

POLLING DAY JANUARY 13

DATE SET FOR THE MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS

Vote for Aldermen Will Take Place at Weston's Carriage-Factory.

(From Thursday's Daily.) For the municipal elections polling will take exactly four weeks from today, on Thursday, January 13th.

W. E. Oliver's next meeting will probably be in Victoria, West. Mr. Oliver has already addressed most successful meetings at Spring Ridge, Pioneer hall and James Bay, and to the Times this morning he said that he was more than satisfied with the promises of support he had received from all classes in the city.

PRINCE IN AUTO COLLISION

Kaiser's Son Escapes Uninjured, But Adjutant is Cut About Head. Berlin, Dec. 16.—Crown Prince Frederick William was in an auto accident early to-day, but escaped serious injury.

MUCH CIVIC WORK IN HAND

FOUR HUNDRED MEN EMPLOYED AT PRESENT

An Ample Supply of Gravel Now Said to Be Assured.

(From Thursday's Daily.) Some four hundred men are at present employed by the city engineer's department in the prosecution of the various works of local improvement which are under way in various sections of the city, and this force will be maintained all through the winter should weather conditions permit.

The big jobs now in hand are the paving of the causeway (almost completed), the paving of Government street with wood blocks on the section lying between Fisgard and Discovery, the surface drain on Fernwood road, cement sidewalk on Vancouver street, and the sewerage system in Victoria West.

The surface drain now being put in on Fernwood road is the last of the big jobs of that character which were planned at the beginning of the year. There is much cement sidewalk work in hand in various sections of the city, but the job on Vancouver street is the largest of the lot. The expenditure on the sewerage system in Victoria West will be approximately \$125,000.

C. H. Topp, the city engineer, said to the Times this morning that the outlook was for an exceptionally busy winter, and he hoped that weather conditions would remain favorable, as a considerable delay with the big jobs at present in hand had ensued, in consequence of the severe conditions which had occurred a few weeks ago. Mr. Topp said that while there was a strike on the part of the property owners to proceed with the work of laying Fort street immediately, and he would like to meet that wish as far as possible, he did not think it would be wise to commence that job until the winter had passed. It has been his experience in Victoria that where street paving had been commenced in the winter months the results had not proved satisfactory.

DISMISSAL OF MATRON ASKED

DR. HERMANN ROBERTSON TAKES DRASTIC ACTION

Says Mrs. King of Isolation Hospital Should Be Relieved of Duties.

(From Thursday's Daily.) Dr. Hermann Robertson, medical health officer for the city, has asked for the dismissal of Mrs. King from the position of matron of the isolation hospital. He gave the reasons for this action on his part at a special meeting of the civic board of health last evening.

Mayor Hall presided, and there were present when the meeting opened Aids, Ross, Raymond, Bishop, Henderson and McKewen. Aid, Bishop was called away during the evening, and though the board heard the statements of Mrs. King and her husband and Dr. Robertson, it was thought advisable to lay the matter before the full board before taking any definite action, and the appointee members will be instructed to be present on Monday evening.

The Times has been placed in possession of full information of the circumstances which led up to one of the charges preferred against Mrs. King. Dr. Robertson, in his statement to the board last night, said he was reluctantly forced to ask for the dismissal of the matron on the grounds that she had shown herself unwilling to conform to the regulations of the hospital, had on numerous occasions questioned his authority and, lastly, had been guilty of grave remissness of duty.

In this latter connection the circumstances which led up to one of the charges at the isolation hospital threatened an action for slander against Mrs. King, were touched upon. It was alleged that some short time ago an infant who was a patient at the hospital, suffering from diphtheria, had died. It is alleged that some days after the child's death the matron rang up the parents and said, "My dear sir, I am sorry to hear that your child has died. I am sure the nurse in charge had been very attentive to the child, but the other car was apparently unharmed. Their identity was not learned."

Dr. Robertson pointed out to the board that aside altogether from the truth or untruth of the charges which Mrs. King had preferred against the nurse, she had obviously been neglectful of her duty in not immediately reporting the matter to him. The fact that she had not done so showed clearly, he contended, that she was unfit for the position, and he would have to insist that she be dismissed if he was to continue to act in the position of health officer for the city.

Dr. Robertson said that in many other instances Mrs. King had shown that she was indisposed to work harmoniously in the interests of the institution. She had repeatedly had disputes with himself and the nurses, and was frequently in a complaining mood, and he had come to the conclusion that the interests of the city demanded that her services be dispensed with.

Mrs. King was heard in her own defence and she made a lengthy statement. She complained of the system of hiring the nurses and hinted at favoritism on the part of Dr. Robertson. She cited a number of instances in support of her contentions, and gave a general charge that the charges preferred by the medical health officer.

JAPAN'S POLICY WILL NOT BE CHANGED

No Alterations Contemplated as Result of Murder of Prince Ito.

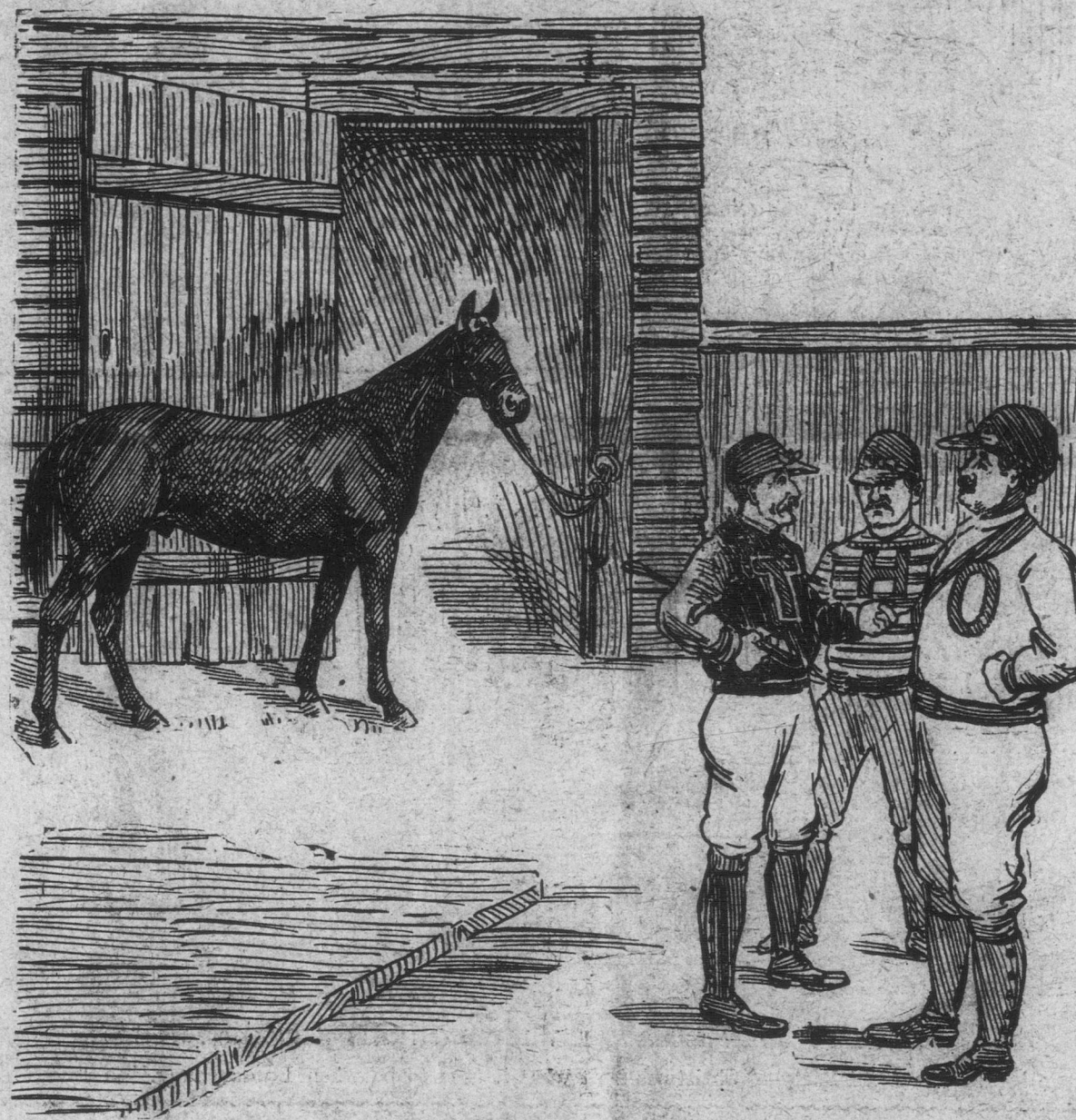
Tokio, Dec. 16.—A conference between Premier Marquis Katsura and ex-Premier Marquis Saionji held yesterday was ostensibly for the purpose of making the assurance more assured that the death of Prince Ito would cause no change in the policy of Japan either at home or abroad.

CONVICTED OF THEFT

Chatham, Ont., Dec. 16.—"Guilty" was the verdict given by the jury at the December session yesterday afternoon in the case of Frederick W. Diehn, charged with the theft of \$1,552.75 from McArthur, a Sovereign bank clerk, by substituting a valise filled with bricks and papers for that containing the amount of money, while McArthur's back was turned, in a railway carriage.

RAILWAY WAITING ROOMS

Ottawa, Dec. 16.—The railway commission has voted to order railway companies to construct within six months freight shelters and waiting rooms at all flag stations. This order will form a basis for discussion at the meeting of the board here on January 4th.



THE MAYORALTY DARK HORSE—WHO'LL BE UP?

NEW ZEALAND-CANADIAN

London, Dec. 16.—The Standard correspondent at Auckland writes that the greatest in the world is being taken in the effort to establish a line of steamships between New Zealand and Canada.

AUSTRALIAN COMMISSIONER

Melbourne, Dec. 16.—Sir George Reid has been appointed high commissioner for the Commonwealth in London.

DICTATOR AGAIN

RULES IN FINLAND

Government Given Power to Renew Edicts Which Resulted in Murder of Bobrikoff.

Stockholm, Dec. 16.—The Helsingfors correspondent of the Aftonbladet says that the new governor of Finland, Major-General Zein, after a conference with the administration at St. Petersburg, has returned to Helsingfors, and he has come to the conclusion that the interests of the city demanded that her services be dispensed with.

While Governor Zein will be under the control of Grand Duke, Nicholas Nicolaievitch, the Aftonbladet says that the new arrangement is tantamount to a dictatorship.

NEW YORK POLITICIAN DEAD

State Senator Raines, Author of Liquor Tax Law, Passes Away.

Rochester, N. Y., Dec. 16.—State Senator John Raines died at 1:45 o'clock this morning at the Casaandagua hospital of intestinal trouble after an illness of several weeks. During the period of his illness he had alternate relapses and rallies, his wonderful vitality leading his physicians and friends to hope that he might ultimately recover.

NOVA SCOTIA MEMORIAL

Halifax, Dec. 16.—The city council has voted to make a grant of \$2,500 towards the erection of a tower to cost \$30,000 on a park given by Sir Sandford Fleming to the city of Halifax.

STEEL CORPORATION EMPLOYEES

Pittsburg, Dec. 16.—After a meeting yesterday it was stated that the United States Steel Corporation relied on timber limits and 2,000 acres of Crowned lands in the neighborhood of Jordan River, contemplate building a mill in this neighborhood in the near future. There was a report some time ago that they contemplated erecting it in Esquimaux harbor, but the management of the firm is reticent as to the location. Naturally they wish to secure the site before publishing the fact that they are looking for one in the neighborhood.



BISHOP CRIDGE

The venerable head of the Reformed Episcopal church entered upon his 83rd year on Friday. His many friends which means the entire population of this city, will wish him happiness and a continuation of health and strength. Bishop Cridge is enjoying health.

TRANSFER MILL THIS MONTH

NEW OWNERS WILL TAKE POSSESSION

Improvements to Wharf and Enlargement of Capacity to Commence at Once.

The Sayward Mills will be formally transferred some time between the 21st and the end of the year, and immediately on taking over the Michigan and Puget Sound Lumber Company will commence the work of enlarging its capacity. It will be increased to such a size that complete ship loads of lumber can be quickly cut thus making the export business profitable.

The Michigan and Puget Sound Lumber Company has already several mills on the coast which are doing an export business. They are the Michigan capitalists who have moved West since the timber in the East has become scarce. The firm is controlled by the same group that form the Michigan Pacific Lumber Company.

The contemplated improvements include not only the enlargement of the capacity of the mill in the upper harbor, but the extension of the present wharf to make it more suitable to the needs of a big mill. There is plenty of water at the spot since the dredge has been working in that neighborhood, but the wharf has not sufficient storage capacity.

The allied firm, the Michigan Pacific Steel Corporation, which has 32,000 acres of timber limits and 2,000 acres of Crowned lands in the neighborhood of Jordan River, contemplate building a mill in this neighborhood in the near future. There was a report some time ago that they contemplated erecting it in Esquimaux harbor, but the management of the firm is reticent as to the location. Naturally they wish to secure the site before publishing the fact that they are looking for one in the neighborhood.

SCHOONER GOES ON SHOAL IN GALE

THE GOVERNOR AMES IS A TOTAL LOSS

Captain, His Daughter and Twelve of the Crew Lose Their Lives.

Charleston, S. C., Dec. 16.—The five-masted schooner Governor Ames, bound from Brunswick, Georgia, to New York, with a cargo of railroad ties, grounded and went to pieces off Wilmington shoals, 25 miles north of Cape Hatteras, on Monday, and the captain, his wife and the crew of 12 men were killed or drowned, according to the story told by Josiah Searing, the sole survivor of the wreck, who was brought here last night by the steamer Shawmut.

Searing was picked up Wednesday morning badly battered and half dead from cold. He says that the schooner struck about midday on Monday in a high wind and heavy fog. All attempts to launch rafts failed. The captain's wife was lashed to one part of the ship and then to another, a mast finally falling upon her and killing her. Searing was thrown into the sea, but struggled up to some ties and hung on until rescued.

FIRST FIVE-MASTED SCHOONER

Boston, Dec. 16.—The loss of the five-masted schooner Governor Ames, which was wrecked off Cape Hatteras on Monday, was the hardest blow that local shipping has received this year. The Ames was the first five-masted schooner built, and during her 27 years' career she had a number of accidents and was completely dismantled on her maiden trip. The Governor Ames was valued at \$75,000. She was built at Waldoboro, Maine, in 1888. Her gross tonnage was 1,775, net tonnage 1,598, and she was 245 feet long.

DREDGE LOST

Baltimore, Md., Dec. 16.—The tug Tormentor has returned here with the report that the dredge which she was towing from here to Cristobal, Panama, founded during the storm off Cape Lookout on Monday with the loss of five men, including the captain and chief engineer.

WIFE MURDERER TO HANG

Edmonton, Dec. 16.—The Dominion government has decided not to recommend executive clemency in the capital case of Henry Zebny, a Pole, who killed his wife at Vegreville several months ago. He will be hanged on the 21st of this month. Zebny was tried in Edmonton at the last session of the Supreme court. The defence in the case was insanity.

SCHOOLS OVERCROWDED

Calgary, Dec. 16.—Despite the fact that Calgary has this year largely added to its schools it is found that there is even now an overcrowded condition in certain schools throughout the city. It is reported that nearly 700 new pupils have been admitted to the public schools of the city this term.

F. F. PARDEE, M. P., ILL.

Sarnia, Dec. 16.—F. F. Pardee, M. P. for West Lambton, and chief Liberal whip, was operated upon at the Sarnia general hospital for appendicitis. His condition is reported favorable.

BANK ROBBERS STEAL GOLD

Fresno, Cal., Dec. 16.—Three daring crackmen broke into the bank at Ely, broke the combination of the safe with axes and got away with \$7,000 in gold.

MOUNTED POLICE OFFICER DEAD

Inspector Church, Who Trained Charger for Prince of Wales, Passes Away.

(Special to the Times.) Winnipeg, Dec. 16.—Inspector Church, the best horseman in the Mounted Police, who was specially selected by the Prince of Wales as a member of the police contingent at the Quebec tercentenary, died today at Hudson Bay Junction. He trained the Prince's charger, George A., that rode during his trip across Canada, and was the recipient of many valuable gifts from the Prince.

MINING SUIT

Toronto, Dec. 16.—The Colonial Development Syndicate, of London, England, commenced a suit before Mr. Justice Latchford yesterday in the non-jury sittings against W. S. Mitchell, of Boston, and James A. Mitchell, of New York, to recover sums aggregating \$100,000 advanced to purchase mining claims in the Cobalt district.

COMPENSATION FOR SHIPPERS

Ottawa, Dec. 16.—The railway commission has issued an order providing that grain shippers furnishing cars for their shipments should be allowed \$1 for uppers and 50 cents for lowers west of Fort William and 50 cents for both kinds east of there.

PROPOSED TAX ON COLONIAL GRAIN

LIBERAL MEMBER ON TARIFF REFORM

Conservatives Have Abandoned One of Chamberlain's Principal Planks.

Toronto, Dec. 16.—A special London cable says: L. C. C. Money, Liberal member for North Paddington, points out that the Conservative government's commission has abandoned one of Chamberlain's principal propositions, namely, that colonial foodstuffs should not be taxed. On the contrary, the commission favors a tax of one shilling a quarter on colonial grain and two shillings a quarter on foreign grain. This would yield a revenue of \$21,000,000, and British wheat growers would make \$23,000,000 yearly by the advance in price.

There are many evidences that Conservatives feel that dear food is not a popular proposition. They are claiming, for instance, that the tariff will not be a determining factor in the price of bread, and are using with cleverest figures showing that bread has risen one penny and a half under the Liberal regime without a tariff.

There is no sign yet of the statement in such general use at the last election that the preference on food stuffs was needed if the colonies were to remain attached to the empire.

The Daily Chronicle says that Andrew Bonar Law, a Canadian by birth, is the ablest of the tariff reform leaders now that Mr. Chamberlain is no longer in active service.

Reginald McKenna, first lord of the admiralty, speaking at a meeting at South End, referring to the contribution of New Zealand and Australia of two Dreadnoughts, mentioned that as only one of the great efforts at empire consolidation undertaken by the present government. It would be a lasting memorial to the fame of the Liberal government.

Deserts Liberal Party

London, Dec. 16.—Sir J. Swinburne, one of the most prominent supporters of the Liberals in the north of England, has severed his connection with the party on account of the budget.

Loss Campaign Ammunition

London, Dec. 16.—The Board of Trade report on which the Conservatives hope to make campaign capital aids the Liberals instead and is satisfactory in every way, proving improved conditions throughout the country.

NATIONALISTS AND HOME RULE

ASQUITH'S STATEMENT IS TOO INDEFINITE

Redmond Hopes Election Will Leave Balance of Power in His Hands.

London, Dec. 16.—The Irish situation is developing with exciting rapidity. The announcement of the National directorate of the United Irish League, advising Irishmen to vote for the government, is of little moment, for it will only affect votes which have gone to the Liberals in previous contests.

What Mr. Redmond has really done is to put a powerful weapon into the hands of his bitter opponents within the Nationalist party, who hold that he has given away the citadel without securing guarantees as to what Premier Asquith really means. They are using with marked effect Redmond's own previous declaration that Home Rule stands no chance at all if prior place in the Liberal programme is given to a bitterly contested and long drawn out constitutional conflict over the House of Lords and such questions as Welsh disestablishment. Even if the Radicals are returned these two questions must occupy the two first sessions of parliament, leaving Ireland the merest crumbs from Liberal feast.

Mr. Redmond's hope is that Mr. Asquith will be returned with so small a majority as to leave the balance of power in the hands of the eighty Nationalists, in which case they could compel Mr. Asquith, at the risk of his political life, to place Home Rule even before the Lords' question.

Meanwhile the land purchase schemes of Unionists and Radicals alike have been creating a new Ireland with protectionist ambitions, to which it is believed tariff reform makes a strong appeal.

The Unionist leaders are being influentially urged to run tariff reform candidates in a number of Irish Nationalist constituencies.

Some of Mr. Asquith's moderate friends are also insisting that by taking up Home Rule he is killing his own agitation against the Lords. If the Radicals go to the country on two separate issues and win they expect to be told they have a clear verdict on neither.

Peers in Context. Peers all over the country are throwing themselves into the thick of the fight, and are being severely heckled by workmen class audiences. (Continued on page 4.)

Advertisement for BOWES, featuring adjustable mirrors and other optical products.

Advertisement for ICE, mentioning the incorporation of the Eastern Railway and other industrial news.

Advertisement for WINTON CLARKE, a real estate agent, listing properties and services.

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Advertisement for WINTON CLARKE, focusing on real estate and business services.

Advertisement for BON AMI, a clothing store, listing various garments and accessories.

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