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Twenty-five only, Women's and Misses' Long Winter Coats in mixed tweed effects; colors of gray, green and brown, large and coat collar styles. Values up to \$12.00, on sale Tuesday for..... **\$7.50**

75c EMBROIDERED CORSET COVERS FOR 39c.

Five dozen fine Muslin Allover Embroidered Corset Covers, with lace trimming, sizes 34, 36 and 38 bust. Regular 75c value. Tuesday special..... **39c**

500 YARDS OF CAMBRIC CORSET COVER FLOUNCING, assorted patterns. Regular 25c value, Tuesday special..... **19c**

Women's Cambric Drawers, regular 50c value, for..... **39c**

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Fifteen dozen White Lawn Handkerchiefs, with hemstitched and embroidered edges. Regular 12½c value, Tuesday special..... **4 for 25c**

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Twenty dozen Heavy Wool Stockings, sizes 8½ to 10 inch. Regular 35c value, on sale Tuesday at, pair..... **25c**

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All Fancy Linen Towels, Dollies and Scarfs, slightly mussed, on sale Tuesday morning at..... **20% OFF**

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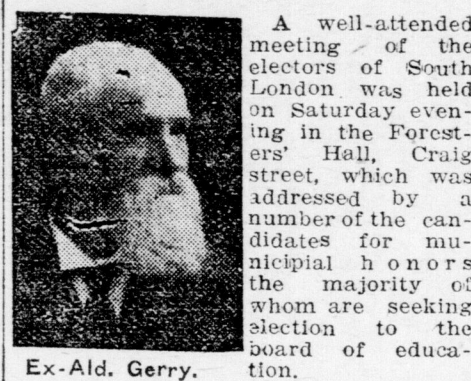
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MR. GERRY MAKES HIS STAND PLAIN

Well-Known Former Alderman Spoke on Electrification of the L. and P. S. R.

SOUTH LONDON MEETING

Candidates For Civic Honors Addressed the Electors in the Foresters' Hall.



Ex-Ald. Gerry.

A well-attended meeting of the electors of South London was held on Saturday evening in the Foresters' Hall, Craig street, which was addressed by a number of the candidates for municipal honors. The majority of whom are seeking election to the board of education.

Mr. Gerry, who is a candidate for aldermanic honors, stated that if elected to the council he would take the stand that more information should be obtained before the electrification proposition was presented to the people for their opinion.

"I do not wish to criticise the present council," said the speaker, "and do not wish to commit myself to any particular policy in case I am elected. I have had fifteen years' experience as an alderman, and I make my stand on the work that I have accomplished during that time. One-man power is not the thing, and we will not get good government until we get government by the people."

As to Electrification.

"In regard to the electrification of the Port Stanley Railroad, I haven't the least doubt that all would be in favor of the scheme if they could see where the revenue would come from. At present the London and Port Stanley Railway is \$600,000 in debt, and is going behind every year. This is a serious problem, and now the city is asked to add near \$1,000,000 to the debt. The citizens are not asking too much when they ask for information. The problem is so great that it requires more information than has been made public as yet. I am opposed to the electrification if we can get a guarantee that it will pay. Don't think for a moment that I am opposed to it if it can be made to pay. I am only opposed to the scheme if it will not pay the progress of the city. I cannot see my way clear to advocate electrification without more information."

Mr. S. F. Glass.

Mr. S. F. Glass, who is in the aldermanic field, stated that he was in favor of electrification, and imparted to his auditors his idea of the future of London if electrification was adopted. He compared the electrification of the railway to the construction of the C. P. R. across the continent.

"At the time that the C. P. R. was being built there were many scoffers who said where the trade would come from to pay the running expenses of the railway, but the railway paid," said Mr. Glass. The scoffers of today are asking where will the trade come from to pay the running expenses of the L. and P. S. R. It will come, the same as in the case of the C. P. R."

A large part of the audience could not see the connection between the two comparisons.

Ald. Spittal.

Ald. William Spittal referred to his work on the finance committee, manufacturer's committee, of which he was chairman, and the London and Port Stanley Board. He said that he had taken a very keen interest in the possibilities of London, and finally the disbursements of the city had been annexed. He recommended that the bylaws loaning money to industries be carried, as each firm was giving ample security to the city. He said that the city was in a year were compelled to make known their stand on electrification rather than an account of their work during the year.

Bad Roads.

E. H. Russell, another aldermanic candidate, drew the attention of those present to the conditions of the roads in the city, and stated that there should be a capable person given sole charge of the work.

"At present the roads are in a disgraceful condition," said the speaker. The waterworks department, City Gas Company, sewerage department, Bell Telephone Company have all been digging up the roadbeds and do not restore them to a proper condition when they are through."

"You have been reading The Advertiser," was the comment of one of the audience.

Mr. Russell also attacked the proposed Greene-Swift bylaw, and stated that it would be a big mistake if it were ratified by the voters.

One-Man Rule.

A. R. Calcutt, who is a candidate for the water commission, made a brief address, in which he denounced the present bylaw. "I cannot commence to enumerate the ills and wrongs that are prevalent in this part of the city government at present," he said. "One of the previous speakers has referred to one-man rule. If there is one department of the city government with one-man rule, it is the waterworks department. What Mr. Glaubitsz says, goes. I am a great admirer of the one-man rule. It is of great assistance in the growth of the city, but at present it is nothing more than a white elephant. In asking for your support I might say that my business fits me for this part of municipal government, and I have also

made a close study of the electrical business. In addition to those two qualifications, I think I have as much business ability as any of the other candidates."

Mr. John M. Gunn.

Chairman J. M. Gunn of the board of education stated that much interest was being taken in the stands of the different candidates in regard to single and double sessions in the kindergarten.

"The single sessions, according to experts, are the best, but there are several practical differences in regard to the establishment of such in this city," said Mr. Gunn. "The first is that there is not sufficient accommodation in some of the schools for single sessions, and another important matter in connection with the question is the adjustment of the salaries of the teachers. If single sessions can be introduced without additional expense and equal rating of salaries I am in favor of that system."

Mr. Gunn, Dr. Shaw, Trustees Gammage and Irwin, all came as delegates to the board of education, also made addresses. The first two, who are seeking election in this city for the first time, stated that they had had experience in educational matters in other municipalities, and would do their best if elected. Neither would commit themselves on the kindergarten question, as they had not received specific data as to which was the best system.

Against Single Sessions.

Mr. Gammage said that he was seeking re-election, as he considered that the justice was being done by returning to the single sessions. Mr. Irwin, who is the supporter of single sessions, explained his position in regard to the question. He also explained the meaning of the adolescence act.

Mr. E. R. Dennis advised the electors to support all the bylaws giving loans to industries, and explained the reasons for his firm asking the city for assistance.

Mr. A. M. Hunt presided at the meeting.

MR. WM. YEATES

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they do not, and echo answers, Why? Surely if the New York and New Haven R. R. find a great saving in electrifying the roads, how much would the roads running into Niagara Falls save when at the very source of cheap power?

Favors Independent Road.

Now, I believe the L. and P. S. R. should be an independent road, as Mr. W. M. Spencer as mayor, how hard a fight we had with the G. T. R. to get back the road into the control of the city. St. Thomas did not sympathize with us, but rather sent delegates to Ottawa to assist the G. T. R. until we found it necessary to have absolute control, and paid St. Thomas \$40,000 for their interest in the L. and P. S. R. R.

Allow Running Rights.

The city, while keeping it an independent line, should allow all other roads running privileges over it at a price to assist in keeping up the wear and tear, and the city would be greatly benefited by so doing. If any one railroad should get a lease of the L. and P. S. R. R., and then grant running privileges to other roads and make a margin of profit, surely the L. and P. S. R. R. board could grant running privileges to the other roads and secure what profit there is in it for the city, and having done so, the shipping interests of our city.

Then, assuming that the L. and P. S. R. R. is an independent line, the question arises: What is the best way to run the road, whether by steam or electric? We are told the road can be electrified for eight hundred and ninety thousand dollars (\$890,000), but we are not told in what way the money is to be spent, or what we are going to get for the money.

The Cost of Steam.

Now, in regard to steam power for the road we can arrive at some data by which we can get an approximate cost, viz:

5 heavy and 1 light locomotives, \$100,000	passenger coaches for regular traffic.....	72,000
15 passenger coaches for excursion traffic.....	144,000	
50 box cars, freight.....	60,000	
50 flat cars.....	40,000	
Other incidental expenses.....	\$4,000	
Making a total of.....	\$280,000	

There would be an annual charge of interest on this amount at 4%..... \$22,500

To provide for wear and tear, at least 5 per cent..... 25,000

Expense for fuel, \$80 per day..... 24,000

Making a total of..... \$71,500

This does not allow for salaries and investment, nor wages and salaries and other incidentals in the way of labor, etc.

If we take the electrification as per estimate of \$890,000, the annual charges would be:

Interest at 4½ per cent..... \$40,500

Wear and tear at 5 per cent..... 44,500

Cost of power for five locomotives (electric), each 20 horsepower, capable of drawing 30 loaded cars, making a total of 2,500 horsepower, and as these motors will be estimated at their peak

power, and assuming that by the increased amount of power taken by the city, the price be reduced to \$20 per horsepower per annum, the price for power would

be..... 50,000

Making a total of..... \$135,000

I am assuming that wages, salaries and other incidentals would be the same in both cases, while the charges for sinking fund on electrification would be most double that of the steam installment as per above figures.

Now, I don't know the amount of business of the L. and P. S. R. R., but when we are told that electrifying of the road will not cost the city anything; that the increased business will take care of everything, I think it is only fair to the citizens of London that they should know how it is to be done. I should be pleased to see the L. and P. S. R. R. placed on a sound business basis as an independent

road, and in the interest of the city, and the cheapest and best way to make it a success. And let us not forget that we have been told that the last court of appeal in hydro-electric matters in the city is the hydro commission. Thanking you for space.

122 Maple street. WM. YEATES.

WILL CONSIDER CALL TO REV. MR. INKSTER

Congregational Meeting in the First Presbyterian Church on Thursday Evening.

The congregation of the First Presbyterian Church will meet on Thursday evening to consider the call which has been extended by a western church to the pastor, Rev. J. Gibson Inkster.

The invitation comes from the oldest Presbyterian Church in Victoria, B. C., and carries with it a salary of \$3,500 per annum, with free manse.

Rev. Mr. Inkster has not intimated his decision, but may do so at the congregational meeting.

SUDDEN DEATH OF NOTED DIPLOMAT

German Secretary of State Succumbed to Attack of Heart Disease.

PREVENTED BIG WAR

Skillful Steering of Moroccan Muddle One of His Greatest Achievements.

[Canadian Press.]

Stuttgart, Germany, Dec. 29.—Secretary of State Von Kiderlen-Waechter died this morning. He was enjoying his usual Christmas visit to his sister, the Baroness Von Gemmingen, near here. He had felt extremely unwell for several days past, so much so that physicians who were called in to attend to him thought his illness might result fatally as his heart action was very irregular.

The end came with great suddenness at ten minutes to eight this evening, when the secretary of state expired from heart failure while he was practically alone.

Prevented a War.

Alfred Von Kiderlen-Waechter, who was only 50 years of age, had occupied office as imperial secretary of state for foreign affairs only since June 28, 1910, when he succeeded Wilhelm Von Schoen, who became German ambassador to France. The advent of Kiderlen-Waechter was not greeted with great enthusiasm in the German imperial parliament. He was a very poor orator, and his speeches did not create a very good impression. He was known as the "Bismarck of the most shrewd men in Germany's diplomatic circles, and was regarded as an expert on affairs of the Near East, owing to his having been stationed for a long time in the Balkans, and his disappearance from the German cabinet at the present time is considered to be a great misfortune.

During his short period of office as foreign secretary, he was very successful in steering the international politics of the German Empire through a period of unusual entanglement, more especially in regard to the settlement of the dispute between France and Germany as to the future of Morocco. The negotiations were brought to a successful termination last year, when France and Germany signed an agreement by which the relations between the two countries were made cordial.

Favorite of Kaiser.

Alfred Von Kiderlen-Waechter was for many years a great favorite of the Emperor, who, however, practically banished him for a decade to the post of German minister at Bucharest, Roumania, because on one occasion Kiderlen-Waechter had presumed too much upon the Emperor's favor.

Alfred Von Kiderlen-Waechter died a bachelor. He belonged to a very old Wurttemberg family, which was raised to the nobility in 1808. He was born July 10, 1852, and while he was studying law volunteered and fought throughout the Franco-Prussian war of 1870-71. He entered the diplomatic service in 1879, and served in St. Petersburg, Paris, Copenhagen, Constantinople and Bucharest. Owing to the suddenness of the foreign secretary's death, there has been no talk as to his probable successor.

AMBASSADORS ADVISE TURKS TO MAKE TERMS

Russia Warns the Porte Against Dangerous Consequences of Delay.

[Canadian Press.]

Constantinople, Dec. 30.—The ambassadors of most of the European powers have advised the Ottoman Government to make an effort to come to terms with the Balkan allies.

The Russian ambassador here in particular, coupled his advice with a warning as to the dangerous consequences of delay in view of the situation in Asia Minor.

This Russian representation has produced a disagreeable impression in Turkish official circles, while the agitation in the army in favor of a resumption of hostilities continues. Many officers are now disgruntled with the Turkish officers and men counseling the continuance of the war and the non-surrender of the fortress of Adrianople.

NEW TRIBE IS FOUND ON FRONTIER OF INDIA

Primitive Hill Communities Subsist On Rats, Squirrels and Scanty Crops.

[Canadian Press.]

London, Dec. 30.—The British expedition under Gen. Bower, which last year penetrated the Abor country on the northern frontier of India for the purpose of punishing natives for the murder of a British political agent, has brought back some interesting information. That part of the world area of the even less known district northward to the Chinese frontier.

Before the advent of the Bower expedition, little was known of "this heart-breaking country," as A. Bentinck, who accompanied the expedition, described it, except that it was inhabited by awkward tribes. Few Englishmen had penetrated so far, and the Abors to turn travellers back was unquestioned.

After punishing the tribes for the murder of the political agent, for the British Government has a way of impressing natives with the fact that British lives must be respected, the explorers pushed northward across deep valley clefts and hardly fordable rivers. One day they took seven hours to make six miles. They found primitive hill communities entirely unknown to Europe, living on scanty crops, supplemented by rats and squirrels snared in the jungles and hunted from the trees of even remoter and more mysterious tribes who were said to barter human beings in human bodies.

The Abors live close to the surface, and the Abors spoke of them with disgust and contempt. The explorers heard of another mountain country where the people live in wooden houses and have neither horses nor yaks. It is still farther beyond the snow line.

Will Be Total Loss on Pacific Coast, But Crew Are All Safe.

Aberdeen, Wash., Dec. 29.—The four-masted British steamer Torridge, which went aground in Aberdeen today in a terrific storm which swept the Pacific Coast. Her captain and crew of 20 men were taken off by the life-savers. The Torridge probably will be a total loss.

The vessel was of steel construction and hailed from Glasgow.

ALL RE-ELECTED

Entire Council Was Returned at Lambeth, Both Nominations.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Lambeth, Dec. 30.—At the regular meeting for nominations here this afternoon the entire council was re-elected by acclamation, as follows: Reeve, J. W. Laidlaw; deputy reeve, James H. Mair; councillors, H. A. Blakie, J. F. Cousins and W. E. Grive.

Mr. A. Blakie was nominated for reeve, but withdrew, and Alex. Johnston, who was nominated for councillor, also declined to run.

In an address to the electors in the town hall, Reeve Laidlaw outlined a progressive policy, as follows: Roads, drainage and bridges.

BURNED TO DEATH

Poughkeepsie, N. Y., Dec. 30.—George Vosburgh, a wealthy farmer, and his wife, were burned to death early Sunday when their farm house was destroyed by fire. Their charred bodies were found in the cellar. Country folk returning from the fire discovered the flames, but it was too late to rescue the inmates.

A report that the aged couple had been robbed and murdered was investigated by the county officials and found to be untrue.

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FIREMAN HAD FIGHT WITH BIG BROWN BEAR

Bruin Took Possession of the Boiler Room for Some Time.

[Canadian Press.]

Winnipeg, Dec. 30.—A big brown bear had taken possession of the C. P. R. pump house at Millwood, Man., on Saturday night, and was calmly waiting for the pumpman's cry for help. Brake man Morris snatched up a red fuse and rushed through the side door of the tank, while Conductor Clark crawled over the top of the caboose with a rifle. Just then out came Sharpe, with the bear in hot pursuit.

Sharpe grabbed a spike maul and struck bruin on the head, knocking him down, but before the pumpman could get away the bear grabbed him, and in the scuffle they both tumbled downstairs into the pit.

At that moment a push engine arrived to take water. The engine crew heard the pumpman's cry for help. Brake man Morris snatched up a red fuse and rushed through the side door of the tank, while Conductor Clark crawled over the top of the caboose with a rifle. Just then out came Sharpe, with the bear in hot pursuit.

Engineer Hunter opened the cylinder cocks as the bear passed the engine, and the bear acted as well that bruin received a blinding cloud of steam that made him miss his footing, and sent him rolling down a bank, where he took to the woods. Sharpe's clothes were torn to shreds, but he escaped injury, except a few scratches.

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