

NOW THE COUNCIL CONSISTS OF 12 MEMBERS CITY SOLICITOR GIVES HIS WRITTEN OPINION

Hopes of Three Gentlemen Who Were Notified That They Had Been Elected Are Blasted—At Least This Is So for the Time Being, It Is Said at the City Hall.

LAW IS QUOTED TO SHOW THAT CITY STILL HAS ONLY FOUR OLD WARDS

Order of the Railway Board Does Not Affect the Case, Says Mr. Meredith in a Report Made to the Mayor on the Subject.

Today London has but twelve aldermen. Yesterday there were hopes that the number would reach fifteen, but during the past twenty-four hours City Solicitor Meredith has shattered the dream, with an opinion on the subject. Ex-Ald. Jas. Donnelly and Ald. W. G. Coles, who were two of the three declared elected and who took the oath of office, are counted out.

Ald. R. F. Blandford was the third, but he did not bother about the matter, refusing to obey the request of City Clerk Baker to qualify. As a result the three gentlemen must remain off the aldermanic board for this year at least.

Some days ago Mayor Graham asked City Solicitor Meredith to give an opinion on the question, and today it was forwarded to the city hall. In it the solicitor states unequivocally that the council consists of Mayor Graham and the twelve aldermen polling the highest number of votes.

Reading the Law.

After reciting the terms of Mayor Graham's request, Mr. Meredith pointed out that the Ontario railway and municipal board act, 1906, section 53, confers the powers of the Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council upon the municipal board.

"Section 102 of the consolidated municipal act, 1902," he continues, "provides that in case two-thirds of the members of the council of a city do, before July 15, in any year, pass a resolution affirming the expediency of a new division into wards being made of the city, or a part of the same, either within the existing limits, or with the addition of any part of the localities adjacent, etc.,

"I am of opinion, therefore, that notwithstanding the order of the Ontario Railway and Municipal Board, the city has only four wards, and in consequence, that the twelve aldermen who received the highest number of votes are elected, and with yourself as mayor, compose the council of the corporation."

"This opinion seems to be explicit, and it is accepted at the city hall as final."

"In spite of the fact that there has been much discussion, I have always been of the opinion that the council was composed of but twelve aldermen," explained the mayor. "The opinion of City Solicitor Meredith leaves no room for argument in my mind. We will organize the council on the basis of twelve aldermen, and the committees will be composed of four members, as has been the case for some years."

"I was satisfied," he stated, "I am not rushing after the position, and did not qualify. I do not know that I would had the council been composed of 15 members, as it was alleged."

ROUMANIA SENDS ULTIMATUM TO BULGARIAN GOVERNMENT

London, Jan. 10. — Roumania practically delivered an ultimatum to Bulgaria today by demanding the cession of Silistria and the territory to the north of a line stretching from there to Kavarna, on the Black Sea, according to a news agency dispatch from Sofia.

Paris, Jan. 10.—Roumania decided today to mobilize her army if she does not obtain within 48 hours satisfaction from Bulgaria in regard to the rectification of her frontier, according to a dispatch from Bucharest to the Temps.

AGED LADY FOUND ALMOST ASPHYXIATED

Mrs. George Craddock, 80 Years Old, Had Been Living Alone.

Mrs. George Craddock, a lady of 80 years, wife of the veteran architect, who died a few weeks ago, was found almost asphyxiated at her home, corner of Fullerton and Talbot streets, this afternoon.

A light in the place attracted the attention of neighbors, who, failing to receive any response from the place, notified the police. Detective Robert Egleton responded, and after forcing an entrance, found Mrs. Craddock prostrate on the floor. She had apparently arisen for some purpose during the night, and had either been stricken with a fainting spell or had been overcome by fumes. The lid was off a stove, and the place was filled with gas.

She was attended by Dr. Waugh, and after reviving to some extent was taken to Victoria Hospital in the police ambulance.

THE UNFILLED TONNAGE.

(Canadian Press.)
New York, Jan. 10.—The unfilled tonnage of the United States Steel Corporation on Dec. 31 totals 7,932,164 tons, an increase of 79,281 tons over Nov. 10.

RETIRE PREMIER WHITNEY OR WHOLE CONS. PARTY

Ottawa Journal (Conservative) Says This Must Be the Inevitable Result of Sir James' Unprogressive Attitude in Regard to the Demand for Tax Reform.

Ottawa, Jan. 9.—The evening Journal (Conservative) makes a strong editorial attack tonight upon Sir James Whitney and his stand upon the tax reform question. It says in part: "If Sir James Whitney is going to maintain his present attitude against tax reform, we think that the province can afford to retire Sir James Whitney from power."

LONDON LADY'S SISTER STRICKEN SUDDENLY

Mrs. Elizabeth Wanless Victim of Paralysis at Alvington, Ont.

The death occurred very unexpectedly in Alvington today of Mrs. Elizabeth Wanless, sister of Mrs. (Dr.) Roome, of this city. Mrs. Wanless was taken ill shortly after midnight and died some hours later from the effects of a paralytic stroke. She was 69 years old, and the wife of M. C. R. Agent James Wanless. Prior to her marriage she was Miss Anderson, of Newbury. Besides her husband she leaves the following children: James, M. C. R. agent at West Lorne; J. M. in Dauphin, Man.; Mrs. Wm. Thompson and Miss Violet, of Toronto. Two sisters are Mrs. (Dr.) Roome, of this city, and Mrs. Wm. Andrews, and one brother, John, of St. Marys.

WENT THROUGH ICE.

Montreal, Jan. 10.—Robert Hannan, 14 years old, of St. Cunegonde, lost his life by falling through the ice in the Lachine Canal last evening while skating. His brother Francis, two years older, who was in his company, and who tried to save him, had a narrow escape from meeting the same fate.



IVY WEBB, Hill Street East Child Who Was Terribly Injured on a Slide.

DUCHESS PASSED A BETTER NIGHT

Latest Bulletin Says Condition Improved and Her Strength Maintained.

MAY SEND FOR TREVES

Sympathetic Messages Are Pouring Into Hospital Authorities From All Parts.

(Canadian Press.)
Montreal, Jan. 10. — Her Royal Highness the Duchess of Connaught passed a better night and slept more. This morning her condition showed some improvement, and her strength is well maintained.

(Signed) "E. S. WORTHINGTON, A. E. GARROW, M. D., W. W. CHIPMAN, "Royal Victoria Hospital, "Montreal, Jan. 10."

The royal party here was immensely encouraged by the reports received on the condition of the Duchess of Connaught during last night, and today. The last bulletin issued yesterday evening intimated that the duchess was resting more comfortably, and was maintaining her strength. Her royal highness slept soundly for long intervals, and this morning when the duke and Princess Patricia paid their visit to the hospital, the duchess was unquestionably better than she has been since the attack of peritonitis was renewed.

No setback occurred as the morning progressed, and after a consultation with her medical advisers felt justified in issuing the optimistic bulletin.

His Highness Worried.
That the condition of the Duchess is, however, giving the duke and the princess the gravest anxiety is indicated by the unusual measures that have been taken to keep them from any outside worries. The police guard, which has been stationed about the residence of Sir Montagu Allan, where their royal highnesses are staying, has been rigidly maintained night and day. It has been learned that the royal family here has been caused annoyance by the sensational reports that have been supplied to American papers, and which it is feared will also be cabled to the English papers.

The local papers have been invited by friends of the Governor-General here to refrain from worrying the duke and the princess by taking snapshots of them when they visit the hospital. This request was not made on the occasion of the duchess' previous illness and stay in the Royal Victoria Hospital, and it is thought that the duke is a great deal more alarmed over her present sickness than over the first attack her royal highness suffered.

One of the rumors heard here today was to the effect that the duke had cabled for an English surgeon to come to Canada, and the name of Sir Frederick Treves, the eminent operator, was coupled with this story.

Arthur Sladen, the secretary of the duke, when asked about the likelihood of an English surgeon being brought across, said he had heard about it, but did not think there was anything in it.

Sympathetic messages continue to pour in from all parts, while the hospital authorities received inquiries all this morning, both over the local and long-distance telephone, a number coming in, it is understood, from Ottawa and Toronto.

THE WEATHER.

TOMORROW—SNOW OR RAIN.

Forecast.
Toronto, Jan. 10—8 a.m.

Today—Fair, with a little higher temperature.

Tomorrow—Some snow or rain, chiefly towards evening or at night.

Temperatures.
The following were the highest and lowest temperatures during the 24 hours previous to 8 a.m. today:

Stations.	High.	Low.	Weather.
LONDON	33	17	Clear
Victoria	26	8	Fair
Calgary	28	16	Cloudy
Port Arthur	28	6	Fair
Perry Sound	24	12	Cloudy
Toronto	28	12	Cloudy
Ottawa	28	12	Fair
Montreal	12	8	Cloudy
Quebec	2	2	Cloudy
Father Point	2	2	Cloudy

Weather Notes.

Very cold weather prevails in the Western Provinces, but elsewhere in Canada conditions promise to be governed by a depression now situated in the middle and south Pacific states.

IRELAND TO BE AS A COLONY

London, Jan. 9.—During the consideration of the Irish home rule bill in the House of Commons today, Felix Casel moved an amendment to omit clause twenty-eight, which states that the judicial committee of the privy council shall hereafter be the appellate court of Ireland, as in the case of the dominions. Mr. Casel denounced the provision as being openly and avowedly separatist, placing Ireland in the same position as a colony. Irish appeals, he said, should continue to go to the House of Lords.

Sir Rufus Isaacs, the attorney-general, opposed the amendment, which was eventually defeated by a majority of 127.

Augustine Birrell, the chief secretary for Ireland, moved to amend clause thirty-one by adding a declaration that the continuance in office of the lord-lieutenant should not be affected by any change in the ministry.

R. M. Neill proposed to add a provision that the lord-lieutenant should conform to the practice of the governors of the overseas dominions in relation to matters of political controversy. This proposal was rejected by a majority of 112, and Birrell's amendment was then agreed to.

Ten clauses were disposed of by the operation of closure.

COL. HUGHES TAKEN OVER SITE FOR FEDERAL SQUARE

Ald. Coles Says the Minister of Militia Was Well Satisfied—Work of Procuring the Land Necessary Will Be Begun as Soon as Possible.

Ald. Coles (or ex-Ald., which is it?) is confident that the federal square scheme will go through without any hitch whatever.

Yesterday afternoon, he had a long conversation with Hon. Sam Hughes, minister of militia, on the question, and he was informed that the Government would do their part in the matter.

"The whole thing is settled," declared Ald. Coles. "We took the Minister of Militia over the ground, and he was well pleased with the location, and the rest of it. He had a chat with Mayor Graham and myself on the matter, and told us to go ahead, and close the deal at once. As soon as the bylaw is finally passed, we will go ahead with the purchase of the necessary land. There is no doubt about the deal being closed, so far as the Government is concerned. They will pay over the money as soon as we are ready."

"There is no doubt about it," explained his worship. "We were assured that the Government were prepared to do their duty in the matter, and Col. Hughes told us to get the scheme in operation at as early a date as possible."

TRIED TO FREEZE OUT G. T. R. BY RUSHING BYLAW TO PEOPLE

Free Press Announces That the Grand Trunk Railway Would Like to Get the City's Line to the Lakeside—One Result of Mature Consideration on Part of Last Year's Council.

Keen interest in the disposition of the London and Port Stanley Railway is being taken by citizens generally, and in view of the fact that the Free Press now asserts that the Grand Trunk desires to complete for the lease of the road. It is being pointed out that had the electrification project been rushed to the people, and by any chance carried, the G. T. R. and all other lines would have been barred from bidding for the road.

There is a general feeling that the great trunk railways should not alone be permitted to bid for the lease but should be invited by the city to do so. While this is still possible, the position would have been greatly different had those who proposed rushing the scheme through attained their object.

In view of the attitude of the London Free Press, it is now regarded as the duty of the aldermen who were elected on the so-called electrification slate to invite bids from the Grand Trunk and C. P. R., particularly as during the campaign it was charged that these great trunk lines were being frozen out by the aldermen who voted for delay.

FORMER INGERSOLL WOMAN DROWNED NEAR VANCOUVER

Mrs. J. H. V. Simpson Was One of the Five Victims in the Sinking of the Steamer Cheslakee—Taught in Ingersoll Schools for Many Years.

(Special to The Advertiser.)
Ingersoll, Jan. 10.—Mr. and Mrs. George Bloor received a telegram this afternoon from Vancouver, announcing that their daughter, Mrs. J. H. V. Simpson (formerly Miss Minnie Bloor), was one of those drowned on the steamer Cheslakee, which foundered early yesterday morning while making the trip from Nanaimo to Vancouver. Three passengers and

one of the crew were drowned out of 89, who were on board.

The late Mrs. Simpson was about 30 years old, and before leaving for the west three years ago was for a long time one of the teachers in the Central school here. Two years ago she was married.

The telegram received today states that the remains were recovered and that the body was being shipped to Ingersoll for interment. It will probably arrive on Wednesday next.

CHILD CLIMBING A HILL WAS RUN INTO BY BOY ON SLED

Little Ivy Webb, of 782 Hill Street, Terribly Injured While at Play.

Ivy Webb, of 782 Hill street, the 11-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John G. Webb, is in a serious condition at Victoria Hospital as a result of a sleighing accident which occurred on a sand pit opposite her home on Hill street.

The little girl, accompanied by her two younger sisters, had gone to the sand pit where their mother's expressed wishes, and were playing with a number of other children. She was climbing to the top of the hill, and did not notice the approach of a sled, guided by Ivanout of danger.

MAY ASK LEGISLATURE TO VALIDATE BYLAWS

City May Do So in the Case of Loans to Two Industries.

The council will probably ask the Legislature to validate the bylaws defeated at the recent election to grant loans to the C.-N.-W. Shoe Company, and the Findlay Porcelain Company.

Ald. Spittal, chairman of the manufacturers' committee, is considering the matter, and is seeking information on the subject.

"While the matter has not been definitely decided, it is probable that we will ask the Legislature, by the city of London bill, to validate these bylaws," he stated today. "Both were

"PANDERING TO MOB SPIRIT GRAVE DANGER TO CANADA," SAYS HON. SAM HUGHES

Too Much of It in England and This Country, He Declares—Fears "Ultra Forms" of Democracy.

DR. MACDONALD SAYS CANADA MUST HAVE CONTROL OF ALL HER POLICIES

Brilliant Speech by Editor of The Globe—Hon W. J. Hanna, Provincial Secretary, Told of the Work of the Prison Farms.

From the standpoint of attendance and interest, the annual banquet of the Canadian Club, held last evening in the Tecumseh House, was the best in the history of this useful organization. Hon. Sam Hughes, minister of militia; Dr. J. A. Macdonald, editor of the Globe, and Hon. W. J. Hanna, provincial secretary, were the speakers of the evening.

Dr. Macdonald was brilliant in his address on "Canada." Hon. W. J. Hanna gave a most interesting account of the work being done on the prison farms of Ontario, while Hon. Sam Hughes made a strong plea for sympathy for the cadet movement so dear to his heart.

Mr. Jared Vining, president of the Canadian Club, was the presiding officer. He briefly referred to the occasion, and expressed his warm appreciation of the large attendance, and his gratitude that the three distinguished speakers of the evening had come to address them. He did not forget to express his regret at the unavoidable absence of Hon. Mr. Doherty, minister of justice, who was to have responded to one of the toasts.

An excellent musical program was provided. Tony Cortese's orchestra, augmented for the occasion, rendered a score of excellent selections. Mr. Robert Habbeshaw, formerly of Leeds, England, charmed the vast audience with his fine singing. He is a valuable acquisition to the musical talent of this city. He is a tenor possessing a wonderful voice and dramatic talent. Mr. W. A. McCutcheon delighted the members with his singing. Mr. A. D. Jordan

and Mr. C. E. Wheeler acted as accompanist.

Hon. Mr. Doherty III, President Vining introduced Hon. Sam Hughes. The latter expressed his appreciation of the privilege of coming to London to address the Canadian Club. He declared that Hon. Mr. Doherty was suffering from an attack of the grip, or he would have been present to address the members of the club.

In a humorous way he denied that Ald. Coles, Rev. Mr. Inkster and himself had entered into a conspiracy to carry the federal square. He also denied that he and Ald. Coles had gone into land speculation to make a large sum of money out of the sale of property arising out of the deal.

"The land will be used for a military square and for municipal purposes in the near future," declared Col. Hughes.

TRUSTEE GUNN WOULD BAR CANDIDATES FROM ADVERTISING

Says the Advantage Is On the Side of the Man With the Money.

Trustee John M. Gunn is nothing if not original, and he is liable to start something new at any moment.

At the next meeting of the board of education, he will introduce a motion asking the trustees to memorialize the Provincial Government to enact legislation to make it an offence for a candidate for public office to advertise in the newspaper, by card or poster or otherwise. In lieu, the city clerk is to be instructed to publish in a prominent place the names of the candidates for office every day from nomination day to election day.

A WRIT FOR \$51,409.50 ISSUED BY MR. N. M. CANTIN

Founder of St. Joseph, Ont., Is Suing S.R. Clark and J. R. Carter.

Mr. J. M. McEvoy, acting upon instructions received from Mr. N. M. Cantin, of St. Joseph, Ont., has issued a writ against Sam R. Clark and John R. Carter, in which Mr. Cantin claims \$51,409.50 interest. The amount mentioned in the writ is the value of \$14,095 shares of stock in a certain

company, and Mr. Cantin also claims an injunction restraining the defendants from selling the stock until judgment is given.

INSPECTOR EDWARDS NOT AGAINST HIGH SCHOOL EXAMS

Does Not Agree With All Inspector Hughes Says Against Them.

Inspector James L. Hughes, of Toronto, in a public address the other evening in the Queen City, characterized the high school entrance examinations as "an abominable curse," and the "greatest agency of the devil in all Canada," and paid other flattering tributes to this time-honored test.

Inspector Edwards, in discussing the matter, does not agree with the inspector, and thinks the picture much overdrawn.

"The entrance examination, when properly conducted, is a good thing, and should not be criticized in this way," said Mr. Edwards. "Of course, there is a possibility of spoiling its effect, but in London I do not think any such charge could be brought against

APPOINTED CITY SOLICITOR.

(Canadian Press.)

Medicine Hat, Jan. 10.—W. J. O'Neill, of Paris, Ont., has been appointed city solicitor at Medicine Hat.