

CENTER YORK AND OTTAWA STAND BY THE GOVERNMENT

Former Goes Liberal By Nineteen Majority, While the
Capital Snows Under the Opposition
Candidate.

Markham, Dec. 24.—Revised returns received this morning show that Mr. MacLean's majority in Center York is 26, and not 19, as reported last night. In subdivision No. 5, Markham Township, the figures remain as at first reported, showing a majority there for MacLean of 25, but in subdivision No. 9 Mr. MacLean's majority is increased by 7, the figures now being reported as MacLean 79, Wallace 21.

The Result in Ottawa.

Ottawa, Dec. 23.—The result of today's election in the city of Ottawa gives the Liberal candidate a majority of 3,319 over the Independent Conservative. The vote stood 4,470 for J. B.

T. Caron, Liberal, and 1,151 for W. D. Morris, Independent Conservative. It is true that the election was certain to go Liberal from the beginning, and that accounts for the small vote cast, but no one anticipated so large a majority. The Liberal candidate had a majority in every ward in the city. The result by wards is as follows:

Ward	Caron, Liberal	Morris, Independent Conservative
Victoria	195	13
Dalhousie	485	184
Wellington	602	310
Central	731	248
St. George	686	161
By	690	76
Ottawa	980	79

Center York.

Woodbridge, Dec. 23.—The by-election in Center York today resulted in the return of Dr. P. D. MacLean, the Liberal candidate, by the some-
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Insisted On Being Married in Church English Couple Were Particular

They Refused To Have Nuptial
Knot Tied in the
Parsonage.

The Rev. G. B. Sage, of St. George's Church, West London, was sitting last Saturday night in his den putting the finishing touches to his sermon for the morning when the telephone rang. "Hello! is this Mr. Sage?" asked the party at the other end of the line. "Yes," replied Mr. Sage.

"Well, I have a young English couple here who insist upon being married tonight," said the voice. "No, Monday won't do. The nuptial knot must be tied tonight. They are in my office now."

The speaker was a well-known Dundas street lawyer.

The couple were Mr. Gerald James Garbett and Miss Olive Margaret Keene. Both came over from England about

six months ago, and recently they decided to get married.

Were Particular.

Mr. Sage hurriedly made preparations for the ceremony, and had two witnesses on hand when the young couple appeared at the parsonage.

"Are you ready to be married?" asked the minister.

"Oh, we couldn't dream of being married here," the bride-to-be exclaimed.

"Oh, no," supplemented the would-be bride, "we must be married in the church."

And in the church they were married, despite the fact that no arrangements had been made for the ceremony other than lighting the lights.

There was no fire in the furnace, but the ceremony proceeded, nevertheless, and in between sippers the couple were united for life.

The youthful bridegroom is a traveler in the employ of the Vega-Gaste Cigar Company, and is said to be very well liked.

Child Is Poisoned By Worm Powders

A very serious case, resembling poisoning, is reported in this city.

Not long ago a child about 5 or 6 years of age was feeling indisposed, and the mother gave her some worm powders put up by a well-known firm. In a few minutes the child was taken very ill, and a physician summoned.

It was only after very strenuous efforts that the child's life was saved. It is understood that the woman intends sending the powders to an analyst for examination, and if anything of a poisonous nature is discovered, a suit will probably follow.

The condition of the child resembled that produced by a poison.

11,972 Voters in City of London City Clerk Baker Compiles List

Very Large Numbers of Those
in the Book Are
Freeholders.

City Clerk Baker has compiled a list showing the number of voters on the city lists, and the different classes of voters.

In Ward 1 there are 2,124 voters eligible to vote in municipal and other elections, and 736 eligible to vote on municipal elections only, a total of 2,860.

There are 1,510 freeholders, who are entitled to vote on money bylaws and there are 435 women who are eligible to vote for school trustees only.

In Ward 2, 164 may vote on both municipal and other elections, and 440 may vote in municipal elections only, a total of 2,284.

There are 1,117 freeholders, 394 women voters, and 430 persons eligible to vote for school trustees only.

Ward Three.

In Ward 3, 2,575 are on the lists to vote for all elections, 715 for municipal only, a total of 3,290. There are 1,762 freeholders, who may vote on money bylaws, 450 women, and 380 who may vote for school trustees only.

Ward Four.

Ward 4 is the largest of the wards. There are 2,758 who may vote on both municipal and other elections, and 782 who may vote on municipal elections only, a total of 3,538.

In this ward there are 2,025 freeholders, 528 women and 395 eligible to vote for school trustees only.

The Totals.

Total number who may vote on municipal and other elections, 9,099. Total number eligible to vote in municipal elections only, 2,873.

Grand total—11,972 for municipal elections.

In the city there are 6,414 voters who may vote on money bylaws.

There are also 1,807 women who may vote.

The total number who may vote for school trustees only is 1,615.

Children Contribute To the Shelter

An important feature in connection with the closing exercises of Grade VIII, St. George's school, was the presentation of \$10 to the Children's Shelter, South London. The money donated by the children was their own and the presentation was made to the shelter through Sheriff Cameron, who was present to receive it, and who made a neat speech, thanking the children for their thoughtfulness and generosity.

Another important feature was the annual presentation of medals. The Boyle memorial medal was presented to Miss Millie Kipp by Sheriff Cameron; the Robinson medal to Miss Jean Stuart by ex-Trustee Mr. John Miss Agnes McLean by Inspector Edwards. Mr. Edwards also presented six books on behalf of Principal E. Wyatt to Misses Millie Kipp, Helen Stuart, Jean Stuart, Ethel Garner, Eva Southcott and Master Dave Lo-

gan. A good programme of music, songs and readings was furnished by the pupils, at the close of which refreshments were served.

NO INCREASE IN LOCAL HOTEL RATES

Local hotelkeepers so far have made no movement to follow the example of a number of Toronto hotelkeepers by raising their rates, and so far as can be learned, no movement of the kind is contemplated.

All the hotelkeepers spoken to on the matter stated that the present rates were satisfactory to them.

In Toronto after the meeting held on Saturday there was a general increase, which resulted in all rates being raised 50 cents a day. Those hotels which put up the tariff issued a statement, saying that it was due to the increased cost of living in general.



"'Twas the Night Before Christmas."

Heaviest Day in Years at Postoffice English Mail Has Been Very Heavy

Clerks and Carriers Have Had
Their Work Cut Out
for Them.

"The heaviest day we have had in years," was the unanimous reply of the postmen when questioned this morning.

The day preceding Christmas is always a trying one to both letter-carriers and postoffice employees. Nearly 50 tons of English mail, consisting largely of packages, has been handled at the postoffice in the last few days.

This is in addition to hundreds of bags of Canadian mail.

Besides all this, there is the regular outgoing mail.

A Busy Place.

Last night the postoffice presented a busy appearance, and one wondered as one looked at the letters and packages piled all over, when the employees would ever get through them all. But the men set to work with a will, and in a short time every piece

had been stamped and sorted, and work was commenced on fresh bags as fast as they were opened.

A very great time-saver which is appreciated considerably by the men who used to do the stamping is the electrical stamping machine, which stamps letters and cards at the rate of 300 a minute.

For hours last night this machine was kept going at full speed, while the clerk placed great stacks of letters in it from the collecting drawers.

In former years all this work was done by hand, and the job was a tedious one. The larger packages and parcels still have to be stamped with a hand stamp.

At Work Early.

Every carrier was on the job early this morning, and at his place found a pile of stuff that would make an ordinary man despair. However, with the assistance of a number of boys, who carried many of the packages in boxes on sleighs, everything was delivered after a fashion.

The carriers report that citizens have been quite liberal with them, and this is perhaps the one bright spot in an arduous day's work for them.

Nervy Tenant Wanted To Move In But the Landlord Blocked the Way

A Peculiar Case Being Heard
Before Squire Chittick
Today.

If the allegations of Mr. Hanna, a Westminster Township farmer, are true, Wm. Webb, formerly of Dorchester, should be awarded first prize for having the most nerve of anyone in the township.

Mr. Hanna alleges that Webb came to him on Monday last week and asked to rent a small house which Hanna has on his farm, and which is located some distance from Mr. Hanna's own home.

"You cannot rent the house," was the reply, whereupon Webb left the place.

On the very next day as Mr. Hanna was walking about his place, he was much surprised to see a wagonload of furniture pulled up to the house in question. The driver at once proceeded to unload and started to carry the goods inside the house.

Stopped Him.

Mr. Hanna broke into a run and yelled, "Hey, you stop that!"

The driver paused in his work and looked around.

Inquiry elicited the fact, so it is alleged, that Webb had instructed the driver to cart the goods to the house mentioned, and unload them inside the house, as he had rented the place from Mr. Hanna.

Mr. Hanna refused to allow the goods, which consisted of an old stove, a carpet, some bedclothing, and a table, to be placed in the house, even temporarily, and consequently they were dumped in the road, where the irate Webb found them later.

Charged With Trespass.

Then Mr. Hanna swore out an information on the charge of trespass, and this morning County Constable Coursant served the summons.

Webb appears before Squire Chittick this afternoon.

The accused is a man of perhaps 45 or 50 and is single.

He has been keeping bachelor's hall at Dorchester, where he worked as a farm-hand in the summer, and at cutting wood in the winter.

74 BODIES IN A HEAP

Ghastly Find of Rescue Party in Jacob's Creek Collieries.

Jacob's Creek, Pa., Dec. 24.—Searching parties at the Darr mine today reached entry No. 27, where they found 74 bodies in a heap. With the 46 bodies which have already been brought to the surface the total number today is 120.

The bodies found in number 27 entry are not so badly mutilated as some of the bodies previously recovered.

Today was funeral day at the mine. Twelve identified bodies were taken from the temporary morgue and placed in a line along the tracks of the Pittsburgh and Lake Erie Railroad. The last sad ceremonies were conducted in the open with hundreds of friends, relatives and sightseers as spectators. The resultant scenes were extremely pathetic. Following the services, the bodies were placed on a train and taken to Connelville, Pa., for burial.

NOT RESIGNING

No Basis to Rumor, Says Chief Ranger of the I. O. F.

Toronto, Dec. 24.—Rumors regarding the resignation of Mr. Elliott G. Stevenson as supreme chief ranger of the Independent Order of Foresters are set at rest by a statement from Mr. Stevenson himself. Mr. Stevenson was wired to in Detroit, and told of the rumor, and this morning the reply came from him: "No basis for rumors referred to in your wire. An unqualified denial has been given also by the executive council of the Foresters."

THE WEATHER.

TOMORROW—SNOWFALLS.

FORECASTS.

Toronto, Dec. 24—8 a.m.

Fair today and tonight, with slightly lower temperature.

Wednesday—Local snowfalls.

TEMPERATURES.

Stations. 8 a.m. Min. Weather.

Calgary 32 16 Fair

Winnipeg 4 14 Cloudy

Port Arthur 6 4 Clear

Parry Sound 28 28 Fair

Toronto 28 28 Fair

Ottawa 28 28 Fair

Montreal 30 30 Fair

Quebec 30 30 Snow

Father Point 30 30 Snow

Snow.

The first column in the above table records the temperature at 8 o'clock this morning, and the second column records the minimum temperature during the 24 hours previous.

WEATHER NOTES.

The disturbance mentioned yesterday has now reached the Lower St. Lawrence Valley, and another important disturbance covers the northwestern portion of the continent.

Snow, sleet and rain have fallen heavily from Ontario to the Maritime Provinces, attended by strong winds and gales. In the Western Provinces the weather is turning colder, accompanied by light snowfalls.

TONS OF TURKEY GIVEN AWAY TO EMPLOYEES IN LONDON

Factories and Other Places Presented Big Birds To
Men—Mr. C. R. Somerville Presents Gold
Watches To Employees.

Today nearly all the large manufacturers and other employers of this city remembered their employees.

Turkeys were given the married men, and in some instances other gifts were given faithful employees.

Tons of turkeys were distributed in this manner, and are much appreciated by the employees.

Presentations are popular everywhere. This morning Mr. C. R. Somerville, of the East End, presented Miss Lou Manley with a handsome check in recognition of her long services with the firm. Miss Manley has been with the company for nearly eighteen years, and Mr. Somerville

took this method of showing his appreciation of it.

Seven young ladies, who have been in the employ of the firm for five years, were given handsome gold watches, while every other member of the staff was remembered by a nice gift.

Hon. Adam Beck distributed 75 or 100 turkeys to his employees and others.

Mayor Judd remembered the civic employees with turkeys.

Tons of Turkeys.

The McClary Manufacturing Company this year distributed 670 turkeys among its employees.

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Niagara Power Question in London Hon. Mr. Beck and Others Discuss It

Meeting Held in East End Hall
Last Night Was Well
Attended.

A fair-sized meeting was held in the east end hall last night, when the Hon. Adam Beck and Ald. Fryer, of the Niagara Power Union, spoke upon the question which is to be submitted to the people at the coming municipal elections.

Mr. Fryer spoke principally along the lines of what power meant to Ontario, as a manufacturing center, and closed by answering as carefully and thoroughly as he could the list of questions which appeared in The Advertiser of Monday evening.

Hon. Adam Beck's speech was a review of what he has stated at other meetings.

The statement that the Westinghouse people had been able to guarantee to transmit power at 120,000 volts, which would mean to this city a line loss of 5 per cent, instead of 10 per cent, as had been calculated upon by the Government, was the only new ground upon which he touched.

Ald. Matthews' Statement.

Ald. Matthews presided, and in introducing Mr. Fryer, of Galt, said that those using the power and light will pay all the cost of the plant, etc.

People owning property and who do not use electricity for anything will not have to pay one cent. The ratepayers will pay only for street lighting. Everyone has felt that the lights at present are not brilliant enough.

The new magnetic lights will not be placed all over the city, but just as far as the present system extends, London's future as an industrial center.

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Trailed Miner's Gang Ten Weeks Ex-Londoner Tells of Hot Chase

Sergeant-Major Shoebottom's
Story of Dash After
Desperadoes.

Sergeant-Major Duke Shoebottom, of the Royal Northwest Mounted Police, arrived in the city on Saturday, and intends spending the holidays with his parents here. Sergeant-Major Shoebottom is in charge of the post at Battleford, and has made for himself a reputation that covers the whole of the Northwest. One episode that made him particularly famous was the capture of the notorious Bill Miner gang after they had held up and looted the C. P. R. express.

Dash After Desperadoes.

When seen by The Advertiser this morning Major Shoebottom gave an interesting account of the affair.

"I was stationed at Banff at the time the hold-up took place," he said,

"In charge of the station there. We received word of the hold-up very soon after it had taken place, and were quickly on the scene. Learning that the three men had taken to the mountains we made a dash after them. The leader of the gang we knew to be Bill Miner, one of the oldest and most daring road agents in the west. Miner had the reputation of never having shot a man, but we knew that even if he did not the fellows who were with him would not hesitate to shoot. The gang took to the mountains, and we went after them. It was hard going and at times we lost the trail completely. It was nearly ten weeks before we finally came up with them and caught them whole and alive. They were pretty tired of the hot chase and the life they had been leading. Miner is a very clever man and later made his escape from jail. At present he is believed to be living in the mountains of Oregon, and we think he is too old and has had too much experience in Canada to ever come across the line again."

Answers To Niagara Power Questions Asked By "Citizen" in Advertiser

President Fryer of Power Union
Deals With Them Seriatim
—Points for Ratepayers

An interesting feature of last night's power meeting was the taking up of the questions asked by "Citizen," in last night's Advertiser. President Fryer, of the Municipal Power Union, dealt with them seriatim, and gave answers which Mr. Beck approved, and in some cases enlarged upon. The questions and replies are given below, as to whether the information given is satisfactory and meets the case.

1. Who pays for or guarantees the cost of providing the generating station at Niagara, and what will the station cost? Who will manage and control this?

Answer—The generating station is owned by the generating company, and is not paid for by either the commission or municipality. The commission has a contract with a private company to supply 8,000-horsepower or upwards to 75,000-horsepower at \$10.40 per horsepower.

2. Who pays for or guarantees the cost of the transmission line from Niagara to London, and what will it cost? Who will manage and control this?

A.—The cost of transmitting the power is included in the \$23, which is the price per horsepower which last year's London bylaw authorized the

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Three Months for Benj. Blackstock Penalty for Falling Off Water Wagon

Magistrate Love Had a Big Grist
of Offenders To Deal
With.

Magistrate Love made it very plain at the police court this morning that in his opinion Benjamin Blackstock would have escaped being sentenced to three months in the Central Prison if he had remained on the water wagon and had not attempted to float amateur theatrical companies and pawn gramophones belonging to other people.

His worship said he did not mean that Blackstock had fallen off the water wagon, but simply that he came

off and left his job of watering the city streets.

A strong plea for leniency was advanced by Blackstock's counsel, and the court said that had there been only one charge against the prisoner he would have allowed him to go on suspended sentence.

However, there were four charges, and more ready to be laid, and it was shown beyond any doubt that Blackstock was getting worse all the time.

After his term had been served his worship hoped that Blackstock would stick to honest methods of making a living and be a good citizen.

A Star Boarder.

The case of William Magee caused considerable amusement in the court. Continued on Page Nine.