LONDON, WEDNESDAY, DEC. 28. London and the Power Problem.

Mr. Beck and his organ continue to misrepresent the Niagara power situation by charging the Ontario Government with creating a monopoly. "The whole of the power source is divided between three companies," says the organ, echoing Mr. Beck's nomination address. A former member of the Legislature and a present member of the Niagara power commission, Mr. Beck must know that this assertion is very far from the truth. There is no monopoly at Niagara Falls. The Government has reserved at least two power sites, equal to those which have been leased to private corporations, of which selves at any time.

Mr. Beck and his organ argue that Niagara Falls should have been placed under Government control-a Government monopoly. In that case the Govmoment to such a proposition. No gov- est in the contract? ernment would be justified in coolly In 1902 a citizen began to supply elec-Toronto, Hamilton, Brantford, Galt, tially? ing cities and towns within the Niatempt were made to carry it out

nesslike course. Men with millions to ploy or pay, would the ratepayers have invest offered to take the risks of this had no cause for complaint? gigantic undertaking. Three companies In 1904, this present year, the Bell have been granted franchises, under Telephone Company secured a renewal conditions which will yield a large re- of its franchise from the city council. venue to the Province, but they have The negotiations on behalf of the city other present but th' tub. no exclusive rights. The Government council were in the hands of an alderhas notified the municipalities that man who is one of the solicitors of power sites have been reserved for the Bell Telephone Company. Was his them as a permanent safeguard against position different from that of a stockmonopoly or extortion. If private en- holder of the company? terprise had not stepped in, or had During the ensuing year the city been excluded altogether, a good deal council may be called upon to take of water would have tumbled over Nia- some steps in the matter of transmitgara before the municipalities would ting and distributing Niagara power. have helped themselves. They are not The status of the London Electric Comin a mood at present to spend millions pany, which has now almost a monop in great development plants at Nia- oly of this business in the city, will be gara. In a little while there will be affected by the policy of the municipalplenty of Niagara power for sale, and ity. If a shareholder of the company the municipalities will know upon what is in the city council, would his coning. cannot build costly engineering works private interest? at the Falls to generate electrical energy, they may find it practicable to ors should turn over in their minds bejoin their forces in building transmis- fore the day of polling. sion lines to bring the energy to their doors. The three power companies will be under the necessity of finding a market for their output-there is no market at the Falls-and will be eager to enter into contracts with prospective customers. Mr. Beck's organ, however, assumes that when the municipalities have brought Niagara power to to private companies for sale and distripution. Here is what it says

"The most that the municipalities can do is to league together to make the Niagara power available within their several precincts. But to undertake a general supply business, as a municipanty, is so debatable that party. any man would find it risky to contest for office on that policy. Nothing would be more debatable than for a city to go into a trading businessthe "sale and distribution"-with a commonity controlled by a private company or a trust. Were the great municipalities of Ontario to stand committed so far, after they proviced costly equipment, they might wake up some tine morning writhing in the grasp of a soulless trust."

The cost of transmitting Niagara power to London will be very much Liberal in the bunch. Why should these greater than the cost of distributing it after it reaches here. It is highly probable that the ratepayers will not they any grudge against Mr. Darch? shy at the comparatively small cost of Did they prefer a Liberal to a Socialdistribution after they have made a great outlay for transmission. Having brought Niagara power to the city's precincts, they may decide to retain water commissionership. any profit arising from its sale, instead of allowing a private company a slice. Does Mr. Beck, who boasted the other night that he was a chamshould favor it, as he is a stock- play and public morals. holder in the company which the Free Press says is to control the distribution of Niagara power, after the city has gone to the expense of securing it. beck or Aid, Judd or both? With due power, respect to all three, we submit that it is a question for the ratepayers to de-

As to "the grasp of a soulless trust," the municipalities will not be so foolish as to build transmission lines without a thorough understanding with the Niagara power companies. Several factors will operate to keep down the market price of Niagara power, In the first place, the companies will have an unlimited amount and will be compelled to dispose of it to earn an interest on the enormous capital fixed in their plants. Second, they will have to seil at a figure below the cost of producing electricity by steam, or they will find no market. Third, they have

heads. The municipalities can make a contract with the power companies by which they will be protected against any increase of rates during the life of the contract. They can provide also that upon its expiration In talking of a monopoly and a soulless trust, the Free Press is raising a bugaboo in behalf of Ald, Judd's company. This question may come to the front within the ensuing year, and is not to be pooh-poohed by the spokesmen of private interests.

A Few Queries.

A few words about municipal and private corporations-those who sell franchises, and those who buy them. In 1895 a contract was entered into between the city and the London Street Railway Company, preparatory to the operation of the street railway system by electricity. If the aldermen at that time had been stockholders in the comthe municipalities may avail them- pany would the ratepayers have had no cause for uneasiness, even if the city fathers were pure civic patriots?

In 1898 a ten years' contract for street lighting was made between the ernment would have been obliged to city and the London Electric Company, generate the electricity and sell it to involving about \$30,000 a year. If the municipalities, or companies, or individ- members of the council, or some of uals, within a radius of 100 or 150 miles, them, were shareholders of the London or at the furthest point to which it Electric Company at the time, would could be efficiently transmitted. No they have had no difficulty in dismisssane government would listen for a ing all thought of their personal inter-

taking millions out of the revenues of tricity for light and power to neighborthe Province to supply cheap power to ing stores and factories, among them a limited number of municipalities or the McClary works. The London Elecindustries, thus bonusing one section tric Company demanded that the city of Ontario at the expense of the larger council prohibit him from carrying portion of it, which could derive no wires across the street for this purbenefit. Would Ottawa, Kingston, pose. Without entering into the merits Belleville, Peterboro, Owen Sound, Col- of this case, which is fresh in the publingwood, Windsor and scores of other lic mind, may it be asked whether any industrial centers which could not be aldermen at that time who chanced to reached by Niagara power, consent to be shareholders in the London Electric be placed at a permanent disadvantage Company would be in the best position by the Government, as compared with to decide the matter fairly and impar-

Berlin, London, and other manufactur- During the past two or three years, the council has had to judge between gara belt? The policy proposed by Mr. two rival paving companies, and its Beck and his organ would raise a small policy has had the effect of driving rebellion in the Province, if any at- one of the companies from the field. If the aldermen had been stockhold-The Government took the only busi- ers in either company, or in their em-

terms they may obtain it. If they duct be likely to be influenced by his

These are a few questions the elect-

The Crime of 1899.

city hall last night by one of the can- for 3 shillings." A serious charge was made at the missioners. Mr. Darch. This gentleman, who ran on the Socialist ticket their thresholds they will hand it over for the mayoralty in 1899, claims that he was defeated on that occasion because the ballot boxes were plugged. The Advertiser, he adds, had not a

> It may be a sorry reflection upon the enterprise of The Advertiser, but this great home journal is obliged to confess that this is the first time it has heard of the crime of 1899. Who were the deputy returning officers in that election? They were appointed by a Conservative council which drew party lines pretty sharply. One might go over the list of these deputies with a fine-tooth comb and find scarcely a good Tories plug the ballot boxes in behalf of a Liberal candidate? Had ist? If so, the Conservative Association is making amends by backing a Socialist against a Liberal for the

Is Mr. Darch quite certain that the Conservative deputies of 1899 plugged the ballot boxes? The pharisees say that only Liberals do such naughty pion of municipal ownership, support things, but the Liberals had no chance the policy of his organ in this matter? in 1899. The mystery ought to be It is easily understood why Ald. Judd cleared up in the interests of fair

Dr. Campbell is the favorite.

Ald, Judd is not making a good run, is the Free Press speaking for Mr. although electricity is his motive

> Next year's council will have to start in by paying off the debts of this year's, Happy New Year!

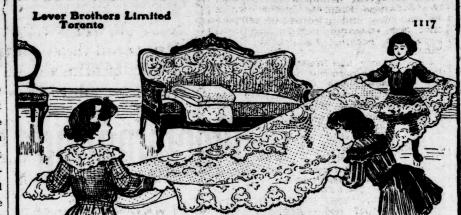
Candidates for the council are reminded that free pavements are only the perquisites of a few.

The railway commission is again demonstrating its usefulness by getting after the Pere Marquette.

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One good term deserves another. Dr. Routledge has been a credit to East Middlesex and himself in the Legis-

Berkeley Powell, late M. P. P. for Ottawa, refuses to be dragged into the field again. Ottawa will return two Liberals for the Legislature, Mr. Powell knows it.

Rev. C. T. Scott denounces the introduction of party politics into municipal affairs. The reverend gentleman is right. The most effective way of rebuking it is to vote against those who introduced it.

The Attorney-General of the United States has begun suit against the paper trust, which has raised prices to rob the people.

A Useful Goat. [Puck.]

Casey-I bought me little bye Timmy goat fer Christmas. Dolin-Phat else did Timmy get? Casey-Nawthin'. I tied the goat to the Christmas tree and he ate every

Supplement to an Old Saying [New York Press.]

His Friend-Money talks. The Promoter-Yes, but sometimes it's mighty hard to get it to listen.

Next Door to an Atheist. [Town and Country.]

They say he is an atheist, and I be-Bonter-I wouldn't like to go as far as that, but I know that he doesn't recognize the existence of a superior be-

Long Parted. [London Tatler.]

A stranger in Dublin having lost his way, hailed a car; two immediately dashed up, both wanting the fare. "What's your fare to the Royal Hotel?" asked the stranger, addressing the first jarvey.

"That's too much, my good fellow," replied the stranger. "I'll give you 2

"But 3 shillings is the fare, yer honor, and it's the truth Oi'm tellin' ye. How could Oi tell you a lie whin me mothe vedded me to truth in me infancy? "Shure, thin," commented his rival, "it's a very long toime you've been a widower, Mick."

Houses Not for Rent or Sale.

[Philadelphia Telegraph.] 'Do you know that there are several nundred houses in Philadelphia the owners of which keep them idle because of the death therein of a member of the family?" said a real estate

"In the territory where I do much business I can show you fifty houses that have been idle from one to ten years that you cannot rent for love or money. Many of them were deserted soon after the death of a member of the family, and were left completely furnished, the owners even going to the expense of renting another house

"A beautiful home belonging to an I Invited to Dovercourt Church. eccentric old lady whom I know was abandoned by her and her children because of the husband's death five years to induce her to rent it, but my efforts beautiful furnishings it possessed when can see the lace curtains at some of the windows. They have been turned

"Neither can you purchase the homes referred to unless poverty forces such families to dispose of them. Death alone holds the key of entrance."

TWO EXPLOSIONS RESULT FATALLY

Lives of 1,200 Young Women in Peril-Two Men Killed. Others Injured.

New York, Dec. 28.-One man was instantly killed, another so seriously injured that he may die, and the lives of hundreds of young women were endangered yesterday when the cylinder head of the great power engine in the Chelsea jute mins in Williamsburg blew out. Engineer Charles Heebe was nearly cut in two by a piece of flying iron, and his assistant, Daniel Ferrier, was terribly pruised

of bricklayers, was burned to death and five others seriously injured in an explosion in furnace J of the Edgar Thompson plant.

MUCH IN ORDER

Ald. Judd and Ald. Wyatt Might Give the People Something Un Important Matters.

Around the city hall today wonder was expressed that Ald. Judd did not seek at last night's meeting to explain his attitude a couple of years ago when he did his utmost to keep the Sitton Company from entering into competition with his own com pany, the London Electric. In these 50 per cent within three or four years, days the people are very solicitous Congress could cut the claws of the as to a public man's attitude toward trust in a moment by reducing the order for Mr. Judd to explain, if he corporations, and it is certainly in duty on paper which enables the trust can why he has all his life been a corporationist, why he appeared before the city council as solicitor for an electrical monopoly of which he is shareholder, and tried to deprive the people of the benefits of electrical

Ald. Wyatt also ignored the charge made against him that, while chairman of the board of works, he had a macadam pavement put down in front of his own property on St. James street, and had it constructed out of the general funds. It is also alleged that the mayor had a similar pave ment put down on Albert street out of the general funds. The people would like to hear from Ald. Wyatt on this subject.

Ald. Matthews is on the outs with his brother aldermen these days. Last night he hung a big sign over the platform in the city hall, which bore the advice, "Vote for Matthews." Lyles—Did you ever come across a the advice, "Vote for Matthews." more conceited fellow than Bulger? This incensed the other aldermen, and upon their united protest it was taken down. Much fault is also found with Mr. Henry Macklin, who was chairman of the meeting, and who "played" favorites, by allowing some men to speak as long as they liked, and by requesting others to "cut it short."

> Tonight a meeting of the electors will be held in the east end hall, when all the candidates will be given a chance to speak. A meeting will also be held in West London either Thursday or Friday night.

> Very many electors were sorry to hear today that Mr. John Barned, who was nominated for aldeman, was compelled through business reasons to withdraw. Mr. Barned is a very popular citizen, and his election to an aldermanic seat was looked upon as almost a certainty.

The joke of the present campaign is Mr. Fred Darch's effort to appear before the people as an independent can-didate. With his name on the Conservative slate he hopes to catch many Liberal and independent votes by posing as the workingmen's candidate. There seems to be no room to doubt, however, that he, though a Socialist for some time, has gone back to his old love, the Conservative party, of which he was an officer for some years. His name does not appear on the Socialist slate, and he was nominated by two Conservatives, Mr. T. F. Kingsmill, jun., and Mr. W. T. Hamilton, who is running on the Tory slate for alderman in Ald. Becher's place.

CALLED TO TORONTO

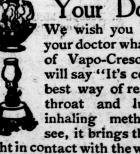
The Rev. James Wilson, of Glencoe

ago. Several times I have endeavored Presbyterian Church, Toronto, heartily and unanimously decided last evening were unavailing. The interior of the to extend a call to Rev. James Wilson, I understand, still contains the B.A., Glencoe, to become their minisful furnishings it possessed when ter. The call will be prosecuted before the family moved away. In fact, you the Toronto Presbytery next Tuesday, and will be brought before London Presbytery, of which Mr. Wilson is a

> The stipend named was \$1,500, with a membership of 260, and has been vacant since the death of Rev. James Carruthers in June last.

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Assessment Act," in that behalf, on the lands hereinafter mentioned and described, being in the said County, for taxes in arrears thereon respectively and lawful costs, I hereby give notice that unless the said taxes and costs be sooner paid, I shall proceed to sell by public auction at the Court House, in the City of London, Onthursday, the 9th day of March, A. D. 1905, at the hour of 12 o'clock noon, the said lands, or as much thereof as may be sufficient to discharge the said taxes and costs and charges in and about the sale of said lands, authorized by said act.

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