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FIVE CANDIDATES FOR THE MAYORALTY, SEVENTEEN WANT TO BE ALDERMAN AND TWENTY-THREE FOR ED. BOARD

R. A. Stinson Chosen Member of the Public Utilities Commission by Acclamation—A Number of Women Are Candidates for the New Board of Education.

Judging by the number of candidates who have qualified there should be a pretty lively contest for mayor, aldermen and Board of Education on New Year's Day.

Five candidates are in the Mayorally contest, seventeen in the aldermanic race and twenty three men and women who wish to be on the new Board of Education. Nine aldermen and nine members of the Board of Education are to be elected.

R. A. Stinson is elected on the Public Utilities Board by acclamation. The candidates in the field are:

For Mayoralty.
D. W. Eagle, J. M. Elson, E. J. Lovelace, Jacob Smith, and W. J. Westwood.

Fold Aldermen.
F. H. Avery, W. Bannan, J. F. Bentlie, James Dakers, E. C. Graves, L. C. Gray, W. A. Hill, John McDowell, Samuel McLean, M. J. Murphy, C. H. Nash, J. E. Effer, H. E. Rose, Cass Taylor, A. J. Veale, P. G. Wilson, and J. F. Wright.

Board of Education
W. D. Burgoyne, W. W. Burieligh, W. Byrne, Dr. R. M. Calder, J. S. Canton, Mrs. C. M. Gibson, W. Harston, T. W. Jones, M. J. M. Lockhart, Dr. W. J. Macdonald, Mrs. Mackay, J. M. McBride, F. C. McCordick, W. A. McKinnon, Mrs. Malcolmson, W. R. Paxton, F. N. Rutherford, Mrs. H. H. Trappell, J. E. Watson, W. G. Watson, H. H. Woolley, and Mrs. Wright.

Soon End Inquiry Into Race Betting

PARLIAMENT TO ACT BEFORE ANY SPRING MEETS WILL BE HELD AND A NEW LAW PASSED.

OTTAWA, Dec. 26.—The inquiry into racebetting which is being conducted by Dr. J. C. Rutherford of the Railway Board, will be concluded early in the New Year, when Dr. Rutherford will make his report in time for its presentation to Parliament. There will be one more hearing before the taking of evidence closes. It will be held at Ottawa in the early part of January.

The inquiry, which was commenced during the autumn months, has been delayed because Dr. Rutherford had to go west in his capacity as Commissioner of the Railway Board. Legislation relating to racebetting based upon the report to be made by Dr. Rutherford, will be introduced and passed by Parliament at the approaching session. In the meantime, because of the rescinding of the war time orders in our Bill relating to betting, conditions at race tracks are restored to the position which they were in 1917, before the war time restrictions were passed, but betting can take place only at a few winter ice meetings, and Parliament will have adopted its policy before the time arrives for the spring racing events to open.

SMALLPOX CASES GROW IN PROVINCE

TORONTO, Dec. 24.—Statistics made public here by the Provincial Board of Health indicate that for the week ending December 20 there was a falling off in the number of cases of small pox in Toronto and an increase throughout the remainder of the Province. For the last week 405 cases were reported, as compared with 349 the previous week. Of the 405 cases 283 were reported from Toronto.

Patrick Leahy, a returned soldier, was shot and killed in a quarrel at the house of his friend, Victor Dupuis, with whom he was having refreshments after they attended midnight Mass together.

STOLEN TORONTO AUTO AT NIAGARA FALLS

Found in Garage in Italian Quarter—Occupant Lost Track of at Thorold.

NIAGARA FALLS, Ont., Dec. 26.—The car used by the motor hand in Toronto, which was stolen from in front of the Simpson store Wednesday, was discovered in a garage in the Italian section here.

The police arrived on the scene a few minutes later, and found that the occupant, who was alone, had got into a taxi and gone to Thorold. He was traced there, but all trace of him from that point was lost. The police arrested the man who came here from Thorold, but could obtain no information from him.

At Toronto police headquarters nothing was known of any arrest at Niagara Falls, nor had the police there notified Toronto of the finding of a stolen car.

FORT ERIE'S SURPLUS THE FIRST FOR YEARS

Council Has Administered Village Affairs With Economy.

BRIDGEBURG, Dec. 26.—The annual statement covering finances in Fort Erie was issued by Treasurer E. Elliott. For the first time in several years the annual figures show a surplus, amounting to approximately \$490. This has necessitated close economy on the part of the present Village Council.

Starting the year with an apparent surplus of a little over \$600, it was found, however, owing to outstanding notes, that there was actually a deficit of about \$2,400. Some of these notes have been paid, and the balance are included in the statement of liabilities, which, subtracted from the year's assets, about \$18,500, leaves a surplus of \$489.04.

The biggest expense during the year has been in connection with the village pumping station. The cost of gasoline to operate the pumps, hitherto gas driven, has been very high. New electrical machinery is being installed, and an intake well constructed. The present tax rate is 35 mills on the dollar, and it will be likely reduced next year.

IS AN INSULT TO THE HEROIC DEAD

Secretary George Elise of the Grand Army of Canada when interviewed by a Journal reporter at noon today said that he highly resented the action of the Dominion Government in freeing all defaulters under the Military Service Act. It is an insult to those who sleep overseas for the government to grant freedom to those who openly defied the law which called them to the colors in defense of their country and I think the various soldiers organizations should raise a vigorous protest against such action by a government which has evidently forgotten what the soldiers have done since 1914.

CANADA COAL FOR CANADA

TORONTO, Dec. 26.—A special committee to investigate the possibility of developing sufficient fuel in Canada to meet the needs of the Canadian industry has been appointed by the Canadian Manufacturers Association. This committee will make a study of all possible sources from which the supply of various kinds of fuel can be increased. It is felt by the association that the recent coal strike in the United States revealed the weakness of being dependent to too great an extent upon sources of fuel which are located outside of Canada.

George E. Utke, manager of a motor school in Winnipeg, was held up, robbed and badly beaten by a gang on Christmas Eve, the fourth hold up by the gang in a week.

A PUBLIC BENEFACTOR.

"I regard him as a benefactor," said Henry Ward Beecher, "who builds a good piano." When the choice is a Heintzman and Co. piano, made by the Old Firm of Heintzman and Co., Limited, 68 Paul St., St. Catharines, safety is assured. This is the piano that carries a history of 65 years with it, and is today the instrument by which others are measured and judged. In the warehouses in Toronto or at any of their branch warehouses throughout the Dominion it is worthy while paying a visit and in examining these instruments.

GET CIVIL SERVICE POSTS

OTTAWA, Dec. 26.—People who received Christmas boxes in the form of permanent posts in the public service of the Dominion include the following, whose appointments were announced by the Civil Service Commissioner: Hubert Ovide Gauthier, promoted from Preventive Officer to Collector of Customs at Sorel, Que.; Georgia Woodford Connell of Digby, N.S., temporary Employment Manager at Yarmouth of the Employment Service, Department of Labor; Howard G. F. Hines, Vancouver, male Assignment Clerk, Civil Service Commission, Ottawa.

JIMMY ROBERTSON TO MEET YOUNG LONEY

The local post of the Grand Army of Canada have completed arrangements for the big boxing show at Griffin's Family Theatre on New Year's night and from present indications there will be a record crowd in attendance when the first bout is called.

The headline attraction will be a ten round session between Jack Loney of this city and Al Proctor of Lockport. The latter gave Loney a hard battle the last time they met and writes that he will win here next Thursday night. The preliminaries will also provide good sport as the contestants are pretty evenly matched from all accounts. Young Dan Loney will meet Jimmy Robertson of Merriton and those who saw the latter in action say that Loney will have to be at his best to escape a knockout. The other bouts will be between Burns and Johnson and Jimmy Smith and Feltz. As an added attraction the result of the municipal elections will be announced between rounds.

DEARED SOFT COAL

In Chicago, As Result of Miners' Wage Boost

CHICAGO, Dec. 26.—Coal consumers yesterday were in receipt of announcements from several fuel companies notifying them of an increase in the retail price of between thirty and thirty five cents a ton on all coal mined since settlement of the recent bituminous miners' strike, to make up for the 14 per cent wage increase the workers gained.

THREE PATIENTS DIED

Physicians Have Reported Six Cases of Sleeping Sickness.

TORONTO, Dec. 26.—Six cases of encephalitis lethargica, or sleeping sickness, have been reported in the city by private physicians to date, half of them having proved fatal. One victim died after two days' illness, another after seven days, while in the third case the illness lasted 17 days.

FOUR IN MAYORALTY RACE.

BRANTFORD, Dec. 26.—Ald. H. J. Symons has retired from the Mayorality field, and Mayor, MacBride, endorsed by the I. L. P. will try for a third term. He will have as opposition Ald. W. N. Andrews, ex-Mayor J. W. Bowly and Ald. J. W. English. Ald. Symons will run with I. L. P. backing in 1921.

It is officially announced that the Estonian and Bolshevik delegates in conference at Dorpat have reached an agreement on the questions of frontiers and military guarantees.

Johnny Murray of New York defeated Joey Fox of England in a fast bout.

FATAL PISTOL PICKED UP

NIAGARA FALLS, Ont., Dec. 24.—The automatic pistol supposed to have been used in the murder of an Italian was picked up by a foreigner here and turned over to the police. It was found near the place where the woman claimed she saw a man running from the scene of the killing. The inquest opened last night and was adjourned until Monday next.

R. B. Hamilton Dies Suddenly At Cleveland

Was For Many Years General Manager of the Peckard Electric Company

General regret was expressed in the city by many when news was received of the rather sudden death in Cleveland, Ohio, of Ralph B. Hamilton, for many years general manager of the Peckard Electric Company. Mr. Hamilton and family moved to Cleveland about four weeks ago, he being manager of the National Safe Works of that city. It appears he was seized with a stroke and died as a result of it. It is understood the burial took place at Toledo today. He was a brother-in-law of E. F. Seixas, having married Mr. Seixas' sister. The widow and several children survive.

Sketch of Career.

The late Ralph Bergen Hamilton, M.E., was born in Toledo, O., on April 11, 1875. He was educated in Saginaw, Mich., at the Dresden Polytechnic, Germany, and at Cornell University, where he secured the degree of M. in 1896. He began his career as a draftsman for the Buffalo Engineering Co., was assistant engineer of the Howard Iron Works, Buffalo; assistant manager of the Iron Works, Buffalo; and in 1901 became acting manager of the Peckard Electric Co., St. Catharines. He later became secretary treasurer and general manager and in 1912 was appointed president and general manager of the Reo Motor Car Co., of the Rochester Times Publishing Co. and of the McMillan Springs Co. He was in later years chairman of the Board of Directors of the Peckard Electric Co.; President of the Precision Manufacturing Co.; President Cary Safe Co., Buffalo; President Peckard Fuse Co., and also of the Canadian Standard Products Co.

Active as a Citizen.

As a resident of St. Catharines the deceased was a participant in several worthy public enterprises. He was president of the Board of Trade 1906-07, member of the finance committee of the Patriotic League, chairman of the Manufacturers Committee of the Recruiting League, and a former member of the executive board of the Canadian Manufacturers Association. He was appointed by the Imperial Munitions Board during the war as a special representative on investigations pertaining to the manufacture of munitions.

The late Mr. Hamilton was a brother-in-law of Mr. E. F. Seixas, who was for many years manager of the N. S. and T. Ry. and who is now located in Mexico, having married Edith Ralph Seixas, daughter of the late G. A. Seixas of New York. His wife and three sons survive him.

In private life and social circles deceased was a member of the St. Catharines Golf Club; of the National Club of Toronto; University Club Buffalo; Alpha Delta Phi; New York Engineers Club, Montreal; Ellicott Club, Buffalo; and of the Little Saughey Fish and Game Club. He was a member of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers; and an associate member of the American Institute of Electrical Engineers. His residence in St. Catharines was at 30 Bellevue Ave. During the war deceased was active in patriotic movements in this city.

THE WEATHER

TORONTO, Dec. 26.—Pressure is low over the greater portion of the northern half of the continent and highest in the Pacific States. In the western provinces the weather has been generally mild. In Ontario it has turned mild again while in Quebec and the Maritime Provinces it is still cold.

FORECASTS—Fresh strong south west to north west winds, cloudy and mild. Somewhat colder on Saturday.

Quiet Xmas Day Here But Big Business

Merchants Well Satisfied With the Big Trade They Enjoyed.

The weather was ideal for Christmas—in fact it could not have been improved on. There was sleighing and it wasn't too cold for the auto. As far as can be learned every family had its Christmas fowl and plenty. If there were any poor persons known they were looked after by some organization or by private persons.

The kiddies of the Children's Shelter had their Christmas tree and armful of gifts. The inmates of the Industrial Home had a real Christmas time of it. Even the prisoners in the jail were not forgotten and they had just as nice roast goose as many of the best families. In spite of the fact that fowl meat of all kinds was very high especially turkey, there were plenty of turkeys eaten in St. Catharines on Christmas Day.

The merchants report a record Christmas trade in all lines. Stocks are practically depleted and a tendency to buy useful gifts was shown on all sides.

FIVE MAY NOT HANG

Toronto Lawyer Pleads Case of Foreigners at Ottawa

TORONTO, Dec. 26.—Basil W. Essery, Hamilton Trust Building, counsel for three of the five foreigners sentenced at Peterboro to be hanged in connection with the death of a compatriot in the bunkhouse of the Ontario Rock Company at Havelock, Ont., was in Ottawa yesterday in conference with the Minister of Justice. He informed the press that although decision was withheld, there was a strong possibility that his clients would bear fruit. Accidental shooting was urged by Mr. Essery and a colleague from Peterboro. After climbing 13 steps to the bunk room, the man in the thirteenth bunk was killed when, according to the foreigners, the man ahead stumbled in the dark and his gun was discharged.

RECALLS LUKE DILLON

BUFFALO, Dec. 26.—An announcement in Philadelphia that Luke Dillon, seventy years old, who was sentenced to life imprisonment in 1900 as the result of a plot of blow up the Welland canal, is to enter the University of Pennsylvania as a freshman next year, recalled to the local police the arrest here of "Karl Dallman" nearly twenty years ago as the outgrowth of the Fenian raids along the Canadian border.

Luke Dillon and Karl Dallman are one and the same. Dallman was arrested at the old Stafford house, Washington and Carroll streets, in company with three alleged confederates. They say that Dallman also went under the name of Dillon and that Dillon is probably his right name. After his arrest here, he was returned to the Dominion government, tried in a Canadian court and sentenced to life imprisonment. He served fourteen years in a Canadian prison, but was paroled in 1914. Recently he won the scholarship offered by the Irish Press, published in Philadelphia in the interests of the Irish republic.

Dillon is an Irish patriot. He believes that despite the fact that seventy winters and summers have weighed heavily upon his shoulders and left his face as gnarled as an English walnut, he still may be of some use to Ireland in her struggle for independence. For that reason, he has decided to spend the closing years of his life in study, believing that he may live to see the day that Erin will direct her own destinies.

"I remember the arrest of Karl Dallman," said former Police Chief Michael Regan. "He was mixed up in that trouble the Irish had across the border. As I recall it, he was suspected of being implicated with a ring that plotted the destruction of the Welland canal. He was arrested in the old Stafford house at Washington and Carroll streets. We turned him over to the Canadians."

Two destructive fires have swept the old police headquarters building since Dallman's arrest. In the first fire numerous police records were lost, among them the arrests made about the time Dallman was captured. O. T. A. POLICY

RETURNED MEN REGRET LOSING W. R. ROBINSON

War Veterans Send Letters of Appreciation to Retiring Superintendent of N. S. & T.

The following letter of appreciation has been forwarded to Mr. W. R. Robertson by Secretary Cunningham on behalf of the members of the St. Catharines branch of the Great War Veterans Association:

St. Catharines, Ont.
Mr. W. R. Robertson,
Superintendent N. S. and T. City.
Dear Sir: At the last regular meeting of the above branch it was brought to the notice of the members of your acceptance of a position which necessitated your leaving the city. I was instructed to convey to you the members' sincere thanks and appreciation for the many favors received by them from you in the past. We realize that your promotion is due to your faithful service, but we regret that what will be your gain will be our loss. In you St. Catharines loses one of its best citizens and the returned men one of their best friends. The members join with me in extending the compliments of the season and their best wishes for your future success.
L. P. CUNNINGHAM,
Sec. St. Catharines Branch, G.W.V.A.

O. T. A. Policy Secret Until Next Session

MEANWHILE LICENSE BOARD INSTRUCTED TO ENFORCE ACT IMPARTIALLY

It has been decided by the Drury Government to make no announcement at this time of its temperance policy to be introduced at the session of the Legislature, according to a statement issued here. While a policy has been under consideration, the Ministry feels that inasmuch as there are objections in the public mind to retroactive legislation, it will be wise to await the meeting of the Legislature before making its position known. Pending the meeting of the Legislature the Board of License Commissioners will be instructed to enforce the O. T. A. impartially. The statement is:

"In view of the repeal of the Dominion order in Council prohibiting the importation of liquor into this Province, to take effect on the 1st of January next, and in view of the inequalities and unfairness that will arise by reason of the fact that wealthy persons will then be able to import and have in their homes large quantities of liquor, while other persons will be restricted by their circumstances to moderate quantities, the Government has had under consideration the announcement of a policy to be made effective by legislation at the approaching session of the Legislature, to limit importations of liquor into this Province after the 1st of January next. But having in mind the objections to retroactive legislation, the Government has reached the decision that it ought not at present to make any announcement.

"Pending the consideration of the whole question by the Legislature the Government has given instructions for the full and impartial enforcement of the Ontario Temperance Act."

\$300,000,000 IN CHRISTMAS GIFTS

New York Financiers Were Liberal to Employees—Riot of Buying Goes on Unchecked.

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—New York's final day of Christmas shopping started with a rush that promised to exceed even the record breaking business of the day before. Never before in the history of the city has there been such widely distributed prosperity. The stores along Fifth avenue, and other streets where more expensive goods were on sale, were jammed with eager shoppers as early as were the shops in humbler sections.

Christmas bonuses distributed by firms in the financial district were estimated today to aggregate \$30,000,000. Employees of corporations, banks and brokerage firms in many cases received double the bonuses of last year. The gifts varied from 15 per cent. to 100 per cent. of the recipients' salaries. Many corporations and firms distribute bonuses on Jan. 1 instead of on Christmas, and these were not included in today's estimates.

Youth Threw Flask From His Pocket

His Chum in Charge of Another Officer Picked it Up Out of the Snow

In Police Court today a young man pleaded not guilty to having liquor illegally, to wit in a flask nearly empty.

Sergeant Brett and P.C. Kellman saw a crowd of men at Mary and St. Paul street near midnight Christmas eve. They saw the youth and another come together and the second knocked the first down. The police grabbed the pair. Coming to the station Brett, who had one prisoner saw the other ahead of him who was in charge of P. C. Kellman take something from his pocket and drop it in the snow. Brett's prisoner picked it up and said he would keep it. When the paper was taken off a flask nearly empty was found.

Terence McCarron cross questioned Sgt. Brett as to whether he was sure he had seen the man take something from his pocket.

Chief Greene testified that the defendant had admitted to him that he had had the liquor in the house for two months and had brought it with him, though he didn't know why. A fine of \$200 was imposed which was paid.

The second youth pleaded guilty to acting in a disorderly manner. He said there was a quarrel as to who was "stuck" for a game of pool. A fine of \$10 was imposed and likewise paid.

David Kingston, a youth, denied that he had hit A. J. Lefstein on Christmas eve.

Lefstein stated that in consequence of a quarrel with his boy, Luke Kingston had hit him in the face with a broom handle.

The Lefstein lad and Kingston had called him a bloody Jew and hit and kicked him, knocking him down. He said they would kill all the Jews because they had too much money.

Harry Gray, a chum of the Lefstein boy, corroborated the story.

The Kingston boy was put on the stand by his Counsel, Mr. Seymour. He said the Lefstein boy had called him a name so he had hit him in the face and knocked him down. Lefstein senior came out and said he'd kill Kingston if he didn't stop hitting his son. He then struck at Kingston and hit him on the shoulder when he dodged. To defend himself Kingston had grabbed a broom and hit Lefstein. Then he ran into his yard and Lefstein followed him to the house. His mother kept him out.

Mrs. Kingston said she had to keep Lefstein out of the house. He was threatening to kill Arthur, her son. He struck at her son and hit her.

The Magistrate characterized it as neighborly at best and called it a draw. There was hitting all around.

"I'll settle the whole three assaults in one by calling it a draw," said his Worship and after giving the boys some fatherly advice let them all go.

Pyburn Has a Bad Record in Other Places

Chief of Police Greene has received word from the Toronto Police Department that Daniel Pyburn, the one legged soldier arrested here for trying to break into Bradley's grocery store, has a lengthy criminal career. He has been convicted no less than five times and has served terms for various offences most of them theft. One, however, was for escaping from custody.

ROBBERS BREAK UP

CARD GAME IN A CLUB

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—Three hold up men entered the Eugene R. Duffy Association club rooms early yesterday, lined up eighteen members at the point of revolvers, and escaped with \$2,000 in cash and personal property. The members, who were playing cards when the robbers entered, were backed up against the wall while one holdup man went through their pockets and the other two stood guard.

Premier Venizelos of Greece, after spending a short time in Rome, has left for Paris.

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