

ELECTION VERY QUIET ONE VOTE POLLED QUITE SMALL

In Certain Subdivisions Not One-third of the Names on the List Had Been Registered at One o'Clock—May Be Few Surprises.

The municipal elections were very quiet today.

The vote polled appeared to be very small.

The majority of the polling subdivisions reported that up to 1 o'clock there was hardly a third of the total vote polled.

Down town the vote came in very slowly.

Some of the out-lying districts did better. The vote in South London will be very fair, and there will be a good vote polled in West London.

The prospects were that the vote would be much smaller than last year.

It is quite probable that there will be a few surprises, as several aldermanic candidates who have been looked upon of late as dark horses, have developed unusual strength, and will probably win.

There are many undercurrents of opinion, and the results are very hard to forecast.

At the City Hall.

At the city hall there is a very small vote registered. Between thirty and forty votes out of about 120 were in at 1 o'clock, and the votes were coming in very slowly.

In Division 8, of Ward 3, only 36 votes had been polled out of about 110 votes.

In one of the booths in the north end 35 votes out of 115, had been polled at 1 o'clock.

The opponents of Niagara power are on the job, and have practically every booth manned by scrutineers, who distributed literature against the bylaw.

On the whole then it is a very quiet election.

Collegiate Becoming Too Crowded Increased Accommodation Necessary

Increased accommodation for the students of the Collegiate is a necessity. At present there is little or no room, and if the attendance next year increases as it has this year, it will be impossible to accommodate the students. The school has been growing very rapidly of late, and is almost certain to be larger next year.

This morning the Collegiate opened with an attendance of 665. Last year the average attendance was 617. There has been an increase of about 40 students this year, and consequently the average attendance will be in the neighborhood of 650. The school can accommodate that number, but hardly any more. At present the commercial department, which has been growing in favor during the past year, is sadly overcrowded. One class alone has 52 students, and this is manifestly too many, and they cannot be properly accommodated.

"If the attendance increases next year, as it has this," said Principal McCutcheon, "we will have a hard time accommodating them all. The commercial department is very crowded now, one class being especially so. There were 40 more students at the Collegiate this year than last, and it can be readily seen that if this keeps up, the school will not be large enough to hold them all."

If a technical school is obtained for the city of London this crowding will be relieved. In that school will be placed both the science and domestic science departments, and thus the present Collegiate buildings will be plenty large enough to accommodate the students, no matter how fast they increase.

These facts make it imperative that the board of education solve the problem soon. The present Collegiate is much too small next year, in all probability. Increased accommodation is necessary. It must either come through enlarging the present Collegiate or through a technical school.

It is understood that the board of 1908 will take the matter up with the Minister of Education shortly after the new board takes control.

Victor Mitchell Resigns His Position

City Engineer Graydon this morning received a letter from Mr. Victor Mitchell, in which Mr. Mitchell says that he will not come back to Canada, but will remain in Scotland.

He has a splendid situation, and is comfortably situated, and his health is much improved.

His resignation is in, and the situation will be declared vacant.

London Schools Reopen for the Term

All the city schools public and separate, reopened this morning after the Christmas holidays, with all the teachers and scholars in their places.

The new teachers at the Collegiate Institute, Mr. Overholt, Mr. McCutcheon, Mr. Lane and Mr. Kelly, were introduced to their classes and took charge. Mr. Theobald was placed for the time being in Talbot street school.

There were few changes in the staffs of the other schools.

EXPRESS CRASHES INTO FREIGHT

Dubuque, Ia., Jan. 6.—Two persons were killed and one probably fatally injured yesterday, when a passenger train on the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy Railroad ran at right angles through a freight train on the Chicago Great Western Railway in East Dubuque. The dead: J. W. Blanchard, engineer of the passenger train; Winfield McGangley, hit by freight car while in crossing tower; W. H. Smith, a freight brakeman, was crushed and may die.

No passengers were hurt. The freight train was in motion when struck by the passenger train and several freight cars were smashed.

CHATHAM MAN HAS DISAPPEARED

Chatham, Ont., Jan. 4.—Mr. James Carswell, well-known in business and social circles here, has been missing for the last fortnight. At the time of his disappearance he had a large sum of money on his person, and it is feared he may have met with foul play. So far the police have been unable to locate him, although a thorough search has been made of the city and vicinity.

Globe Editor Committed for Trial

Toronto, Jan. 6.—The Rev. J. A. MacDonald, managing editor of the Toronto Globe, was this morning committed for trial on four charges of criminal libel preferred by Dr. W. Beattie Nesbitt, a former registrar of Toronto, and defeated candidate for the majority of this city. The charges arose out of articles published in the Toronto Globe on Dec. 23 and 30, two of them under the heading of "The Real Nesbitt" and two others, editorials. These articles referred to an incident alleged to have happened at Stratford, in which it was stated that Dr. Beattie Nesbitt had insulted a waitress in a hotel, and had been taken to the police station in connection with the case. The Globe did not attempt to deny the publication of the articles complained of, and Mr. N. W. Rowell, K. C., acting for Mr. MacDonald, admitted responsibility on the part of the

Boy Whirled Around Wagon Wheel Little Eddie Moorehead Badly Hurt

Riding on a Sleigh His Leg Was Caught in the Wheel of a Passing Vehicle.

As 12-year-old Edmund Moorehead was catching a ride on a passing sleigh in the East End Saturday afternoon he had the misfortune to have one of his legs broken in several places.

The boy, who is a son of Mr. Charles Moorehead, one of the aldermanic candidates, had caught onto a grocer's sleigh and was sitting with his feet over the side when a heavy wagon

came too close to the sleigh and the little fellow's leg was caught in the spokes of the rear wheel.

A Terrible Experience.

The youngster was jerked from the sleigh and whirled around several times before his unfortunate plight was discovered.

The leg was said to be in a terrible condition, having been fractured, bruised and lacerated. It is thought that it can be saved.

Young Couple Anxious for Divorce Told Troubles To Police Court Clerk

But Mr. Moule Was Not in a Position To "Render Assunder," Etc.

Police Court Clerk Moule was rather surprised on Saturday afternoon when two young persons whom he took to be a young man and his sister appeared in his office and demanded that he make out divorce papers at once.

While they were waiting for his reply they engaged in a wordy altercation, each accusing the other of being unfaithful.

After about five minutes' wait, in which two pairs of jaws were very busy, Mr. Moule got them quieted again and asked them what the trouble was.

The girl said she was twenty-two

and had been married a year and that her husband had not used her right.

Just here the husband joined in and for another five minutes there was a fierce, wordy war.

In an interval of silence, Mr. Moule explained that divorce proceedings in Canada were exceedingly expensive, and that he had no power to make the papers out at a moment's notice, as the matter had to come before the divorce courts and be considered.

The young couple then wanted to know how much it would cost and how long it would take, to which questions Mr. Moule replied that it would cost considerable money and take some time.

He further advised them to settle their differences without going to such extreme measures.

The affair ended by both the man and his wife going away to think the matter over.

PORT STANLEY MAN BADLY HURT

[Special to The Advertiser.]

St. Thomas, Jan. 6.—Ernest Brown, eldest son of Capt. Alexander Brown, Port Stanley, was riding a colt owned by Charles Stanton yesterday when the saddle turned on the side of the animal causing it to kick. Brown was thrown off, but one of his feet remained in the stirrups and he was dragged and kicked on the forehead. He was brought to Amassa Wood Hospital. Although Brown was conscious, concussion of the brain is feared. The broken skull bone was trepanned, and the patient is now resting easily.

Ten Per Cent Reduction in Rates Big Thing for Shippers of Ontario

Order of the Railway Commission Went Into Effect Today.

One of the most important events to shippers that has happened for a long time is the new regulation of the railway commission, which went into force yesterday, compelling the railways of Canada to make a reduction of 10 per cent in all their charges for carrying freight.

The new regulation applies to the whole of Canada, and goods which

were formerly carried at the rate of \$1, will henceforth be taken for 90 per cent.

The former rate for goods to Toronto was 34 cents a hundred, but in \$1, will henceforth be taken for 90 cents.

"This will mean a big thing for the London merchants shipping goods to the northwest," said a C. P. R. agent this morning, "and will likely be one of the most important factors in enabling Eastern Canada merchants to successfully meet American competition which has been very strong in the west."

Murder Case Up at Winter Assizes Only Criminal Case On the Docket

List This Year Is Three Cases Short of That of Last Year.

The January assizes, which open tomorrow at 10 o'clock, before his honor Chief Justice Sir William Meredith, at the county court house, are just three cases short of last year's entries.

This year there are ten jury and six non-jury cases.

Many of the actions which are coming up have been held over from other courts. There are no really large cases.

One Criminal Case.

But one criminal case has been set down up to date.

This is the Noah murder trial, in which Thomas Noah, a Muncie Indian, must face the charge of having last July stabbed and killed Avasom Fox, another Indian, at a dance held on the reserve.

The case was to have been heard at the last assizes, but was postponed at the defendant's request, owing to the absence of several important witnesses.

Noah Not Worrying About His Trial

There are 37 prisoners in the county jail today.

This is the largest number that has been confined in the jail at one time in years. Of the 37, eighteen are Central Prison men.

On January 6th a year ago there were but 30 prisoners in quays.

Noah, the alleged Indian murderer, is showing no signs of interest in his coming trial.

He plays his mandolin, reads, writes and smokes, and never mentions the subject of the trial.

LASH AND PRISON FOR ASSAULTER

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Chatham, Ont., Jan. 6.—The most severe punishment inflicted in many years was handed out by Magistrate Houston to Edward Lawrence, a 15-year-old negro, this morning. The youth was found guilty of

attempting indecent assault and was sentenced to 18 months in the Central Prison, and forty lashes, twenty during the first month of incarceration.

Drunk was pleaded by the defense as an impetus to the crime, but this was held to be untenable by the magistrate.

Writ Issued Against White & Sons

A writ for damages has been served on George White & Sons, proprietors of the engine works on King street west, by Mr. J. P. Faulds on behalf of Mr. William Westhead, of 952 Dufferin avenue.

White & Sons as a mechanic, and was, he alleges, attending to his work on Nov. 12, when three steel rollers fell off a truck upon his left foot, crushing it badly.

The writ was issued Saturday afternoon, and calls for unstated damages.



HARRY K. THAW
Millionaire Slayer of Stanford White,
Whose Second Trial Begins at New
York Today.

REV. MR. HAZEN ACCEPTS THE CALL

Extended By the Centennial Methodist Church—Is Now in Goderich.

At the expiration of the term of Rev. Mr. McAllister, of the Centennial Methodist Church, his place will be filled by Rev. George N. Hazen, of Victoria Street Church, Goderich.

Mr. Hazen will likely come to London in June.

Although one of the younger members of the Methodist Conference, he has shown himself a very capable man. Mr. Hazen had charge of Devine Street Church in Sarnia for three years before going to Goderich.

ROWDYISM MUST BE STAMPED OUT

West London Urchins Who Get Gay Will Be Looked After.

That Chief Williams intends to put down rowdiness in West London is evident from the fact that another lot of West London boys were summoned to appear in the court tomorrow morning and answer to charges of disorderly conduct.

Magistrate Love is just as anxious as the chief to put an end to the troubles of West London citizens from these young fellows who destroy property and make themselves a nuisance in the community, and if the lads are found guilty a sentence will be imposed upon them that will prevent any likelihood of a recurrence of rowdiness.

MR. FORRISTAL CHAIRMAN

Separate School Board Will Hold Organization Meeting Tonight.

The organization meeting of the Separate School board will be held this evening in St. Peter's School.

Mr. Frank Forristal will likely be the chairman for the year. Mr. O. Labelle is mentioned as the representative to the public library board.

The place of Mr. John Forristal will probably be taken by a prominent lawyer in the city.

THE WEATHER.

TOMORROW—SNOW.

FORECASTS.

Toronto, Jan. 6-8 a.m.

Today—Southeasterly winds; fair and

Tuesday—High west and northwest winds, with light local snowfalls.

Local Temperatures.

The temperatures recorded at the local observatory on Saturday were: Highest, 36°; lowest, 23°; above zero. Sunday: Highest, 30°; lowest, 18°; above zero.

TEMPERATURES.			
Stations.	8 a.m.	Min.	Weather.
Calgary	22	22	Clear
Winnipeg	20	22	Fair
Port Arthur	18	16	Clear
Perry Sound	32	32	Cloudy
Toronto	24	18	Cloudy
Ottawa	16	2	Snow
Montreal	16	2	Snow
Quebec	0	-4	Snow
Father Point	6	4	Cloudy
Minus	means below zero.		

The first column in the above table records the temperature at 8 o'clock this morning, and the second column records the minimum temperatures during the 24 hours previous.

WEATHER NOTES.

The low area which was centered north of Lake Huron on Saturday, passed rapidly eastward, with still increasing energy, and caused very heavy gales along the coast during Sunday.

Another disturbance now over Manitoba will move rapidly southward across the great lakes and the St. Lawrence.

YESTERDAY'S TEMPERATURES.

Minimum and maximum temperatures: Dawson, 14 below—4; Atlin, 28—25; Victoria, 46—50; Vancouver, 42—48; Edmonton, 22—41; Prince Albert, 4 below—26; Calgary, 20—43; Regina, 28—34; Winnipeg, 16—32; Port Arthur, 18—36; Perry Sound, zero—14; Toronto, 10—19; Ottawa, 2—3; Quebec, zero—4; Halifax, 13—40; Montreal, zero—6.

SECOND THAW BATTLE IS ON CASE TO BE HURRIED TO CLOSE

Little Interest Shown in Trial By the Public—The Jury To Be Locked Up.

New York, Jan. 6.—The usual curious crowds were gathered about the criminal courts building this morning in the hope of catching a glimpse of Harry Thaw as he crossed the bridge of sighs on the first day of his second trial. In the corridors of the courthouse there was also a throng of several hundred persons who had come to witness from the outside at least the opening scenes of this new rehearsal of an old story. A squad of fifty policemen kept the passage-ways clear. The arrangements were far better than at the first trial when the crush to get into the courtroom amounted practically to a riot. The word that women were to be debarred had been judiciously spread abroad and there were none but newspaper writers on hand today. Last year at the beginning of the trial women predominated in the courtroom, and it was their insistence which caused much of the disorder of the opening day.

Before the Thaw case was reached today Justice Dowling, who is presiding, was called upon to charge the January grand jury and to attend to the other formalities of the new term. The judge arrived at the court building at 10:25 a.m., and the day's session formally was opened a few minutes later.

Thaw was visited by members of his counsel in the Tombs Prison this morning. He was dated over the fact that the day of his new trial, so long awaited, had at last arrived.

Mrs. George Lauder Carnegie, his sister, and Josiah Thaw, one of his brothers, also called on the defendant

this morning and brought him a message of greeting from his mother, who is still too ill at her home in Pittsburgh to come on for the trial. It was the first time Thaw had seen his sister and brother for some months and his greetings were most affectionate.

Mrs. Harry K. Thaw went directly to the court house, coming down too late to stop at the prison.

One hundred talesmen are under orders to report on each of the first three days of the trial.

The Plea Amended.

Thaw was called to the bar at 11:27 o'clock. His appearance showed little change from last year. As soon as Thaw appeared his chief counsel, Martin W. Littleton, announced that the former plea of not guilty entered by his client would be amended to read "that the defendant was insane at the time the deed was committed."

Thaw was seated at the counsel table with Mr. Littleton, Mr. Russell Peabody and Daniel O'Reilly, District Attorney Jerome and Assistant District Attorney Garvan represented the people.

Mrs. Evelyn Thaw, attired in the blue school girl dress, which became familiar during the first trial, was in the courtroom, accompanied by Mrs. Carnegie and Josiah Thaw.

Justice Dowling announced that until further notice there would be three court sessions each day as follows: From 10:15 a.m. to 1 p.m.; from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m., and from 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. He also announced that the jury

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Attempt To Rob Dundas St. Store Heavy Bars Foiled the Burglars

Could Not Force Their Way Through a Door and Window.

An attempt was made last night to burglarize W. A. Brock's gun store on Dundas street, but the would-be thieves were foiled.

In the rear of the store is an apartment used for storing junk, such as sections of bicycles, broken guns, etc. This apartment opens onto an alley.

The burglars either cut or broke out a large windowpane, and entered the junk apartment.

Clambering over piles of scrap they made their way to the door leading into the workshop.

Here they met insurmountable obstacles in the form of a heavily-barred window and door.

Were Blocked.

Had they succeeded in getting past these barriers they would have had access to the workshop and the store, for the door between the two was not locked.

The removed windowpane was discovered at 11:30 last night, and Mr. Brock was at once notified of the occurrence.

A Clue.

It was reported to the police this morning that the store of McCarty & Co., hardware dealers, had been broken into on Sunday. The police have learned that the burglary was committed by three boys, who each took a revolver.

They are believed to be the same persons who broke into Brock's gun shop last night.

No arrests have been made yet, but it is expected that the lads will be apprehended in a day or two.

Street Car Smashed Wagon To Pieces Lad Driving Had a Narrow Escape

Accident on Saturday Evening in Which a Liquor Rig Came To Grief.

A young lad named Hawkins, a driver for Mr. E. B. Smith, had a narrow escape from death on Saturday evening about 7:30 o'clock.

Hawkins was crossing Dundas street at Waterloo, and was struck by a street car. He was thrown out, but escaped injury. The wagon was badly smashed.

The lad had driven north on Waterloo street, and when he came to Dundas street he turned west. The rig was to the right of the street, but foul of the street railway tracks.

A Dundas car, No. 90, in charge of Motorman Armstrong, was coming west at a pretty lively clip. The motorman rang the gong, but he was too late to the rig.

Hawkins made an attempt to clear the tracks, but the rear wheels slid on the rails, and before he could get clear, the car struck the rear end of the wagon with a crash, and the rig was thrown heading to the curb, and the horse and wagon were turned around.

The driver picked himself up, and aside from the shock, was not injured. The rig was completely destroyed.

One of the windows of the car was smashed and the fender was bent.

Famous Druce Case Ends at Last The Plaintiff Drops Prosecution

London, Jan. 6.—The perjury charge brought against Herbert Druce by his nephew, George Hollamby Druce, has collapsed, and the famous case is now conclusively lost. This became known this afternoon, when Mr. Atherley-Jones, counsel for George Hollamby Druce, announced that in view of the discoveries made when the coffin of Thomas Druce was opened and examined Dec. 30, it will be impossible to proceed with the prosecution. The statement was made after the presentment of evidence by Professor Augustus J. Pepper, of the University of London, and others who were present at the examination.

Herbert Druce was charged with committing perjury by swearing that his father, Thomas Charles Druce, of the Baker street bazar, died Dec. 28, 1864, and that he saw the dead body placed in a coffin and buried in Highgate Cemetery.

George Hollamby Druce declared that this must be untrue, because T. C. Druce was, in fact, the fifth Duke of Portland, who lived until 1879. That being so, George Hollamby Druce claimed that he himself, being the senior descendant in the male line, was the rightful heir of the Portland dukedom, and to certain rich

estates, the income from which is placed at \$1,500,000 a year, now held by Lord Howard de Walden. The grave of T. C. Druce, upon being opened, remains which were declared to be genuine, was found to contain human bones of T. C. Druce.

Robert C. Caldwell, of New York, gained considerable notoriety during the hearing of this case by swearing that the Duke of Portland, who had lived as T. C. Druce and the Duke of Portland, tired of this dual existence, put his other self, T. C. Druce, to death, and arranged a "mock funeral" in which a quantity of lead was buried in Highgate Cemetery in place of a body.

SHIP'S BOILERS EXPLODE.

Brest, Jan. 6.—The boilers of the Argentine steamer Imperatrice exploded yesterday off Ushant, the steamer foundering. The members of the crew were saved by a fishing smack.

—The many friends of Mrs. Page, Briscoe street, South London, will regret to hear of her being seriously ill at the home of her sister, Mrs. Gifford, St. Mary's, Ont.