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WILL BE SOME SHARP CONTESTS OUT IN COUNTY

High Taxes and Proposed Works Induce Criticism—County and Suburban Notes.

This will be nomination day throughout the length and breadth of York County, and in many of the municipalities indications all point to a revival of interest in municipal matters generally. It is, perhaps, regrettable that in a number of towns and townships out in York County the ratepayers have lately lost in a large measure the old-time interest, with a consequent lapse on the part of the councillors from the rigid economy which was wont to obtain.

York Township on Thursday afternoon held its nomination and in that municipality there will be a contest for one position only, that of third deputy reeve, where George Syme, jr., has entered the lists against "Jerry" Nelson, the present occupant of the position. While a large vote will not be polled, the fight between those two will be keen.

In Scarborough Township, where the present council consists of Reeve Annis, Deputy Reeve Paterson, and Councillors Green, Law and Ormerod, it is questionable if a contest will eventuate as a result of to-day's nomination. While one or two matters have caused some little comment, it is not known that a fight will surely develop, but rumor says that Mr. Paterson will be opposed by Councillor Law.

Markham Township is morally certain to furnish some good fighting ground this year, the largely increased taxes being in a measure responsible. In Markham, those in all the other township municipalities, the increase in the rate is due largely to the high county charges, and not to the action of the local fathers. But the taxes as a rule are high, and this may serve to cause a change. In the event of Reeve Lapp remaining in the field, he will be opposed by Deputy Reeve Nigh. George Morrison, an ex-councillor, and Abner Summerfelt, will probably be in the field, with the chance of others cropping up.

In Etobicoke Township ex-Reeve John Gardhouse will oppose the present reeve, Mr. Markham. Mr. Gardhouse will be in the field against Deputy Reeve Grubbe, and in any event Etobicoke ratepayers will have all the excitement incidental to an election.

Woodbridge Town is not likely to change its allegiance to Reeve Harris, and no one else, as a matter of fact, is seriously suggested, and the same may be said of Weston, where Reeve "Bob" Bull, who has rendered splendid service during the year, will get another year by acclamation.

Up in Vaughan Township "Dan" Longhouse will again appeal for reelection, with a good chance of winning without a fight, but in King Township Archie McFurphy may find a doughty opponent in Sim Leson, as well as in ex-Reeve Tom Legson, all good men and true.

Sam Foote, reeve of Whitechurch Township, and W. H. Clarke, deputy reeve, are likely to be returned without a contest.

In North Gwillimbury where Reeve "Jim" Anderson is so largely the wardship, is having the fight of his life against Charles Wilioughby, who is the keenest excitement. Mr. Anderson has been for many years a prominent member of the York County Council.

In East Gwillimbury, Reeve John Smith will again seek re-election, but First-deputy Hill is retiring wholly from active municipal life.

Out in Richmond Hill only one name and that of W. H. Pugsley is mentioned for the chief magistracy of the town. Men may come and men may go, but Reeve Pugsley goes on forever.

Markham Village will re-elect T. H. Speight by acclamation in an election held, which seems somewhat problematical. All the other members of the town council will probably be similarly favored.

E. P. Coulson, the Reeve of Stouffville, is again an aspirant for the position, but will be opposed by Mr. Ratcliffe. In the event of Mr. Coulson's return he will be a candidate for the wardenship of York County at the next January meeting.

Sutton will in all probability elect Arthur E. Pugsley to the highest office in the gift of the town, and it is well known that Messrs. Pugsley, Coulson and Anderson will make a strong bid for the position held by Warden Henry.

In Aurora Reeve Knowles and in Newmarket "Billy" Keith, are not likely to have any serious opposition, the big questions up in the Aurora, as well as in the "canal" town being those of local option. The fight is on in earnest for the latter innovation, with a strong feeling that the movement will carry by a fair majority. Altogether it looks like a general revival.

# "TEAS" VERY POPULAR WITH BRITISH M.P.'S

Of 129,749 Meals Partaken in Recent Session, 61,561 Were of Afternoon Variety.

LONDON, Dec. 26.—Wagers are being made that the parliamentary session just closed, remarkable in many respects, will be found to have established a record in so far as its culinary section is concerned. The full tale of the demands on the house of commons kitchen are not available, but a partial report just issued shows that from Feb. 16 to Aug. 28, a total of 129,749 meals were served. The score follows:

Teas	61,561
Dinners	37,510
Luncheons	24,078
Meals at bar	4,240
Suppers	1,353
Breakfasts	307

Teas, it will be observed, are far more numerous than any other variety, a circumstance largely accounted for by the social attractions and duties of the terrace, as well as in part by the more frugal tastes of modern legislators. From statements of accounts it appears that the amount realized from sales totaled \$15,344 (\$76,720), of which \$276 (\$1,380) were for provisions, \$2663 (\$13,265) for liquors and \$776 (\$3880) for cigars. Profits in the sum of \$3198 (\$15,496) were allowed for wages and expenses, and but for the subsidy which the house votes this department every year the kitchen committee probably would come out at the small end of the horn.

The member of parliament who conscientiously reckons up his expenses at the end of each session can picture the days when these disbursements were refunded by a grateful constituency. For in the old days the constituency gave each of its members a horse to carry him to Westminster and also paid his expenses on the road. These outlays, together with an allowance for each day spent on duty in the house, generally approximated about eighty-three cents a day—were refunded in one lump sum when the member returned home at the close of the parliamentary session.

One Mr. Slater, who conducts a barber shop in the house of commons, has been playing a verbal "anvil chorus" on the existing government because he reduced the charge of a shave from six pence to three pence.

# CAR CREW DROWN

Penned in Vestibule When Derailed Trolley Goes Thru Ice.

SEYMOUR, Conn., Dec. 26.—A trolley car jumped a switch on the route alongside the Naugatuck River, a mile above this place, during to-day's storm, and plunging down the bank, crashed thru the vestibule of a passenger car. Motorman Fred Beard and Conductor Marcus Donovan, who were in the enclosed forward vestibule, were drowned. The five passengers crowded into the car, which protruded above the water, and escaped with only slight injuries.

# GIFT OF HALF A MILLION

Will Be Distributed Among 5000 Employees of Harvester Co.

CHICAGO, Dec. 26.—Half a million dollars distributed by the International Harvester Co. to its 5000 employees, approximately \$100,000 by the R. T. Harvester Co.—those instances tell only in part the story of the shower of Danes that has been given to the employees of the International Harvester Co. who reaches to far away Siberia, Africa and Australia, was announced by Cyrus E. McCormick, president of the mammoth concern. It will be distributed among 5000 men and women in almost every section of the globe.

The Santa Claus remembrance represents the fourth annual profit-sharing distribution among the particularly worthy employees of the corporation and its affiliated companies.

# Remembered His Employees.

The employees of the Griffin Amusement Co. were tendered a complimentary banquet on Christmas Eve by Mr. John Griffin, the president of the company, which proved to be a most enjoyable affair. At the conclusion of the dinner Mr. Griffin presented each of his staff, numbering 150, with a turkey, and, in addition, the married men were given special Christmas packages for the "little tots" at home. The performers playing at Mr. Griffin's different theatres in the city contributed songs, etc., to the evening's enjoyment.

# Train Smashed Into Station.

ST. PAUL, Dec. 26.—A Great Northern freight train, carrying two engines and a down grade and into the union station. The locomotive crashed thru two brick walls, landing in the basement of the station.

The engineer and fireman jumped, the latter sustaining a broken leg. The train was piled up across three tracks.

# NEWMARKET.

Old Residents Say They Never Saw Such Prices Before.

NEWMARKET, Dec. 26.—(Special.)—Old residents of Newmarket declare that looking back over the past history of the town they cannot find a market day to equal that of last week. The bulk of the fowl sold brought from 22 to 25 cents a pound, the one or two cases are known where as high as 30 cents was paid. For turkeys the record for high prices was that made by W. C. Howard, who paid just \$5.00 for one bird. One woman drove in from Brock Township and disposed of her lot of turkeys for \$110.

On Wednesday evening a public meeting will be held in town hall in the interest of local option. Among the speakers will be Rev. Dr. Shearer and John C. Miller. Miss Edna Pringle of Peterboro will sing a number of solos. The chair will be taken by J. D. McKay.

# KETTLEBY.

KETTLEBY, Dec. 26.—(Special.)—The annual winter supper under the auspices of the Aid of the Kettleby Methodist Church, will take place on Friday evening, Dec. 31. An excellent program is being arranged. A lecturer from Toronto will deliver an address on the local option question.

# SIMPSON COMPANY, LIMITED

H. H. FUDGER, President; J. WOOD, Manager. Monday, December 27.

# The Housefurnishing Club Opens To-Day

Great News for Those Whose Necessities Will Not Wait Upon Their Financial Convenience

OUR Housefurnishing Club means, in other words, that 500 members may have the privilege of a charge account from now until January 31 in the following departments of this store:

Carpet Department, Furniture Department, Curtain Department, Picture Department (Wall Papers, too, if you wish)

No advance is made upon the prices you would pay for the goods you buy as a cash customer, and absolutely nothing is charged for the club privilege.

Payments are to be spread over the next few months, according to agreement with our club office. Club members have the additional privilege, in common with cash customers, of leaving any work such as curtain making, carpet laying or furniture re-covering done free as per our offer outlined below.

The club office is on the ground floor, James Street. Talk the club's plan over to-morrow in person.

Free From Now Until January  
Carpets Made, Laid and Lined Free.  
Linoleums and Oilcloths Laid and Lined Free  
Portiere Curtains Measured, Made and Hung Free.  
Sash Curtains Made Free.  
Window Shades Made and Hung Free.  
Furniture Re-Covered Free.

NOW while we make this very liberal offer, open until January 31, it is upon condition that orders do not pile up so that the work cannot all be completed by that date. As soon as we have sufficient work in hand to occupy our staff's full time until the end of January, we will close the offer. So we advise those who know from former occasions how satisfactory it is to have work done in this store upon these terms, to come to us at once and arrange matters now.

# Clearing the Holiday Furnishings for Men.

Crumbs from a record-breaking Christmas trade. Reductions to console those whom Santa Claus misunderstood.

- MEN'S WOOL SWEATERS, 70c. 350 Men's Heavy Roll Collar Wool Sweaters, in grey, brown, also grey trimmed, red, and navy trimmed. Some are open in front, with collar. Regular to \$1.25. Tuesday, 70c.
- MEN'S FLANNELLETT NIGHT ROBES. 500 Imported Heavy English Flannellette Night Robes, made extra long, pink, blue and grey stripes. Sizes 14 to 20. Clearing at Tuesday, 65c.
- MEN'S NEGLIGE SHIRTS. 600 Men's Perfect Fitting Neglige Shirts: all the broken lines from \$1.00, \$1.05 and \$1.50 ranges; in a fine assortment of seasonable decorative sizes in the lot 14 to 17. To clear at Tuesday, 65c.
- MEN'S UNDERWEAR. 650 Men's Heavy Wool and Camel's Hair Underwear, double back and front; also heavy "wool-nap" garments: shirts made double sleeves selected, well-matched and strongly sewn muskrat skirts; a particularly good garment. Regular \$1.75. On sale at Tuesday, \$1.25.



# A Clearing Sale of Men's Overcoats

Regular \$10.50, \$11 and \$12. To Clear Tuesday, \$6.95.

Men's stylish Black Chesterfield Overcoats, in fine imported English beavers, chevots and melton cloths, fine quality materials, made up in the newest Chesterfield cut, well tailored and finished, good trimmings, sizes 35 to 44, regular \$10.50 to \$12. On sale Tuesday \$6.95.

# Men's \$55.00 Fur-Lined Coats \$39.50

20 only Men's Fur-lined Coats, shell of fine imported English beaver cloth, black, medium, light weight, specially well tailored and fine quality trimmings; collars of Persian lamb or good prime-furred otter skins; lined, including sleeves selected, well-matched and strongly sewn muskrat skirts; a particularly good garment. Regular \$55.00. Tuesday, special \$39.50.

# JEWS UNWISE TO MIX IN TURKISH POLITICS

Max Nordau Gives Warning at Opening Meeting of International Zionist Congress.

HAMBURG, Dec. 26.—The International Zionist Congress, the first held in Germany, opened to-day with a large attendance. David Wolffsohn, of Cologne, president of the executive committee, greeted the delegates. He outlined the present status and outlook of Zionist projects, making particular reference to the fact that Palestine is now under a constitutional government.

Max Nordau of Paris, the foremost living Zionist, took the chair and delivered a speech, which was heard with great enthusiasm. Zionists, he said, must not believe that it is their duty to follow the young Turks without discrimination. They are merely a political party of the Osman empire and it would be unwise for the Zionists to mix in the internal political affairs of Turkey by committing their cause to any political party.

He said that the Jews would never accept privileges in Turkey if they were compelled to assimilate with the Turks and be excluded from Palestine, but they would become good Osman citizens if allowed to settle in the land of their forefathers, and there establish a Jewish nation like an independent state.

Prof. Nordau further advised adhering to the program of the first Zionist convention at Basle. Prof. Nordau was elected president of the congress.

Death of Robert Martin. One of the best known commercial men in Toronto died Saturday night in the person of Robert Martin, demonstrating traveler for the Imperial Varnish and Color Company. Mr. Martin, who had only been confined to his house for a week, was taken ill with erysipelas on his last trip for his firm. It attacked his brain, and he was unconscious most of the time.

# HOW PRES. TAFT "SHOPPED"

Surprises Merchant by His Unostentatious Visit.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—Two men left the crowd of Christmas shoppers on Pennsylvania-avenue shortly after 4 o'clock Friday afternoon and walked into the store of a dealer in leather goods. The larger man of the two asked the clerk to show him a handsome traveling bag, fitted with silver-trimmed toilet articles, which was displayed in the window. After looking it over carefully, he said:

"I'll take it. I want these initials engraved on each article."

He produced a visiting card and on the back wrote the initials "R. A. T.," handing it to the clerk. "Just send it to me as soon as you can," said the customer, smiling. The clerk looked up, enquiringly, waiting for the address.

"You know," said the customer, "Up on the Avenue."

# FATAL INCENDIARISM

Three Miners Dead and Two Missing—Police Suspect Crime.

CUMBERLAND, Md., Dec. 26.—Michael Malone, Michael McGraw and Fred Malone, miners, were burned to death yesterday, near Harrison, W. Va., about 50 miles southwest of here. Patrick Malone and Frederick Dugan, who boarded at the same house, are missing. Officers are working on a clue, indicating that the fire was started after a Christmas celebration by a man who was ejected and who then threatened to burn the house.

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