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Official Figures Show Viaduct Defeated by 59

Hasty Calculation by City Clerk's Staff on Election Night Gave Viaduct 1,000 More Votes in Second Ward Than Actually Recorded—Carelessness of D. R. O.'s Comp.eted the Bungle.

RECOUNT MAY SHOW VICTORY

BLOOR-STREET VIADUCT

Ward	For	Against
Ward 1	2000	800
Ward 2	1213	1020
Ward 3	695	792
Ward 4	1100	1545
Ward 5	1400	2224
Ward 6	1829	2825
Ward 7	350	493
Totals	9707	9766

Majority against, 59.

According to the official figures supplied by the city clerk's office, the Bloor-street viaduct bylaw was defeated by 59 votes.

Shortly after 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon it was discovered that two mistakes had been made in the figures compiled unofficially by the city clerk's office staff on the night of the election. These indicated that this bylaw had carried by a big majority.

The returns for the newspapers made by the Burroughs Adding Machine Co. also indicated that the viaduct had carried by 804 majority, with four polling stations to hear from, but when these figures were checked over last night it was found that some of the returns slips had been erroneously marked, and when the corrections were made the majority was reduced to less than 100, and returns from four polling divisions in the west end had not been received.

The news that the bylaw had not carried after all spread rapidly thru the city and scores of persons phoned the World last night to enquire if such were the case. Aid. Rowland and Chisholm announced that a recount would certainly be called for, and it is not improbable that a careful scrutiny of the ballots will show a majority in favor.

Vote Again Before January?

Speaking of the viaduct figures, Aid. O'Neil said last evening that if it was really lost, the bylaw should come up again by the middle of the year, when the matter could be given more attention by the citizens. "Toronto needs the viaduct as soon as possible and it should not be left for a whole year before the people are given an opportunity to again speak their mind on the matter," said the aid.

Aid. Graham thought that the vote was near enough to warrant the city proceeding with the work.

A Hasty Summary.

The figures handed out by the city clerk's office were hurriedly compiled and gave the viaduct a large majority. When it was seen that this figure agreed with that of the Burroughs Adding Machine Co. it was believed to be at least approximately correct, but the figures were not checked over, and City Clerk Littlejohn said that his department would assume no responsibility regarding them. The newspapers, however, used the figures totaled by the Burroughs Adding Machine Co.

It is customary for the city clerk's office to total the returns for the aldermanic and board of control contests before the bylaws, and hence work was not commenced on the bylaws till late Tuesday afternoon. Some time after four o'clock yesterday afternoon it was found that in adding Ward 2 there had been an error made in the previous count, which had the effect of making the total vote for the viaduct appear to be 1000 votes larger than the correct figures showed. When this was rectified it was seen that the bylaw was defeated. The department also found another discrepancy in Ward Five.

D. R. O.'s to Elame.

When the Burroughs Adding Machine Co. went over their work last night it was found that they had previously counted 430 votes for the bylaw in Ward Six, subdivision two. This was obviously an error, but when the return slip was looked up it was found to have been copied correctly. Again in subdivision 30, Ward Five, the return slip gave 334 votes for the viaduct and 21 against. The total vote for the hydro-electric bylaw was 69 so that it was seen that the figure should have been 64 in favor. This meant that at least 700 votes too many had been totaled for the bylaw.

The slips used by the newspapers for the purpose of marking the returns of the Bloor-street viaduct, bylaw were of different colors and the figures, which were in lead pencil, were sometimes extremely difficult to read and often were very carelessly written. The totals made on the add-

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Welland Canal Campaign

BERLIN, Jan. 3.—An important meeting was held this afternoon in the city hall, presided over by Dr. E. Detweiler. The Welland Canal project was under discussion and it was decided to invite representatives from Ontario towns to a general meeting in Berlin on the 11th inst. for further discussion on the project.

The same gentlemen were in attendance as were present at the meeting when hydro-power was launched here in 1902.

CHINESE NATION HOPING FOR PEACE

Imperial Court Doing Out Treasure While Preparing for Retreat to Mongolia, Where Territory May Split Into Three Kingdoms—Premier Refuses to Negotiate By Wire.

PEKIN, Jan. 3.—Confidence continues to revive among the adherents of the imperial court. The Chinese nation is very easily encouraged or discouraged owing to its trait of timidity. Nowhere else in the world could 80,000 ounces of gold bars such as were discovered from the imperial purse find the hands of Premier Yuan Shi Kai yesterday seriously affect a great empire at a critical moment.

A belief is current that fighting will shortly be resumed. Premier Yuan Shi Kai has not received any reply from Wu Ting Fang at Shanghai, whom he informed that he would in future carry on negotiations by telegraph. It is understood that the republicans object to negotiate by telegraph.

Shanghai in Terror.

The imperial delegates, who have returned here from Shanghai, state that a reign of terror prevails in that city. Nobody dares to venture an opinion in favor of a constitutional monarchy.

In quarters closely connected with the imperial government it is believed that the important provinces of Hupeh and Hunan are dissatisfied with the foreign educated element, which is dominating the affairs at Shanghai. The hope exists in these quarters that these two provinces will soon revert to the idea of a constitutional monarchy.

Will Pay for Results.

In case Yuan Shi Kai makes satisfactory progress in the course of this month in his attempts to suppress the rebellion, more treasure will be forthcoming from the coffers of the Manchu princes and the imperial court.

SHANGHAI, Jan. 3.—"I have done my best for my country and do not desire to embarrass my old chief." This is all that Tang Shao Yi would say for publication after the announcement of his resignation as a representative of Premier Yuan Shi Kai to the peace conference.

Tang Shao Yi appears to be much affected over the situation. Up to last night he believed that peace was assured and that there would be no further bloodshed.

Emperor Going to Mongolia.

HARBIN, Jan. 3.—The commander of the imperial troops at Zekhe, Mongolia, has received 100,000 taels and instructions to prepare a residence for the emperor and other members of the royal family, and to organize a Mongol body-guard.

No Negotiations by Wire.

LONDON, Jan. 3.—Wu Ting Fang has written to Premier Yuan Shi Kai, says The Daily Telegraph's Shanghai correspondent, informing the premier that he declines to carry on negotiations by telegraph. He insists upon Yuan Shi Kai coming to Shanghai for that purpose. Dr. Wu believes that the premier is willing to join the republicans, but is afraid to leave Peking.

Three Mongol Kingdoms.

A despatch from St. Petersburg to The Telegraph says that there is danger of Mongolia splitting into three separate kingdoms. Eastern Mongolia has already proclaimed independence at Urga. Western and Southern Mongolia are preparing to follow suit, with capitals at Kobdo and Ulassutai.

Yuan Denounced.

SHANGHAI, Jan. 4.—Yuan Shi Kai's tardy repudiation of his plenipotentiary...

THE BEGINNER



TOMMY WHITE: But I see by the World's sporting hints that it's best not to depend too much on the chair, but to strike right out.

"FIGHTING BOB" CROSSES STYX

Admiral Evans, Most Popular of American Sailormen, Dies Suddenly of Acute Indigestion—Sailed Fleet Round the Globe and Fought in the Cuban War.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3.—Rear-Admiral Robley D. Evans, retired, died suddenly to-night of acute indigestion. He had been apparently in the best of health up to the minute he was stricken.

Admiral Evans, one of the most popular men in the U. S. navy, across this morning apparently in better health than he has enjoyed for some time. He lunched at 1 o'clock and almost immediately afterward was stricken. Dr. S. S. Adams was called hurriedly, but the naval officer lapsed into unconsciousness, dying at 4.45 o'clock.

Admiral Evans started the battleship fleet in its cruise around the world, resigning command at San Francisco because of his approaching retirement from the service. From President Taft down, officials of the government to-night expressed the deepest regret over his sudden demise.

Robley Duglison Evans was born Aug. 16, 1846, in Floyd County, Virginia, and educated in the public schools of Washington. He graduated from the United States Naval Academy in 1865, and was made an ensign in October of that year. He participated in both attacks on Fort Fisher in January, 1865, and in the land attack received four severe rifle shot wounds. He achieved his lieutenantcy in 1866, became a lieutenant commander in 1868, and a commander in 1878. When in command of the Yorktown in 1891, at Valparaiso, Chile, his conduct when American sailors were attacked, earned for him the name of "Fighting Bob" Evans.

He was promoted to a captaincy in 1893, and in 1899 commanded the battleship Iowa in Sampson's fleet, taking an active part in the destruction of Cervera's fleet off Santiago, Cuba. He was appointed president of the board of inspection and survey, and was made a rear-admiral on Feb. 11, 1901. He was commander-in-chief of the Asiatic station, 1902-4, and commanded the Atlantic fleet from 1906 to 1907. He retired on Aug. 18, 1908.

Since his retirement he has devoted himself to writing his memoirs and to the directorate of oil fields in California.

Will Banquet Hon. Samuel.

CHATHAM, Ont., Jan. 3.—Col. the Hon. Sam Hughes, minister of militia and defence in the Borden cabinet, will arrive here on Thursday in inspection of the 24th Regiment. A special invitation was sent him some time ago by the officers of the regiment. A banquet will be tendered Col. Hughes in the armory in the evening.

A Recount of the Viaduct Vote

The city clerk has summed up the figures in the statements made to him, signed by the deputy returning officers, as to the vote on the money bylaw for the Bloor-Danforth viaduct. The figures show a majority of 59 against the bylaw.

It will be necessary to have a recount before a judge, which means that the ballot boxes will be opened and each ballot paper scrutinized and counted. An occasional ballot box had been known to act peculiarly where there was no scrutineer. There were a lot of rejected ballots. A recount also permits of an examination of the poll books. A recount will clear up things and let the friends of the viaduct see what they have ahead of them.

But the viaduct will be built and it will be the greatest municipal improvement that ever came to Toronto. The World begs to suggest to itself and its esteemed contemporaries that their joint arrangement for getting the results on election nights might be improved on.

In the meantime it is best to have a philosophic mind, a bright outlook, the courage that grows in the face of temporary setbacks. Each day now becomes longer and brighter with a sun ascending in the heavens, every morning sees another hen enrolling in the laying band, and the need for room to expand becomes more pressing in this fine City of Toronto. Even newspapers can learn to cheer for progress.

These Elopers Left Spouses at Home

A. A. Anderson, Toronto, and Mrs. Mary Racho, Stratford, Arrested at Gait.

GALT, Jan. 3.—(Special)—The capture of a pair of elopers was cleverly effected by Chief Gorman to-day. The parties are A. A. Anderson, Toronto, and Mrs. Mary Racho, Stratford, in which latter city they are wanted on a charge of theft. A descriptive photo circular had been sent out in October asking for the arrest of the couple. Chief Gorman recognized the pair thereby, and took them in.

Anderson, aged 45, claims to be a detective. He is married and has a family in Toronto. Mrs. Racho left her husband and several children in Stratford. Both were well dressed and in funds.

A Stratford officer to-night took the prisoners back.

The arrest of the distinguished-looking strangers created a big sensation in town, where they have been living in style for several days.

The London Daily Telegraph Says:

"Passers By" at Wyndham's Theatre is a wonderful play. Mr. Charles Froman has presented nothing better. It will be a household word in England for many years. Haddon Chambers has excelled "Captain Swift" and "The Tyranny of Tears" in his latest work.

"Passers By" opens at the Princess Monday.

CAR COLLISIONS CREATE PANICS

Passengers Thrown Out of Trailer on King Street and One Hurt—Another Mix-up.

Taking an open switch at King and Church-street at 5.45 last night, west-bound Belt Line car 1410, in charge of Motorman J. Barrington, 1380, crashed into a trailer attached to an east-bound King car which was crossing the intersection. A number of persons were thrown from the trailer into the road, but fortunately most of them escaped without injury. Miss Georgina Shaw, 171 Rhodes-avenue, was so severely injured that she had to be driven home in a taxi cab. The trailer was wrecked, but stood on its wheels so that it was hauled along to the East King-street barns.

Another mix-up happened at Queen and McCaul-street last night at 11 p.m. The cars figuring in the collision were Bloor No. 1416 going west on Queen, and Bloor No. 1180, rounding the switch from McCaul-street to Queen. The car going west was crowded with home-goers from the theatres. Possibly the heavily-loaded car prevented the brakes from having the desired effect as it approached the stopping place at McCaul. Anyhow, it didn't stop in time and bumped into the eastbound car rounding the curve. Everybody was frightened momentarily, but nobody was hurt. This does not apply to the car fenders, for both were smashed and twisted into all sorts of shapes.

After a lot of hauling and pulling and lifting, the motorman and conductor were freed.

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Local Option is Blocked

Now Hope To Cut Licenses

Earlier Closing Is Also Part of New Policy Which Temperance Champions Admit Offers Only Hope of Progress—Views of Rev. Dr. Creighton.

"License reduction and earlier closing are undoubted the lines on which the temperance party in Ontario will now have to work," said Rev. Dr. Creighton, editor of The Christian Guardian and a leading member of the Ontario Alliance, to The World yesterday afternoon.

"It is true, as The World stated in its accurate description of the situation in this province, that the campaign on a large scale for local option is a moot over. There is, of course, some territory yet to be covered, but not much.

"Some of our friends talk about a campaign for provincial prohibition, but public sentiment does not appear to be ready for an immediate successful appeal to the electorate on that line, and the recent election did not give much hope for an early abolition of the three-fifths clause.

"There is, however, considerable to be hoped for along license reduction lines, and possibly for earlier closing. It is probable that many of the urban municipal councils just elected can be induced to submit license reduction bylaws at their next municipal election. To promote this is to my mind one of the urgent and most important matters requiring the attention of the Ontario Alliance."

DEADLOCK NOW BROKEN IN PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND

Conservatives Sweep the Insular Province in Provincial Elections, Only One Division Possibly Liberal—Prospect of Car Ferry and Turnover at Ottawa Has Moved the Electorate.

CHARLOTTETOWN, P.E.I., Jan. 3.—The provincial elections to-day passed off quietly and the Conservative government achieved a remarkable victory, quite beyond precedent in its sweep.

For some weeks past the general opinion had been that the Conservatives would win, but it was still thought by many that eight or ten Liberals at least would be returned, and even the most sanguine were surprised at the vote.

Such a sweep was not anticipated, and in Charlottetown especially the Liberals were completely routed. Every division in the island is Conservative, except Second Prince, which is not yet verified.

The well-known line that hope deferred maketh the heart sick has been exemplified in the political history of Prince Edward Island. It had long

been promised an improved service with the mainland, but the Laurier government fell down and fell down badly, on that proposition. Now the islanders with a new government in power and with the promise of a car ferry have returned a Conservative administration. Its hopes will not be disappointed and Prince Edward Island with its fertile soil and splendid promise will now be accorded the opportunity, which it well deserves, to pass from its place of tragedy into the dawn and day of a new era in its history.

HALIFAX, Jan. 3.—The standing of the parties in Prince Edward Island is: 23 Conservatives and 2 Liberals. The Liberals elected are: Hon. John Richards of Blidedford, leader of the opposition, and his colleague, A. McWilliams, of West Cape, both in the second district of Prince Edward Island. All the other seats in the island have gone Conservative.

TRAIL OF FIREBUGS AT NEWSPAPER OFFICES

Globe and Mail Each Had Two Visitations, L. L. Flames Failed to Make Headway.

Fires, obviously of incendiary origin, were started in The Mail and Empire and The Globe buildings early this morning. These blazes were started twice in each place.

The first was discovered at 12.30 in a little compartment at the rear of The Globe building. A pile of blazing papers was found and the fire was extinguished by employees. Fifteen minutes later the blaze was discovered again in the same place and this time it was even more difficult to quell.

At 1.10 fire was discovered in The Mail building stairs, which had been set in the same way. This was extinguished, but later, at 1.35, a worse blaze was discovered in the basement among some chemicals. To put this out the department was called out.

WINNIPEG'S FIRE

Motor Works and Stairs Burned to Tune of \$5,000.

WINNIPEG, Jan. 3.—For over two hours this evening the fire department fought a stubborn fire in the central district in an atmosphere of 30 below zero. The origin of the fire, which was in the Excelsior Motor Works, on Garry-street, about a block from the postoffice, was in the same block on the same side of the street with Premier Roblin's residence.

The loss in the garage includes 16 motor cars, averaging \$1500 each, while a terrace of houses, the fronts of which had been extended for stores was destroyed, at a loss of about \$13,000; the total loss being placed at \$75,000. During the fire two firemen had their feet badly cut by jumping on to a broom gin.

The firemen were handicapped by the failure of high pressure on two occasions, the fire gaining at once and spreading south.

Captain Baker's Danger

MONTREAL, Jan. 3.—Captain Baker of the West St. Catharines-street police station, who was injured in a clash with McGill students about three months ago, is dangerously ill at his home.

It was while endeavoring to handle a mob of students who were interfering with the street cars that Captain Baker was injured.

PERSIA IN HIGH DUDGEON OVER HANGING OF SHEGAT

Russians Execute Head of Religious Body During Most Solemn Festival of the Year.

TEHERAN, Jan. 3.—The execution of Shegat Ul Islam, head of one of the religious sects, which took place at Tabriz on Monday after a court-martial by Russian officers, has deeply perturbed officials here.

Seven other Persians were hanged at the same time, and there is apprehension that Russia's drastic and wholesale executions, which occurred during the most solemn religious festival of the Persian year, will affront national feeling to a dangerous degree.

The successor to W. Morgan Shuster as treasurer-general of Persia has not yet been named. Rumors are again current that the Bakhtiaris design to create a new dynasty.

COMMITTEE ON ESTIMATES

Borden Government Likely to Adopt New Machinery Which is Favored by Asquith Government.

OTTAWA, Jan. 3.—(Special)—One of the plans which the government is considering for the expediting of public business is the committing of the estimates to a special committee, which can canvass them informally, calling in civil servants for explanations, and in general getting the work done outside of the time of the house. The Courtenay commission in 1908 recommended this, but the Laurier government took no notice. The plan seems on the verge of being adopted on Great Britain.

Last December a deputation of over 200 members of the British house, representing all parties, waited upon Mr. A. Asquith and urged the change upon him. After consideration Mr. Asquith gave a favorable reply, and it seems likely that the plan will be adopted next session.

The Borden government is following this development closely and the resignation of the estimated consideration of the estimates to a special committee, seems likely to come soon. It should at once cause the expenditure to be watched more closely and save much of the time of the house.

CLERICAL CHANGES

BRANTFORD, Jan. 3.—Rev. Father Myers, assistant priest at St. Basil's Church in this city, has been assigned by Bishop Dowling to the parish of New Germany.

Rev. G. A. Woodside, the new pastor of Zion Church, who comes here from Owen Sound, will be inducted to-morrow night.

WOODSTOCK, Jan. 3.—At a congregational farewell reception to Rev. T. G. Wallace at New St. Paul's last night, the rector, who is moving to Toronto, was presented with a purse of gold containing about \$200.

CANADIAN MINK SALE

There is one fur we have in Canada which is acknowledged superior to almost all others. It is the Labrador Mink. In the Pineson Fur Sale now going on you will see some very exclusive lines of garments in this fur. We might point particularly to the fact that these pelts were specially selected by the Pineson agents in Northeastern Canada, and were made into garments in the Pineson workrooms.