

**HEAD-ON COLLISION
TAKES TOLL OF DEATH**Seven Members of B. and O. Crews
Are Killed.

NORTH VERNON, Ind., Dec. 30.—Seven are known to be dead and about twenty injured as the result of a head-on collision between a westbound and an eastbound Baltimore and Ohio train a mile east of here last night. All the dead were members of the crew. The cause of the wreck is reported to have been the failure of the automatic block system to work.

DAVID BONNER DEAD.
New York, Dec. 31.—David Bonner, for more than half a century a prominent figure in the horse world as road rider, breeder and official in harness racing and horse shows, died of pneumonia at his home in this city Sunday. He was 81 years old.

DEATH OF WINGHAM GIRL.
Wingham, Dec. 23.—Miss Ella Rogers, oldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Rogers, died in the Wingham Hospital this morning after an illness of about two weeks. She was in her 19th year.

J. S. BARNARD

(Jeweler.)

FOR RE-ELECTION TO THE
BOARD OF EDUCATION, 1918**STEVENSON**Is Winning Out
FOR MAYOR

Persistent Rumor That Shaw Will Drop Out of the Race.

As the hour for final decision at the ballot box draws near, a steady drift towards Mayor H. A. Stevenson is growing stronger, and his re-election by a solid working class vote seems assured. Paid advertising about the tax rate and debenture financing is easily recognized as gallery play; because C. R. Somerville is boosted by the very group which has forced all our heaviest money bylaws through the city of London bill, for which Stevenson is not responsible, and "the leopard will not change his spots" on January 1.

Mayor Stevenson will poll a large per cent of the women's vote, and the Labor party will consolidate its vote on Stevenson at the last.

The ambition of London Township to "scoop" the mayorality of the city of London for a township resident, whose domicile is outside the city limits, cannot be realized, when the Labor party decides that it cannot endorse a candidate for mayor who lives outside the city limits.

All indications point to the re-election of Mayor Stevenson, and it is rumored that Controller Shaw may be out of the running before the polls open.

"Hello, Hello, give me 2372, please."

"Is the mayor at home?"

"Yes; do you want to speak to him?"

"Yes; I wish to see him at once, down town, on important city affairs."

"Sorry, but he has come home, and will not be in the city until tomorrow morning."

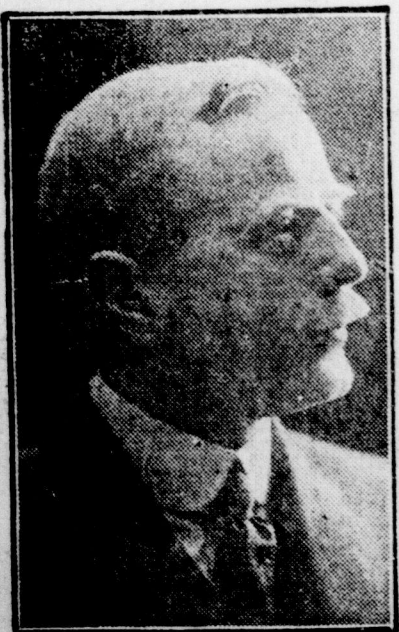
"I thought I was speaking to the mayor's house phone; is he out of town?"

"Oh, yes, this is 2372, Dr. Shaw's phone O. K., but you see it is at his residence in Masonville, OUTSIDE THE CITY LIMITS, and you must hold your important business until his worship comes into the city tomorrow morning," and the phone rang off.

"Gee whizz," said the man from Ottawa.

The Taxpayer Shall Not Be
Plundered If You Re-Elect**CONTROLLER E. S.
LITTLE**

(Robinson, Little & Co., Limited)

BUSINESS METHODS
STRICT ECONOMY
NO INFLUENCES
NO GRAFTTrusted champion of the people's interests
His record stands the acid test.W. N.
Manning
Of Sherlock-Manning Piano and
Organ Co., Ltd.,For Re-Election
TO THE
Board of
Education

1918

**FRENCH-CANADIANS WIN
MANY WAR DECORATIONS**

Quebec, Dec. 31.—The officers of the famous 22nd French-Canadian Battalion have sent cards of New Year's greeting to their relatives and friends here, and on these cards are named the 125 decorations received by members of the battalion. They comprise 25 distinguished service order 5, military cross 20, distinguished conduct medal 10, military medal 60, mentioned in dispatches 20, officer of the Legion of Honor 1, Knights of the Legion of Honor 4, French military medal 2, French Croix de Guerre 1, Italian bronze medal 2.

DANES "KICK" TO U. S.
LONDON, Dec. 29.—According to a German newspaper, the Danish Government has protested to Washington against the internment of German sailors at St. Thomas. Before taking over the Danish West Indies, the United States is said to have guaranteed that the Germans there would be treated as neutrals until the end of the war.

**ARGENTINIAN FREIGHTER
DRIVEN HIGH ON BEACH**

AN ATLANTIC PORT, Dec. 30.—An Argentine freight steamer is high on the beach tonight off the coast here. She was light and in-bound. The crew was rescued by life guards before the vessel was finally driven through the breakers. Wrecking tugs have gone to the scene.

CUTTING DOWN TREES.
ST. MARYS, Dec. 29.—The fuel situation in St. Marys and district has reached an acute stage. With a great demand for coal, the supply is very scanty, and many are compelled to go without or find substitutes. Many farmers are now scraping up all fallen wood in their small bush section. Others are compelled to cut green-wood timbers that they were saving for other purposes than to burn for firewood. Messrs. Henderson & Billings, who own a 74-acre farm on James street south, have sold it to John Legge Jun., St. Marys.

**SHAW'S ELECTION
CONCEDED**Public Consider He Has
Earned Mayor's Chair

"Shaw should get the chair this time," said a well-known businessman in discussing tomorrow's election. "He has worked up to it, for one thing. In my business, men are promoted from one position to another, as they are able to cope with a higher place and its problems. On this principle, Controller Shaw is right now entitled to be made mayor of London, and what's more, he is highly fitted for the post."

On all sides, it is being said by men in all walks of life, that the people's sense of fair play would cause them to return the controller as mayor in recognition of the five years' excellent service he has rendered the citizens in other posts.

There is much opposition to Controller Shaw from certain quarters, but these people have not been able to point to a single blot on his five-year record as a public servant. He will come to the chair with a clean record, with invaluable experience of civic matters, with thorough familiarity with many subjects he will be called upon to handle almost at once, and with a reputation as a fighter in the people's interests that will cause self-seekers to think twice before approaching him with any shady transaction or piece of political jobbery. In short, they will know that they cannot "put anything over."

Some very influential in-

terests whose wishes do not coincide with those of the people, are desperately opposing Controller Shaw because of his well-known stand on the matters of tax exemptions and assessments. That these men are contesting every inch of ground against him is of itself sufficient reason for the citizens to return Dr. Shaw by what is confidently expected to be a substantial plurality.

With every candidate for almost every conceivable office preaching economy as part of his platform, it becomes the part of wisdom for citizens to examine each candidate's promises to see just where he proposes to effect his economies. A lower tax rate is admittedly highly desirable in London. Controller Shaw proposes to go about getting it in the best, easiest, quietest, fairest way, viz., by taxing a great deal of the property which is not taxed today, but should be.

Every thousand dollars' worth of property now exempt from taxes adds to the amount that must be made up by the taxed property. To charge this exempted property with taxes which it should rightfully and in all fairness pay is to lighten the burden on the rest, and this Dr. Shaw proposes to do without fear or favor.

When asked as to his aims and policies if elected mayor, the controller stated that the following was

HIS PLATFORM

1. Lowering the present tax rate by making much of the present-day exempted property "PAY UP."
2. To stop all unnecessary expenditure, and place civic purchasing on a war-time footing of rigid economy, just as every household is now run, or should be.
3. To carry through his program of cutting off all "special privileges" to favored corporations and tax exemptions enjoyed by pool-rooms, picture shows and amusement halls now masquerading as religious institutions. Churches and bona-fide religious institutions, of course, to remain exempt.
4. To endeavor to bring industries to London by making the city a desirable location from their point of view.
5. To so direct the city's financing that London will secure any funds needed

without having to pay ruinously high interest for it. To raise the city's standing in the money markets of the world.

6. To harmonize the workings of civic departments, preventing overlapping of work and wasteful methods in all departments of the city's business.

7. To keep the market for the citizens, and not allow the food profiteers, dealers and speculators to purchase there before 11 a.m. To further restrict them and permanently prevent their going to the market and "cornering" supplies before the housewives can make their purchases.

8. To continue the strenuous fight on behalf of the citizens that he has carried on during the past five years that they have honored him with their confidence.

YOUR VOTE AND INFLUENCE RESPECTFULLY
SOLICITED FOR**E. H. Russell**
FOR
School Trustee
FOR 1918

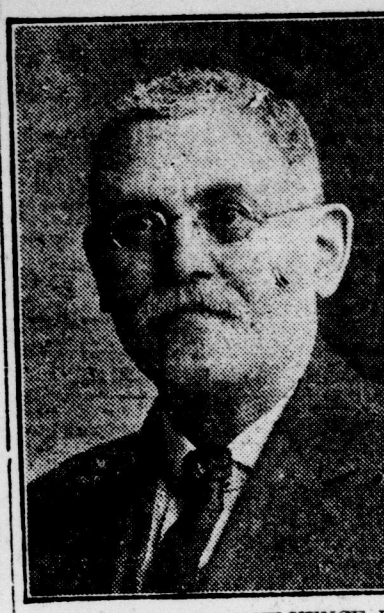
VOTE FOR

Joshua Garratt
For BOARD OF CONTROL
FOR 1918**NOTICE!
MAYOR H. A.
STEVENSON'S
SUPPORTERS**Can secure the services of a car
to convey them to the poll by
calling Phone 127.YOUR VOTE AND INFLU-
ENCE FOR**JAMES
GRAY**

(of Gray's, Limited.)

for
BOARD OF
EDUCATION
1918VOTE FOR JARED
VINING
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION.Re-Elect Thos.
ROWEMEN'S FURNISHER
FOR
Board of Education
1918No. 1 Ward
VOTE FOR
SeabrookAs Alderman.
WATCHWORD: ECONOMY.
My interests are your interests.VOTE FOR
A. T. TAYLOR
WESTERN ONTARIO ELECTRIC CO.
Formerly Physical Director Y. M. C. A.
BOARD OF EDUCATION.
Playgrounds and Physical Training For
Children.
Indorsed by the Union of Mothers' Clubs.ELECT DR.
HOLMES
FOR
ALDERMAN
FOR WARD 1.And efficient business adminis-
tration of civic affairs will be
my endeavor.VOTE FOR
GEORGE A.
WAKELING
(Sign Painter)
Board of Education
FREE TEXT BOOKS AND
SUPPLIES.
THANK YOU.**FRED W. DALY**Tea Merchant.
FOR UTILITIES COMMISSION.
Indorsed by Trades and Labor Council.YOUR VOTE AND INFLU-
ENCE FOR**P.J. Watt**
FOR
Alderman
WARD NO. 1.
THANKS!

Dec. 27, 29, 31

YOUR VOTE AND INFLUENCE RE-
SPECTFULLY SOLICITED FOR
EX-ALD.**C.H. Merryfield**
FOR THE BOARD OF CONTROL, 1918.

YOUR VOTE SOLICITED FOR

**W. A.
WILSON**
RE-ELECTION AS
Alderman, Ward 2
1918.I stand for municipal ownership; fair
and generous treatment to labor always;
equal rights to all regardless of class,
 creed, or sect, special favors to none;
and I will practice what I preach, if
elected. I am your obedient servant.Your Vote and
Influence to Re-Elect**J. H. SAUNDERS**

For Controller, 1918

RE-ELECT
ALDERMAN**KEENE**

WARD 2

FIVE YEARS' Clean Record.
FIVE YEARS' Fighting Grafters.
FIVE YEARS In Harness.
FIVE YEARS of Accomplishment.
FIVE YEARS' Civic Experience.These five years are five mighty good
reasons for you to elect**Controller SHAW**
FOR MAYOR, 1918Never considered nor does he consider quitting the race.
Largest London taxpayer on municipal slate, even if he does live in suburb.Does Experience Count?
VOTE**Mayor Stevenson**

Let Well Enough Alone! Why Change?

RE-ELECT
**PHILIP
POCOCK**FOR
Utilities CommissionEMPLOYMENT OF DAY LABOR.
Hydro Surpluses and Waterworks Cash Bal-
ances Have Been Due to His Good Manage-
ment.

INDORSED BY THE TRADES AND LABOR COUNCIL.

YOUR VOTE
Respectfully Solicited for Re-Election of**JOHN M. MOORE**
For Board of Control