District Show Intense Enthusi-

asm in Coming Municipal Elec-

tions-No Dearth of Aspirants

The nomination meetings throughout Western Ontario yesterday found no

dearth of candidates for the various

civic offices within the gift of the citi-

As a rule those offering themselves are

men of integrity and ability, and few

there are in whom the affairs of their

The interest shown in municipal af-

No surer indication of retrogression is

Such, happily, is not the case in West-

St. Thomas, Dec. 31.-There is a lengthy

list of candidates for the various mun-

icipal offices. Nominations for mayor,

alderman, school trustees, water and

street railway commissioners were held

The following were nominated: School

Water commissioner-Matthew H. Pen-

Street railway commissioners-Joseph

Mayor-William Trott, Calvin Lawrence.

Al.DERMEN .- Arch. D. R. McDoald,

Walter A. Burns, Patrick Meehan, Ar-

thur Stacey, Fred. Guest, James Belbin,

Chas. Bull, Matthew T. Penhale, Thos. G. Courtney, Benj. Allen, Joseph J. Worden, George Cockram, Alfred E.

Boyce, John Jajoe, Charles Riddle, Chas.

Two Water Commissioners, one rail-

way commissioner, ine school trustees

From Our Own Correspondent.
Stratford, Dec. 31.—Fifty-four candi-

dates were nominated for aidermen at

Six candidates, all present aldermen of

Stratford

. Worden, George E. Wright.

Hookaway, James Egan,

town could not be confidently placed.

zens of the various municipalities.

of Ability and Integrity

FAIR, T

LONDON, ONT., TUESDAY, JANUARY 1, 1907.—10 PAGES.

# Means

Toronto Manufactur-Prominen Plainly Their Reason porting Hon. Adam His Fight to Preserve advance of 85 over last year. Beck a for the People Niag

31.—"I am in favor of the night fearing that ice would carry away Toronto Company, "and everybody I graphi have 1 had ar carry not of lay a plebis wheth they want cheap Niagara hospital trustee.

object to the misleading rs and posters with which this being flooded by those opposed bylaw," said Mr. Frank A. Rolph,

is not for the manufacturers Kelly. s is stated by the persons striv- Rev. Canon Smith, of London, married

public realizes that the arti-byetric power companies expects to roy. Believed to have fallen in while per cent. on the common stock, suffering from fit. represents very little investment, the active campaign carried on private companies against To-

oower bylaw. Cheap Power and Light generate our own power and light Bruce county.

aving installed a ten thousand plant, but I am satisfied that can be sold at a lower rate than for the province. manufcturing it at. We'll keep pplant going, but I want cheap for municiliary purposess My inin this power by-law, as you see, wholly personal. I am interested s a citizen, as one that wants now. We have reason to expect law. power. Orillia, for instance, is | sing power at \$16, and the engineer profit at that price. What other Company. palities can do Toronto ought to n's report can't be far out when an increase of \$3,526,942. s that Niagara power can be dehere at \$22. I consider that a

vative estimate. by-law's opponents say that Toin this matter. I don't think we provements. but why should we not bear a reputation with which we have istrarship of education. branded by our critics?"

Mr. R. W. Eaton. willing to support the power by-if it would bring him cheap power light.

s. So urgent is the matter to manu-urers that those grouped in this dishave discussed seriously the project estalling a special plant to supply the pries in the neighborhood of King and lina. We have been deterred from g into the matter further by the hope a solution of the high rate difficulty be found in Niagara power distrib-

# DEVELOPMENTS PROMISED

rd of Trade Opens Investigation Into Abroath Wreck

dinburgh, Dec. 31.-A warrant has issued for the arrest of the driver of 20 lives, and in about 30 persons along the Middle Atlantic and New Eng-

promised at the board of trade in able to cope with the situation. y, which is now in session.

### FAIR, TURNING COLDER

bservatory, Toronto, Dec. 31, 8 p. m disturbance which was centred in a last night has now reached the on, with diminished energy, while nounced cold wave covers the north tern portion of Ontario and Quebec decidedly cold weather has prevailed n Manitoba to British Columbia. Minimum and maximum temperatures: DNDON, 36–47; Dawson, 20 below–14 low; Atlin, 18 below–16 below; Vicria, 25–29; Edmonton, 24 below–14 below; Calgary, 14 below–10 below; Qu'Appelle, 8 below–2; Winnipeg, zero–8; Port thur, 12–16; Parry Sound, 24, 44, 14 thur, 12-16; Parry Sound, 34-44; ronto, 36-48; Ottawa, 26-34; Montreal, 36; Quebec, 22-28; St. John, 22-36; LOWER LAKES: STRONG WEST-RLY TO NORTHWESTERLY WINDS; AIR. TURNING COLDER; LOCAL NOWFALLS AND SNOW FLURRIES.

liverpool-Bohemian, Pannonia, Ionian. hristiansand-Helligolav, New York. Antwerp-Samoaland.

nerbourg-Bluecher. John-Parisian.

ape Race-Sicilian (inward) ow Head-Ionian (outward).

### **NEWS SUMMARY**

### LOCAL

Death of Walter C. Arthurs, respect-Watch night services were held in

many city churches. Edward Pratt, a resident of London for many years, dies at Victoria hospital. Edward McDowell, north end resident, injured in desperate drunken bar-room

Over two hundred building permits were issued from City Engineer Graydon's office during 1906. The natural increase in London's population for 1906 was 307, which was an

Brakeman Charles Franks, of Sarnia, falls from train at Cove bridge, dislocates his shoulder and has narrow escape from death.

bylaw," said Mr. William timber work at Cove bridge and drive sident of the Toronto Litho- against the Springbank dam. The bank clearings for the year for the City of London which have just been been inf avor of it, too. compiled show that there was an interature against the bylaw has crease of over \$7,000,000. This is taken effect at all, it has been to help by business men to be one of the best not hurt it. From what I indications of London's growth.

For Mayor—Mayor Judd and Ald.

en and heard, the bylaw will Greenlees were nominated. Forty-eight a very large majority. It does were nominated for aldermen, of whom mit the city to a debenture out- about a dozen have qualified. Twelve all. As I see it, the bylaw is a were proposed for water commissioners. te, to enable the people to say twenty for school trustees and three for

### WESTERN ONTARIO

Ross Collins and George Niven, two director of Rolph & Clark, young boys, broke through rotten ice on Bear Creek at Petrolea and were I want to emphasize this: The drowned. Bodies not recovered. Brave estion is for the electorate at attempt at rescue made by Mr. Gus

to defeat the bylaw. The average at Forest to Miss Alice Cowan.

en is just as much interested in Fire in J. McLachlan's store at Glensing of the bylaw as is the manu-coe does \$1,500 damage. Family lose household effects and clothes.

Two Moore township hotelkeepers fined ature is sent out by those vital- at Sarnia for infraction of local option rested in getting dividends that and away beyond what the diviought to be. The fact that one of drowned in Sydenham River, near Strath-

> Berlin fire department's annual ball a Dr. Hodgetts, of the prov board, has been notified of an outbreak of small-pox in Albemarle township, in

Yesterday was nomination day in Ontario and the interest taken betokens well

### DOMESTIC

Premier J. P. Whitney votes to-day as en, r power and light than we are that favorable to the Niagara power by- the sons of widows.

P. M. Denison vesterday dismissed the

The customs returns for Canada for e to do. The hydro-electric com- the six months ending December 31 show Toronto business men given reasons

for supporting Hon. Adam Beck in his fight for cheap power. The Dominion Government has decided is bearing an unfair share of the to inquire into the Toronto harbor im-

It is rumored that A. C. Casselman, of nable share and live down the Hog- Toronto, will be appointed Ontario reg-The body of a new born babe was found in a ditch in the outskirts of To-Willie Greenshields, of Toronto Junc-

R. W. Eaton, superintendent of the ronto. The police are investigating. Willie Greenshields, of Toronto Ju tion, admitted in the Toronto police court yesterday that he had been trained shore.

The commission was in New York yesterday, instituting inquiries. His Holiness Pope Pius says he would

welcome persecution for the sake of his

The wonderful result of the missionary work of the Methodist Episcopal work in Asia is shown by the reports read befor the jubilee meeting being held in

Two young men, Edwin Nason and M. J. Bell, were arrested in connection with the death of Nellie Murray Parsons, whose body was found in Boston.

The shah passed a very bad night. A storm which was yesterday central he express train wrecked at Ar- over Northern Michigan is now moving ath, December 28, resulting in the northwest. Storm signals are displayed

land coasts. he law officers have been searchingly Four million Chinese are actually starvestigating the cause of the disaster, ing to death in the famine districts, and terior his resignation as commissioner of startling developments are said to the government finds itself utterly un-The chairmen of the various British railways have signed an agreement, abolishing all rebates to shippers.

### FINANCIAL

steadies at close, final quotation on May being shade lower. Corn steady. Wall street experiences pinch in mone below-14 and constraint on market. Hill stocks and Reading figure prominently. Time money easier and sterling exchange

### NO REBATES IN BRITAIN

Agreement Between Railroad Companies Abolishing Evil

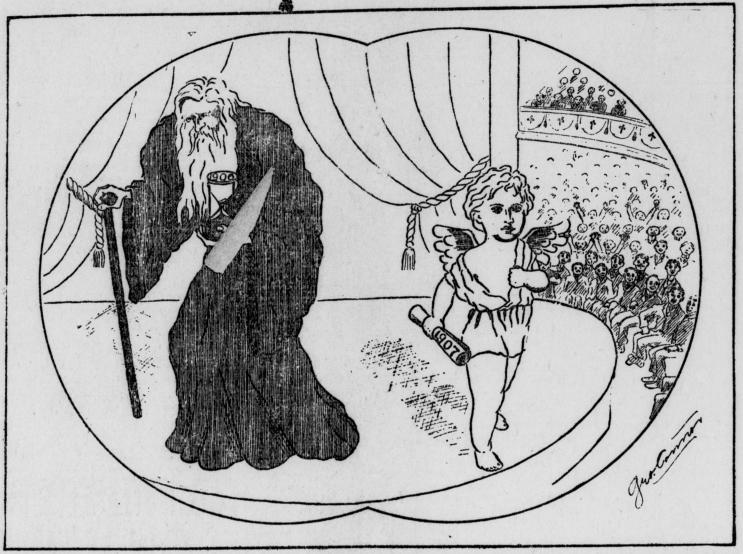
London, Dec. 31.-Under the agreement which becomes operative to-morrow. and which was signed by all the chairmen, all private rebates to shippers are by all the railroads in the

Any company giving rebates to secure traffic is liable to a heavy fine.

YOUTHFUL SWEETHEART SUICIDES. Stratheona's private sec Brow Head, Dec. 31.—Steamer Minnetipolis, New York, for London, was 179
niles southwest of Brow Head at 3.55
o. m. Will reach London 8 2 m. Wedtipolis, New York, and the result through the head and died later because a clergyman had retipolis, with whom she was infatuated.

Strathcona's private secretary, speaking in regard to the rumor that Lord Strathcona has resigned, declared that absolutely nothing was known of it at the
office, and he very much doubted if
there were the slightest truth in the rumor.

### **ELECTED BY ACCLAMATION**



1906-"Gentlemen, owing to my advanced age I must decline to consider a second term, but I take great pleasure in nominating my young friend, 1907."

Ross Collins and George Niven Meet Death While

Skating

From Our Own Correspondent. Petrolca, Dec. 31.- A doub

accident occurred here this afternoon by which Ross Collins and George Nivtwo young boys, lost their lives. 'a citizen of Toronto. He declares that What makes the affair still more pao to get what it ought to have, there is no other argument possible but thetic is the fact that both boys are The two lads had gone skating after

dinner on Bear Creek, the waters of charge of conspiracy brought by a strik. Which were considerably swollen by the old me himself that Orillia is get- ing garment worker against the T. Eaton heavy rain of last night, which had also rendered the ice unsafe. The boys may have been too venturesome in trying the ice. They were both the block with a clear track. Two green suddenly engulfed without a moment's lights were then set on the signal tow-

swiftly rushing waters. Their cries attracted the attenion of

tion was becoming precarious. He man- on a slippery track. aged to grasp it and he was pulled to

court yesterday that he had been trained in the art of pocket picking by some men to whom he paid part of his stolen is improvement in conditions, by all is let us vote for it." said Mr. Eaton.

Supported by Mr. Gage.

I this district," said Mr. W. J. Gage, he W. J. Gage Company, "we sinly hope that the power bylaw will, and we strongly desire cheaper of or manufacturing and lighting purses. So urgent is the matter to manus.

aroused the greatest admiration and it is almost certain that some public recognition will be made of his bravery. The banks of the creek were thronged with people all afternoon, who waited in vain for the bodies to be recovered.

The accident is a terrible shock to Mrs. Niven and Mrs. Matthew Collins, the mothers of the unfortunate boys, and they have the deepest sympathy of all in their unhappy loss.

Commissioner of Yukon to Take Liberal

MR. M'INNES RESIGNS

Leadership in B. C. From Our Own Correspondent.

Ottawa, Dec. 31.-W. W. B. McInnes to-day handed to the Minister of the Inthe Yukon, his intention being to re enter British Columbia politics. The resignation will probably be accepted at the next meeting of the cabinet. Among the New Year's honors will likely be a knighthood for Hon. Charles Fitzpatrick. The impression prevails, however, that it will not be long ere he resigns the chief justiceship of the su-Wheat market opens weaker, but preme court to accept the more lucrative position of general counsel for the Grand

# TO PREVENT ACCIDENTS

Railway Commission Decide to Take Up Important Question.

From Our Own Correspondent. Ottawa, Dec. 31.-The board of railway mmissioners will hold a meeting here February 5 to take into consideration the petition of railway employes presented last June, in relation to service con-

The loard will at the same time take up a n in ber of other subjects, such as prevention of railway accidents, equipment of cars, operating rules, and the

KNOW NOTHING OF IT. Lendon, Dec. 31 .- Mr. Griffiths, Lord

# Total Dead is Now 53 (CREW OF LOCAL UNDER ARREST) in Washington Wreck President Thinks Steel Company Must largely represented. This is time that the school board is by a general vote of the people.

List of Victims of B. and O. NO ARGUMENT Smash Grow 47 Are Identified-Supers andent Seems to Blame Engager Hildebrand

Washington, Dec. 31 .- To-night the number of dead as a result of the Terra Cotta twreck, according to the police, had reached 53. Forty-five of the number have been identified. Two different stories are to-day being

told by the friends ofthose who will naturally be implicated. The entrance to th block on which the accident occurred is at Silver Spring, M. D. It is said local 66, from Frederick, had entered warning and swept down stream by the er, showing that the block was occupied.

The engineer of the "deadhead" train, Mr. Gus Kelby, a clerk in McCrabie's which was following, accordingly slowdrug store, who was returning to work. ed down as he entered the block to run Without a minute's hesitation he plung- "cautiously." At the Tacoma station, ed into the icy waters and struck out near the centre of the block, it is said. for the boys. The task was beyond his the dap operator had tied down white power, and his strength beginning to signals showing a clear track and left fail, he clung to the edge of the rotten his station. At this indication the enice. By this time other willing hands gineer of the "deadhead" crowded on had arrived at the scene and a rope was all steam and forged ahead at trementhrown out to Mr. Kelly, whose posi- dous speed in the dark and foggy night

In Few Minutes It was only a few minutes until his engine plunged into the rear of the local, just pulling out of Terra Cotta, and only three miles from Washing-

Operator Phillips at Tacoma denies his signals were white. He declares he was at his upost, and that red signals were set showing occupied tracks. He was much astonished to see the "deadhead" train rush past, expecting it to heard of the accident in a few mo-

It has been decided to postpone the coroner's inquest until Wednesday. This will be the first official step taken to fix the responsibility for the disaster. In the meantime, it is understood, railroad officials are making a searching investi-The members of the crew of the train causing the wreck were placed under ar-

Toronto, Dec. 31.-Hon. J. P. Whitney, prime minister of Ontario, will cast his first vote as a citizer of Toronto to-morrow. He was asked to-day as to his views on the Beck power bylaw. "I am earnestly in favor of the bylaw. I shall cast my ballot for

it. I do not see that there can be any argument as to its advantages to all the citizens. "I support it because of what I believe to be the very proper desire of the citizens to avail themselves of cheap power and all it implies, the access to which the Government has devoted a great deal of time and thought to pro-

cure for them."

Commission Examining New grounds. York Brokers as to Ex-Manager's Speculatons

New York, Dec. 31.—Circulating among the various offices of Wall Street to-day, examining certain brokers, is a commission appointed by the Canadian govern- Health Officer at Colpoy's Bay Notifies slow down and back up. Instead he ment to take testimony tending to throw Manager Charles McGill a defaulter, and wrecked the Ontario Bank of Canada. in secret.

hold the hearings at one place, at the He has telegraphed the officer to changed so that the commission will go who had been exposed to infection. to the offices of the witneses and take No particulars of the outbreak have Continued on Page Five.

# PLAIN SIMON GUGGENHEIM

Going to U. S. Senate from Colorado Full of Honesty

heim's election as United States senator, to succeed Thomas M. Patterson, is assured by the action of the Republican members of the general assembly, in caucus to-day. Mr. Guggenheim's candidacy was en-

dorsed by a vote of 68 to 1. Mr. Guggenheim is a son of the late Nomination Meetings Throughout Meyer Guggenheim, of New York. He is a member of the executive committee of the American Smelting and Refining Company. In an interview to-day Mr. Guggenheim said:

"If I go to the senate it will not be to represent the smelting company or any other company or any private interest. I will go as Simon Guggenheim, plain sitizen, to represent the state of Colorado. An honorable ambition is permitted to every man, even to the wealthiest, and it is my ambition to serve my country.

### BRITISH SYSTEM BETTER

Opinion of Teachers Visiting American and Canadian Schools

London, Dec. 30,-Members of the Moseley commission have arrived at fairs in the garden of Canada is a good Liverpool, and said much is to be learn- sign, and is as it should be. ed from Canada and the United States in the art of imparting knowledge, but there than apathy on the part of citizens in the affairs of their town or city. that Britain in many respectsi possesser of a better system. In the matter of buildings America possesses an advantern Ontario. To represent his fellow-

citizens as mayor, at the council board. Twelve Australians have entered for Bisley for 1907. Hundreds of discharged employes of Woolwich arsenal are sailing for Canada. The central emigration board hopes to send 10,000 emigrants next year. The treasury has informed the cape

premier that the lord commissioners cannot recomend any changes as to levying an income tax on the profits South Africa companies whose seat direction is in the United Kingdom. The Archbishop of Montreal and Canadian students have sent a message of sympathy to Cardinal Richard of Paris,

Win Fight in Courts

Montreal, Dec. 31.-J. H. Plummer, Frederick Doggett, Morice G. Hay, Company, in an interview states that sey, Fred R. Wright, Daniel M. Tait, be would like to see the two corporahe would like to see the two corporations working harmoniously together to attain a common end, and that it is only natural that the difficulties should be permanently settled

Regarding rumors of final settlement he stated that the Steel Company would like to come to an amicable settlement, but that the Coal Copany was no reasonable and that it was unlikely that any settlement would be reached until the Steel Company won in the courts. He said that the plant at Sydney was working steadily and that the output was sold for practically a year. Mr Plummer is going to Sydney i

Appears Before P. M. Denison on Charge of Fraud and Remanded

Toronto, Dec. 31 .- Thomas W. Holl-

the charge of fraud. The information alleged that Hollwey defrauded the University of Toronto out of \$11,000 on the real estate deals affect-

M. J. Ludbury appeared for the de-fendant. He elected to be tried by jury the municipal nominations to-day. This is the largest list in the history of the and pleaded not guilty. city, and the approaching elections pro-Col. Denison set Thursday for the inmises to be one of the most interesting vestigation, remarking that all the eviever held. dence had been taken in the previous hearing, so that it would not take long. this year's council, were nominated for

### SMALLPOX IN BRUCE

has received a telegram from the health John C. Monteith, Wm. Preston, John The taking of testimony is being done officer at Colpoy's Bay, Bruce County, C. Youngs. informing him of an outbreak of small-While it was originally intended to pox in the Township of Albemarle. request of the witnesses the plan was once isolate and vaccinate all persons the exception of Dr. Rankin, who, it is

### yet been received. Continued on Page Five. A happy New Year Co You

The Free Press extends to all its best wishes for a happy and prosperous New Year. The twelve months just passed have been golden months for Canadians, and Western Ontario, wherein the Free Press circulates, has known its full share of prosperity.

This journal has enjoyed a wholesome portion of the good things. Perhaps no other newspaper in this country can boast of so large and substantial a growth. In every way the Free Press has expanded. It is a greater newspaper this morning than it was one year ago-very much greater. It goes into more hands—thousands more. It carries more news—columns more. Its advertising columns yield enormously more reverue. The number of its daily editions has increased three times

What is pleasing in a very special sense is the fact that not only in its home city, the metropolis of the West, but from end to end of this peninsula the Free Press has been established and necognized as Western Ontario's favorite newspaper.

In the year at hand it is the purpose of the management to deserve the good-will and patronage of its friends to a yet greater degree. The Free Press will be a better newspaper than it has been. Its news service will be more complete. The organization will be yet further perfected. Few newspapers to-day have so many special correspondents upon its pay roll, but these will be materially increased and the service strengthened. Features of an interesting and valuable character will be added. Plans along a number of lines are maturing, each directed toward healthy development.

And, as with ourselves, why not the reader? YOU have not reached YOUR limit in growth, in usefulness. A prosperous New Year to you.

Denver, Col., Dec. 31.-Simon Guggen-

the school board or on any of the various commissions is considered a high honor and one worth working for. The result is big fields of sterling candidates. Yesterday the citizens of Western Ontario turned out in force and nominated those of their choice.

### More than usual interest was taken COAL COMPANY UNREASONABLE in the proceedings. The ratepayers were largely represented. This is the first time that the school board is elected

trustees-John Aiken, John R. Martin, resident of the Dominion Iron and Steel Archie R. McDonald. Richard M. Hugh W. Reed, Edward A. Horton, John A. Couse, Edgar C. Harvey, John Johnston, Edgar C. Sanders, Andrew H. Miller, Joseph E. Fraser, Adam W. Graham, Frederick C. Bartlett, Albert

Roberts.-21. hale, Charles Scrase, Frank M. Griffin, George K. Croker, Robert N. Price. Gilbert Roche, Samuel Dubber, Sperrin Chant, Henry A. Turpenny, Robt. Mc-Cully, Percy Honsinger, Frank Brinka day or two to examine the plant and to consider the situation. man, Edward L. Horton, Samuel Day,

# HOLLWEY PLEADS NOT GUILTY

Farmer, W. Sutherland, Magus Dickson, George Geddes, C. F. Maxwell, Sr., wey, the real estate agent who was acquitted of the charge of conspiracy Henry Roe, William V. McDonald. by Judge Winchester last Friday, came up before Col. Denison to-day to answer and eleven to be elected.

ing the old upper Canada College

### mayor, namely, Alds. Dingman, Eidt. Gordon, Hamilton, McIlhargy and Mon-For water commissioners eight were proposed, only two of whom can be Provincial Board elected. Those named are: J. D. Bar-Toronto, Dec. 31.—Dr. Hodgetts, secre-tary of the provincial board of health, burn, Johnston Harris, John J. Mason

For school trustees there will be a test in each of the five wards, all the at tiring trustees being for re-election, with understood, will remain in the aldermanic field. Those nominated for trustees are: Norval Babb, Alex. Collins, David Easson, Duncan Ferguson, in Avon ward; T. B. Johnston, R. T. Shore, I. W. Steinhoff, in Falstaff ward: E. K. Barnsdale, Dr. Bothwell, James Gadsby, in Hamlet ward; B. Leckie, A. McBeth, A. J. Roberts, in Romeo ward; Arthur Bushfield, Wm. H. Hensell, Fred. Win-

gay, in Sheakespare ward. It is expected that the list of aldermanic candidatee, which numbers fiftyfive, will be considerably weeded out before Wednesday noon, when all who wish to remain in the field must A large crowd thronged the city hall

during the noon hour when nominations took place, and seldom was such enthusiasm evinced in municipal nomina-

### Sarnia

From Our Own Correspondent. Sarnia, Dec. 31.-Considerable interest vas manifested in the municipal nominations which were held here this morning, and from present appearances not one of the municipal offices will go abegging. In fact, if all the gentlemen who have been nominated decide to remain in the field some lively and spirited contests will be seen on polling day, January 7, 1907. The nominations were as

Mayor-Geo. A. Proctor, nominated by Geo. S. Sarvis and D. W. H. Lewis; Dr. D. B. Bentley, nominated by Mayor David Barr and R. Kenny. Reeve-David Milne, nominated by Henry Carlton and T. H. Cook; Fred.

rick and Jas. Barnes. First deputy reeve—Thos. H. Cook, nominated by E. A. LeBel and A. Simpson; Dr. J. G. Merrison, nominated by Thos. Hayes and J. Saunders.

C. Watson, nominated by John A. Cor-

Second deputy reeve-Dr. W. A. Henderson, nominated by D. W. H. Lewis Continued on Page Two.