TORONTO IS TOO APATHETIC AS TO CIVIC GOVERNMENT

Should Be More Time for Discussion in Municipal Campaign and Business Men for Office.

It is so easy to forget and so easy to be reminded of things. The absence of any noticeable desire on the part of municipal candidates to stir up public criticism or appreciation of the work of council during this year is in marked contrast to other years. The apathy is suggestive of two things; That council is not inclined to brag least it fall and that the voters simply don't care what happens.

In discussing the matter a World reporter yesterday asked Noel Marshall what he thought of it. He could not understand it. "One would think," he said, "that Toronto was a hamlet. It is simply scandalous the way the candidates for municipal honors are waiting to see who is going to run and who is not. It was too bad that the candidates are not men who will declare themselves. It seems to me that the mayor's chair has become an office for office holders only."

When asked the reason why business men of the city were not more active in municipal affairs, Mr. Marshall said that the heads of large concerns were never office seekers. The majority of men in the council had no other real occupation to absorb their time and attention. It was a great pity that some largely interested, clean-cut, commercial man, whose financial and business interests were familiar to the city, would not come out for municipal honors. The present board of control had done more or less of their duty and would doubtless be returned.

Retail Merchants' Position.

The executive of the Retail Merchants' Association had not decided yet whether they will nominate a candidate for mayor, or not," said President Currigan yesterday. "As far as I know, there is no man in view, but I believe we should place a man in the field. What we need most is a man who would run this city on business principles. No encouragement has ever been given the business man. As soon as he is nominated he is torn to pieces and raked over the coals by everyone. It is high time business men all over this city protected themselves and their rights by having a candidate from their ranks. But such a man is not easily found, whose business would permit him giving up his time and attending to his own interests."

"Hide and Seek."

C. W. Ellis did not believe in the "hide and seek" game played by the aspirants to mayoralty honors in the present election. He thought that each candidate should come out, hold and fearless and state his platform long before nomination day. Such a man would make an efficient mayor. Toronto needed changes and improvements, and the affairs of the city put on a better basis, but until the people demand this the office would be purely a sinecure and an honor, for some wealthy man of business.

LOSING THEIR IDENTITY.

New York Central Will Show Its Control Over Various Lines.

Detroit, Dec. 21.—Gradually during the coming year that well-known and underscored line, "Michigan Central," will disappear from all the cars, locomotives and stations of Michigan's leading railroad system. In its place will be painted the words, "New York Central Lines." This change is also being made on all other lines of the Vanderbilt system.

The identity of the particular line will, however, be maintained by small lettering at the end of the car or locomotive designating the original owning line.

The Nickel Plate will be the only line exempt, as it parallels the Lake Shore and the laws of Ohio prevent even a suggestion of consolidation of parallel lines.

East's Christmas Bargains.

East & Co. announce special reductions in all their stocks in order to clear odd lots and broken assortments before Christmas. A splendid chance to save money on leather goods, and, particularly, umbrellas. Store open tonight till late, with plenty of help to insure prompt service.

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WILL BOYCOTT THE PRIEST WHO PRAY FOR EMPEROR

Workmen Make Significant Threats—Inflammatory Circulars Widely Distributed.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 21.—Papers which are being distributed by thousands to the workmen are filled with the most inflammatory appeals, exciting the people to an armed rebellion. Many of the articles are especially directed to the army, which is implored, not to shed the blood of the nation. One writer addressing the soldiers said:

"Join us. Rise with us. No power can stand against the people and the army united."

The strike calls, in addition to making the regular demands, for a constituant assembly, universal suffrage, the abolition of martial law, immunity of the person and the other features of the proletariat's program, and insists on release of the imprisoned members of the workmen's council, the discontinuation of political suits, acquiescence in the petitions of the army and navy and of the railroad and postal telegraph employes for an increase of pay, the transfer of the land to the people, an eight hour day and the abolition of all restrictions regarding nationalities and religion. The preamble reads:

"Citizens, freedom or slavery? Is Russia to be governed by the people or robbed by a band of thieves? Let us stop industry, commerce, and communications thruout the country and with one united effort overthrow the last vestige of autocracy. To the whip, sword, and machine gun let us oppose the revolutionary bayonet. Financial ruin threatens to engulf the government. One more blow and the vile regime will be ended."

No Prayers for Czar.

It is significant that the workmen in the mills and factories have for more than a week been presenting demands that the priests discontinue the usual prayers for the emperor, with the alternative of being boycotted if they did not cease doing so.

At noon to-day the continental train left the Warsaw station with military engine drivers, and a strong guard of soldiers. The tender and locomotive were old, the strikers having rendered all the others useless. Two files of soldiers were drawn up on the platform.

The railroad strike began at the St. Nicholas Station at noon, but the Baltic roads were still working at that hour.

The employes of the Putiloff Iron Works to the number of about 12,000 have struck.

The government's advices show that all the trains with troops which enter the Baltic provinces are being stopped by the insurgents. A number of Cossacks in a car were captured and disarmed beyond Dorpat.

The Town of Tukum has been retaken from the insurgents by Russian troops.

Revolt Spreads.

Advices from Ryeznita, in the government of Vitebsk, announced that a rising has occurred in that vicinity similar to the insurrection in Livonia.

The report that Kharkoff is in the hands of the revolutionists is confirmed. Two hundred and fifty men of the Staroblelsk and Lebdinsk Regiments have joined the revolutionists, and their comrades flatly refuse to fire on them.

At Nikolavieff the revolted regiments have been captured. Two hundred and fifty prisoners were sent to Otchakoff fortress. The capture of the mutineers was effected by General Stupin, who, on the arrival of reinforcements from Odessa, unexpectedly attacked the barracks where the mutineers had assembled. The latter soon surrendered.

ONTARIO PEOPLE SUFFER IN WINNIPEG COLLAPSE

Winnipeg, Dec. 21.—Contract holders of the insolvent Canadian Co-operative Investment Company include a large number of prominent Winnipeggers.

The company had many shareholders in the Province of Quebec and citizens of St. Thomas, Ont., were also shareholders.

THE STORM.

The storm, which drenched Toronto in the early hours yesterday, and was more or less noticeable during the day, came from Texas.

The rainfall totalled 1 6-10 inches. There was sleet along with the rain. In Ottawa yesterday there was a heavy snowstorm. The railways suffered some inconvenience.

Inseparable from Christmas

Are the Good Things Such as Michie's Store Provides

Plum Puddings

For those who have not madetheir own we have an assortment of Plum Puddings in tins from the best English and American makers, and there are many sizes, from 40c a tin upwards.

As a special feature this season we have imported from one of the most exclusive English makers, some extra fine Puddings, in attractive glass moulds or ..... enough for an ordinary family fand offer a pudding large .75

Mincemeat

This is another Christmas article we have given attention to in a special way this year, and among many good makes, have some in jars from England which are as good as can be made.

Dessert

For the after dinner period, which is probably the most important in the festivities, we have a choice of many delicious delicacies, including Figs, prepared in several tempting ways, Dates, Almonds, Mixed Nuts, Ginger, Cluster Raisins, French Plums, Glace Fruits, and confectionery of mank kinds.

The Children's Part of Christmas

Michie's Merry Crackers are now almost household words at Christmas, and our assortment this year consists of selections from six of the largest makers in England, and the prices range from 15c. a box, with twelve Crackers in each box.

Michie's Filled-to-the-brim Stockings are a never-failing source of joy to the children, and come in several sizes, from 10c to $2.00.

Everything for the Christmas Tree is here, too, and everything as pretty and delicate as possible, including the Candles, Candle Holders, Tinsel, Globes, Bells, and Strings of Ornaments.

Michie & Co.

LIMITED, 7 KING ST. W.

The Home of the Merry Christmas Cracker

THE TIME IS GETTING SHORT.

THERE are only two more days in which to finish your Christmas shopping. Just think of it! Friday and Saturday only—and then not another chance to buy until after Christmas! Looks rather dangerously near, to those who have not decided what to give to Father, Brother, Uncle, Nephew, Cousin, Grandpa or "Someone Else." And, by the way, if you really wish to please him, you can't do better than see what we have to offer.

Dressing Gowns and Bath Robes

Finest double faced vicunas, Venetians and camel's hair cloths, fancy plaid linings, quilted satin facings, cord trimmings and girdles.

White Crash Washable Bath Robes 3.75
Vicuna and Venetian Dressing Gowns 6.50
Finest vicunas, Venetians and camel's hair cloths 9.95

Smoking Jackets and House Coats

Garments which enable him to lounge in solid comfort. Finest vicunas, Venetians, camel's hair cloths and silks. Fancy plaid and quilted satin facings, silk cord trimmings.

$7.50 values 5.95
$8.50 values 6.50
$11.50 values 9.95

Men's Overcoats

A large and varied assortment of finest beavers, meltons, cheviots and imported tweeds, made on the premises from the finest materials, beavers, meltons and tweeds, in black and navy.. 8.00 & 9.00

Scotch tweeds, herringbone designs, browns, greys and olive shades 10.00

Same in stripes and flaked patterns 10.00

Finest English and Scotch tweeds, stripes, also grey vicunas and black meltons 12.00

Men's Fancy Vests

Extra special value in finest English worsteds and basket weaves, very stylish and suitable for Christmas gifts. Shades of brown, fawn and olive, with newest designs in checks and fancy stripes, fancy detachable buttons to match, all sizes, well worth from $5.00 to $6.00. Our special price 3.25

Men's Trousers

A large assortment of Men's Tweed and Worsted Trousers, suitable for business wear. Prices range from $2.00 upwards.

Boys' Norfolks

Just the thing for the boy this Christmas, very stylish and serviceable, finest imported tweeds, in all the popular shades of grey, best farmers' satin linings, made with yokes, sizes 22 to 30, regular price $4.25, special to clear Friday .. 2.50

Boys' Overcoats

Finest Scotch tweeds, in brown and Oxford, with neat stripes, herringbone and snowflake design, best Italian linings, silk velvet collars, sizes 28 to 31, exceptional value, Friday .. 4.95

Men's Trousers, Made-to-Order

$4.50, $5.00, $6.00 and $7.00 Values $3.50

Our New York cutter will make a pair Trousers to order from a large selection of finest English and Scotch tweeds and fancy English worsteds. This lot includes all the newest designs in stripes and fancy mixtures, and the regular prices are $4.50, $5.00, $6.00 and $7.00. Special price Friday 3.50

Christmas Slippers

These are always acceptable as Christmas gifts, and our assortment is very complete. It includes all the popular shapes and leathers, and the prices range from ..... 65c up

The Hope Shoe

A neat and stylish pair of Hope Shoes would make an ideal Christmas gift. These famous shoes combine style and elegance with perfect ease and longest wear.

Fifty different styles in ¼ sizes and ¼ widths. Ask to see the "Never Leak" model, which is equal to any $7.00 shoe on the market. Our price, which guarantees satisfaction or your money back, is only 3.50

The Rounded Corner of

PHILIP JAMIESON

"CLOTHIER TO THE PEOPLE"

Queen and Yonge Streets

REMOVE SOFT COAL DUTIES OR MICHIGAN GETS PLANT

Lake Superior Corporation Makes Representations to the Tariff Commission.

Sault Ste. Marie, Dec. 21.—(Special.)—The tariff commission held an all-afternoon sitting here to-day. The most important matter related to the duty on soft coal.

Representatives of the Lake Superior Corporation, supported by the board of trade, asked that the duty on soft coal used for cooking purposes be removed so that the company could build a plant and manufacture its own coke here. It now is brought from Pennsylvania and Virginia. The company will build on the American side of the river if the duty is not removed.

A deputation representing the Farmers' Institute asked that the duty on hay be increased from $2 to $4.

Representatives of Bruce mines and Soo manufacturing companies asked that the duty on veneer, which is one of the articles they manufacture, be raised to 20 per cent.

CONGREGATIONAL CLUB DINES.

Anniversary of Landing of Pilgrim Fathers Fittingly Honored

The newly-organized Toronto Congregational Club banqueted last evening in celebration of the landing of the Pilgrim Fathers. Henry O'Hara presided, and about 100 attended. Rev. J. B. Silcox was the principal speaker, his topic being the Pilgrim movement from old to new England. Other speakers were: Rev. J. W. Pedley, Rev. W. T. Currie, Rev. W. E. Gilroy and Rev. T. B. Hyde. A program was given by G. B. McClellan and Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Keough.

The club has for its purposes social enjoyment and assistance in the extension work of the church. The officers are: Henry O'Hara, president; Rev. J. B. Silcox, Wm. Woodley, vice-presidents; D. O. Wood, secretary; H. B. Donovan, treasurer; Chas. McD. Hay, Wm. Woodley and F. J. Smith, executive committee.

EXPORTS 5 MILLIONS AHEAD.

Ottawa, Dec. 21.—The total exports of Canada for the five months ending Nov. 30 of the current fiscal year were greater by five millions than the total exports for the whole of the fiscal year 1896.

Total domestic exports for November were $29,072,794, against $18,246,886 a year ago.

Aggregate imports for the same period are $116,535,548, against $109,157,775 a year ago.

Change in Printing Firm

One of Toronto's oldest establishments changed hands on the 18th inst., when the Imrie Printing Company purchased the business and good will of Imrie, Graham & Harrap, Limited. The business was originally established in 1882 by the late John Imrie, D. H. Graham and George A Harrap, being afterwards admitted into partnership. The new company will be under the management of John Imrie, a son of the original founder of the business.

Christmas Specials.

As Christmas is on Monday, this will give you an extra day on your visit home, and single fare will be in effect for the round trip via Grand Trunk Railway, good going all trains Saturday, Sunday and Monday, returning until Tuesday, Dec. 26, and at fare and one-third good going Dec. 22, 23, 24 and 25, valid returning until Jan. 3. Also at single fare for New Year's. Good going Dec. 30, 31 and Jan. 1, returning until Jan. 2. For tickets and full information call at city ticket office, northwest corner King and Yonge streets.

Basketball.

One of the best programs of basketball ever offered to the Toronto public for some time is scheduled at the Central Y.M.C.A. for New Year's Day, when the Tongolas will meet Hamilton's intermediate champions of Canada. Hamilton recently defeated the Actives of Buffalo at Canton Hall, Buffalo. Their fine team work won great praise from the Buffalo critics. The preliminary will be announced later.

Sudbury news has reached Director Gibson, of the bureau of mines, that Isaac Wertiner, a drill runner, had fallen down a stope in the Copper Cliff mine and had died from a fractured skull.

PUBLIC AMUSEMENTS

Joe Welch himself in the title role of "The Peddler" will be the attraction at the Majestic Theatre Christmas week, opening with a special matinee on Monday. Theatre goers like Welch so much better in this play than in any of his other roles that the local managers have actually demanded that he present "The Peddler" in preference to a new play this season. Accordingly Mr. Welch's management has surrounded him with an exceptionally strong acting company.

George Primrose has long been a favorite in minstrelsy, and his appearance in this city at the Grand Christmas week at the head of his own minstrels, will, doubtless add immeasurably to his popularity. Everything pertaining to the big black-face combination entertainment is genuine and meritorious, whether it be the grand musical melange of the first part, with its comic and sentimental ballads, its classical vocal selections and its humorous exchanges between the end men and the interlocutor, or in the second part, the revival of the soft and wooden shoe dances of the Southland, and the final grand transformation, likewise typical darky life.

Servant girls, even when model servant girls, are not a very interesting topic for literary treatment. Therefore there is so much the more cause to wonder over the success with which Miss Eleanor Robson has achieved in her impersonation of the little cockney drudge, "Merely Mary Ann" in Israel Zangwill's play by that name. But owing to the combined efforts of both the actress and the author, a stage creation has been brought before the public which for natural charms, absolute purity, and every day simplicity stands without comparison in the present stage literature. Miss Robson personally succeeded in convincing both London and New York that as 'Merely Mary Ann' she was irresistible. Miss Robson as "Merely Mary Ann" will be the attraction at the Princess between Christmas and New Year's.

The Reilly & Woods show, with the only Pat Reilly, is billed to appear at the Star Theatre and will not be found lacking in any of the elements calculated to please the patrons of the Star. Two burlesques are promised. A Hot Time at Reilly's" will be staged with lavish disregard of expenditure, equal in every respect to the big New York and London productions. Specialties will be given by Orth & Fern, Kennedy & Evans, the Revere Sisters, Ira Kessner, the Golden Ballet, Daly & Reno and the only Pat Reilly.

A VOICE FROM ENGLAND.

Walter Haddon, Type Founder and Advertising Specialist to Lecture.

Mr. Walter Haddon, head of the advertising agency of John Haddon & Co., Salisbury-square, London, England, and of the famous Caxton Type Foundry, is touring Canada and lecturing on "How Type is Made." This same lecture was recently given at St. John, Halifax before representative gatherings of the trade, and was highly appreciated.

Around the theme of "How Type is Made" Walter Haddon has woven all the romance attached to the early history of printing, following it thru its various processes of development down to the present stage. He is to give this lecture on Jan. 5, at Toronto, to be presided over by Mr. Attwell Fleming, president of the Master Printers' Association of Toronto. The lecture is profusely illustrated with lantern slides, and is the same so successfully rendered by Mr. Haddon in various parts of the British Empire. The lecturer has a clear and masterly touch of his subject, being a practical typefounder and printer, also sole proprietor of the Caxton Type Foundry, one of the best equipped concerns of its kind in Great Britain. Admission to the lecture is free, and all members of the craft and others interested are invited to attend.

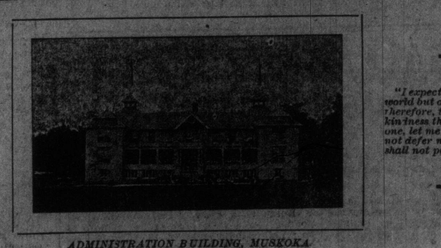
GAVE GAME AWAY.

Detroit, Dec. 21.—A Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., despatch says that three hobos, while talking in a cell at police headquarters, gave away a plan to smuggle a big party of Chinese across the border Christmas evening. The Chinese have been hiding in Canadian Soo laundries for several days.

Name Coincidence.

The name-coincidence is still the subject of much of our correspondence, says The London Daily News. From Cambridge a university correspondent writes: "There are at the present time two, and only two, Japanese undergrads at FitzWilliam Hall. One is M. Soda, and the other is M. Wisugi (pronounced exactly like 'Whisky'). You will see their names side by side in the current residence list." Really, it looks as if the Bishop of London ought to turn his attention to Cambridge.

"If there be some weaker one give me strength to help him on."—Whittier.



ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, MUSKOKA

FREE HOSPITAL FOR CONSUMPTIVES

"I expect to pass through this world but once; any good thing, therefore, that I can do, or any kindness that I can show to any one, let me do it now. Let me not defer nor neglect it, for I shall not pass this way again."

THE TWO HOSPITALS FOR CONSUMPTIVES

MUSKOKA FREE HOSPITAL FOR CONSUMPTIVES (near Gravenhurst)

TORONTO FREE HOSPITAL FOR CONSUMPTIVES (near Weston)

"There are few better ways of finding scope for that benevolence which is stimulated by the Christmas season."—New Editorial "Caring for Consumptives." "There are few of the sadnesses of life that make a more poignant appeal to us than the case of the poor consumptive who realizes that there is help and healing and life for him if he can only reach them."—Globe Editorial "Remember the Stricken."

A CLOSING WORD OF APPEAL

Toronto, Decemqer 21st, 1905.

Dear Friends :—

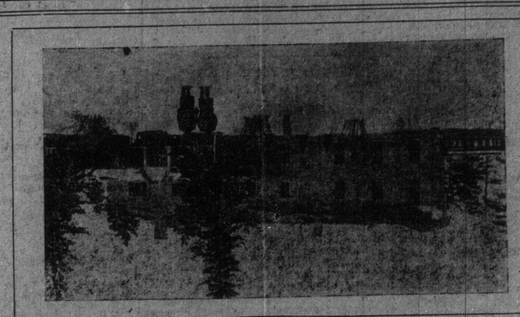
In this Christmas week, when our thoughts take form in deeds of mercy for the poor and sick, may I speak a last word in appeal for the young man and young woman who are putting up a long weary struggle for life, who cannot find a home in a boarding house, even in this good city, and against whom the doors of every hospital are closed because they are fighting the dread scourge of consumption.

Will all those whose homes are bright and happy remember the two homes for the Consumptive poor that through the help of good friends are to-day caring for 120 of these brave sufferers.—THE MUSKOKA FREE HOSPITAL (for early cases) and the TORONTO FREE HOSPITAL (for advanced cases).

Gifts, large or small, for the former may be sent to Sir Wm. R. Meredith, Chief Justice, Osgoode Hall, or the writer.

Gifts for the last named Institution to H. C. Hammond, Esq., Jordan St., Toronto.

Yours faithfully,



ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, TORONTO FREE HOSPITAL FOR CONSUMPTIVES

SOCIALISTS WILL REMEMBER RUSSIA

World Wide Meetings Called for January 22.

Brussels, Belgium, Dec. 21.—The International Socialist Bureau has issued a manifesto to the socialists of the world, as follows:

"The revolution in Russia advances from aspiration to realization. In this struggle the Russian proletariat should have the moral and material assistance of our brothers thruout the world. Our comrades in the United States request the International bureau to invite the affiliated organizations to solemnly commemorate January 22. The work of the world will recall the struggle which the Russian proletariat was then carrying on, and therefore the order is hereby given that all affiliated groups organize meetings and collections for January 22 next or the night of the Sunday preceding. Let the orators refer to the heroic efforts of our Russian brothers and let the collections from all countries aid those who are battling against imperialism and for liberty.

"Down with autocracy. Long live socialism."

The document is signed by all the international delegates.

St. John's Choral Society.

The St. John's Choral Society held its second annual concert in St. Andrew's Hall last night. The sixty trained voices under O. L. Gardner gave an artistic interpretation of Dudley Buck's "The Coming of the King." The soloists were Miss Alda Burton, soprano; Miss Eleanor Atkinson, contralto; Messrs. Gordon Sanderson, Albert Cooper, J. Chas. Dean, Frederick Knight and C. Ayres. Hamilton Mockridge presided at the piano.

POSTPONED UNTIL TO-DAY.

As all the members of the cabinet were not present yesterday, consideration of gratuities to retiring civil servants was postponed until to-morrow.

Pending the return of Hon. Mr. Hanna, an official statement as to the position of Dr. Russell of Hamilton Asylum is not forthcoming. He says he has been asked for his resignation.