

USED WRONG REPORT, CITY WATER SHOWS LONG CLEAN RECORD

General Manager Buchanan
Takes Exception to City
Clerk's Comment.

General Manager R. V. Buchanan took strong exception this morning to a statement made Wednesday at the board of health by City Clerk S. Baker, to the effect that "the board of health's report showed on a certain date that colon bacilli were present in the city water in unusually large numbers."

"Such a statement is without fact, and can only have been made by Mr. Baker falling to notice that the report to which he was referring did not apply to the city water at all, but to a special report made for C. A. Fraser, Cathart Street, of some well water," said Mr. Buchanan.

"On the same date the report on the city water showed only six bacteria in the 24 hours, no record of colon bacilli at all and no cholera. The weekly reports show similar clean records back to October 19, and on that date signs of colon bacilli were noted in one cubic centimetre of water from the well. The bacilli been found in one-tenth c.c. in city water."

With such data available, Mr. Buchanan was of the opinion that it was at least very regrettable that Mr. Baker should have made such a statement relative to the city water without first satisfying himself that the report he had in mind really did apply to the city's supply of drinking material.

**FIREMEN CALLED
TO SUBDU ROAST**

Interested Storekeeper Forgot the Family Meat, Which Became Well Smoked.

"And when she returned, The roast beef was burned. And so she had none for dinner."

This was the sad experience of Mrs. L. Upchurch, who runs a grocery at 2100 Ridout street, this morning, at 11:15 o'clock. Mrs. Upchurch had been in the house at the rear of the store, had put some beef in a pan to cook for dinner. She was called to the store to wait on a customer, and after this duty was completed with several other customers came for supplies. When she returned, she found the roast beef was burned. A fireman passing by also took account of the smoke and noticed the confusion in the house. Thinking there was a fire, he immediately turned in a general alarm. The central truck was the first to appear at the scene of the supposed blaze. Even upon its arrival the smoke was very thick. However, the plucky fireman forced his way into the kitchen and discovered the source of the smoke. Chemicals were used to stop the fire, and the roast beef was cleared away a black, crisp substance was all that was left of the juicy roast.

**FRANK L. HUTCHINSON
LEAVES C. P. R. SERVICE**

Manager in Chief of Hotels Was Born in This City.

Montreal, Dec. 30.—Frank L. Hutchinson, after many years service, has resigned his post as manager-in-chief of Canadian Pacific Hotels, to engage in other business, and Mr. Andrew Allen is appointed his successor. Mr. Hutchinson is a native of London, Ontario, and has been in the service of the C. P. R. in 1898 in the dining car department.

Mr. Hutchinson, who is understood to have purchased a large farm in Vancouver Island, where he intends to reside, was born in London, Ontario.

ARKONA NOMINATIONS.
At the town hall the following were nominated: Reeve, Fred Eastman and Samuel Hays; councillors, C. J. Ready, Alex. Johnson, R. Wilson, R. Fitzsimmons and Fred Brown.

**HOOD'S
SARSAPARILLA
MAKES FOOD TASTE
GOOD**

Creates an appetite, aids digestion, purifies the blood, and thus relieves scrofula, catarrh, the pains and aches of rheumatism and gives strength to the whole system.

Nearly 50 years' phenomenal sales tell the story of the great merit and success of Hood's Sarsaparilla. It is just the medicine you need now. Hood's Pills help—fine cathartic.

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Investors with small or large amounts of surplus funds can obtain

\$5.50 each year on each \$100 left

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Debentures are issued for a term of 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5 years. Any sum of \$100 and over may be invested. Huron & Erie Debentures are protected by assets of over twenty million dollars.

Inquiries cordially invited.

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"Older than the Dominion of Canada"

Richmond Street, Opp. Postoffice, Charles J. Clarke, Manager
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St. Thomas Branch, 472 Bath Street.

T. G. MEREDITH, K.C., President.

HUME CRONIN, General Manager.

RETURNING OFFICERS TO GET THEIR FINAL ORDERS THIS-EVENING

Ballot Boxes Will Be Issued
and Last Instructions
Given.

Preparations for the municipal election are in their final stages. All deputy returning officers have been called to a meeting in city hall tonight. City Clerk Baker will give them instructions for handling the ballots Saturday. Sample forms will be used and each man will be given a thorough drilling in counting ballots and making returns. They will also be thoroughly instructed as to the qualifications required by each voter.

Some of the freak and spoiled ballots sometimes turned in, some of these specimens from last year's election will be used as illustrations. There are a number of amusing types among these, some of them were deliberately spoiled, while others were invalid because the voter did not know how to mark them properly.

All candidates for civic offices are working overtime now in order to secure as much support as possible. Two meetings will be held in the public schools tonight, one at Wardley road and the other at Talbot street. Both are likely to be lively. Candidates for federal offices are also working overtime, and some of the board of education candidates and others are also working overtime.

**FORMER LONDONER
DIES IN MONTREAL**

J. R. Donnelly Was in Employ of Grand Trunk Railway for 50 Years.

The death occurred in Montreal on Wednesday of J. R. Donnelly, formerly a resident of this city, and brother of W. J. Donnelly, who died in London. He was in the service of the Grand Trunk Railway for over 50 years, holding many important positions, latterly being stationed at Allandale as master mechanic of the northern division.

He retired on pension a few years ago. The remains are being brought to London, where the funeral will be held on Friday.

NEW A. O. F. OFFICERS

Court Forest City, No. 5744, A.O.F., elected the following officers at their last regular meeting: P. C. R. H. G. Higgins; C. R. Chas. Elliott; S. C. H. R. Wiggins; secretary, W. J. Richards; S. W. Geo. Elliott; J. W. J. Jones; S. E. H. Porter; J. B. C. Altemus; medical officer, W. J. Pingle and E. Seaborn; trustees, Chas. M. Linnell, Thos. Beer, A. R. Pingle; correspondence, T. C. Bartlett; T. J. Le Seelam and H. Porter; pianist, Herb. Higgins; juvenile committee, T. C. Bartlett, J. Jones, Chas. Elliott, W. Richards, F. Stanton, H. Wiggins, Geo. Elliott.

**WHERE IS THAT
MOTOR BUS?**

London's model motor bus is still as far away as next Christmas. Although expected by 8 o'clock Wednesday afternoon the bus has not yet arrived. Mr. S. O. S. calls sent out repeatedly by Aid. F. E. Harley since that time have failed to determine the exact longitude and latitude in which it is becalmed. He is hoping that it will be here to day.

The last definite word received was when it touched at the port of Detroit and laid up for a minor repair to a couple of wheels. Aid. Harley thinks that possibly some difficulty may have been experienced with customs regulations. While it is not intended to keep the vehicle here it may be necessary to put up a bond.

A telegram received today from C. G. Spencer of Akron, who is in charge of the arrangements for the trip, does not give any definite information, but promises that the bus will be here before Friday.

OFFICERS ELETED

Officers of Pride of the East Circle, No. 55, Companions of the Forest, A. O. F., were elected at the last regular meeting as follows: Miss K. Richards, chief companion; Miss Irene Francis, sub chief companion; Mrs. S. A. E. Harley, right guard; Mrs. S. Salisbury, left guide; Mrs. A. E. Richards, inner guard; Thos. C. Bartlett, outer guard; W. J. Richards, secretary; Mrs. L. Head, recording secretary; Mrs. A. R. Pingle, medical officer; Miss Mabel Marr, pianist; T. J. Le Seelam and T. C. Bartlett, auditors; H. Marr, A. Richards and T. Bartlett, trustees; Mrs. S. Gibling, correspondent; A. E. Richards, L. Head, I. Francis, M. Marr, P. Hogg and K. Richards, juvenile committee.

LUCAN.—John Fox, former manager of the Standard Bank here, is very seriously ill at his home. Dr. Hossack, who sustained stroke a few days ago, is somewhat improved.

City Briefs

BANK CLEARINGS.—The bank clearings for this week were \$2,793,196. For the same week last year they were \$2,355,553, showing a decrease of \$437,643.

DAY OF PRAYER.—Arrangements have been completed for holding special services in St. Andrew's Hall on Friday afternoon, January 1, in connection with the women's day of prayer, inaugurated by the Women's Mission Board of Canada. Mrs. (Rev.) Roy will preside.

SCHOOL ON MONDAY.—Boys and girls of the city are reluctantly being told to return to school on Monday. The original eleven days have divided till there are only three left, inclusive of Sunday, for all the schools will re-open at 9 o'clock next Monday morning with the bright-faced budding citizens of London ready for another spell of study.

BOTH SENDING LETTERS.—Aside from election work, there was little activity in connection with the election held by any of the candidates. Members of the citizens' committee busied themselves with mailing campaign literature, and endeavoring in other ways to bring out as large a vote as possible on New Year's Day. The labor representation committee was similarly occupied.

REFUSED TO TALK.—J. G. Hother, vice-president of the local industrial union, declined today to say whether a reply had been received as yet to the telegrams sent to Hon. W. E. Hanson, provincial attorney-general, protesting against certain public utterances of Lieut.-Col. C. M. R. Graham, clerk of the first division court, who is secretary of the citizens' committee.

TRAVELERS TO FORM COUNCIL.—A large number of local travelers, meeting in the rooms of the Western Ontario Commercial Travelers' Association, Dominion Savings building, Tuesday, voted to organize in London a local council of the United Commercial Travelers' Association. Fred St. Lawrence presided, and R. S. McGee, V. Kennedy, Nicholas and W. K. Jarmain.

PLANS ARRANGED.—Nothing definite as to the program for the coming year was arrived at by the members' committee of the chamber of commerce, which met yesterday afternoon. Several suggestions were made and discussed, but no final decision was reached on any one matter at a meeting which will be held in the near future. Members of the committee are: Lieut.-Col. C. M. R. Graham, convenor; C. H. Beard, Thos. A. Faust, George Wenige, Emerson Nichols and W. K. Jarmain.

EXPRESS APPRECIATION.—Secretary Lance of the Soldiers' Aid Committee has written to Inspector Edwards expressing the appreciation of the commission at the kindly co-operation of the household science department of the Ryerson, Talbot street and Lord Roberts' schools in the canning of fruit for the families of soldiers in needy circumstances. These schools also assisted in the making up of a number of Christmas stockings, and thirteen Christmas baskets. The commission also expresses its thanks to the teachers who directed the efforts of the children in such good purpose.

CHRISTMAS ENTERTAINMENT.—The Sunday school children of the Crown Memorial Church were entertained at the annual Christmas party on Wednesday evening in the Sunday school rooms. A huge Christmas tree, brilliantly decorated with little colored lights and heavy with Christmas gifts and goodie was unveiled by H. J. Childs, who played the part of Santa Claus. Following the presentation of boxes of candy and fruit to the children, an impromptu program was given by members of the various classes. The evening was closed with the singing of Christmas carols.

MINOR MATTERS.—Some minor matters of routine preparatory to their presentation to the board of directors at its last meeting of the year this morning were dealt with by this morning's meeting of the board of directors. The board will be held in the board rooms, the P. U. C. building, at 4:30 p.m. on Friday afternoon, when final reports of the various committees will be presented. The proceedings will be in the nature of a routine, and following the conclusion of the business will adjourn to the Technicum House, where there will be the retiring chairman of the board, Trustee Harry Hayman.

TO AID UNEMPLOYED SOLDIERS.—The efforts of the special committee of the G. W. V., recently appointed by the house committee to secure a theatre for the holding of a Sunday concert in aid of the unemployed returned soldiers and their families were rewarded today when J. R. Minihugh, manager of the Grand Opera House granted the committee the use of that building free of all charges for Sunday, January 2. The concert will be held in the evening of that day, the instrumental selections being provided by the G. W. V. band. Two or three noted concert singers will assist in the program, which it is claimed will be one of the best ever presented in London.

**MAKING CHURCHES
BURN THEIR COAL**

Gas Must Be Kept For Domestic Purposes, Says Commissioner.

CHATHAM, Dec. 29.—Gas commissioner Betlin today followed up his gas restrictions of yesterday, applying to all public buildings west of Windsor, by issuing an order to the companies supplying Tillsonburg, Aylmer, Stratfordville, Vienna, Port Burwell and Bayham Township prohibiting the use of gas in all furnaces and for heating public buildings. The aim is to conserve all gas possible for domestic purposes.

Commissioner Betlin says that his prohibitory measure is working out well. He says there are churches in Chatham with tons of coal in their basements and suggests that they burn this entirely for all available gas will be needed for cooking purposes.

At the ceremony of religious reception and profession at the Church of the Holy Trinity, St. Catharines, Ontario, yesterday, Elizabeth Winterhall of Kitchener, J. Connor, Waupama, Elizabeth Gleason of Stratford, and O'Shea of Mount Forest, received the religious habit. Bishop Fallon officiated, assisted by many of the clergy of the diocese.

High Constable Peters, in an interview today, pointed out that of some measure to restrict the liquor traffic among the rural colonies of the county. He stated that a bill appeared to be the day of celebrations among them and nearly always around up with a fight, with the result of police court cases, and the heads as the result of knife wounds.

The Erie Beach Council for 1921 has been elected by acclamation, with E. Briggs as reeve, and C. E. Bragg and Capt. J. B. Crow as councillors.

MASONIC INSTALLATION

Past Master's Jewel Presented to A. Stevenson at Stratford.

STRAITFORD, Dec. 29.—At the installation of the new officers of Tecumseh Masonic Lodge conducted by R. Wor. Bro. F. A. Copus and Very Wor. Bro. W. H. Hurrell, A. Stevenson was presented with the Past Master's Jewel. The following are the new officers: W. M., Bro. A. B. Manson; I. P. M., Bro. A. Stevenson; S. E. Bro. John Semple; J. W., Bro. C. E. Stables; chaplain and secretary, Very Wor. Bro. P. S. Smith; treasurer, Wor. Bro. John Semple; S. D., Bro. S. W. Rust; D. M., Bro. A. Cameron; L. G., Bro. D. M. McCallum; organist, Bro. W. M. White; D. of C., Bro. R. Wor. Bro. Frank H. Hurrell; M. of W., Bro. J. B. Hurrell; J. S., Bro. D. M. Scott; Tyler, Bro. H. Penstock; R. Wor. Bro. McKellar relinquished the office of Tyler at last evening's meeting after a service of many years.

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MORAVIAN TOWN, Dec. 29.—All arrangements are completed for the big annual feast to be held on the Indian reserve on New Year's Day. The event will be held in the town hall, and a splendid program is being arranged.

The old-time Moravian love feast, which has been held without a break for over 100 years, was held as usual on Christmas eve, and was very largely attended. The program included addresses, songs and recitations, and was thoroughly enjoyed.

The fair board is making considerable expenditure in having clay drawn to cover the race track. It will be levelled and laid in first-class stone.

**CLOSE VOTE EXPECTED
IN GODERICH CONTEST**

GODERICH, Dec. 29.—There is a great run here for the mayoralty. E. R. Wigle and H. C. Dunlop being the contestants. It is expected that the contest on Monday will be very close.

SNAPSHOT ALBUMS.
Large Stock to Choose From.
J. H. BACK & CO.
210 Dundas Street.

Year-End Sales

For Last Day of
Year 1920

Here is one of the most attractive sale lists of the year—the aftermath of the biggest month's business in the year—including broken assortments, small lots and odd lots, which in most cases will be found reduced to but a fraction of the original price for a one day clearance—sweeping the decks for the opening of our great mid-winter sale of white, which will begin on January 3rd. Next to Remnant Day, this will be the most attractive grouping of the season. Some lots soiled or mused from handling.

**FINAL CLEARANCE
ALL UNTRIMMED**



SOILED NECKWEAR SALE

Collars, Vests, Collar and Cuff Sets, etc., in organdy, lace, lace-trimmed georgette, etc. These have become slightly soiled and crushed in the Christmas rush. To clear at half price... 50c, 75c, \$1.00, \$1.50 and \$2.00
Silk Crepe de Chine Ties, beautiful soft shades of rose, maize, sky, pink, Paddy, Nile and red. Sale price... 60c each
Extra Large Middy Ties, Paddy green only, beautiful quality. Sale price... 60c

NEW YEAR CANDY BOX

300 of our Special Boxes of Assorted Chocolates on sale Friday 25c

Ladies' Soiled Handkerchiefs

These are grouped and priced according to quality—all handkerchiefs soiled or mused in the Christmas rush—and will be cleared tomorrow at, each... 9c, 12c, 22c, 26c and 39c

Also 40 dozen embroidered corners in assorted designs, at about half price, each... 19c

Ribbed Hose For Boys and Girls

2-1 Ribbed Black Worsted Hose, winter weight, a good strong school stocking, twelve dozen in the group. To be cleared at about half price. Sizes 6 to 8. Sale price... 58c pair

All-Wool Navy Flannel

\$1.00 Yard

Sells rapidly at this popular price, for bloomers, middie blouses, etc. Still another big shipment received. Out-of-town customers, mail your orders promptly before we are sold out; 28 inches... \$1.00 yard

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About six dozen Fancy Historic and Scenery Calendars, etc., to be cleared tomorrow at half price. Sale prices... 7c, 37c, 50c, 62c and up to \$1.75

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Millinery, \$1.89

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FINAL CLEARANCE OF CHILDREN'S HATS, \$1.39.

Hats of Lyons and panne velvet, French felt, corduroy and Salt's plush, in a large range of shapes, soft rolling brims, pokes, tams and drooping mushroom brims, suitable for ages 4 to 14 years; colors of sage, rose, brown, myrtle, navy, pearl-grey and black. Clearing Friday morning... \$1.39

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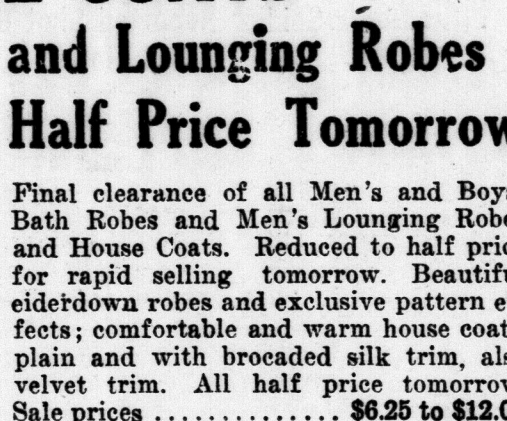
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BOUDOIR SLIPPERS Friday 98c