

HAMILTON HAPPENINGS

HIS NOMINATION IS CALLED IN QUESTION

Effort Being Made To Defeat Hamilton Candidate Because He Is a Hydro Man.

HAMILTON, Dec. 28.—(Special).—All the candidates who were nominated on Monday have qualified, with the single exception of Dr. J. H. Bell in ward one. Dr. Bell announced after his nomination that he might withdraw, and his failure to put in his property qualification with City Clerk Kent yesterday is equal to a notice of his withdrawal.

There has been some talk by Catefact opponents of Abraham Norman, one of the candidates in ward five, to the effect that his cannot qualify. He said that was a question for the courts to decide, as it meant the interpretation of the word "elector" in the election act.

It is pointed out that the same thing happened last year and that the candidate, who was elected, took his seat without protest.

Mr. Norman said today that this talk had been started by Catefact interests, which desired to secure his defeat because he is a staunch hydro-electric man. He added that he was not alarmed about this talk, and is confident that he may take his seat in the council if elected.

New Hospital Site.

At the meeting of the board of health to-night the bylaw to purchase a new hospital site was approved. The board of works has not been able to carry out the garbage collection at a less figure than the board of health, which formerly did the work. The collection will cost the board of works \$19,000, while the board of health did it for \$13,500.

Controller John Allan today instructed his solicitor, George S. Kerr, K.C., to take action against The Herald newspaper for damages for libel. The action arises over a statement published last Saturday in a letter signed "North Ender" and which said in part: "John Allan's most intimate friends know, and John Allan knows himself, that he would hesitate to cast a vote or utter a single word that would set the private interests of William Southam."

Mr. Allan declared this morning that the campaign of slander being waged against him in an effort to defeat him in the mayoralty race will probably result in further writs for damages being issued.

This morning a settlement was reached in the case between Mrs. James Noyes and the Hamilton Street Railway Company, in which the former sought damages for injuries received. A number of weeks ago the lady was a passenger on one of the company's cars, and was injured when the car on which she was riding was struck by one of the trolley cars.

GOES SOUTH FOR HIS HEALTH.

It was definitely announced this morning that J. Walter Gage would not seek re-election as reeve of the Township of Barton. Owing to poor health, Mr. Gage will have to go south for a few months, thus making it impossible for him to serve his township during the year 1911.

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possible for him to serve his township during the year 1911. Constable James Barrett is confined to his home with illness, and it will be some time before he is able to don his uniform again. Peter Vaconi, who was sentenced to ten years' imprisonment in Kingston Penitentiary by Magistrate Joffe, has been taken there, and now his friends, who applied for his deportation, are working hard to obtain his release and deportation. Vaconi was given the stiff handout after slashing his wife's throat with a razor. Last evening Mrs. Vaconi was walking on the streets of the city for the first time since recovering from the effects of the slashing that she received at the hands of her husband. Mrs. Vaconi does not desire the deportation of her better half, as she wished to return soon to Hungary with her daughter.

POULTRY SHOW OPENS WITH RUSH OF ENTRIES

There Are 1650 Aristocrats of Barnyard—Formal Ceremonials To-day.

"Cock-a-doodle-doo" could be heard a big chorus of it last night by pedestrians in Queen-street, crossing at Eather. It sounded from the throats of hundreds of surprised roosters who were announcing their surprise at the burst of gaslight which blazed upon them in St. Andrew's Hall. It was exhibitors' night at the 17th annual show of the Toronto Poultry Association. All was bustle and activity as the judging will begin at eight o'clock this morning, and the show will be opened to the public at 5 o'clock this afternoon.

Are 1650 Entries. President W. H. Reaman, Secretary F. F. Saunders and Supt. Jamieson were almost overwhelmed by the flood of entries. All told, they aggregated 1650, an increase of 430 over last year. This made the show by far the largest in the history of the association.

The standard breeds are all well represented. The secretary and superintendent claim, however, that there is no need to compare with White Rocks. The Poland top knotted birds are shown to an extent which proves their popularity also.

Prizes include 23 valuable cups. The cup presented by Hiram Walker is of solid silver and is valued at \$125. Prominent Exhibitors. Among the exhibitors are Joseph Russell, M.P., Sir Henry Pellatt, Genl. H. Gooderham, M.L.A., Point Fortin, Que., Poultry Yards, Glenvale Poultry Yards, J. R. Syer, W. H. Ardagh and scores of other prominent local poultry fanciers.

EARL GREY'S TRIP

Cruiser Rainbow to Meet Him at Mouth of Mackenzie River.

OTTAWA, Dec. 28.—It is intended that the cruiser Rainbow of the Canadian navy will be sent from Victoria to the mouth of the Mackenzie River to meet Earl Grey in the trip which he has planned for next summer to the Arctic. The time of starting will likely be in June, and will be made from Edmonton, but whether the Peace River route or another will be followed to the Mackenzie River is not yet determined. The governor-general will be escorted by the North West Mounted Police, and it is stated that the trip from Edmonton to the mouth of the Mackenzie can be covered in the space of three weeks. The sea trip by the Rainbow would be the farthest north that a warship has ever gone.

RESPONSIBLE FOR FIRES SET BY ENGINES

Railways Will Not Be Held Liable If They Have Modern Preventive Appliances.

OTTAWA, Dec. 28.—(Special).—Apprehension has been expressed by railway officials at the proposed legislation regarding fires set by locomotives, which was foreshadowed by the Hon. Clifford Sifton, chairman of the commission of conservation, in an address recently delivered before the Ottawa Canadian Club. An interview given by a leading railway official, who subsequently appeared in the press, questioning the reliability of the statistics of railway fires compiled by the commission of conservation, and attacking the proposed legislation. When confronted with this interview today, M. J. Patton, acting secretary of the commission of conservation, said: "The railway men who gave that interview were not informed of the facts. The statistics respecting fires set by railways, as given by Mr. Sifton in his recent address, are from the most authentic source. When it was known early in the season that the forest fire losses this year would likely be the largest in the history of the province, the commission of conservation despatched expert officials to visit the scenes of the various fires and investigate the cause. The reports of these men have been made, and show that over thirty per cent. of the forest fires for which definite cause could be assigned were caused by railway locomotives. This information was gathered by thoroughly experienced men, and is of the most reliable sort. The conservation commission in advising legislation to prevent the enormous annual fire losses from this cause made sure that their recommendations should be backed home with facts that were in no wise open to question. "Then there is a most inexcusable ignorance displayed regarding the legislation the commission is asking the government to pass. The statement that the enactment of the legislation recommended would hold the railways responsible for all fires adjacent to their lines, is not true. Nothing of the kind has ever been proposed. What the railways should recommend is that the railways should be liable to a penalty for all fires actually caused by sparks from their locomotives, and for all fires which were allowed to spread from their right of way, or from their appliances to prevent the emission of sparks, that their employees had shown no negligence leading to the starting or spreading of the fires, and that they had a properly equipped fire fighting stack to quench fires once started. "In other words, the railways are to be liable to a penalty for the fires they start, unless they can show that they have used every reasonable precaution to prevent damage from that source. No fair minded man can say that such legislation would be unreasonable."

M.H.O. FOR CAR LINES

Would Check Slum Evils Which is Already a Menace.

Believing that the building of civic car lines in the suburbs will prove a solution of the slum question, Medical Health Officer Hastings has come out in strong advocacy of it. He considers that already slums are becoming a menace to the general welfare of the city, and street railway lines to the outlying districts would, he believes, help to clear out the slums. The M. H. O. intends to try to persuade the Toronto Railway Company to grant cheaper fares to workmen, with a view to inducing people to locate in the outskirts of the city.

A CENTENARIAN DEAD

John Barton of Kingston, Noted in His Old Age as a Walker.

KINGSTON, Dec. 28.—(Special).—John Barton, aged 101, died to-day. He was only ill a short time, and had the use of his faculties to the last. He was a carpenter by trade, and had lived here all his life. One son, Alexander, was a marine engineer, living in Toronto. At ninety years the deceased was a long distance trotter, and took great delight in taking a few belongings tied in a handkerchief and going on a long tramp.

MEN FOR SNOW CLEANING

City Having Difficulty in Engaging Gangs for Work.

Apparently there is no great army of unemployed in Toronto. The property commissioner's department at the city hall tried in vain yesterday to engage a force of men for removing snow from the streets. Commissioner Harris is asking men wanting such work to apply at the eastern stables at Eastern-avenue and King and Dufferin-streets, or the northern stables at Tannery Hollow on Yonge-street.

FUTURE OF THE YUKON.

OTTAWA, Dec. 28.—(Special).—A. E. Snyder, superintendent of the mounted police in the Yukon, speaks glowingly of the future in store for Dawson. He says there is still a good deal of gold being shipped out.

WOULD PREVENT FIRES BY GIVING POWER TO POLICE

Rags and Refuse, Inside Stairways and Dumb Waiter Shafts Blamed.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—Edward F. Croker, chief of the New York fire department, told the Merritt Joint Legislative Committee this afternoon that if his department were granted by legislation the powers he wishes, he could cut the loss by fires in New York City 50 per cent. the first year, and he did not know how much the second year. "What powers would you suggest?" asked M. Linn Bruce, counsel for the committee. "Police powers," said Chief Croker. "power to enforce the orders for prevention of fires which the department issues." Rags and refuse in tenement cellars, he said, caused most city fires; inside stairways and dumb waiter shafts spread most of them, and tall buildings hamper the department in fighting them more than any other cause. About 35 feet, seven stories, he thought, should be the limit of height for tall buildings, and dumb waiters ought to be done away with everywhere.

THE BLOOR STREET VIADUCT IS THE LAST TIE BETWEEN THE TWO SIDES OF THE DON.

DRUMMERS AND "DRY" TOWNS

C. T. A. May Ask Government to Lessen Rigors of Local Option Hotels.

At the annual meeting of the Commercial Travelers' Association in St. George's Hall, opening at 1:30 p.m. today, the result of the balloting for officers will be announced. John Gibson is retiring as president, after two years in the chair, and the fight is between Robt. Campbell and J. H. Lumbers, both of Toronto. If a resolution by W. H. Scott, Toronto, is carried, the Ontario Government will be asked to enact a measure that will ensure better hotel accommodation for travelers in local option districts. Another resolution will seek to deprive officers of the association from active participation in politics.

CONTEMPLATE FURTHER REDUCTION IN RATES

In Eighteen Years Brockville Had \$43,340 Surplus From Its Waterworks.

BROCKVILLE, Dec. 28.—(Special).—Under municipal management the Brockville waterworks department has closed the best year in its history. The revenue from all sources realized is \$24,560.68. Of this amount \$20,158.94 was collected from consumers, being an increase of \$1000 over last year. After meeting operating expenses, writing off \$2000 for depreciation in plant, giving a grant of \$1200 to the corporation for street repairs, and liquidating the debt by \$6997, the statement shows a surplus of \$9771. In the past 18 years the net surplus was \$43,340. Of this amount \$35,642 was spent on extensions and improvements. The commissioners are considering a further reduction in rates to domestic consumers.

AFRAID OF LOSING LOCAL PATRONAGE

Liberal M.P.'s Come to Ottawa to Protest to Premier—Have Constituents to Placate.

OTTAWA, Dec. 28.—(Special).—There is a new development in the political situation in Quebec, which seems likely to still more embarrass the government in that province. There are certain positions in the outside civil service, such as customs officers, postoffice employees and penitentiary guards, which are allocated to English Protestants, and are awarded or those positions is generally made upon the recommendation of Hon. Sydney Fisher, as the English-speaking minister from Quebec. But it has been the custom in the past for the local M.P. to pick out his own men, and forward his recommendation to Mr. Fisher, with the idea that it will be at once accepted. Now, however, a change has come over the situation. The minister of agriculture is reported by Liberal members to be refusing their recommendations, and appointing his own men. The result is that the Liberal M.P.'s who have English constituents whom they are anxious to placate, are unable to "deliver the goods," and three of them were in Ottawa to-day to present an ultimatum to the prime minister; that "this thing has got to stop," that they must have some say in the patronage of their districts, and that, if they do not get it, they will know the reason why. Mr. Dubeau, one of the Liberal M.P.'s in the city, is very loud in his protestations.

THOUSANDS OF MEN, WOMEN AND CHILDREN LOSE 20 MINUTES A DAY BECAUSE THERE IS NO BLOOR-STREET VIADUCT.

Smoked on Cars. In the afternoon police court, John Thompson and Fred Lucas were fined for smoking on the cars.

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