

HYDRO CLIQUE HAS MADE SELECTIONS.

All Depends on T. J. Stewart—West Hamilton Member Makes Statement.

FOR MAYOR:
T. J. STEWART.

FOR CONTROLLERS:
W. G. BAILEY.
ALD. COOPER.
FRANK QUINN.
ALD. WRIGHT.

That is the slate the Hydro-Electric supporters propose going to the people with, providing of course that they get Mr. Stewart's consent to oppose Mayor McLaren. They have not got it yet. They are not certain that they will. The committee waited on the member for West Hamilton when he arrived from Toronto on Saturday afternoon, and pleaded with him to carry their banner. To quote Mr. Stewart's own words, the delegation got no satisfaction. He refused to give a definite answer until after to-night's Council meeting. Ex-Ald. Bailey, who was snubbed under by Mayor McLaren last January, was later waited upon, and he, too, refused to give a definite answer yet.

Mr. Stewart left for Ottawa to-day. Before going he made this statement to the Times:

"I gave the committee no satisfaction, and I understand that Mr. Bailey gave no answer. This is the way I feel about it. If the Council on Monday night makes a contract for two motors it will be carrying out the spirit of the contract from this and not say what I will do. I think the aldermen should act fair and square in this matter and obey the mandate of the people."

Reading between the lines one might take it for granted that Mr. Stewart would refuse to have anything to do with the mayoralty fight if a contract is made for two motors, but Mr. Stewart did not say so.

"Will you be a candidate if only one motor is purchased?" he was asked.

"In that event," was the reply, "I would go into the fight a good deal sooner. It would be a strong inducement for me to run."

One of the Hydro lieutenants is authority for the statement that, although Mr. Stewart gave the deputation no definite answer, he is certain to be in the field and it is said that he has already made arrangements by which he can lick an organization into shape on a few days' notice. There will be nothing doing before next Saturday, when Mr. Stewart returns from Ottawa.

The general impression is that if Stewart refuses to run there will be no mayoralty contest. The committee which is looking for a candidate, however, refuses to admit this. "There is sure to be opposition," said one of the chief moguls this morning. "Bailey will be the choice if Stewart refuses."

A big section of the Hydro crowd however, is not warming up very enthusiastically to Mr. Bailey. They do not think that he is aggressive enough.

There is trouble looming up already for the Hydro organization. Almost every one of the fifteen Hydro candidates for the Board of Control expected to be endorsed. It was hoped to get eleven of them to retire in favor of Cooper, Bailey, Quinn and Wright. Those who have been spoken to, however, are obstinate. They have their cards out and are in the field to stay. "We will endorse four," said a member of the aldermanic committee to-day, "and distribute cards with their names on. The others, if they persist in running, will receive no support from our organization."

Just how Jim Miller, Dan Mahoney and the rest of them will warm up to this suggestion remains to be seen. The committee will meet to-night, but there is little chance of anything definite being done before it is known who the mayoralty candidate will be.

It is the intention to endorse a full slate of aldermen. The Hydro slate, as proposed, looks like a product of the Tory machine. Most of the aldermanic candidates will be Conservative, too, although a few Liberals will be nominated, in the hope of catching the Liberal vote. On the surface it looks like a neat little scheme to introduce politics into the Council again.

James Nolan, for sixteen years a city ward foreman, has declared himself in the field as controller. His platform is "The Working Man."

Dr. Roberts, Medical Health Officer, who has been in the odd country for the past four months, arrived home yesterday.

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HIS HIGHNESS IS HIMSELF AGAIN

KING LEOPOLD PASSING AWAY.

Belgium's King Dying—May Operate on Him in Effort to Save His Life—May Administer Extreme Unction.

Brussels, Dec. 13.—King Leopold was reported as dying to-day, but the report lacked confirmation. It is known that the condition of His Majesty has reached a critical stage, but death is not at hand. A consultation of attending physicians was held this morning when it was decided that if there was no change for the better by to-morrow an operation would be performed. Another consultation will be held to-night.

The King slept intermittently last night. During one period of wakefulness he sent for his private secretary, Baron Goffinet, who remained several moments in the chamber. Immediately

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in consultation, and the royal chaplain was brought to the bedside. Toward evening the King was said to be slightly improved, and to have had some sleep. The court physician, Dr. Thiraud, held a consultation with other physicians, after which this bulletin was issued.

"Although the night was passed calmly, the King's condition is not improved. Unless an immediate change occurs an operation will be necessary. The royal chaplain of Laeken Castle remains at the palace, prepared to administer the last sacraments."

King Leopold is suffering terribly. His physicians fear the result of an operation, and should they decide to operate the patient will first receive extreme unction, administered by Cardinal Mercier, Archbishop of Mechelin.

READY FOR THE BATTLE.

Brewery and Distillery Owner
Manage the Campaign.

And Help Hotel Men to Provide
Sineus of War.

Big Increase in Amount of Water
Pumped.

Opinion is divided in the City Hall as to the probability of the temperance people capturing the Council next year. The hotel men have been working so quietly that it was generally believed they had no organization and would be in poor shape for the whirlwind campaign the Citizens' Campaign Committee will inaugurate this week, when Rev. Sam Small begins addressing temperance meetings nightly in the different city churches. As a matter of fact, the liquor interests here were never better prepared for a fight, and the organization has not been left to the hotel proprietors, either. The people behind it are the brewery and distillery owners of the Province. The campaign is being managed from Toronto. There is said to be no lack of funds and vigorous opposition will be waged in every city, town and village where license reduction or local option is being voted on. The hotel men and shop license holders in Hamilton have been very active in a quiet way. They say they were caught napping last year. The temperance people are equally confident. Their organization, they say, is in far better shape than it was last year, and the campaign is being handled by experienced workers, who know how to get out the vote. The success of the committee last year in electing eight men to the Council the temperance agitators believe will do much to influence the vote in their favor next January.

About the only matter likely to provoke discussion at to-night's Council meeting is the question of the motors for the beach pump house. The Hydro supporters expect that this will give them an opportunity to turn loose some of their thunder in support of the campaign to be waged from now until election day and indications point to a gabfest, such as the Council has not been treated to this year.

In a letter to the City Engineer, in which he asks that his concern be given a chance to tender on the Hydro motors, W. A. Bueke, of the Canadian General Electric Company, points out that there has been a disposition on the city's part to place the business with the Westinghouse Company, no matter what the tenders are. If the city intends doing this again, he requests that his company be notified, so that it can avoid going to unnecessary expense. Mr. Bueke says he would be pleased if Toronto would take the same interest in local firms as Hamilton does.

City Engineer Macallum and the officials of the water department are at a loss to account for the big increase in the amount of water pumped at this time of the year. Engineer Macallum's report for November shows that 198,494,390 gallons were pumped, an increase of 17,812,390, or ten per cent. over that in the corresponding month a year ago. As it takes less than a million gallons a month to supply the mountain people, that does not account for it.

City Engineer Macallum received a telegram Saturday informing him that Engineer Southman, of the Hydro-Electric Commission, will be here at 3 o'clock this afternoon to confer with the Fire and Water Committee about the electric motors.

The City Solicitor has received a copy of the order from the Dominion Railway Commission, granting the city the right to carry the base line sewer under the Grand Trunk tracks.

C. H. Moore was granted a permit to-day for two frame houses on Burlington street between Mary and Catharine streets, to cost \$1,500.

TWO RAIDS.

Inspector and Police Seized a
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Inspector Sturdy yesterday morning visited a boathouse at the foot of Simcoe street, and found a number of young men enjoying a quiet drink. The beer was confiscated, and William Loan, said to be the owner of the boathouse, will appear in Police Court on Wednesday on a charge of a breach of the Liquor Act.

Saturday night another raid was made at Fred Bagalini's house, 178 Barton street west. Inspector Sturdy and a number of policemen found six foreigners in the place, who had just started to draw the corks.

The goods confiscated totaled about 63 quarts in bottles. Bagalini has been summoned to appear on Wednesday before Magistrate Jells.

The Man In Overalls

Do your shopping to-morrow. I am beginning to lose patience with some of you folk.

There would be more good sermons preached if you were to compliment your minister when he did do something worth while. I sometimes think it would hearten him up quite a bit if the deacons would allow us to applaud when we felt like it. Of course there is always the danger of the encore fiend to guard against, also the people who might want to hiss.

I wonder if we are to get another slice of that York Loan money by Christmas eve.

Now if Constable Fuller had been some coy young thing who wanted to peer into the future so as to catch a glimpse of her future husband I shouldn't have thought anything of it.

The mountain people having had their assessments increased because of their being supplied with water, it is natural that they should kick when the supply is cut off.

The Times Christmas number will be perhaps the best ever issued from this office. It will be profusely illustrated, and in colors.

Not only am I in favor of Home Rule for Ireland, but I favor Home Rule for both England and Scotland, and if Wales wants it she can have it also. I mean the kind of home rule Mr. Asquith means.

It is getting so near to Christmas now that I will soon be hustling out to do my own shopping.

Still, after all, I think Mayor McLaren will fill the chair next year.

I imagine the Cannon street people will kick, and kick hard, against running

HEALTH CLUB.

Dr. McConnell's Class Organizes One Here.

Dr. McConnell, of Chicago, gave the last of his course of lectures on Human Electricity at the Y.M.C.A. Saturday night. At the close of the lecture, on motion of Mrs. Newton D. Galbreath, the class unanimously passed a resolution commending the system and endorsing Dr. McConnell.

A Hamilton Health Club was subsequently formed with Mr. Geo. Black as president. The McConnell Health Club in Toronto has a membership of 740 and it is expected that the local one will become a strong organization.

HAD TO BE DESTROYED.

A horse, the property of Henderson Craig, a carter, slipped and broke its leg last evening in a barn in the rear of 618 Barton street east. Inspector Berlinghoff was called and destroyed the animal.

Mr. Berlinghoff has received numerous complaints from prominent citizens in Dundas about the manner in which many horses there are being overworked. He conferred with Chief Twiss, who promised to attend to the matter.

DESPONDENT ABOUT HIS POOR SISTER.

John Hannon Cut His Throat and Had Been
Dead Hours When Discovered.

Despondent and tired of life, John Hannon, who boarded at 285 York street, slashed his throat with a razor, inflicting wounds of such a nature that he died before his act was discovered. His throat was cut almost from ear to ear, and he had apparently died without a struggle. He had been worrying for some time about himself and his sister. No intimation had been given by him of his intention, and the inmates of the house were unaware of the fact that he had ended his life until this morning, when a chum went to the door to call him, and discovered him lying on the floor. He had apparently been dead for some hours then. The last time he was seen alive was yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

Hannon was a cigarmaker, and a number of his fellow workmen boarded at the same place, but to none of them had he ever spoken of his troubles, except to a friend he had worked with for the past three years, and to him he confided that his sister was in destitute circumstances.

The body was discovered by G. Wheatcroft, who was in the habit of stopping into Hannon's room each morning when he got up. This morning he did not get up until 8.45. As usual, he went to Hannon's room. When he endeavored to enter the door would not open very wide. He finally got in, and saw Hannon lying on the floor, with his throat cut, dead. He hurriedly notified the other people in the house, and notice was sent to the police, who soon appeared on the scene. Coroner Philip was also notified, and was not long in arriving.

The body was lying just where it had fallen. He had apparently walked over to the mirror upon his dresser, picked up the razor, and done the deed which ended his career. After cutting his throat he must have turned around, taken two steps toward the door, and fallen with

his head near his bed and in such a way as to be near the door.

The razor which he had used fell on the dresser, and was about three parts open. It was covered with blood. The cover on the dresser was pushed back. The floor in front of the dresser was covered with blood, and his two steps were plainly marked by blood stains. His foot marks were about three feet apart, and he had apparently staggered.

In the room were found a number of bottles near the head of his bed. He had apparently been drinking. He was fully dressed, with the exception of his coat. In his trouser pockets was found a number of small straps, which were probably used in his work.

For the past week his companions claim he had been feeling unusually despondent, but they did not think he was considering such a thing as suicide. They generally conceded him to be of a bright, jovial nature, and thought his despondency would soon wear off.

Hannon had a number of years ago been on a journey up north, and while there had his feet frozen. He had them amputated and artificial ones put on. He did not seem to worry about that, though, as he could walk without showing the defect to any great extent.

He was a native of Ireland, but had resided in this country for a number of years. Wheatcroft had known the deceased for three years, they having learned the cigarmaking trade at the same place. Since learning the trade they had worked together, but Hannon had always seemed bright and cheerful, except when he spoke of his sister and the destitute circumstances she was in. He was 34 years of age and unmarried.

Coroner Philip gave it as his opinion that Hannon had been dead for a number of hours, and had probably done the deed last night, as rigor mortis had already set in. The parents of the young man live in Dublin, Ireland.

Dr. Philip considered that an inquest was not necessary.

Looking for Others.

Eric, Pa., Dec. 13.—When the sun came up to-day every available craft of any size put out of the breakwater here to aid in the search for possible survivors of the ill-fated Marquette and Bessemer car ferry No. 2, which has probably foundered in the middle of Lake Erie.

Nine of the crew of the vessel were brought here last night through to death in a small ten-man yawl, in tow of the State fisheries boat Commodore Perry.

It is believed that further boats will be picked up within the next few hours. Capt. Dryscoll, commanding the Perry, said:

"I expect to find other yawls with the members of the crew of the car ferry in them. I hope against hope that I may reach the yawls if there are any afloat in time to be of real service."

Officers of the Car Ferry Company have spared no efforts to locate their missing ship and shipwrecked crew. It is reported that the burial of the nine bodies recovered yesterday will be paid for by the company, and the loss in some instances falls heavily upon the sailors' families.

The bodies of the nine sailor men were shipped to Conneaut to-day, accompanied by over a hundred mourners.

SAD STORY TOLD AGAIN

Of Man's Neglect and Abuse of
Woman of His Choice.

Wm. Bradley's Name Put on Indian List by Magistrate.

Edward Cusick, a Real Indian,
in Trouble Again.

If the old court room at No. 3 police station could repeat the tales that have been told within its four walls, they would make a good-sized volume of some of the most pathetic incidents in history. Another was told this morning by Mrs. Minnie Bradley, who charged her husband with criminal non-support. It was all traceable to the same old course, drink.

She told how she had toiled early and late for herself and family of five, while her husband had been out drinking, and each night as the hour of midnight drew near she had listened, filled with fear, for the unsteady footsteps of the man who years ago had told of his love for her in words of passionate tenderness. The father's influence is having a tendency to lead another seventeen-year-old daughter in the wrong path, Mrs. Bradley declared.

Many of the details of the complainant's story were like the second chapter of Tom Hood's "Song of the Shirt," for she said she had sat up night in and night out, mending and sewing, to be compensated at the end of the week by a mere pittance; her sole object to earn the wherewithal for the sustenance of herself and children.

Reluctantly she confessed that her husband had so far forgotten himself as to accuse her of frequenting dens of iniquity.

"What does he do with his money?" she was asked by the Magistrate.

"Gives it to the saloon keepers," was the answer.

She is a slim little woman, and her good looks have not yet left her. She was once a handsome little brunette.

William Bradley, big, strong, showing signs of dissipation, wished the court to know that his wife is one of the most abusive of women. Many unkind things he said about her, and sought corroboration from a weeping little daughter in the witness chair.

P. C. Cameron was asked if he knew defendant to be a loiterer around saloons, and the officer said he did.

His Worship put Bradley on the Indian list and gave him no understanding that if he is seen around hotels he will be arrested and punished, and a further injunction was made that he must stay away from his wife.

There was some dispute over one of (Continued on Page 10.)

KILLED HIM.

Former Hamilton Man's Death
Caused by Explosion.

The death of Mr. Harry Kime, of Glen Willow, Ohio, formerly of Hamilton, and son of the late Harry W. Kime, took place on Dec. 10. The cause of death was an explosion of a powder mill at that place, where he was employed. He leaves a widow and five children, Frank, Willie, Russell, Lizzie and Pearl, all at home; also two brothers, Adrian, of this city, and Charles, of Burlington Beach, and six sisters, Mrs. Frank Drake, city; Mrs. W. Rodwell, of Toronto; Mrs. J. Vealey, Mrs. L. Hughton and Misses Rosie and Fannie, all of Buffalo. The funeral will take place to-morrow from the residence of his brother, Adrian, 194 John street north. The family has the sincere sympathy of many friends, having suffered twelve deaths in a little over three years.

Very Busy.

Saturday was, indeed, a very busy day with us. To-day everything rearranged. The store never looked better. The assortment now so complete; the quality never better. We would ask that you favor us with your orders as early as possible each day. If you can't find it convenient to shop during the day, call evenings. Store will be open every evening until 10 o'clock. Another shipment of Long Point ducks arrived to-day.—Bain & Adams.

SAFETY DEPOSIT BOXES.

To rent at \$2 a year and upwards, for the storing of deeds, bonds, stocks, wills, silver and other valuables.

TRADERS BANK OF CANADA.

Just Look! You Don't
Need to buy. We'll show you some of the smartest overcoats and suits you ever saw at \$11.99; they are \$16 special values, offered Saturday and Monday. Perhaps you'll like to see our \$20 Carra grey and black melton overcoats; they have the style and many few tailors can equal. Fralick & Co., 13 and 15 James street north.

MASHED HIM.

London Young Lady Beat Him
and Had Him Fined \$10.

(Special Wire to the Times.)

London, Ont., Dec. 13.—Bert Jackson, a would-be masher, went into a local store when no one was in but Miss Edna Hall, a pretty young woman, and proceeded to mash. Miss Hall procured a big club and mashed him, threw him out of the store, and in court this morning he was fined \$10 for using insulting language to the girl.

A Smoker's Christmas Box.

Good cigars, that you can depend on, are sold at peace's cigar store. He has them in small boxes for 50c, 60c, 70c, \$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.50. You can select a nice box of cigars at 107 king street east.