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Civic Campaign Warming; More Candidates in Field

Ex-Ald. Stevely Will Run for the Council — Ald. Armstrong Seeking Re-Election.

Ex-Ald. Stevely has practically given in to the wishes of his friends, and it is said he will be a candidate for alderman in January.

Mr. Stevely's election is assured. He always polled a heavy vote, and it is to his credit that every time he ran he increased that vote.

As finance minister of the council he proved himself a first-class manager, and he introduced his own successful business methods into the affairs of the city with much good to the corporation. His friends say they will put him at the head of the poll this time.

Mayor Judd says that Mr. C. M. R. Graham, who is out for the school board and who is at present a hospital trustee, will not have to give up the latter position if he is elected a school trustee.

If he should happen to drop out, and Chairman Scretion does not change his intention to retire, there will be two vacancies on the trust next year for the people to fill.

Ald. Armstrong announces himself in the field for next year. The alderman is a first-class representative and will undoubtedly be returned by a large vote.

The popular Ald. Gillean is still undecided, but his friends say they will not listen to any talk of his retiring.

A special meeting of the city council will be called for Friday night to pass a number of local improvement bylaws.

Ald. Gillean is red-hot on the trail of the telephone franchise, and will insist that a meeting of No. 1 committee be called to deal with the matter before the end of the year.

Ald. Gillean this morning received a letter from Mr. Charles Bennett, of Glasgow, Scotland. Mr. Bennett enclosed a Christmas card and a bunch of heather. It is a peculiar fact that the letter arrived on the morning following the death of ex-Ald. Bennett, a brother of Mr. Bennett, of Scotland.

City Clerk Baker today had a letter from Ald. Garratt, who is in England. As usual, the alderman declares he is in the best of health, and is enjoying himself immensely.

Mr. Charles G. Moorhead, of East London, has also decided to seek election to the council. Mr. Moorhead was a candidate last year, and stood well up in the list. His friends have insisted on his re-entering the field, as they feel he will be a splendid representative.

COUNCIL WILL HAVE A SURPLUS

Financial Condition of the Various Municipal Departments and Committees.

The hospital trust, it is understood, will have a deficit this year of about \$2,000.

The trust claims the deficit is due to the large number of poor patients which the hospital took care of this year.

As stated some days ago, the school board will have an overdraft of something over \$1,000. The public schools come out all right, but the Collegiate Institute, on which quite a little money was spent this year, will be in the hole to the extent of the amount named as the overdraft.

As finance minister of the council he proved himself a first-class manager, very careful of the money they spend, and they take no chances on the people crying overdraft.

No. 1 committee of the city council will be about \$2,000 to the bad, considering the estimates, but if several sums which have come to hand and which were not considered when the statements were struck, be taken into account, it will be seen that the committee will come out all right.

Nos. 2 and 3 committees will have surpluses, as they did not spend all the money granted in the spring.

Thus the council as a whole will come through with a surplus which may reach respectable proportions.

The water commissioners will also come out all right, as the increase in revenue has surprised even the commissioners themselves. They will hand over about \$6,000 to the council this year.

The board of health is something to the bad, on account of the erection of the contagious hospital down the river. Had it not been for this extraordinary expenditure, the board would have come through with a surplus.

MR. BLAIR MAY RUN

Ex-Minister Likely To Be a Candidate at Next General Election.

Ottawa, Dec. 26.—Hon. A. G. Blair left this afternoon for St. John, N. B., to attend the Liberal convention, which meets there tomorrow. Mr. Blair will in all probability be a candidate in St. John city at the next general election.

JAP PLOT TO OUST AMERICANS GIVES MAGOON A BAD SCORE

Cuba's Governor Hears Insurrection Is Planned in U. S. Possessions.

New York, Dec. 26.—A cablegram to the Herald from Havana says: "Governor Magoon is investigating a report that the Japanese are planning an insurrection in February against American rule in Cuba, the Philippines and Hawaii."

"This information was given to the American governor by Mr. Pardinias, a Government official."

"Five Japanese are said to have been taking photographs and measurements of the fortifications of Havana. The secret police have been shadowing the five Japanese for three weeks. Governor Magoon ordered the police to watch them, but not to molest them. Pardinias overheard a conversation between

the Japanese, who talked of planning an insurrection among the negroes in Cuba simultaneously with insurrections in the Philippines and Hawaii."

"The Japanese plot is said to be due to the antipathy of the Mikado to the United States. This antipathy dates back to the Russo-Japanese conference at Portsmouth, and was accentuated by the killing of the Japanese seal poachers, and the exclusion of the Japanese from the schools attended by the white people in California."

"The Japanese obtained entrance to the new batteries at Havana and Cabañas by pretending to be reporters from the Havana Post. They are well appearing and speak five languages. They lived in the suburbs. Their suspicions were aroused and they removed to another address. Sunday the secret police found them and they again scattered."

"It is said that a German acquaintance of Governor Magoon fears an

A GOOD MARKET IN SOUTH AFRICA

Dominion Agent at Cape Town Says Canadian Products Will Sell There.

Ottawa, Dec. 26.—A batch of reports from Canada's commercial agents were received today at the department of trade and commerce.

Mr. T. R. Preston, who is temporarily acting at Cape Town, reports that a good market exists for Canadian goods in South Africa. He attributes this to a strong Imperial sentiment and a belief that the goods will be of good quality. He discovered a strong desire to purchase from Britain and the colonies in preference to foreign countries.

J. S. Larke, from Sydney, Australia, warns British Columbia against sending potatoes, before they are ripe, in bags.

Mr. McNamara, Manchester, Eng., says that if Canadian bacon is going to hold its own in the British market the shipments must be of more liberal quantities.

Mr. Ross, Melbourne, Australia, says that under the new customs regulations act goods must bear an accurate description in every instance, otherwise they are liable to seizure and forfeiture. There is a penalty of \$500 under the act. In some instances the increased Australian duty on agricultural implements has not affected the quantity ordered.

PREMIER SCOTT'S ILLNESS

A Better Night—Physicians Sanguine of His Recovery.

Regina, Sask., Dec. 25.—Premier Scott, who is seriously ill, passed a better night, getting about two hours' sleep, but his condition is still very critical. His physicians, however, are sanguine of his recovery, should no further complications set in.

FIRE SHOTS AT HOUSE

The Residence of a Sandwich Man Bombed During Night.

Sandwich, Dec. 26.—Fred Smith is charged by William Maycock with shooting him in the back and is held under \$500 bail for examination on Friday.

The men had trouble on Sunday night, and Maycock had the better of the fight argument. Shortly after midnight three shots were fired into the Maycock house, and the fire was filled with bird shot. When Maycock reached his front door no one was in sight, but he believes Smith fired the shots, and caused his arrest.

STORM AT MONTREAL

Old-Time Christmas Blizzard Hampers Electric and Steam Traffic.

Montreal, Dec. 25.—Christmas in Montreal was marked by a big snowstorm, the most severe in years, which extended from Brockville east. It snowed nearly all day and Montrealers were reminded of the past storms of years gone by. As a result of the storm railway traffic was hampered, and incoming trains have been delayed for several hours. The Maritime Express is over six hours late. The storm also interfered with the street railway traffic, and the Montreal street railway had 28 sweeps, with a big gang of men, out all day, keeping the track clear.

G. T. R. SWITCHMAN KILLED

Crushed Between Car and Tender in the Yards at Windsor.

Windsor, Ont., Dec. 26.—Thomas Jordan, a Grand Trunk switchman, is dead as the result of an accident in the Grand Trunk yards on Saturday. He was standing on the footboard of a yard engine tender when it started on a sudden stop. The first car was coupled to the engine by a chain the draw-bar having been broken. The car ran up to the engine, catching Jordan against the tender, crushing him badly. Jordan was 32 years of age, and leaves a widow and two small children. It is said he had been warned to keep out of the space, but disregarded the warning.

MR. MCGUIGAN IN CITY

G. T. R. Manager and Private Party Pay a Visit to Works.

Manager McGuigan, of the Grand Trunk Railway, accompanied by Mr. McGuigan, Mr. McGuigan, jun., and Supt. Brownlee, were in the city this morning.

The manager called up City Engineer Graydon, and a trip of inspection was made over the improvements west of the city, and also to the east end yards. The visit appears to have been merely one of pleasure. Mr. McGuigan desiring to show Mrs. McGuigan over the new works.

The railway officials are very proud of the Grand Trunk's undertakings, it being one of the most gigantic tasks undertaken in America in years.

It is said that when the Grand Trunk completes the elevation west of Ridout street, and finishes the big cut on the Hyde Park grade, it will have spent in the neighborhood of \$750,000.

MUNICIPAL FIGURES—No. 3



Ald. Greenlees.

WILL MR. BRYCE TAKE CANADIAN ASSISTANT?

A Strong Feeling at the Capital in Favor of Such an Arrangement.

Ottawa, Dec. 26.—The Dominion Government has not received any information in regard to the report from England that Mr. Bryce is going to have a Canadian attaché to the British embassy at Washington when he becomes ambassador. There is, however, a strong feeling here in favor of a Canadian attaché at Washington.

GRUESOME CHRISTMAS IN SOUTHERN STATES

Twenty-Six Killed, Many Wounded and Immense Losses by Fire.

New York, Dec. 26.—A dispatch from New Orleans says 26 killed, five fatally wounded and five seriously hurt, was the Christmas casualty list in the States of Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama up to 9 o'clock last night. In addition there was a fire loss of \$150,000 at State Line, Miss., traceable to the premature explosion of fireworks, and a \$10,000 fire loss in New Orleans as a result of a smoldering cannon firecracker. In the south fireworks are used on Christmas Day in preference to the Fourth of July.

SNOW IN LUNNON TOWN; ALBION STORM-RIDDEN

A Blizzard Raging Throughout England and Along the Coasts.

London, Dec. 26.—The British metropolis is covered with two inches of snow, and visitors from country districts announce that deep drifts are interfering with the distribution of the mails and railway traffic. Several schooners have been wrecked on the coast during blinding snowstorms. The storm also struck a rock and sank off Clugger. Lifesaving men succeeded in rescuing the crew after a terrible experience. The crew of the schooner Ringlander were rescued off Dungeness.

THE WEATHER.

TOMORROW—COLDER.

Toronto, Dec. 25-8 p.m.

The Atlantic storm moved into Quebec today, accompanied by heavy winds and snowfalls in many portions of that Province. Fine weather, with more moderate temperatures, prevailed in Ontario, while over the prairie provinces it is turning colder again and some local snowfalls have occurred.

Minimum and maximum temperatures: Dawson, 4 below—2 below; Atlin, 10 below—24; Port Simpson, 28—32; Vancouver, 26—35; New Westminster, 28—40; Calgary, 14—24; Qu'Appelle, 4—22; Winnipeg, 14—22; Port Arthur, 22—30; Parry Sound, 4 below—20; Toronto, 6—22; Ottawa, 4—20; Montreal, 10—20; Quebec, 10—24; St. John, 32—46; Halifax, 34—46.

TEMPERATURES.

Stations	8 a.m.	Min.	Weather.
Calgary	2	2	Cloudy
Winnipeg	14	12	Snow
Port Arthur	28	20	Cloudy
Parry Sound	18	14	Cloudy
Toronto	24	20	Cloudy
Ottawa	16	16	Fair
Montreal	28	18	Snow
Quebec	22	20	Cloudy
Father Point	28	28	Cloudy

FORECASTS.

Today—Strong, southwesterly winds, with higher temperature; light local snow to-night.

Thursday—Northwesterly winds, and becoming colder again.

Friday—Forecast: Lower Michigan—Fair Wednesday; Thursday snow.

WEATHER NOTES.

A disturbance which was centered in the Atlantic south of Halifax moved northward in the Province of Quebec, and given heavy snows as far as Montreal. Yesterday the weather was fair. Comparative mild in the Western Provinces, and decidedly cold in Ontario.

The highest and lowest readings of the thermometer at the local observatory for the 24 hours ended at 8 p.m. Tuesday were: Highest, 25.5; lowest, 3.

DEATH OF EX-ALD. BENNET

Well-Known Citizen Passes Away on Christmas Day After a Long Illness.

After an illness extending over many months, but which only recently assumed an aggravated form, Mr. Robert W. Bennet passed away at his residence, No. 22 Peter street, last evening.

Mr. Bennet was for many years a well-known resident of the city, and much of his life was devoted to the cause of private business, served as an alderman for several years. He was especially guarded the interests of the east end while at the council board, and it was largely through his efforts that the Rectory street line of the street railway was laid, and it was also due to him in no small measure that the company was prevented from abandoning the line a few years since. As manager of the London branch of the Bennet Company, he was a large employer of labor, and it was among the workmen particularly that he was known for his liberality. The deceased was also recognized as one of the foremost horticulturists of the city. In politics he was a Liberal.

Mr. Bennet was born in Glasgow, Scotland 54 years ago, but he had spent almost his entire life in this city. He is survived by a wife and two sons—George and Charles, both of London—as well as three brothers and one sister—Charles, of London, England; George C. and James D. and Miss Mary, of Glasgow.

The funeral will be held tomorrow to the Scotch Cemetery.

CELEBRATED WRONG WAY

Booze-Burdened Individuals Fall Into Hands of Police—Leniently Dealt With.

Seven individuals, who indulged in the flowing bowl too freely on Christmas Day appeared at the police court this morning. Six of them were discharged and one was remanded for a week.

Edward Stauffer, who has been on suspended sentence for non-support, appeared to be convicted some time ago, appeared to report, and was further allowed his liberty.

A farmer named Marvin Impy appeared on a charge of breach of bylaw laid against him by Market Clerk Maker. He apologized for having refused to move his wagon, and after being warned was allowed to go.

B. C. HOUSE DISSOLVED

The Elections Set for Feb. 2, and Next Session in March.

Victoria, B. C., Dec. 26.—An extra of the British Columbia Gazette was issued last Monday night after a full cabinet meeting.

It contained a proclamation dissolving the Legislature and prescribing all most immediate general elections, Jan. 19 is named as nomination day, with elections on Feb. 2, and the new Legislature is called to meet for the dispatch of business on March 8.

It is expected that the question of better terms from the Dominion will be made an important campaign issue, while the large surplus created by sales and timber receipts (the largest surplus in provincial history) will be emphasized by the Government.

The attorney-generalship and the ministry of lands, the latter vacated by the recent resignation of Hon. R. F. Green, will probably be filled within a fortnight, it is expected, by the appointment of W. R. Ross and Price Ellison, respectively.

IGNATIEFF BURIED

Assassinated Russian Nobleman Interred With Impressive Ceremonies.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 26.—The body of Gen. Count Alexis Ignatieff, who was assassinated at Tver on Dec. 22, was interred today in the Alexander Nevsky monastery. The funeral was attended by the Grand Dukes Michael, Nicholas, Sergius, Michailovich and practically all the members of the Imperial family here, except the Emperor. The procession was the most stately of those witnessed in recent years. The entire Chaveller Regiment of Guards, the Pavlovsky Regiment of the Guards, and mounted infantry formed the escort. The Emperor and Empress sent wreaths.

FLOODS INJURE I. C. R.

Will Necessitate the Moving of Tracks in Several Places.

Sydney, N. S., Dec. 26.—Heavy floods the past two days have caused considerable damage to the roadbed of the Intercolonial Railway, and seriously threatened it in several places owing to washing away of damps and approaches. The ground has slipped away in many places along the Bras d'Or lakes, and it will be necessary to remove the tracks further inland in order to insure safety to trains.

No freight was sent over the road since Monday, and none will be until the road is made thoroughly safe. Express trains are being moved with great care.

Ideal Christmas Day Was Spent Quietly in London



ADMIRAL NEBOGETOFF.

Who, with three other Russian officers of high rank, was sentenced to death by court-martial for surrendering to the Japs during the battle of the Sea of Japan. The Czar is petitioned to commute these sentences to ten years' imprisonment in each case.

NO CHANGE IN BOARD

Retiring Separate School Trustees Are Re-Elected by Acclamation.

Nominations for the separate school board for 1907 were held this morning in St. Peter's schoolhouse, Mr. Martin O'Sullivan acting as returning officer.

All the old trustees whose terms had expired were re-elected by acclamation. They were as follows:

Ward 1—Dr. Claude Brown.
Ward 2—R. M. Burns.
Ward 3—Jerry Loughlin.
Ward 4—Wm. McPhillips.
All were elected for two years. The following are the names of the trustees who were elected a year ago and whose terms have still a year to run:

Ward 1—Philip Pocock.
Ward 2—B. C. McCann.
Ward 3—W. P. Tegan.
Ward 4—Frank Foristal.

COST OF LOCAL IMPROVEMENTS

Charges on Walks and Pavements Laid During Year—Vitritified and Bitulithic Come High.

The assessment commissioners' staff has prepared a table showing the cost of the different local improvements during the year.

Total cost of sidewalks, curbs and gutters is shown to have been \$52,671.36.

Total cost of pavements, \$76,242.76.

Total cost of sewers, \$21,257.66.

Total cost of all local improvements for the year, \$130,171.80.

Pavement Charges.

The frontage charges on the property-owners for the different pavements are very interesting. Vitritified brick comes very high, as does also bitulithic, when compared with asphalt. The following are the rates charged on the different streets paved this year:

Dundas street, Lyle to Queen's Park, asphalt, 34.02 cents a lineal foot.
Richmond street, Fullerton to Oxford, bitulithic, 51.58 cents per lineal foot.
Market lane, vitritified brick, 32.51 cents per lineal foot.
Talbot street, King to York, vitritified brick, 70.13 cents per lineal foot.
King street, Wellington to Maitland macadam with Kentucky rock asphalt, 21.77 cents per lineal foot.
Park avenue, Dundas street to Queen's avenue, asphalt, 48.68 cents per lineal foot.
York street, Talbot to the bridge, vitritified brick, 45.32 cents per lineal foot.

Other Charges.

Three-foot cement walks cost the property-owners 2.03 cents per lineal foot; 4-foot walks, 3.31 cents; 4-foot-6-inch walks 2.81 cents; 5-foot walks, 3.13 cents; 6-foot walks, 3.62 cents; 7-foot walks, 4.36 cents; 8-foot walks, 4.67 cents.

Cement curbs and gutters, 2.99 cents per lineal foot.

The average cost of sewers per lineal foot was 10.83 cents; lowest cost, 6.54 cents; highest cost, 17.42 cents a foot.

TURKISTAN SHAKEN

A Thirty-Minute Shock of Great Severity Last Saturday.

London, Dec. 26.—A dispatch from Kopal, in the Province of Stemyretchensk, Russian Turkistan, brings news of an extremely violent shock there at 11:29 o'clock Saturday night, lasting 90 minutes. No details, however, are given.

A big earthquake, lasting nearly three hours, was recorded Saturday evening by the seismograph on the Isle of Wight and at Laibach, Bologna and Florence—a distance of over 4,000 miles.

Family Reunions Were in Order—Places of Amusement Fairly Well Patronized.

'Tis the day after Christmas, And all through the house, Not a creature is stirring—Not even a mouse.

This is a revised version of the old poem, but it applies aptly to conditions today.

After such a day of feasting as yesterday, who expects anyone to move about?

Yesterday was a home Christmas for Londoners. It is said by men who conduct places of amusement that not in years did they play to such small business. In almost every home, and in a family reunion, and so great was the attraction of the family hearth that neither theater, nor skating rink, nor jingling cutter ride had power to lure the people from home.

Ideal Christmas.

It was ideal Christmas weather. The earth was covered with snow, and the air was crisp and cold. With the first gray streaks of dawn, the onslaughts on the thousands of Christmas trees commenced, and soon the shrieks of horns, and mouthorgans, mingled with the laughter of merry children were everywhere heard.

Before breakfast thousands of hand-sleighs were tried out on side walks, and numerous pairs of skates were initiated on gutter rinks.

In the morning, in many quarters, the elders, accompanied by their children could be seen wending their way to church. The congregations in nearly all edifices were fairly large.

In the afternoon, quite a number visited the rinks, but the matinees at both theaters were rather poor considering the day. At night both houses played to good business.

Many citizens found joy also in visiting the different public institutions of London, and taking parts in the Christmas entertainments there.

The railroads report having done a very large holiday business. Thousands of visitors were brought to London, and thousands from the city were carried to other places.

Church Services.

The services held in St. Paul's Cathedral were very beautiful and interesting. (Continued on Page Nine.)

TAFT TO TACKLE FALLS PROBLEM

Admission of Power From the Canadian Side to be Considered First.

Washington, Dec. 26.—Secretary Taft is preparing to take up at once the final disposition of the complex questions presented to him under the terms of the Burton act relative to the conservation of the waters of the Niagara River, so as to prevent the sacrifice of the falls to the commercial interests of the country. Grave constitutional questions are involved. Attorneys for the electric lighting and power companies are insistent that the national Government has no authority to undertake to regulate the disposition of the waters of streams save where the navigation thereof is concerned.

In the case of Niagara River, where the water is taken from the stream above the falls, only to be returned to it again below, this issue is not involved. So far, however, the right of the United States Government to regulate the admission of currents of electricity generated on the Canadian side of the river has not been challenged, and to this question the secretary intends to first address himself.

LADY SUSAN'S PULL

London Laughs at the Story That She Caused Durand's Recall.

London, Dec. 26.—Lady Susan Townley and her husband sailed on Dec. 1 for Buenos Ayres, where Townley has been appointed minister.

London laughs this evening over the story that Sir Mortimer Durand was recalled owing to Lady Susan's machinations. While Lady Susan might have had a pull with the Tory Government, the present Democratic Liberal Government has abolished petticoat influence in all departments of the Government, and King Edward is too wise to politically suggest any diplomat's recall to Sir Edward Grey. The King is not looking for trouble with his democratic cabinet.

LEAVING SPAIN.

New York, Dec. 26.—A cable dispatch from Madrid, published here today, says that 9,000 of the inhabitants of the town of Bejar, which is 45 miles south of Salamanca, decided some time ago to emigrate in a body. A meeting was held Monday, which approved the offer of the presidents of Uruguay and Nicaragua to supply ships and funds for the transportation of the immigrants.