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SPENCE FOR MAYOR-- A HARD FIGHTER FOR THE CITY'S INTERESTS

Brantford Cannot Afford to be Gagged And Bound by Private Corporations and Monopolies—Spence Has Made Emphatically Good Already.

There are three candidates in the field for Mayor, and Ald. Spence has the endorsement of the Courier.

Mr. Wood, the last-minute candidate, who has never served, even for one second, on the City Council, is, obviously, not a desirable man for the position at this juncture.

Moreover, he has been altogether too lukewarm, not to say hostile, with reference to the ownership of public utilities, to make any sudden conversion in that essential carry very much weight.

Ald. Suddaby is an excellent man and citizen, and he has given long service at the Aldermanic board, but he has not had three or four important matters directly in hand to the extent of Ald. Spence, who, as Acting Mayor for some weeks, has been called upon to face serious responsibilities on behalf of the people and has acquitted himself, by general consent, in a most admirable and successful manner.

In short, his make-up and training mark him in an exceptional manner as a man thoroughly well equipped to serve the community at this period.

This isn't a mere prognostication, for the simple reason that it has already been fully demonstrated.

From first to last he has been a strong friend and advocate of Hydro-Electric power, and he helped might and main to carry that by-law upon the last occasion.

At the same time, it may be recalled that Mr. Wood was allied with interests fighting tooth and nail against that great public utility—one which is going to mean so very much to Brantford citizens.

In the matter of bringing the Street Railway to time, Ald. Spence has taken the lead in the splendid fight put up. Council after Council toyed with the subject, contenting themselves with letters which were usually ignored, and allowing the unpaid taxes due from the street railway to pile up more and more each year.

When Mr. Spence became Chairman of the Finance Committee he decided to recommend going to the courts to collect the monies due, and incidentally to have an order passed that the line and its equipment should be brought up to date.

Abundant success has crowned that move, and in addition an altogether too one-sided franchise has been declared forfeit and the city is in a position to take over the control, if that is so desired.

In the name of common-sense, isn't it better to continue the man on this job who knows the ropes rather than to hand a matter carried on so splendidly thus far to one who doesn't?

Another issue with reference to which Ald. Spence has taken the lead is in connection with pure gas. When the local company, with out any warning, started in to imperil the health, the comfort and the property of residents by using a supply of poisonous sulphureted gas from the Tilbury field, Mr. Spence at once called them to a halt.

He backed up and promoted two sets of actions, one in the police court with reference to a breach of the Health Act, and the other at Ottawa, from whence the official declaration was secured that said gas was entirely unfit for domestic use, together with an order that it was prohibited.

Only those in the know realize the arduous work put in by Mr. Spence in this matter.

For a lengthy period he met the gentlemen interested in the company in private conference, and despite their blandishments—and there were many—he absolutely refused to budge one inch.

His unequivocal declaration on behalf of the people was pure gas, or the corporation would take hold and itself give such a supply. When the gas people sought, through that leading lawyer, Lynch-Staunton, to evade and temporize with the main issue, John's laconic instruction was to "Fight on."

This was done, with the notable success of which all are aware. The company has now pledged itself to give a suitable supply within three weeks, but the work still remains of seeing that they efficiently carry out that pledge.

Once more, in the name of common-sense, isn't it better to continue the man on this job, also, who knows the ropes, rather than to hand them over to one who doesn't?

Mr. Spence would be no experiment in the Mayor's chair. He has already abundantly demonstrated that he knows how in that job, and the people are not taking any risk in keeping him there.

To the direct contrary, they are taking a very serious risk if they don't.

Achievements, Records And Experiences of T. L. Wood In Brantford City Council

A central figure in the East ward shooting affair in the person of P. C. Cobden, has left the hospital and will report for duty very shortly.

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One is Needed Who Can Fight

If the Street Railway Company had its indebtedness paid to this city, Brantford ratepayers would be paying a mill or so less on the dollar taxation. Years rolled by before this city took action to recover. Now the railway company is in the last ditch, in the slough of Despond.

MONTREAL IS STILL WITHOUT WATER TO-DAY

Situation There is Not Without Its Humorous Side.

(Canadian Press Despatch) MONTREAL, Que. Dec. 31.—Owing to the failure this morning of the plan adopted by the city engineer's department for giving Montreal temporary relief from the water famine caused by the collapse of the intake pipe leading to the waterworks pumping station, the city will be without water for to-day and most likely to-morrow.

The plan adopted called for the lifting in of the steel pipe which had broken in the main conduit with steel pipes. The water had only been turned into the tub two hours when the packing connecting the steel pipe and the old concrete conduit was forced out and pumping operations had to be suspended.

The situation, had as it is, has not been without its humor. Some enterprising printer in Westmount, a suburb of Montreal, which has its own water system, prepared a number of cards which bore an inscription inviting friends to "bath parties."

They were eagerly bought by Westmount folk and sent to friends in Montreal who were not slow to accept the invitation. It had become a regular thing now for men to carry home potted spring water at night, while bottles of water have been sent around by people to friends as presents.

A formal demand for compensation for damages suffered to their premises in the Ontario street fire on Monday, was to-day made upon the city by the owners of property which suffered loss. The claims made total over \$250,000.

Kingston Case Authorities Don't Believe Story About the White Slave Traffic.

(Canadian Press Despatch) KINGSTON, Ont., Dec. 31.—The local police who were in communication with the police at St. John, N.B. in regard to the complaint of an unmarried woman living in Kingston that she believed that her sister aged sixteen, was being held in that city by a party engaged in the white slave traffic are satisfied there is nothing in the woman's suspicions.

The girl came out from the old country a few weeks ago and her sister in Kingston expected she would come here. Instead, however she stopped off in St. John, secured a position and also a husband. She is in a respectable home and is shortly to be married. The sister in Kingston received letters purporting to be from her sister in St. John, but it is claimed these letters had not been written by the sister. It has been established that they were.

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THE MAN NEEDED FOR MAYOR



John H. Spence, candidate for Mayor of Brantford, who is being viciously fought by gas, street railway, power and other monopoly interests in Brantford.

LABOR REPORT FOR BRANTFORD

Conditions Are Viewed by Special Correspondent Here.

The following is the report on Brantford labor conditions in the Ottawa Gazette this month:

Labor has not been so well employed during the past month. Numbers of men have been laid off, and some instances work on Saturday is stopped.

The number of men working on civic improvement has been lessened and the cessation of work on the Lake Erie and Northern Railway construction has put quite a number out of employment.

Some of the industries affected by the season are busy. Many men can now be seen idle on the streets.

The new government building is going on apace, also the Provincial building at the Ontario School for the Blind. Work on the installation of the Hydro-Electric system is being pushed ahead, wiring now being carried on.

Some men report a cut on piece work rates in some industries, but it is not general.

The work of raising Lorne bridge to make the new railway practicable is going on, but a smaller number of men are employed there than there has been. Day and night gangs were employed for some time. Several new industries are reported to be preparing to locate here, and it is thought will commence operations shortly.

New Year's at Y.W.C.A. The young ladies who visit the Y.W.C.A. to-morrow afternoon will spend a delightful time. The association extend an invitation to all young ladies of the city. The visitors will gather around the cozy fireplace and there will be music all the time and interesting stories will be told. Tea will be served from 5 to 6 o'clock.

Anything Now To Beat Spence

Just as illustration of the forces at work to beat Ald. J. H. Spence for Mayor, it was disclosed yesterday that reports known to have emanated from the gas interests were in circulation that the gas company installed, free of charge, new pipe into the Acting Mayor's house.

The report is entirely untrue in every respect. While Acting Mayor Mr. Spence challenged the company to show him personally that the gas could be used without objection. They asked permission to have their own experts do the work. Mr. Spence agreeing to pay for the work the same as he would any other plumber. The results were just as nauseating as before, in spite of the gas experts expending around the Acting Mayor's own house. The gas interests are now trying to beat Spence for Mayor. It is anything to beat Spence.

WM. MURRAY ENTERED PLEA OF GUILTY

His Case Was Further Adjudged in Police Court To-Day.

Six Charges Have been Preferred Against Him by Police.

The colored man, William Murray who ran amok with a gun again appeared before the bench to-day. Six charges were brought against him and to each he pleaded guilty.

William Murray elected to be tried by Magistrate Livingstone at the police court in preference to trial by jury on the several charges laid against him.

He was charged with shooting with intent at M. Sears, with robbery from J. O. Neill; with shooting at Wesley Turner; with unlawfully shooting at Joe. Hartley, and Mrs. Saunders; with unlawfully wounding Emma Jones. All of these offences were committed on the early morning of the 24th, and prisoner pleaded guilty in each instance. The charge of shooting and wounding P. C. Cobden was not pressed as it was beyond the jurisdiction of this court.

The crown attorney, who was not present had asked that the case be adjourned for a week. The chief said it would be a week at least, before Emma Jones would be out of the hospital. Mr. Brewster, who appeared for the prisoner, said he might have been informed earlier but laid no objections to an adjournment.

Murray had pleaded guilty to attempted murder in the case of P. C. Cobden, but this charge will appear to-day as a separate charge.

The charges may be revised for Murray's next appearance.

Murray, who appeared to feel his position keenly, gazed round the court sullenly, and was lead below at the adjournment.

John Stewart, who was suspended for sentence, on a charge of perjury was further suspended till Friday.

The Magistrate wanted to see the crown attorney in reference to the case.

IS IN TO WIN

Unfounded Rumor About Ald. J. H. Spence Retiring.

Just because qualification papers were not filed before press time yesterday by Ald. J. H. Spence, but were filed long before the legal time of 9 o'clock, the report gained currency to-day that he had retired from the contest. As will be seen by to-day's Courier, Mr. Spence is very much in the fight and is in to win despite corporation interests being brought to bear in severe measure to beat him. Brantford monopolies must be taught a lesson and the present seems the most opportune time in years to have the lesson to those who ignore public rights, a thoroughly impressive one.

Mr. Borden Again Refuses Knighthood

(Canadian Press Despatch) LONDON, Dec. 31.—The New Year's honors will be announced to-night. The Ottawa correspondent of the Daily Telegraph predicts three knighthoods for Montrealers, namely Chief Justice Archambault, Mr. H. Meredith, president of the Bank of Montreal, and Dr T. D. Roddick, ex-M.P.

It is again asserted that Premier Borden has refused a knighthood.

PRINCE IS HOME

NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—A cable from London to the Herald says: The arrival of Prince Albert at Buckingham Palace from his Mediterranean cruise has brought the Royal family all together.

The new C.P.R. station at Grafton, nearing completion, was burned, it is believed, by incendiarism.

Corporate Interests Must be Fought

Ask any citizen of Brantford how this city has been able to stand up against corporate interests. The reply will be that this city, to use slang, has in the past had it put all over it. Mr. Suddaby has been in the Council off and on for 22 years, in faithful service. T. L. Wood has never been elected to the City Council. John H. Spence has been there two years, a period during which he has incurred the enmity of electric, gas and railway corporations. Their undying hatred of the people's rights may be responsible for the three-cornered mayorality situation to-day. Their undying hatred of Spence may have precipitated the present contest.

Mr. Ratepayer, here is your chance. Spence can fight the corporations, and they know it. There's the issue.

WINTER STILL HOLDS OUT IN THE OLD LAND

Yesterday Was Coldest Day Since February 5, 1912.

(Canadian Press Despatch) NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—A London cable to The Herald says: Winter holds the British Isles in a tight grip. Yesterday was the coldest day since February 5, 1912. Despite the bright sunshine prevalent in London, round the coasts a heavy snow storm, accompanied by lightning and thunder, was experienced at Dover, and Channel traffic was delayed.

King Manuel and his wife, Princess Augusta Victoria, arrived at Dover yesterday intending to cross to the continent, but are stopping at Dover until the weather improves.

Tobogganing is being indulged in on the surrounding hills and winter sports are in full swing at the Derbyshire health resorts. Heavy snowdrifts are reported in North Yorkshire and Durham. In North Wales a man was overtaken by a snow storm on the mountain and was found dead. The roads and railways in the lowlands of Scotland are blocked and snow ploughs are in use.

Indoor Baseball League. Throughout the province the officers of the different regiments have formed several indoor baseball leagues to play off for the championship. Three teams from the Hamilton regiments and one from Brantford form one league and in connection with this a meeting of the officers of the Dufferin Rifles was held last evening when the following officers were elected: Lieut. Roy E. Secord, manager; Lieut. F. Jones, captain, and Lieut. Stanley Wallace, secretary. The team will hold a practice on Friday evening and the first game will be played here on the 10th of January with the 14th of Hamilton.

Separate school trustees were elected in all the wards to-day by acclamation, showing a decidedly satisfactory state of things among the separate school supporters. The acclamations were:

Ward One—Jeffrey O'Connor, Ward Two—Mr. J. O'Donoghue, Ward Three—John Morgan, Ward Four—J. E. Quinlan, Ward Five—Andrew Quinlan.

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AND NOW THEY'RE OFF FOR THE BIG FIGHT—THE MUNICIPAL LIST

At 9 o'clock last night the time expired for qualifying for municipal office in Brantford.

Besides the Mayoralty fight, there will be a contest for aldermen in every ward except Ward Three, where the former members, Ald. Ryerson, Hollinrake and Charlton were returned by acclamation. All the trustees were also returned by acclamation.

The following is the municipal list:

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Ward 3. T. E. RYERSON, W. M. CHARLTON, W. A. HOLLINRAKE (acclamation).

Ward 4. W. J. BRAGG, JOSEPH BROADBENT, WM. SUTCH, JESSE BARTLE.

Ward 5. GEORGE MACDONALD, E. COOPER, H. L. WOOD, GEORGE WOOD, W. A. ROBINSON, FOR TRUSTEE

Ward 6. M. CUTCLIFFE, I. ARMSTRONG, F. H. GOTT, (one year), W. H. LANE, D. LYLE (2 years), A. E. DAY, All elected by acclamation.

CHURCHMEN ARE AT WAR AGAIN IN ENGLAND

High and Low Church Bishops Are Ranged on Opposite Sides.

An East African Mission is Said to be Cause of All the Trouble

(Canadian Press Despatch) NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—A cable to the Tribune from London says: There is once again civil war in the Church of England, high churchmen like the Bishop of London and the Bishop of Oxford being ranged on one side, and low churchmen like the Bishop of Durham ranged on the other side. The dispute has arisen out of a conference held at Kilkyun, a little town in East Africa last June, when missionaries of the Church of England and of various non-conformist bodies decided to concentrate their energies against the spread of Mahometanism, and founded the United Native Church of Uganda, each Christian body maintaining its own system of government.

At the close of the conference the various churches united in holy communion, at which the Bishop of Mozambique, assisted by the Bishop of Uganda, officiated, and this involved the admission of unconfirmed persons to the sacrament. The Bishop of Zanzibar at once came down on his lastitudinarian brethren, and appealed to the Archbishop of Canterbury to judge them guilty of heresy. The storm did not break out for some time, but is now raging furiously and threatens to split the Church of England in twain. The question which every churchman to-day is asking is, can the Archbishop of Canterbury solve one of the most serious problems ever set before a Primate of all England.

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SPENCE FOR MAYOR OR CORPORATE INTERESTS FIRST? WHAT SAY YOU?