

MESSRS BOWLBY AND RYERSON ARE IN RUNNING FOR MAYORALTY HONORS

Nominations This Morning Showed Crop of Candidates For Board of Education and Railway Commissioners--Hydro Electric and Water Commissioners in by Acclamation--No Speaking and Proceedings Were Very Quiet.

The nominations held in the City Hall this morning were as quiet as one would wish to see. The only speaking done was the wishing of the compliments of the season one to another.

BOWLBY AND RYERSON FOR MAYOR

All the offices nearly will be contested. For Mayor, T. E. Ryerson and J. W. Bowlby were nominated. For the Board of Education 11 persons were nominated, including two of last year's Board--Messrs. Lane and Andrews.

RAILWAY COMMISSIONERS.

Eight members were nominated to fill the office of Municipal Railway Commissioner, including all the three former commissioners. Mr. Andrew McFarland was elected Hydro-Electric Commissioner by acclamation, and John Fair was also elected by acclamation to the Water Commissioners' Board.

For Mayor

JOHN W. BOWLBY, Dalhousie St., Barrister-at-Law, proposed by R. Waddington, seconded by John J. Powers.

THOMAS EGERTON RYERSON, merchant, proposed by Jno. S. Dowling, seconded by Reginald Welsh.

Board of Education HARRY HEDLEY POWELL, 39 William Street, manufacturer, proposed by Thos. Hendry, seconded by Andrew McFarland.

WILLIAM NORMAN ANDREWS, Professor of music, 32 Nelson St., proposed by John Fair, seconded by T. Hendry.

WILLIAM H. WHITTAKER, Sec. Treasurer, Chatham Street, proposed by A. G. Montgomery.

JOHN R. WILL, dentist, Nelson street, proposed by John Moffatt, seconded by A. O. Secord.

JOHN B. DETWILER, 48 Brant Avenue, manager, proposed by A. G. Montgomery, seconded by A. O. Secord.

JOHN WIDDUP, Lorne Crescent, accountant, proposed by A. O. Secord, seconded by A. G. Montgomery.

ALEXANDER BALLANTYNE, Charlotte Street, Hardware Merchant, proposed by John Moffatt, seconded by A. O. Secord.

JOHN SHEPPERSON, Chatham St., Secretary-Treasurer, proposed by John Moffatt, seconded by A. O. Secord.

John Moffatt, seconded by A. O. Secord.

CHARLES S. TAPSCOTT, Brock and Dalhousie Sts, Barrister, proposed by Arthur O. Secord, seconded by A. G. Montgomery.

WM. H. LANE, foreman, mechanic, 323 Dalhousie street, proposed by Arthur Coulbeck, seconded by W. J. Bragg.

GORDON ARMSTRONG ELIOTT, 371 Brant Avenue, dentist, seconded by F. J. Calbeck, seconded by Reginald Welsh.

WILLIAM ARTHUR HOLLINRAKE, 44 Wellington street, barrister, proposed by Arthur Coulbeck seconded by John C. Feely.

FRANK JOHN CALBECK, merchant, proposed by George A. Ward, seconded by John W. Watkins.

WALTER R. TURNBULL, merchant, Dufferin Avenue, proposed by George S. Matthews, seconded by Milton Wilbee.

ARTHUR KENNETH BUNNELL, 313 Dufferin Avenue, proposed by John H. Spence, seconded by Geo. Wedlake.

THOMAS QUINLAN, 83 Dufferin Avenue, gentleman, proposed by Robert Walker, seconded by Robert Smith.

NEW HUN OFFENSIVE IS A MATTER OF DAYS

This is What Paris Believes--Many Signs of Preparation on the Part of the Enemy.

New York, Dec. 27.—A cable to the Tribune from Paris says:

Paris believes that the beginning of a new German offensive on the western front is only a matter of days.

For the last week, while their guns battered the allied positions day and night, the Kaiser's troops have been feeling out the ground in France, probing for a weak spot at which an attack can be launched.

Where this new assault will come is not certain. It may be staged on the northern front, in Artois, or around the French coast.

A new effort to reach Calais may be attempted; in Champagne, where fierce battles took place in the Autumn; in the Argonne, where the Crown Prince has tried repeatedly to open the French hold on Verdun, or on the Noyon sector, the sector nearest Paris.

That an attack will be made at some point along the battle line in the very near future is taken for granted. For a month reports have come that the Germans were sending troops and guns to the lines in Flanders and France. An especially heavy concentration was reported in the north along the line--test raids to determine the strength of the allied positions in some sector. One of these raids took place on December 21 between Ypres and Armentieres, where the Germans attacked the British line in force but Sir Douglas Haig's men drove back the Teutons, who gained not an inch of ground and lost 8,000 men, according to a despatch to La Liberté. This report said:

"The fighting was most severe, and a large quantity of asphyxiating gas was used, but the English lines remained intact. The attack is thought to have been the prelude to an offensive or for the purpose of testing the strength of the English front."

The German artillery has been ceaseless in its bombardment of the French lines, for the Germans have adopted the methods of warfare which proved so effective for the French in September when the Teuton lines in Artois and Champagne were pierced. They, too, deluge the enemy positions with shells for a month in the effort to find a breach and then the infantry charges.

An accompaniment of these tactics is great activity by the aviators, whose function it becomes to hamper the enemy's supply roads and to weaken the communications leading to the front. An increasing number of air raids has been reported in the west--a supreme effort to break the communications leading to the front. As Von Hindenburg has remarked, and the battering must be done on either the western or the Russian front.

The Russians are gathering their strength for a strong blow at the Teutons. But present indications are that the Czar's forces will not be ready to resume the attack until spring. Germany must strike at the allies in the west before the Russian menace diverts troops eastward. That is why the offensive in France must come without delay. For this attack the British and the British are well prepared. The munitions problems have been solved in large part by both nations. That was indicated in the September offensive and since then great stores of ammunition have been accumulated.

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with an equal faith, confident that their devotion, their valor and their self-sacrifice, will, under God's guidance, lead to victory and an honorable peace.

"There are many of their comrades now ailing, in hospital, and to these brave men also I desire, with the Queen, to express our deep gratitude and our earnest prayers for their recovery.

"Officers and men of the navy and of the army, another year is drawing to a close as it began, in toil, bloodshed and suffering, but I rejoice to know that the goal to which you are striving draws nearer and sight, and may God bless you and all your undertakings.

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MR. BOWLBY LONG LIST OF NAMES OF PERSONS NOMINATED TO RUN FOR ALDERMEN NEXT MONDAY

Over 50 Candidates in the Field From List of Whom the Electors Will Choose 15 For Next Year's Council--Many of Last Year's Council up For Election Once Again--Ward Five Tops the List With 17 Names Put up to Run.

A tremendously long list of 50 names and over of aspirants for aldermanic honors was proposed to-day at the nomination centres in the various wards. As is usually the custom, numbers of those nominated will drop out, but even then there will, from all appearances, be plenty of opportunity for a wide range of selection by the electors.

FOR ALDERMEN

Ward 1

EDWIN OTT, proposed by W. R. Turnball, seconded by J. C. Feely, seconded by M. Quinlan. R. WELSH, proposed by J. Gilmartin, seconded by T. Ryerson. P. H. SECORD, proposed by R. Welsh, seconded by J. Hill. J. TULLOCK, proposed by T. A. Ballantyne, seconded by J. Hill. F. C. HARP, proposed by T. A. Ballantyne, seconded by J. Hill. C. B. HITCHON, proposed by A. G. Montgomery, seconded by D. L. Webster. J. HILL, proposed by T. Quinlan, seconded by T. Ballantyne. W. FOLDS, proposed by J. J. Hurley, seconded by G. Jarvis. G. BRERETON, proposed by J. J. Hurley, seconded by G. Jarvis. W. H. HAMMOND, proposed by J. J. Hurley, seconded by G. Jarvis. D. S. GIBSON, proposed by J. J. Hurley, seconded by G. Jarvis. M. DOUGHERTY, proposed by P. Shanahan and T. King.

Ward 2

J. H. MINSHALL, proposed by A. A. Lister, seconded by A. G. Brown. J. W. ENGLISH, proposed by I. D. Scruton, seconded by A. G. Brown. W. J. KILGOUR, proposed by L. Vansickle, seconded by C. A. Burgess. S. P. PITCHER, proposed by R. E. Ryerson, seconded by D. McDonald. R. GOWMAN, proposed by J. H. Minshall, seconded by J. W. English. G. A. WOOLAMS, proposed by S. P. Pitcher, seconded by R. E. Ryerson. J. E. HESS, proposed by J. H. Minshall, seconded by A. Lister. W. QUINLAN, proposed by J. Fitzgerald, seconded by A. Howarth.

Ward 3

A. BALLANTYNE, proposed by J. W. Shepperson, seconded by J. S. Dowling. J. S. DOWLING, proposed by J. M. Young, seconded by T. S. Wade. F. C. HARP, proposed by J. S. Dowling, seconded by E. E. Ryerson. J. M. YOUNG, proposed by T. E. Ryerson, seconded by J. W. Shepperson. A. O. SECORD, proposed by J. Hess, seconded by A. Coulbeck. M. M'PHERSON, proposed by J. Moffatt, seconded by J. E. Hess. A. W. DANIELS, proposed by J. E. Hess, seconded by J. Moffatt. M. M'BRIDE, proposed by S. Burnley, seconded by F. C. Harp. J. W. PORTER, proposed by J. Moffatt, seconded by J. E. Hess.

Ward 4

W. H. FREEBORN, proposed by G. T. Sterne, seconded by W. H. Lane. H. J. SMITH, proposed by A. M. Harley, seconded by T. Lan. W. J. ULLEN, proposed by F. Walker, seconded by H. Isaac. J. W. BOWLBY, proposed by H. Lawrence, seconded by H. J. Bennett. G. HAND, proposed by H. W. Sterne, seconded by W. H. Lane. CHRIS. SUTHERLAND, proposed by R. D. Johnson, seconded by A. M. Harley. W. J. BRAGG, proposed by G. McDonald, seconded by R. D. Johnson. M. M'BRIDE, proposed by H. W. Sterne, seconded by W. H. Freeborne.

Ward 5

S. McDONALD, proposed by R. Wedlake, seconded by W. S. Bates. J. H. SYMONS, proposed by E. J. Lavery, seconded by T. Lan. THOS. GAGAN, proposed by G. MacDonald, seconded by W. S. Bates. DR. WILEY, proposed by W. S. Bates, seconded by R. Wedlake. CECIL CAMERON, proposed by G. MacDonald, seconded by R. Long. O. W. RHYNAS, proposed by Geo. MacDonald, seconded by W. S. Bates. G. A. WARD, proposed by H. L. Wood, seconded by R. Long. R. DRAPER, proposed by P. M. Senn, seconded by T. Winter. C. BOWDEN, proposed by T. Gunter, seconded by H. Peary. GEO. BICKEL, proposed by George Bates. P. M. SENN, proposed by H. Peary, seconded by W. E. Clark. A. E. DAY, proposed by G. A. Ward, seconded by W. E. Clark. H. C. CUFF, proposed by J. A. Virshup, seconded by G. Bickel. W. S. BATES, proposed by George MacDonald, seconded by G. Bickel. H. L. WOOD, proposed by R. Long, seconded by J. H. Spence. GEO. JENNINGS, proposed by G. A. Ward, seconded by F. Mann. C. GRESS, proposed by W. E. Clark, seconded by H. C. Cuff. G. K. WEDLAKE, proposed by W. S. Bates, seconded by G. A. Ward.

Contest in Kingston.

Kingston, Ont., Dec. 27.—Ald. A. W. Richardson and Ald. J. S. R. McCann have been nominated for mayor. G. Y. Chown, R. F. Elliott and J. H. Birkett are nominees for the utilities commission, but Birkett has announced he has decided not to run.

BRANTFORD TOWNSHIP NOMINATIONS

The nominations for Reeve, Deputy Reeve and Councillors of the Township of Brantford, were received today in the Court House. They are as follows: REEVE. MORGAN E. HARRIS, farmer, proposed by Alex. McEwen, seconded by J. W. Clark. HUDSON JENNINGS, proposed by Thomas Clark, seconded by J. K. Alexander. FIRST DEPUTY REEVE. UZZIEL OGDEN KENDRICK, proposed by J. H. Shaver, seconded by Robert Devereaux. ARTHUR J. McCANN, proposed by Charles Thomas, seconded by J. H. Ray. SECOND DEPUTY REEVE. RUPERT GREENWOOD, proposed by Charles Thomas, seconded by Alex. McEwen. COUNCILLORS. JAMES ALBERT SCACE, Secretary-treasurer, proposed by G. T. Wood, seconded by J. W. Clark. R. W. HENRY, farmer, proposed by R. F. Alexander, seconded by Thos. M. Hargreaves. JOHN R. SUMMERHAYES, proposed by Wm. McIrvine, seconded by W. D. Gregory. Each candidate, his proposer and second, gave a short address in the court room to a large audience of representative farmers of the township.

TURKS BEATEN IN AN ATTACK

Delhi, Dec. 26.—Via London, Dec. 27.—9.30 a.m.—A vigorous Turkish assault against the British forces at Kut-el-Amara was driven back Saturday with heavy losses, according to an official report received from Gen. Townshend, the British commander. The report says: "Yesterday the enemy launched a determined attack against a portion of our positions which was repulsed with an enemy loss of from 600 to 800 killed and wounded. Our casualties were under 200."

ANNUAL REPORT OF WATER WORKS SATISFACTORY

The annual report of the Water Commissioners was submitted at the nomination proceedings by Mr. John Fair, (chairman). The following is a summary, as compiled by Secretary Frank in submitting to the Board the general figures: Gentlemen,—be, to submit a preliminary statement of the Brantford Water Works for the year ending December 31st, 1915. The net revenue from private consumers was \$56,059.19, as against \$55,204.97 in 1914. This is most satisfactory when you consider the falling off in revenue from our industrial plants. There has been a reduction of \$3,200.00 in the charge to the city for public services, due largely to saving in street watering, which is shown in the reduction of the quantity of water pumped. The weather conditions had a great effect on this as well. Coming to the other side of the account we have an increase in our power account of \$3,200.00, and we also paid \$2,574.50 for overhauling Wamsickle, seconded by C. A. Burgess.

VERY SATISFACTORY

Was the Christmas Business as Reported by Merchants Seen. The general verdict is that the Christmas business in Brantford this year was splendid and a long way ahead of Christmas, 1914. A Courier man who happened across some of the merchant received the following answers: Mr. W. L. Hughes—"Very fine. Much better than last year." Mr. Ogilvie of Ogilvie and Lochead—"Best we ever had. Last Christmas was no comparison, at all." Mr. Sutherland—"A little slow in starting, when it got going business was splendid. Away ahead of last year." Mr. Ramsay of E. B. Crompton Co.—"Best we ever had; best our previous best by nearly 40 per cent."

A GREETING

Received by the Courier From Members of the 36th. The Courier among other Christmas cards is in receipt of one from the "Warrant Officers, Staff Sergeants and Sergeants, 36th Reserve Battalion C.E.F." at West Sandling. It contains a group photograph, and the lines: "This is a greeting from the 36th. On England's shore we still are fix'd. For training men to send our fight. To fight the foe and storm redoubt. Another year is near its end, And we in khaki still are clad. So Christmas and New Year Greetings send, To all our comrades and our friends. But rest assured we're sticking till, The Allies beat old Kaiser Bill." Burford can get along without a waterworks system, but Brantford can't. Because Burford carried local option is no reason why Brantford should.

With Change of Wind May Come Gas Attacks

Germans May Attack at Ypres, at the Noyon Point Nearest to Paris, or in Champagne, But French Are Ready.

KING'S CHRISTMAS MESSAGE TO TROOPS

London, Dec. 25.—"Another Christmas finds all the resources of the empire still engaged in war, and I desire to convey on my own and on behalf of the Queen, a heartfelt Christmas greeting and our good wishes for the new year to all who on sea or land are upholding the honor of the British name. "On the officers and men of my navy, on whom the security of the empire depends, I repose, in common with all my subjects, a trust that is absolute. "In the officers and men of my armies, whether now in France, in the East or in other fields, I rely

LEUT. COL. HOWARD ARRIVES AT ST. JOHNS

In Charge of One Hundred Battle-Scarred Veterans--A List of Those Returning.

St. John, N.B., Dec. 27.—One hundred battle scarred veterans carried to Canada from England by the Metagama left for their homes this morning. The men returned are: Lieut.-Col. F. A. Howard and Battalion in charge; Lieut.-Col. J. Bruce Payne, reserve; Lieut.-Col. J. Creelman, C.S.A.; Major R. Wilson, C.A.M.C.; W. R. Brown, 20th, M. Alexander, reserve; Major Coleman, Captains N. G. Ogilvie, Princess Pats; C. H. Bennett, W. A. Kirkconnell, 14th; A. W. McNally, 7th; F. W. Pickles, C.A.M.C. Lieutenants—Spriggs, 38th; P. Woodcombe, 24th; H. A. Webb, 6th brigade; C. E. Cragg, 3rd Battalion; J. F. H. McCarthy, Royal Canadian Dragoons; S. W. Overolt; Robins, R.N.R.; Webb, Tingling and Vincent. Nursing Sisters—Eva Hambley, Cummings and Rose Grattan. Sergeants—L. Agee, Trudel, W. E. Tarley, 23rd Battalion. Lance-Corporal R. Congdon. Privates—J. Jones, J. F. Robins, W. G. Banner, D. J. McLean, J. Virgent, G. Dowling, Beers, W. G. McClelland, of the 11th battalion; S. T. Fairweather, Z. Ripool, C. Grainger, H. Smith, W. Finney, J. Laven, of the 12th; H. S. Baker, J. B. Campbell, F. Cowan, F. J. Dean, A. E. Smith, H. Hutt, C. Mulhern, L. D. Warren, E. Harpen, W. Hughes, G. P. Anderson, O. Derocher, L. Gagnon, C. McGillan, C. Fox, all of the 23rd battalion; R. Gardner and E. B. Stackford, 20th; H. Allan, J. H. Galle, T. H. Jones, G. H. Noble, W. Plumbbridge, H. Miller, all of the 32nd; F. Ambrose, L. B. Brereton, C. E. Ellis, A. McDougall, L. Perrey, A. E. Wilkinson, all of the 30th; J. J. Connors, A. R. Fremantle, A. Hubert, W. E. Kendrick, H. H. Taylor, all of the 39th; D. L. Anderson, A. Cameron, W. Tushington, all of the 43rd; Beckborough, J. Ireland, R. Fontain, W. T. Smith, J. P. Scott, W. M. Watson, G. Stearns, W. Williams, J. E. Crosby, O. Proulx, W. Saue, J. Burdon, all of the training department; R. McDougall, J. P. Driscoll, E. Gark, G. R. Howery, A. F. Trompe, J. Shorter, A. D. Shaw, N. Armstrong, W. B. Cannon, Pelta, Mendal, G. A. Fails, R. Roland, all of the C. A. S. C.; Sgt. Armstrong, Lieut. Becroft, R. N. R.; Sergt. Fox, Lieut. Johnson, N. R.; Sergt. Lavin, Major J. E. MacKenzie, Sergt. Mellor, Sergts. Munfell and Blum.

TELLS SENCE LIPOLI

in Hole Foot rkish Guns ndered: Sleep.

SDON, Dec. 27.—The man has been received in the British Mediterranean. These are, actually, the big guns up the left Stobs we ash movements. For all in about is rather discouraging. We nos a week ago in small boats that night. We hundred yards lot of holes had these were about varying depth. tted. Cecil and he about one foot akets, so having ad biscuits we woke up frozen

is uncomfortable. We got some stralian and then happen. It did ck. We heard a of an explosion ist best. If we were awfully men. The last en in the firing practically. One were in an ad-out one hundred s. It was quite have lost nobody

over here is water. efficient to drink. quite well at fully hard—I sup-the open air, as we about all the news write later and let on. At present we with other regiments we us what to do, ll hold some part

now on, and quite over our heads tery behind us. A st missed B could six more here juk is and burst about us, but they only now.

"BRUCE. ties up to date e. Herbert Reade k, but not at all was left behind in al. Walter Rendel in three places ours truly at pres-

THIRTEEN IS FROM FRONT

PARIS, Dec. 27.—The fall of the return to Kiesel, a third disappeared from the front. It appeared the Bleichenstr Austrian infantry on the frontier participated in two ed in the chest by ed quickly.