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COUNCIL WILL HAVE SURPLUS WILL PROBABLY BE ABOUT \$1,000

A Glance at the Statements of the Different Committees Shows That, While Estimates Have Been Exceeded in Some Cases, There Will Be Sufficient Increases To Cover Them

The financial statement of the year for the city will be issued shortly, and will be quite satisfactory to the citizens, as a rule.

The council will have a surplus, the exact amount of which can only be conjectured, but it will probably be \$1,000—maybe more.

Some of the committees and other bodies will show overdrafts, but the increases in receipts will place the council on "easy street" and give a surplus of the above-mentioned amount, in all probability.

How They Stand.
The financial committee has done good work and will probably break even.

The board of works will have an overdraft of about \$2,000. This is due to a large extra expense on the bridge account, resulting from the determination of the committee to re-floor all the bridges, and save the extra expense annually. It is a good investment, but will result in an overdraft.

So far as can be learned, No. 3 committee will not have an overdraft. An even break will be the best that will happen, but that will be very satisfactory to Ald. Greenleaf and his assistants.

There has been a lot of extra expense in connection with the fire department and the street watering, but the expenses have been cut down in other

directions, and they will end the year with a clean sheet, practically.

The police department will keep within their estimates and so will the library board.

Overdrafts.
The board of education will have an overdraft of \$2,000 in the opinion of most officials about the city hall, although some of the members claim they will break even.

The hospital trust will also have an overdraft of about \$2,000. It may go a little more than that, but the above-mentioned sum will perhaps be close enough.

This will make a total overdraft in all civic bodies of about \$6,000.

Items Are Offset.
To offset this there will be increased receipts from several departments.

The water commission will hand the council \$5,000 over their estimates.

The police court receipts will be \$500 above the estimated revenue from this department.

A Big Jump.
The income from licenses has jumped \$1,500 this year, giving the council an increased revenue from this source.

There will not likely be any increase in the estimated receipts from the Pere Marquette; perhaps there will be a falling off, but it will not amount to enough to make any difference in the calculation.

The city until 3:40 o'clock tomorrow morning when he will take the train home again.

"It is most unfortunate coming at this particular time," said Mr. Roundy. "Everything was all right when I left last evening, but the house caught fire during the night and is badly burned. I am very thankful to say that my wife and family are well, although they are quite nervous. They wanted me to come home, but I will fulfill my engagement here, returning early in the morning. I do not understand the fire at all. The house was of modern construction, and I cannot explain how the fire occurred. I have few details as yet."

A large number of the nobles, including Mayor Stevely and illustrious Potentate A. L. Davis conveyed their sympathies to Mr. Roundy.

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PAST IMPERIAL POTENTATE ROUNDY, Of Chicago, Who Will Today Deliver the Charter From the Imperial Council to Mocha Temple.

SHORT SESSION OF POLICE COURT

Magistrate Love Disposed of Many Cases Today.

Magistrate Love had a short session at the police court this morning, but disposed of quite a lot of business in a few minutes.

The case of a local hotelman, charged with breaking 'ne liquor act, was adjourned until next Tuesday.

Henry Drayton, charged with being disordered, after being in jail a week, was allowed to go.

Leslie Jones, an Indian lister, who loitered in a barroom, was let go, with a warning.

Albert Abel, a young man who amused himself by knocking over the garbage cans on the street corners, was fined \$2.

Wm. Paye for being drunk paid \$2. Etta Jacoby, charged with being a vag, was allowed to go, with a warning.

The police have had numerous complaints regarding young men expectorating on the sidewalks, and last night a young man was arrested on this charge. He was fined \$1 and given a severe lecture.

The case of George Andrus, charged with keeping a poolroom open after hours, was adjourned until Tuesday.

Sues the Company.
City Solicitor Doherty, St. Thomas, acting under instructions from the council and the board of street railway commissioners, has issued a writ against the Southwestern Traction Company to recover the moneys due the city and which the company have been promising to pay. The amount includes the \$1,311.08 due the street railway commissioners for maintenance of track and construction of the siding opposite the city hall, and \$700 due for back rental, according to agreement entered into between the company and the city.



MR. S. FRANK GLASS, Who Has Been Appointed Representative of the County of Middlesex in the Senate of the Western University.

THE WEATHER.

TOMORROW—FAIR AND MILD.
FORECASTS.
Toronto, Dec. 11—8 a.m.

Today—Fresh to strong southerly to westerly winds; a few scattered showers, but partly fair and mild.

Saturday—Fair; not much change in temperature.

	Today.	Yesterday.
London	36	45
Calgary	40	4
Winnipeg	12	20
Port Arthur	22	20
Perry Sound	24	20
Toronto	38	6
Ottawa	2	2
Montreal	2	2
Quebec	4	10
Father Point	4	10
Dawson	18	24
Victoria	32	44
Vancouver	34	44
Kamloops	20	24
Edmonton	10	20
Qu'Appelle	12	18
St. John	2	10
Halifax	11	28

Minus (—) means below zero.

Settling Day Was Very Satisfactory Business Conditions Are Improving

Local Bank Clearings for Week Show a Decided Increase.

Business conditions are improving steadily in London.

The bank clearings for the week ending Dec. 7 show about \$45,000 increase over the corresponding week of 1907.

The best feature of this is in the fact that the week included Dec. 4, the great half-yearly period when merchants throughout Western Ontario meet their bills.

It ranks in importance with March

4, and is looked forward to with anxiety by both merchants and wholesale men.

Throughout Western Ontario the merchants have been meeting their paper in a most satisfactory manner.

Meeting Bills Promptly.

Payments have been made in practically every instance, and few failures are noted.

"It is a healthy sign," said a prominent bank manager to The Advertiser. "The merchants throughout Western Ontario are meeting their bills quite promptly, and an optimistic tone is general. The worst is over and we will soon be in a very prosperous condition."

SHRINERS ARE POURING IN MANY NOBLES IN THE CITY

Past Imperial Potentate Roundy Given a Royal Reception Upon His Arrival From Chicago—Western Ontario Towns Sending Many Shriners and Visitors.

The Mystic Shriners are here. Every train brought in a large bevy of the nobles, who have come to take part in the degree work and accompanying festivities of Mocha Temple.

They are not all in yet. Several large contingents will arrive on the afternoon trains, and it is expected that when the work commences this evening fully 500 nobles will be in attendance. Of this number 200 will be visitors.

Past Imperial Potentate Here.
The most important personage to arrive this morning was Immediate Past Imperial Potentate Frank C. Roundy, of Chicago. He was accompanied by Noble A. W. Rathbun, of Medina Temple, Chicago.

Mr. Roundy was Imperial potentate when the dispensation was granted to Mocha Temple, and consequently he is held in the highest personal regard by the nobles of the local shrine.

He was born in Lake Geneva, Wisconsin, in 1858, and moved to Chicago in 1878, where he has since resided. He is president of the Roundy Regalia Company one of the largest of the kind in America. He has been prominently associated in Masonry for many years, occupying many very important offices.

Mr. Roundy is past commander of St. Bernard Commandery, K. T., and has for nine years commanded the champion Templar drill corps of America, and is also past illustrious potentate of Medina Temple, Chicago.

He is at present commander-in-chief of the Oriental Consistory in Chicago, which has upwards of five thousand members.

A Royal Welcome.
At the station a large number of nobles were congregated and Noble Roundy was given a royal welcome.

He was escorted to the city hall by Dunn's band and a large coterie of nobles.

On arriving there he was welcomed by Mayor Stevely, and given the freedom of the city.

Mr. Roundy made a happy speech, in reply to Mayor Stevely, expressing his pleasure at coming to London, and to Mocha Temple, but regretting that his visit was marred by an untoward incident.

Ald. Ferguson was the victim of a joke, played by his brothers Shriners. When Ill. Nobles Roundy and Rathbun were escorted to the city hall, Ald. Ferguson was called forward, and amid the painful silence of the crowd he was presented with an automaton figure bearing the legend:

"Ald. D. Ferguson, making one of his speeches on Niagara power."

Ald. Ferguson's reputation as an orator had gone far afield, and his Chicago friends could think of nothing more appropriate than the figure presented to him.

Ald. Ferguson made a feeling reply, expressing his thanks to the nobles for such an unexpected gift.

Mr. Graydon's Suggestions Approved For the Assisting of London's Poor

Inspector Sanders Says There Has Been No Real Suffering Thus Far in City.

At the monthly meeting of the Charity Organization and Humane Society held yesterday afternoon in the city hall, the board of management discussed at some length the problem of the unemployed as it exists in London today.

All were agreed that it should be solved, not by an increased distribution of relief, but by the securing of employment for the men who are out of work.

The inspector reported that while there had been, as yet, very little, if any actual suffering in the city, still there was a good deal of poverty; also that many more men had been applying at the society's office for work than at this time last year.

Providing Work.
The society has provided as much work as possible by means of its wood-cutting scheme, 55 cords of wood having been cut for which \$56 had been paid in wages to the men, but a great deal more than that could have been cut if the society had been able to secure the work; in fact, the inspector knows of at least fifty able-bodied, capable men, with families, who are anxiously looking for work.

It was decided to make a canvas of all the wood yard proprietors in the city and request them to have all their wood cut in this way. The thanks of the city will also be presented.

the board were extended to Mr. Buchanan, at whose yard most of the wood has been cut so far.

Many more women than usual have also applied at the office for work. If any citizens desiring a man or a woman for an odd day's work would phone to the society's office, No. 1187, they would be conferring a favor on the organization and assisting the unemployed.

Inspector's Report.
Mr. Sanders' report was listened to with a great deal of interest. It dealt with the details of the many cases which have been investigated and assisted during the month. He dwelt especially upon the difficulty of dealing with those cases where the head of the household would sit idly at home and allow the neighbors to feed himself and family.

Will Call Meeting.
A lengthy communication from Mr. A. O. Graydon, addressed to the society's president, and setting forth an array of suggestions for the amendment of the present system of dispensing the charitable resources of the city, was read.

After considerable discussion in which all agreed that the letter contained some excellent suggestions which should receive attention, it was laid over to be further dealt with at a special meeting to be called at an early date, at which all the churches and charitable societies in the city will be represented, and at which it is hoped many of the businessmen of the city will also be present.

MORGAN'S FAST TRIP

His Special Goes From Chicago to New York in 17 Hours.

New York, Dec. 11.—After having predicted in Chicago that "any man who is a bear on the future of this country will go broke," J. P. Morgan returned to New York last evening after a remarkable trip on a special train over the New York Central. The journey was made in 17 hours and 41 minutes, which is one hour faster than the Twentieth Century Limited, the crack train of the Central.

Mr. Morgan was in a hurry to return to New York, it is said, because of a business engagement, and for that reason procured the special train.

The special made 58 to 60 miles an hour for the entire distance, with six stops to change locomotives between Chicago and this city. Stops in this state were made at Buffalo, Syracuse and Albany. It is estimated that the trip cost the financier \$100 an hour.

There was only one other passenger on the train, W. C. Brown, second vice-president of the New York Central Railroad.

LOCKS NOT CLOSED.

Sault Ste. Marie, Dec. 11.—The Michigan locks were not closed yesterday, although it was announced by Superintendent Sabine that they would be. Instead they will be kept open until next Monday, or perhaps a day or so later. There are a number of freighters at Duluth and Fort William loading for the lower lakes and several others are up bound. It is understood that locking up is being made difficult in the Canadian lock because of several valves being out of order.

WHITE KILLS THREE NEGROES AND WOUNDS FOUR OTHERS

A Memphis Bad Man, While Under Influence of Liquor, Enters a Saloon and Deliberately Volleys Into Group of Colored Card Players.

Memphis, Tenn., Dec. 11.—"I shot 'em and that's all there's to it." Beyond this, mumbled as he was being led to a cell at police headquarters, William Latura, a white man, of this city, professed no explanation of the killing of three negroes, and the wounding of four others, at a saloon here early today.

A Rain of Bullets.

According to the statement of bystanders, when Latura entered the saloon, a group of negroes were about a pool table in a rear room, engaged in a game. As he walked into the room, it is declared, Latura, after surveying the crowd leisurely unbuttoned a long overcoat he wore, and drew an automatic pistol. If any words were

passed, those who escaped the rain of bullets which followed by design behind the furniture, declare they heard none. As Latura shot one after another of the negroes fell. When the police arrived, three were dead, and four others were lying about the floor wounded, one of the latter a woman. His weapon empty, Latura threw it in an ash can and walked to a neighboring saloon where he quietly submitted to arrest.

Latura, who is regarded as a fearless man, evidently had been drinking. Several years ago he shot and killed a white man, but was released on the grounds of self-defense. Several years ago, a negro met death at his hands, and in this instance he was again acquitted on a plea of self-defense. Recently he forced several men, at the point of a pistol, it is declared, to return money won in a game of chance.

G. T. R. Stationmaster Is Dead Sudden Demise of John A. McHarg

Forty Seven Years an Employee of Railway—Well-Known and Popular.

Mr. John McHarg, for more than twenty-five years stationmaster at the Grand Trunk depot here, died at his son's residence, 449 Horton street, this morning after a brief illness.

About three weeks ago Mr. McHarg contracted a severe cold, which confined him to the house. He was apparently improving rapidly until last night, when he took a sudden turn for the worse and sank rapidly until his death occurred about half-past seven this morning.

Mr. McHarg was 68 years old, and for nearly half a century had been in the employ of the Grand Trunk.

No official on the whole system was more widely known and esteemed.

He was of a bright and cheery disposition, and always had a kindly word for everyone.

The news of his death will be heard with general regret by the travelling public with whom he came in contact

at all times, and with whom he was a general favorite.

Forty-Seven Years a Railwayman.
Mr. McHarg began his career with the Grand Trunk in Hamilton 47 years ago.

For some time he was night stationmaster there, and then was moved to Harrisburg, where he was stationmaster.

Twenty-five years ago he came to London and had remained here ever since. He was always most faithful in the performance of his duties, and no man was more esteemed by the management of the road or by those with whom he worked. Besides his wife, Mr. McHarg is survived by three sons and three daughters—William, of Detroit; Harry and David, of this city; Mrs. Dolby, of Guelph; Mrs. Greene and Mrs. John Begg, of this city.

He was a lifelong Liberal, but numbered amongst his warmest friends many who were opposed to him in politics.

The funeral services will be conducted at the residence of Mr. David McHarg, 449 Horton street, on Sunday evening by Rev. James Rollins, of the King Street Presbyterian Church, and the remains will be taken to Hamilton for interment on Monday morning.

Left the Chinese to Drown Is Charge Made Against Americans

Two Alleged Smugglers Arrested by the Ontario Police.

Niagara Falls, Dec. 11.—Chief of Ontario Frontier Police W. H. Mains and men made an important arrest of two men today, one named Edward Baltz, fish dealer, aged 40 years, and Wm. Reilly, a drifter, of Buffalo, aged 25 years. Both men are charged with manslaughter by United States immigration authorities for causing the death of the seven Chinamen who met death near the breakwater in Buffalo harbor about six weeks ago.

Chief Mains has been working on the case for some days and rounded up the two men today. Baltz was arrested in the village of Fort Erie, not a mile away from the spot where the seven Chinamen met their death. Reilly was rounded up and arrested in a farm house about three miles out in the country from Fort Erie. Both prisoners were taken to Welland Junction, where Chief Immigration Inspector Pierce, of Buffalo, made application before His Honor Judge Wells for extradition. The case will come up before the extradition judge today.

It is alleged that the two prisoners were attempting to smuggle a party of eleven Chinamen across Niagara River into Buffalo when their boat was dashed with great force against the stone wall of the breakwater. The two men, it is said, fearing a watery grave, scrambled up on the breakwater and made good their escape, deserting the Celestials to their own fate to perish in the damaged boat, which eventually went to pieces.

The cries of the Chinese attracted the attention of two men on a dredge that was within the breakwater, who put out to the rescue of the drowning men and were able to rescue four of them. Six bodies were taken out of the water badly cut about the heads and bodies, some of their skulls being crushed. The body of the eleventh was not found.

The investigation will no doubt bring out all the details of the tragedy. The two prisoners will fight extradition. The United States authorities claim they have a clear case against them.

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In making donation Mr. Redford stated he was aware of necessity of an increase in the salaries of professors of McGill if first-class men are to be retained and the standing of the university maintained.

McGill's needs call for \$2,000,000.

A Gift of \$50,000 for McGill

Montreal Dec. 11.—In answer to the urgent appeal for financial assistance made by McGill University, Principal Peterson announced yesterday that Robert Redford, one of the boards of governors had donated securities to the value of \$50,000, the revenue from which is to be used to-

wards the increase of salaries of the professors in the various faculties.

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Thanks Judge for a Jail Sentence

Chatham, Dec. 11.—James Burley a disgraced pool parlor brawl, was today sentenced to two and a half years in Kingston Penitentiary by Judge Bell, after the jury had found him guilty of assaulting E. Johnson, colored, with a knife, as the result of

A. Wolven was sentenced to one year in Central for attempted indecent assault. Wolven thanked Judge Bell sincerely and said he wished it was more.

DEATH OF MRS. HOUGH.

St. Thomas, Dec. 10.—Mrs. Larena Hough, wife of Thos. Hough, the former proprietor of the Hough Bath-house, at Port Stanley, died this morning at No. 145 Manitoba street, after an illness of but eighteen hours, due from hemorrhage of the brain. Mrs. Hough, who was 45 years of age, was the eldest daughter of the late Delos Osborne of this city. She had resided here for many years before moving to

Port Stanley. Besides her husband she is survived by two daughters, Ida and Muriel, both at home; her mother, Mrs. Osborne of this city; two brothers, Willis G. Osborne of Denver and F. E. Osborne of this city, and the proprietor of the London College of Telegraphy, and one sister, Mrs. G. P. Ecker, of Buffalo. Mrs. Hough was a member of the Home Circle at Port Stanley. The funeral takes place on Saturday at 2 o'clock.