

**BIG SAVING
ON SUPPLIES.**

Pipe Half of What It Cost Five
Years Ago.

Sewers Committee Wants An Approp-
riation of \$30,000.

Where Did Thomas Clendennings
\$50 Go?

The Sewers Committee will make a big saving this year on the price paid for sewer pipe and other supplies, the tenders opened last night being much lower than in previous years. Only two tenders for sewer pipe were received. They were from Sackville Hill and the Hamilton & Toronto Sewer Pipe Company. The local firm was lowest on straight pipe and the Swanson firm, which Mr. Hill represents, lowest on junctions. The tenders will be figured out by Secretary Brennan, and a report made to the committee before the Council meets. The price quoted for the pipe this year was half of what the city had to pay when the alleged sewer pipe combine was in operation five years ago.

"I think I ought to get a bonus for getting the prices reduced so low," was the jocular comment of Mr. Hill, who pointed out that there were only three sewer pipe manufacturers in Canada until the Swanson company entered the field. The other companies up to that time had an understanding as to prices and territory.

The committee decided not to award the contract for sulphate of alumina until a test is made to see whether the best results are obtained from this or lime. It is thought that quite a saving can be made if one or the other will answer the purpose. The engineer at the Ferguson Avenue works uses lime while the engineer at the Wentworth street works says he can not get results unless he uses sulphate of alumina.

Only one tender for sewer brick was received. It was from Ollman Bros., and the price was \$8.50 for west of Wentworth street and \$8.75 east of that street. The city paid \$0.50 last year. Secretary Brennan said every brick manufacturer in Hamilton had been notified. "Is this another affiliated firm?" inquired the aldermen jestingly.

"I don't think so," said Mr. Ollman with a smile. He got the contract.

The contract for lime was awarded to the Onondaga Company, of Nelles' Corner, at 18 1/2 cents a bushel. The other ten tenders were from Gallagher Bros. at 21 cents, E. J. Guest 19 cents, H. Marshall 21 cents and the Kelly Island Company, of Cleveland, 20-4-10.

The contract for 1,000 feet of rubber hose will be divided among local merchants, as Secretary Brennan explained that the hose could not be secured any cheaper by inviting tenders.

The committee will ask for an appropriation of over \$31,000. The estimates are as follows:

Sewers Department—	1907	\$ 100
City Engineer's report	1907	1,134
Sewers over 12-inch in size	1907	1,000
Leak judgment and costs	1907	1,000
General sewers repairs	1907	1,000
Manholes, gullies and ventilators	1907	1,000
Flushing sewers and new hose	1907	1,000
Advertising, printing and stationery	1907	150
Mountain drain	1907	1,500
Oak Avenue relief sewer	1907	4,200
Salaries and engineering expenses	1907	250
General expense and miscellaneous	1907	250
		\$12,134

Ferguson Avenue Disposal Works—		
Engineer's salary	1907	900
Labor	1907	4,995
Coal	1907	1,900
Press cloths	1907	3,000
Oil	1907	325
Repairs and hardware	1907	125
Disinfectant	1907	200
Packing and waste	1907	100
Boiler purger	1907	75
Boilers	1907	100
Tools and rubber valves	1907	50
Electric light	1907	75
Rubber boots and other expenses	1907	75
Sulphate of alumina	1907	300
		\$12,600

Wentworth Street Disposal Works—		
Engineer's salary	1907	\$ 800
Labor	1907	2,900
Lime	1907	505
Coal	1907	1,825
Press cloths	1907	75
Oil	1907	60
Repairs and hardware	1907	150
Packing and waste	1907	50
Boiler purger	1907	25
Tools, hose and rubber valves	1907	100
Electric light	1907	75
Rubber boots and other expenses	1907	75
Sulphate of alumina	1907	300
		\$7,000

Edward New, a sewer contractor, who wants a sewer built from King street east of the T. H. & B. bridge over private lands to Hunt street, on Bredalbane street to Lochearn street, and on Lochearn from Dundurn to Bredalbane, offered to do the work for \$2,800. J. J. Armstrong's tender was for \$2,500, but Mr. New holds the key to the situation, having control over some of the private land that must be crossed.

"Who wants the sewer?" asked the aldermen. They were informed that Mr. New was the principal applicant. "It is up to him, then," said one of the aldermen. The others thought so, too. They decided to accept Mr. Armstrong's tender providing he can arrange for the necessary right-of-way.

Between three and four acres of land, part of the twenty acres purchased for the east end annex sewer site, and adjoining the Hamilton, Steel & Iron Company's property will be sold to the city for the same price the city paid for it, a little over \$1,000 an acre. It was stipulated that Pollock's lane should be kept open from the base line to Trolley street.

William Clendennings asked the committee to remit to him \$20 he paid under protest, for four years rental for connection with the Sberman Avenue sewer. Four years ago when he bought the land Mr. Clendennings said he paid over \$50. His share for the building of the

sewer. But the city never got the money. "I am not prepared to say yet," was the reply.

It was decided to accept \$50 from Mr. Clendennings and then put him on the same basis as other property owners, connecting with the sewer, tax him two cents a foot for property built on and one cent for vacant property.

In the meantime Mr. Clendennings will try and trace up his \$50.

The Mayor pointed out that although the property owners benefited by this sewer, they were supposed to pay this one and two cent tax it was never collected. The committee decided to instruct the assessors to assess the property and collect the arrears.

City Solicitor Waddell reported that if the city could show that the Toronto, Hamilton & Buffalo Railway was responsible for the damage done to the sewers running under the tracks at the James and Hunter street crossing, the company could be made to pay for it. The city will make an effort to get the company to repair the damage.

**LABOR IN
TORONTO.**

CHANCES FOR UNEMPLOYED IN
SPRING AND SUMMER.

Quiet Times Anticipated—There is Likely
to be Less Speculative Building—
Manufacturers Will Not Be Working
at the High Pressure Which Marked
Last Year.

Toronto, Feb. 15.—Those who have been engaged in the work of relieving the distress during the past few weeks are naturally turning their attention to the question of the prospects for finding work for these people during the rapidly approaching spring. For the purpose of finding out by actual inquiry among the employers what are the labor prospects for the city and vicinity of the Globe has not carried out an investigation as to the general labor outlook, and talked to the heads of a number of large firms, to architects, to builders and to contractors, and others who can safely be considered capable of giving correct information on the subject. From the offices of the architects it was learned that while no great rush of buildings could be expected this season, and while the building permits would probably show some decrease on the past year, yet with all this, the outlook was not a bad one at all, the whole and one reason was that the permits taken out in 1907 included such buildings as that of the immense addition to the Robert Simpson Company premises, the big additions to the T. Eaton Company's stores, the new Observatory, a number of warehouses, several small factories, and a very large number of fine residences, to none of which had it been possible to do more than make a beginning, and even in some cases make that, but the orders to proceed with these works have been given, and as soon as the season is open work will proceed without delay.

In addition the new orders received by the architects so far this year already appear to be nearly as large as at the same time in 1907. On the other hand several large downtown buildings which it was contemplated to have proceeded with this summer, have been either abandoned altogether or their erection delayed for a year or so at any rate.

The outlook for the speculative builder is not good, and there is no use disguising the fact that the erection of private houses will be less than in 1907, and that speculative building of rows and rows of houses will not be part of the building operations for 1908.

The bricklayers may do as well this year as last, for it is said that the stock on hand is very small, and that there will be a fair demand for bricks by the railways. The time is, however, hardly advanced enough to be able to speak positively of the brickmaking prospects for the current year.

The manufacturers of almost all classes of goods will not be quite so busy, and the demand for labor will not therefore be as keen as it was last year. The banks have advised that only definite orders for goods will be the basis of manufacture this year, and if that policy is adopted generally, then there will be no surplus stock left on the hands of the manufacturers at the close of the year. Some manufacturers are, however, doing well, and will need to enlarge their premises and increase the machinery to cope with the still growing trade, but this is the exception, and as a rule the local manufacturers will not be working at the high pressure which marked the last year.

The foundries, the electrical works, the agricultural implement makers, and similar firms, are all fairly hopeful of the outlook, but think it is a little too early to speak definitely as to the probable volume of trade for the coming spring and summer. The ship-building industry is also not in a position to say just what the actual work may be, but they agree that it is likely a fair amount will find its way to the city.

A CONVICT'S CONFESSION.
Robbery of a Safe in a Montreal Court House.

Montreal, Feb. 14.—Abraham Hobeika, a Syrian interpreter, was charged some time ago with stealing \$1,700 from the court house, and is now in jail serving a sentence. To-day officials of the Crown and Peace office, as well as members of the detective staff, are greatly excited over the fact that one of the prisoners confined in St. Vincent de Paul Penitentiary has confessed that he was responsible for the theft of \$1,700, which took place shortly before Christmas from a safe in the court house.

The name of the prisoner is George Pigeon, who was sentenced to seven years' imprisonment a few weeks ago on charges of theft and forgery. Pigeon had not been long out of prison after serving a five years' sentence. Hobeika will be released.

Woman Run Over and Killed.
Ottawa, Feb. 14.—Grand Trunk mixed train No. 81, going out from Golden Lake to Madawaska at 11:30 o'clock this morning, ran over and crushed the body of a woman lying on the tracks eight miles from Killaloe. It is at present difficult to identify the woman.

To cure a cold in one night—use Vapo-Creoline. It has been used extensively during the last twenty-four years. All drugs.

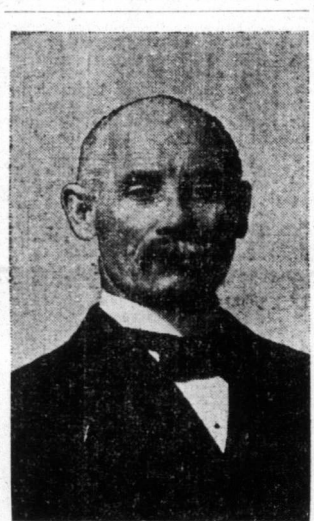
**ST. THOMAS' CHOIR HAS
FAITHFUL MEMBERSHIP.**

Officers Who Have Been With It For Years—Good Singing Organization, But
No Paid Soloists.



JAMES G. INSOLE,
President.

St. Thomas' Church choir has always had a splendid reputation as a singing organization, and when one considers that there are no paid soloists, this certainly speaks well for the faithfulness of its members. The choir is a large and well-balanced one, and while the work of the English



MATT H. LITTLE,
Librarian.

service is exacting it has not only done that work excellently, but has introduced a high class of anthem work especially appropriate to the services.

A number of well-known musicians have been at the head of this choir, among whom were the late David Steele, Mr. E. G. Payne, Mr. Bruce Carey, the late Mrs. George Pappas and Mr. William F. Robinson, the



J. WILSON BROWNE,
Secretary.

present choirman. The choir is in fine condition and now has a larger membership than for some years. Under Mr. Robinson's leadership it is bound to be a success.

Mr. Wm. F. Robinson, choirman, was first appointed on Dec. 1901, but held the position only six months when he resigned to accept that of bandmaster of the Kilties' Band, of Belleville. During his three years of leadership, the band made two trans-continental tours, also one tour of the British Isles. While in England, Mr. Robinson was decorated by His Majesty King Edward VII with the medal of the Royal Victorian Order, at a command concert given at Balmoral Castle, and six weeks later a second and command concert given at Sandringham House on the King's birthday. He was made the recipient of a beautiful conductor's baton, with the initials E. R. VII., set in diamonds and rubies, set in a broad gold band. It might be mentioned here that Mr. Robinson is the only colonial musician who has ever received such a high distinction from royalty, and is the proud possessor of the first baton King Edward ever presented.

After resigning from the leadership of the Kilties Band he accepted a position in Calumet, Mich., where he remained for two years. In December, 1905, he was again offered the position of choirman, and he decided to return to the home of his birth.

Mr. Robinson is of the opinion that in order to have the music in the choir, the choirman should submit to the choir his approval music intended for the Sunday services.

Speaking about choir members, in a general way, Mr. Robinson believes that too much encouragement and commendation cannot be given the members who voluntarily give their services in this capacity, when it is remembered that they come out in all kinds of stormy weather, when one considers the regular weekly choir practices, too often held in a cold and poorly ventilated church, and this two Sunday services, to say nothing of the extra services and practices during the year, and then, as is often the case, the choir members receive nothing in return but unjust criticism and abuse from knowing church members who are only found in their places in church on fair weather Sundays. It is a wonder that their patience is not exhausted. However, this state of affairs is becoming more and more a thing of the past, and he hopes in the near future that the members generally will receive that appreciation which their services merit.

The officers of St. Thomas' choir are as follows:
President—Mr. Jas. Insole.
Vice-President—Mrs. H. Beckett.
Second Vice-President—Miss Anderson.
Secretary—Mr. J. Wilson Browne.
Librarians—Mr. M. Little and Miss Gibson.

The membership is—
Soprano—Mrs. H. Beckett, Miss Staunton, Miss Correll, Miss Kate Land, Mrs. J. W. Browne, Miss J. Peene, Miss Gibson, Miss Arlington, Mrs. Horne, Miss Insole, Miss M. Insole, Miss Edwards, Miss Whitehead, Miss M. Whitehead, Miss Anderson, Mrs. Crox, Miss S. Darling, Contraltos—Miss L. Morden, Miss Place, Miss Land, Miss P. Land, Miss H. Rutherford, Miss Douglas Anderson, Miss Burton, Miss Grant.

Tenors—Mr. M. Little, Mr. Briggs, Mr. Brethour, Mr. Jones, Mr. Burton, Mr. Robinson.
Basses—Mr. J. W. Browne, Mr. Insole, Mr. John Smye, Mr. Herbert Smye, Mr. Hore, Mr. Woodhouse, Mr. Johnson.

Mr. Robinson is choirman and Miss Lillian Peene, organist. The President of the choir, joined it in 1871, shortly after the present building was opened. At that time the choir and the organ were situated in the west gallery. Mr. Insole has served under nine choirmasters and has seen six rectors come and go. He is a valuable man in the best section and has always spent a great deal of his time in the promotion of the choir's interest.

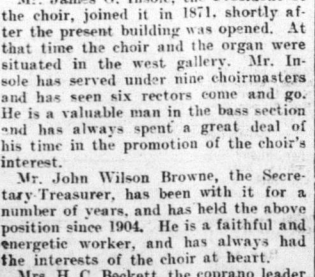
Mr. John Wilson Browne, the Secretary, has been with it for a number of years, and has held the above position since 1904. He is a faithful and energetic worker, and has always had the interests of the choir at heart.

Mrs. H. C. Beckett, the soprano leader and also Vice-President of the choir, became a member when fifteen years of age, and soon made her way to the front rank as one of the best chorus singers in the city. She makes a splendid leader, and is an enthusiastic member. Mrs. Beckett has also been quite successful as a soloist, and though not aspiring to public notice, has merited and won the

plaudits of large and critical audiences by her concert singing.

Miss Lillian M. W. Peene, A. T. C. M., received her musical education under the tuition of Dr. C. L. M., and having passed the required theory examinations, graduated from Toronto Conservatory of Music in 1900. Miss Peene has been identified with the Conserva-

tory of Music, of this city, since its origin, and having been most successful, is considered one of the senior teachers of the present staff. She has been a member of St. Thomas' Church ever since her childhood, and having spent two years as a member of the choir, and gaining valuable experience in organ playing in All Saints' and St. George's Churches, Hamilton, and St. George's Church, Galt, she was appointed organist to succeed Mr. Turner, F. R. C. O., in 1901, which position she now holds.



MISS LILLIAN PEENE, A. T. C. M.,
Organist.

a white woman. Ten or twelve buildings were blown down by the storm. Unconfirmed reports are reaching Mobile of damage by storms in the vicinity of Hattiesburg, Miss. All wires are down in that direction. Squally weather is in evidence in Mobile this afternoon.

RAISULI ENGAGED FOR SHOW.
Moroccan Bandit to Appear in London Hippodrome.

London, Feb. 14.—Raisuli, the Moroccan bandit who captured and held for ransom an American citizen, Mr. Ion Perciaris, and later the Caid Sir Harry Maclean, has been engaged to appear at the Hippodrome in an equestrian powder play show. The consent of the Foreign Office has been obtained.

An increase in crime for last year in Toronto was reported by Chief Constable Gressett.

Chief Justice Falconbridge was elected Chairman of the Public Library Board, Toronto.

**THE TORONTO
TRAGEDY.**

JAMES FEEHELY SHOT WIFE,
THEN KILLED HIMSELF.

Wife Would Not Allow Him to Return to Her and Feehely Shot Her, Then Blew Brains Out—
Wife Will Recover.

Toronto, Feb. 15.—Angered by the firm refusal of his wife to allow him to come back and live with her, Jas. J. Feehely, 62 Euclid avenue, shot the woman yesterday morning about 9 o'clock, and then turned the revolver upon himself. The following full particulars of the tragedy are given:

Yesterday morning, according to the story told Dr. Mackay and Sergeant Mulhall by Mrs. Feehely before leaving the hospital, the husband came into her room and renewed his request to be taken back. "He sat on the side of the bed and pleaded with me to take him back," said the injured woman, "but I had my back to him, and refused to listen. Then he became abusive and tried to scare me, but I would not hear him. The next thing I knew was the sound of a shot and a pain in my left shoulder. I called for my son, but before he could get into the room Feehely had shot himself."

Norman Turner, the seventeen-year-old son of Mrs. Feehely by a former marriage, was the first person in the room after the shooting. "I was in the kitchen," he said, "and heard some loud talking, but I didn't know what they said. Then there was a muffled sound like a snowball striking the door. Then mother screamed for me to come, and I went, but I couldn't get into the room as Feehely had the door shut and his foot against it. I shoved and shoved, and just as I got in there was another shot, and he fell dead on the floor."

Police Constable Watson, 82 Euclid avenue, who was off duty at the time, was hastily summoned and found Feehely lying stretched on the floor with blood spattered over his face and shirt-front. The fatal bullet had entered the left eye and tore its way into the brain. In his right hand was clenched a 38-calibre revolver. Mrs. Feehely was lying on the bed. The quilt was singed where the bullet passed through, showing how close to his intended victim Feehely had held the revolver. Dr. Alex. Mackay was called and dressed the wound, afterwards accompanying the injured woman to St. Michael's Hospital in the police ambulance. Mrs. Feehely's condition is not regarded as serious, and she at no time lost consciousness. Last night the bullet had not been extracted.

Mrs. Feehely, who is about thirty-six years of age, was born in Belleville, Ont., and later lived in Syracuse, N.Y., where her first husband, Mr. Turner, died about five years ago. She has four children, all by her first marriage. They are: Norman, aged 17; Harry, aged 14; Frank, aged 10; and Vera, a little girl of six.

Feehely was about thirty-four years old.

Mrs. Feehely is making satisfactory progress at St. Michael's Hospital. In a few days the bullet will be located with X-rays. The missile, which entered at the back, is probably lodged under the shoulder blade.

**DOMINION LIFE'S
STRONG POSITION.**

Company Has Made Good Progress
In Every Respect.

That the year 1907, with its period of financial stringency and depression at its close, has not seriously affected the business of life insurance is clearly shown by the statement of the Dominion Life Assurance Company, which appears on another page of this issue. The business issued has exceeded that of any previous year in the company's history. The assurance in force, the premium income and the interest income all show substantial and healthy increases. The assets of the company stand at \$1,400, 112, and the liabilities at \$1,170,928, leaving the substantial sum of \$230,074 as surplus to policyholders. It is shown that if the standard of reserves called for by the Dominion Insurance Act had been used in arriving at the liabilities, the surplus would have been over \$270,000. What is strongly emphasized, and what deserves special comment, is the average rate of interest earned by the company on their funds. The rate for 1907 was 6.89 per cent, a remarkably high rate for such a high class of securities as are held by the Dominion Life.

It would appear that policyholders in this company can have no complaint on the score of surplus returns, for they have been very substantial. The company has experienced throughout a steady and healthy growth in reputation it stands high in the public estimation.

Further information respecting the Dominion Life Association may be had by writing or calling on Geo. L. Goodrich, city and district manager, room 703, Bank of Hamilton Chambers.

RIDING MOUNTAINS' GAS.
Prospects There of Obtaining an Abundant Supply.

Winnipeg, Feb. 14.—There are prospects that an abundant supply of natural gas will soon be secured from Riding Mountains district equal to that now available at Medicine Hat. The Government outfit has been working eight miles north of Neepawa for some time, and last week they were down 150 feet. At that depth they struck gas in such quantity that when lighted paper was thrown down the well the gas burned and flames shot twenty or thirty feet in the air and the roaring could be heard for a long distance.

The gas, however, burned out after a short time, but experts have examined the situation and say that when the shaft is put deeper there will be plenty of gas.

Emma Goldman, the Anarchist leader, is in Montreal, and will deliver three lectures there.

**CENT RATE FOR
DROP LETTERS.**

Mr. Lemieux Promises New Legisla-
tion Very Soon.

Radial Bill Laid Over Until
Monday.

Scheme For Establishment of a
Naval Militia.

Ottawa, Feb. 14.—Though less refractory to-day, the Opposition showed no disposition to expedite the passing of the marine and fishery estimates, the result being that after four and a half hours' discussion in Committee of Supply only ten items, amounting in the aggregate to \$136,000, had gone through. In the afternoon Mr. Lemieux announced his intention to introduce very soon legislation providing for a one-cent rate for drop letters in large centres.

Mr. Verville introduced his act providing for an eight-hour day for workmen engaged on public works.

Mr. Macdonell asked if the Postmaster-General had taken any steps to inaugurate the proposed one-cent rate for drop letters in large centres.

Mr. Lemieux answered that he intended to introduce the necessary legislation very soon.

Mr. Henderson urged that the Postmaster-General should bear the rural communities, small towns and villages in mind, and give them a half-cent rate. Mr. Lemieux explained in accordance with the promise of some days ago, the changes in the postal agreement reached with the United States in January. From May of last year up to the recent change newspapers of either country were carried by the other country at the rate of four cents a pound. This had been changed under the arrangement of a few weeks ago to allow of the carriage by either country of legitimate daily newspapers at one cent per pound. The decrease in the rate on newspapers from or to the United States and Canada would be more favorable to Canadian papers, which, particularly on the borders, and a large number of American readers, whereas readers in Canada of daily American newspapers were comparatively few.

To questions by Messrs. Bennett, Borden and others he said the Canadian Press Association had represented to the Government that the latest regulation had taken the publishers of newspapers somewhat by surprise. They had represented that they were expected to reimburse for the months to complete the balance of the year, during which they had been paying a higher rate of postage as compared with the reduction. The Government had agreed to reimburse them the difference between the old and the new rate for the period.

Mr. Clements, on the motion to go into supply, protested against the indiscriminate manner in which immigrants were being dumped into western Ontario. It was true some could be looked after, but too many were going in, and he thought some had been brought to the country under false pretences.

The House went into supply, and resumed consideration of the marine and fisheries estimates.

Mr. Jackson complained that the Government yacht Vigilant had been used by the late Minister of Public Works, Mr. Hyman, and the present Minister of Justice, and a party of Liberals for electioneering purposes in a certain by-election.

Mr. Bennett and Dr. Sproule protested against Ministers using public vessels for electioneering.

In connection with the vote of \$10,000 for the organization of a naval militia the expenses of using the cruiser Cananda as a training ship, Mr. Brodeur said it was hoped that the men employed on the Cananda in the work of fisheries protection would be the nucleus of a naval militia. It was his intention that promotion should be made by merit. A similar movement was to be started on the British Columbia coast a cruiser larger than the Cananda and capable of would be built and with two vessels at its command they hoped to recruit a Canadian naval militia. Progress having been reported, the committee rose.

The bill to incorporate the Rutherian (Catholic) Mission of the Order of St. Basil the Great in Canada, introduced by Mr. McIntyre (Strathcona), was read a third time.

Discussion in committee of the Hamilton Radial Electric Railway Company bill was postponed until Monday, at the request of Mr. Macdonell.

The House adjourned at 11:05 p.m.

ARRESTS AFTER BANKER'S FLIGHT.
The Berlin Man Squandered Over \$750,000.

Berlin, Feb. 14.—Several arrests have been made in connection with the absconding of the Banker Siegmund Friedberg, who lately disappeared, leaving unsecured liabilities of \$750,000. Among the prisoners are his mistress and solicitor, Friedberg is accused of squandering money in dissipation.

Commissioner Mueller, of the criminal police, has issued a remarkable personal appeal for the absconder to return and help clear up matters. The appeal concludes by saying, pathetically, "Think of the strain my nervous system is undergoing. You will know best what it means to me to be obliged to spend a whole week, night and day, in discovering traces of your organizing talent."

Sudden Death at Streetsville.
Streetsville, Feb. 14.—Mr. George Taylor, a most popular young man, died suddenly this afternoon. He had been around town during the afternoon, and after going home was lying down for a few minutes, when he was probably seized with an internal hemorrhage and died in a short time. His father, Mr. William Taylor, is Police Magistrate, and was Reeve for some years.

Norman Hopkins, Albert Hopkins and Cecil Elliott, found guilty of conspiring to defraud the Toronto Railway Company, have abandoned their appeal and will be sentenced.