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30TH YEAR

## The Street Railway Are Out to Beat the Viaduct, Tubes and Hocken---Don't Let Them!

### “CLEVER ‘CON’” ARTISTS IN TOILS

Two Swindlers of International Reputation Are Caught in the Act by P. C. Hunt.

Following a crafty trail and a Marathon chase Policeman Hunt, stationed the Union Depot, yesterday rounded up two of the cleverest “con” artists on this continent. Hunt by clever work got these men with the goods just as they were about to put thru a deal similar to many they have already worked here and at various points in the United States, where at least one of them has served time. The other is a Toronto man and his mother lives in this city. At present the two are held on vagrancy charges.

The men are: Andrew S. Jensen, alias John B. Smith, of Nome, Alaska, and a host of other aliases, 40 years of age, giving his occupation as a cook, but refusing to say where employed, but living at 104 McCaul-street, and Edward Powell, who says he is a traveler and gives 615 Spadina-avenue as his address, which is where his mother resides, while as a matter of fact he has been living with his wife in Jarvis-street.

Hunt has been looking for a team of “con” men who have turned about a dozen tricks upon innocents whom they picked up at the Union Station during the last two months. He had suspected Jensen, and when he saw him button-hole a benevolent-looking stranger, he allowed. The two went up Simcoe-street and west on Adelaide, to Dundas, where they were joined by Powell. At this juncture they sighted Hunt and tried to run, but were overtaken. The innocent whom they had in tow came to town to spend the New Year holiday. He met Jensen at the station and the latter proposed a walk. As they went, Jensen told of two parcels in the customs and said that he was then on his way to meet the customs officer. When Powell came along he was introduced as this officer. This looks innocent enough, but when the other work is seen it becomes significant. Indeed, on Dec. 1, C. Harkness was swindled out of \$55 by a man who met a freight agent in the Prince George, who asked payment of freight on two cars going west. Harkness put up the money, was given a worthless check for several hundred dollars and waited in vain for his new found friend to return. The description given allies with that of Jensen and Powell. On Dec. 23, George Ellridge, Vellore, Ont., met a like bland stranger at the station when he came in on the train, and gave up \$39 for a worthless check for \$15. Always it was a case of kind-

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### BAIRNS' NEW YEAR FESTIVAL

Horticultural Hall, Exhibition Park, New Year's Day.

Amount previously acknowledged	\$317.01
W. R. Riddell	5.00
Louise D. Sweeney	5.00
D. McCall & Co. (from the state)	5.00
C. L. E.	5.00
G. M. B.	2.00
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W. T. E.	2.00
C. T. Hopson	1.00
Mrs. C. G. Barnes	1.00

All things are possible to him that believeth and worketh. We are going to get a balance (\$110.49) of the \$1000. It will come in this morning's mail. The Bairns will be glad to have their friends drop in and see them and enjoy the excellent program. We need a band to keep the “Kids” quiet and to play during dinner, and “trusting” to the support of the Bairns' friends, we have engaged the excellent City Band to give us some “lively music” for Happy New Year to all our friends.  
J. M. Wilkinson.

### BOB FLEMING HANDS YOU OUT

Stub lines  
Unnecessary transfers  
Crowded cars  
Slow service  
Straps for standers  
Double fares  
No extensions  
Lemons.  
Give them to him back by voting for Hocken and the viaduct.

### IF GEARY WERE TO WIN

Fleming would still further shorten the street car routes, pack the passengers closer, increase the transfers and stub-lines, demand the surrender to the company of all the downtown streets, work the radial franchise into the local franchise, and then put out a new flotation of stock. Heavens, what value on the outskirts would weaken, people would crowd into the centre, where they could live without using street cars. The street railway would run the city hall.

### MR. HOCKEN.

J. R. L. Starr's introduction of Mr. Hocken at Victoria Hall on Wednesday evening was a bit of oratory as follows: “Mr. Hocken and myself have been bosom friends for many years. I know him almost as well as I know myself, there is not a crooked strain in him. He is absolute honest. He is progressive and brave. Best of all, perhaps, he has initiative and brains. You can safely trust the affairs of this city in his hands.”

### “IN CHANCERY”



HARRY HOCKEN: I've got him where I want him.

### GAS EXPLOSION AT MONTREAL 25 HURT

Traveler's Lighted Match at Place Vigor Station Ignited the Patent Gas Supply.

MONTREAL, Dec. 31.—(Special.)—There were twenty-five persons injured, probably several fatally, by an explosion which took place at the Place Vigor C.P.R. depot, this evening, at 11.30, just as the night train was leaving for Quebec. An explosion was heard as a sheet of flame shot up and the entire platform from end to end was hurled upward, many people being buried in the debris. When the hospital ambulances came hurrying to the scene, it was found that one lady had a leg completely severed from her body, while men and women were injured in all kinds of ways. It appears that a lighted cigar was thrown from the train, igniting a leaking gas pipe to the reservoir of Pentach gas for the trains, beneath the platform, thus causing the accident.

### THREE KILLED, FORTY HURT.

TRENTON, Mo., Dec. 31.—Three were killed and 40 hurt when the California special on the Rock Island Railway was derailed near here to-day. The Pullman cars were burned, two women being cremated in the wreckage.

### Quebec Bank's Purchase.

MONTREAL, Dec. 31.—(Special.)—The purchaser of the New York Life building in Place D'Armes is the Quebec Bank, the price paid being \$375,000. This building cost \$700,000.

### HOW TO GET EVEN.

If you have been one of Uncle Bob's sardines in a packed car, you can get even to-day by voting for tubes and Hocken.

### CITIZENS' LEAGUE TICKET.

For board of education, the Citizens' League has endorsed Miss Clara Brett Martin, H. E. Smalpeice, A. G. Agnew, T. H. Carter, R. R. Davis and C. A. B. Brown.

### THE REAL ESTATE VIEW.

Said a big operator: There will be no great movement in real estate until quick local transit is settled. I'm voting for Hocken for that reason.

### FOR 1910.

Come wealth or want, come good or ill, Let young and old accept their part, And bow before the awful Will, And bear it with an honest heart. Who misers, or who wins the prize, Go, lose or conquer as you can, But if you fall, or if you rise, Be each, pray God, a gentleman. —Thackeray.

## A LAST WORD To The Electors

The campaigning is over, and only the voting remains. Before you go to the poll to exercise your highest privilege as a citizen, consider the records of the two candidates for Mayor.

Mr. Hocken is a man who is positive, aggressive, courageous and constructive. During his three years in office he has never straddled the fence or wobbled on any question. This is worth remembering. You can forgive a man who differs from you on some point if he is a strong, straightforward representative.

Mr. Hocken appeals for your vote and influence on his three years' record. He reorganized the Parks Department. Out of that came the reorganization of the Audit Department, and improvements in the system of the Treasurer's Department.

He led the fight for a viaduct to make it possible to reach the waterfront without crossing a network of railway tracks. He was one of the Board of Control that steered the Hydro-Electric project through the initial stages, when a mistake might have been fatal.

He shares the credit of having a sewage and water filtration scheme perfected and adopted by the citizens. He is the father of the Playground Movement in Toronto. Last year eight supervised playgrounds were operated in the city.

He approves of Ald. Welch's idea of having bowling greens in the city parks for those who have not the time to join clubs. He has thought out the only plan that has been suggested to relieve the intolerable over-crowding of the street cars. He advocates economy with efficiency, and would not increase the debt except for extraordinary expenditures.

His services for the people have been intelligent, impartial and honest. He is entitled to a reward for his zeal for the common good.

## VOTE FOR HOCKEN

### CASHIER DOBSON CONFESSES TO THEFT

NIAGARA FALLS, Ont., Jan. 1.—(Special.)—The big express robbery of last November has been exposed to Inspector W. H. Mains, Detective J. H. Grant Thiel, detective agency, Montreal, and Mr. E. R. Carrington Guarantee Co., Montreal, and Line Inspector J. H. Moore, Canadian Express Company. Those men have had William Dobson, cashier of the Canadian Express Company, behind closed doors at the Hotel Savoy the past two days. Some time yesterday he made a full confession implicating Chas. J. Flynn, employed as bar tender at 1913 Main-street, Niagara Falls, N.Y., also one Purl Whistler, an ex-United States Express Company employe at Niagara Falls, N.Y.

Dobson and Whistler are under arrest in this city, while Flynn is behind the bars at Niagara Falls, N.Y. The Canadian officers were ably assisted by Chief Lyons and Detective Callahan and Carmody in locating Dobson's two accomplices. Dobson claims he was hit on the head, but that was understood. Inspector Mains, when asked at 1.50 this morning if any of the money was recovered, replied “not much,” but expected to get more. Dobson made the confession to Mr. Carrington.

### FOUND POISON IN SPINAL COLUMN.

Prof. Ellis, provincial analyst, has reported that he has found traces of strychnine poison in the spinal column and other organs in the remains of the late Mrs. McLachlan of Suburbs. The body was exhumed for substantiating proofs of poison after the effort of McLachlan counsel to show that poison might have been placed in the stomach after it had been removed at the undertaker's for examination.

### THE LINE-UP.

Lined up against the people and better street car service:  
The Telegram  
The Star  
The Mail  
The street railway  
The Electric Light Company  
The radials.  
These are all working for Geary.

### THE TELEGRAM SULKIS.

The Telegram is so sore over its failure in the Hulloek transaction that it has gone amuck on the mayoralty and thrown the strap-holders' interests to the winds. Anything to beat Hocken, is its only motive.

## Happy New Year

I met a man to-day who said, “Happy New Year.” In reply I repeated his words. He didn't mean what he said. Neither did I. Afterwards I thought that if I had considered a moment I could have meant every word of the three. I have no particular love for the man, but I could wish him a Happy New Year and mean it. Those words are easily uttered but we can detect insincerity or the heartiness of honesty in their very ring.

There isn't a man in Canada but who should be able to say to every man he met “Happy New Year,” and mean it. Just think a moment. If you, and I and every man puts true sincerity into the wish—it comes from the heart, if it comes from the heart it will do both you and the man you address good. And there's the keynote of the whole thing—doing good to one another. Let's get away from this everlasting “knocking.” Let's boost one another in 1910 and we'll all find something better in life, something to smooth the rough edge of the daily grind. Happy New Year Brother—I mean it.

—Geo. H. Tudhope.

### THEATRE FIRE AT NORTH BAY

“Happy Hour” Burned Out—Losers Without Insurance.

NORTH BAY, Dec. 31.—(Special.)—“Happy Hour” Theatre, a frame building, was destroyed by fire which started at 6 o'clock to-night. Chamandy & Nusan, proprietors, lost \$2000; no insurance. Mrs. Alex. McDonald owned the building and had no insurance. The Paridac block was slightly damaged.

### THE STRAPHOLDERS' CHANCE.

For once in a long time, the strap-holders, the street car victims, the double and triple-fare victims (and there are lots of them), the victims of over-crowding, the workingman and working woman who are packed in the cars for an hour and a half daily, all these have a chance of soaking the street railway company by voting for Hocken, for the tubes, and the viaduct.

### WALK OR FLY.

E. R. Oslar, M.P., told the electors on Thursday night that the only way to beat the street railway was to walk. Twelve years' walking for the citizens is a fine prescription from a man who travels in a motor-car. And Mr. Oslar is against a viaduct over the Don. Perhaps he thinks the people can fly over there.

### “TAKE ONE.”

A vote for Hocken is a crack at the street railway.  
A vote for Geary means that the Outskirters will still pay two fares to get into town.

## WORLD MAN GETS ON GEARY'S NERVES

Attends Candidate's Meeting at O'Neill's Hall and Replies to Controller's Fulminations.

A personal attack by Controller Geary on a member of The World staff, which was met and repelled by him, was the feature of the meeting in O'Neill's Hall, at Queen and Parliament-streets, last night. Controller Geary, not satisfied with criticizing The World and The World's policy in opposing him, declared that he had met one of The World men in the city hall and told him he was a scurrilous liar, or words to that effect, using such language that had it been used to him would have led him to knock down the men who used it.

The inference being that The World man was a coward and afraid to meet the issue, in order to preserve his respect, he attended Controller Geary's meeting. Mr. Geary repeated his statement, and The World man asked for a hearing, which he was accorded.

He said he thought Controller Geary should have the opportunity to put himself right on the matter. He had met Controller Geary in the city hall one day, and the controller said: “I am surprised at you. You ought to be ashamed of yourself.”

“For what?”  
“For the articles you are writing.”  
“I do not write all the articles in The World, but if there is anything in them which is not correct, point it out, or write us a statement and we shall use it.”

### Not Fair Play.

Mr. Geary turned away after this mild passage, in which there was nothing to lead to personal violence. But did Mr. Geary wait to understand that he desired to stir up a personal conflict? He knew that the relations of a newspaper man to his paper were similar to those of a selector and his electors and it was most unprofessional to bring a private member of a newspaper staff into a public controversy.

The World, he stated, had made no such statements as had been alleged there. There were two candidates in the field for the mayoralty, one of whom was supported by the street railway and one who was not. The World, which had always been the champion of the public against the street railway, naturally supported the man who was opposed by the railway, and opposed the man the street railway favored.

### The Proof of It.

The audience saw evidence of street railway support of Controller Geary, and The World man said that the electors of ward two were bright enough to see all language, “scurrilous” but if anything further was needed, the fact that the street railway organ, The Evening Star, was supporting Mr. Geary was sufficient.

The audience had been noisy and interrupted a good deal and at this point Controller Geary took the floor and reiterated his violent language, “scurrilous liar,” “blackguard,” and other choice epithets being used. The meeting broke up in disorder.

As at other meetings, Geary claimed that the tubular proposition was only being used by Mr. Hocken as an election dodge. The men who were four deep behind Mr. Hocken, were real estate men, who wanted to boost the price of land up Yonge-street.

The chair was occupied by Thomas Geary and the other speakers were Dr. J. D. Noland, E. H. Randall, Fred Hogg, aldermanic candidate for ward two, Wm. Harper, candidate for the board of education.

### THE CONTEST.

Editor World: In this mayoralty contest, it is a case of the silk-stocking against the horny hand of toil. Workingman.

### New Year's Wishes.

It is most proper that the Dineen Company should use its regular “World” space to-day in extending to everyone the best wishes for a very happy, healthy and prosperous New Year. The Dineen Company must also thankfully acknowledge the bountiful patronage given it during the past year.

### ELECTION BULLETINS ON WORLD SQUARE.

To the tens of thousands who will crowd the city downtown streets to-night we extend a cordial invitation to visit World Square, where the election returns will be bulletined throughout the evening. The Sunday World, complete in all its features of interest, covering the news of the world at large, the Dominion and the city, will be issued at the usual hours. Editions will also be published from time to time during the evening as results develop, and until we announce the complete council and board of education for 1910, as well as all by-law results.

### Get down to World Square and we will interest you with one of the snappiest bulletin services in the city.

Let the Sunday World help to make your New Year happy.

### NOW IS YOUR CHANCE.

The street railway people are voting and working for Geary. Every strap-holder can get up on Uncle Bob's Cabin if he wants to, but the real citizen will put his ballot against Uncle Bob and those he supports.