

TWO MAYORALTY CANDIDATES ALDS. STEVELEY AND MATTHEWS

Both Have Served Terms On Different Committees, But Alderman Steveley Has the Longest Record—Is Now President of Board of Trade.

The mayoralty contest is on, and the candidates so far are Ald. Steveley and Ald. Matthews.

The latter has had rather a stormy time getting the endorsement of the Conservative party, as reported exclusively in Saturday's Advertiser, but many of the leading Conservatives refuse to be bound by a majority vote of the party executive.

Ald. Steveley is also in the field as a citizens', not a party, candidate. It is not likely that there will be other candidates.

Ald. Steveley is regarded as one of the best informed men in the city council.

He has served eight years in that body, and has worked with Mayors Little, Wilson, Rumball, Beck and Judd.

He was recognized by all as a very capable, and conscientious businessman, and has left a good impression upon the citizens as a whole.

He has served five years on the finance committee, of which committee he was chairman in 1905. In that year he was chairman of the special building committee appointed to build the new Nurses' Home. He was chairman of No. 3 committee in 1901.

In addition Ald. Steveley has been a moving spirit in the board of trade, of which he is president this year.

He was active in placing that body upon the sound basis it occupies today, and to him is given a great deal of the credit for its success. He is a large businessman, of good judgment and ripe experience.

His candidature is endorsed by a large number of the citizens, both among the labor men, with whom he is popular, and among the business men whose confidence he enjoys.

There is a very widespread feeling that it is Ald. Steveley's turn for the mayoralty.

Ald. Matthews.

Ald. Matthews has had an experience of five years in the city council. In his first year he served on No. 3 committee, and for the next three years he was chairman of that committee.

This year he has been chairman of No. 2 committee.

He is also vice-president of the Western Ontario Municipalities' Power Association.

What They Say.

Ald. Steveley—I am out for the mayoralty. I have been eight years in the council, and I think it is either time for me to go higher or get out. I am out to win.

Ald. Matthews—I am not saying what I will do. I know, but I am just keeping quiet. You seem to know all about it.

Ald. Matthews is conducting a vigorous campaign of canvassing, and this morning went to several places. Tonight he will go out to the car works, it is said.

Ald. Beattie—I have not heard that Ald. Matthews is in the field. If he is in the field, of course, I am out of it. So I do not know what I am going to do. If I do not run for mayor, I will not run for anything.

Ald. Cooper—I heard Dick Matthews was out for the mayor's chair. I have a notion to run, too, but I can't say. If he runs, Sam Steveley will beat his head off. I want the Conservatives to call a convention to see who will run. I could beat "Dick" Beattie or "Dick" Matthews. I think I will run.

Ald. Cooper Wants a Convention Doesn't Like Cut and Dried Method

Thinks He Would Be the Conservative Candidate if the Rank and File Had Say.

The struggle over the Conservative nomination for the mayoralty is now practically over, and the friends of Ald. Beattie tacitly admit that the Beck faction is once more supreme.

The Judd-Beattie faction on Saturday evening made another effort to capture the nomination, but it was a failure. They are loth to give up the struggle, but will submit to the inevitable. So Ald. Matthews is out definitely and certainly for mayor.

Ald. Cooper.

Ald. Cooper feels he has a grievance. For eleven long years he has been waiting patiently for something

to come his way. He has served on committees, but whenever there was a plum in sight the plate was gently shoved away from him.

Doesn't Like It.

"I do not like the way things have been going at all," declared Ald. Cooper. "I want them to call a convention of the party, and then let us all take our chances. Let them put me and Dick Matthews and Fred Beattie up, and I will beat them all, because the rank and file are behind me. But they won't do that. There is some body brings a slate before the club, and that has to go. It's Beck that does it. The rank and file don't know anything about it. Let them call a convention. I will tell you what I will do. If Joe Judd and Matthews and Beattie will run, and if Steveley will stand aside, I will whip the whole lot."

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"MUSHY" SNOW BOTHERED CARS SATURDAY STORM HARD TO FIGHT

Saturday's storm was, from the standpoint of the electric railroad man, one of the most annoying that could occur. The snow was of the sticky type, and clung to the rails in a manner that compelled the big sweeper to work hard and long. When midnight a fine rain began, it was almost impossible to do anything with the rails.

The street railway made a special effort on Saturday evening to keep the cars running on schedule, but so much time was lost at every stop that it was an impossibility to run on any thing like schedule time.

Everytime a car tried to stop at a corner it slid on the slippery rails and went many yards past. In many parts of the city, especially at the ends of the line where they were farthest from the powerhouse, it was found a very difficult matter to start the cars. Notwithstanding a full application of power, the wheels would buzz around helplessly. Several cars were disabled. It was also very trying to the patience of the crew who, in addition, had to listen to various sotto voce compliments regarding the service the company was giving its patrons.

Few Tramps in the London Jail Now

"We have had fewer tramps this year in the jail than in years," declared Governor Carter this morning. "As a rule, the jail is filled with them in winter time, but this year, despite all the hard-luck tales that have cropped out, they are a minus quantity."

Mr. Carter stated that when the sons of rest congregated at the jail

in times gone by they always hated to leave if their terms expired while the snow was still on the ground, and invariably asked Magistrate Love to extend their sentences.

When a prisoner was too old to work, the request was usually granted, but the able-bodied nobles were turned out in the cold.

Ottawa Ave. Street Railway Service

The council will take the matter of the Ottawa avenue street car service up this evening, and it is likely that that body will insist that the street railway inaugurate a two-way service.

Ald. Rose will move to that effect, and it is said, will be largely backed by the council.

The question is of vital importance

to those living in the east end, and they are greatly opposed to the present service.

"That derail should be placed where it belongs," declared Ald. Rose. "The service at present is far from satisfactory, and since the street railway very bent on making it permanent, it is time we sat up and objected. I want a two-way service, and I intend to see that we get it."

Fifteen New Engines for the G. T. R.

The Grand Trunk authorities received word this morning that instead of 20 new engines being placed on this division, there will only be 15 sent at present. The new engines will all be Meguis of the latest type, and will

arrive from Montreal next week. They will be placed in commission at once in the freight traffic between here and Sarnia and between here and the Bridge. It is stated that as soon as possible more engines will be placed on this division.



ALD. SAMUEL STEVELEY,
Popular Young Businessman, Who Has Announced Himself a Candidate for the Mayoralty.

Crown Attorney On Gambling Municipal Bylaw Will Convict

But It Can Only Be Pressed Under Ontario Act, Which Is Said To Be Ultra Vires.

In reference to the Hamilton gambling case in which the lawyer for the defense has argued that the case should be tried under the Dominion act, which does not prohibit gambling, except in licensed places, Mr. McKillop, crown attorney, this morning stated that while he was not in possession of all the facts in the case, he was of the opinion that the prisoners could be convicted under a municipal bylaw if one existed in Hamilton.

The Ontario statutes prohibit gambling of any nature, while the Dominion act only prohibits gambling in licensed places.

It was under this act that the bookmakers at the Woodbine were prosecuted over a year ago. Last year the "bookies" were at their old stands, albeit they moved about from place to place instead of having permanent stands.

Case in London.

That no action could be taken

against this form of gambling was perhaps amply proven last June, when the bookmakers did a thriving business in London at Queen's Park. Could action have been taken successfully, it is almost a certainty that the Ministerial Alliance would have taken steps to put a stop to the business.

Mr. McKillop explained that the Ontario act against gambling gives each municipality the power to draft such bylaws as it may deem necessary, and as London has such a bylaw almost any form of gambling could be prosecuted. But the Hamilton lawyer, backed by several high court decisions, says the Ontario act is ultra vires.

Mr. McKillop would not say that no action had been taken against the Queen's Park gamblers, because the bylaw was powerless to deal with their cases.

"Nobody took the bother to bring the matter up, I suppose," he replied. "As to the question of whether the Ontario Government had jurisdiction in passing a law prohibiting gambling, Mr. McKillop pleaded ignorance.

One thing he was certain of: Any local case of gambling could be dealt with either under the Dominion act, if it were club gambling, or under a local bylaw, if it were outdoor gambling.

Found Guilty of Watering Milk Defendant Thinks Roots To Blame

Cattle May Have Been Too Fond of Watery Vegetables, Says Mr. O'Brien.

William O'Brien, of London Township, was found guilty this morning by Magistrate Love of watering for sale milk containing water.

Inspector Layman stated that on Nov. 29 he had obtained the sample from Mr. O'Brien's wagon.

Medical Officer Hutchinson analyzed the milk, and his report showed that it contained about 3.1 per cent of buttermilk.

The percentage of water would amount to almost one-fifth.

The Defense.

Mr. O'Brien in the box stated that

he was utterly unable to account for the presence of any water in his milk. He swore he did not put any there, and that there was none in the cans when the milk was put into them. The only possible explanation that he could think of was that his brother had been feeding so many roots to the cows lately.

Mr. Frank O'Brien, who was also charged with the same offense, stated that he supplied the milk to his brother. He could not account for the presence of water in it.

After hearing the evidence, Magistrate Love dismissed the charge against Frank O'Brien, as he has no jurisdiction in the case, and adjourned the case of Wm. O'Brien for a week, at the end of which he will announce the amount of the fine to be imposed.

Richard Rose and Robert Murray were fined \$2 each for being drunk, and acting in a disorderly manner.

Narrow Escape of George Jackson In Runaway on Wellington Street

Was Compelled To Jump at the G. T. R. Crossing—Horse Escaped Injury.

Mr. George Jackson, the Wellington street butcher, had a rather narrow escape this morning from injury. He hitched a horse to a sleigh too close, and when he had driven a short distance up Wellington street

the animal became unmanageable and started to run away.

Mr. Jackson could not control it, but he held onto the reins until near the G. T. R. crossing.

A freight train was pulling in from the west, and the horse plunged madly for the track. Mr. Jackson saw the danger and rolled out of the rig, letting the horse go. The horse swerved and by inches missed the train.

It turned a somersault on the boulevard, and was caught. The damage done was slight.

A Conservative Meeting on Tuesday

It is admitted by prominent Conservatives that the meeting of the party bosses on Friday night decided on Ald. Matthews for the mayoralty, but that there is some trouble about it, and a general meeting will be held Tuesday evening, when the question will be definitely settled.

This meeting will be composed of

ward chairmen and others, and will come to a conclusion.

But Ald. Matthews has this advantage as he is in the field, and if he runs Ald. Beattie will not run.

—Miss Ross and Miss Blackburn, of Ottawa, are visiting relatives and friends in the city for a few weeks.

SEVENTY-FIVE MINERS REPORTED ENTOMBED

Birmingham, Ala., Dec. 16.—Seventy-five men are reported entombed in a mine explosion at Yolande, northeastern part of Tuscaloosa, County.

OTTAWA NOMINATION

Garon, Liberal, and Morris, Conservative, To Contest Belcourt's Vacancy.

Ottawa, Dec. 16.—J. B. T. Garon, Liberal, and W. D. Morris, Independent Conservative, were nominated today to contest Ottawa for the seat made vacant through the appointment of Mr. Belcourt to the senate.

JAIL FOR S. A. VETERAN

Boer Fighter Given Two Years in Penitentiary for Bigamy.

Ottawa, Dec. 16.—Edward Tressler, a South African veteran, was sentenced by the police magistrate today to two years in the penitentiary for bigamy.

MAY NOT GET AN APPEAL

G. T. R. Would Carry Two-Cent Rate Decision to Privy Council.

Ottawa, Dec. 16.—The Grand Trunk Railway has not yet taken any steps to appeal to the privy council in the case of the judgment of the supreme court, enforcing a 2-cent rate on third-class cars between Montreal and Toronto. It is doubtful if an appeal can be obtained. That will largely depend upon the judicial committee of the privy council. It can allow an appeal if it sees fit.

CLEMENT'S SUCCESSOR

Belleville Clerk May Be Appointed Junior Judge of Essex.

Windsor, Dec. 16.—A dispatch from Belleville says that W. C. Mickel, clerk and solicitor, of that city, shortly will be appointed to the vacant position of junior judge of Essex County, to succeed Judge E. P. Clement, retired. In view of the fact that for many years past it has been customary to appoint a local man to the judgeship of the county, the report that Mr. Mickel is to be appointed, is not regarded with favor by Windsor citizens.

CANADA'S SHIPPING

Seven Thousand Five Hundred Vessels Registered Throughout Canada.

Ottawa, Dec. 15.—A marine department blue book, issued lately, shows the total number of vessels of all kinds on the register book of Canada on Dec. 31, 1906, was 7,512, with an aggregate tonnage of 654,179, being an increase of 187 vessels, and a decrease of 15,646 tons register, as compared with 1905. Assuming the average value to be \$20 per ton, the value of the registered tonnage of Canada would be \$13,083,570.

The number of vessels built and registered in Canada last year was 397, with a tonnage of 21,741, and worth approximately \$978,000. Nova Scotia head the list of provinces in respect to registered tonnage, with a total of 187,328. Ontario comes next with 150,340, and Quebec third with 143,340. In respect to new vessels built last year, 154 were built in Nova Scotia, 82 in British Columbia, and 74 in Ontario. Compared with other nations, Canada comes tenth on the list, with Japan eighth and Sweden ninth.

WARDEN IN THE TOILS.

Hamilton, Dec. 16.—Charles Campbell, the churchwarden, who admitted stealing church funds, came up for sentence, before Judge Campbell, until tomorrow. Another charge of theft will be preferred against him. It has been discovered that he stole a watch belonging to a fellow-boarder and sold it to a local pawnbroker.

THE WEATHER.

TOMORROW—SNOW FLURRIES. FORECASTS.

Toronto, Dec. 16—8 a.m.

Today and Tuesday—Fresh to strong west to north-west winds; turning colder; light snowfalls and flurries.

TEMPERATURES.

Stations.	8 a.m.	Min.	Weather.
Calgary	13	18	Cloudy
Winnipeg	14	14	Fair
Port Arthur	12	10	Cloudy
Parry Sound	22	22	Cloudy
Toronto	18	23	Snow
Ottawa	24	24	Snow
Montreal	22	22	Snow
Quebec	24	22	Cloudy
Father Point	24	22	Snow

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

WEATHER NOTES.

The disturbance which traveled northward from the Mississippi valley on Saturday is now decreasing in energy, its major portion being situated over Nova Scotia. Gale forces prevailed from the lakes to the Maritime Provinces, attended by heavy snowfalls, turning to rain locally in the southern portions of Ontario and Nova Scotia.

YESTERDAY'S TEMPERATURES.

Minimum and maximum temperatures: Dawson—20 below—10; Atlin, 6—14; Victoria, 36—42; Vancouver, 27—30; Calgary, 12—24; Regina, 14—20; Winnipeg, 22—26; Port Arthur, 10—22; Parry Sound, 18—26; Toronto, 22—26; Ottawa, 16—26; Montreal, 10—22; Quebec, 16—24; Halifax, 20—26. Local temperatures: Saturday, 24—29; Sunday, 25—35.

NO LAW AGAINST GAMBLING? POINT RAISED IN HAMILTON

Decision in the Case Will Have a Widespread Effect—Argued That the Ontario Statutes Do Not Now Apply—Dominion Act Don't Cover Case.

A case of very much interest to the people of Ontario has developed as the result of the prosecution of a number of young men for shooting "craps" on Sunday in Hamilton. Later the case developed into a prosecution of the accused for perjury, but now the whole prosecution threatens to fall because of a plea set up by the lawyer for the defense, Mr. Lynch-Staunton, that there is no law against gambling in Ontario on the Sabbath or any other day, unless it be in licensed places.

Mr. Staunton said that under the new Lord's Day act of the Dominion House there was no provision that gambling was an illegal act on the Sabbath day. He also held that Magistrate Jelfs had no jurisdiction in this particular case, as he can try only such cases when the offense is committed in licensed places.

A Nice Point.

He also quoted several cases to support his contention that the indictment

was not supportable. The only law against gambling with dice was that of Charles II., and that was held by the courts to be obsolete.

The indictment, as read by the clerk, was to the effect that James Yaldon perjured himself at the trial of one Percy Burnett, who was charged with gambling on the Lord's Day, the 14th of July last, at a hall at the corner of King and Catharine streets, known as the Olympia Club, which is a private club.

Crown Attorney's Position.

Crown Attorney Washington said that he was pleading under the revised statutes of Ontario, and not under the new Dominion act. Under the Ontario act gambling with dice, on the Sabbath Day, was unlawful, and those who did so were liable to a fine of \$40. There was no clause which permitted imprisonment on such a charge. Mr. Staunton cited the chief justices that the Legislature of Ontario had no powers to enact such a law. Continued on Page Nine.

Over Two Hours On Suspension Bridge Passenger Train Stalled in Storm

Those on Board Put in Terrible Time Over the Mighty Gorge.

The passengers on Express No. 6, who were en route for Buffalo, had an experience in Saturday's storm which they will never forget. After the train left Port Huron a terrific snowstorm was encountered which increased in violence all the way until Niagara Falls was reached.

The express there pulled out onto the big Suspension Bridge, and when nearly across was forced to stop, owing to the inability of the switchman in the tower to work the air switches.

"There are," said a passenger on the train this morning to The Advertiser, "one hundred and twenty switches in the yards on the bridge side, which are operated by compressed air. The gale blew the snow into every hole and corner of them, and they were rendered useless. The express had to stop when nearly across the bridge and those who were in the coaches will never forget their wait of two hours and a half on the bridge."

"The wind fairly roared down through the gorge, and drove the snow against the windows of the cars with a sound like hail."

A Terrible Predicament.

"Two hundred and fifty feet below us the river was being lashed into a fury by the gale, but only occasionally, when the wind lulled for a moment, could we get a glimpse of it. 'It was anything but a pleasant thought to think that the bridge might blow over, especially when every now and then a mighty blast would make the cars rocks with its force.'"

"We were warned by the conductor and brakeman against attempting to leave the cars, as one would be in great danger of being blown off the platform."

Two and a Half Hours.

"The snow collected quickly, and when at last, after a wait of two hours and a half, the switches were finally got in order, it was found almost impossible to move. 'The snow stuck to the rails and to the wheels and although the engineer emptied his sand box, it was impossible to make any speed. Our train was due in Buffalo at 3 o'clock, but it was not until a few minutes before 9 o'clock that we finally pulled into the station there.'"

Conductor McKendzie, of Hamilton, was in charge of the train. It is said that the fireman shoveled fifteen tons of coal between here and Niagara Falls in order to keep up steam."

Gift of Tongues in South London Demonstrations in S. A. Citadel

Adjutant Roe Creates Sensation—Explains the "Gift" To The Advertiser.

A sensation was caused at the South London Salvation Army Citadel Sunday night when Adj. Roe prayed again in what appeared to be an unknown tongue. The Citadel was crowded, both afternoon and evening, and the strange manifestation impressed all greatly.

Adj. Roe was a visitor and during the afternoon meeting he delivered an

address. During his sermon he broke out into a song, a hymn, or a prayer, which none in the audience knew. He himself did not know what it was. He continued his address and called upon those in sin to seek the Savior.

In the evening he was again present, and prayed in tongues. He was giving an address when suddenly he broke out into a prayer in a strange language. There was quite an attendance of visitors, and all wondered greatly at the unusual thing. It created another sensation.

Unknown Tongue.

An Advertiser reporter was present. Continued on Page Ten.

UNCLE SAM'S MIGHTY FLEET SAILS AWAY TO THE PACIFIC

Old Point Comfort, Va., Dec. 16.—The backbone of the United States navy, sixteen first-class battleships, under command of Rear Admiral Roosevelt D. Evans, sailed today for the Pacific Ocean, a 14,000-mile cruise, which has set all the world to talking. Papadling in review before the President of the United States, and saluting as they went, the stately white vessels drew anchors from the rendezvous ground of Hampton Roads, steamed out of the famous old Virginia capes, and were lost to view on the southeastern horizon. At ten knots speed they went, headed for the eastern end of the West Indies. After threading their way among the reefs of those islands, the fleet will bring up at Trinidad on Christmas Eve—the first stage of its journey at an end. The belted sides of each armorclad were fairly glutted today with the press of heavy stores and ammunition, while decks resounded with the footfalls of a thousand men in quarters. On a mission

as pacific as the name of the waters it will soon be plying, the fleet was sent away prepared in every detail for any duty.

Roosevelt There.

President Roosevelt, accompanied by a party of guests, came down from Washington on the naval yacht Mayflower. The Mayflower arrived at Old Point Comfort at 8:10 o'clock this morning, the arrival being announced by the firing of the national salute of 21 guns from the fleet. When the resulting veil of powder had lifted from the ships, the Mayflower proceeded to anchor in the very center of the throbbing fleet. There followed a brief reception on board, the President having a farewell message for the four rear-admirals, and the sixteen commanding officers, who are taking the ships through Magellan to San Francisco.

At the anchorage of the meeting on the Mayflower's quarter deck, President Roosevelt and the fleet commanders were joined.

JOCKEY CORMACK HOME.

Woodstock, Dec. 16.—Al Cormack, jockey, arrived home today from France. He announces his retirement permanently from the racing business. He has bought a fine farm near here, and will raise racing stock. He is 33 years old, and has accumulated a considerable fortune.