman, J. Hessemer, E. Hagedorn, P. Ahrens, A. Hertel, A. Bricker, C. J. Baetz, H. Ostell, E. E. Ratz, R. Groton; light commission: S. B. Frey, Aug. Lang, Carl Krantz; water commission: J. C. Breithaupt, P. Gies; school trustees: north ward, John E. Voet, D. T. Heisey; south ward, Fred W. Dreyer (acclamation); centre ward, H. L. Staebler, S. Hallyard; east ward, E. D. Lang, F. Andrew; west ward, Charles Miller, Dr. J. A. Hilliard.

WIN NESBITT TROPHY

Stratford, Ont., Dec. 24.—The local Grand Trunk Station first aid team captained by Frank Walker and instructed by Dr. Lorne Robertson, has won the Wallace Nesbitt Trophy, emblematic of the championship among railway teams, in the recently held competition thruout Canada. The team was also second highest in the open competition which included police and firemen and all branches of the industry. The members of the team are F. Walker, F. Broad, H. Thompson, J. Tevlin, and C. Culligan.

CONVICTED OF FORGERY.

Chatham, Ont., Dec. 24.—Alfred Sullivan, alias Harry Tarrington, was today given three years in the penitentiary on two charges of forgery.

12 Years' Experience in the Council

CONTROLLER

JUTTEN

SAYS:

The total tax roll for 1920, including Homeside, was approximately $3,350,828.63. This revenue was derived from a tax rate of 35 mills on the 1919 assessment.

To provide an equal amount of revenue from the new assessment, a tax rate of 26 2-3 mills will be required.

This is a reduction of 8 2-3 mills in the tax rate. Don't be misled by half-truths. Get the facts from the man who has served 12 years' apprenticeship.

T. W. JUTTEN.

Vote for Controller JUTTEN for Mayor

Vote for

Guy Long

as

HYDRO COMMISSIONER

"Power for Everybody"