### **OULD SEPARATE** TOWNSHIP DISTRICTS

That Rural Sections Are blocking Growth of Supuros.

At a representative meeting of the Baby Point, Runnymede, Swansea, Lambton Park and Scariett Plains Ratepayers' Associations, neid last night in the George Syme School at Scariett Plains, with Robert French in the chair, Cecil Roy of West Fairbank, N. O. Ramsden of Mt. Dennis and I. C. Wooiner of Runnymede expounded their views as candidates, for the York Township Council. "Transportation, light, sewers and water were the questions before the people," said Cecil Roy. "The more populsus districts were extending and throwing the farming interests further back, and it behoved the township to go forward in a larger way

lo a great and permanent good for the unemployed.

Mr. Roy advocated the installation of hydro-electric lines, perhaps along Eglinton avenue, and up Keele and Dufferin streets, taking in towns as far as Orillia. In the matter of sewers, something would have to be done, he said, or else there would be some kind of an epidemic along the borders. He saw no reason why, the township, should not originate some schemes to treat its own sewage. Water supply also would have to be taken up, and he was sure the systems could be planned in such a way as not to be a burden to the less thicky populated parts of the township.

Mud and Darkness.

M. G. Ramsden regretted that it had not heen arranged to run one candidate only for the western district, but hoped that his supporters would not allow him to step down. He said the council had spent a great deal of money in bridge work and on side roads to the benefit of the farmers, leaving the people on the main roads to tramp thra the mud and to grope in the dark. The council was not spending the money in the right places. Mount Dannis, in common with other sections, wanted more sidewalks and more street lights.

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had been larged that the should be immediately presented to the railway board.

It was suggested by Sam Clouston that as so many candidates are running for councillor, the higher offices should be contested. It would be no more expensive should be given to the court of revision

### HOST OF CANDIDATES

For some years members of the York Township Council have been re-elected with monotonous regularity, in fact, the council was fast becoming a close corporation. Reeve Syme's retirement has

west include: Chas. Wilcox and Andrew Watt. Fairbank; George Carter, Bracondale; T. C. Woolner, Runnymede; W. O. Ramsden, Mount Dennis, and Cecil Roy, who resides in the city, but owns property in the township.

The official nomination meeting takes place in the township offices. Jarvis street at 18. place in the township offices, Jarvis street, at 12 o'clock; when all candidates will have an opportunity to address the electors.

Toronto Carpenter Given Six Months for Sending Threatening Letters.

charge of sending Black Hand letters to Wm. Cranston, postmaster, was sentenced this afternoon to six months in Kingston Penitentlary by Judge McGibbon. For some weeks Cranston had been receiving threatening letters. The first one demanded that the sum of \$500 be placed in a tin box in a woodpile on a certain date, and, when no attention was paid to it, a second one was received, in which an additional amount of \$250 was demanded for disregarding the first letter

terests further back, and it behooved the township to go forward in a larger way to promote its sanitary, educational and industrial interests.

"The war has hit us badly in Toronto and suburbs," he continued, "and all of us are now suffering from the stagnation of trade. In West Fairbank we took a census and found over 50 per cent. out of work, and naturally they have turned to the municipal authorities to do something for them. The township has tried to alleviate distress, but the people don't wants doles of bread. They want employment.

"The township," he continued, "could do a great deal in grading and improving the roads and in the laying of sewers in the southern districts. The credit of the township is good and it could raise by loan at least \$500,000." He believed

H. H. Ball Will Oppose Any Pro-Corporation Proposition

Brought Forward.

The question of transportation for North Toronto was the main topic of discussion at the meeting of the ratepayers of Bedford Park, which was held last night in the public school, under the auspices of the North Toronto Ratepayers association President Hodgson, in opening, referred to the Mount Pleasant road proposition, and urged the ratepayers to record their votes in favor of the bylaw. "Will this road come up as far as Bedford Park?" asked a ratepayer.

Mr. Hodgson pointed out that the proposition called for an expenditure of \$220,000, and was proposed as far as Broadway avenue. He stated that, once the bylaw was carried, then the ratepayers of North Toronto should press for the candidates will deliver short speeches.

\*\*SIT WITH EYES SHUT

\*\*VOTE WITH MAJORITY\*\*

\*\*Alderman McBride Hopes for College with Backbone and Ginger.\*\*

to make a complete revision every year."
Alluding to the unemployment question, he stated that the City of Toronto was FOR TOWNSHIP COUNCIL large, wealthy and honorable enough to look after her unemployed.

Ald. C. A. Risk and D. D. Reed ad-

### RUNNYMEDE

poration. Reeve Syme's retirement has changed everything this year, however, and judging by the number of candidates in the field and election activity in the suburban sections there will be some new faces round the council table after January 1st. Deputy Reeve Thomas Griffith is in line for the reeveship, and has no opposition so far, in fact, it is generally conceded that Mr. Griffith is entitled to the office, both by length of service and his record.

Altho J. S. McKay of Danforth district, and W. H. Moses of Todmorden have been mentioned as probable candidates all the election excitement seems to be in the western districts of the township, where there are a number of active ratepayers' associations.

RUNNYMEDE

The closing exercises and concert of the King George school, Runnymede, and dialogs by the pupils being given before a very large attendance of the parents and friends. The chair was occupied by W. H. Cross of the board of trustees, the performance being under the direction of the principal, J. H. Beamish.

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A public meeting of school section 23, York, will be held in the King George school. Runnymede, at 10 a.m. on Wednesday December 30, for the purpose of electing a trustee. W. H. Cross falls to retire but he announces his Intention to retire, but he announces his intention to stand for re-election. Mr. Cross has

### **EARLSCOURT**

will have an opportunity to address the electors.

MOUNT DENNIS.

A public meeting will be held in the public school, Dennis avenue, Mount Dennis, on Monday night, December 28, to hear the candidates for the York Trwnship Council.

N. O. Ramsdin is the nominee of the Mount Dennis Ratepayers' Association, of which he is president.

To celebrate the opening of their new lodge room the "Hope of Earlscourt" Lodge, International Order of Good Templars, held a most enjoyable concert yesterday. The moving spirit in the arrangement of the program was Sister D. Jones, an active worker of the lodge. A feature of the evening was the elocution of Miss Jean Root, who had to respond to many encores.

District Chief Templar, who occupied the chair, spoke briefly of the work of the order.

## CAMPAIGN OPENED IN SEVENTH WARD

W. H. Weir Favors Reformation of City's Accounting

The first candidates' meeting in the Ward Seven aldermanic campaign was held last night by W. H. Well in the north side at the corner of Laughton evenue and Dayenport road. Mr. Weir said that the Cariton district of Wes. Toronto would receive the same consideration from him as the south side should he be elected. He charged the 1814 council with extravagance and urged the need for accounting relorm.

"The city has outgrown the machinery at the cl.y hall," he said. "We want an accounting system of the kind Controller McCarthy advocates, so that each department must give a record of redeipts and disbursements to date if called upon."

J. R. Bull presided as chairman. "Addresses were made by Afex, Itzin, D'Arcy Hinds, R. G. Agnew, Walter T. Fisher, Ed. F. Henderson and others.

Civic Skating Rinks.

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The two civic rinks in West Toronto on Keele street and Perth avenue are being rapidly brought into shape for skating, Hydro lights naving been installed on the Band Park rink. Grenadier pond in High Park is now claimed to be quite safe in the area marked out for skating, and large crowds of pleasure-seekers are found there daily.

The citizens of West Toronto and Runnymede liberally patronized the two benefit concerts which were given last might in the western suburb. In the Stratncona public school an excellent program was provided, the artists, all well known in Toronto, giving their services graits for the relief of the poor in the neighborhood of the school at the corner of St. John's road and Runnymede road. Rev. Edward Morley of St. Paul's Church, acted as chairman.

Hearty Response.

A considerable sum was realized at the concert in the King George school for the benefit of the family of Private E. H. Harrison, a reservist now at the front. The chair was becupied by I. C. Woolner, a candidate for the township council.

The nominations nonight will be opened in the Annette street public library at 7.30 o'clock and will last until 8.30, when the candidates will deliver short speeches.

might be under way now if the council had been enterprising. It was pretty the extension of the line to Bedford well understood, he said, when a deputation visited the parliament buildings last April that the city would be compelled to provide water and that if the opportunity was not attended to it would slip by.

Hydro Candidate.

"If I'm spared for another rear, been able to refer you to a year's work in the township council, I am going to follow Sir Adam Beck's policy until every district in York Township is supplied with less than the said, had been employed in laying pipes in Runniymede by the city, and he intended to oppose the amployment of allens in township didn't want to pay for the intended to oppose the amployment of allens in township didn't want to pay for the improvement of those parts. "No matter what my yelews are," he promised, "if a request is made I will fight the matter of Sunday cars, Mr. In the interest of the district."

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ents on the tree were contributed by the members of the Sunday school, and will be given to the children of the Shelter this morning. The Christmas tree will also be taken to the Shelter.

# SIMPSON ON M'BRIDE WARNED UNION VOTERS

Nine hundred Jewish voters heard a number of the candidates for municipal honors at the ratepayers meeting in the honors at the ratepayers' meeting in the Lyric Theatre last night. The event of the evening was Controller James Simpson's opinion of Ald. Sam McBride. Simpson's opinion of the way he himself, had worked for the rights of the laboring class, Jew and Gentile? outlined a scheme for penalizing the sale of light-weight bread more severely, and then addressbread more severely, and then, address-ing himself to Ald. Sam, declared: "No man should be elected to the city council Cld Books who is an enemy to the Trades and Labor who is an enemy to the Trades and Labor Council. Any man with a union card who votes for such a candidate is disloyal to the interests of the labor class."

Joseph E. Thompson, candidate for the board of control, said the bailiff clause in the case of delinquent taxpayers should be done away with. (Appause.)

Controller Church in assuring his audience of his intentions to run as a mayoralty candidate, said that there was no such thing as economy around the city hall at present.

Harry Dworkon, Hebrew candidate for alderman in Ward Four said, if elected, he would look after the interests of both the city and the workingman.

"The only way to reduce hotels in Toronto is to form secial cabbs under control of the city."

Controller Simpson said he would in bottles only at all deals. vho is an enemy to the Trades and Labo trol of the city."

Controller Simpson said he would In bottles only, at recommend that the fine for light-weight bread be raised from \$5 to \$50 for the first offence, \$500 for the second, and imprisonment for the third.

### **OFFICIAL STATEMENTS**

Municipal matters were discussed last inght by the Moore Park Ratepayers' association, and brief speeches were made to Ald. McBride and Ald. Risk and H. H. Ball, who is an aldermanic candidate for the Mouth of the street failing by the moore park Ratepayers' as the street failing by the moore park Ratepayers' as the street failing by the moore park Ratepayers' and shought fast during the ensuring year it might be resurrected in some different form. He urged the ratepayers to be cautious in this regard when casts different form. He urged the ratepayers to be cautious in this regard when casts and words with the majority.

Ald. Risk urged the ratepayers to vote-flow the Mount Pleasant road bylaw, and advocated the straightening of St. Clair and the streets of the public in regard to any pro-corporation railway proposals that might be brought forward, advocated reform in the assessment department, and urged the residents to support the Mount Pleasant, road bylaw.

FAIRBANK

For the relief of distress in the West Fairbank district concepts with the new hall to raise funds for this purpose, and subscriptions may be sent to make the purpose, and subscriptions may be sent to make the purpose and subscriptions may be sent to make the purpose and subscriptions were held in Wychwood last night, one for the hough in the Shelter at the Presbyterian Church, and the annual Sunday echools celebration of the Wychwood Church of Christ, Vaughan road.

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Russlans renewed the offensive without
succeeding in breaking thru. On the lowsevere losses.

"Along the Nida River and the district south of Tomaszow there has been slight

D. O. ROBLIN

# SOLEMN PLEDGE

tion Inspired Great Enthusiasm Among Colleagues.

(Continued From Page 1.) spite of their love of peace, have been constrained to submit to war, they will make war to the end.

"Faithful to the signature that she attached to the treaty of Sept. 4, 1914, and to which she pledged her honor, that is to say, her life, France, acting in accord with her allies, will not sheath her sword until she has taken vengeance for outraged right; until she has united for all time to the French fatherland the provinces ravished from her by force; restored heroic Belgium to the fulness of her material life and her political independence, and until Prussian militarism has been crushed; to the end that it be possible to reconstruct, on a basis of justice, a Europe finally regenerated.

Success Certain.

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"This plan of war and this plan of peace do not come to us, gentlemen, inspired by any presumptuous hope. The certainty of success is ours. We owe this certainty to our entire army; to our navy, which, acting jointly with the British navy, has procured for them a mastery of the seas, and to the troops who in Morocco successfully repulsed aggressive action. We owe it also to the soldiers who are defending our distant flag in those French colonies which from the very first day turned toward France as a daughter would turn to a mother in distress.

ceeded in obtaining a firm foothold in this position.

"French attacks yesterday in the neighborhood of Aibert, to the northeast of Camplego, at Souvain, and at Perthes, were repulsed with heavy losses to the French.

"In the eastern part of the Argonne district we captured a few trenches. In the eastern Argonne, to the north and northwest of Verdun, French attacks were repulsed with heavy losses to the French.

"The situation in East and West Prussia is a unchanged: in Poland our troops."

"The difficulties arising from a deep-level of the second Balkan war. The Bulgaria will continue to be neutral in the war, and the difficulties arising from a deep-level of the second Balkan war. The Bulgaria will continue to be neutral in the war, and the finish whatever its length war to the finish whatever its length and severity.

"In spite of a war which is shaking the world, the French bank note is accepted at a premium; the discounting of commercial paper grows daily, and the totals obtained from indirect taxation increase. All this is a manifestation of the second Balkan war. The Bulgaria will continue to be neutral in the war, and the most of the other territory which the acquired from Bulgaria as a result of the economic strength of a country which has adapted itself with facility continue to be neutral in the war, and the most of the other territory which are continued:

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"Gentlemen, the day of final victory has not yet come, and until it does our task will be one of great difficulty. The way may be long and for this let us prepare our spirits and be ever courageous. We have inherated the greatest burden of glory that any people can carry. Already the country has agreed to make every sacrifice that this duty entails. If this contest is the most gigantic ever

sacrifice that this duty entails. If this contest is the most gigantic ever recorded in history, it is not because the people are hurling thenselves into warfare to conquer territory, to win enlargement of material life and economic and political advantages, but because they are struggling to determine the fate of the world.

"Nothing greater has ever appeared before the vision of man." Against barbarity and despotism: "Against harbarity and despotism; against the system of provocations and methodical menaces which Germany called peace; against the sys-tem of murder and pillage which Germany called war; against the in-

Germany called war; against the insolent hegemony of a military caste
which loosed the scourge, France the
emancipator, France the vengeful, at
the side of her aliles, arose and advanced to the fray.

"That is the stake. It is greater
than our lives. Let us continue, then,
to have but one united soul, and tomorrow, in the peace of victory, we
shall recall with pride these days of
tragedy, for they will have made of
us more valorous and better men."

fighting. The engagements in front

The following statement from the general staff of the Russian commander-inchief was issued last night:

"On Dec. 21, on the left bank of the Vistula River, between its tower course and the Pilica River, a number of flerce encounters took place. Among these the fighting on the left bank of the Pilica developed particularly.

"In general we repulsed all these attacks, inflicting heavy losses upon the enemy." "We only evacuated some small peak tions and fell pack toward the east in order to occupy more advantageous post-

order to occupy more advantageous positions.

"Our counter attacks resulted in the throwing into the river of the German troops who had crossed the Baura near Sachaczew. These troops suffered heavy losses in killed. Also we captured nine quick, firing guns.

"The situation between the Pilica River and the upper Vistula River is without important change, except in the region of Skrzynno, where the Austrians, after having crossed the Nida River, were pushed back upon that stream by the bayonet attacks of our troops. Eighteen of their officers and about one thousand soldiers

surrendered.

"In the spring of 1882 I was attacked surrendered."

### THREE POSITIONS TAKEN BY FRENCH

Premier's Reading of Declara- Furious Struggles - Gains and Losses Balance Favorably.

**BULGARIA IS NEUTRAL** 

Germans in East Are Said to Have Crossed Rivers Successfully.

allied armies in Belgium and France to continue their offensive of the last two, weeks have met: with checks, judging by the statements of this afternoon's report of the French war office. Repulses of German attacks at Carency and Lihons are mentioned and violent bayonet engagements in Champagne and the Argonne are noted, but no progress was made in these regions. In the suburbs of Perthes-Less-Hurjus, however, three German positions were occupied.

German repulses of French and English attacks are recorded in this afternoon's official report from Berlin, which says, however, that near Richebourg the allies succeeded in regaining one of their former positions. Germans captured a few trenches in the Argonne and repulsed French attacks north and northwest of Verdun in Poland a hard battle is being waged for possession of the Brura and Rawka Rivers, where the Germans are asserted in several places to have crossed over.

day turned toward France as a daughter ter would turn to a mother in distress.

"We owe this conviction to our army whose heroism was guided by incomparable leaders to the victory of the Marne and to the victory in Flanders, and we owe it to the nation which knew how to meet this heroism with union, with silence and with serenity in the hours of crisis. Thus there have been brought out by this implous war all the virtues of our race. We have shown initiative, spirit, bravery and temerity, and we have been enduring, pablent and stolcal.

"Gentlemen, let us salute these herces. Glory to those who have fallen on the threshold of victory, and also to those who, by this same victory, will tomorrow avenge the fallen. A nation that incites such enthusiasm can never perish."

Touching on the recent statement of the minister of war, he continued:

Rivers, where the Germans are asserted in several places to have crossed over.

A Petrograd despatch says that the German force which had been driven across the East Prussian frontier from Mlawa, Russian Poland by the Russians is spreading out to the east and west, the object being to reinforce the troops in the vicinity of Thorn for protection against the Russian advance on the Thorn-Allenstein-Insterburg Rallroad, the main strategic line paralleling the north Poland frontier.

The French Parliament convened in extraordinary session today at Paris to receive the declarations of the ministry and grant the credits made necessary by the war. There was a remarkable demonstration when Premier viviant declared that France and her allies were determined to carry on the war to the finish, whatever its length and severity.

continue to be neutral in the war, and believes that Roumania will remain neutral.

Railways in northern Frame destroyed by the French in their early retreat upon Paris have been restored by the Germans in districts which they now occupy and bridges have been rebuilt.

Emperor William is now said to have gone to the western battle front, leading London observers to conclude that this is now considered by the Germans the scene of the most important operations.

WINNIPEG OARSMEN WILL **COMPETE AT REGATTA** 

Contest Arranged With British Eight for Belgian and Hospital Funds.

Canadian Associated Press Cable.

LONDON, Dec. 22.—At a meeting of the Scottish Football Association last night it was decided by 14 votes to 13 no. to proceed with the Scottish Cup ties this season. This decision is in accordance with the recommendation of a deputation which recently interviewed the

Remarkable Home Cure Given by One Who Had It—He Wants Every Sufferer to Benefit.

Send No Money-Just Your Address. Years of awful suffering and misery have taught this man, Mark H. Jackson, of Syracuse, New York, how terrible an enemy to human happiness rheumatism onemy to human happiness rheumatism is, and have given him sympathy with all unfortunates who are within its grasp. He wants every rheumatic victim to know how he was cured. Read what he says:



Flashes Shooting Through
officers and about one thousand solders
surrendered.
"It has been established that in the
region of Przemysi on the 19th Instant we
took 17 officers and about 1000 men.
"In Galigia our operations on the 2ist
instant continued to develop success'ult;
Near Rygilee an Austrian division made
a sudden attack upon our troops, but
eventually was thrown back in disorder,
leaving behind 1800 dead.
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BARREL-ROLLER ARRESTED.

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