

The Advertiser Wishes Its Readers a Happy and Prosperous New Year

MAMMOTH STEEL PLANT TO BE ERECTED AT SANDWICH

United States Steel Corporation Decides Upon a Twenty Million Dollar Subsidiary—Will Turn Out All Classes of Steel.

[Special to The Advertiser.]
New York, Dec. 31.—A new steel plant costing over \$20,000,000, and which will turn out practically all classes of steel, will be built shortly in Canada by the United States Steel Corporation. This was decided on at the meeting of the directors of the corporation today. The plant will be built at Sandwich, Ont., where the corporation has for several years owned 1,500 acres of land, with one and a half miles of water front, opposite Detroit, Mich.

bar mills. Tin plate and tube works may also be erected, although this has not yet been decided definitely. The initial cost of construction is placed at \$20,000,000, but this amount will probably be exceeded before the work is finished. All the details have not been arranged, but it is likely that a bond issue to meet part of the construction of the new plant will be negotiated. No date has been set for the beginning of construction, but work will probably be started as soon as all arrangements have been made. To operate the plant a new subsidiary of the United States Steel Corporation will be organized in Canada.

STRAW HATS OUT AT MONTREAL

Montreal, Dec. 31.—Indian summer conditions prevailed here today and people in their winter garbs sweltered on the streets. Several youths to signalize the remarkable conditions, were to be seen promenading around the business streets in straw hats.

The thermometer at noon registered 55 degrees.

KNIGHTHOOD FOR TWO CANADIANS

Messrs. J. S. Willison and A. R. Angers Recipients of New Year's Honors.

ONLY TWO PEERAGES

Sir James Whitney and Sir Edward Morris Each Secured With Order of St. Michael.

[Special to The Advertiser.]
London, Dec. 31.—King George conferred only two peerages in his New Year's bestowal of honors today. They went to Col. Sir George Sydneyham Clarke and Lieut.-Col. Sir George Kemp.

Sir Edward Morris, of St. John's, Nfld., and Sir James Whitney, of Toronto, Ont., are made Knights-Commanders of St. Michael and St. George. Among the knights are included John Stephen Willison, journalist, of Toronto; August Real Angers, of Montreal; and Francis Darwin, son of the late Charles Darwin.

BARKER AND CLARE ON PRIVY COUNCIL

Borden Government Introduces Innovation in Selection of Councillors.

[Special to The Advertiser.]
Ottawa, Dec. 31.—The Canadian Government, it is officially announced, has made Samuel Barker, M. P. for Hamilton, and George A. Clare, M. P. for South Waterloo, members of the privy council. This is somewhat of an innovation in Canada, the fifty odd Canadian privy councillors being practically confined to cabinet and ex-cabinet ministers, and ex-speakers of the Commons and Senate. Messrs. Barker and Clare for the rest of their lives are entitled to the prefix, "Honorable," and in precedence rank next to chief justices, and ahead of admirals, generals, members of the Senate, and speaker of the House of Commons.

HAMILTON LADY LOST

Arrived at St. John, Nfld., and Left There for Montreal.
[Special to The Advertiser.]
Montreal, Dec. 31.—The local police have started a search for Mrs. Wm. Winder, the Hamilton woman, who is supposed to have arrived in St. John on Dec. 21 and left for this city after a visit to the old country, and who has been missing ever since. A canvass of all the Winders living in the city failed to unearth a trace of the woman.

DYNAMITERS LEAVE FOR FEDERAL PRISON

Indianapolis, Ind., Dec. 31.—A special train carrying the thirty-three labor union officials to Leavenworth, Kas., left here at 12:10 o'clock today over the Pennsylvania Railroad.

A New Year's Party.
Mr. William A. Martin, of 460 King street, gave his annual New Year's dinner to a number of personal friends last night, and a very pleasant time was spent by a coterie of twelve. There were present Messrs. Dr. Balfour, Dr. Weekes, Dr. Geo. L. Clarke, Dr. E. Williams, R. Trombley, Prof. Bert Beal, Frank Ashplant, Charles Martin, Dr. J. B. Campbell, Edgar T. Young, W. A. Martin and Ed J. Carty.

ABUSE POURED ON AID. RICHTER

Electors Should Support Him For Enemies He Has Made—Mean Attack on Other Aldermen Who Voted With Him.

Ald. J. C. Richter has come through the most abusive campaign ever waged against a municipal candidate in the city of London.

He has been attacked personally with the essence of venom exuding from every article that was directed against him.

Though he has served the people of London faithfully, independently and fairly for three years, he has been the target for attacks that would disgrace humanity itself.

If Ald. Richter were defeated it would be the worst blow the citizens of London have given to the candidacy of men of the bigger type in the city council.

Ald. Richter has been thirty years in London in an important business capacity. He has been known by his works alone, and in the business community there is no one who enjoys greater confidence and respect.

He entered public life against his own wishes, but he gave to it the same painstaking ability that he has shown as the manager of one of the leading financial institutions of the country. In him London has had a public servant it cannot afford to lose.

Mr. Richter has taken abuse with a smile. He laughingly says that the most sticks are found under the best apple trees. His opponents' untruths and petty tricks have been beneath him.

Ald. Richter has not been alone. The meanest attacks have been directed against the six other aldermen who voted as their judgment dictated. They have been accused of yielding to wire-pulling of self-seeking, of everything dishonorable, and of that will inspire them and their like to give their best efforts to their fellow citizens.

WATCH NIGHT SERVICE IN LONDON CHURCHES

Many See the Old Year Out and New In With Religious Ceremonies.

The watch-night service in the King Street Presbyterian Church was opened with a 15-minute song service. A lucid address was given by Rev. H. A. Bernin, a missionary residing in Toronto, on the foreign problem, especially among the Ruthenian race in the west.

Mr. Bernin, who is a native-born Russian, is an ordained minister in the Presbyterian Church. His address was a very impressive one and was well received by the audience. A consecration was held at the close and Rev. Mr. McIntosh gave a short address.

A large crowd attended the watch-night services in the Talbot Street Baptist Church. Mr. Roy Dale and Miss Elliott contributed a pleasing duet. Rev. H. H. Bingham took his text from the verse, "Thou shalt guide me with thy counsel and afterwards proceed to glory." The minister impressed upon those present the necessity of being guided by the counsels of God as we enter upon the untrodden paths of the new year.

Impressive watch night services were conducted in the Adelaide Street Baptist Church on Tuesday evening. Addresses were given by Mr. Herbert E. Wilson, superintendent of the City Mission, and the Rev. John Elder, who is supplying in Maitland Street Baptist Church. The choir rendered several evangelistic selections. Miss Grigg sang the old-time favorite "Jesus Lover of My Soul." Mr. George White rendered "Before the Dawn" in pleasing voice. The male quartette, comprising Messrs. Wilgoose, Woodward, Sawyer and White, sang two numbers entitled: "Remember the Creator" and "Lead Kindly Light." The closing moments were spent in silent prayer.



Safe and Capable Men to Vote For

The following candidates for the city council may be voted for with the confidence that all matters will be considered by them in the best interests of the city:

**Ashplant
Bennett
Buchner
Blandford
Gerry
Johnston
Mitchell
Richter
Robinson
Ryan**

They stand for a square deal for everybody.

CABINET RESIGNS

Leader of Spanish Government Is Making Good With People.

[Canadian Press.]
Madrid, Dec. 31.—Count Romanones today handed the King the resignation of the cabinet. This was in fulfillment of the understanding when he assumed the premiership after the assassination of Premier Canalejas. The Ministry includes some discordant elements, and King Alfonso requested the count to form a new government, which task he will undertake.

WHITNEY DENIES IT

Says He Is Not to Succeed Gibson as Lieutenant-Governor.

Toronto, Dec. 31.—Sir James Whitney emphatically denies the story that he is to succeed Sir John Gibson as lieutenant-governor.

ADVERTISER WILL BULLETIN RETURNS OF THE ELECTIONS

The Advertiser will bulletin the results of the municipal elections today, a special messenger service bringing the returns to the office as rapidly as they are completed. As in other years, the fullest possible information will be given.

A staff of competent operators will answer all telephone calls. Any citizen desiring to know the results will telephone to 3670, and he will be given all the information possible.

The first returns will come in shortly after 5 o'clock, and from that until midnight the results will be received. Call 3670 and find out how it is going.

The Day in London

Skating at Jubilee.
Garrison at home at the armories.
Paul Rainey's African jungle pictures at the Grand.
Vaudeville at the Empire Theatre.
R. C. R. "At Home" at Wolseley Barracks.
Organ recital at First Presbyterian Church this evening.
Basketball at Y. M. C. A.

THESE NEW CITIZENS MAY VOTE TODAY

Addition to Pottersburg List of Those Eligible to Cast a Ballot.

The following residents of the newly annexed suburbs of Ealing, Pottersburg and Knollwood Park are entitled to vote in today's municipal elections. These names have been admitted from the newly revised voters' list, and many of the ratepayers whose names appear are not aware that they are allowed to vote at the city elections on New Year's Day.

The addition to the Pottersburg list is as follows: Part I.—William Austin, Robert Beattie, David Clark, L. B. Christensen, H. H. Clare, Charles D. Thomas, David, William Dace, William Evans, H. Edwards, Henry E. Hodgkinson, Thomas Hayes, Rev. John C. Hosie, G. H. Haney, John Johnson, Thomas Lipsitt, G. Lovell, J. A. McClurg, Charles F. Penny, John Parks, Frank Snook, Dr. H. E. Schaefer, Edward Shepherd, George Shake, W. H. K. Talbot, James C. Thompson, John C. Thompson, Joseph Uren, Merton Weir, George Wallis.

Part II.—George Heaman, Mrs. M. E.

THE WEATHER.

TODAY—FINE AND MILD.

Toronto, Dec. 31.—Pressure remains low over the northern portion of the continent and comparatively high over the Southern States. The weather today has been fair and quite mild in nearly all parts of the Dominion.

Minimum and maximum temperatures: London, 32—39; Victoria, 40—44; Vancouver, 40—44; Kamloops, 30—44; Calgary, 18—42; Edmonton, 8—26; Battleford, 10—22; Prince Albert zero—14; Moose Jaw, 8—34; Winnipeg, 10—20; Port Arthur, 23—26; Parry Sound, 25—43; Toronto, 34—42; Kingston, 34—42; Ottawa, 32—35; Montreal, 34—40; Quebec, 30—36; St. John, 24—42; Halifax, 38—48.

Forecasts.
Western Ontario—Moderate to fresh westerly to southerly winds; fine and mild.
Lower St. Lawrence and Gulf and Maritime Provinces—Fresh southwesterly winds; fair and mild.
Lake Superior—Fair today; not much change in temperature; local snow or sleet on Thursday.
Manitoba and Saskatchewan—A few light local snowfalls, but mostly fair; not much change in temperature.
Alberta—Generally fair; stationary or a little lower temperature.

MERCHANTS AND MANUFACTURERS DEMAND FULLER INFORMATION

More Signatures to the Petition Asking That the Advice of Independent Experts on Electrification Scheme Be Procured—The Six Aldermen Supported.

Since the publication of the petition from wholesale merchants, manufacturers and jobbers in The Advertiser last night several more leading firms have signed their names.

They represent a very large section of the wholesale and manufacturing interest of London; others who are known to have the same opinion could not be seen, and several subscribed to the purport of the petition but preferred to have their names omitted because they feared they would invite abuse and misrepresentation.

The property owned by the signatories runs into several millions of dollars, and their tax bills into many thousands. They give employment to an army of men and keep hundreds of the homes of London together.

Are they to be stigmatized as "private interests," and to be denied a consideration of their claims?

A feeling of genuine alarm has seized the mercantile and commercial circles in London over the prospect that the people might be forced to vote without adequate means of forming a judgment.

The great wholesale, manufacturing and jobbing interests of the city are aroused as never before in the history of London to the danger that besets them, and they are taking vigorous methods to protect themselves. Many of them regard the situation as vital to the whole future of the city.

If the people had been forced to vote on the electrification scheme today, and, if, by any chance it had carried, there would have been a crisis that would have shaken London from centre to circumference.

It is impudence on the part of anyone to talk of "private interests" when the bulk of the manufacturing and wholesale interests of London are so sincerely alarmed over the possibility of losing transportation facilities vital to their business.

Here, in a hastily-gathered petition, are the pleas of thirty-one business houses of London. No doubt dozens of other names would have been appended had more time been given to this petition, circulated at the eleventh hour, in the hope of influencing the electors to mark their ballots with caution. Those who have the franchise should not vote for anybody who is not pledged to give citizens the fullest information.

The petition and its signatories are as follows:

We, the undersigned, merchants and manufacturers of the city of London, beg to say that we heartily approve of the action of the aldermen who voted in favor of the resolution to delay the submission of the question of the electrification of the London and Port Stanley Railway until the advice of independent experts had been obtained, and time given to consider the effect thereof, and until some conference had been had with the Michigan Central and Pere Marquette, important railways now terminating in London. We hope the electorate will not put in a set of men who will rush the question to a vote of the people without these precautions.

E. LEONARD & SONS.
MURRAY SHOE CO.
SOMERVILLE PAPER BOX CO.
JOHN FERGUSON & SONS.
C. S. HYMAN & CO.
THE O-PEE-CHEE GUM CO.
THE NATIONAL NOVELTY CO.
T. B. ESCOTT & CO.
R. C. STRUTHERS & CO.
MCMILLAN, CALDER & CO.
BRICKENDEN & MCCRIMMON.
JOHN MILLS, LIMITED.
HOBBS HARDWARE CO.
LONDON CROCKERY CO.
JOHN MARSHALL & CO.
W. L. MARA.
McCORMICK MANUFACTURING CO.
LONDON BOLT AND HINGE WORKS.
JOHN MCNEE & SONS.
ROBINSON, LITTLE & CO.
ELLIOTT, MARR & CO.
M. MASURET & CO.
WESTERN WIRE AND NAIL CO.
REID BROS. & CO.
H. T. REASON & CO.
NATIONAL DRUG AND CHEMICAL CO.
H. A. SABINE & CO.
JOHN CAMPBELL & SONS.
THE IDEAL CONCRETE MACHINERY CO.
READY-TO-WEAR, LIMITED.
A. TALBOT & CO.

LOSS WILL BE \$30,000 IN FIRE AT CHATHAM

[Special to The Advertiser.]
Chatham, Dec. 31.—Fire, which broke out today in Cowan's shoe store, caused a loss which will reach \$30,000. The insurance will amount to about \$25,000. Owing to the dense smoke the firemen had the greatest difficulty in locating the blaze until it had gained immense headway and adjoining stores suffered slightly from damage by smoke and water.

Mr. Cowan went into the building, but was so nearly overcome by smoke that he only saved himself by jumping through a plate glass door. He was painfully hurt, but not seriously. The building is owned by the Foreign Missionary Society of the First Presbyterian Church, having been bequeathed in the will of the late Kenneth Urquhart.

Havana, Dec. 31.—The plea to start another negro revolution in Cuba appears to have been hatched in Kingston, Jamaica. The Government manifests great reserve regarding the matter, but it is not believed to be serious.