

ESTABLISHED 1864. JOHN GATTO & SON

We Wish One and All A Very Happy and Prosperous New Year

JOHN GATTO & SON 55 to 61 KING STREET EAST, TORONTO.

"CON" ARTISTS IN TOILS

Continued From Page 1.

Two were taken to headquarters and their rooms searched. At Jones's place was found a woman who says she is his wife. There and in his clothes was found much evidence to show that his pathos are far from straight.

In his pocket when taken was a cheque drawn upon a Dominion Bank form at Windsor, Ont., for \$500, payable to S. B. Anderson, or bearer, and changed to the account of M. E. Boulton. It was signed Adams Co. Other cheques found at the room were in favor of Frank Miller or bearer, and signed Mather & Co., another on the American National Bank, Tampa, Fla., for \$200, signed Adams & Co., also Merchants Bank, Windsor, Ont., for \$200, to John B. Smith, signed G. S. & Co., another Montreal City and District Savings Bank, Montreal, dated Dec. 5, for \$250, in favor of G. W. Morgan, signed O. S. Ruffer & Co.

Also there were clippings showing that he had been arrested at Pittsburg, Pa., under the name of John Smith, Detroit, for trying to fleece an innocent out of \$500. As a matter of fact he and his wife did live at 377 Cass-street, Detroit. Cheques also showed where \$300 had been put up in Lincoln, Neb., to get him out on parole, when he was serving a term under the name of J. P. Mason.

When the name was searched by Mrs. Whidson at headquarters about \$800 worth of jewelry was discovered hidden about her.

New Year Resolves. Many people are not on the first of the New Year to make good resolves for improvement in their lives during the year.

No resolve can be safer than that to drink rainwater, and thereby be sure of avoiding poisonous germs which may lurk in ordinary tap or cheap mineral waters.

Badon is no cure-all, it is, however, the best of mineral and an absolutely pure and invigorating table water. Think rainwater if you value your health and happiness.

When Workmen are Injured. By law an employer of labor is under certain liability for accidents which occur to workmen. We assume that responsibility in our "Employers' Liability Bonds." In case of accident we render first aid to the injured and meet any litigation that may arise in the matter. London Guarantee and Accident Company of London, England. Head office for Canada, corner Yonge and Richmond-streets, Phone Main 1042.

Fruit Trees. We have the largest stock of apple, peach, pear and plum trees, also currants and gooseberry bushes to be found in Canada. Write for catalog. Brown Brothers Co., Browns' Nurseries, Ont.

RUSSIAN BROKER MISSING. And Some Compatriots Fear They Have Been Swindled.

"Baron" G. L. Roniker, at whose office at 81 Agnes-street, Russians have been going to deposit money, purchase real estate and purchase steamship tickets to send to friends and relatives in the old land, has left the city, and complaints have been made to the police.

Roniker arrived a few months ago and opened shop. Some time ago he sent a duplicate bill to British Columbia to work for the C.P.R. Some deposited their moneys with him, some their leaving over \$100. Others left money for tickets to be sent to relatives in Russia.

Ret. M. Kolesnikoff, Baptist missionary, was associated with Roniker in setting up a small Russian printing office and they purchased type. Roniker charged the partnership 95 cents per pound for this, but Kolesnikoff was asked the amount from whom it was charged for a duplicate bill and found that they had only charged 45 cents per pound. Then Kolesnikoff threatened Roniker with arrest and exposure.

On Wednesday morning a note was found in the office signed by Roniker, which said that should anything be heard of his death it would be due to this case. Thursday several Russians complained at the Agnes-street station that they had been swindled, and that Roniker had fled. One charge of theft of \$100 was filed. It is said that Roniker operated a Mike business in New York.

DOMINION CHAIR FACTORY BURNED.

HALIFAX, N.S., Dec. 31.—(Special.)—The Dominion Chair Factory at Ross River, one of the principal industries in the Maritime Provinces, was destroyed by fire to-night for the third time.

Large Shade Trees Moved. We supply large Elm and Maple trees 20 to 40 feet high, also big evergreens and shrubs, guaranteeing them to grow. Brown Br. Co., Browns' Nurseries, Ont.

START '10 RIGHT

If you have had bad bowels and liver last year—you don't have this. CASCARETS will make your bowels and liver act right, and keep them so. Many a sick, tired head and body comes from bad bowels.

CASCARETS are best, weak's treatment, all druggists. Biggest sellers in the world—5 million boxes a month.

Queen Quality SHOE

Tight boots—misery! Better change to "Queen Quality." Very stylish, wholly comfortable.

THE SIMPSON COMPANY LIMITED

THE WEATHER

OBSERVATORY, TORONTO, Dec. 31.—(Special.)—The Atlantic coast storm has passed away to the eastward, and the weather is now fair from Ontario to the Maritime provinces. The temperature has increased in Manitoba, Ontario and Quebec. While a change to very cold weather has occurred in the far west, minimum and maximum temperatures were: 48 below—3 below: Victoria, 34—48; Vancouver, 30—38; Calgary, 8 below—28; Edmonton, 8 below—18; Saskatoon, 20—28; Moose Jaw, 21—34; Qu'Appelle, 18—24; Winnipeg, 2—18; Fort Arthur, 4—22; FORT SASKIAW, 2—18; London, 2—22; Toronto, 12—20; Ottawa, 20—20; Montreal, zero—18; Quebec, 8 below—8; St. John, 1—14; Halifax, 10—20.

Probabilities.—Lower Lakes, Georgian Bay, Ottawa and Upper St. Lawrence.—Southerly winds and comparatively mild until Sunday night, then a change to much colder, with high winds.

TO-DAY IN TORONTO.

Sunday School Convention—Massey Hall, 10. Bazaar banquet—Horticultural Building, East End, 7.15. National Canada and Cage Bird Show—Lambton Park, 1. Dufferin Park, 1.30. Lambton Golf Club reception—4 to 6. Jessie MacLachlan—Massey Hall, 8. New Year's concert—Association Hall, 2 and 3. Jessie Alexander and Arthur might recital—Broadway Tabernacle, 8.

BIRTHS. SIMPSON—At 262 Annette-street, Toronto, on Friday, Dec. 31, 1909, to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Simpson, a son, Ross Anderson.

DEATHS. ANDERSON—At Fairbank on Friday, Dec. 31, John Leonard Anderson, second son of J. Anderson, aged 7 years 5 months. Funeral on Monday, Jan. 3, at 2.30 o'clock, St. Paul's Cemetery, Miss BENTLEY—On Thursday, Dec. 30, at 61 Gladstone-street, Elizabeth Ferguson, widow of the late George W. Bentley. Funeral on Monday morning, Jan. 3, at 11 o'clock, St. Paul's Cemetery, Parkdale, for interment in Christ's Church Cemetery, Woodbridge.

COATES—On Friday, Dec. 31st, at 116 Curzon-street, J. W. Coates, in his 43rd year. Member of the Canadian Order of Foresters, Court National. Funeral from above address on Monday, Jan. 3rd, to Norway Cemetery.

HAERISON—On Dec. 30, 1909, at his residence, 108 East York, Christopher Harrison, in his 81st year. Funeral Jan. 3, at 2 p.m. Interment at York Mills.

PARKINSON—On Friday, Dec. 31, 1909, at 111 St. George-street, the wife of Charles Pys Parkinson, and mother of Amy Parkinson (deceased), in her 81st year. Rev. Dr. W. H. Finckel will conduct funeral services at A. W. M. undertaking parlors, 236 College-street, on Jan. 2, 1910, at 2 p.m. Interment in the cemetery. Friends are invited to attend this notice.

SNYDER—On Friday, Dec. 31, 1909, at her late residence, 111 St. George-street, the wife of Conrad A. Snyder. Funeral on Monday morning to G.T.R. Parkdale Station, 8.37 train; thence to Guelph. Guelph and Orangeville papers.

WARRI—At his residence, 135 Concord-avenue, on Friday, Dec. 31, 1909, Mr. W. H. WARRI, in his 67th year. Funeral from above address on Monday, Jan. 3, at 8.30 a.m. to St. Peter's R. C. Church, thence to St. Michael's Cemetery. No flowers.

CHARLES A. CONNORS (Formerly with R. D. Humphrey) UNDERTAKER 303 YONGE STREET Phone North 1685

THE BEST IN ITS HISTORY

The National Life Assurance Company of Canada Has Had a Good Year.

Applications for new insurance received during the year 1909 total \$5,300,000. The amount of new policies taken up and paid for was \$2,550,000. The insurance in force has increased from \$8,625,000 at the close of business on Dec. 31, 1908, to \$10,510,500 on Dec. 31, 1909.

The annual premium income thereon for 1908 was \$308,052.76, and for 1909, \$270,571.14.

The assets have increased from \$1,010,000 to \$1,311,468.54.

The company has invested in government and municipal bonds and debentures, \$718,724.97, in bank deposits, consisting of shares of the Imperial Bank of Canada, the Dominion Bank, Bank of Toronto and the Royal Bank of Canada, totalling \$116,832; in companies' stock, including Toronto Consumers' Gas stock, \$35,000.

The net return on the total office building in 1909 was 6 1/2 per cent. This was based on a book value of \$116,133.07, while the market value, per offer made during 1909, was \$155,000.

Loans on policies secured by legal reserves are \$150,678.54, cash at head office and in banks \$2,067.74.

The outstanding and deferred premiums, after deducting 10 per cent. for collection, amount to \$58,674.89. After deducting \$5000 written off agents' accounts, also \$2000 for current sundry accounts, and 25 per cent. off notes in course of collection, plus \$1000 in addition, the surplus to policyholders stands at \$285,055.54.

Interest earnings for 1909 were \$80,273.75. The death claims paid were about half the interest earnings for the year, namely \$41,531.

The company has been in a position during the past few years to report at the close of business on Dec. 31, no arrears of interest or principal on any of its invested funds.

The annual meeting of the shareholders will be held at the company's head office, National Life Chambers, on Wednesday, Jan. 5, 1910, at the hour of 2 o'clock.

Wanted—50 boys, from 16 to 18 years old, to carry messages, between 4 and 7 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 1, 1910. Call at The World Office, not later than 4 p.m.

"The Auld Scots Sangs" will ring in the New Year at Massey Hall to-night.

LAST SHOTS FIRED IN MAYORALTY CAMPAIGN

Controller Hocken Addresses an Enthusiastic Meeting of N. W. Electors.

Controller Hocken closed his campaign for the mayoralty by a splendid address to a crowded meeting of the voters of ward six in Dupont's Nurseries last night. It was a fighting speech from start to finish.

"No better act was done by the 1909 council than the selling of the bridge's Bay property to the Mulocks," he said. What The Telegram called land, was a heap of garbage, and required at least a capital of \$5,000,000 to develop and construct an industry thereon.

"The Mulocks," he added, "would turn that 26 acres of land into a dump for industry, where workmen would find ready employment."

"That's right," interjected several voices, "see that the men get work."

Mr. Hocken touching upon the tube question, said that the attitude of the street railway company was reflected in their demand for the city to give them the centre of the territory now section to gridiron the busy streets with loops. When that was done the company was prepared to talk outside extensions.

The tube would not cost the fabulous sums as claimed by The Star, sums which grew in magnitude in each edition of that journal.

Controller Geary, who dropped in at the beginning of the meeting, refused to speak on the tubes or Bloor-street viaduct, mainly confining himself to his usual attack on The World, the The Globe also came in for some pungent criticism. The low minded editor of The World, he declared, had gone to Mr. Hocken's house and dug up a photograph of himself in fancy dress and featured it on the front page. It was the duty of the citizens to return him as mayor and show their contempt for such vile newspaper tactics.

"I could tell you a good many more things," he went on to say, when several other voices in the crowd said "Time's up, Reggie," and he faded from view.

Hear Jessie MacLachlan sing to-night in Massey Hall.

Harper, Customs Broker, McKinnon Building, Toronto.

FRED HOGG FOR ALDERMAN.

Fred Hogg is getting strong support in the second ward. He has been a resident of Toronto for many years, and in a public capacity would serve the citizens well. He is for the tubes and viaduct, a low tax rate and curtailment of expenditures.

The U. S. treasury department have declined to purchase Peary's ship, "The Roosevelt," for patrol work in Behring Sea.

The great musical event to-night will be the New Year's Concert in Massey Hall by Jessie MacLachlan and other stars.

One robber was shot and killed and two were injured, one fatally, when surprised by the police while trying to rob a bank at Harrah, Okla. The two wounded men were captured.

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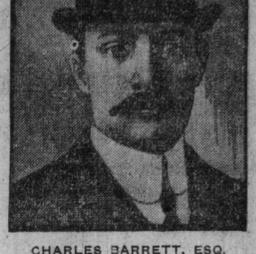
An order-in-council has been passed at Ottawa changing the tariff fees for the incorporation of companies under the companies act.

Broadway Tabernacle, New Year's Evening, Jessie Alexander, Arthur Clarke, etc.

Thirty-five hundred employees of the Boston "T" Railway got bonuses of \$20 in gold yesterday.

FIFTEEN YEARS OF AGONY

"Fruit-a-tives" Promptly Cured Him After Doctors Had Failed to Give Relief.



CHARLES BARRETT, ESQ. HARBOR AU BOUCHE, Antigonish County, N. S., March 24, 1909. "I wish to express my sincere appreciation of the great benefit I received from taking 'Fruit-a-tives.' I suffered from Biliousness and Dyspepsia for fifteen years and I consulted physicians and took many kinds of ordinary medicine, but got no relief. I was in miserable health all the time and nothing did me any good. I read the testimonial of Archibald McKenzie of Ottawa, and I decided to try 'Fruit-a-tives.' I have taken a number of boxes of 'Fruit-a-tives,' but before I had taken one box I felt better and now am entirely well. "I am thankful to be well after fifteen years' suffering, and I am willing to have this statement published for the sake of other sufferers, and to them I strongly recommend 'Fruit-a-tives.'"

(Signed) Charles Barrett.

One box, 6 for \$2.50—or trial box, 25c. At all dealers—or sent post-paid, receipt of price by Fruit-a-tives, Limited, Ottawa.

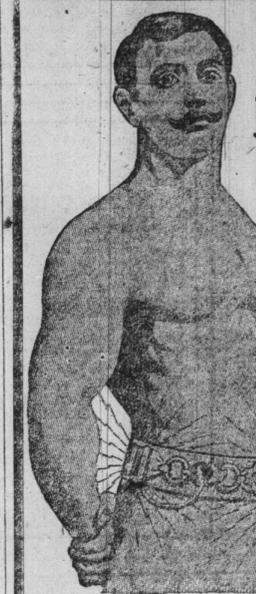
Where to go to-night: To Massey Hall to-night to hear Jessie MacLachlan sing.

ICE JAM WRECKS BRIDGE 60 MEN IN DURE PERIL

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 31.—Three hundred feet of the false structure of the McKinley bridge now under construction across the Mississippi River, were knocked out by an ice jam this evening.

One hundred and thirty men were at work on the structure when the jam twisted mass of timbers, three hoisting engines and a traveling crane, and Capt. John Short, in charge of a tug and two barges, frozen in the river, rescued 40 of the men and got them ashore after a two-hour struggle with the ice, which is jammed six feet high in many places.

The men who were unable to reach the tug are believed to have reached land across the ice floes. The damage is estimated at \$250,000.



What Other Men Say

Box 37, Hawkesbury, Ont. Dr. McLaughlin: Sept. 23, 1909.

Dear Sir:—I am pleased to report a good account as regards my health. I am beginning to find myself stronger in every way. Certainly your Belt does me good, and I have not needed it since WILLIAM P. MORTER.

MR. JOHN HUNT, Davisville, Ont. says: "I wish to say that your Belt has done me more good than all the medicine I ever took. I used it regularly for three months, and I have not needed it since."

MR. THOS. JORDISON, Chatsworth, Ont. says: "Your Belt worked wonders with my back, and my general health is built up far beyond my best expectations."

MR. W. McNeil, Colborne, Ont. says: "Your Belt has strengthened me entirely. I would not take \$100 for it if I could not get another!"

No. 25 Davenport Rd., Toronto, Ont. Sept. 18, 1909.

Dr. McLaughlin: Dear Sir.—In reference to the Electric Belt I purchased of you several months ago, I have much pleasure in stating that the stomach trouble has practically disappeared, and that the vital weakness has improved wonderfully. In addition, I wish to add that my general health has greatly improved, which I am confident is due to the wearing of your Belt. You are at liberty to make free use of this letter, as I feel sure that where your treatment more widely known the drug doctor would not be so much resorted to. Yours truly, A. J. JONES.

NORTH TORONTO NOTES

TO-DAY FOR COUNCIL

Big Field of Townsmen Are in the Running—Great Interest Being Taken.

NORTH TORONTO, Dec. 31.—(Special.)—No municipal election in all the long history of the Town of North Toronto has ever aroused a fraction of the interest which attaches to that of today. On all sides it is the one big outstanding feature, in the home of the street, the store, and workshop. In short, North Toronto's council has come more prominently into the limelight during the past six months than in any previous decade.

That the sewerage question and its resultant fate was chargeable for this condition of affairs is conceded, and that the men who were largely responsible for the setting aside of the people's will are likely to be defeated, seems reasonably sure. Council's Murphy and Grice have introduced a bill during the past six months that will to-day have an opportunity to be "factually" discarded for all time to come.

While in many respects commendable, and animated by worthy motives, was in relation to the sewerage, lamenting by weak and vacillating, and stamp him as a man of indecision.

In view of the fact that this is a crucial period in the history of the Town of North Toronto, it is a source of profound gratification that ex-Mayor John Fisher has introduced a resolution to enter the lists, and is again before the ratepayers as a candidate for the high office of chief magistrate of the town. Ex-Mayor Fisher has entered the lists, and is again before the ratepayers as a candidate for the high office of chief magistrate of the town. Ex-Mayor Fisher has entered the lists, and is again before the ratepayers as a candidate for the high office of chief magistrate of the town.

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A Happy New Year

To all our patrons and the music lovers of Ontario in general, we extend our best wishes for a happy and prosperous New Year. For almost three-quarters of a Century the sounds of our Pianos have accompanied the New Year chorals in thousands of homes, delighted the artist as well as the family circle. The names of

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the whole situation from a broad viewpoint. Walter Muston will make an ideal councillor.

D. D. Read is one of the men who ever since his arrival in the town has never lost an opportunity to do what ever could be done to benefit his adopted home. He is progressive, and his deep interest in the work of the public library and in aiding in the providing of good clean sport in skating and hockey is most creditable.

T. W. Banton