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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 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 prepare a slate. 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 for some time past.

At the present time very large shipments of turnips are going through to American cities, and many carloads of grain are being handled through to Montreal and other points.

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 FEMINITY

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 in the officer sustaining serious injuries.

The officer, who was riding without a lamp or bell, was struck by one of the ladies, who was riding a bicycle.

The officer was taken to the hospital, and is now lying in bed, unable to move.

The ladies, who were riding together, were not injured.

SITUATION NOT ACUTE

Trainmen's President Says a Great Labor War Not Imminent.

Chicago, Dec. 4.—President W. G. Lee of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, said today in reference to published news that the movement of the country are on the verge of a great labor war, "It is misleading to say that the trainmen's organizations have made any demand for increased wages. The proposition for an increase of wages on the lines east of Chicago has been referred by the officers of the organizations to the men themselves. There are at least 75,000 interested, and each man must consider the proposition of the demand for more wages and vote on it before any such demand can be made. It will take some time for the decision of the men to be registered, and until then the situation cannot be regarded as acute."

Children's Aid Society.

The annual meeting of the Children's Aid Society will be held on Monday of next week, when Warden Gilmore of the Central Prison, Toronto, will deliver an address. Dr. Gilmore has given a great deal of attention to juvenile delinquency and child neglect, and he is a speaker of force and power.

Fewer Patients. There are at the present time only 26 scarlet fever patients in the contagious wards at Victoria Hospital.

This is a decrease of two over last week, and it is likely that the number will be still further reduced during the coming week as a number of the patients will have completed the six weeks' term they are required by law to be isolated, and will be allowed to go home. No new cases of scarlet fever have been reported for several days and the authorities hope that the epidemic has been checked.

SENT TO CHINA.

Washington, Dec. 6.—Announcement was made at the state department today of the appointment of Wm. J. Calhoun as minister to China. Mr. Calhoun has accepted the appointment and the pleasure in receiving him.

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.

SEARCHING FOR BLOTS

If a Stain is Located It Is To Be Proclaimed From the House.

Unless all signs fail, the coming municipal campaign will be all 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 Made.

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 misstep as far back as a quarter of a century ago will probably have the privilege of listening to that lapse of time made prominent in the coming campaign.

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

An Insult to Citizens.

"I will not stand to have any citizen of London insulted in that way," it is alleged he stated to the members of the committee. Such conduct is worthy of us, gossip and mischief-mongers should not be made of us nor any person else. If we are going 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 closing of the books, and it is estimated that twenty-five vessels, with a total tonnage of 30,148, and valued at \$1,144,000, have been wrecked during the season, and of those who perished, 62 have been named.

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 one voyage occurred when the steamer John B. Cowie 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; tug Floss, 7 drowned; barge Hester, 7 drowned; steamer George Stone, 6 drowned.

Last year's record was: Sixteen vessels lost, valued at \$631,000, and a total 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. 6.—James J. Muldoon, postmaster of Muldon, Que., near Ottawa, the heaviest man in Canada, died yesterday, aged 54. He weighed 461 pounds, and he has five brothers.

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 steamer 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:

Dissolution 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 socialism," excitement is running high in London, and particularly in the west end 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 hurried messages 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.

Perceives have been just as keen as their lords in regard to the debate in the House of Lords. The gallery was packed during every sitting, nearly all who secured places at the opening of the debate remaining until the House rose, a feat of 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 Lord would not act as a mediator, the ladies in the "perceives" 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 of the order of the day. Those of Mr. Joseph Chamberlain and of Lord Rosebery are of more than ordinary interest. Speaking to Mr. Henniker Heaton, Mr. Chamberlain said the majority for tariff reform 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 scene 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 it will be a higher figure than Lord Rosebery puts it.

A King Edward's keen interest in the political situation has within the past few weeks developed into a keen interest in the budget, although it has not availed what the King regards as a calamity. He is convinced of the truth of the doctrine laid down by Edward Harrison—namely, that the rejection of the budget by the House of Lords would fling the whole British constitution into the melting pot. One of the most remarkable incidents of the last fortnight was directly due to King Edward's influence. This was Lord Rosebery's action in refusing to bring forward the budget, which terms, after his speech at Glasgow the noble early had been confidently expected by the Unionists to join in, if not actually to lead, the peers' opposition to the finance bill, and probably no turnout in British politics was ever more bitterly abused than he has been for refusing to fight in the battle which he had helped to begin.

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When asked what conditions were contributing to this state of affairs, the warden, Mr. J. G. Link, said that the number of prisoners was being reduced by the fact that the very best of the prisoners were being carried out in the city and country.

"This," continued the sheriff, "appears to be likely when it is remembered that the number of prisoners is much smaller than usual, and composed mostly of cheap cases and other similar misdeemeanors. Cases of drunkenness and vagrancy usually constituted half the number of prisoners, but have lately been added to the list. Where these have been sent to the workhouse, they have been discouraged in the habit by the increased difficulty of getting it. It is impossible to care, but the county has been saved a considerable expense for their maintenance while at the jail."

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Indian List Scheme Appears To Be Diminishing the Thirsty Ones.

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BILL OF COSTS IS RUNNING UP EACH DAY

Smith vs. City of London Being Once Again Argued in Toronto.

City Solicitor Meredith and Mr. J. M. McEvoy are in Toronto today arguing the case of Smith vs. the city of London before the court of appeals.

It is expected that it will take most of the day to deliver the arguments of both sides, and judgment is not expected for some days.

The case is likely to prove an expensive one to the city of London. An idea of the expense incurred could not be learned here today. Last year the sum of \$130 was spent, but no bill has been presented this year by Mr. Meredith.

The main expenses were incurred since the beginning of the year, and it was estimated that they would amount to at least \$1,500, probably more, with the end not yet in sight.

It goes to the privy council, as there is a probability. It will rival in expense the Saunby suit, which cost the city a pretty penny for law costs.

AVIATOR KILLED.

Nice, France, Dec. 6.—M. Fernandez, the French aviator, was instantly killed today following the explosion of his motor when his aeroplane was being manoeuvred at an estimated height of 1,500 feet. The machine crumpled, and with its pilot dropped to earth.

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 chief of Ottawa for ten years, having come from the Montreal department, where he had been a sub-chief.

A BIG CRIST FOR FINAL NIGHT

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

BIG MATTERS COMING UP

Control of Niagara Power Here Will Now Go to the New Utilities Board.

At the regular meeting of the council to be held this evening, a consulting engineer to check the figures of the tenders for equipment for the transformer station will probably be asked for, as was stated in Saturday's 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 are in favor of such a move, as they claim it will remove all cause of suspicion.

Control Transferred.

In connection with power matters, it is certain that the control of the question will be given to the new utilities board, rather than the water commission, or rather the utilities board. The bylaw appointing the commission to look after this business will be given a third reading tonight.

The financial statement of all the money spent by the council on the work will be submitted. It will be shown that the city has expended the sum of \$25,805.21.

Of course this does not include the local power building nor any part of it, or its equipment, nor does it include the amounts still due on some contracts.

This will end the council's control of the question, and from now on the utilities board will have the whole control.

As a result the contracts for power station equipment will not be let until after the new board takes control. The council will, it is anticipated, send the tenders to the new board. In the interim, having an engineer check them over.

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

Garbage Bylaw.

The garbage bylaw will be given two readings, and then submit it to the people. The street sweeper bylaw will also be given two readings.

The annual report of Mr. Niven, chairman of the board of health, will be submitted. It is also expected that the report of the Board of Health will be submitted.

There are a number of communications among them being a petition to close the Knox Church, which is an address in front of the Knox Church, and a petition from the Knox Church, which is an address in front of the Knox Church.

It looks like a big night's work.

PRESBYTERIAN PASTORS FORM A MONDAY CLUB

New Organization Which Will Be Productive of Much Good.

An organization which will be known as the Presbyterian Monday Club and which is composed of the pastors of the Presbyterian churches of the city, former this morning at a meeting held at the home of Rev. Hector McKay at 1000 Dundas street.

All the pastors of the city were in attendance, and Rev. Dr. Ross, of St. Andrew's Church, was chosen president, and Rev. Walter Moffatt, of Chalmers Church, secretary.

The objects of the club are to discuss all things of interest to the cause of Presbyterianism, and to endeavor to follow the same.

The Proposal.

It was decided to hold a series of meetings during the first week of the New Year, and on the first Monday evening Rev. Dr. Ross will address a meeting in Knox Church. On Tuesday evening, Rev. J. B. Stewart, of Knox Church, will give an address in King Street Presbyterian Church, and on Wednesday evening each church will hold its regular prayer meeting.

On Thursday evening Rev. J. G. Link will speak in the New St. James' Church, and on Friday evening Rev. Thomas Mitchell will give an address in the First Presbyterian Church.

The next regular meeting of the club will be held on the first Monday in January at the home of Rev. Mr. Smith of the Hamilton Road Presbyterian Church, and meetings will be held on the first Monday of every month thereafter.

THE WEATHER.

TOMORROW—FAIR AND COLD. FORECASTS.

Toronto, Dec. 6.—8 a.m. Today—Strong southwest and west winds; cloudy and cooler, with local snow flurries.

Tuesday—Fair and moderately cold. TEMPERATURES.

Stations. a.m. Min. Weather. Winnipeg 8. 2. Snow. Port Arthur 4. 2. Cloudy. Parry Sound 4. 2. Cloudy. Toronto 4. 2. Cloudy. Montreal 4. 2. Cloudy. Quebec 4. 2. Cloudy. Ottawa 4. 2. Cloudy. No reports from Victoria or Calgary today.

WEATHER NOTES.

The western cold wave has spread eastward, and now embraces Western Ontario.

SUNDAY'S WEATHER.

Toronto, Dec. 5.—Since Saturday morning an important disturbance has developed in the Mississippi Valley, and moved rapidly northward to Lake Superior, accompanied by heavy gales, snow, and rain. The temperature continues very low in the Western Provinces, and the cold wave is now spreading eastward.

Minimum and maximum temperatures: London, Saturday, 3—23; London, Sunday, 2—21; Dawson, 4 below—26 below; Victoria, 20—24; Atlin, 16 below—14 below; Vancouver, 14—33; Edmonton, 16 below—4 below; Calgary, 8 below—2 below; Prince Albert, 6 below—2 below; Saskatoon, 10 below—2 below; Winnipeg, 2—18; Port Arthur, 3—25; Parry Sound, 26—42; Toronto, 3—25; Ottawa, 2—20; Montreal, 30—24; Quebec, 22—19; Halifax, 33—42.

DEATH'S SUDDEN CALL TO PROMINENT SARNIAN

Mr. Barr Seized With Paralytic Stroke, Dies Within Few Hours.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Sarnia, Dec. 6.—While out driving with some friends yesterday, Mr. David Barr, the well-known jeweller, of this city, was seized with a paralytic stroke.

He was taken to his home, and lingered until this morning, when he passed away.

The late Mr. Barr was one of the best-known businessmen in Sarnia, and for many years he has been one of the most prominent jewellers in Western Ontario. He took a great interest in public questions, and for some years occupied positions in the town council. In 1905 he was mayor.

Personally, he was very popular, and had many friends throughout the province.

The late Mr. Barr came to Sarnia with the intention of settling at the time of the Fenian raid, and had resided here ever since. His son was associated with him in the jewelry business. He leaves a wife and three children. The funeral arrangements have not yet been made.

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NORTH MIDDLESEX IS VOTING TODAY

Up to Noon a Good Percentage of Votes Had Come Up.

LOOKS LIKE CLOSE FIGHT

All Parts of the Riding Have Been Thoroughly Canvassed by Both Parties.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Albion, Dec. 6.—This is election day in North Middlesex, and although there has been little stir, hard and efficient work has been done by both candidates. The riding has been thoroughly canvassed, and from indications at the present time there will be a large vote polled. Both candidates are well known, and the good roads and the weather make it certain that all the available vote will be out.

At noon today a good percentage of the votes had been polled.

Indications are that the contest will be close. The election of the Liberal candidate depends upon the township of Adelaide and the town of Stratford. If these two subdivisions offset the township of Brimley, Mr. Mitchell will have a good majority.

Liberals are hopeful that such will be the case. Their candidate is well known and extremely popular in