

THAT BOARD OF MUDDLERS,

Known as the Board of Control, Does Not Know Where It is at on the Fire Chief Question.

MAYOR SHAW IS NON-COMMITTAL,

As He Generally is at This Time of the Year—A Subway at Lansdowne-Avenue.

The members of the Board of Control are apparently afraid to handle openly or express any decided opinions regarding the appointment of a successor to ex-Chief Graham. They met yesterday afternoon, and for about two hours talked the matter over in a desultory fashion.

Has He Any Chance? The board had been talking for some time and had just fallen into a brown study when Ald. Burns, who had been casing upon the photograph of Donald Guthrie, discovered that he appeared to be an excellent man for the job.

right age, and physically he was almost perfect. To Ald. Burns' mind he was also a man who possessed a considerable amount of executive ability.

The Mayor then took the opportunity of expressing his views on the question of running the bridge. He contended that the officers and men should be appointed by the chief and the system of firmen running after aldermen and securing their influence when they got into trouble should be done away with.

A Nonsensical Idea To offset this the Mayor suggested that when a man is accused of breaking the rules in any way his case should be referred to the Police Commissioners for consideration.

Ald. Lynd's Perilous Inquiry. Ald. Lynd: That is an argument in favor of placing the brigade under a commission, the Mayor: No, it is not, except as far as the appeal is concerned.

Woods Wants Toronto Man. Mayor Shaw: All right, go along and make some suggestion. Ald. Woods, who had so far taken very little part in the discussion, brightened up at the call for suggestions.

The City Clerk was instructed to send cards out to each person residing on the island, asking for their opinion on the subject. If a majority desire it, the work will be ordered to go on.

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tains and the circumstances are such that a new chief is an immediate necessity. I agree that if we can get a suitable man from Toronto it would be the best, but we must first size him up and compare him with others, but I would give him the preference.

Get an Outsider. Ald. Lynd thought the wisest course to pursue would be to get an outsider man, who is unknown to the brigade, and, therefore, free from influence.

He Always is at Election Time. The Mayor, in reply, just smiled sweetly. "I have not expressed an opinion yet, either way," he said; "I am non-committal."

Ald. Sheppard Kicks. Ald. Sheppard waited on the board with the request that they send on to Council what they desired the Fire and Light Committee to do in the way of re-organization.

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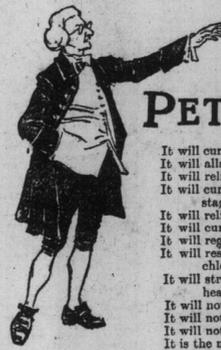
Board of Works Meet. The Board of Works, which also met yesterday afternoon, took a decided stand in the Metropolitan Railway trouble.

Forty recruits for the Royal Grenadiers were drilled at the Armouries last night by Sergeant Noble. A like number of G.O.R. recruits were also given their initial military manoeuvres.

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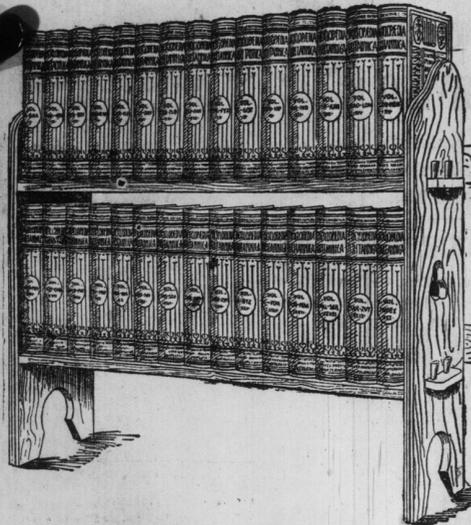
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