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	Grey Squirrel Stoles \$12 to \$15
F	White Fox Sets \$50 to \$100
	White Thibet Stoles, large \$7.50 to \$10
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BRAMPTON'S GLAIMS

F. W. Wegenast Replies to the Re- citizen of cent Statements Made on Behalf of G. T. R.

F. W. Wegenast of Brampton, who brought the discrimination in suburban railway fares before the Dominion Railway Board, has replied to George T. Bell, general passenger agent of the Grand Trunk Railway, who undertook to review the evidence given at the hearing of the application for a commutation ticket between Brampton and Toronto.

Toronto.

The fact that an official of a great railway corporation should appeal to public opinion to justify the decision of railway commission, in a matter in which he was the successful litiit, is significant of a number of things," said Mr. Wegenast yesterday. "One of these, it is safe to assume, is the fact that the incident is by no closed and that the decision of the rallway commission cannot be considered even by the railways themselves as having disposed of the mat-

The finding of the commission amnothing more or less than Oakville and Toronto is justified by the fact that many years ago business tinuance of the commutation tickets then in use between that town and To-ronto and that no such objection was Brampton and Toronto. If there is any puted that in finding as a fact that such should remember that the finding was he had no documents in proof of it. Mr. Bell himself which he has appareause there is a danger of competition cause there is a danger of competition from electric lines in the future, they will not exercise their unbounded power of mention. Mr. Bell admitted with

McDonald, made a visit to Brampton and consulted with one of the leading merchants, urging him to circulate a petition asking that the commutation

the hearing. Nobody Asked. Mr. Bell also admitted that so far as he knew, no responsible public body of the Town of Brampton had ever asked to have the commutation tickets discontinued. As a matter of fact, my application was supported, both by the town council and the board of trade and by a largely signed petition of the The inevitable conclusion from Mr. Bell's own evidence appears to be that the railways in this country are sub-

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ject to influences, either originating at

their own instigation or prompted by private interests, which to the ordinary man, whatever his judgment may be worth, appear to be unjust and pernicious. Assuming it to be a fact that some unauthorized person "many years ago," as was said in the judgment, brought pressure to bear upon the railway company, the average the railway company, the average citizen of this country would have supposed it to be one of the functions of the railway board to stand between this sort of thing and the public, and I must confess my unbounded surprise that this feature of the case was held to redound to the advantage of the company rather than to mine.

company rather than to mine. "If the company had obeyed the rules of the rallway commission and filed their reply, I might have been able to clear up some of the mystery surrounding the alleged objections by Brampton people. Under the rules the company were required to file a reply to my application within ten days after their served within ten days after the attempt to repeal the local option measure here is grow-ing warm, both sides claiming a ma-jority. The vote in favor of the measure there is grow-ing warm, both sides claiming a ma-jority. The vote in favor of the measure there is grow-ing warm, both sides claiming a ma-jority. The vote in favor of the measure there is grow-ing warm, but sides claiming a ma-jority. and the hearing, about four months, was occupied with a lengthy correspondence with the officials of the railsulted, a few days before the hearing, in the admission of the commission Mayor Baird hold on to the job, that they were powerless to compel

elementary principle of pleading em-bodied in their own rules. Brampton's Advantages. "Mr. Bell enlarges upon the relative facilities which the train service to and fr m the respective town affords this: that the discrimination shown by for handling suburban traffic. He the Grand Trunk Railway between omits, however, to mention that there are several trains a day more between Brampton and Toronto than between men of Brampton objected to the con- Oakville and Toronto on his own line, besides which there are several trains raised in Oakville. It cannot be dis- weight in the argument which Mr. Bell ruts forward on this point, Brampton an objection was raised by someone in that decidedly the advantage. He also Brampton, the commission were acting omits to mention that he admitted himtheir competency, but Mr. Bell saif that the cost of operation of the remember that the finding was lines to Hamilton and to Guelph rebased solely upon his own evidence spectively was in favor of Brampton. There is no pretence that Brampton happened, altho Mr. Bell admitted on will not at once furnish as large a sub-cross-examination that he had no per-urban traffic as Oakville, with infinitesonal knowledge of the fact, and that ly greater promise for the future; and on the general question of policy, the was some evidence given by position of the company is that be-himself which he has appar- cause there is a danger of competition

great reluctance that it was not an er to relieve the situation as it stands unknown occurrence for passenger at present. In this connection I would rates upon his railway to be influenced like to ask Mr. Bell why he considers by the exigencies of freight traffic and it necessary in order to get "his share by influences brought to bear upon the of the business" to carry passengers company by shippers of freight. It was from Weston to Toronto at one-half the also proven, and not denied by Mr. rate of the electric line.

Bell, that after my application was entered, the district passenger agent, Mr.

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tickets should not be granted. It is and anxious to place its service to the worthy of note that this petition was met with such opposition that not a single signatures was obtained to it, although the hearthy of the fraction and anxious to place its service to the gave their pre-election addresses to-night in Campbell Hall. C. M. Hell occupied the chair. The attendance and at present appears to be held back was not large, only about 30 people by the reluctant attitude of the Grand Trunk. Why should not the two rail-ways get together and do justice to the speakers were: Sam Ryding, candi-

Doubled the Price.

B. Blumenthal pleaded guilty to a charge of obtaining \$175 from M. Shenenconzel by false pretences. Judge Winchester remanded him for sentence. The two men had entered into partnership as the Canadian Paper Box Factory and in buying the machine it is claimed Blumenthal charged the firm-\$350 for it, the price paid being \$175.

N. P. in Vancouver.

VANCOUVER, B.C., Dec. 23.—(Spe-fined to her bed until about a week cial.)—With the object of obtaining additional terminal facilities the Northadditional terminal facilities the Northern Pacific has completed the purchase of half a million dollars' worth of lots on the north side of False (Mrs. Wm. J. Dean, Mrs. E. Burge, Mrs. H. Ridout, Mrs. W. Preston, Wm. Moere, George Moore and Miss Olive)

Day's Doings in

West Toronto North Toronto East Toronto

STOUFFVILLE BEATS OWN BESL RECORD

Christmas Market Was Attended by More Than 4000 People-Suburban Nominations.

STOUFFVILLE, Dec. 23.—(Special).

—One of the most successful events in the history of the Town of Stouffville was the first annual Christmas market held here on Tuesday. In former years the market, while well attended, lacked the enthusiasm and numbers which marked yesterday's

Early in the fall of the year a number of the prominent business men of the town conceived the idea of a Christmas market, at which substantial that prizes would be given and a good friendly rivalry excited. Yesterday's event has proved how successful an event of this kind can be made in good hands.

Citizens Who Helped. The directors having the matter in hand were Reeve R. P. Coulson, Manager Massie of the Metropolitan Bank. secretary; C. R. Fitch, chairman; Frank E. Rae, George Collard and J. C. Shankel.

From all parts of Whitchurch, Markham, Pickering, Scarboro and even To-ronto were large numbers of exhibi-tors, buyers and visitors. Nearly 5000 people were on the grounds and mcre than \$500 was paid out in cash prizes. The display of horses, many of which were splendidly groomed, would com-pare favorably with any country fair. Tons of poultry were sold at the high-est market price.

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Nearly a Record.

A feature of the Stouffville Xmas mar-A feature of the Stouffville Xmas market was the prize turkey weighing, when dressed, 26 lbs., 4 oz. Ef J. C. Morris, a Whitchurch farmer, was the grower, and J. J. Rae of this town the purchaser. The second prize bird, weighing 19 lbs., 6 oz., was sold to J. W. Curry, K.C. Turkeys brought all the way from 14 to 190 a lb.; geese 10 to 14c; chickens 10 to 14c; butter as high as 27c a lb., and eggs 30c to 35c.

In the butter class no less than 17 cash prizes ranging from \$3 to 55 were

Gave Good Service.

A feature which added materially to the great success of the Christmas

Indications all point to the return of Reeve Coulson by acclamation. The honor is well deserved.

WEST TORONTO, Dec. 23.-The is not meeting with the response that way commission, in which I urged that to expect. The citizens believe Mayor the company should be compelled to Baird should retire from the contest file a reply. The correspondence reof serving the city. How long would citizens ask, if he were not told to the railway company to observe this let go? He wants to finish annexaion, he says. That may take more than a year. Will he ask a fourth, a fifth and even a sixth term if annexation does not come before? Mayor Baird has been mayor for two terms; unless he considers himself bigger than anybody else in the city he should stand aside at this time.

Dr. Hackett, the people's candidate for mayor, is growing in strength every day. He has never been continuously before the people, aspiring for office. His life in this city has been even going. He has been chairman of the board of education, and has shown much executive ability and busines capacity. His interests are altogether in West Toronto, where he found at any hour of the day. Dr. Hackett made the following

"On the question of annexation which has been advanced to some extent by the council of 1908, and which is now being submitted to you for your expression of opinion, I wish to place myself in an unequivocal position.
"If the people of West Toronto vote on Jan. 1, 1909, in favor of annexa-tion I will do my utmost to have legislation promoted and passed to secur vote should be adverse, I will do my utmost to advance the material interests of West Toronto, as an ind pendent city, and if annexation during my term of office should be brought or forced forward, I will do my utmost to obtain annexation on th ost advantageous terms for the territory now covered by the city of West

The candidates for the school board gave their pre-election addresses tobeing present. Besides the candidates for the school board, the principal date for alderman in ward five; Mayor

Baird, and ex-Mayor Laughton.
On a charge of disorderly conduct Alexander Nelson, proprietor Subway House, appeared before Police Magistrate Ellis. He was found guilty and will go before Judge Winchester from whom he is no wawaiting sentence on a previous charge.

A very sad death occurred at noon to-day in the person of Mrs. Eleanor Moore, aged 57 years, beloved wife of Tsomas Moore of 25 Pacific-avenue. Deceased has been in very poor health for several years, but was not conobject of obtaining ago. The father and a family of seven Moore, at home. The funeral will take place on Friday at 2 p.m. to Prospect ed.



THOS. N. PHELAN

Contest for Mayoralty Narrows Down

NORTH TORONTO, Dec. 23,-W. J Lawrence, A. J. Brown and S. J. Doug-las to-night presented their qualifica-tion papers and will be in the fight for mayor of the town. H. H. Bell, who was also nominated, neglected to qua-

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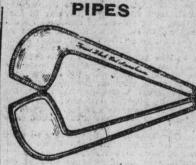
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Book-shaped boxes of 10 750 Los Meritos, box of 25, for 68c. That is a bargain. Here's an-other: "Breslau" Cigars, in boxes of 50 each, \$1.15.

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lify and the contest will be a triangu-

lar one.

For council R. W. E. Burnaby, Frank Grice, Frank Howe, Rutledge Truin, Charles Murphy, William Parke and D. D. Reid will be in the field.

The funeral of the late F. W. Doherty took place from the family residence to St. Monica's R. C. Church this morning, where requiem mass was celebrated by the parish priest, Rev. Father Player, after which the interment took place in St. Michael's Cemetery. The funeral was largely attended.

ALL BY ACCLAMATION. York Township Council for Second Time Are Unopposed..

Reeve George S. Henry, First Deputy
John Watson, Second Deputy Jerry
Nelson, Third Deputy
and Councillor J. W.
elected by acclamation for York Township.

Only one other nomination was made that of Thomas Griffith, who later retired from the contest. The nominations were held in the Eglinton town hall and little interest was manifested in the proceedings. York Township council were likewise returned by acclamation.

The township treasurer's financial statement shows: AFTERMATH OF RAFFLE.

Keeper of Gaming House Assessed by Magistrate Clay . Before Police Magistrate Clay yes-terday John Reid, charged with keep-ing a gambling house, was fined \$10 and costs, a total of \$28.90. Reid pleaded guilty to the charge. It was Reid's house that was raided by a posse of county constables on Dec. 5, and while a number were captured, others escaped in the darkness.

NORTH DOVERCOURT.

All persons who are desirous of aiding the poor and unfortunate in the northwest suburbs of the city are advised to communicate with Rev. Dr. Abraham, Telephone North 3805, with Rev. P. P. Bryce, College 2781.



LATE FREDERICK W. DOHERTY of North Toronto, Whose Funeral Took Place Yesterday.

SUIT TO RECOVER BONDS.

MONTREAL, Dec. 23.—(Special).— Action has been taken in the superior court against several prominent Que-bec men who were formerly connectbec men who were formerly connected with the Great Northern Construction Co. concern, formed expressly, according to the compilaint of the Equidator, John Hide of Montreal, for the purpose of building a line of railway for the Great Northern Railway from a point upon the lower Laurentian Railway in the Province of Quebec to Hawkesbury. Ont

Hawkesbury, Ont. Among the names mentioned by the liquidator are Vesey Boswell, J. T. Ross, Cyril Tessier, V. Chateauvert, G. Lemoine and J. G. Scott. It is also understood the control of understood that action will be taken against Hon. John Sharples and the estates of the late Hon. R. R. Dobell. Hon. P. Garneau, Hon. E. J. Price and

The first of these actions is against Vesey Boswell of Quebec to recover bonds of the Great Northern Railway to the amount of \$15,000 par value or \$17,000 cash and costs.

SCHOOL CHILDREN'S PARADE

Will Start From Queen's Park, at 2.36 and Traverse Principal Streets.

The committee on Sunday school license reduction parade make the folwill congregate at their various Sunday schools on Monday in time to make the journey from there to ceived at the office of the Lord's Day make the journey from there to Queen's Park by 2.30 p.m. sharp, at which time the procession will leave Queen's Park and proceed by way of Grosvenor to Yonge, down Yonge to King, King to Spadina, Spadina to College, College to Jarvis, Jarvis to Queen, where the procession will break

Badges will be distributed to all the children before starting for Queen's Par k and streamers, mottoes and banners can be had at that time or sooner from the central committee room, 103 Confederation Life Building. All arrangements are now complete for one of the most unique parades in the history of Toronto. So many children are desirous of taking part that the committee find it very diffic to see their way to carry all the

The Sunday schools will provide their own behicles as far as possible, and these will be supplemented by autonobiles voluntarily offered to the com-

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Ontario Officials Return.

Dr. Ryan of Kingston, Inspector Rogers and C. E. W. Posticthwaite have returned from their inspection of a number of asylums for the insane in the United States. They report that the institutions there have better kitchen and medical departments than those in Ontario.

Country."

In his plea to the jury Mr. Greer, counsel for the prisoner referred to the fact that Miss Gondy had come from England, 3000 miles, about five weeks ago, to marry Lake at Chrisimas, but Crown Attorney Drayton expressed the opinion to the jury that the institutions there have better kitchen and medical departments than those in Ontario.

Mr. Shoedealer.

John Lennox & Co., Hamfilton, can fill your order same hour as received for any lines of Xmas slippers. Cill them up by phone. They carry the largest stock in Canada.

True Bills in the Sessions.

True bills were brought in by the grand jury of the sessions, against Archibald Reid, Jane Ellis and Thos. Hoobs, all for theft, and one against W. H. Francis for false pretences.



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JOHN GIBSON PRESIDENT COMMERCIAL TRAVELERS

Thirty-Sixth Annual Meeting Discusses Change in Mortuary Benefit.

The chief matter of discussion before the Commercial Travelers' Association at their 36th annual meeting yesterday afternoon in St. George's Hall was a resolution to give the beneficiaries of those members who died during the years 1904 and 1965 the benefit of the mortuary fund on the \$1000 basis, instead of \$750. The motion was lost. It was for these two years that the board of directors changed the mortuary benefit bylaw, such action they claimed being within their powers. The basis being within their powers. The basis was afterwards restored to \$1000. The amount involved in the passage of such motion would be \$23,000, but the motion was lost. One argument against it was that no action had been taken when the bylaw was passed in 1887 towards penalizing those who were allowed in previously beyond the age limit fixed by the bylaw, with the result that 28 members were awarded \$5850 too much. The meeting was a very representa-

The meeting was a very representative one and retiring President Howard's address was a clear summing up of the progress of the society and industrial conditions in Canada. He drew attention to the building of railways in the country. He appressed approval of the country. He expressed approval of the Japanese treaty checking the Japanese immigration. He preferred British immigration to any other. He was heartily in accord with the penny cable, which would prove a great been to be a great be a great been to be a gre

which would prove a great boon to travelers. face of 109 in the last year, while the receipts for the year amount to \$117,763.47, with a balance at present of \$595 in the bank. Mr. Howard referred to the adding of \$32,780 to the permanent reserve fund, which now amounts to \$606,201.

The nominations of a month ago re suited in these officers being elected by acclamation: President, John Gibson; vice-president, R. Gemmell; 2nd vicepresident, S. M. Sterling.

THE YUKON AND LORD'S DAY. Hon. Mr. Ayleaworth Says the Law is Being Observed.

In many places the question is asked whether the Lord's Day Act is being enforced in the Yukon district. mors are constantly circulating that cense reduction parade make the fol-lowing announcement: The children recently made from the Hon. A. B. Alliance saying: "The commissioner of the Yukon Ter-

ritory is authorized to make enquiries and report as to violations of the Lord's Day Act in the Yukon Territory, and in cases where in his view prosecution should be instituted, I have arranged, The letter adds that on Dec. 3 and

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are those that are a disgrace to their several trains yesterday. No. 46 from country."

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The letter addition of the act.

Hall for Alles and J. W. Curry, Magistrate Denison and J. W. Curry, K.C., counsel for Catharine North and Lilly Potts, charged in police court should be act. Archibald Lake, a young Englishman charged with selucing a mulatto
girl under 21 years of age on premise trate refused bail. Later in the day Winchester's court yesterday. Most of the evidence had been taken Tuesday, and Judge Winchester's charge to the jury was strongly against the pilotopic of the thefts which was ground for the magistrate's refusal.

BUT CET IT grants is often advocated." he said. Snow Delays Trains. "but the ones that should be deported Snow drifts delayed the arrival of trom

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