

A HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR TO ALL

TWO CANDIDATES FOR MAYOR
TWENTY-THREE FOR ALDERMEN

Alderman Samuel Stevely and Alderman Richard F. Matthews Will Battle for the Honor of the Mayor's Chair for 1908.

JONES AND SAUNDERS FOR WATER COMMISSION

Eight Candidates Will Seek the Four Seats Vacant on the Board of Education—Some Facts About the Candidates.

They're off! A bunch of 23 candidates for the council have been officially sent away by City Clerk Baker, and for the next six days the merry race will be on for municipal honors.

The number of candidates is large, and the citizens at large should have no trouble in getting twelve good men, representative businessmen, out of the lot.

Ald. Stevely and Ald. Matthews are the mayoralty candidates. The list of aspirants is not the largest that has been. The proportion is hardly two candidates for each seat in the council chamber—not an undue proportion for a city of this size.

SEVEN FOR RE-ELECTION.

Among the lot there are seven candidates for re-election.

Ald. Booth again runs, although it was stated at noon yesterday that he would not get in.

Ald. Gillean stayed by his word and retired, as did Ald. Scarlett. The rest stayed in.

Several ex-aldermen are seeking election, among them being Messrs. George W. Armstrong, John Forristal and Andrew Greenlees.

A couple of those running tried the game last year, and were not elected, among them being Messrs. James Donnelly and Charles G. Moorehead.

There will be no slates this year, it is said, both political parties leaving the field absolutely open.

The Trade and Labor Council have brought out two candidates, Ald. Rose and Mr. James Donnelly.

Mr. Donald Ferguson ran for the water commission against Mr. F. J. Darch, the present chairman, three years ago, and was only defeated by a few votes. He will make a strong run for alderman.

The last man to take the declaration was Mr. Ben Noble.

City Clerk Baker declared the time for receiving declarations had expired, but on comparing his watch with the official time, Mr. Noble's declaration was accepted, and he was declared in. It was a narrow escape.

There are eight board of education aspirants.

There are only two candidates for the water commission, both of whom have served terms on the board.

FOR MAYOR.

Richard Francis Matthews, shoe merchant, 403 Central avenue.

Samuel Stevely, merchant, 520 Dundas street.

FOR ALDERMAN.

George W. Armstrong, manufacturer, 64 Elmwood avenue.

John Henry Alfred Beattie, barrister, 90 Ridout street.

Richard Booth, painter, 153 Colborne street.

Charles Brennan, barber, 27 Picton street.

Nell Cooper, auctioneer, 426 Piccadilly street.

James Donnelly, cigar manufacturer, 304 Cromwell street.

Donald Ferguson, lumber merchant, 548 Talbot street.

Johnston Louis Flanagan, butcher, 173 William street.

John Forristal, manufacturer, King street.

William Gerry, manufacturer, 41 Craig street.

Andrew Greenlees, barrister, 866 Wellington street.

John Heaman, butcher, York street.

Thomas Henry James, grocer, 155 Duchess avenue.

Edward R. H. Martyn, contractor, 487 English street.

Samuel Richard Manness, cigar manufacturer, 745 Waterloo street.

Andrew James Morgan, merchant, 1000 Wellington street.

Charles G. Moorehead, cabinetmaker, 477 Elizabeth street.

Benjamin Noble, plumber, 427 Maitland street.

Robert Parsons, merchant, 825 Dundas street.

George Ernest Rose, liveryman, 531 Grey street.

William John Stevenson, physician, 391 Dundas street.

Donald Alfred Stewart, undertaker, 104 Dundas street.

John Hughes Saunders, carriage builder, 592 Maitland street.

FOR WATER COMMISSION.

William Jones, contractor, 382 Waterloo street.

William E. Saunders, wholesale druggist, 240 Central avenue.

BOARD OF EDUCATION.

Albert Ernest Barbour, wholesale merchant, 700 Waterloo street.

Victor J. Gilpin, clergyman, 327 St. James street.

Daniel S. Hamilton, clergyman, 428 Dufferin avenue.

Henry A. Kingsmill, physician, 219 Queen's avenue.

Walter John Teasdale, physician, 115 York street.

William Trafford, merchant, 73 Maple street.

George Nelson Weekes, barrister, 912 Dundas street.

James W. Westervelt, business college proprietor, 279 Hyman street.

NO SIGN YET OF THE MOUNT ROYAL
MAY BE DISABLED AND DRIFTING

Superstitious See Ill-Omen in the Number of the TimeTable.

St. John, N. B., Dec. 31.—Still there is no news of the C. P. R. steamer Mount Royal, and anxiety regarding her increases, although the C. P. R. officials continue to express belief that she will turn up. One cause of anxiety is that if the steamer's ma-

chinery has become disabled and she is drifting helpless, her coal supply may be exhausted, and so she would be powerless to reach port, even if her engineers succeeded in making repairs. The steamer is said to be abundantly supplied with provisions. There are not lacking some superstitious ones who hold that the company will have at least one more disaster than the Mount Temple wreck which was the second of the season. The reason given is the fact that this year's timetable is No. 13.

THIRTY MEXICAN MINERS ENTOMBED

El Paso, Dec. 31.—A special to the Herald says that in an explosion in the Carthage mines, near San Antonio, New Mexico, thirty miners were en-

timbed. It is supposed all are dead. Nine bodies have been taken out already. The explosion is supposed to have been caused by fire damp.



"RESOLUTIONS"

G. T. R. Pension Fund Now in Force
Means Much To 35,000 Employees

Sum of \$200,000 Set Aside By the Shareholders for the Purpose.

Grand Trunk employees are freely discussing the G. T. R. pension fund, which goes into force today. The fund is composed of \$200,000, which the shareholders at a recent meeting set aside for the purpose. They also made provision for \$75,000 a year for maintenance. Every employee is eligible to share in the pension fund, and after serving for fifteen years is entitled to receive an annuity.

The conditions also provide that each employee shall retire from service at the age of 65. It is estimated that

over 35,000 employees will be affected by this action of the Grand Trunk shareholders. Yesterday every man received a neat little card bearing a New Year's greeting, and a G. T. R. acrostic, as follows: G. T. R. Acrostic. Comrades, from dear old 1907, Much good has come, the labor leave has wrought a change is surely great. A Grand Trunk gift in 1908. Young men, remember the intention, Stay with the railway, earn a pension. My rosary of railroad years Is interspersed with hopes and fears; Between the watchful, bustling times, A hark to songs, a list to rhymes, And vain attempts the rules to learn, On Old Time's track, where none re-

turn. J. B. 1908

Four Couples United in Marriage
Intend To Begin New Year Well

All the Young People Will Take Up Their Residence in London.

Several young Londoners decided to start their matrimonial careers at the beginning of the year 1908, and during last evening a number of ministers were made glad by receiving calls from these happy young people.

At the Wellington Street parsonage last evening Miss Isabella Finlayson became the wife of Mr. Isaac Cowan. Rev. James Livingstone officiated. Miss Elizabeth Finlayson, sister of the bride, was bridesmaid, while the groom was supported by Mr. Edward Clements, of Medicine Hat. After a honeymoon trip to points east Mr. and Mrs. Cowan will reside in this city.

A quiet wedding took place in Christ Church last evening, when Miss Mar-

garet Kelly was married to Mr. Thos. Gell. The bride and groom were assisted by Mr. and Mrs. Thompson. Rev. R. S. W. Howard tied the nuptial knot. Mr. and Mrs. Gell will live at 235 Wellington street.

A pretty wedding took place at the residence of Mrs. Elliott, 375 King street, last evening, when her daughter, Miss Alice Eloise Elliott, was married to Mr. William Ellis Davis. Rev. W. L. Rutledge performed the ceremony in the presence of the immediate relatives and friends. Mr. and Mrs. Davis left last night for the east and on their return will reside in this city.

At the manse of King Street Presbyterian Church last evening the wedding took place of Miss Pauline McCrorey, daughter of Mrs. McCrorey, of 563 Grey street, to Mr. Ernest Robinson, of this city. The bride was attended by her sister, Miss Norma McCrorey, while Mr. Roy Macdonald assisted the groom. Mr. and Mrs. Robinson will reside in London.

Boys Ran Away From London Home

Two little boys, aged 8 and 7, undertook to see a little bit of the world yesterday. The lads were inmates of the Protestant Orphan's Home, and after gathering together some clothes they watched their opportunity and escaped.

They went westward on the C. P. R. track, but it was not long before their

absence was discovered and the police notified. Shortly after 5 o'clock word was received at the police station that two boys answering the description of those missing were sleeping peacefully in the station at Hyde Park.

The outcome of the affair was that the lads were sent back on the first train, and will probably remain in the home in the future.

SENSATIONAL ARREST AT BERLIN
CHARGED WITH EMBEZZLEMENT

Berlin, Dec. 31.—Cecil S. Simpson, local agent of the Canadian Express Company, was arrested early today on a charge of embezzlement of the company's funds to the amount of about \$2,100. The charge was laid by inspectors of the company, and Simpson

was remanded till Friday. Though bail was offered, Crown Attorney Bowby would not accept it. Simpson is a Berlin boy, about 26 years old, the support of a widowed mother, and popular in town. His arrest has created quite a sensation.

TOWED CAMBRIAN 1,000 MILES.
Liverpool, Dec. 31.—The British steamer William Chif, which successfully towed the disabled steamship Cambrian more than a thousand miles from mid-ocean to Crook Haven, has arrived here.NABBED IN NAPLES
Slick Couple Said to Have Stolen \$250,000 From Gas Company.

Naples, Dec. 31.—The extradition to New York of Jose Sanche was arranged yesterday. Sanche was arrested here last June in company with his wife at the request of the authorities of Cuba. He is wanted on charge of theft from the gas company at Havana.

The couple got away with a very large sum of money, declared to be not less than \$250,000. They were pursued from Havana to New York and thence to this city.

ACCIDENT TO TOLSTOI
Famous Author Injured by Falling From a Horse.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 31.—News has reached here of an accident to Count Leo Tolstoi.

The author was thrown by a stumbling horse and sustained a dislocated shoulder.

In spite of his advanced age, the count is making a rapid recovery.

NEW MINT AT OTTAWA
Will Be Formally Opened on Thursday by Governor-General.

Ottawa, Dec. 31.—The new Royal Mint on Sussex street, will be formally opened on Thursday afternoon at 3 o'clock by His Excellency the Governor-General.

Invitations were today sent out to Sir Wilfrid Laurier and members of the cabinet, to a number of prominent parliamentarians and citizens, and to a few outsiders.

They will be shown over the institution by the officials, and will see the wonderful coin-making machines turning out what will really be the first Canadian coinage.

THE LAW-RUSSELL CASE
Frank Law Committed to Sessions on Charge of Conspiracy.

Toronto, Dec. 31.—The preliminary hearing of the Law-Russell conspiracy charge came to a conclusion this evening, and Magistrate Kingsford committed Mr. Frank Law for trial to the sessions now sitting.

His bail, which had been raised from \$10,000 to \$20,000 at the end of the previous day's hearing, was further raised to \$30,000, his own \$20,000, of which \$10,000 is in cash, and \$10,000 additional bail furnished by James M. Sinclair. Mr. W. H. Russell, Frank Law's partner, has left the country, and a warrant is out for his arrest. A large amount of documentary evidence referring to Blue Bell, Lucky Boys, Highland Mary and Silver Bird mining companies, was put in by Acting Crown Attorney W. H. Price, who has conducted the prosecution, and it was shown that from the various properties Law & Co. had received nearly \$300,000 in subscriptions from the public.



MR. DONALD FERGUSON
Popular Businessman Who is in the Field for Alderman.

THE WEATHER
TODAY—NOT MUCH CHANGE.

Observatory, Toronto, Dec. 31.—8 a.m.—The disturbance has passed over the Gulf of St. Lawrence, having been attended by fresh gales throughout the Maritime Provinces. A change to colder has taken place in all portions of Canada, and in the Western Provinces wintery conditions prevail.

Minimum and maximum temperatures: Dawson, 38 below—30 below; Atlin, 30 below—20 below; Vancouver, 29—35; Kamloops, 14—24; Edmonton, 14 below—2; Battleford, 16 below—3 below; Prince Albert, 12 below—3; Regina, 10 below—2 below; Winnipeg, 2 below—3; Port Arthur, 6—16; Parry Sound, 2 below—30; Toronto, 20—34; Montreal, 10—16; Quebec, 8—14; St. John, 20—35; Halifax, 25—30.

FORECAST.
Lower Lakes and Georgian Bay: Fresh westerly and northwesterly winds; fair; not much change in temperature until night, then colder.BANK CLEARINGS FOR YEAR
ROUT THE HARD-TIME TALES

Yearly Returns From Clearing and Custom Houses of Toronto Show a Handsome Gain in Business.

Toronto, Dec. 31.—Though during the past few months much has been said, and much has been written, about hard times and retrenchment, the yearly returns from the customs and clearing houses give no reasons for pessimism. When business closed today and the totals for the last twelve months were made out, it was found that the city, province and country had not fared so badly after all—that is, provided that the statistics gathered in Toronto are any evidence. In this connection it may be pointed out first that the bank clearings for 1907, made up today, were \$9,780,123 in excess of the previous year, while the customs duties collected at the port of Toronto showed an increase of \$1,561,976 over the preceding year. These two comparisons are in themselves significant to businessmen.

The bank clearings in Toronto from year to year tell their own story of prosperity. These figures may be compared as follows:

Year	Bank Clearings	Customs Duties
1907	\$1,228,965,517	\$1,219,132,359
1906	1,047,490,701	1,047,090,066
1905	871,456,067	871,456,067
1904	711,456,067	711,456,067
1903	561,456,067	561,456,067
1902	411,456,067	411,456,067
1901	261,456,067	261,456,067
1900	111,456,067	111,456,067
1899	61,456,067	61,456,067
1898	11,456,067	11,456,067
1897	6,456,067	6,456,067

Mr. John B. Fleming, cashier at the customs house, gave out the following figures for the port of Toronto:

Duty collected, 1907	\$1,611,267 23
Duty collected, 1906	10,649,290 68
Increase	\$1,561,976 58

Ten years ago (1897) the total collections for the year were \$3,827,338, as compared with \$1,611,267 for 1907.

All in Readiness for the Big Rally
Of London Sunday School Children

Pupils Will Meet at Armories at Ten O'clock This Morning.

Everything is in readiness for what will likely be the biggest rally of Sunday school children that has ever been held in this city.

It is estimated that nearly 3,000 children will be in the big procession, which leaves the armories at 10 o'clock this morning, and will march to the First Methodist Church.

At half-past 9 the children are scheduled to meet at their Sunday school, and from there they will march to the armories.

Headed by two bands they will then proceed to the First Church, where addresses will be given by Rev. James Livingstone, A. M. Hunt, and others. Lieut.-Col. Little will preside.

Pleasant Affair at Police Station
Presentation To Sergeant Black

Chief Williams Speaks in the Highest Terms of the Retiring Officer.

A very pleasant affair took place at the police station last night, when Chief Williams, on behalf of the police force, presented Acting Sergt. Robert Black, who retired yesterday afternoon, after fifteen years' service, with a handsome traveling trunk.

In making the presentation, Chief Williams said: "During the whole of the thirty years I have had charge of the London police force, I have never had under me an officer in whom I reposed fuller confidence than I have in Sergt. Black."

After giving three hearty cheers for the popular ex-sergeant, and individually wishing him every success, the men dispersed. Mr. Black leaves next week for Moosejaw, where he will engage in business.

Members of First Duma
Sentenced To Six Months

[Special to The Advertiser.] St. Petersburg, Dec. 31.—The trial of the members of the first duma, who were charged with treasonable practices in signing and circulating the Viborg manifesto, ended today. It resulted in a far more favorable manner to the accused than was expected. Two were acquitted while the other 167 were found guilty and condemned to three months' imprisonment and loss of their political rights. It may be assumed that the sentences would have been severer but for the absence of direct proof that the accused distributed as well as signed the manifesto. After twice changing the form of the indictment it was framed so as to imply the fact that signing was equivalent to participation in the circulating. The convicted ex-legislators must surrender on Jan. 20. Meanwhile they will be allowed their liberty. They were moderately acclaimed by a crowd as they left the courtroom, and many of them were presented with flowers.

Komaka Bylaw Is Sure of Defeat
Scheme Is Altogether Too Costly

People Have Had Time To Consider It and It Is Found Wanting.

They have studied it closely, and judging from opinions heard everywhere it will receive short shrift next Monday.

The scheme is too costly. Even if the quantity of water is at Komoka, there is the uncertainty that it can be collected economically and kept free from contamination.

The citizens are also seized of the fact that this bylaw is only the first installment, and will have to be followed later on by a very large expenditure at Komoka to give adequate fire-fighting facilities to the city. The citizens also wonder why it is necessary to go ten miles for springs when there are others closer at hand which would not cost nearly so much to collect.

There is no doubt that the Komoka scheme is not the scheme desired, and there is also no doubt that the people will place it permanently out of the