

COMPLICATIONS MAY YET ARISE WHICH WOULD RENDER ABORTIVE WORK OF TEMPERANCE PEOPLE

Some Signatures to Petitions Said to Have Not Been Made By Persons Themselves—Plebiscite Almost an Impossibility on Day of Civic Election Because of Ballot—Majority of Total Vote in Ward Required, Not of Total Vote Cast

There are always two sides to a question, and while the temperance people who are now working in the city for prohibition in certain wards claim to be meeting with much success, many complications will yet arise, it is believed, which will render the plebiscite on the prohibition question take place on the same day as that of the civic elections for mayor and aldermen. There seems already to be some doubt that this can be so, because in the election of the mayor and aldermen the ballot used is an open one, while in the plebiscite vote the ballot shall be, as nearly as may be, that which usually followed in the election under the C. T. A.

TWO FORMS OF BALLOTS.
Now it would appear from this that two forms of ballot will be required to be used, and in the opinion of some representatives at the council board it would be impossible to do this. The matter is of a serious nature, for two altogether different ballots to be used at an election held in the same place and at the same time means a situation where legal complications would arise. In fact, the Sun is informed that when the matter comes up in the council for consideration, there will be much objection taken to having the civic elections and the plebiscite both held on the same day.

OBJECTION TO NAMES.
In other quarters, it has been learned that objection will be raised to the names of many of the signatures on the petition, because it has been learned that many who signed their names to the petitions were not qualified to do so. This matter should be an easy one to determine when the signatures are handed in for revision. However, the Sun is informed that some of the signatures were not made by the persons themselves, but by others who understood they favored the movement. Under the act the petitions duly attested must be in the hands of the council on or before the 31st instant. There will probably not be any delay so far as the temperance people are concerned in the matter, as they have this work nearly all done and are only awaiting a few matters of detail to complete their work. If the signatures to the petitions are all genuine the temperance people will have everything in readiness for the vote.

SOLENN DECLARATION.
The act requires that when the petition is presented it shall be accompanied by a solemn declaration, proving the genuineness of the signatures and also that it has been signed by one-quarter of the ratepayers in the wards in which the names have been taken. The petitions will first be presented to the Worshipful Mayor Bullock, who after satisfying himself that the provisions of the law have been followed, will present them to the council. That body will then prescribe the mode of taking the vote.

PIANIST RESCUES TWIN'S DAUGHTER

Russian Virtuoso in Sleight of Hand With Miss Clara Clemens

SHOCK TO NERVES

REDDING, Conn., Dec. 22.—To the presence of mind and courage of Ossip Gabrilowitch, an eminent Russian pianist, Miss Clara Clemens, daughter of Mark Twain, owes her escape from a probably serious injury in a runaway accident today. As the sequel proved, however, she suffered nothing more harmful than a shock to her nerves, although the pianist sprained his ankle and tonight is enduring much pain. Mr. Clemens and his daughter are entertaining a small house party for the Christmas holidays in their Italian villa here, and Mr. Gabrilowitch is one of the guests. At about eleven o'clock this morning he and Miss Clemens started for a sleigh ride to Redding's Glen, which is about three miles from the villa, and had reached the crest of a steep hill overlooking the glen when the horse slipped violently and overturned the sleigh into a snowbank. Miss Clemens was flung almost under the hoofs of the animal and her dress was caught in one of the runners of the sleigh. At the same time her companion was thrown beyond her and landed in the snowbank. He scrambled to his feet just as the horse was about to run away, and without

The interpretation of the word "ratepayer" under the act means any person duly qualified to vote at an election for member of the legislative council. There must be had a majority vote of the entire number of ratepayers in each of the wards to determine the question whether or not licenses are to be issued, in Lorne, Lansdowne and Victoria wards during the ensuing year beginning May 1st next, and not merely as many suppose a majority of the votes polled. In other words, should the temperance people poll 200 votes in a ward having 400 ratepayers, and those in opposition polling 80 or 100 or any such figure, the result of the election would simply mean that the full majority of the vote had not been polled and therefore licenses would continue to be issued.

A HARD TASK.
Therefore to win the election means a hard task for the temperance advocates as in reality every ratepayer not voting gives assistance to those opposed to prohibition. In Lansdowne ward the number of licenses running at the present time is 6; Lorne, 5, and in Victoria, 4; so, if the voters should declare against the granting of licenses in the wards named there will be a reduction of fifteen in the number of licenses that may be issued by the commissioners on and after the first of May next. This would bring the number of licensed shops in the city down to 59.

NOTE IN JANUARY.
Some of the liquor men feel that the temperance people should show some evidence of fairness in this matter by having a vote taken in this matter in January, instead of waiting until after the civic elections, when there would be no possible chance for them to present applications should their places of business be voted out of existence. Under the act, all applications for licenses must be filed with Inspector John B. Jones on or before the 25th of March to have consideration. As the election occurs in April, the liquor dealers would have no chance for a hearing from the commissioners in the event of their losing the election.

There are some of the dealers who are not without hope, should the extreme views of the temperance people prevail, that some measure of relief may be had from the legislature at its next session. It is quite within the power of that body to make amendments in the act to meet the difficulties of the situation. Should it be decided to have a plebiscite taken, it will be the first time in the history of the city that the public have been given an opportunity to express their views on the matter. Some persons are inclined to feel that the temperance workers should be about the matter in a different manner and take it up with the provincial government. When some of the above facts are taken into consideration, it will be seen that the matter of prohibition is still far from settled and that many difficulties are yet to be overcome.

An instant's delay he leaped at its head, despite his injured ankle, held it and presently calmed it into submission. Then he lifted the sleigh sufficiently to release Miss Clemens, who was suffering chiefly from fright, and replaced her safely in the sleigh. His native knowledge of horses and sleighs stood Mr. Gabrilowitch in good stead for the animal was headed toward the glen and in another moment would have dashed down the hill, dragging Miss Clemens after it. The pianist then took the reins and drove his companion back to the Clemens villa, where tonight he is nursing his lame ankle and receiving the felicitations of the other guests.

A THOUSAND ATTEND

MONTREAL, Dec. 22.—A thousand people attended the reception to Lord and Lady Grey this evening in the City Hall, a function that marked the end of the Governor General's stay of a month in the city. An address was presented by the mayor to which his excellency made an appropriate reply. The affair was thoroughly informal, full dress not being compulsory and this was taken advantage of by a number of those who attended coming from the under walks of life.

OIL COMPANIES BARRED FROM MISSOURI

JEFFERSON CITY, Dec. 23.—The Supreme Court of Missouri handed down a decision this morning ousting the Standard Oil Company of Indiana and the Republic Oil Company from the State of Missouri, forbidding them again to do business in Missouri and dissolving the Western Pierce Oil Company of St. Louis. In addition each of the companies is fined \$50,000.



Caledonian Pipe Band
Welcoming Landers

BROTHER OFFICERS REMEMBER HIPWELL

Interesting Scene at Headquarters

CHIEF READS ADDRESS

Also Presents Veteran Sergeant With Cane on Behalf of Force

Last evening at seven o'clock there was a big gathering of blue coats in central station, when Sergeant Hipwell was made the recipient of a handsome present. The members of the day and night force were assembled in the guard room at seven o'clock and when the stalwarts were expectantly awaiting their old comrade, the sergeant arrived in company with a couple of officers. The chief of police read the address to the old veteran. The oldest member of the police force was Sergeant John Hipwell and after doing fifty-seven years of duty as a police officer he has been given a year's leave of absence with his full pay going along all the time.



SERGEANT JOHN HIPWELL

Although the sergeant is well up in years, he is still active, and at the occasion arose he would undoubtedly start in to quell a disturbance, and make an arrest. From Chief of Police Clark down to the latest appointed police officer, Sergeant Hipwell is looked on as an ideal officer, and there is only the kindest feelings toward the old sergeant. The central police station and the police court, as well as the newspaper reporters who have on numerous occasions found "the old sergeant" a valuable friend.

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CHEAPER CABLE RATES SHORTLY, SAYS LEMIEUX

Interviewed in New York

GOVTS. DETERMINED Would Be Satisfied if Companies Reduced the Rates

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—Not only cheaper, but very much cheaper rates for cablegrams across the Atlantic are near at hand was the confident assertion of Rodolphe Lemieux, the Postmaster General of Canada, today on the eve of his departure for Canada.

"The reform has been accomplished on the Pacific," declared Mr. Lemieux, "and it will soon come about on the Atlantic." Mr. Lemieux said the movement had recommended itself to influential interests in the United States also, but he declined to be questioned as to whether this government had been or would be approached by Canada or Great Britain in the matter. It was regarded as significant, he said, however, when Whitehall, the American ambassador in London, at a dinner given to Mr. Lemieux in that city declared in a semi-humorous way that the United States would not stand idly by and see Canada alone enjoy the great boon of low cable rates to Europe.

If the cable companies would make the reductions that would satisfy the governments, according to Mr. Lemieux, then there would be no new cable laid across the Atlantic, and he believed that that was what was likely to happen. In any event, he added, he had received such assurances in London that he felt almost certain that the day of very much cheaper cable rates between Europe and America would be a state-owned cable across the Atlantic undoubtedly would be as successful and satisfactory in every way as the Pacific cable from Canada to Australia.

That project was accomplished about 1900. Previously it cost \$2.25 a word to send a cable message from Australia to England. Now the rate is 75 cents.

"That line," said Mr. Lemieux, "although it has been described as losing money, yields not only sufficient to pay the interest on the bonds, but also a surplus for the eventual extinction of the capital obligations."

Mr. Lemieux said the demand on the Atlantic cable companies, which he expected to come to a conclusion this spring, was not for an arbitrary rate of four cents a word. It had been proposed instead that messages be divided into several classes, such as urgent, semi-urgent and deferred and charged for accordingly, but in any event the rate to be considerably lower than the prevailing twenty-five cent rate.

The head of the detective bureau said the charges made by the man were the most sensational that had ever been brought to his attention. After giving the man money for a meal, he assigned a detective to take him before United States District Attorney Sims, in charge of the Federal grand jury investigation now being made.

WEAK MAN RECEIPT FREE

Any man who suffers with nervous debility, weak, failing memory or deficient manhood, brought on by excess or dissipation, may cure himself at home with a simple prescription that I will gladly send free in a plain envelope, to any man who will write for it. A. E. Robinson, 324 Luck Building, Detroit, Michigan.

DALEY WAS FISHING "CHINKS" IN MEXICO

American Captain on Trial at Boston For Smuggling

UNABLE TO OBTAIN THEIR CERTIFICATES

Cardenio F. King Had a Faculty of Holding Onto Them

BOSTON, Mass., Dec. 22.—Numerous advertisements advising persons to buy stocks through his office were introduced at the trial of Cardenio F. King today, while eight witnesses, who gave King money to purchase stocks testified regarding the difficulty in obtaining their certificates. Two customers stated that they had obtained a settlement in full with King during the past three months, and one Chas. E. Osgood, a furniture dealer of this city, stated that after the settlement he loaned King money and wrote a letter commending King as an honest man with a purpose to "make good."

Other witnesses, who bought stocks last winter and did not receive their certificates wrote a police inspector that King was near his "dirty end." Later after a settlement with King he wrote him stating that he believed him to be honest and commending his semi-monthly bulletin.

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DISCLOSURES ARE RATHER STARTLING

SIMCOE, Dec. 22.—More extraordinary disclosures are being made following the shooting of Policeman Wilkins on a charge of attempting to murder Chief of Police Malone who will be tried soon. A regular chain of burglaries, robberies and thefts occurred before the shooting. H. S. Falls' fur shop was rifled of \$1,000 worth of stuff, S. M. Boush of the territory. There were still into and about \$300 worth of furs stolen. There was no clue to the robbers.

The people in charge of Malone's defense got detectives on the case, and after the Sovereign people got information that they went to the house of Wilkins they might get back their property, members of the firm did so, and it is said, found some goods. They visited the wounded policeman in the hospital, where he is recovering, and there, it is said, he stated that he and Malone had rifled a number of places about town. The confession was so astounding that other witnesses were brought in to hear it.

Chief Malone denies that there is the slightest truth in the charges, and a search of his place failed to disclose any evidence that might be true. The trial of Malone for attempted murder will take place Monday next.

START THE WORK OF TAKING CENSUS

Committee Holds Session

TO GET 30,000 CARDS

It is Expected Catholics Will Help Take Religious Census

The sub-committee of the Sunday School Association appointed to formulate plans for the taking of a religious census of the city next month met yesterday afternoon. There were present: Rev. David Lang, Rev. S. W. Anthony and Rev. G. B. Ganson, president of the S. S. Association. Mr. Lang presided and considerable preparatory work was accomplished. It was decided to have considerable literature printed. This will be necessary in taking the various religions of the persons in the city. Five different sorts of cards will be used, and the names and statistics will all be taken. There will be cards for families, domestic boarders and also visitors in the homes and the supervisors. In all it is expected that between 25,000 and 30,000 cards will be printed.

As previously stated, the census will be taken in one afternoon and the most systematic arrangements will be made. The names on the cards will include: Head of family, number in family, number attending church, number attending Sunday school, and the church preference. The latter will perhaps be the most important branch of the census. The work of getting together a large crew of men and women to take the census will now be taken up, and each will be given the cards and assigned to a certain section of the city. When the names have all been secured they will be tabulated and each clergyman handed a list of those preferring his church.

In past affairs of this kind all the various religious denominations in the city have co-operated and the scheme has worked out successfully. It is expected that the Roman Catholic church will also assist in the taking of the census.

A meeting of the committee to make final arrangements for the census will be held on Monday afternoon.

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MAKE FIRST SHIPMENT OF COPPER ORE

Bay of Fundy Co.'s Important Step

CARGO GOES TODAY

Colonel Dennis, Company's Manager, a Man of Renown

Colonel Dennis, general manager of the Bay of Fundy Mining Co., who are operating copper mines at Goose Cove, St. John Co., was in the city yesterday. To a Sun reporter Col. Dennis said that this visit was of particular importance, as it marked the first shipment of ore from the mine. A cargo, came to St. John by schooner and will be forwarded to Boston by the steamer Calvin Austin tomorrow. The shipment consists of forty tons and is classed in two grades, viz., A and C. The first is bonite and contains 64 per cent. copper, 61 ounces of silver and 8 ounces of gold. The latter is malachite and runs from 16 to 22 per cent. silver and 116 to 225 in gold.

Col. Dennis has resided in this province since May last, but in years gone by a great deal of his time was spent in this locality. He was the builder of the first electric lighting plant in the city. This building is still standing on Water street near the ferry building. Col. Dennis, who is 61 years of age, is a man of wide experience. Born in Illinois, his family removed to China when he was two years old. There he lived until he grew to manhood, when he returned to his native country. He at once entered the army as a scout. In this capacity he served for several years on the frontier and was a conspicuous figure in the Indian wars of those days. He also has the distinction of being sent out with Col. Cody (Buffalo Bill) to bring in that treacherous Indian chief, Sitting Bull, and, as history relates, the couriers who were sent out to tell them to return met them with the lifeless body of "Sitting Bull" thrown across a horse.

Col. Dennis fought with the Canadian army during the Northwest rebellion, when he won the title of Rapid-fire Dennis. After the rebellion Col. Dennis returned to the United States and entered the American army. His career speaks Spanish, Italian and German fluently, and during the Spanish-American war acted as official interpreter on the staff of General Miles. He was also in China with the allied forces at the time of the Boxer uprising and served in Philipines as scout and spy.

Col. Dennis is well preserved for his years and is very well informed in all topics of the day. He is one of the few white men who have explored the headwaters of the Amazon River, having done so at the age of 21, and being in the United States service at the time he was forced to refuse. He carries with him a watch the cases of which were washed out of the streams of British Columbia by his own hands. Nine years ago this roving soldier of fortune married and has settled down for the remainder of his life.

SULTAN'S HEIR IS ON THE SICK LIST

CONSTANTINOPLE, Dec. 22.—Prince Mohamed Reza Effendi, heir to the throne, is seriously ill. At Yildiz Kiosk it is stated that the prince's illness was the reason for his absence at the opening of parliament.

The sultan, desirous of honoring the memory of Midhat Pacha, father of the Turkish constitution, yesterday appointed his son, Halid Midhat, a senator.

The senate, however, protested against this, as the constitution requires that a senator should be at least forty years of age. Halid Midhat is only thirty-five.

The incident caused some embarrassment to the Grand Vizier. He asked Halid Midhat to resign and accept an appointment in the council of state. The latter, however, refused to do so, and has left the whole matter for decision by the Sultan.

Noel Buxton, president of the English Balkan committee, has left Constantinople. He was much embarrassed by the publication of extracts from his writings which are hostile to the new regime. Mr. Buxton, withdrew his last work from the bookshelves here.

MONCTON GETS STARR TROPHY

HALIFAX, Dec. 22.—The Starr trophy committee have finally decided to award the Starr trophy to Moncton for 1920 and have informed the Victorians that they will be expected to defend the trophy against the Amherst Ramblers between the 4th and 11th of January. The Victorians of Charlottetown also played for the trophy last year and are given the right to play for the trophy, if they desire, before January 20.