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A GREAT FIRE AT MONTREAL; FIREMEN SWEEP FROM LADDER

Half a Million Dollars Go Up in Smoke in Early Morning Blaze That Kills One Man and Injures Many Firefighters.

Montreal, Que., Jan. 3.—The worst fire of the season occurred early this morning in St. Antoine and St. James street west, causing a loss close to half a million dollars, and resulting in the death of one man and the injuring of half a dozen firemen. This was caused by the collapse of one of the brick walls.

Horace Gannon, a carter, who lived in a little house in St. David's Lane, close by the burning structure, was the victim. He was going back to his house to see what detained his son, when he was caught under the falling wall. His son got out without hurt.

The injured firemen were working on a ladder in the same locality, when the

CUSTOMS RETURNS; A BIG INCREASE

London Collections for Last Six Months of 1906 Nearly Half a Million.

The customs collections for the port of London for the six months ending Dec. 31, were \$454,702.08, against \$435,289.52, for the corresponding period of 1905, showing an increase of \$19,412.56. The collections for December, 1906, were \$79,199.70, against \$70,359.91 in December, 1905, showing an increase of \$8,839.79.

STOLEN GEMS RECOVERED

Diamonds Valued at \$50,000 Disappeared on Railway Train.

Savannah, Ga., Jan. 3.—Jewels, principally diamonds, valued by a local expert at \$50,000, were recovered yesterday by the Atlantic Coast Line, and will be sent on to Diney Riss Miralida, a Cuban, who is awaiting their arrival at Jacksonville, Fla., before proceeding on his way to Havana.

Senor Miralida and his wife left New York on Dec. 31. They had a satchel containing the jewels. At Jacksonville they complained of the loss of the jewels. Two of their fellow-passengers, a woman and her daughter, were arrested, but subsequently released. The jewels were found by the negro porter in the closet of a combination car, where it is suggested they may have been left by the thief, to secure later when opportunity offered.

McINNES' SUCCESSOR

Commissionership of the Yukon May Go to Mr. Ralph Smith.

Ottawa, Jan. 3.—It is said that the Yukon commissionership will not be filled for some time. Mr. Lithgow is at present acting and, as Mr. McInnes when leaving did not intend to return to Dawson for a couple of months at the least, arrangements were made for his carrying on the duties for some time.

There is no urgency for a successor to Mr. McInnes. The only name mentioned so far in connection with the position is that of Mr. Ralph Smith, M. P., and should he desire it, there is no doubt he can get the appointment.

BRIAND LAW PROMULGATED.

Paris, Jan. 3.—The new law, known as the Briand law, amending the church and state separation law of 1905, was signed by the President and promulgated today.

DEATH IN THE BLIZZARD.

Odesa, Jan. 3.—Snowstorms and blizzards of exceptional severity are prevailing throughout Southern and Southwestern Russia. Traffic on the railroads is interrupted, and great loss of life is reported. According to reports, 160 persons succumbed to the cold in southwestern provinces alone.

49 DEAD IN THE KANSAS WRECK; NOT A WOMAN PASSENGER KILLED

Many Bodies Destroyed by Fire That Followed the Collision.

Topeka, Kas., Jan. 3.—It is still impossible to say exactly how many persons perished in the Rock Island train wreck at Alma, Kansas, yesterday, as a number of bodies of Mexicans were completely destroyed by the burning of the smoking car. The conductor says there would be 76 Mexicans on the train, and it is feared that 44 of them

were killed, together with four passengers, all men, and a negro porter, making the total dead 49.

A coroner's inquest will be held at Alma today, when John Lynes, the boy telegraph operator who is blamed for the collision, will testify. So far as known, all the women on the train escaped death, and none was even seriously injured.

W. H. Osgood, of Mitchellville, Iowa, was dragged from the ruins still alive, but soon died. Rescuers have found an arm of a passenger who was wedged in the wreckage.

MUNICIPAL FIGURES—No. 9



MR. M. H. ROWLAND,
Candidate for the Council.

MUNICIPAL CAMPAIGN.

The Free Press is performing an acrobatic feat this campaign which entitles it to a headline place on any vaudeville bill. With one breath it asks for the re-election of Chairman Darch, of the water commission. With the next it declares his Komoka scheme is no good.

Then the Free Press comes out strongly in favor of Niagara power, and in the same breath tells the people that Mayor Judd, who is stockholder in the London Electric Company, should be returned over Ald. Greenlees.

The people of London may be pardoned if they fail to reconcile such opposite arguments, and vote for Ald. Greenlees, who is no partisan, who is independent in all his actions, and who has no corporation connections to embarrass or influence him when making bargains for the city.

The Free Press says Mayor Judd is a good business man because the tax rate was reduced this year, and the city council has a surplus. Any man can make a good showing, however, if the money rolls to him as it did to Mr. Judd last year.

In the first place, there was the extra sum of \$9,000 derived through the increasing of the cost of liquor licenses in London from \$290 to \$700 per annum. The new law went into force last year.

Then the consolidation of the city debt saved \$40,000 annually in debt charges, and any credit for this move belongs to the late Auditor Jewell. There was an increase in the city's assessment last year over 1905 of \$1,600,000. Thus, at a 20-mill rate, Mayor Judd had within \$13,000 as much taxes to spend last year as had Mayor Campbell with a 23-mill rate the year before.

It is true that the water commissioners cut off \$10,000 from the council last year, but \$4,000 of this has been made up by the surplus which the commission is able to hand over to the council as the result of a large increase in the tax rate, the \$5,000 overdraft from 1905, and the \$6,000 lost to the council by the reduction of the water rates.

The overdraft from 1905 amounted to about \$5,000, so that the increase from liquor licenses alone made up for this.

Summed up, the figures show that Mayor Judd had this year \$22,000 more spending money than had Mayor Campbell. And this is taking into consideration the \$13,000 lost by the reducing of the tax rate, the \$5,000 overdraft from 1905, and the \$6,000 lost to the council by the reduction of the water rates.

The London Electric Company has a fat contract with the city of London for street lighting, and as its bills come due Mayor Judd signs the checks to pay his own company.

Until this year the trust of Victoria Continued on page eight.

THE GOOD BARONESS

London, Jan. 3.—Many hundreds of persons today visited the famous house on Stratton street, where the Baroness Burdett-Coutts died, in order to pay a last tribute to the popular philanthropist. She was particularly beloved by the people of the Whitechapel district of London, whose condition she did much to improve. The coffin was placed on a catafalque, with a life-size portrait of the baroness at its head. Long lines of people, many of them belonging to the poorer classes, stood for hours in the streets in the vicinity, awaiting their turn to enter the mansion.

WARMLY PRAISES LONDON SCHOOLS

Discipline and General Work of Teachers Unequaled, Says a British Pedagogue.

Miss E. M. Bowen, of Swansea, South Wales, is at present the guest of her brother, Rev. A. J. Bowen, pastor of the Egerton Street Baptist Church.

Miss Bowen is one of the British teachers sent to Canada and the United States by Alfred Mosley to study the methods in use in the schools on this side of the Atlantic. She was here about three weeks ago, since which time she has visited the schools of Buffalo, Washington, New York and Philadelphia and surrounding places. Miss Bowen is very warm in her praises of London's schools.

"It is true," she said, "that in places larger than London, more imposing school buildings are to be found, but in all my travels I did not visit one place where the discipline and general work of the teaching staff equal that which prevails in London. The schools of this city are certainly to the front in that respect."

Miss Bowen also expresses gratitude for the kindnesses shown her by the trustees and teachers on the occasion of her first visit to London, and she leaves tomorrow morning for St. John, N. B., where she will sail next week for England.

DECLARATION MAY NOT BE LEGAL

Point Raised in Connection With the Candidature of Mr. Joshua Garratt.

The nomination of Mr. Joshua Garratt for alderman is giving his friends much uneasiness. Just now it is known that he will be back in London. It was said before he left that his candidature is illegal, and that steps will be taken to prevent him taking his seat if he is elected.

He is now in England and no one appears to know when he will be back in London. It was said before he left that he would be absent the greater part of the year, and it is asserted that he has leased his residence on Princess avenue for a year beginning last November.

On Nov. 19 last, he made out a declaration of qualification before Squire Chittick, and this has now been handed in to the city clerk.

A well-known local lawyer says the declaration is not worth the paper it is written on. The qualification must, he says, be made after the candidature is nominated. Ald. Garratt's was made six or seven weeks before he was nominated.

The point has also been raised that a man cannot take his seat in the council in 1907 upon a qualification made out in 1906. No one shed tears when Ald. Garratt left the council last November. He had been a thorn in the council's side for almost the entire year, and it is said that many of his own political friends would like to see him beaten this year.

BRITISH FLEET FOR JAMESTOWN.

London, Jan. 2.—The admiralty's decision to send the first cruiser division to Hampton Roads for the opening of the Jamestown Exposition will give Great Britain an exceptionally strong naval representation, as the division is made up of six of the best types of armored cruisers, including the Goodhope, Arcturion, Amazon, and the Hampshire and Roxborough. Later the division will visit other American ports and will exchange amenities in American waters with other international fleets.

THE WEATHER.

TOMORROW—A LITTLE COLDER.

FORECASTS.

Thursday, Jan. 3—8 a.m. Today—Fresh to strong winds, shifting to westerly; rain and snow.

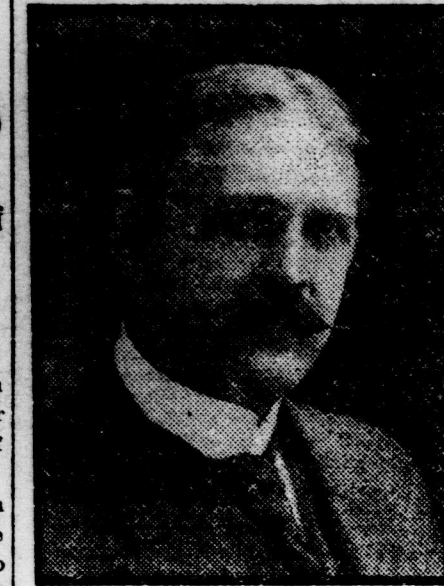
Friday—Fair and colder. Detroit, Jan. 2.—Lower Michigan: Thursday—Rain or snow. Friday—Snow and colder; fresh to brisk southeast to south winds, shifting to northwest.

Stations. 8 a.m. Min. Weather. Calgary -18 -26 Clear Winnipeg 0 9 Fair Port Arthur 30 28 Cloudy Toronto 36 32 Rain Ottawa 20 16 Cloudy Montreal 10 10 Cloudy Quebec 10 8 Cloudy Pictou 8 8 Cloudy

The sign indicates below zero. Toronto, Jan. 2—8 p.m. Snow has fallen heavily today in Manitoba and the weather remains very cold in Saskatchewan and Alberta, while from the Georgian Bay region to the Maritime Provinces it has been fine and colder. Rain is setting in tonight over the lower lake region, and snow over Lake Superior. Minimum and maximum temperatures: Dawson, 22 below—16 below; Atlin, 32 below—12 below; Victoria, 28—34; Vancouver, 14—31; Barkerville, 22 below—10 below; Edmonton, 30 below—16 below; Calgary, 22 below—16 below; Qu'Appelle, 8 below—20; Winnipeg, 14—26; Port Arthur, 12—30; Parry Sound, 18—24; Toronto, 28—32; Ottawa, 20—38; Montreal, 22—30; Quebec, 20—32; St. John, 26—40; Halifax, 32—46.

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.

The highest and lowest readings of the thermometer at the local observatory for the 24 hours ended at 8 p.m. Wednesday were: Highest, 35°; lowest, 25° above.



A. A. CAMPBELL,
Candidate for School Board.

Mr. Campbell is a Middlesex boy, and, after leaving the Strathroy High School, spent a number of years in New York, San Francisco and Butte, Montana. While in the latter place he was secretary to Senator Clark, the multi-millionaire, of Montana, but his love for Canadian institutions induced him to return to Ontario.

For the past twenty years he has been actively engaged in real estate, and some of the largest realty transactions on the local market have been made through his office. Mr. Campbell's father, the late Archibald Campbell, was warden of the county for three consecutive years.

This is the first time Mr. Campbell has permitted his name to be submitted for any municipal office, but his record of the last twenty years should entitle him to the hearty support of the independent electors of the city of London.

CANDIDATES NOT ON PARTY SLATES

Trades Council Decided It Would Not Be in Their Interests to Allow It.

The Trades and Labor Council held a largely attended meeting last night, at which matters of much importance were dealt with.

The candidatures of Messrs. James Donnelly and G. E. Rose, who have been nominated by the trades council for aldermen, were discussed at length. Reports brought in by different members showed that the canvass for both gentlemen is proceeding vigorously, and that the chances of their election are very bright.

The council decided unanimously that it would not be in the interest of either candidate or the trades council to allow the names of the candidates to appear on party slates.

The council considered the Komoka waterworks bylaw and the Niagara power bylaw, and went on record as being in favor of both. Opposition was expressed to the granting of exemptions to any firm. The swimming baths bylaw and the sewer bylaw were not considered.

Committee Rooms.

It was announced that the council has opened up committee rooms for its candidates in the Musicians' Union rooms, where the secretary, Hollingshead, will be found every day until election day to give information to voters and friends of the labor candidates.

It was pointed out that there are several men in the field who claim they are being in favor of both. Opposition was expressed to the granting of exemptions to any firm. The swimming baths bylaw and the sewer bylaw were not considered.

A notice of motion to admit reporters to the meetings of the council was put in, and the matter will come up at the next meeting, which will be held in two weeks.

Officers Elected

The council elected officers for the year as follows: President—J. W. McCandless (re-elected).

Vice-President—Charles Meaden (re-elected). Recording Secretary—Harry Rymill. Financial Secretary—Joseph Marks.

Treasurer—Joseph Goodburne. Sergeant-at-Arms—Wm. Cooney. Representatives to Western Fair Board—Joseph Goodburne and Charles Meaden.

Representatives to Manufacturers' and Reception Committee—Harry Rymill and Henry Clark.

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Niagara Power for London; Public Meeting Favors It

CHAIRMANSHIP INCIDENT

How Ald. Matthews Was Crowded Out by Mayor Judd.

Chairmanships always cause trouble around the city hall. The question of who was to preside at the Niagara power meeting in the city hall last night led to trouble between such august personages as Mayor Judd and Ald. Matthews.

It was noticed by many people at the meeting that Ald. Matthews maintained a dignified and somewhat solemn position about six or seven feet to the left of the chairman, and somewhat without the pale of invited guests and people of importance. Mayor Judd on the other hand, basked in the big arm chair placed for the chairman.

When the mayor arose to tell the people that he is not overly much interested in his company, the London Electric, the chair of Ald. Matthews' eyes upon it. But the mayor overlooked him, and beckoned to Hon. Adam Beck to preside.

Ald. Matthews fumed for a moment, and then turning to the reporters, he quoted the last line of the chorus of "Waiting at the Church," which says, "My wife won't let me."

During the remainder of the evening, either Mr. Judd or Mr. Beck occupied the chair.

In the afternoon, Ald. Matthews, who is vice-president of the Western Ontario Municipalities Niagara Power Union, asked the mayor who was to preside.

"Me, of course," said the mayor, astonished to think that anybody else would ask for a look in.

"But I'm the vice-president," said the alderman.

"It cuts no ice with me," his worship replied. "It's me for the job."

And as stated, he worked at the job all evening.

\$3,000 DAMAGES WANTED

Action Entered on Behalf of Boy Who Lost a Hand.

Three additional jury cases have been entered for the winter assizes which open before Chief Justice Sir William Meredith on Monday.

Hagar vs. Ontario Springbed and Mattress Company—An action by Joseph Hagar, on behalf of S. Hagar, a minor, to recover \$3,000 damages from the Ontario Springbed and Mattress Company for the loss of a hand. The boy was injured while operating a work-picking machine in the factory of the defendant. Faulds & Campbell for plaintiff; Du Vernet, Jones & Co., for defense.

Ross vs. Pere Marquette and Judson Hannan—An action by Frederick L. Ross and George T. Ross to recover \$600 damages from the Pere Marquette through its receiver, Judson Hannan, for the loss of a horse which was struck by an engine at the Horton street crossing last July. Meredith, Fisher & McDonald for plaintiffs; McCarthy, Osler, Hoskin & Harcourt for defense.

Owen vs. Shaw—An action by M. Owen to recover \$1,055.50 damages from Dr. Shaw for alleged failure to supply furnaces on orders sold by plaintiff, and for balance of account. Edmund Wedel for plaintiff; Flock & Flock for defense.

MAY GO TO MONTREAL

Dr. Welch May Join Staff of the Presbyterian College.

Toronto, Jan. 2.—Rev. Dr. Welch, of the Bible Society, who has received an invitation to accept the chair of apologetics in the Presbyterian College at Montreal, said that the board of governors of the college had no power to make an appointment.

It had, however, made the request that he allow the board to make a recommendation for his appointment to the general assembly, which meets next June.

In any event, Mr. Welch would not sever his connection with the Bible Society till next October.

TO PUNISH NON-VOTERS

Ottawa, Jan. 2.—Hon. A. B. Aylesworth has informed the movers of the campaign for the suppressing of electoral bribery and corruption that during the session of Parliament a measure will be introduced, increasing the penalties for electoral corruption and the elections act so changed as to provide for compulsory voting.

DISASTROUS FIRE

AT PORTSMOUTH

Entire Equipment of an Army Corps Wiped Out, at a Loss of \$1,250,000.

Portsmouth, England, Jan. 2.—The fire which broke out last night among the camp and equipment stores on the gun wharf here, caused damage, according to the official estimate, to the amount of \$1,250,000. The entire equipment of an army corps was destroyed. Although the conflagration is under control, masses of smouldering blankets and other stores occasionally break out into fresh flames.

DISEASE DESTROYS

A TURKISH ARMY

Remnant of Force Sent to Crush Arab Revolt Reaches Buzreh.

Bushire, Persia, Jan. 2.—A thousand Turkish soldiers, the remnant of about 4,000 sent to the Nejd Peninsula two years ago to suppress the Arab revolt, have returned to Buzreh, Asiatic Turkey, in a deplorable condition. Over 2,000 of their comrades died of disease and the rest deserted.

Large Gathering at the City Hall

Hears Scheme Discussed at Length.

Niagara power for London was discussed for three hours in the city hall last night. A crowd which completely filled the hall was present, and it included many of the prominent business men of London.

Quite a number of questions were asked by interested Londoners, the questioners including Messrs. Maurel, A. W. White, Fred Mitchell, ex-Mayor Rumball, ex-Ald. O'Meara and Messrs. Pritchard and Thorne.

At the conclusion of the meeting, by a standing vote, the audience placed itself on record as in favor of Niagara power for London.

Mayor Judd acted as chairman, and with him on the platform were Hon. Adam Beck, J. H. Fryer, of Galt, president of the Western Ontario Municipalities Niagara Power Association, Cecil B. Smith and E. Richman, engineers of the power commission, and E. C. Settle, secretary of the commission. Ald. Matthews was also there.

It was announced to the meeting that the Niagara power ballot on Monday next will be purple in color.

Mayor Judd Speaks

Mayor Judd was the first speaker. He said he considers Niagara power the most important question of the present campaign. He stated that in 1903, as a member of the city council, he had the pleasure to move the resolution which made London one of the municipalities which originally banded together to get a report on the cost of securing Niagara power for the people. The mayor then dealt with his own position in the present campaign.

"The only objection I can see to my candidature," he said, "is that I have an electric light sticking out of the top of my head. (Laughter.) But I want to say this to The Advertiser, and to all others, who think the same way, that I have been from the beginning, and am now, and will continue to be, a strong advocate of Niagara power—just as strong as it possibly can be. And I want to say to The Advertiser, in answer to one or two questions it has propounded, that so far as I am concerned the public interests of the city of London will be safeguarded, even at the expense of the private interests of J. C. Judd. Again, I want to say this as to watered stock (while denying that there is any watered stock in the London Electric): If the city ever undertakes to buy the London Electric Company it will not be within my province as mayor, or within the province of any other man who succeeds me, to say what shall be done. It will be a matter for the people of London to deal with."

A Political Feat

Mr. J. H. Fryer, of Galt, president of the W. O. M. P. A., said that the great fear of all who have the good of Niagara power at heart now is that it will be made a political issue. He asked everybody to regard the matter in a broad light, and to do as Toronto had done—roll up a mighty majority for the bill on Monday. The cheapest way, he said, to get Niagara power, and get it right—under the provisions of the bill of the Ontario Government. The city of London need never expect to get power from the big private electric companies. They are endeavoring to supply the places (Continued on Page Two.)

CANDIDATES AT CAR WORKS

Several Addressed the Workmen During Noon Hour Today.

Municipal matters were discussed at length at the Grand Trunk car works today.

Among those who addressed the electors were Mayor Judd, Chairman Darch, ex-Ald. Stevely, School Trustee Gammage, A. A. Campbell, candidate for the school board; Ald. Booth and Messrs. Donnelly, Lawrence, Rose and Everett, all aldermanic candidates.

Strange to relate, Mayor Judd did not speak of the good work he had done from time to time for the Grand Trunk Railway, and Chairman Darch did not even mention the good turn he did the London street railway last June, when he gave the Springfield theater and park to the company for practically nothing.

Messrs. Gammage and Campbell were given splendid receptions by the workmen of the east end. Ex-Ald. Stevely was also loudly cheered, and the other candidates were well received.

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