

WARD MEETINGS ARE ARRANGED

FIRST GUN FRIDAY IN MUNICIPAL FIGHT

New Blood Offering for Positions on Council and School Board

(From Thursday's Daily.)
Although the present municipal election campaign will necessarily be a short one—polling taking place exactly one week from to-day—there is every guarantee that full opportunity will be given the electors to familiarize themselves with the public issues and the views of the candidates thereon. The schedule of meetings as already arranged provides for three ward meetings, and no doubt announcements of others will be forthcoming immediately.

The first gun will be fired at a meeting summoned by the electors of Ward V, to be held in the Moss Street school tomorrow evening, at which Ex-Ald. Anton Henderson will take the chair. On Monday there will be another public meeting in the South Park school. The electors of Ward I will hold a meeting in the Victoria West public school on Tuesday evening. Invitations are extended for all candidates seeking municipal honors to attend these meetings.

Those who have announced themselves as independent candidates thus far are as follows:
Ward I—Ald. Ross, Ald. Mable and W. N. Mitchell.
Ward II—Ex-Ald. John Meston and W. H. Parsons. Ex-Ald. Humber and Ald. Bishop are still undecided.
Ward III—Ald. Bannerman and Ald. Fullerton.
Ward IV—Ald. McKeown and E. E. Greenshaw.
Ward V—Ald. Langley, Ald. Sargison and J. Dilworth.

It is reported that B. J. Perry may seek aldermanic honors in Ward I, though he has not as yet made an announcement. Ex-Ald. Gleason and Ed. Wards may be candidates in Ward III. Ald. Raymond, one of the representatives of Ward IV, will not seek re-election. There is said to be a likelihood, however, of H. E. Levy, W. G. Winterburn and Alex. Fyfe seeking honors in this ward. There is a possibility of Ex-Ald. Hanna contesting Ward V. J. Avery, contractor, is mentioned as a candidate.

The polling for school trustees will be held in the B. C. Pottery building, Pandora avenue, and all electors on the mayor's list are entitled to vote. The members of the board who have yet a year to serve are Trustees Mrs. Jenkins, A. E. McNeill, F. J. Riddell and G. D. Christie. The retiring members, who have served their term of two years past, W. E. Staneland and David McIntosh. There is much satisfaction at the announcement that Mr. Staneland will be a candidate. Mr. Staneland and Capt. McIntosh both announce their intention to seek re-election.

New blood for the school board is offered by the announcement that H. C. Hamilton, a barrister-at-law, will and W. H. P. Sweeney and Dr. G. A. B. Hall may offer themselves as candidates. Mr. Sweeney ran last year and polled a big vote.

RELEASED ON BAIL

(Special to the Times.)
Toronto, Jan. 5.—W. R. Travers, general manager of the Electric Bank, was released from jail yesterday afternoon, where he had been confined since Saturday night, when he was arrested charged with theft of \$40,000. The crown accepts the bail bond for \$20,000 furnished Mr. M. Orpen, who had already given a bond of the same amount when Mr. Travers was arrested.

FRENCH BOY IS ACCUSED OF MURDER

Arrested in Saskatchewan on Charge of Killing Woman in France

Regina, Sask., Jan. 5.—Emile Oucar, a young sixteen-year-old French boy, has been arrested by the Royal Northwest Mounted Police on a charge of murdering Adelaide Wiener, a married woman, 61 years old, wife of a baker living at St. Leandre, in France, by cutting her throat. The murder is alleged to have been committed on July 10, 1910, and some 50 witnesses have already given evidence at inquiries held in Paris and Havre. Information was laid by Inspector Hafferman, Mr. F. H. Gordon appearing on his behalf, F. W. G. Haultain acting for the prisoner.

A great number of technicalities are likely to arise in the case which is being heard by Chief Justice Wetmore. The police are in receipt of evidence from France, but it is all in French, and as yet has not been translated. At the hearing yesterday a remand was granted until to-day.

POLICE SEARCH FOR ANARCHISTS

LARGE FORCE AT WORK IN LONDON

Man Whose Body Was Found on Commons Probably Victim of Gang

(Special to the Times.)
London, Jan. 5.—Another element of mystery developed to-day in the inquiry on the death of Jos. Beren, whose mutilated body was found in Clapham Common last Sunday and which was attributed by the police to the Houdsditch anarchist gang, two members of which were killed in the raid of their den Tuesday.

Physicians who examined Beren's body said they found on each cheek a wound cleanly cut to form the letter "S". Witnesses decided this deliberate cutting did not cause death. It was quite symmetrical and obviously symbolic of a secret society. The inquest was adjourned until January 13.

The police accept the theory that Beren was killed by members of a well-organized organization who left their sign on the body.

The police are not satisfied that "Peter the Painter" was one of the two men killed in the battle and are working on the theory that he is still alive. Throughout the night two hundred armed officers scoured the East End district, where the outlaws are supposed to live. Another spectacular fight is expected should the suspects be cornered.

IMMENSE IRON WORKS FOR ONTARIO

Fifty Million Dollar Syndicate Now Being Formed—Option Taken on Site

(Special to the Times.)
Wetland, Ont., Jan. 5.—Options have been obtained on about 1,500 acres of land between here and Dunville, presumably for a site for immense iron works to be established by a \$50,000,000 syndicate now being organized. Expert appraisers have been at work valuating the Ontario iron works here and it is said that this company will be merged with the new syndicate.

QUEBEC CABINET MEETS

Quebec, Jan. 5.—There was an important meeting of the provincial cabinet yesterday when preparations were made for the opening of the legislature, which opens on the 10th inst. It is said that Antoine Gallepeau, member for Bellechasse, will propose the address in reply to the speech from the throne, while Mr. Hay, of Argenteuil, will be the seconder.

TORY SCANDAL IS EXPLODED

REPORT ON CHARGES OF OVER-CLASSIFICATION

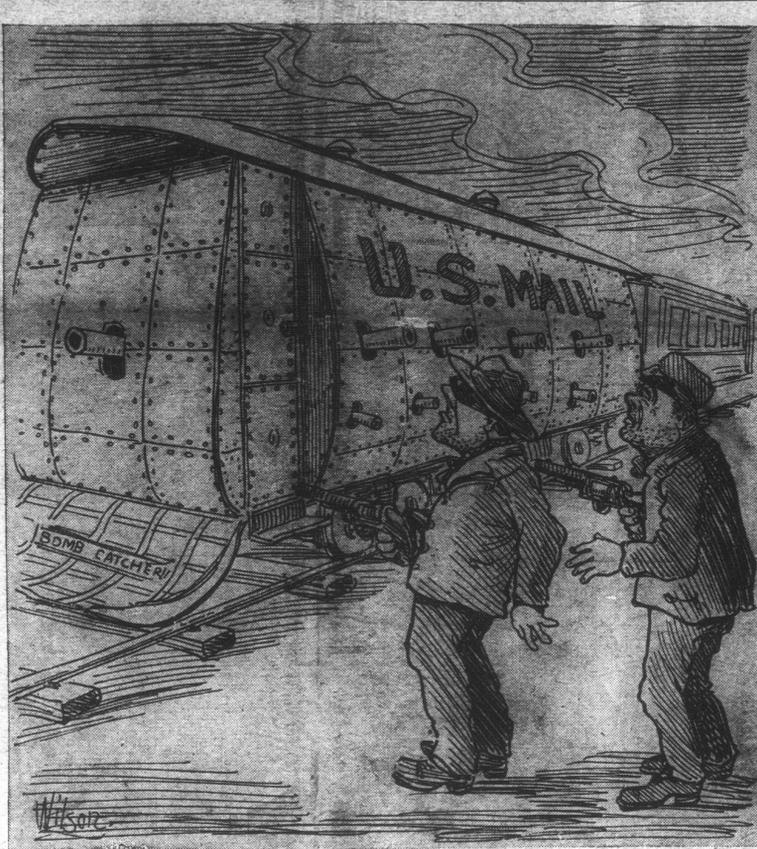
Country is Amply Protected Against Over-Charges by Contractors

Ottawa, Jan. 5.—The report of Messrs. Schreiber, Kellher and Grant, arbitrators with regard to questions and charges of over-classification in construction of the National Transcontinental railway, will be in the hands of the minister of railways this week.

Respecting many of the cases investigated between Winnipeg and Moncton, Messrs. Kellher and Grant, representing respectively the Grand Trunk Pacific and the Transcontinental commission, agreed as to the amount to be deducted, but there were 165 cases of "over-break" which were referred to Mr. Schreiber, who in turn had experts make actual measurements.

"Over-break" means extra quantities brought down by over-blasting and for removal of which the contractors were paid. Final computations are now being made.

Chairman Parent stated yesterday that the total deductions for over-classification will not exceed \$200,000, and will be taken from the drawbacks levied on the contractors. The report of the arbitrators will be submitted to parliament. The amount involved in the contracts under review was around forty million dollars.



TRAIN ROBBERY NEAR SEATTLE

MASKED MEN STEAL REGISTERED MAIL

Clerk Wounded by One of Robbers—Search for the Bandits

(Times Leased Wire.)
Seattle, Wash., Jan. 5.—Mail Clerk Harry O. Clark, who was shot by the masked bandits who stole registered mail from the Northern Pacific train as it pulled out of the local station last night, was resting comfortably at the hospital to-day and it is believed that he will survive. Nearly every tooth in his mouth was shot out when the bullet ploughed its way through his face.

A few minutes after the crack North Coast Limited train pulled out of King Street station at 7:30 o'clock last night the door of the "United States" mail car was thrown open and two masked men ran in. Leveling revolvers at Clerks H. O. Clark and Charles E. Reid, they ordered them to throw up their hands. Before the men had a chance to comply, one of the bandits shot Clark in the face and the latter dropped to the floor of the car. The other outlaw forced Reid into the clothes closet in one corner of the car, and Clark's unconscious form was thrown in after him. The outlaws then poked up a leather satchel containing 14 packages of registered mail and left the car. It is supposed they dropped off near Argo or at Kent when the train slowed down for the crossing at that station.

Trainmen discovered the open door of the mail car at Auburn, where the Tacoma section is stopped on the day to take charge of the investigation. In Kent and Auburn, where the country is fairly well populated, the dairymen to-day joined the deputies in the search for the bandits, but it is now regarded as a certainty that the men were criminals of no mean calibre and undoubtedly have gained the city and have made good their escape. The description given by the wounded mail clerk is very meagre,

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he being only able to say that one man wore a grey suit and the other a black coat.

There is no estimate of the amount of the loot, but as most of the banking institutions were in the habit of sending large sums to eastern correspondents on this train, the loss may reach into the thousands.

Three men said to be homeless tramps were arrested to-day by the sheriff's posse and brought into jail in Seattle as suspects in the robbery of the mail train last night. The men proved to know nothing of the crime and will be released. Two more suspects were arrested to-day at Georgetown, but they easily proved their innocence.

It became known to-day that the two bandits secured very little loot of value. The registered mail pouches were found intact to-day. The outlaws secured only twenty pieces of registered mail altogether.

TWO TOWNS REPORTED DESTROYED BY QUAKES

(Times Leased Wire.)
St. Petersburg, Jan. 5.—Rumors that the towns of Karakul and Pishpek, each with a population of 10,000, were destroyed in yesterday's earthquake, reached here to-day.

Telegraphic and telephone lines within fifty miles of both cities are down and confirmation of the rumor as yet is impossible.

CHIEF INSPECTOR OF B. C. FISHERIES

Dominion Government Selects F. H. Cunningham for New Position

(Special to the Times.)
Ottawa, Jan. 5.—F. H. Cunningham, many years superintendent of fish culture at Ottawa, will in a few days be appointed chief federal inspector of British Columbia fisheries. He will assume his duties in the spring and be located on the mainland at Vancouver or New Westminster. The move has been decided on owing to the recognition of the growing importance of Pacific fisheries and the need of an expert with full authority to deal with the peculiar conditions there.

WHEAT GRADING CASE

Winnipeg, Jan. 5.—Two more informants have been sworn out by Chief Warehouse Commissioner Castle against the Thunder Bay Elevator Co., charging false statements regarding No. 1 and 2 Northern in their elevators at Port Arthur last July. The case will come before Police Magistrate Daly next week.

WANT CANDIDATE FOR MAYORALTY

A MASS MEETING TO-MORROW NIGHT

Citizens Engage Victoria Theatre and Will Select Standard Bearer

(From Thursday's Daily.)
The Victoria theatre was this afternoon engaged by a committee of representative citizens for the purpose of holding a mass meeting to-morrow (Friday) evening to nominate a candidate for the mayoralty in opposition to the present incumbent of the office. The doors will open at 7:30 o'clock, and C. E. Redfern will be asked to take the chair.

This decision to hold this nominating convention is the outcome of the repeated efforts exerted by a large number of citizens of all classes to induce Alex. Stewart to allow his name to be put forward as a candidate for the office of mayor. Mr. Stewart stipulated that he could only run in the event of there being a clear field. He explained that until relieved of a pledge that he had given J. A. Turner (who is already in the field), some weeks ago, to the effect that he would not himself be a candidate, he could not accept the very flattering overtures that had been made to him that he consent to run.

Mr. Turner was asked this morning to relieve Mr. Stewart from that pledge, and he refused to do so; and it is in the hope of demonstrating to Mr. Stewart that it is his duty to accede to the request of citizens that the convention has been hurriedly summoned.

NEW GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS PLANNED

Manitoba Will Spend \$3,000,000—Provincial Architect is Now at Work

(Special to the Times.)
Winnipeg, Jan. 5.—Samuel Hooper, provincial architect, is preparing plans for new government buildings to cost over \$3,000,000, according to estimates. These proposed buildings include new legislative buildings, a new agricultural college and a new asylum at Brandon to replace the one destroyed by fire about a month ago.

MUST NOT WEAR UNION BUTTONS

(Special to the Times.)
Winnipeg, Jan. 5.—The Winnipeg Street Railway Company has issued orders forbidding union supporters to wear their union buttons on duty. One union man was discharged yesterday for calling a strike-breaker working on another car a "scab."

TRIBUTE TO MR. CHAMBERLAIN

LORD STRATHCONA SPEAKS AT BIRMINGHAM

A Statesman Who Has Worked to Consolidate Dominions Across Seas

London, Jan. 5.—A striking tribute to Joseph Chamberlain as Empire builder was paid by Lord Strathcona at Birmingham yesterday, when he said that the Birmingham people must be very proud to have among them one who has done more to consolidate the dominions across the seas than any other man in Great Britain or the Empire. Representing Canada in England he knew nothing about their party politics, but he was glad to pay a tribute to such a statesman, and joined with them in the ardent wish that Joseph Chamberlain might be spared not only to the people of Birmingham, but to the Empire for many years.

Lord Strathcona, speaking at the Mackinnon lecture, expressed the hope that in three years' time it might be possible to reach Quebec and Montreal in four and a half days and the Pacific coast in eight days.

Gravesend's Offer.
The Mayor of Gravesend has made an offer through Lord Strathcona of civic hospitality if the ship bearing the Canadian contingent of seven hundred anchors off that town, which is the entrance to the port of London. Lord Strathcona promised to forward the offer to London.

FIRE DESTROYS QUEBEC COLLEGE

BRAVE TEACHER LOSES HIS LIFE

Burned to Death While Trying to Save Inmates—Several Persons Injured

(Special to the Times.)
Montreal, Jan. 5.—St. Joseph's college, Granby, Que., was burned to the ground at 11 o'clock last night and it is feared that some fatalities have occurred.

One of the teachers, a Christian brother, jumped from the third story and lies in a dying condition with a broken back.

There were only forty boys in the building at the time, the balance, nearly 300, being away for the holiday. The inmates were rescued only with the greatest difficulty. The temperature was 25 below zero.

One Life Lost.
Granby, Que., Jan. 5.—With the extinguishing of the fire at St. Joseph's college it has been discovered that Brother Leoncin perished, being burned to death in an attempt to rescue others. Brother Lusner is seriously injured and several of the others are slightly hurt. The loss is \$70,000.

Hotel Destroyed.
Windsor Mills, Que., Jan. 5.—Chateau Windsor hotel was destroyed by fire last night. The loss is placed at \$15,000.

Blaze at Virden.
Virden, Man., Jan. 5.—During a blinding snowstorm the Watwright building, valued at \$15,000, was completely destroyed by fire. The block was occupied by the branch of the Bank of Ottawa, J. P. Hood, jeweller, Coulter & Singer, barristers, and Bank Manager Dunnett and J. Hood occupied suites. Partly insured. Hoods and the law firm's losses are estimated at between \$3,000 and \$4,000 each. The bank was fully insured.

WILL LODGE PROTEST

Canada to Make Representations to States Regarding Marine Licences

(Special to the Times.)
Ottawa, Jan. 5.—Canada will protest to the United States government against the new policy of the marine authorities of that country of requiring the holders of masters' mates' and engineers' marine licences and certificates to not only American citizens but residing in United States. Heretofore naturalization was sufficient, but recently it was decided to insist as well upon American residence. There are a number of masters, mates' and engineers now residing in Canada, who will be affected by this new policy. The majority are on the Great Lakes, but there are also a number on the Atlantic and Pacific coasts.

TRAFFIC ON RED RIVER

Number of Big Barges to Be Operated Between Winnipeg and Lake Winnipeg

(Special to the Times.)
Winnipeg, Jan. 5.—The Hyland Navigation Company started the construction to-day of a barge to be 180 feet long, the largest on the Red river. The Ell Sand Company will build three barges and other firms are going to build boats, indicating a decided revival of shipping on the Red river. Most of the craft will be used between Lake Winnipeg and the city, the river being navigable since the St. Andrew's locks have been opened.

MEXICAN REBELS SEEKING RECRUITS

South African Veterans Reported to Have Been Approached at Winnipeg

(Special to the Times.)
Winnipeg, Jan. 5.—It is stated that a representative of the Mexican revolutionary party is in Winnipeg looking for officers and the police are on the lookout. Several well-known South African veterans are included among those approached with proposals of big pay.

Rear Plank Attack.
El Paso, Texas, Jan. 5.—Three hundred federal cavalry and infantry left Jaurez to-day bound for Pearson to execute a flank attack on the insurgents in northern Chihuahua. The cavalry detached at Gilgelo, a small station between Jaurez and Chihuahua City, and will march overland to Casas Grandes. The attack will be started, it is planned, as soon as the infantry reach Pearson.

SNOW DELAYS TRAINS

Rome, Jan. 5.—A very heavy snowfall has interrupted railway communication with the north.