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COUNCIL'S SURPLUS \$17,000 MAYOR AND ALDERMEN BEJOICE

Year Was Finished Well Within the Limit of Expenditure—Some Committees and Boards Had Overdrafts, However—Hospital Trust About \$2,000 to the Bad.

The city council will finish the year with just \$20 to the good.

This, of course, does not include the surplus from the water commissioners, which will give the council a total surplus of over \$17,000.

This is a remarkably good showing in view of the fact that there were a large number of extra expenditures not estimated upon. Every committee had a number of these, and as a result every committee has an overdraft.

The Finance Committee.

The finance committee will have an overdraft of \$1,834. Of this amount \$1,177 was for the consolidation of the city bylaws, for which there were no estimates. In addition, the printing bill was fully \$1,500 in excess of the estimates, and other bills ran up well. The law expenses and compensation for injuries was smaller than the estimates, some \$500, giving the committee a little leverage.

Board of Works.

The board of works also fell behind over \$2,000, or to be exact just \$2,092 81.

Three items made up more than this deficit. The committee went behind \$750 on streets and general improvements. They also went \$1,555 behind on their street cleaning account, and on the bridges, owing to the permanent repairs made on them, cost \$1,640 more than the estimates. On the other accounts they were somewhat ahead of the estimates, enabling them to finish with a trifle over \$2,000 in arrears.

No. 3 Committee.

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Conservative Slate Has Been Named Ex-Ald. R. F. Matthews for Mayor

Names for the Ticket Were Decided Upon at a Meeting Saturday Night.

With nominations just a week away, the aldermanic candidates have commenced to come out of seclusion and announce themselves.

At the meeting of the Conservative Association Saturday evening a slate was considered, and after much argument it was brought down to the following:

A Conservative Slate.

For Mayor—Ex-Ald. R. F. Matthews.
For Aldermen—A. J. Morgan, Harry Wallace, A. A. Wilson, W. Hymers, W. Wyatt, Josh Garratt, Neil Cooper, J. L. Flannigan, Benj. Noble, C. M. R. Graham, Ald. Rose, Ald. Beattie and Ald. Parsons.

Of this number there are certain nominees who will not go on the slate. Ald. Beattie and Ald. Parsons are two. They will run for office, but will have nothing to do with a ticket.

India Is Seething With Sedition So Says Rev. Dr. Brown of Toronto

Affairs There Are in a Most Serious State, He Told a London Audience.

A practical and most interesting address on "The Present Unrest in India," was given in the Tabbot Street Baptist Church yesterday morning by Rev. Dr. Brown, of Toronto.

"There is no question that the affairs of India are in a most serious state," said Dr. Brown. "The country is literally seething. All classes are affected. The unrest is not alone political, but is intellectual and social as well as religious. The outward aspect is one of rebellion against the English Government. What is making these people restless? They are dissatisfied at being dominated by a western power. The war between Japan and Russia fanned this fire of unrest. Just think if China was to come over here and take our country and try to force on us their customs and institutions. We wouldn't like it and the people of India do not like it. India has never forgotten that England got the country largely by trickery and stealth through the East India Company.

The Indian Idea.

"Indians have the idea that their great and rich country is being used to make England richer and more powerful. The very excellency of the Government that England has given India is responsible for much of the unrest. India is the best-governed country in the world. It has been the recruiting ground for some of England's greatest statesmen. Before England took hold of India the people were greatly divided and were allowed to go pretty much as they pleased. They long for the old times

again and are not used to the splendid police system.

There has never been any sympathy between government and governors in India, and the people feel this. The caste system is a most wonderful institution. There are four classes and no one class will intermarry, or have dealings with the other. So great is this feeling that if a Brahmin were starving and a rajah or prince were to ask him in to his palace to dine, the Brahmin would be highly insulted and would refuse. It is a wonderful thing to see how caste is breaking up in India through education. The young Indians are attending the universities in thousands and their western science is most radically opposed to the learning of the older Hindus. This has been responsible for the spread of Democracy and the birth of a national consciousness. India is seething with social movements. The people regarded the war between Japan and Russia as the East against the West and the yellow against the white, and they naturally rejoiced when Japan won.

What They Believe.

"They think they could do the same thing if they were united and had a chance. India wants self-government like Canada, and it is a lucky thing for England that she has John Morley and other statesmen in Parliament who understand the situation. Hinduism is making a desperate struggle against progress, but it might as well try to stem the tide of Niagara. India has awakened and must and will be given self-government."

Lisbon's Scandal.

Lisbon, Dec. 21.—The newly-elected municipal council has unearthed a big scandal in the city's accounts. Over \$2,000,000 has disappeared. The former municipal councillors admit the irregularities, but lay the blame upon the Government, which, they say, illegally took the city's money.

SIR THOS. CLEEVE DIES IN IRELAND

Was a Brother-in-Law of Canon Dann, of London.

WELL KNOWN IN FOREST CITY

Largely Interested in British Columbia Salmon Fisheries.

Canon Dann, rector of St. Paul's Cathedral, received word on Saturday advising him of the death of his brother-in-law, Sir Thomas Cleeve, in Limerick, Ireland.

Sir Thomas was known by a number of Londoners, having visited this city on different occasions.

He was a cousin of Lord Aylmer, and was born in Canada.

He had very extensive interests in the salmon fisheries in British Columbia, and was a keen business man. He took the greatest interest in the welfare of Ireland, and did a great deal towards establishing many of the most successful business enterprises in that country.

For his services in connection with work of this nature he was knighted four years ago by King Edward.

At last evening's service in St. Paul's Cathedral, the "Dead March in Saul" was played by the organist, Mr. George B. Sippi, out of respect to Sir Thomas.

A SMALL WOUND RESULTS IN DEATH

Mr. William McDonnell, of 779 Simcoe Street, Dies of Blood Poisoning.

Mr. William McDonnell, of 779 Simcoe street, died yesterday of blood poisoning resulting from a wound received about a week ago, when a splinter of a steel cable entered his left hand at the stores department of the Grand Trunk carshop.

The wound, not thought to be serious at first, but when it became more painful Dr. Cline was called in. Mr. McDonnell gradually grew worse, death resulting yesterday.

He is survived by his wife and one little daughter, Josephine. The funeral will be held Wednesday morning at St. Mary's Church, where mass will be celebrated. Interment will be made in St. Peter's Cemetery.

TWENTY DOLLARS FOR POOR OF LONDON

Mayor Stevely Receives an Annual Christmas Donation.

There is one friend of the poor, who never fails them, and this year he has "come up" as usual.

This morning Mayor Stevely received an anonymous letter containing a crisp \$20 bill, with instructions that \$5 was to go to the Salvation Army Rescue Home, \$5 to the "Kiddies" in the Shelter on the Wharfedale road, and \$10 to the poor of the city. The letter also asked that the police and postmen be asked to keep an eye open for cases of poverty.

It is needless to say that the money of the unknown donor will go for the purposes intended.

ACCIDENTALLY KILLS SISTER.

Halifax, Dec. 20.—A shocking accident occurred at Marston Bay this morning, whereby Ruby, the 14-year-old daughter of Capt. Benj. Ham, lost her life. Her 8-year-old brother was told to take a supposedly unloaded shotgun upstairs, and in passing through the room pointed the weapon at his sister. The hammer of the gun caught in his clothing and he fell, causing the discharge of the gun, the contents of which struck Ruby in the right cheek, tearing a gaping hole and lodging in the brain, causing instant death.

THE WEATHER.

TOMORROW—FAIR AND COLD.

TOURISTS.—Toronto, Dec. 21—8 a.m. Fresh to strong northwesterly winds; light local snowfalls or flurries, but mostly fair and cold.

TEMPERATURES.	Today.	Yesterday.
London, Saturday	25	30
London, Sunday	22	31
London, Monday	32	27
Calgary	20	25
Winnipeg	6	2
Port Arthur	6	0
Perry Sound	24	14
Toronto	34	26
Ottawa	10	12
Montreal	4	8
Quebec	8	28
Father Point	2	12
Dawson	-12	-4
Vancouver	27	27
Kamloops	22	30
Edmonton	23	34
Battleford	20	28
Prince Albert	24	24
Moos Jaw	25	35
Qu'Appelle	24	25
Halifax	16	35

Minus (—) means below zero.

WEATHER NOTES.

The pressure is now highest in the middle Pacific States, and another shallow depression which has travelled with great rapidity from the northwestward is centred in the Ottawa valley.

Snow has fallen throughout Ontario to a depth of five inches.

Shortest Day of the Year.

According to the calendar, this is the shortest day of the year.

Also according to the purse of the head of the household this is the shortest day of the twelfth month.

There is less sunshine today than any day during the year. The sun sets after 4 o'clock, and it is not particular when it rises.

Breakfast is hardly over until it is time to sit down to lunch. A man just nicely gets through with his noon-day smoke, when he has to go home to dinner.

The nights look about a week long, and the boulder goes home at 10 o'clock, fondly imagining that he has spent a night out with the boys.

This is the shortest day all right.

Auditor-General as Cassel Witness Says Spain Puts in Wrong Claims

Asked for Travelling Expenses When Holding Court at Montreal.

Ottawa, Dec. 21.—The auditor-general took the stand at the Cassel's inquiry this morning, and the accounts of Commander Spain, of the marine department, were gone into. Some time before the inquiry opened Commander Spain made a refund of from \$800 to \$900 to the marine department. The auditor-general believed the commander put in claims for travelling expenses, when he was sitting in the court of marine inquiry. He quoted cases where Commander

Spain charged fares to Quebec, Toronto and Fort William, when he was holding court in Montreal.

Commander Spain took the stand and wanted to read a written statement he had prepared. He was not allowed to do so. To Mr. Watson he stated that the time in his accounts for travelling expenses must have been wrong.

He made the trips all right; for instance, the auditor questioned a charge for a trip to Fort William on the ground of time.

Commander Spain said the time might have been wrong, but he made the trip, and only charged for one trip.

Mr. Watson wanted to see the time book, and Commander Spain has sent it to get it.

Some Comparative Hospital Figures

Alderman W. J. Stevenson in speaking to The Advertiser regarding Victoria Hospital expenses, made the statement that for six weeks he was the only physician who had a case in the contagious hospital.

The case was that of a little Hebrew, a non-paying patient, and it cost the citizens of Lahn just \$10.50 for the maintenance of that one lad during the six weeks he was there.

Dr. Stevenson has been looking into affairs at St. Joseph's Hospital and

states that the cost of maintenance per patient there is 97 cents per day, as against nearly \$2 at Victoria Hospital.

At St. Joseph's Hospital they are paying from \$3,000 to \$5,000 a year off their debt, while at Victoria, the debt is increasing at a tremendous rate.

Dr. Stevenson states that Victoria Hospital takes more money from the taxpayers than is paid by Toronto taxpayers for their six hospitals.

HAINS PROMISES SOME SURPRISES

Says He Has a Strong Defence, Which His Counsel Will Bring Out.

Flushing, N. Y., Dec. 21.—The trial of Thornton Hains was resumed today, and District Attorney Darrin continued the presentation of testimony that is designed to prove the author a principal with his brother, Capt. Peter C. Hains, in the killing of William E. Annis, the publisher. It was not unlikely that the week will be taken up in the presentation of the state's case.

"I am satisfied with the developments of the trial so far," said Thornton Hains today, "and believe that I will be acquitted. Only the state has been heard, and the evidence developed shows more than a reasonable doubt, and which in itself would acquit me. There will be some surprises when the defence unfolds itself."

The prosecution plans to call Mrs. Annis on the stand either today or tomorrow. Through her testimony the state expects to prove not only that Thornton Hains drew his revolver when his brother first opened fire, and by so doing prevented anyone from saving Annis' life, but that the brothers went to the Bayview Yacht Club in search of the publisher. Mrs. Annis was in the stage going to the club when the Hains brothers drove by, and it is said that when the brothers saw Mrs. Annis a remark of "We've got him now" was overheard by the wife of the publisher.

Tests with a revolver similar to the one with which Annis was killed show that it can be discharged with extreme rapidity, or the shots can be fired singly. Major John Hains conducted the tests.

Mrs. Claudia Libby Hains, wife of Captain Peter C. Hains, jun., involved in the shooting of William E. Annis, and looked upon as an important witness in the trial of Thornton Hains now on trial as a principal in the murder of William E. Annis, was not at her father's home today, but her mother refused to state where the daughter had gone. Mrs. Annis declined to answer any questions bearing on the supposition that Mrs. Hains had been summoned to New York in connection with the trial.

A sensation was caused in court today, when it became known that District Attorney Darrin, angered at the comments made on his conduct of the case, prepared to withdraw from the trial, and tender his resignation last Saturday. He was dissuaded by his friends, and his resignation was torn up.

Mr. Darrin said: "I wanted to withdraw summarily from the case, because of the comments made by the court, press and public on the fact that I have handled the case, but I have been persuaded to continue the prosecution, and not resign from office, as I intended."

The district attorney has at this

BRUTAL MURDER AT WINNIPEG OF TWO CHINESE LAUNDRYMEN

Found Literally Cut to Pieces by Knives and Hatchets and Robbed of Their Money—Crime Committed While Many Were Passing Place.

Winnipeg, Dec. 21.—Two Chinamen, named Cumb Po and Cheong Leong, were brutally murdered on Saturday in a laundry at 214 Jarvis street, and were literally cut to pieces with knives and hatchets, after which the murderers robbed the place of all the money they could find, leaving a number of checks, which were in the till.

The tragedy occurred between 11 o'clock and midnight, almost at the corner of Main street and Jarvis avenue, while numbers of people were passing along the street, but not a thing was known of the murder until a man went in for his laundry near midnight, and on opening the door discovered the mutilated bodies lying on the floor.

The police have been unable to effect any arrests, and although the while force of detectives is working on the matter, there is not the slightest clue to the identity of the murderers. The party who first discovered the bodies has not been located.

There is every indication that the murder was planned in all detail, and was committed by parties who were familiar with the interior of the building. The murdered Chinamen had a number of trunks upstairs over the laundry, and these were ransacked and an amount of money taken, while the till, with the receipts of Saturday evening, was also robbed. The exact amount taken is not known.

King Closes the British Commons Mentions Wales' Canadian Reception

Refers to Balkans and United States Fleet in the Pacific.

London, Dec. 21.—King Edward put an end to the present session of the British Parliament today. Only a small number of members were present to attend the brief proceedings.

The King's speech made especial reference to the recent visit of the American battleship fleet in Australian waters, which his majesty said "evoked warm feelings of cordiality in my dominions in that quarter of the globe and was a source of gratification to myself and my Government."

Referring to the conclusion of "several important agreements, which by eliminating causes of contention, must tend to the consolidation of peace," the King says: "Among these may be mentioned the treaties with the United States for general arbitration, and for regulating certain questions between the United States and Canada; and an agreement for the maintenance of the existing territorial status of the regions bordering on the North Sea."

Referring to the Balkans.

Continuing, his majesty expresses gratification at the visits to England of President Fallieres of France, and

the King and Queen of Sweden.

Referring to the events in the Balkans, "calculated to disturb the provisions of the treaty of Berlin," the speech says:

"There is reason to hope that wise and conciliatory counsel will prevail, and that an amicable settlement will be reached, with the consent of the powers who are parties to the treaty."

Mention is made also of the copy-right convention to the assumption of sovereignty of the Congo by Belgium, and the decisions of the international naval conference now in session in this city. With regard to the results of this conference, his majesty says:

"It is hoped that they will command general assent."

In a paragraph on India, deep regard is expressed at "a conspiracy of evil-disposed persons against the lives of my officers and the continuance of British rule," and the earnest wish is set forth that the measures to enlarge the share of the Indians in the administration of the country, "will be re-evaluated in the spirit of mutual trust and good will in which they are proposed."

"The affectionate reception given the Prince of Wales by all classes," during his presence in Canada on the occasion of the celebration of the 30th anniversary of the founding of Quebec receives especially cordial mention. The remainder of the King's speech is devoted to domestic matters.

A Long-Lost Liner Turns Up O. K.

Montreal, Dec. 21.—What threatened to be another mystery of the sea was cleared up today when word was received at the offices of the Shipping Federation that the steamer Kristiana, whose whereabouts were a source of anxiety for two weeks, had been found, and will load a full cargo of pulpwood for a British port.

Two weeks ago a vessel reported to be the Kristiana was spoken inside the

Straits of Belle Isle. Since then all trace of her movements was lost, all the lower gulf was swept by fierce gales, and it was feared that she had sunk with all hands.

The Kristiana is the first boat to attempt to conduct winter navigation in the St. Lawrence, and will load a full cargo of pulpwood for a British port.

Seven Islands is 700 miles away from the ocean.

Canadian Northern Gets Into Duluth

Duluth, Dec. 21.—Official announcement of the new \$20,000,000 lumber merger, known as the Virginia and Rainy Lake Company, was made public Friday by Edward Hines, president of the corporation. The new company is the amalgamation of the

Edward Hines Company, the Weyerhaeuser interests and the Virginia Lumber Company.

In the amalgamation, what is known as the Duluth, Rainy Lake and Winnipeg Railway will become the property of the Canadian Northern Railroad.

An Overdraft for Board of Education

The board of education will probably have an overdraft of from \$1,500 to \$2,000.

There is some difference of opinion as to this, however. Chairman Graham figures that they will break even, while one of those in close contact

with the affairs of the board, insists that there will be an overdraft of the sum mentioned above.

The Collegiate Institute account will be over \$1,000, perhaps \$500, while the public school account will be overdrawn about \$1,000.

Big Day for the Christmas Shoppers

Saturday was a great day for the Christmas shopper.

They were out in large numbers, of both sexes with some youngsters. It was easily the best day of the season for the merchants, and pleased them greatly.

The volume of trade done is considerably in excess of last year, and the end is not yet.

Today there is some business doing.

The last-minute shoppers are getting in their deadly work, and although the number is not quite up to former years, nevertheless there is quite a number of them.

The merchants are happy, because the volume of trade has exceeded their anticipations.

With good sleighing the Christmas of 1908 will be one of the cheeriest for some time.

A MINISTER SUICIDES.

Dallas, Texas, Dec. 21.—In the presence of the young woman who had just refused to marry him, Rev. W. Woodfolk, aged 22, last night shot himself through the heart, and fell dead across the couch on which the terrified young woman had been reclining.

Woodfolk called upon the young woman at the home of C. M. Nevitt, his cousin. Mrs. Nevitt had just left the room, and Woodfolk renewed his suit, having been rejected previously, and, again refused, he drew the weapon and fired once, his body falling limp at the feet of the girl.

JOSIE CARR REFORMED.

Kingston, Ont., Dec. 21.—Josephine Carr, the young Toronto girl, who

was quietly removed from the penitentiary here last week, was taken by bus to reside with them in Boysland, Alberta. This is the girl whose murder of the baby she stole from a Young street shop entrance stirred Canada several years ago. She has developed into an attractive girl of 17 years, and is said to be quite reformed. The trial judge sentenced her to the penitentiary for an indefinite period, or until it was safe for her to be at large again. The Minister of Justice agreed to her removal, provided the nuns who asked for her, would keep her in charge. It is understood she will take the veil when she becomes older. Her removal was kept a secret, and took place at night, but the information leaked out.