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MANY CHANGES IN THE COUNCIL MUNICIPAL SITUATION TO DATE

Five of the Old Aldermen Will Not Likely Fill Aldermanic Chairs Next Year—A Glance at the Other Municipal Boards.

The municipal situation is unchanged today.

Both Ald. Stevely and Ald. Matthews are pursuing a very vigorous campaign of personal canvass, and it will not be the fault of either if the ground is not properly covered. Ald. Stevely, the businessman and workingman's candidate, is meeting with great encouragement, and seems destined to win by a very large majority. His candidature is backed up by a strong personal following, together with an enthusiastic support from the labor men of the city.

Change in Council

As far as the council is concerned, there is likely to be a great change in the personnel of next year's board.

Of the present council, Ald. Stevely and Ald. Matthews are in for the mayoralty.

Ald. Beattie, Ald. Scarlett and Ald. Garratt are definitely out of it, they say.

Ald. Booth is considering and will probably be a candidate.

Ald. Cooper, Ald. Gerry, Ald. Saunders, Ald. Stevenson and Ald. Rose are definitely in the field.

Ald. Gillean has announced his retirement, but strong pressure is being brought to bear to get him into the field. He has so far declared he will not run.

By this count five aldermen are out

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Senate Ratified the Agreement Regarding the Western University

Another Step Taken Toward Making the Institution a Civic One.

The senate of the Western University met last evening, and ratified the basis of agreement as reached between the special committee of the university and No. 1 committee of the city council.

There was no opposition to the agreement.

The same committee was reappointed to continue the negotiations.

The university constitution will have to be thoroughly remodeled.

A new bill will have to be prepared, and submitted to the Legislature at the coming session of that body.

The main principles of this bill were those adopted and ratified yesterday, and all that is needed now is the working out of the details, which will be done immediately by the committee in charge.

There was a large representation of the senate present, and all were well pleased with the prospect that the Western will be put on a sound basis and made an institution worthy of the city of London.

A meeting will be arranged by the special committee with No. 1 committee as soon as possible to confer on details.

The special committee reappointed is composed of Dr. Moorhouse, Dr. N. C. James, Dr. John D. Wilson and Messrs. T. H. Luscombe, T. J. Murphy, John Dearness and Inspector Edwards.

Committee Orders Bylaw Prepared For Street Railway Extensions

Horton Street Is To Be Double Tracked and Allowed To Count in Mileage.

At a meeting of No. 1 committee of the council, last night, it was decided to instruct the city solicitor to prepare a bylaw for the extension of the Oxford street line from Oxford, up William to Cheapside, west on Cheapside to Colborne, and down Colborne to Oxford; and also for the laying of another track on Horton street, from Richmond to Wellington streets, and the removal of the Wellington street line, St. James to Regent, to Richmond street, all the provisions of bylaw 916 governing the city's agreement with the street railway company to apply in each case.

The bylaw will be prepared immediately, and will be laid before the directors of the street railway company, and later before a special meeting of the council.

Some Objection.

Ald. Stevely pointed out that there was some objection to having the Wellington street line torn up. Some of those living on the street did not want it removed. It should be known definitely, he said, how the people feel on this matter before anything was done. He thought that the line should have gone up Richmond street in the first place, but the difficulty was caused by the Proof Line Road Company, which could not come to terms with the street railway.

Mayor Judd was of the opinion that there would be objection, no matter where the line was laid. He thought that Richmond street was the proper street for this line. It would give street car accommodation to a growing section of the city.

Double-Track Horton Street.

After some discussion it was decided to prepare the bylaw. The double-track on Horton street will count as additional mileage.

At present the street railway has 6,600 feet more than could be demanded under the census of 1901, or the last agreement with the city.

The new line will increase this somewhat over 5,000 feet, so that there will be about 12,000 feet of track to apply on the census of 1911.

Ottaway Avenue.

Mayor Judd informed the committee that he had instructed the city solicitor to write to the board of railway commissioners regarding the recent order allowing the London street railway to lay a 25-foot derail at the intersection of the street railway and the Pere Marquette on Ottaway avenue. The city solicitor will call the attention of the board to the fact that the city's agreement with the street railway calls for a two-way service, and that a 25-foot derail will not afford the proper protection on the west side.

Those present were Ald. Beattie, chairman; Ald. Stevely, Mayor Judd, Ald. Stevenson and Ald. Scarlett.

A BIG MILL FIRE AT FOREST FLAX FACTORY DESTROYED

Mysterious Early Morning Blaze Does Ten Thousand Dollars Damage.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Forest, Dec. 19.—Fire this morning destroyed the big flax mill here owned by Mr. Howard Fraleigh. The loss will be between $9,000 and $10,000. The insurance amounts to only $2,125, in the Waterloo Mutual. The cause of the blaze is unknown. The mill was of frame, but the engine and boiler room were of brick.

Yesterday the employes worked as usual, and at night everything was apparently all right. Early this morning, however, the mill was observed to be on fire, and despite all efforts to save it, the main portion was totally destroyed. A few of the outbuildings are standing. Twenty-three men are thrown out of work, but Mr. Fraleigh says he will rebuild at once.

Yesterday the mill had 500 bales of flax ready to ship to Springfield, Mass., but the company could not secure a car from the railway, and the 500 bales were destroyed in the fire.

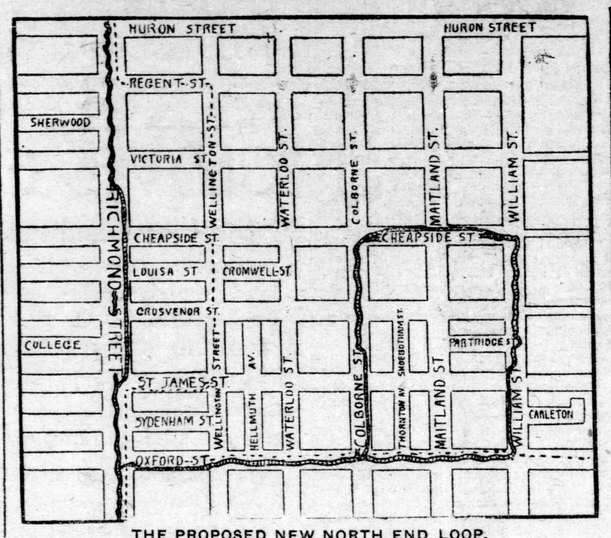
Mr. Fraleigh, the druggist, of St. Marys, is a brother of the owner of the mill.

Names Added To Local Voters' List

A court of revision was held this morning on the voters' list, and the following names were added to the list for the coming municipal election:

Art Beal, Peter Bowle, James T. Burgess, George F. Copeland, Robert H. Crowder, W. T. Edwards, John J. Foote, Alf Gatecliffe, Emily B. Griffin, James H. Herrick, Joseph W. Halliday, Alonzo Kilbourne, Leslie Jolliffe, J. Wallace Laut, Vernon Morris, John D. Omond, Sam Pelmer, Fred Parker, Morris B. Percival, Charles Rymer, Albert Short, Charles R. Smith, Jas. H. Snelling, W. J. G. Stewart, Bernard Talling, Wm. Templeton, Robt. Walsh, John West, George A. Winage, Ed White, Hugh Wilkins, Wm. Wendle, Matthew Wintersgill, Jos. W. Wright.

Esther Kennedy and Con. Long were stricken off.



THE PROPOSED NEW NORTH END LOOP.

Dotted lines show old route.
Double shaded lines the proposed new route.

BOY ACCIDENTALLY SHOOTS NURSE

[Special to The Advertiser.]

St. Thomas, Dec. 19.—An accident, which may prove fatal, occurred this morning at the residence of W. K. Cameron, barrister. Miss Heffernan, a trained nurse in attendance upon Mrs. Cameron, was shot through the neck by a 22-caliber rifle in the hands of Hugh Cameron, the 11-year-old son of Mr. W. K. Cameron. The lad was playing with the weapon, which was not supposed to be loaded, when it was discharged, the bullet lodging in Miss Heffernan's neck. She was taken to the hospital, and just how serious the accident may prove to be is not yet known. It is said that Miss Heffernan's home is in Ingersoll.

Many Presentations at Collegiate Students Remember Their Teachers

Handsome Gifts for Those Who "Teach the Young Idea," Etc.

A series of very pleasant presentations have taken place at the Collegiate Institute this week previous to the students breaking up for the holidays.

On Tuesday afternoon the entire school gathered in the upper assembly to witness the presentation to Messrs. McLean and Govenlock of two handsome weathered-oak rocking chairs.

Principal McCutcheon presided, and, in a happy address, spoke of the regret that all felt in losing two such estimable teachers.

Mr. Dickinson then, on behalf of the teachers and students, presented Messrs. Govenlock and McLean with the rockers.

Both gentlemen were surprised, but expressed their thanks in neat little speeches.

Other Presentations.

On the same day, in her classroom, Miss Clayton was presented by the pupils of the lower school with a handsome clock and an address.

Yesterday morning two other presentations took place, when Mr. Guy Andrus was made the recipient of a handsome cane.

In the afternoon Mr. Frank Riddell, the popular master of form X., of the lower school, was presented by the pupils with a handsome umbrella, and Miss Bennett received a beautiful picture in a weathered-oak frame from form Middle I., and from form Middle IV. a case of scissors.

Electrical Construction Co. Case Mr. Geo. Kelly Asks Court for a Stay

His Honor Judge Macbeth Gives Decision on Several Cases of Interest.

Judge Macbeth gave his decision in two county court cases this morning.

In the Barfitt vs. Harrison action, his honor decided in favor of the plaintiff for $108, with division court costs, but allowed the defendant $39 on a counter claim of nearly $400.

This action was brought by W. H. Barfitt, a contractor, against Frederick Harrison, a farmer, and called for $173 as payment on the construction of a windmill erected some three years ago.

The counter claim was for boarding Barfitt's men while the work was in progress, and for damagts for alleged defects in the work.

His honor, in summing up, stated that according to the evidence the mill was in good order, and as agreed upon.

As for the board, he would not allow it, as it was customary for farmers to accommodate men working about the place.

However, he would allow $29 for board furnished while some defects in the windmill were being made just after the mill had been erected.

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Strange Case of a Former Londoner Deserted Wife But Is Located

Interesting Story of the Alleged Escapade of One Beverly Horton.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Buffalo, Dec. 19.—Twenty-five years ago Beverly Horton deserted bachelorhood to become a benedict in London, Ont., according to Mrs. Laura Horton, who has recited her trouble to the supreme court here, only three years after the wedding he disappeared mysteriously.

His wife after years of searching gave up in despair, concluding that he had met his death in some unaccountable manner.

Thus she lived, having moved here from London, burdened with the constant worry as to what actually had become of her husband until, so she claims, a short time ago she was introduced by chance to a woman who remarked about the strange coin-

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Who Will Succeed Sergeant Black?

There is much speculation in police circles as to who will be promoted to the post of acting sergeant made vacant by the resignation of Acting Sergeant Robert Black.

Policemen James Highstead and Clarence Kelly are the next in line, and it is altogether likely that one of the two will be given a step upwards.

Both are excellent officers, and in the twelve years that they have been on the force have made for themselves excellent records. The appointment will not be made for a week or two.

The Young Liberal Club Nominations

There have been several withdrawals from the list of nominations for the different offices of the Young Liberal Club, but there is still enough candidates to make a great fight. The following will contest the chief offices:

President—Mr. Art Sippl, the present president, and Mr. J. Harry Fowler.

Vice-President—Mr. Frank Millson and Mr. F. A. Jones.

Secretary-Treasurer — Dr. Claude Brown and Mr. Arthur Beal.

There are many still in the field for the executive from the different wards.

There is a great deal of interest being shown in the contest for these offices, and the fight promises to be the merriest in the history of the club.

THE MUNICIPAL MILL

Ald. Stevely is conducting a vigorous canvass of the city, and is meeting with much success in the shops and elsewhere.

"I tell you, Stevely," said one man to the alderman, yesterday, "I didn't vote for you last time you ran for mayor, but this time you will have my vote. I like a man who isn't a quitter. You ran against Mayor Judd and you were beaten, but you came right back again like a man. That's the kind of man I like. You ought to win, and I believe you will."

Ald. Matthews is not taking any chances on the contest. He canvasses most of the day and every evening especially in the East End.

Election day is two weeks from Monday the date being Jan. 6. Nomination will be a week earlier.

The city fathers should see to it that the East End Hall is properly heated and prepared for meetings during this campaign. For many years past the electors have been allowed to suffer intensely from the cold in the old barracks of a hall.

There should be some way of heating it properly, so that those who attend the meetings do so with some degree of comfort.

As a rule the people sit wrapped in overcoats, while the candidates, who remove their hats on the platform, go away with severe colds.

Now is the time to have the matter looked after. It is no use waiting until the last minute.

"Ald. Garratt will be nominated again," said a close personal friend of the alderman's to The Advertiser today.

"He made out his papers all right, and is taking no chances. He has left the nomination in the hands of his friends, and he will be again in the field, even though he will be in England when the election takes place."

At the last election, Ald. Garrat had a very close shave.

MEDS' ANNUAL BANQUET

Addresses Will Be Delivered by Mr. J. S. Willison and Others.

The annual banquet of the members of the Medical School will be held this evening in the Tecumseh House, and promises to be a most enjoyable affair. Nearly two hundred invitations have been sent out. The leading speaker of the evening will be Mr. J. S. Willison, editor of the Toronto News. Besides Mr. Willison there will be thirteen other speakers.

MR. JAMES DONNELLY,
Who Has Been Chosen as an Aldermanic Candidate by the Trades and Labor Council.

THE WEATHER.

TOMORROW—FAIR.

FORECASTS.

Toronto, Dec. 19—8 a.m.

Today and Friday—Fresh to strong southwest to west winds; mostly fair and continued moderately cold, with light local snowfalls or flurries.

TEMPERATURES.

Stations.	8a.m.	Min.	Weather.
Calgary	12	10	Clear
Winnipeg	12	10	Clear
Port Arthur	12	2	Clear
Parry Sound	24	16	Cloudy
Toronto	24	22	Cloudy
Ottawa	10	10	Fair
Montreal	18	12	Cloudy
Quebec	8	8	Fair
Father Point	20	18	Cloudy

The first column in the above table records the temperature at 8 o'clock this morning, and the second column records the minimum temperatures during the 24 hours previous.

WEATHER NOTES.

The pressure is comparatively low over the northern portion of the continent, and high elsewhere. A few local snowfalls have occurred from the lake region to the Maritime Provinces, but the weather in Canada generally has been fine and moderately cold.

YESTERDAY'S TEMPERATURES.

Minimum and maximum temperatures: Victoria, 34—40; Vancouver, 31—38; Kamloops, 12—40; Edmonton, 4—32; Battleford, 4 below—26; Prince Albert, 8 below—24; Calgary, 14—22; Regina, 10 below—20; Winnipeg, 4 below—18; Port Arthur, 8—22; Parry Sound, 6—24; Toronto, 26—30; Ottawa, 14—16; Montreal, 14—20; Quebec, 18—22; St. John, 20—36; Halifax, 22—34.

14° above.

FOUR HUNDRED MEN ENTOMBED IN PENNSYLVANIA COAL PIT

Colliery at Jacobs' Creek, Near Pittsburg, Is Burning and It Is Thought That All the Men Have Perished.

PITTSBURG, DEC. 19. — FOUR HUNDRED MEN ARE ENTOMBED IN THE DARE MINE OF THE PITTSBURG COAL COMPANY AT JACOBS CREEK, ON THE PITTSBURG AND LAKE ERIE RAILROAD, NEAR HERE. IT IS BELIEVED ALL THE MEN ARE DEAD. THE MINE IS BURNING.

Connellsville, Pa., Dec. 19.—Four hundred miners are entombed in the Dare mines of the Pittsburg Coal Company at Jacob's Creek, on the Youghiogheny River, eighteen miles west of here. Of these four hundred, fully one hundred are Americans, the rest being principally Hungarians. A terrific explosion shook the vicinity of the mine at 11:30 a.m., and announced to all the surrounding community that a great convulsion of some kind had occurred down under the surface.

Shortly after, smoke began to issue in heavy columns from the mouth of the mine, which is of the slope variety. The mouth of the mine was wrecked, and this circumstance in connection with the fire which was discovered to be raging inside prevented effectually, up to 1 p.m., any attempt at rescue of the imprisoned men.

The building of the Federal Supply Company, adjacent to the entrance to the mine, was slightly damaged by the force of the shock.

Among those imprisoned in the mine are Pit Boss O'Connell and two fire bosses. On account of the violence of the explosion, which rent the interior of the mine, and the presence of fire, with the blocked condition of the mouth of the slope, it is not thought there is much chance for the men inside. The cause of the explosion is not yet known. The scene of the explosion is on the Pittsburg and Lake Erie Railroad side of the Youghiogheny River. Jacobs Creek, on the main line of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, is across the river. It is 40 miles east of Pittsburg and 18 miles west of Connellsville.

Galt Teacher Gets the Appointment Succeeds Mr. McLean at Collegiate

Was an Applicant for the Position—Final Acceptance Yet To Be Received.

A special meeting of the board of education was held this morning, when Mr. A. DeGuerre, of Galt, was appointed to the staff of the London Collegiate Institute, to take the place made vacant by the resignation of Mr. D. V. McLean.

The secretary was instructed to communicate with Mr. DeGuerre at once and find out if he would come to London.

Mr. DeGuerre is an honor graduate of the University of Toronto and is a specialist in mathematics. Previous to his attending the university he taught for two years in a public school.

Since graduating he has been a mathematical master of the Stratford Collegiate Institute for two years, of the Strathroy Collegiate for four years, and of the Galt Collegiate for about seventeen years.

If he accepts he will teach junior physics here, and also junior mathematics.

The board did not advertise for teachers, but chose Mr. DeGuerre from the applicants for the position of mathematical master. He is said to be a very successful teacher.

That was the only business transacted by the board.

Bank Clerks Would Like More Money Local Men State Their Grievances

Feel That the Minimum Salary Is Too Low—Situation in Toronto.

It is likely that in the near future the bank clerks of this city will hold a meeting to form an organization for their mutual protection.

Steps towards the formation of such an association have already been taken in Toronto, and when spoken to this morning several clerks said that the matter was being talked over here.

So far no meeting has been held, and no definite action taken, but it is likely that something will be done very soon.

The Salary Question.

"Our main trouble," said one clerk this mornnig, "is the salary question. We only get a minimum salary of $300 a year, and when we get moved all over the country it is impossible to board and pay all our expenses. The cost of living is going up all the time, and everything is a whole lot dearer than is used to be. A fellow doesn't like to keep on writing home and asking his folks for money, but it is a question of doing that right along now, with some of us.

"We think that if we were to unite we might be more successful in getting the management to grant us an increase that would enable us to live without being dependent on our parents or others.

The Marriage Law.

"In Toronto, it is stated, that the keenest interest is being taken in the association, and that some of the older members who are not so much affected by the salary question, are going to try and have the rule forbidding a clerk to marry before he is making $1,000 a year salary suspended. Some exception is taken to the action of certain banks in importing a number of young Scotchmen, but as far as could be learned there is no feeling of this kind in this city.

Are Good Fellows.

"All the Scotch fellows I know in the local banks are good fellows," said a clerk this morning, and we have nothing against any of them. They are clever fellows, and get along as fast as anybody."

When questioned, several of the managers stated that they had heard nothing regarding the formation of any association.

Labor Men Name Two Candidates Messrs. Rose, Donnelly, for Council

No Action Taken in Regard To the Mayoralty—Ministers Ask Co-operation.

Ald. Rose and James Donnelly, the well-known cigar manufacturer, were nominated by the Trades and Labor Council last night as the candidates of the labor men for the city council.

Ald. Rose definitely stated his acceptance and is in the field.

A committee was named to interview Mr. Donnelly, and ask him to accept. It is probable that he will do so.

No announcement was made regarding the mayoralty, and no candidate for the position was indorsed. There was a good representation of labor men present.

Ministerial Association.

A deputation from the Ministerial Association, composed of Rev. E. B. Lanceley, Rev. Dyson Hague and Rev. D. S. Hamilton, was introduced to the council.

The deputation pointed out that the purpose of its visit was to invite representatives from the Trades and Labor Council to attend the different meetings of the Ministerial Association, especially when questions involving capital and labor were discussed, in order that the viewpoint of the workingman might be obtained. They also expressed a desire to attend the meetings of the trades council, when matters of mutual interest might be discussed.

Unionism has now become too large for the church to neglect, and it was absolutely necessary for the church and the workingman to get closer together. These discussions, it was stated, would do both parties good.

The speeches of the delegation were listened to intently, and it was decided to send representatives to the Ministerial Association and take part in the discussions. The delegation then withdrew.

A Plumbing Inspector.

The council also took up the question of a building inspector and indorsed the action of the city council in this matter.

The trades council wanted to go further, however, and last night a motion was introduced to the effect that the city council be asked to take steps for the appointment of an inspector of plumbing in this city.

Several of the speakers alleged that the plumbing in this city was not good, and there should be a competent man appointed to look it over. It was said that bad piping was being used in large quantities, and that this should be put a stop to.

The motion carried, and the request will be sent to the city council.