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WEDNESDAY MORNING DEC. 29.

The Aldermanic Elections

Nothing the aldermen can say individually or collectively can exonerate. them for the mess which they have year-old mess over as a legacy to the unlikely to be disturbed. next council.

It is said that this action is due to self-elected committee to represent an for him is offering. The other two the board of trade council has to com- third place. No man should receive nut the whole board to opposition to the hydro radial bylaw.

These half-hundred gentiemen do not so much represent the society the political machine which has been active for years in connection with the fire halls. The aldermen who sucthe good works of many of them.

dermen who have consistently voted for the cleaning up of the fire hall the first ward. This should not be tolmachine should ensure the re-election Yeomans is also said to suffer from this cause, but ex. Ald. Hiltz disclaims any difference in his policy in respect of the proposed fire hall reorganiza- to find. tion. Ald. Robbins is sure of re-elec-

There is only one great issue in the election, and even the fire hall reto perceive the necessity of having a if there was any different meaning in council elected which will be solid on it than he stated, he would get an orthe issue.

Even when the bylaw passes the steps to be taken. The third reading is welcome to the position he has of the bylaw will come before the new council at its next stage, and there should be no room left for obstruction or dallying with corporation and anti- from voting on the bylaw. The corpublic ownership influences.

its enemies in a way that calls Saturday.

Three aldermen voted against placing the bylaw before the people as will be the desire of the people to get to balance Ald. McBride's good work on the fire hall investigations against his "reversal of form," as he might call it, on the bylaw. At any rate he is practically assured of election by a near-acclamation. Ald. Ramsden and Ald. Roden have no excuse what-

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"The installation of the Hydro-Electric System proved a boon and a blessing to the City of Toronto; the installation of the Hydro Radials will prove one of Toronio's greatest assets," says Controller Tom Foster.

ever for their attitude, and the electors should remember this in their voting, tho as far as Ald. Ramsden is concerned it again practically makes no difference.

We regret the attitude of Ald. Maguire on Monday's vote on the fire department, but otherwise he is one of the best aldermen in the city, measuring up with Ald. Singer, Ald. Cowan and Ald. Warren. These gentlemen should receive unqualified support. In Ward Four opinion appears to be divided between Mr. Nesbitt and Mr. Miles, with the former gentleman the favorite, for third

Ald. Warren should head the poll in Ward Five. He has been independent, original and progressive. His ideas about the assessment department should be worked out in some form, and this may furnish him with a program for next year if he be returned. All are agreed about the need for improvement in this branch of the city's business. A large number of candidates aspire to the other two seats in the ward. The choice seems to lie among Graham, Plewman, May, Hager and Archibald. Two of these gentlemen have had previous experience in the council, but the others are excellent candidates and young men like Messrs. Archibald and Plewman should be encouraged. There are too few young men in the council-In Ward Six Ald. Gibbons is sure of re-election. Mr. MacGregor, who ran last year, is again before the

voters, and in a smaller field will probably get a seat. His friends are sanguine, but are working hard, and he would represent a new and useful made of the fire department reorgani- point of view. Ex-Ald. McBrien is zation over which they have muddled said to be relying on lodge influence all year. Even at the last moment, for his election. He should come out when they had an opportunity at least and trust the people. It is possible to leave the slate clear for the new that Mr. Birdsall may replace Ald. council to take action, a number of the Roden, whose vote on the hydro radial aldermen who had expressed various bylaw is a big black mark on his reviews on the situation previously putation as a citizen and an alderman. missed a splendid chance and left the The Ward Seven representation is Going back to Ward Two, where

Ald. Wickett's fine work on the city's the activities of a party of gentlemen finances will be missed, it is to be Who are constituting themselves as a regretted that no adequate substitute important society in the city, and who aldermen will not be displaced, and have about as much right to de so as Mr. Beamish is the likely choice for a vote who does not support the hydro radial bylaw and fire department reorganization.

Last"

"At last," says Mr. Woods, in one of those big expensive advertisements cumbed to this intimidation, or who upon which he is now spending the supported these who succumbed, have board of trade's money, he has discovnot done well by the city, in spite of cred a lawyer with an opinion adverse to the hydro radial bylaw. He seems Any organized effort against the al- to have spent some time in looking it, but "at last" he has found one The opinion comes from the firm of situation should be resented by the Messrs, McMaster, Montgomery, Fleury electors. A dead set is being made & Co., which is not a Montreal firm, against Ald. Walton, for example, in as some people thought, but a Toronto firm of lawyers. Mr. Montgomer crated. Opposition from the fire hall is well-known as an anti-public ownership lawyer, and was bitterly opposof any alderman who is attacked. Ald. ed to the hydro-electric policy when it was fighting for recognition. This is be given a chance to improve the rethe support that Mr. Woods was looking for, and has been able, "at last."

The legal opinion is to the effect that the bylaw does not mean what Sir Adam Beck says it means. This is the kind of talk we were accustomed organization must take second place to ten years ago and it is a wonder to it. The hydro radial bylaw so near- that Mr. Woods did not "at last" find ly concerns the future prosperity and something more impressive in the way progress of the city that no one not of a legal argument. Mr. Woods lishaving a microscopic brain should fail tened to Sir Adam Beck saying that der in council passed interpreting the schedule. Mr. Woods by his action people, as it is as certain to do as any- takes the course of declaring his disthing human can be, there are other belief in Sir Adam's word. Mr. Woods

Writs are being issued by other corporation agents to restrain the city porations are getting desperate. They Controller Spence has not been very perceive that the policy of giving pubcertain in his utterances on the bylaw, lic service at cost is taking hold and and he has certainly aided and abetted spreading, and that under the example and influence of the for remark. We trust he will successful hydro-electric policy make a clearer statement of his hydro radials are assured of a welcome loyalty to the Beck platform before among the people. The more the corporations fight against public ownership of public utilities the stronger well as Controller Spence. They were such services under their control es-Ald. McBride, Ald. Ramsden and Ald. pecially when they have such eminent-Roden. Many people will be disposed by successful management as the hydro-electric enterprise has shown under Sir Adam Beck. The reduction in electric rates in Toronto yesterday sufficient comment on Mr. Woods

> Lawyers' opinions are of little effect which have to be brought out under corporation influence to upset the people's wishes. Similar opinions were given about the hydro-electric proposals. Sir James Whitney was threatened with the privy council and all other legal terrors. His reply was storic. The hydro-electric is a magificent success and a glorious monu ent to his courage and wisdom. It is he precursor of a more wide-spreadng benefit to the people of Ontario in the hydro radial railways, which the eople will vote for on Saturday.

ears for the city's liability.

Board of Education Elections Whatever the electors may think

he personal merits of the candidate eeking election or re-election to the oard of education, they should insist eat all who get their votes shall pledge iemselves to the bylaw abolishing two-year term of office. And all he electors should be careful not to emit a vote for this measure them selves.

We are not opposed to a two-year

IN TROUBLE



term, and we are not particularly im- COCHRANE GOING TO FLANDERS. dian expeditionary forces. Mr. ressed with the advantages of a oneyear term. But the important thing is to make a clean sweep of the school board with every election whether York, whence he will sail for England part in most of the proceedings of the which they undertake to speak for as Mr. Woods' Legal Opinion "At that be at the end of one year or two to visit his two sons with the Cana- house. years. The two-year term is probably, == the more practical, but splitting up the membership of the board into two sets, making a junior and a senior in each ward, is a mistake, and has prov

> Another feature of the present system is the tremendous amount of error that is caused. Electors constantly forget that they do not vote for two members of the board each year. In ward five, for example, there were no fewer than 1195 spoiled ballots last election on this score alone.

ed up badly.

Of the candidates, Dr. Steele, Dr. Noble and Mr. Vokes appear to be sure of re-election. The chief contest is in ward five, and Dr. Thompson should cord of the board.

SING SING REFORMER MISMANAGED PRISON?

Grand Jury Returns Indictment on Six Counts Against Thomas Mott Osborne.

WHITE PLAINS, N. Y., Dec. 28.— Thomas Mott Osborne, warden of Sing Sing Prison, was indicted on six counts this afternoon by the county grand fury, which has been investigating ditions at the prison. The first count charged that Osborne absented himself from the prison. The second embraced allegations that the

warden failed to perform the duties imposed upon him; that he permitted fights among prisoners; that he failed prevent felonies in the prison and that he failed to report immorality among the prisoners. The third count charged the warden with permitting convicts to go into the death-house to visit Charles Becker. The fourth count charged Osborne with failure to mainproper discipline and the fifth count alleged that he permitted fights between convicts. The sixth count contains allegations against the moral character of the warden in his rela-tions with the prisoners.

Warden Osborne gained prominence as being a a leading prison reformer. He is also a distinguished literary

SARAH BERNHARDT BETTER.

ANDERNOS, France, Dec. 28, 4.40 Sarah Bernhardt left here today for Paris on her way to London, where it is expected she will recite "The Ca-thedrals," which she does seated in a thedrals," which she does seated in a chair on the stage. She has recovered from her severe attack of bronchitis.

SWEDISH STEAMER SUNK.

LONDON, Dec. 28, 4.20 p.m. - The Swedish steamer Nereus, of 1229 tons gross, was sunk in the North Sea on Christmas Day. The crew drifted until Monday, when they were picked

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PRESIDENT OF HYDRO RADIAL UNION HAS FAITH IN VOTERS OF TORONTO

Editor World: When I first learned revenue or accommodation injuriousthat the council of the boa d of trade dy affected. in Toronto had decided to oppose the the objection is raised that the hydro-electric radial bylaw it gave hydro-electric radial bylaw, it gave in passing the necessary bylaws. This me a decided jar, but when I read is exactly in accordance with the their advertisement I was very much scheme of the hydro-electric power which has worked out so well relieved. The mountain has labored which has worked out so well. and brought forth what is only a out in the advertisement which would mouse after all.

der criticism is similar in alm st ed years ago and now working to the entire satisfaction of all the municipal contract unevery respect to the hydro-electric power agreement which is wo king to the entre satisfact on of one hundred and thirty municipalities.

entire satisfaction of all the infune: palities, including the City of Toronto, and saving the country millions of dollars annually. In fact, ence the bylaw is passed all the real

money, and is represented as having only one vote in thirty-one as to control. As a metter of fact, after the construction of the railway it is to be operated and managed solely by the operated and managed solely by the Hydro-Electric Power Commission project of such vital importance to the municipalities and country affected, and of more real interest and

ties have is as to any possible ex-tension of the road or extension of electors for end rement for a genethe time of the contract. Here it is impossible to conceive that any vote any conjured up but altogether imcan be averse to Toronto interests, because as Toronto is the terminus of the road any extension would Toronto Board of Trade. I have faith manifestly benefit Toronto more than all the municipalities put together. Moreover, no extension is to be made this bylaw and agreement by an until after the recommendation of the commission, to be made only after it is satisfied that the costs of ser-vice will not be increased or the Association of Ontario.

NO GRAFT IN METERS.

OTTAWA, Dec. 28.—That there was no evidence of deliberate wrongdoing on the part of any civic official or Dr. G. H. Campbell Mayor, and member of the waterworks committee is one of the outstanding statements made in the finding of Judge MacTavish today in a judicial enquiry ordered by the city council into the purchase cf \$7000 worth of water meters. The purchase of the neters without tender is, rowever, ondemned.

MAJOR SYMONDS WOUNDED.

Canadian Associated Press Cable. LONDON. Dec. 28.—Major C. B. Symonds, D.S.O., Royal Engineers, whose name appears in today's list of wir., T. S. Parkinson, Carson V. Jeffers; OTTAWA, Dec. 28.—Hon. Frank front in Flanders. He will be absent whose name appears in total whose name appears in the appears in total whose name appears in the appears in the appears in total whose name appears in the appear ermerly a professor at Kingston. He was mentioned in the despatches last cast ward, Richard Hughes; February. February.

The truth is that the contract un-The princip.l print of objection on the part of the c until of the b and of trade appears to be that Toronto is asked for nearly one-th.rd of the money, and is represented as having the properties as the control in thirty and as to control in the properties of the bylaw is passed all the real power and administration rests with the Hydro-Electric Power Commission, who can be trusted to do just central interests concerned. Without such independent, honest and efficiently and year to control it mould be investible for The only control the municipali- value to Toronto than any other prould be rejected because of of overwhelming vote.

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ORANGEVILLE COUNCIL IN BY ACCLAMATION

Walter Fairbairn Reeve of Municipality. Special to The Toronto World.

ORANGEVILLE, Dec. 28 The mayor, reeve, deputy reeve, council and new public school trustees were seclared elected by acclamation toright, as follows: Mayor, Dr. G. H. Campbell; reeye, Walter Fairbairn; ceputy reeve, Alex. B. Holmes; counpublic school trustees, north ward, John E. Smith; south ward, Dr. Price;



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