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# PUBLIC OWNERSHIP SCORES A VICTORY
# COUNCIL DECIDES TO BUY GAS PLANT

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### This Project Now the One Dominant Issue Before the People of Toronto.

### THE ALDERMEN WITH ONE ACCORD

**Declare Further Negotiations With Company Must Be Endorsed By Citizens' Representatives.**

By an almost unanimous vote the City Council yesterday afternoon decided to buy the gas plant as soon as possible in accordance with the wish expressed by the citizens at the polls over a year ago.

By a unanimous vote the Council decided that no further action must be taken in regard to the proposed settlement of the suit now pending between the city and the Consumers' Gas Company, until this Council has fully considered it.

The Council meeting was one full of interest. As soon as the gas question was broached it was plain that there was going to be an entertaining session. The gallery was crowded and extra seats had to be placed on the floor of the Chamber to accommodate those who came to see and hear.

**Mental and Manual.**

The feature of the meeting was the clever fencing between the Mayor and Ald. Spence. The Mayor held the manual in his hand and Ald. Spence had one in his head. Many a point of order was raised and the rules of procedure were worked to the limit of accuracy. It must be said that Ald. Spence had the better of the fray, and it was a clever move when he secured a ruling which temporarily placed a motion of Ald. Sheppard's on the table to secure admission of his own motion to stop the gas settlement. Ald. Sheppard's motion was for the appointment of a sub-committee to consider the settlement and enter into negotiations with the company if the sub-committee thought fit. It eventually carried, but Ald. Spence's motion forces any further action toward a settlement to this Council.

**Only Four Against.**

To carry out the wish of the people and buy the gasplant, but four aldermen objected: Hall, Hubbard, Lamb and Woods. Ald. Woods became scarce on the motion to lay Ald. Sheppard's motion on the table, and Ald. Lamb sat down and smiled instead of voting. Ald. Hall and Hubbard were the minority. When it came to hard pan and Ald. Spence's motion to stop the settlement of the suit was put, Ald. Hubbard and Hall apparently realized the error of their ways, voting with Ald. Spence. Ald. Woods was still scarce. There were 22 aldermen in their seats and as they all voted yea, the Mayor declared the motion carried unanimously, while there was an attempt at applause from the gallery. Ald. Oliver was absent.

**Silent on Gas Question.**

Only once was there a sensational feature of the meeting, and that was when His Worship called Ald. Spence to order for remarks to the effect that things the Council ought to know were being kept from the members.

The Mayor refrained from any reference to Gas Company matters in deference to the order of the court which followed Ald. Spence's litigation proceedings. He refused to say that he had received a notification from the Gas Company that they would not accept the terms offered by the city, but said he would make a full statement on Wednesday if a special meeting of the Council was called, or as soon afterward as the Council met.

Ald. Spence said he would waive the litigation to hear the Mayor's statement, but His Worship had too much respect for the law, and said he wanted to fight Ald. Spence's suit.

**A Message From the Mayor.**

An attempt was made very early in the meeting to bring on the gas question, but the Mayor insisted it was his statutory right to read his message to the Council first. His message contained no reference whatever to the gas case. He reiterated his opinion that sewage disposal was a matter for the immediate attention of the Council, as well as repeated his scheme for obtaining employment for Toronto laborers in outside municipalities. He said the earliest attention of the Council should be given to the erection of a bridge at the foot of Yonge-street, and he also dealt with suburban railways, stating that Controller Crane had at his own expense accompanied the Engineer to United States cities, and that a joint report from them was in preparation. He thought that a competent railway engineer should be engaged by the city to further any arrangement in connection with suburban railways.

Three or four aldermen rose to their feet at once, but Ald. Foster caught the Mayor's eye first. He had a resolution with a preamble reciting the fact that the citizens of Toronto had voted in favor of municipal ownership of the gas plant, and he wanted the Council to vote in accordance with the wishes of the people. The Mayor, on receipt of the motion, wanted to rule it out of order, because it contained a recital of fact.

Ald. Urquhart appealed against the ruling. He thought that the Council could in this case vote on a statement of fact.

**McMurrich is a Business Man.**

Ald. Sheppard said the motion might as well be altered, and the preamble was cut out, and then there was a long discussion as to whether the rules could be suspended to admit the motion. The rules were suspended, and on the discussion of the motion Controller McMurrich said that, as a business man, he would not give 50 cents

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**Centre Island.**

$1600 buys well built, detached, 9-roomed house, on Lake Front, Centre Island; furnished, city water, open fireplace in sitting-room, spacious verandah, balcony, low ground rent, long lease, genuine bargain; keys at office. H. H. Williams, 10 Victoria-street.

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## PROPERTY-OWNERS HOLD UP C.P.R.
## MONTREAL MAY LOSE THE SHOPS

### President Shaughnessy Finds Exorbitant Values Placed on Proposed Site—No Decision Has Yet Been Reached in Regard to the Issue of $20,000,000 of Stock.

Montreal, Jan. 27.—In speaking of the application which the C.P.R. is about to make to parliament, Sir Thomas Shaughnessy said: "We think that possibly some day or other we may issue this stock, $20,000,000, and, having obtained the authority, we are in a positon to do so. Before doing that, of course, we should require the authority of the directors and shareholders. We have not come to any decision as yet as to the matter. There has been no decision reached that we will actually raise the money. We are merely applying for authority, and in applying for that authority we explain the purpose for which we expect we will want it.

**C.P.R. a Big Concern.**

"The works themselves would probably spread over a period of three or four years. We feel that we are a very big concern; we must be prepared for expansion in various directions, as we see that we require it. The increase of the traffic earnings was so extraordinary during the past year that the outlook is so excellent that we feel that we must prepare for the future. This has been a matter of negotiation with the government for some considerable time. There were some little details that the government thought it proper to introduce and that is how the matter came to be talked about, I suppose.

**Aims at Consolidation.**

"The positon is this: We have got locomotive workshops now at Deloriemier-avenue, at which we can build our locomotives; we have got our car shops at Perth, at which we can build our own freight cars, and we have got passenger car shop at Hochelaga, at which we can construct our own sleeping and parlor cars, as well as ordinary passenger rolling stock. But we cannot carry on these works so economically as we could do if we had them consolidated. In order to consolidate these works we require a good many acres of ground. In the case of new locomotives and cars, we prefer making them ourselves in Canada, and if possible in Montreal, to importing them.

**Property Owners Interfere.**

"We had, as we thought, fixed upon a piece of ground, some 300 or 350 acres, which would have suited us admirably for the location of all these various workshops. We thought it would be a good idea to get all these shops here on this site, but we find that some of the owners of this property are demanding such exorbitant prices for it that we find it impossible to come to terms with them. We do not think we would be justified in paying the extraordinarily large sum asked for the ground alone. If we cannot get a site in Montreal we shall go elsewhere. We should much regret having to do so, because we realize that it would be a great loss to Montreal.

**What Montreal May Lose.**

"Montreal would in that case lose not only the new shops which we propose building in order to consolidate the works, but it would lose the existing workshops, which we would take somewhere else. That is what we shall have to do if the property-owners persist upon the price that they have been asking for the property."

### CHARGED WITH MURDER.

**Colored Groom Shot By Montreal Man Succumbs to Injuries.**

Montreal, Jan. 27.—The colored groom, Mr. W. Smith, who was shot yesterday by Edward Laurin, died this morning, and the accused is held for murder. Altho Smith made no formal deposition to Mr. Lafontaine last evening, he told the latter that young Laurin had kicked at him because he, the deceased, did not do something Laurin asked him to do. He further asserted that he did nothing to Laurin until the latter shot him in the course of the struggle. This Smith stated three successive times, adding that after he was shot he did all he could to young Laurin. After making this statement, and having said to Mr. Lafontaine that he thought he was getting along all right, Smith told Detective Gallagher that he was more seriously hurt than was thought. He commenced to sink rapidly after midnight, making no rally until death came.

### CAMPAIGN IN LISGAR.

**Public Meetings to Be Addressed By Mr. Sifton Have Been Arranged.**

Winnipeg, Jan. 27.—Mr. Sifton's organ announces that public meetings have been arranged in the Government interests in Lisgar as follows: Crystal City, Jan. 30; Cartwright, Feb. 3; Killarney, Feb. 4; Pilot Mound, Feb. 5; Manitou, Feb. 6; Morden, Feb. 7; Miami, Feb. 8; Carman, Feb. 10; Roland, Feb. 11; Belmont, Feb. 12; Baldur, Feb. 13; Dunrea, Feb. 14, and that the government candidates and Mr. Sifton will be in attendance at all these meetings. Other speakers, the organ announces, who will take part in the campaign, are Isaac Campbell, W. F. McCreary, M.P., J. D. Cameron and Thomas Greenway. It looks as tho the candidates will be a Liberal, a Conservative and R. L. Richardson, the late member.

**A BIG TORONTO DEAL.**

Ottawa, Jan. 27.—One of the biggest lumber deals ever put thru in Ottawa has just been consummated. Almost all of the high grade white pine lumber held over in the city has been secured by the Edwin Sharewell Lumber Company of Chicago, aggregating over 7,000,000 feet, the price paid being $150,000.

**COMPENSATION FOR GAMBLING.**

Ostend, Jan. 27.—The Belgian government has just introduced a bill into parliament allotting £200,000 to Ostend and £80,000 to Spa, as indemnity for the suppression of gambling.

The Elbonet Leading Cafe. 99 King West. R. E. Noble, Manager.

**Great Sale of Indian Cigars.**

Before stocktaking we are clearing our stock of Indian cigars at cost. Note the prices: "Vishnus," 100 in box, regular price $7, selling for $5.50; "Sopers, No. 1," 50 in box, regular $3.75, selling at $3; "Orientals" and "Beresfords," 50 in box, regular $4.75, selling at $4, at A. Clubb & Sons, 49 West King-street.

Cook's Turkish and Russian Baths. Bath and Bed $1. 202 and 204 King. W.

**The Popular Florist.**

No wonder Dunlop's flowers are the choicest—he is the only retail dealer who grows his own flowers. With his excellent facilities and experience he can easily turn out the best of everything. Visit the stores, 5 King west and 445 Yonge-street.

While in Buffalo stop at the Manhattan, 6.0 Main Street. European Rates reasonable. 246

### NOT THIS WEEK.

**Budget is Likely to Occupy Too Much Time.**

Winnipeg, Jan. 27.—It seems likely after all that the Referendum bill will not be reached by the legislature this week. The budget has been down for discussion for quite a time, and as it is now nearly ready it may be taken that the Hon. J. A. Davidson will deliver his speech on Thursday or possibly even on Wednesday. He will doubtless consume the best part of the sitting, and it is more than likely that Hon. Thomas Greenway of R. H. Myers will be content with moving the adjournment as soon as the Provincial Treasurer sits down, and so have an opportunity of continuing the debate after a night of thought.

### GALWAY MAY SUFFER.

**Lynch's Election May Cost It Representation in Parliament.**

Dublin, Jan. 27.—Galway City has been placed in an anomalous position by electing Col. Arthur Lynch, lately of the Boer army, as its parliamentary representative. Lynch is not likely to be seen at Westminster, because he undoubtedly would be arrested, tried for treason felony and get a long term in prison. He cannot resign because resignation is not permitted in the case of a member against whom a warrant has been issued.

If after the lapse of reasonable time Lynch fails to surrender, it will be in the power of the government to move that he be expelled from the House of Commons, at the same time probably punishing Galway by disfranchisement.

There was a clear understanding with the Irish party when Lynch was nominated that if he should be elected he would take his seat, but apparently he will not fulfil his part of the contract.

### BEFORE HOUSE OPENS

**Hon. David Mills Will Be Called to Supreme Court.**

Ottawa, Jan. 27.—Hon. David Mills had an hour's talk with Chief Justice Sir Henry Strong this afternoon, and the report is now current that he intends to retire to the Supreme Court bench before parliament opens, in which event he will be succeeded as Minister of Justice by Sir Louis Jette, Lieutenant-Governor of Quebec, who would be called to the Senate to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Senator Villeneuve.

**CONVICT WINS $10,000.**

Vienna, Jan. 27.—A curious incident has occurred in Olmuetz, Moravia. A murderer named Helfert, whose sentence of death had been commuted to one of penal servitude for life, has just won a prize in the State lottery of £2083.

**LEONARD'S MAJORITY 58.**

Montreal, Jan. 27.—The judicial recount in the Laval election took place to-day. Mr. Leonard was declared elected by 58 majority.

Thomas' English Chop House—music from 5 to 7.30 p.m.

The Executive Committee of Striking stovemounters will confer with representatives of the Iron Moulders' Union and the Polishers' and Buffers' Union this week with a view of bringing about a settlement of the trouble. The strikers met yesterday afternoon in Occident Hall and discussed the situation.

## OH NO PUBLIC OWNERSHIP ISN'T A LIVE QUESTION!

**THIS MAN KNEW OF WHAT HE WROTE.**

Observer in The Waterford (Norfolk Co.) Star.

That the Toronto municipal elections evoked very little general interest, as some newspapers would have us believe, is a statement which any observant person, who had passed in that city the two weeks immediately preceding the elections, would find it difficult to credit. While the interest might not have been so widespread as has been the case in other municipal contests, still in the area within which it was confined the interest was active, and the enthusiasm intense. One striking feature of the election was the way in which Mr. Maclean's personality overshadowed that of the other candidates, Mayor Howland being scarcely a determining factor in the contest at all. The elements supporting the Mayor worked, not that Mr. Howland might be elected, but that Mr. Maclean might be defeated. Of the causes which conduced to that defeat, one of the most potent was undoubtedly newspaper rivalry. Financially The World has been a tolerably successful venture. The success of its rivals, The Mail and Empire and The Evening News, has been by no means marked. Of the six daily papers in Toronto the only one that gave Mr. Maclean earnest and unreserved support was The World itself; The Globe rather damned him with faint praise, than gave him active assistance. The Evening Telegram, the paper with the largest circulation and the greatest influence in the city, while it did not support his rival, certainly did not support Maclean; on the contrary by its advocacy of a blank ballot it clearly showed that it was almost equally opposed to either candidate. The Mail and Empire, The News and The Star, all three hide-bound to the great corporations, fought Mr. Maclean tooth and nail. Against such a newspaper combination, it was hard within the short space of two weeks to make a successful fight. Again the women voters, and many others as well, voted against Mr. Maclean on conscientious grounds, because he had some years ago so stoutly championed the cause of Sunday street cars. On account also of the polls closing at five o'clock many hundreds, perhaps thousands, of workingmen's votes were not polled. And amongst the workingmen lay Mr. Maclean's chief, almost his only, strength. While last, but by no means least, the Street Railway Company, the Gas Company et al., who are the real rulers of the city and to whom the people of Toronto pay constant tribute, entered heart and soul into the contest to support Mayor Howland. Thru their influence nearly all the prominent political speakers of the city, all the great city lawyers—than which class the corporations have no stronger friends and who fairly bask in the smiles of the great monopolies, their hope and ambition being that their forensic talents may some day be employed in the service of the community's oppressors—all these, indeed, were to be found on Mayor Howland's platform. That they succeeded in painting Mr. Maclean for the popular imagination as an unscrupulous villain, in inducing the general belief that he is thoroly inconsistent, and at heart even a friend to capitalists and monopolies, and finally in securing his defeat by such a large majority, may be set down as a distinct corporation triumph. It is now, in vulgar parlance, "up to" Mr. Maclean to show, by a steady and persistent warfare in favor of public ownership of public franchises, that this estimate of his character is a false and malicious one; if he does so it may well happen that the decision of last week may be reversed, and that at no distant date he may find himself in a position where he will have greater opportunities to secure for the people the reforms for which he has been striving.

As to the general result, the corporation newspapers are already felicitating themselves over the prospect that next year's civic history will be a peaceful one; that the corporation lion and the municipal lamb will lie down together—of course with the lamb inside. Where the city's enemies control the city's government, the prospect of an entirely peaceful year of civic administration is scarcely one which the lover of true social progress can contemplate with any degree of equanimity. However, the question of municipal ownership has for once been brought well to the front, and the educational results of the campaign cannot fail to be good. The fact that in Toronto nine thousand votes were registered in condemnation of private ownership of public franchises may be taken as an indication of better things to come.

## CANADA ATLANTIC SOLD TO VANDERBILT SYSTEM

### Dr. Seward Webb Hopes to Have All Arrangements Completed To-Day, Before Leaving Ottawa.

Ottawa, Jan. 27.—A pretty fair start has been made by the Vanderbilt interests in gobbling up Canadian railways by the acquisition of the Canada Atlantic system. Negotiations, which were alluded to in The World this morning, as being in progress for the purchase of the Booth line, have been practically completed, and another 24 hours will see the Canada Atlantic lock, stock and barrel, in the grasp of the American railway mergers.

**Webb Sees Booth.**

Dr. Seward Webb, the leading spirit of the New York Central, arrived here to-day, the guest of the Governor-General. After lunching at Rideau Hall, he was driven to the residence of Mr. J. R. Booth, who built and owns practically all thes stock in the Canada Atlantic. For an hour and a half the As Dr. Webb came out he was asked by The World correspondent what progress had been made in the negotiations.

**All Arrangements Completed.**

He replied briefly and to the point: "All arrangements for the purchase of the Canada Atlantic are completed, all but a few minor details which I hope to have settled before I leave for New York to-morrow." Dr. Webb then entered the vice-regal carriage and was driven back to Rideau Hall, where tonight he is a guest of honor at a swell party.

**A Good Scheme Killed.**

With the transfer of the Canada Atlantic system to the Vanderbilts ends the prospect of an easy introduction of the principle of government ownership of railways in Canada. At large outlay the Intercolonial Railway was extended to Montreal, and by many the expenditure was justified on the ground that it was a step in the direction of a further extension to the Great Lakes by way of the Canada Atlantic.

**Hon. Mr. Tarte Favored It.**

It is no secret that the Minister of Public Works, more progressive than his colleagues, favored the purchase of the Booth system by the government. Indeed, it was Mr. Tarte's tacit concurrence in this scheme than enabled him to get thru the House so easily last session a large vote for terminal improvements at Depot Harbor.

"We have this consolation," said the member for East Simcoe, when the item for a breakwater at Depot Harbor was

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### TO-DAY IN TORONTO.

Police Commissioners, 2 p.m.
Grain Section Board of Trade, 12 m.
Annual meeting Local Council of Women, Confederation Life Building 3 p.m.
Annual meeting Girls' Home, Y.M.C.A., 4 p.m.
Public Library Board, 8 p.m.
Banquet to E. A. Wills, National Club, 8 p.m.
Burns Literary Society dinner, Crown Hotel, 8 p.m.
Ward 1 Conservatives, Dingman's Hall, 8 p.m.
Central Y.M.C.A. at-home, 220 Carlton-street, 8 p.m.
Queen-street Methodist Church concert, 8 p.m.
"Florodora," Princess, 8 p.m.
"Sweet Clover," Grand, 8 p.m.
"The Road to Ruin," Toronto Opera House, 2 and 8 p.m.
Vaudeville, Shea's 2 and 8 p.m.
The Utopian Burlesquers, Star Theatre, 2 and 8 p.m.
Hockey match, Victoria Rink, Imperial v. Toronto, 8 p.m.
Annual meeting Toronto Board of Trade, 3.30 p.m.

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Perfection Smoking Mixture very cool. Alive Bollard.

King Extra Light Smoking Mixture—Alive Bollard.

## PLUMER GOT THIRTY-SIX EIGHTY-TWO TO HAMILTON

### Latter By a Clever Night March Surprises a Laager Between Ermelo and Bethel.

Pretoria, Jan. 27.—Gen. Bruce Hamilton, by a clever night march, surprised a laager between Ermelo and Bethel in the Transvaal Colony, and charged the Boers, who fled in all directions and were pursued many miles by the British. As a result of this expedition 82 Boers and a quantity of stores were captured. The casualties were small.

**MULES RAN AWAY.**

**And a Galloping Maxim Worth $3000 Was Lost.**

London, Jan. 27.—For carrying his emergency ration in his wallet instead of in his haversack, a Yeoman in Orange Colony was recently compelled to walk up and down in the heat of the sun for two hours in full marching order and with his saddle on his head.

News has been received from South Africa that the galloping Maxim presented to the 13th (Shropshire) Yeomanry by the town of Oswestry, at a cost of £600, was lost during a recent attack on Lord Methuen's column thru the stampeding of some mules.

**PLUMER CAPTURES 36.**

**Kitchener Reports a British Success in Transvaal Colony.**

London, Jan. 27.—Lord Kitchener, in a despatch from Johannesburg, dated Jan 26, announces that Colonel Plumer captured thirty-six Boers last Saturday in the neighborhood of Spitzkop, Transvaal Colony.

**ANOTHER CANADIAN SICK.**

**Private Long of S.A.C. Has Enteric Fever at Heidelberg.**

Ottawa, Jan. 27.—His Excellency the Governor-General received the following cablegram yesterday from the Colonial Secretary:

"London, Jan. 27.—Regret to inform you that John Long of C Division, South African Constabulary, was reported dangerously ill of enteric, at Heidelberg, Jan. 21. His mother is Mrs. Long of Richibucto, N.B."

**SOME WILL COME.**

**But ex-President Kruger Will Not Be Physically Able.**

The Hague, Jan. 27.—It is probable that some Boer delegates will start for America in the spring. But unless there occurs a material improvement in the health of Mr. Kruger, it will be physically impossible for him to be a member of this party.

Edwards and Hart-Smith, Chartered Accountants, offices Canadian Bank of Commerce Building, Toronto.

# BRITONS COUNTING COST OF BOER WAR
# EIGHT HUNDRED MILLIONS NOW SPENT

## EXPLOSION IN A TUNNEL SHAFT KILLS A PROMINENT CANADIAN

### J. Roderick Robertson, General Manager of the British Columbia Gold Fields Company, Meets Death From Debris Hurled Into His Room in New York Hotel.

New York, Jan. 27.—An explosion in the Park-avenue shaft of the Rapid Transit Tunnel in this city shortly after noon to-day caused the death of six persons, at least 100 were injured and serious damage was done to property, including the Murray Hill Hotel, Manhattan Eye and Ear Hospital, Grand Union Hotel and Grand Central Station on East 42nd-street.

**Prominent Canadian Dead.**

J. Roderick Robertson of Nelson, B.C., was killed by debris hurled into his room in the Murray Hill Hotel. He was general manager in Canada for the B. C. Gold Fields Company, Limited. He was a Scotchman, and leaves a widow and four children. J. Roderick Robertson was one of the best known men in the Kootenay district. He had been prominent in mining affairs, and took an active part in all public questions affecting that district.

**Where It Occurred.**

The approach to the street railway tunnel used by the Madison-avenue line cuts thru Park-avenue, and the shaft for the Rapid Transit subway was run down beside it at the intersection of East 41st-street. The street railway approach was housed over with a superstructure used for the operating plant of the Rapid Transit constructors. Temporary buildings for storage purposes, and in which it is said quantities of explosives were stored, were thrown up against the superstructure at the mouth of the shaft, and there the explosion occurred. It tore a great gorge in the street and demolished the temporary buildings and part of the superstructure and sent a mass of earth, splintered timber and twisted iron high in the air. Much of it went battering against the front of the Murray Hill Hotel, and, altho the walls and main structure of that building stood the shock, nearly every room in the front of the house was wrecked.

**Hospitals Abandoned.**

The Manhattan Eye and Ear Hospital on the east side of the avenue had to be abandoned. The windows and glass partitions in the Grand Union Hotel and the Grand Central Station were shattered. The great clocks on the front towers of the station were blown from their cases. Thousands of windows, some of them seven blocks from the tunnel shaft, were broken, and the shower of broken glass and falling debris injured a great number of people. Every available ambulance and surgeon in the district was quickly on the scene, and numbers of the injured were treated on the spot.

**Cause a Mystery.**

The cause of the explosion is not definitely known. Several reasons have been advanced, but it will probably take an official enquiry to clear the matter up. The most plausable one was that a fire started near the powder room, in which a quantity of dynamite was stored. It is beieved that Master Mechanic William Tubbs was killed after making a desperate attempt to quench the fire before it reached the explosives.

District Attorney Jerome visited the scene at once, and commenced an investigation. He examined witnesses, who told him conflicting stories, and as a result Ira Shaler, engineer in charge of the work at Park-avenue; John Bricken, a foreman, and Martin McGrath, an assistant foreman, were placed under arrest, charged with homicide.

**Damage Over a Million.**

The damage may exceed $1,000,000. The first estimate on the Murray Hill Hotel placed the loss at $100,000, but later the hotel was abandoned as unsafe. If the building is condemned the loss on it alone will approach $1,000,000. The damage to the Grand Union was estimated at $40,000, and that to the Manhattan Hospital at $25,000. The loss at the Grand Central Station was entirely in glass, as was that of the 100 or more other buildings affected by the explosion. No estimate was made of the losses sustained by the Rapid Transit contractors.

**Jerome Was Struck.**

At the inquiry opened this afternoon, District Attorney Jerome was struck in the face by John Murray, a coroner's clerk, who was in turn beaten by two detectives. Several charges were made, but all withdrawn for the present.

**ALD. COATES IS SAFE.**

Ottawa, Jan. 27.—Ald. Coates of Ottawa, who is on a civic mission to New York, was a guest at the Murray Hill Hotel, and when the news of the big explosion reached here this afternoon there were fears for his safety. They were dispelled, however, by receipt of a message from Ald. Coates to-night, addressed to the Mayor, in which he stated he had just left the hotel to meet the Mayor of Newark, N.J., when the explosion occurred.

### INDIA MIGHT HAVE SAVED.

**Brother of One of Drowned Seamen Testifies in Marine City Inquiry.**

Kingston, Jan. 27.—In the investigation to-day as to the loss of the derelict Marine City, Mate Lawrence, a brother of one of the drowned men, declares that the steamer India might have gone to the rescue of the sailors and have saved them. He also was of opinion that the steamer India could have gone into Goderich. He saw the range lights.

### SUICIDE IN DAWSON.

**Cashier in Commissioner's Office Short in His Accounts.**

Dawson, Y.T., Jan. 27.—Thomas Middleton, cashier in the Gold Commissioner's office, committed suicide by cutting his throat with a razor to-day at 11.30. He belonged to Leeds, England, and was in a bank in Halifax, N.S., before coming here in 1899. Middleton had not been in his office for several days. His accounts are short over $3000. His defalcation and suicide have created a great sensation, every one believing him to be above suspicion. He was so worthy that it is thought he was temporarily insane when he committed the rash act.

**THE KING EDWARD HOTEL.**

At the end of last week the Toronto Hotel Company had decided to furnish the "King Edward" themselves, and instal a manager of their own, but yesterday things took a different turn. Two representatives of wealthy American hotel syndicates arrived in town to look over the situation. They saw Messrs. Gooderham and Blackstock, and, with Architect Lennox, spent the afternoon examining the house. Within a day or two they will probably submit definite propositions to lease the hotel.

Turkish Bath and Bed—129 Yonge St.

**HAS RETURNED HOME.**

Windsor, Jan. 27.—Detective Mahoney this morning received a telegram from William Harris, the wealthy oil well owner of Petrolea, Ont., stating that his daughter, Mattie, for whom he recently searched in Windsor, had returned home.

Cook's Turkish and Russian Baths. Bath and bed $1. 202 and 204 King W.

Russian and Turkish Baths, 129 Yonge

**STEAMSHIP MOVEMENTS.**

| Jan. 27. | At. | From. |
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| Minnehaha | New York | London |
| Calabria | New York | Genoa |
| Amsterdam | New York | Rotterdam |
| Etruria | Liverpool | New York |
| Trave | Gibraltar | New York |

### SIX PREMIERS WILL BE THERE.

**British Government Will Put Them Up at a London Hotel.**

London, Jan. 27.—At least six colonial Premiers are being invited to attend the coronation. These are Mr. Barton, Premier of the Commonwealth of Australia; Sir Wilfrid Laurier, Premier of the Dominion of Canada; Sir Gordon Sprigg, Premier of Cape Colony; Sir Albert Hime, Premier of Natal; Sir Robert Bond, Premier of Newfoundland, and Mr. Richard Seddon, Premier of New Zealand. Six suites of rooms have been engaged for them by the government at a large London hotel.

### PREFONTAINE STILL IN IT.

**Mandamus Issued to Have His Name Put Back on Ballot.**

Montreal, Jan. 27.—There is still another turn in the Mayoralty wheel. This afternoon a writ of mandamus was applied for, to the effect that Mayor Prefontaine's name had been removed illegally from the ballot papers, and ordered it re-instated, making Mr. Prefontaine a candidate.

**DIED IN ST. CATHARINES.**

St. Catharines, Jan. 27.—Lancelot Dunn, a prominent florist and gardener of this city, died at his home to-night of pneumonia after a short illness. Deceased was born in Newcastle-on-the-Tyne, and came to this country in 1861. He was 53 years of age, and leaves a wife, two sons and five daughters.

**FIRE IN A SCHOOL.**

Niagara Falls, Jan. 27.—Fire in the Public school here to-day did damage to the amount of $5000. The cause was an over-heated furnace. Seven hundred pupils were in the school when the fire began. Miss Thomas, the teacher, marched them out safely.

**BIRTHS.**

LITTLEJOHN—At 55 Brunswick-avenue, Toronto, Jan. 27, a son to Mr. and Mrs. J. E. B. Littlejohn.

**DEATHS.**

BULL—At Weston, on Jan. 27th, at the residence of R. J. Bull, Harvey Anson, infant son of B. W. Bull of Saltcoats, N.W.T., aged fifteen months and three days.

Funeral to-day (Tuesday), from above address to Mount Pleasant Cemetery, at 2 p.m.

CHARLTON—After a lingering illness, at 94 Madison-avenue, Toronto, on Sunday, Jan. 26, 1902, William Andrew, eldest son of William A. Charlton, M.L.A.

Interment at Lynedoch, Ont., on Thursday, 30th, leaving Union Station, Toronto, at 7 a.m.

NOTTER—On Monday, Jan. 27, 1902, James McMullin Notter, aged 53 years, at his late residence 353 Spadina-avenue.

Funeral private.

## DID THE MAIL, THE GLOBE, SIR WILFRID, HEAR THAT VOTE IN THE CITY COUNCIL ON PUBLIC OWNERSHIP?

### Figures Showing Results of Awful Carnage Are Given to the Public.

### LEDGER IS GREATLY BLOOD-STAINED

**Nineteen Thousand Men Have Been Killed and Sixty-Five Thousand Invalided.**

Chicago, Jan. 27.—A special from London to The Record-Herald says: When it became known last week that peace overtures had been made by agents of the Afrikanders and rejected by His Majesty's government Britons again began to count the cost of the war. To help them they had this statement on British casualties, issued by the War Office and covering the entire period of the war up to the end of December, 1901:

| | Officers. | Men. |
|---|---|---|
| Killed in action | 469 | 4,762 |
| Died of wounds | 161 | 1,635 |
| Died in captivity | 5 | 97 |
| Died of disease | 276 | 10,997 |
| Accidental deaths | 20 | 542 |
| Total deaths in S. A. | 931 | 18,033 |
| Missing and prisoners (excluding those who have been recovered or have died in captivity) | 7 | 435 |
| Sent home as invalids | 2,664 | 61,666 |
| Total | 3,602 | 80,134 |

Total reduction of the military forces thru war in South Africa:

| | Officers. | Men. |
|---|---|---|
| Deaths in South Africa | 931 | 18,033 |
| Missing and prisoners | 7 | 435 |
| Invalids sent home who have died | 7 | 449 |
| Invalids sent home who have left the service as unfit | ... | 4,437 |
| Total | 945 | 23,354 |

**Sent Back for Duty.**

"The difference between the totals in these two tables," the War Office statement says, "is accounted for by the fact that the great majority of the men invalided home have recovered and rejoined for duty. The total number of those wounded in South Africa (exclusive of those who have died of wounds there) is 1524 officers and 17,607 men. The total number missing or taken prisoners has been 378 officers and 9345 men, of whom 366 officers and 8813 men have been released or escaped, while, as shown in the table, five officers and ninety-seven men have died in captivity. Of those sent home as invalids, 862 are now in hospital. The 442 reported as still missing or prisoners are believed to include a number of men who have rejoined, but whose return has not yet been notified."

**No Thought of Quitting.**

Despite the growing anger against the ministry for not seizing every possible opportunity to put an end to the hostilities, the farthest idea from the mind of Britons is that of anything looking like surrender. They may growl among themselves, as they are now doing in a manner boding no good for the ministry, but they are determined to push the war to the end.

As to the financial end of the war and the prospective increasing burdens for taxpayers to bear, the general view is best expressed by this editorial utterance in The Daily Graphic, made in commenting upon the table of casualties:

"The enormous bill which the United Kingdom has already paid to sustain her prestige and her honor in South Africa will not, it is obvious, complete the disbursements necessary to bring the war to a conclusion. Taking the period from the commencement of the military operations until March 31 next, we find that the total amount ear-marked for war purposes in South Africa reaches £151,000,000; and, as it is possible that an additional £9,000,000 will be annexed by the Chancellor of the Exchequer from the anticipated surplus for the purpose of tiding war expenditure over until the new fiscal year, we may put down £160,000,000 as the total amount which will have been paid out by March 31, 1902.

**More Funds Needed.**

"Thereafter provision will have to be made for carrying on operations vigorously until the Boers lay down their arms, and experts affirm that we may look forward to the expenditure of a further £60,000,000 to gain the desired end. On that basis the total cost of the war will approximate £220,000,000.

"During the past hundred years the only war in which we were engaged that ran into hundreds of millions was the Peninsular war, which, during the years 1813-14 alone, cost us £145,000,000. Our fathers footed the bill then, and we shall foot the bill now, for, like our grandsires, once we have taken up the burden we do not intend to lay it down until the hard-won goal is reached."

**For the Cold Snap.**

There is no garment made of fur as fashionable, comfortable or wearable as a Persian Lamb Jacket.

The Dineen Company have a splendid assortment of these—22 inches long, mink collars and revers, with reefer fronts, $100 each. This is the sale price, and will only be good for the balance of this week.

**FAIR AND VERY COLD.**

Meteorological Office, Toronto, Jan. 27.—The weather keeps very cold thruout the western and northwestern portion of the continent, and it has turned decidedly colder in Ontario to-day, and very cold weather generally indicated.

Minimum and maximum temperatures: Victoria, 22—34; Kamloops, 2 below—10; Calgary, 16 below—8; Qu'Appelle, 34 below—14 below; Winnipeg, 36 below—18 below; Port Arthur, 22 below—16 below; Parry Sound, 2—20; Toronto, 8—18; Ottawa, 16—34; Quebec, 18—36; Halifax, 24—46.

**Probabilities.**

**Lower Lakes and Georgian Bay—Westerly winds, fresh to strong until evening; fair and very cold.**

Ottawa Valley and Upper St. Lawrence—Strong westerly winds; fair and very cold.

Lower St. Lawrence and Gulf—Strong winds and gales, westerly; fair, and becoming very cold.

Maritime—Strong winds and moderate gales, westerly; mostly fair, turning decidedly colder; local snow flurries.

Lake Superior—Fair and very cold.

Manitoba—Fair and very cold.