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NOMINATIONS FOR MUNICIPAL OFFICES

Will This Year Be Held on Wednesday, December 22.

A CHANGE IN THE DATE

Elections Will Be Held on New Year's Day—Law Has Been Amended For London.

Nominations for municipal offices will this year be held on Wednesday, Dec. 22.

In former years it has been the rule to hold them on the last Monday in December, voting taking place on the first Monday of the New Year.

At the last session of the Legislature the law was changed so far as London is concerned, and now nominations will be held on Dec. 22 and voting on New Year's Day.

The Hours. Nominations for mayor and hospital trustee will be made from 10 o'clock until 11 o'clock; nominations for aldermen, board of education, water commissioner, and the rest, will be from 12 o'clock (noon) until 1 o'clock.

Little is being heard these days regarding slates. The fusion committee will get together this week, and make another final effort to bring about a fusion.

It seems quite doubtful whether or not they will succeed. Hon. Adam Beck has not given his consent to run, and it is considered quite improbable that he will do so.

However, there may be some developments before the week is out.

APPLE SHIPMENTS WERE HEAVY THIS YEAR

Railwaymen State That Season Was a Record-Breaker—All Lines Busy.

Railwaymen state that the apple shipping season, which has just closed, was one of the heaviest they have ever known in this part of the country.

They estimate that they handled nearly twice as many barrels as they did last year, and several thousand more than in any year since 1905.

At the present time very large shipments of grain are being handled through to Montreal and St. John.

A great many cattle are moving and several trains a week are now being put on.

The express companies are doing a great business in poultry, and many thousands of birds of all kinds are sent into the city every day.

NAUGHTY "COP" COLLIDED WITH FAIR FEMININITY

Alleged That a Policeman Was Riding a Bike Without a Lamp or Bell.

There was a collision on Saturday evening at the corner of Richmond street and Queen's avenue, between a policeman on a wheel and two ladies, which resulted rather disastrously at least as far as one of the women was concerned.

The officer, who was apparently just south at a rapid rate without any light on his bicycle, and without a bell ringing, was riding down the street.

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A GREAT BLIZZARD IN THE CANADIAN WEST

Difficulty in Keeping the Lines Open West of Winnipeg.

Winnipeg, Dec. 5.—A four days' blizzard has not yet blown itself out in the west, and today there was a storm, which was the worst seen for years.

The trains are all late and the lines are having difficulty keeping open. The street cars have only operated with the greatest difficulty.

Fortunately the weather is not cold.

PERSONAL MATTERS IN NEXT ELECTION

It Is Said Certain People Are Probing Past Lives of the Candidates.

Unless all signs fail, the coming municipal campaign will be full of records for personalities, and the rumpus in England over the House of Lords will only be a sideshow.

It has leaked out that the personal equation was the theme of discussion at the recent meeting of the fusion committee last week.

As a matter of fact the debate was a warm one, and threatened at one time to break up the committee.

And it all had to do with the past lives of some of the candidates, the story goes. It is known that some members of the committee have been assiduous in searching for marks or blot, morally and otherwise, in the character of the candidates, prospective and certain.

A search was made into all their records, or if not all, at least, in a number, and everything possible that could be alleged against a man was ferreted out, or at least an attempt was made to get it out.

Some of the gentlemen who may have made a mistake as far back as a quarter of a century ago will probably have the privilege of listening to the lapse of life made prominent in the coming campaign.

Dr. John D. Wilson is said to have stood out strongly against any sort of campaign such as that.

An Insult to Citizens. "I will not stand to have any citizen of London insulted in that way," it is alleged in a statement to the members of the committee. Such conduct is unworthy of us. Gossip and mischievous statements should not be made of any person else. If we are to fight let us fight fairly.

It is also stated that some gossip was made use of, and is being retailed. If reports are correct in the city.

In any event, it looks like a very personal campaign, with issues of moment quite largely forgotten.

DEATH TOLL ON LAKES NUMBERED SIXTY-TWO

Twenty-Five Vessels Valued at \$1,144,000 Lost During the Season Just Passed.

Detroit, Dec. 6.—At 12 o'clock today navigation on the great lakes for the year 1909 will be officially closed.

With the end of the season comes the reckoning of the vessels, with a total tonnage of 30,146, and valued at \$1,144,000, have been wrecked, the past season, and of those who perished these boats had 62 lives.

Chief among the causes of disaster has been fog. Twenty-four collisions are recorded, and at least 50 per cent of these were caused by fog.

The greatest loss of life on any vessel occurred when the steamer John B. Cowle was rammed and sunk by the steamer Isaac M. Scott, near Whitefish Point, in Lake Superior, on July 12. Fourteen men were drowned.

Other large losses of life were: Steamer Adelia Shores, 13 drowned; steamer Eberward, 5 drowned; tug Floss, 7 drowned; tug George Stone, 6 drowned.

Last year's record was: Sixteen vessels lost, valued at \$631,000, with a tonnage of 26,250; total loss of life, 33.

JAMES MULDOON DEAD CANADA'S HEAVIEST MAN

Weighed 461 Pounds and Was One of Six Brothers Who Married Six Sisters.

Ottawa, Dec. 5.—James J. Muldoon, Ottawa, the heaviest man in Canada, died yesterday, aged 54. He weighed 461 pounds. He and his five brothers married six sisters.

Rodolph Boudreau, clerk of the privy council, has gone to Victoria to administer the oath of office to T. W. Patterson, the new Lieutenant-Governor of British Columbia.

OVERDUE ROSALIND HEARD FROM SATURDAY

New York, Dec. 6.—Today the Red Cross Line received word from their agent at St. Johns, Nfld., that a wireless had been received from the Rosalind on Saturday, and that the steamship was then off Cape Spear in a heavy sea, and unable to pick up the fog signals. The Rosalind left St. Johns Tuesday for Halifax.

SOCIETY SPLIT OVER THE BUDGET

The Political Feeling Is Bitter in England's "Upper Ten Thousand"

PREDICTIONS OF POLLING Chamberlain Sees Handsome Majority for Unionists But Rosebery Prophecies Defeat.

ELECTION FACTS London, Dec. 5.—The dates of the chief political events of the next two months are now definitely known:

Disolution Jan. 8 First borough elections Jan. 13 First county elections Jan. 19 Elections end Jan. 31 First meeting new Parliament Feb. 14

London, Dec. 6.—While the country generally appears to have taken quietly what the Radical papers describe variously as a "coup d'etat," the "suicide of the House of Lords," and the Unionist organs commend as a "death-blow to Lloyd-George and socialists," exciting a running high in London, and particularly in the west of London.

Never has political feeling been so bitter in the living memory among those who are supposed to constitute society. Those members of the "upper ten thousand" who hold views different from those which strongly prevail in London society are looked upon as enemies, and some hostesses already have found it necessary to rule that politics be tabooed in their drawing-rooms and at their dinner tables, because of the acrimonious discussions to which the crisis has given rise.

Peers have been just as keen as their lords in regard to the debate in the Upper House. The gallery, however, was closed, and the House of Lords was packed during every sitting, nearly all who secured places at the opening of the debate remaining until the House rose, and the remarkable physical endurance on the part of many who were obliged to maintain a cramped, uncomfortable position.

On Tuesday, when it was decided that the Lords would vote against the bill, the ladies in the "peers' gallery" were in a dilemma. To go home to dine meant the possibility of losing their seats for the rest of the evening.

Some Predictions. Predictions as to the result of the general election are the order of the day. Those of Mr. Joseph Chamberlain and of Lord Rosebery are of more than ordinary interest. Speaking to Mr. Heneker, chief clerk of the Chamberlain ministry, a majority for the Liberal in the next Parliament at 100. Lord Rosebery believes that the Liberals will be returned, but with a greatly reduced majority, possibly not more than 25 or 30. This view so far as a Liberal victory is concerned, is the opinion held by several non-partisan observers of the political game who have been spoken to, but a majority of them, while agreeing that Mr. Asquith's majority will be greatly reduced from its present proportions, consider that the Liberal's higher figure than Lord Rosebery puts it.

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OTTAWA'S FIRE CHIEF FOUND DEAD IN BED

Had Been Ill for a Long Time and Was Recently Relieved of His Duties.

Ottawa, Dec. 6.—Peter Prevost, chief of the Ottawa fire department, was found dead this morning. He had been ill for a long time from heart and liver troubles and recently had been given six months' leave from his duties. He was about 50 years of age, and had been fire chief of Ottawa for ten years, having come from a Montreal department, where he had been a sub-chief.

THE CIVIL SERVANTS PETITION GOVERNMENT

Outside Men Ask for More Pay and That Act be Extended to Include Them.

Ottawa, Dec. 6.—Representatives of the civil service federation of Canada and of the Civil Service Association of Ottawa waited this morning at the offices of Sydney Fisher to present a number of requests from those organizations. The federation is asking for a 10 per cent increase in the provisions of the civil service act to be extended to the outside service, and that the system of superannuation be established. Those requests were presented by Dr. Smith, Windsor, president of the federation, Messrs. Garrow and Callow, of Toronto; Messrs. Gabor and St. Jacques, of Montreal; Messrs. Friedman, Dule, Allan and Macoun, of Ottawa, and Mr. Dunn, of St. John.

Dr. J. H. Rutherford and Messrs. Ostrom and Caron, of Ottawa, presented a memorial on behalf of the inside service. They asked that the system for superannuation of members of the service be established, and that the conditions in some of the Government buildings be improved.

The ministers replied that the extension of the civil service act to the outside service was under consideration by the government, and that they would be glad to consider a scheme of superannuation for retiring civil servants and promised to consider the memorial presented by the delegations.

There are other matters of much importance. The Bell Telephone Company's bill will be given its third reading to-night. The complaints made by Engineer Sifton regarding the company have been adjusted. There is only one thing that the engineer's request means and that is for the company to notify the city to carry out changes. This they have done in the past, as well as notify the city engineer, and as a result, little or no trouble is caused.

Garbage Bylaw. The garbage bylaw will be given two readings, and then submit it to the council. The form sent by the city will also be given two readings. The annual report of Dr. Niven, chief of the health department, will be submitted. It is also expected that the request of the firm Marquette for a site on the Bytham street will also come up. In connection with that, it is said that the municipality from the E. L. says that they will indemnify the city against all loss of damage to the sewer system.

Close a Street. There are a number of communications among them being a petition to close the street between the city hall and the east from Rectory, south of the B. T. It looks like a big night's work.

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A BIG CRISIS FOR FINANCIAL NIGHT

City Council Will Hold the Last Meeting of the Year 1909.

At the regular meeting of the council to be held this evening, a consulting engineer to the water commission, or tenders for equipment for the transformer station will probably be asked for, as was stated in the City Advertiser. Engineer Sifton will likely ask for the appointment of such a man, and if he does not, some members of the council, probably Ald. Garratt, will take the initiative, and ask to have the figures checked over.

A number of the members of the council claim it will remove all cause of suspicion. Control Transferred. In connection with power matters, it is certain that the control of the question of tonight pass from the hands of the council to the utility board. The bylaw appointing this commission to look after this business will be given a third reading to