The city clerk, having communicated with those in favour of the petition and those opposed to it, was called upon by Leon Worthall, the representative of the Barbers' Union, and on the clerk explaining that he had no accurate list of the barbers doing business in Toronto, it was agreed between him and Worthall that the best method of checking the petition would be by using the list of barber shops as appearing in the last city directory, making any amendments thereto necessary by reason of changes of occupancy, etc. This method was adopted, and on it appearing to the clerk that the petition was probably not sufficiently signed, at Worthall's suggestion further time was obtained from the Board of Control to secure additional signatures.

Plaintiff, who had represented the opponents of the by-law, wrote the clerk on June 12th, in reply to a request for a conference, that he had decided not to attend any further meetings on the subject, and stating that he had the names of 105 master barbers, who had decided not to recognize any by-law that might be passed.

A supplementary petition was afterwards received by the city clerk, who, on examination of it, found the petition to be still not signed by the necessary three-fourths, his finding then being that the number of these shops named in the directory was 339, the number of proprietors of barber shops signing the petition, not in the directory, 21; in all 360, and that the number who had signed the petition was 254.

A still further supplementary petition was sent in; the city clerk made a further examination, and on July 19th, 1912, wrote as follows:—

"T. L. Church, Esq. (Acting Mayor) President,
        and members of the Board of Control.
Gentlemen:

In compliance with the order of the Board, I beg to say that I have received and examined supplementary petition submitted by Mr. Leon Worthall, representative of the Barbers' Union, in favour of the early closing of barber shops.

I now find the number of barbers to be, as per the city directory, 339, the number signing the petition not in the directory, 24; making in all, 363.

Three-fourths of this number is 273

Number of names counted on the petitions 273