

SPECTACULAR SHOWS COMING NEXT WEEK

**Gaby Deslys and Her Pearls
Will Draw Big Houses
at the Royal Alex-
andra.**

"MAN AND SUPERMAN"

**"Little Parisienne" at Shea's—
"Social Maids" and "Gay
Widows" Will Congre-
gate With "Traveling
Salesman."**

Gaby Deslys, who during the last two years has proven herself to be the top of both America and Europe, becomes on closer acquaintance, an extremely gracious as well as an extremely pretty young person. She made such an impression upon the newspaper men who met her upon her arrival in America, that she probably received more space in the columns of the New York dailies the next day than had ever before been given to the arrival of any artist. She gave personal interviews to more than twenty reporters who have been at her quarters. She saw perhaps thirty or more of them at the dock, and allowed herself to be sketched and photographed by half a hundred camera men sketch artists. Mile Deslys speaks very good English, and this, of course, was of great assistance, and also a great surprise to most of the people who met her. She has an accent which is as charming as her smile, and she is quick to catch the least point of wit in repartee. Mile Deslys has



GABY DESLYS, who will be seen next week at the Alexandra, in the "Whirl of Society," with the N. Y. Winter Garden Co.

brought with her to America this time sixty complete changes of costume, gowns, shoes, everything to match. None of these have ever been worn by her before, and they constitute the special wardrobe for her American engagement. She also brings over once more her famous collection of pearls, which is said to be the most valuable owned by any body in the world. These jewels are given in the official valuation as worth about \$200,000. She has pearls in ropes, pearls in bracelets, pearls for the hair, pearls for the ears, for rings, and, in fact, pearls for every conceivable ornament. In truth she might almost be called "Gabrielle of the Pearls." Instead of "Gabrielle of the Lilies," Gaby will be seen at the Alexandra Theatre next week. The sale of seats for this engagement opens this morning.

The Traveling Salesman.—By James Forbes, the author of "The Chorus Lady" and "The Commuters," will be seen again at the Grand Opera House next week. No better comedy entertainment has ever been offered in this city since the war.



SHEP, CAMP AND GRACE BRYAN, in "The Traveling Salesman," at the Grand next week.

menious footlighting of a phase of "modern drummer life," that seems to appeal to all classes. Shep, Camp, Chas. Rosa, Lou Miller, Thomas Wood and Arthur

Carlton, the five jovial and mirth-provoking drummers, will display a choice line of new and up-to-date laughs and conversational sunshine, and Grace Bryan, as the ingenious and lovable ticket agent, Harriet Sheldon, in the role of the modern Xanthippe, but with a heart as good as gold; in fact, the entire company, without exception, give splendid interpretations to Mr. Forbes' interesting stage characters. There are no slow artists in "The Traveling Salesman." The poker game is the best the stage has ever offered, and the piece is American humor, rendered plausible, and belongs to the character that utters them.

The Little Parisienne.—Manager Shea has booked a great bill of novelties at Shea's Theatre for the opening week of the year. Heading the bill is "The Little Parisienne," Jesse L. Lasky's latest and best of his miniature material. A company of thirty people are seen in the production, which is headed by Valerie Serice, who appears as Jean Campbell, and has a number of delightful musical numbers allotted to her.

The special attractions for the week are Eva Taylor and company, presenting "Just Married," and Juliet, in clever character studies. Other features to be seen are Bert Fizz, Frank Hartley, Kistamura Japs, Gibbon, and Williams, and the kinetograph.

Gayety Theatre.—The attraction of the Gayety Theatre during next week differs very markedly from the general run of burlesques. Its advantage over the usual type is noticeable at the very rise of the first curtain. The settings and costumes



JENNIE AUSTIN, with the "Social Maids," at the Gayety next week.

disclose the character of a high-priced production, while the book itself gives every indication that the routine style of burlesque has been abandoned in this particular case.



ROSA ALARCON with Gay Widows Co., at the Star next week.

head of the company, is ably assisted by James Dalley, character comedian. A specially-selected vaudeville contingent consists of the following: Mile Silbers, high-class prima-donna; the Five Alarcons, who are a well-known feature; Ritter-Foster Trio, comedy sketch artists; sinners and dancers, and numerous cabaret features.

BONAR LAW MAY RESIGN.—Unionist Leader Unable to Endure Continued Badgering.

LONDON, Dec. 31.—The dissatisfaction and outspoken criticism appearing in a certain section of the Unionist press, and being uttered by certain politicians regarding the tariff speech by Bonar Law, the Unionist leader in the house of commons, delivered recently at Ashton-under-Lyne, and concerning the tariff question generally, are causing daily and increasing trouble in the party.

The latest development in the publication in certain Unionist newspapers of statements, pretty obviously inspired from headquarters, to the effect that if the badgering of Bonar Law continues he will take it upon himself to resign the leadership of the party.

New Year's Concert.—There will be a great gathering of the clans at the big New Year's concert in Massey Hall tonight, when a splendid Scottish program will be rendered. The leading artists will be Jessie Alexander, Harold Jarvis, Miss Jean Mitchell Hunter, star violinist from Edinburgh; the 48th Highlanders' Band; Male Chorus, etc. The program is one that should delight the sons and daughters of Auld Scotland. Those who have not already secured their seats should get to the hall early today, and avoid the rush at night.

A BACHELOR'S LAMENT.—The letters received at the office of the National Sanitarium Association cover a wide class of writers, and are expressive of many different sentiments. A representative of The World was shown a letter today. Perhaps only a bachelor would be guilty of putting the case in just the words used; and yet a deeper thought underlies the letter than that which draws on the sympathy of young and old, when we remember that it is largely from among the young men and women of our land the great white plague finds its most fertile field. The letter reads: "I say, gentlemen, I see some pretty gay pictures in your catalogue (referring to the booklet issued by the Muskoka Free Hospital for Consumptives). Too bad to see them die if we can save them. I am a single man—a bachelor. I have been poor, but I got over that, so I think I can spare \$5. Dollars are scarce, but you

Notice to Electors

The New Municipal Improvement Association of Toronto, with a membership already of 550, and increasing daily, having for its objects, as its name implies, the improvement of the system of civic administration and the election of the best men available for the city government, was too late in being organized to be able to bring strong men into the field to support in company with best candidates already in the field. It has, however, decided to support all of the money bylaws and has selected the following slate, viz.:

Mayor Hocken.
Board of Control—McCarthy, O'Neill, Spence, Yeomans.
City Council—Ward 1, Ald. Robbins, Orr, Walton; Ward 2, Wickett; Ward 3, Burgess, Rawlinson; Ward 4, Wanless, Weston, Shayne; Ward 5, Dunn, Frost, May; Ward 6, McBrien, Spence, Stewart; Ward 7, Anderson.
Board of Education—Ward 1, Hiltz; Ward 2, Shaw; Ward 3, Brown; Ward 4, Fairbairn; Ward 6, Conboy; Ward 7, Hopkins.
Information will be gladly given by the secretary, at the office of the Association, 49 West King street, Room 11. Telephone, Adelaide 3232.

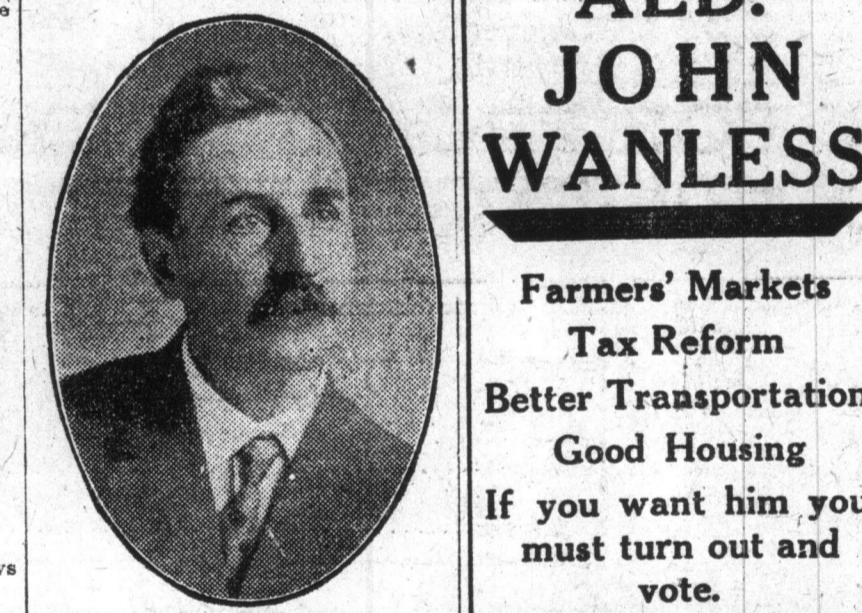
N. G. A. McCutcheon, Secretary. John Macdonald, President.

VOTE FOR F. S. SPENCE FOR CONTROLLER

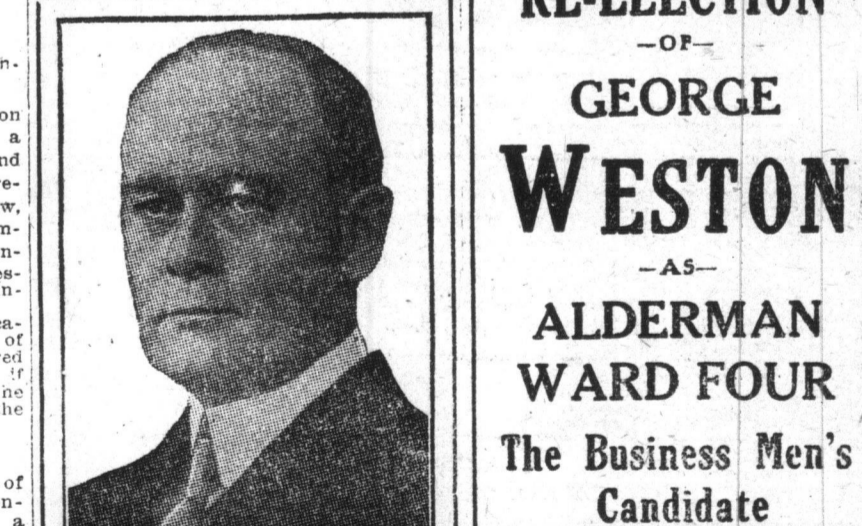
In the Interests of Strong, Wise, Progressive City Government.

VOTE FOR... SWEENEY For CONTROLLER

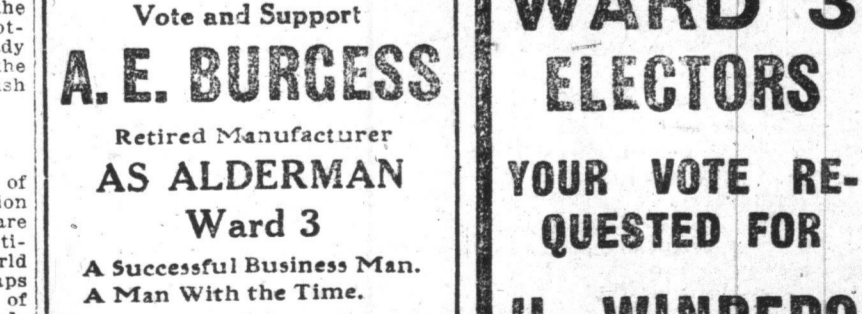
WARD 4 ALD. JOHN WANLESS



A new Candidate for WARD 2



VOTE FOR THE RE-ELECTION OF GEORGE WESTON



VOTE AND SUPPORT A. E. BURGESS

are welcome to this much—it's not much, I am sure, it is for a good purpose."
X-RAYS USED IN CIGAR MANUFACTURE.
One of the new and interesting uses found for the X-ray machine has to do with the making of clear-Havana cigars. Its purpose is the discovery and extermination of the tobacco beetle. It is said that the special apparatus has given perfect satisfaction.

To the Electors of the Second Ward:

Ladies and Gentlemen—In response to many and repeated requests from individual electors, I beg to intimate my candidature for election as alderman. Having been resident for many years in Davisville, now included in Ward Two, and having had experience in the conduct of both municipal and educational affairs in North Toronto, I venture to hope that it is in my power to render public service in the wider field offered by the city.

A convinced progressive in civic politics, I favor tax reform and a more equitable adjustment of the cost of local improvements. Holding that all public services should be owned and operated by the community for the exclusive benefit of the people, I shall support all proposals and measures calculated to further that valuable principle. In particular, I recommend the extension of the Hydro-Electric undertaking and of the civic car lines in the way that will meet the requirements of Greater Toronto and prepare for the unification of the whole systems at the expiration of the current franchises held by private companies.

As a member of the North Toronto Council, I was instrumental in securing an advance of two cents an hour in the rate of wages paid the town's laborers. It is my conviction that public bodies should more readily recognize that wages have not increased in proportion to the higher cost of living, and that the hardship thus entailed ought to be remedied. The development of cheap transportation and the opening of the northeastern residential section that must follow the construction of the Bloor-Danforth viaduct, will, in my opinion, tend to relieve congestion and improve social conditions.

Regarding a city, on its administrative side, as strictly a business proposition, I approve of commission government and of the conference by the legislature of the wider powers necessary to protect the general interest. I hold also that tenants, or taxpayers, should be accorded the right to vote on money bylaws. The creation and maintenance of an active civic spirit can best be encouraged by requiring the electors to recognize their direct responsibility for every department of the city's affairs.

Should this platform meet with your approval, I trust to receive your support and vote on election day. If honored with your confidence it will become my conscientious endeavor to fulfil the duties devolving upon me to the utmost of my ability and judgment.

Yours respectfully,

Herbert H. Ball

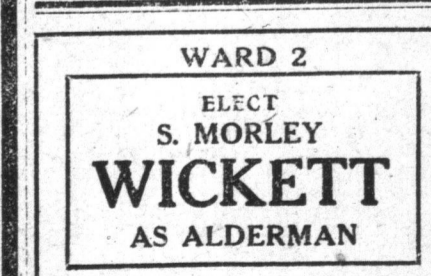
1817 Yonge Street.

Don't Overlook the Good Roads By-Law

GOOD ROADS LEADING INTO CITY.	For the By-Law X
Voting on By-Law to provide for the issue of Debentures for \$100,000 to improve the main roads and highways leading into the city.	Against the By-Law

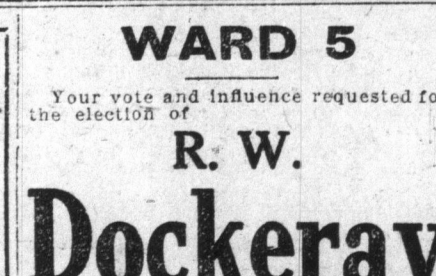
GOOD ROADS MEAN GOOD MARKETS

**Vote for Good Roads and
Reduce the Cost of Living
Bring the Farm Near the City**



**WARD 2
ELECT
S. MORLEY
WICKETT
AS ALDERMAN**

Simple and Effective Insulator.
A compact insulator which secures the wire firmly without the use of tools has been produced by a London manufacturer. It is comprised of three pieces. The wire is laid in the groove, the small section laid in the slot and the cap screwed down. The cap coming into contact with the rounded top of the slot section permits a degree of pressure which grips the wire firmly. In the manufacture of the insulator every gauge of wire is provided for. The insulator is so simple in construction that it may be attached by men unskilled in the lineman's craft with



**WARD 5
Your vote and influence requested for the election of
R. W.
Dockeray
AS ALDERMAN**

Forty years a resident of this ward. Twenty-five years in business in this ward.
The assurance that it will prove entirely effective.
"Well, sir," asked the waiter, "how did you find your beef?"
"Oh, I just happened to shift a potato, and—well, there it was."—The Bystander.



**WARD 5
RE-ELECT
ALD. MAY**

**On His Record
RE-ELECT ALDERMAN
GRAHAM**

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