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Bristol and Ryerson Divided the Rest and Then Moved to Have the Nomination Made Unanimous.

CONSERVATIVE NOMINEES.

NORTH TORONTO—Dr. Beattie Nesbitt, proposed by Dr. Wylie and Francis Somers; chosen on first ballot.

SOUTH TORONTO—J. J. Foy, KC, proposed by C C Robinson and Harry Lovelock; unanimous nomination

WEST TORONTO—Thomas Crawford, proposed by William Crealock and John Dunn; unanimous nomination.

EAST TORONTO—Convention to-night at Dingman's Hall.

Dr. Beattie Nesbitt secured the Conservative nomination for North Toronto last night from Edmund Bristol and Dr. Sterling Ryerson in a convention of 297 delegates. Dr. Nesbitt polled about 200 votes, it was stated.

In an atmosphere of smoke, texts, and mural decoration of a Scriptural character, the North Toronto Conservatives conducted their nomination in Broadway Hall. The proceedings were delayed until 8.35 by the friction at the door, which was tyled by James Mitchell, assisted by two policemen. Admission was refused to the press until a number of the more prominent officers had arrived, when Mr. Mitchell was superseded. Several lively episodes occurred on the outside of the door, as delegates came forward upon whom the tyler looked with suspicion. One young man came forward with a ticket in proper order and was refused because, said the tyler, he had given a ticket to someone else. After a period of intense strain, Ald. Geary was brought out, and Mr. Mitchell informed that he would be taken off the door if he exceeded his duty.

"Are you working for a candidate or for the association?" was the pointed question put to him by Ald. Geary, and a bystander volunteered the information that he had the interests of Mr. Bristol at heart.

At 8.35 Ald. McGhie, as president of the Conservative Association, came on the platform with a stout and knotted walking stick, with which he assaulted the table top.

"Let all the delegates be seated at once," he requested, and invited to the platform Col. Davidson, J. K. Macdonald, Dr. Beattie Nesbitt, at whose name loud cheering occurred; Dr. Ryerson, Edmund Bristol, who obtained some hand claps; Ald. Emerson Coatsworth, Ald. Dr. Noble, W. J. Hambly, Dr. Wylie, Frank Somers, S. W. Burns, R. H. Hatch, E. P. Pearson, R. S. Neville, Ald. Foster, Controller Shaw, ex-Ald. Sheard, Ald. S. A. Jones, H. A. E. Kent and Frank Arnoldi, K.C. Among others present were E. J. Lennox, John A. Cooper, E. Strachan Cox, W. A. Kemp, J. A. Macdonald, C. C. Robinson, C. A. B. Brown, Dr. Herbert Bruce.

With a Rising Temperature.

An effort was made to get the delegates arranged in some order, and various suggestions were made. They were assembled in groups, the Fifth, Fourth, and Third Wards on the north side of the hall, beginning at the front, and the Second Ward and the Conservative Club on the south side. S. W. Burns marshalled his hosts from the vantage ground of a perforated chair bottom.

"This is No. 2," signalled Strachan Cox under the shining beacon of a silk hat. Half a dozen different methods were tried to identify the delegates present, and the Second Ward was made the subject of these experiments.

E. Strachan Cox proposed that as the door had been tyled, to save time every one present should get a vote.

T. W. Self knew men inside whose names had not been called, and he objected.

The temperature of the meeting was rising all this time, and at 9.30 was hot enough for June bugs, thru the smoke would have deterred a Jersey mosquito. After much hammering on the table, the secretary began to call the names of those absent on a previous roll-call. This was interrupted by a decision to call all the names and give the ballot to those who responded. A youthful delegate showed his impatience by moving that Dr. Nesbitt be given the nomination unanimously. He thought it would save a lot of trouble, but the suggestion was side-tracked.

Second Ward Still Disturbing.

H. M. Miller, Charles Spanton, William Noble, Robert Walton, E. S. Cromfield, Thomas Blunt, Art Trimble, Thomas Wain and some others claimed that they had been duly elected, but that Secretary Goold had omitted their names from the roll. The Ward was found to be ten short of its quota, and the chairman yielded to the emergency of the situation and handed out ten tickets. E. M. Dumas, seeing the distribution came up and claimed one, altho the Ward workers were unanimous in declaring that he was not elected nor entitled to a ballot, and had been turned down three times in his own association. President Gearing, however, vouched for him. A great outcry was immediately made.

It was nearly 10 o'clock when the Second Ward was disposed of, and the Third Ward distribution went forward without incident.

John A. Cooper challenged a delegate from the Fourth Ward, saying he had already appeared in the Second Ward. He charged D'Arcy Hinds with introducing him, and Mr. Hinds gave the retort direct, and marched up his man to prove a case of mistaken identity on Editor Cooper.

James Mitchell made himself so officious in the distribution of Fourth Ward ballots that he had to be suppressed by the chair. The twenty-three delegates of the Young Conservative Club were called without protest. A good deal of laughter arose over the grey-haired youth of some of them.

Four in the Field.

The nominations were four in number:

Dr. Beattie Nesbitt, by Dr. Wylie and Francis Somers.

Edmund Bristol, by Col. John I. Davidson and H. A. E. Kent.

D'Arcy Hinds, by W. Worrell and J. A. Campbell.

Dr. G. Sterling Ryerson, by J. K. Macdonald and Frank Arnoldi.

Dr. Nesbitt reminded the meeting that he had been a pretty active Conservative for a good many years, working in the best interests of the party, supporting the Conservative platform and the leader, J. P. Whitney. His record would trouble the Grits, he thought, more than it needed to trouble the audience. He had been elected for four years, but they had put such pressure on the government his term had been reduced. They knew his record as a fighter for the party, a friend of the workingman, and advocate of public ownership of public utilities. He came before them with no false pretences, prepared to fight honestly, fairly and purely in their interests and the interests of the party. He thanked them for past support, and assured them whatever the result of the convention might be he would accept it

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DR. BEATTIE NESBITT

Conservative Nominee in North Toronto, who is an Exponent of Political Jiu Jitsu.

TO SHOOT STRAIGHT AND OBEY DUTY OF ALL ABLE-BODIED MEN

Lord Roberts Believes Every Citizen Should Be Trained in Youth to Be Able to Aid in National Defence.

London, Dec. 29.—"The army as it was, and as it is to be," is the text under which Field Marshal Earl Roberts, in the January Nineteenth Century, reads Britain's noteworthy lecture on the duty of all classes if Great Britain would meet the demands of modern warfare. Every man should be trained to be an efficient soldier should the nation ever require his services, is the burden of his article. After frankly pointing out the existing deficiencies, Earl Roberts writes:

"A terrible lesson awaits the nation whose soldiers find themselves opposed by equally brave but better trained opponents on the field of battle. No amount of money, no national sacrifices, will then avail, for modern warfare moves fast and time lost in peace can never be made up during the stress of a campaign. I hold this view very strongly, and would urge my fellow countrymen with all the force at my command to look the plain facts in the face."

Not Compulsory Service.

Earl Roberts does not advocate compulsory service, "because it is distasteful to the nation and incompatible with the conditions of an army which has a large proportion of units in foreign service," but maintains that Great Britain must have a large reserve force, and "if the citizens of so great and prosperous a nation as ours are to remain exempt from compulsory service in time of peace without the safety of the empire being endangered the right class of men must be attracted to the regular army by good conditions of pay and pension; and it is the bounden duty of the state to see that every able-bodied man in this country, no matter to what grade he may belong, undergoes some kind of military training in youth, sufficient to enable him to shoot straight and carry out simple orders if ever his services are required for national defence."

More Depends on Men.

Earl Roberts interestingly reviews the changes of the last fifty years, describes the military system prior to the Crimean War and points out how the introduction of modern guns necessitated the complete abolishment of the idea that men must be mere machines. Officers, he says, are no longer directly able to control their men because the fighting formation has been changed, and therefore the men must have a far higher standard of individual intelligence, while among the officers intelligence, self-reliance and the power of leading must be on a proportionately higher level.

"The sooner this is realized to the fullest extent," Earl Roberts says, "the better for all ranks when the hour of trial comes."

What is Needed.

Earl Roberts says the report of the commission on the war in South Africa made it clear that much is still needed before Great Britain has an army fit in all respects for war with a modern foreign power. Among other things, she must have a larger proportion of mounted troops for rapid reinforcement, and in order to quickly seize points of vantage. He refers to the action of the government in ordering new quick-firing field guns and of the complete re-equipment of the army, and says these guns would be 12 1-2 pounders for horse and 18 1-2 pounders for field artillery. Simultaneously with Earl Roberts' article, it is officially announced that 160 batteries will be supplied with new guns at a cost of $17,500,000, and that the order will be executed within twenty months.

Earl Roberts concludes his article as follows: "It will be necessary to have a reserve force of officers amounting to some thousands. These can be made available by a system for the military training of the entire youth of the country, which is essential to our success, no matter under what system our army may be organized.

TO-DAY IN TORONTO.

Conference, Farmers' Association and O.E.A., Victoria College, 10 a.m.
Ross Club banquet to premier, Temple, 8.
East Toronto Conservatives' convention, Dingman's Hall, 8.
Gooderham mayoralty meeting, Brockton Hall, 8.
Urquhart mayoralty meeting, Wardell's Hall, 8.
Theatres—See public amusements.

BLAIR BECOMES MANAGER OF ROLLER BEARING CO.

Is Also Its Counsel to Organize Branches in Foreign Lands

Hon. A. G. Blair has been engaged by the Toronto Roller Bearing Company as its counsel to take up the work or organization of kindred companies in the United States, Great Britain and in foreign lands. He will also take a seat on the board of directors, and becomes managing director in connection with the organization work.

The above statement was issued last night by the company. The Toronto Roller Bearing Company is the proprietor of all the patents, of which there are a large number issued in the United States, Great Britain, different European countries and thruout the world, protecting the Henderson Roller Bearing inventions. It is not a manufacturing company, the manufacture of the bearings themselves being carried on in Canada by a local company, as it is proposed to organize for elsewhere.

The present officers are: W. B. Murrich, K.C., president; A. E. Henderson, secretary; Albert Ogden, treasurer, and R. I. Henderson, manager.

Mr. McMurrich, when approached by The World on the subject of Mr. Blair's appointment, contented himself by stating that the company was a private concern.

A. E. Henderson is at present seriously ill at his home. R. I. Henderson is out of the city. He is the inventor of the devices patented.

LAWYER CONDUCTED INQUEST

At Least His Objections Were Sustained—Was Bylaw Violated?

There was an inquest held last night in O'Neill's Hall. The jurors met for the purpose of ascertaining how and by what means Allan McIntosh met his death. Deceased was an employe of the Dominion Bridge Company. He was working on the new building which the Consumers' Gas Company is erecting.

The jury's verdict was: "We find that Allan McIntosh came to his death by falling from a 10 inch plank at the gas house."

The foregoing verdict is in accordance with the facts as far as the evidence went. The enquiry was not held for the exact purpose of finding out how the unfortunate man was killed. His fellow workmen knew that he fell from a narrow scaffolding. The investigation was called for the purpose of making it known whether the contractors had violated the building bylaws. This portion of the enquiry was practically stopped by Mr. Falconer of DuVernet & Jones' office, who represented the Dominion Bridge Company.

Coroner McConnell allowed Falconer to object to pertinent questions asked by jurymen, and invariably ruled in favor of the lawyer.

It was remarked after the inquest that the coroner should get a new supply of backbone, or write for instructions as to how to conduct an inquest.

The evidence was that McIntosh fell from a narrow plank. The witnesses, who were bridge builders, admitted that the workmen were supposed to look after their own scaffolding and see that it was right. The building bylaws do not cover work done by structural iron workers.

STRATFORD AND THE C.P.R.

Negotiations for New Connections Practically Completed.

Stratford, Dec. 29.—(Special.)—Negotiations between the city and the C.P.R. were practically closed at a meeting here last evening and work will be commenced in the spring on a branch from the Guelph-Goderich extension from a point near where road crosses the Conestogo River, to Stratford. Options have been secured on nearly all property required for the right of way within the city, and also for a station site. This line will give connection with Toronto by a route but little longer than the G.T.R. A branch from here to meet the main line of C.P.R. at Thamesford is also projected.

$1000 MEN RULE THE ROOST ACTUARY HAD TRYING TIME

President McQuillan, Too, Went Up Against a Hard Game—Election Results Monday.

The predictions that the annual meeting of the Commercial Travelers' Association would result in doings of fair size and interest were not wide of the mark. If Association Hall, on any former occasion, was the scene of more general tumult than yesterday brought forth, the occasion deserves to be remembered. The meeting opened at 1.30 with the biggest gathering of grip artists that the city has probably known. There were not seats enough on the ground floor to go round, and the gallery held a generous complement of commercial men, while others stood in clusters at the back of the hall. In a few minutes the air became dense with tobacco smoke, and it was not long before it grew denser with the feeling aroused. The result of the meeting was a signal victory for The Fielding faction, as shown in the substantial support given him. The revised bylaw governing the mortuary benefit at first submitted called for a five hundred-dollar benefit. This was amended to read six hundred dollars, and Mr. Fielding's motion in amendment to this last was carried overwhelmingly. It reads like this:

"Resolved, that, as under the operation of bylaws 66, 67, 68, 70 and 71, the association has prospered beyond the expectations of the most sanguine of its originators, as shown by the fact that all claims under the mortuary benefit department have been paid, as the death of a member has been regularly certified to; and, further, the continued growth of our reserve fund being so satisfactory, as shown by the report of 1904, now reaching the sum of $451,467; therefore, we disapprove of a proposal to repeal the said bylaw or make such a radical change as shall disturb the standing of the present members of the association." (Moved by E. Fielding, seconded by J. F. Ellis.)

Feeling With Fielding.

This having been placed before the assembly, the meeting became open for the expression of views. Mr. Fielding, the first speaker, was greeted with great enthusiasm. He devoted his time to an enunciation of his ideas, which are already familiar to those who have been watching the association's affairs the past month or so, and briefly sought to show that a $1000 basis was practicable.

J. F. Ellis, who followed, declared himself the friend of the association, altho not a member thereof. He did not think its affairs should be run upon the same plan as a regular insurance company, and thought the $451,000 surplus justified a more liberal scale than actuarial opinion declared for. The association was a pioneer one, but was threatened with breaking up if a meagre policy was persisted in. The younger members would join the Montreal and other travelers' associations. "Let us not jeopardize the future," he concluded, amid great applause.

James Pattison, an ex-president of the association, was next heard. He complained because it was not a meeting of commercial travelers, but of an insurance society. He was one of the fathers of the association, and deprecated the change.

Wouldn't Hear Actuary.

The real trouble began when the president then rose. There were shouts of "Sit down!" and an uproar began.

"You are going to hear both sides," pronounced Mr. McQuillan, grimly, and called upon the association's actuary, Mr. Bradshaw.

Pandemonium was then let loose. Applause and hisses rent the air as Mr. Bradshaw mounted the platform, papers in hand.

"Sit down!" came a mighty volume of voices, as Mr. Bradshaw faced the audience. The actuary waited a minute. Then, as matters got worse, decided that the tip was a good one, and descended the platform steps. The uproar kept up, as the president, gavel in

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CANADA COMPANYS GOOD SHOWING

(Canadian Associated Press Cable.)

London, Dec. 29.—At the half-yearly meeting of the Canada Co., the chairman stated that during the year ending Nov. 30, 8406 3-4 acres had been disposed of, but applications for licenses were fewer than immediately after oil was discovered in Essex County. Speaking of mineral rights as assets not to be ignored, he referred to the discovery of felspar in Loughboro Township and iron pyrites in Madoc Township. He proposed a dividend of 22 shillings per share, making altogether £3 4s per share for 1904.

The White Pass and Yukon Railway will pay a dividend of three shillings per share, less tax. During the present year there were 90 disasters less than last year on the great lakes, the total wrecks being 37 vessels, or 17,687 tons, against 31,644 tons last year.

TORONTO MAN OUT WEST.

Winnipeg, Dec. 29.—(Special.)—Thhe Rev. J. L. Gordon, pastor of Bond-street Congregational Church, Toronto, arrived here this evening. He was met at the C.P.R. station by Arthur Wickson, manager of the Merchants Bank; James Hooper, king's printer, and W. W. Buchanan, chief of Royal Templars of Temperance, and others, all members of Central Church committee, which congregation has given Mr. Gordon a call.

GREATER THAN EVER.

Winnipeg, Man., Dec. 29.—(Special.)—After spending several weeks looking over the province and the territories, C. W. Speers, acting immigration commissioner, says that the area ready for crop next spring exceeds that of any year in the history of the province by over 40 per cent. in proportion to the area under cultivation.

HEAR GOODERHAM TO-NIGHT.

George H. Gooderham's final rally will be held to-night at Brockton Hall. The candidate and other prominent ratepayers will speak. William Crealock will occupy the chair.

STALKER IN WEST ELGIN.

Dutton, Dec. 29.—(Special.)—Peter Stalker was nominated for the legislature by the Liberals of West Elgin today.

LINKLATER KILLED.

Winnipeg, Dec. 29.—At Arizont, the C. N. R. snowplow struck a switch and upset. J. B. Linklater was killed. Several others were hurt.

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WON'T STAND FOR IT ANY LONGER.

ONTARIO, THE COW (nudging him with her tail): "Here, my scripture-quoting friend, you either get on the right side of me or stop milking."

ONE THOUSAND JAPS FELL BUT RIHLUNG FORT TAKEN

Important Point of Vantage Obtained, and the Doom of Port Arthur Further Sealed.

Headquarters of the Japanese Army Before Port Arthur, via Fusan, Dec. 29.—Rihlung fort was captured at 3 o'clock this morning with a thousand Japanese casualties. Seven dynamite mines exploding at 10 o'clock yesterday made breaches in the front wall, thru which a large body of Japanese troops charged under cover of a tremendous bombardment and captured the first line of light guns. A bitter fight resulted in the capture of the fort. The garrison, numbering 500 men, escaped.

Rihlung fort, situated on Rihlung Mountain, formed part of the inner circle of the chain of forts defending Port Arthur. Rihlung is situated about two miles from the outskirts of the Town of Port Arthur, from which it bears due northeast. The fort just captured is a mile and a half southeast of Keekwan fort, recently captured by the Japanese. The possession of these two forts should make a most important breach in the fortifications of Port Arthur and cut off communication between the Golden Hill forts and the forts of the western section of the inner circle fortifications.

Outside of the capture of 203 Metre Hill, of the western section of forts, little is known of the exact positions occupied by the Japanese, but it would seem from the material available that the inner circle of forts is now cut in three pieces, and that 203 Metre Hill prohibits communication with the Liaotie section forts, just as possession of Rihlung and Keekwan forts cuts off communication with the Golden Hill forts, except by the many underground ways which are said to exist in various parts of the fortress. From Rihlung Mountain, which is nearly opposite 203 Metre Hill, it would appear that the Japanese will be able to reach anything in the harbor and town which the Japanese heavy guns on 203 Metre Hill are unable to hit, thus making it apparently impossible for the Russian second Pacific squadron to make use of Port Arthur even should the Japanese content themselves with holding the strong positions they now occupy.

CAPTURED 43 GUNS.

Tokio, Dec. 30.—(1.30 a.m.)—The Japanese captured forty-three guns when Rihlung fort was taken.

CALL TO C. H. MOCKRIDGE.

Detroit, Dec. 29.—Rev. C. H. Mockridge, jr., rector of St. Phillip's Episcopal Church, has received a call to St. John's Church, Roxbury, Boston. Mr. Mockridge is a graduate of Trinity College, Toronto. His father and a brother are also rectors in this city. He has not yet decided whether he will accept the call or not. He was born in Whitby, Ont.

AN OPEN VERDICT.

Niagara Falls, Dec. 29.—The coroner's enquiry into the death of Georgio Banceze, shot in the riot on Monday evening, to-night brought in an open verdict, stating: "We, the jurors, find that Georgio Banceze came to his death by being shot by party or parties unknown, and we believe that the said party or parties shot with intent to kill."

DYING IN WINNIPEG.

Winnipeg, Dec. 29.—(Special.)—George Simpson, deputy minister of public works for the province, who has been in the hospital for several weeks, is sinking fast. An operation is to be performed in the morning and small hopes are held out for his recovery.

After 38 Year's Service.

Rochester, N.Y., Dec. 29.—After 38 years' continuous service in the police department, during 20 years of which he has been chief of the department, Chief Joseph Cleary has resigned because of ill-health. His resignation will take effect March 1 next. Chief Cleary was born in Ireland, March 11, 1842, and has a brilliant war record.

RIHLUNG CAPTURED.

Tokio, Dec. 29. — A report from headquarters of the third Japanese army before Port Arthur, received here on Wednesday, Dec. 28, at midnight, says:

"On Wednesday, Dec. 28, at 10 o'clock in the morning the left centre column of our army, following some heavy explosions on the frontal parapet of Rihlung Mountain, charged and occupied the parapet under cover of fire from heavy guns and constructed defence works, despite the enemy's fierce fire.

"At 4 o'clock in the afternoon, when our occupation was practically assured, we charged and occupied the inner lines of heavy gun positions, subsequently dislodging a remnant of the enemy's force stubbornly holding the gorge fort which we occupied and captured the entire works."

SHIBLEY OWES $20,000

Affairs of Late Liberal Candidate in Frontenac in Bad Way.

Kingston, Dec. 29.—(Special.)—A meeting of the creditors of W. J. Shibley, late Liberal candidate in Frontenac, was held at Harrowsmith yesterday, and his financial affairs were shown to be worse than was expected.

His liabilities are known now to be over $15,000, and when all the accounts are in will reach nearly $20,000.

As already stated, the assets are a few chattels.

T. J. Rigney, barrister, of this city, was appointed permanent assignee, in place of John Shibley, brother of W. J., and W. D. Hart, Kingston, and J. W. Bertram, Harrowsmith, inspectors.

MONTREAL POLICE GUILTLESS.

Montreal, Dec. 29.—Mr. Justice Taschereau has given in his report declaring that ex-Chief Legault, Capt. Bellefleur and the other officers who were suspended are innocent of the charges made against them, and should receive all possible rehabilitation and compensation. The judge says they are the victims of a conspiracy.

CAMERON CHOSEN.

Fort William, Dec. 29.—(Special.)—At the Liberal convention held here this afternoon, D. C. Cameron of Winnipeg was chosen as party candidate for the local legislature. The convention lasted the greater part of the afternoon.

THE SOVEREIGN BANK OF CANADA
28 King St. West, Toronto.
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MANY HAPPY RETURNS.

To Noel Marshall, president of the National Club, president Standard Fuel Co., born in London, Eng., Dec. 30, 1852, a resident of Toronto for 47 years.

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BOARD OF EDUCATION — Vote for Henry E. Smallpeice and economy in our school system.

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S. W. Burns Should Land.

The electors of Ward 4 can make no mistake in returning S. W. Burns as alderman.

David Hoskins, F.C.A., Chartered Accountant, 27 Wellington St.E., Toronto

BOARD OF EDUCATION — Cast your vote on Monday for Henry E. Smallpeice. He is a business man and an ex-school trustee.

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POLITICS AND THE MAYORALTY.

A number of newspapers and a number of people in Toronto are saying that politics should play no part in the selection of the mayor. Perhaps this is a good doctrine; perhaps it is not; at least there may be times when it is not; and when Mr. Urquhart, having been elected mayor on two occasions by the assistance of Conservatives, he should have respected their liberality and their non-partisan attitude, and not have used the mayor's chair as a stepping-stone to a nomination in the Liberal interests in North Toronto last October. And above all things, he should not, for the mere desire of holding the position of member of parliament, have sacrificed the principle of public ownership in federal railway matters, when he had won some recognition as the champion of public ownership in municipal affairs. Mr. Urquhart's desire to be a member of parliament overweighed his loyalty to the principle of public ownership, and his desire to become a partisan member of parliament made him forget that he was mayor of Toronto by the non-partisan spirit of the great Conservative majority in the city. Conservatives would be more than human if they went out of their way to put Mr. Urquhart again in office in order that he might perpetrate another break like the one he made last fall.

A Promise to Pay.

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JONES IS THE MAN.

Montreal, Dec. 29.—(Special.)—It is quite possible that G. C. Jones, superintendent of the Midland division of the Grand Trunk, will succeed Mr. Fitzhugh as general manager of the Central Vermont.

Broderick's Business Suits—$28.50—113 King street.

BOARD OF EDUCATION — Vote for Henry E. Smallpeice and economy in our school system.

Try "Lowe Inlet" Canned Salmon Always Reliable.

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New Year's Gifts. Framed pictures at Geddes', 431 Spadina.

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BIRTHS.

EMO—On Friday, Dec. 23, 1904, to Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Emo, 25 Guelph-avenue, a daughter.

DEATHS.

CHAPPELL—at her father's residence, Bracondale, on Thursday, Dec. 29, 04, Bessie Chappell, beloved daughter of Jas. and Elizabeth Chappell, aged 18 years. Her end was peace.

Funeral Saturday the 31st inst., at 2.30 p.m., to Prospect Cemetery, friends and acquaintances please accept this intimation.

ROAR—On Dec. 29th, at Bowmanville, Maria Blake Bone, relict of the late John Hoar, aged 80 years.

Funeral on Saturday afternoon to Bowmanville Cemetery.

JOHNSON—Suddenly, on Thursday, the 29th, Mrs. Emma Johnson.

Funeral from her late home, 182 Jameson-avenue, to Mount Pleasant Cemetery on Saturday, Dec. 31st, at 2 p.m. Friends invited.

FIGHT FOR PUBLIC RIGHTS BEGINS IN TOWN OF WHITBY

Mr. Maclean Tells Citizens That They Can Appeal to the Railway Committee of the Legislature.

Whitby, Dec. 29.—(Special.)—The public meeting held to-night in the town hall to hear W. F. Maclean of Toronto on the subject of municipal franchises was largely attended, and despite a little difference toward the close of the meeting, between those in favor of and those opposed to the proposed agreement between the town and the Toronto and York Radial Railway Co., the meeting was a great success. The feeling was made plain that the desire of those present was strongly in favor of getting a railway even if the terms exacted by the company were not as favorable as some would like to see. The chair was taken and acceptably filled by Mayor Blow and F. Howard Annis was unanimously elected secretary.

For Public Rights.

Mr. Maclean, in his opening remarks, expressed his pleasure in addressing a Whitby audience and putting himself on record on the platform, as well as in his paper, "as a consistent upholder of public v. corporation rights." He enlarged on the king's highway as it originally was, described the abuses that gradually grew up in regard to the same in the shape of tolls, the abolition of the tollgate nuisance and the present retrogression by the people allowing great corporations to assume control of these highways, giving whatever service they saw fit. These roads, he declared, should be regulated and used as freely as are the canals and the rivers. He incidentally pointed out how such countries as France and Germany, which were regarded as backward, and the sister colonies of New Zealand and Australia, owned, controlled and operated their own railroads on equal terms for everybody.

Make Provision for Future.

He urged the ratepayers to give no franchise to a corporation unless provision was made for future municipal ownership, and he pointed out how the Standard Oil Co. had become the great financial octopus that it is by reason of secret agreements made with railways, giving them discrimination. Taking up the proposed agreement, he pointed out that while the company could for six months cease to give a service, and the town would have no relief, this same company would not give the town six days in which to consider this agreement. He referred to the difficulty Toronto experienced when they tried to compel specific performance, and urged the insertion in the town's agreement of a serious penalty clause going into effect automatically on the non-observance by the company of any clauses contained in the same.

Company Dares Not.

The corporations are creatures of the people of the country, brought into existence by the legislature. They cannot bulldoze the people, and dare not give the town the go-by if the town insists on the legislature protecting them. The railway committee of the Ontario legislature, one member of which is Hon. John Dryden, the local member, has jurisdiction and can discipline the railway companies. It has control and directs the relation between these companies and the municipalities, and the latter need not be held up. He advised the electors to ask the candidates for the legislature to deliver themselves on the question of municipal rights and quoted last night's Hamilton Times to show how Mr. Haines returned to Hamilton when he found his bluff would not work there and how the Pere Marquette Railway in Western Ontario was compelled to give satisfactory service and terms to the people of this district.

Lamented These Facts.

He lamented the fact that lobbyists appeared in parliamentary halls and sometimes despaired of our boasted public representation. The elected representatives of the people were sometimes found forging yokes for private corporations to put on the people, and urged the electors to hold them to a strict performance of their duties, and remember that the public had vested rights. He asked the municipalities to unite in their efforts to cope with such financial Napoleons as the promoters of these great railway schemes and said, "if you go the right way about it there is no chance of Whitby getting the go-by." They would get the railway on their own terms. But the innocent looking clause gives a company all it wants, and had been prepared by one of the ablest lawyers in Canada.

Revise the Rates.

He urged that a clause be put in the agreement providing for a revision and regulation of rates every five or seven years, and asked them if they had a clause providing they would receive as good terms as any other

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The Last Two Days.

This day and Saturday close the year of 1904. For nearly every merchant, and for many citizens, it has been a prosperous and bright one. The Dineen Company have been particularly fortunate, both as to the unprecedented returns, the immense amount of stock handled and the general satisfaction dispensed. In fact it has been the banner year so far, and they want to make the last two days record-breakers. There are bargains in every department. Come and walk through the showrooms.

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FAIR AND MILDER.

Meteorological Office, Toronto, Dec. 29.—(10 p.m.)—The weather has been cold from Ontario to the Maritime Provinces and much milder in Manitoba and the Territories. The outlook is for milder conditions in Ontario and later in Quebec and the Maritime Provinces.

Minimum and maximum temperatures: Victoria, 46—56; Calgary, 24—34; Prince Albert, 4—38; Winnipeg, 2 below—34; Port Arthur, 2 below—18; Toronto, 18—26; Ottawa, zero—12; Montreal, 2—16; Quebec, 2—4; St. John, 12—34; Halifax, 20—30.

Probabilities.

Lower Lakes and Georgian Bay—Fresh to strong westerly to southerly winds; fair and a little milder. Saturday mild.

Ottawa and Upper St. Lawrence—Fresh westerly to southwesterly winds; fair, gradually rising temperature; Saturday, comparatively mild.

Lower St. Lawrence, Gulf and Maritime—Fresh to strong westerly to southwesterly winds; fair and cold; Saturday more moderate.

Superior—Fresh southwesterly to southerly winds; fair and mild.

Manitoba—Fine and mild.

STEAMSHIP MOVEMENTS.

Dec. 29.	At	From
Carthaginian	Glasgow	Philadelphia
Sardinian	Glasgow	Boston
Liguria	Genoa	New York
Friesland	Liverpool	Philadelphia
Ottoman	Liverpool	Portland
Georgian	London	Boston