

THREE EXTRA ALDERMEN FOR CITY OF LONDON DONNELLY, COLES AND BLANDFORD ELECTED

Ald. Richter Makes a Discovery Which Upsets the Old Idea of Twelve Aldermen and Permits Three Representatives for Every Ward, There Being Five Wards in the Forest City.

A SENSATION SPRUNG AT CITY HALL AND LAW IS QUOTED TO PROVE CASE

Council Will Now Be Composed of Fifteen Aldermen and the Mayor, Instead of Twelve Aldermen as at Present—
The Situation as Explained by Ald. Richter.

Three of the candidates for the council, who were counted out when the official returns were made, were given an agreeable surprise today, when they were informed that they were elected aldermen for the coming year.

This simply means that by the annexation of the suburbs the representation on the council has been increased from 12 to 15, and as such they were entitled to a seat on the council. This ex-Ald. James Donnelly, Ald. W. C. Coles, and Ald. R. F. Blandford are aldermen for the present year. The information has not been given out officially, but it will be shortly. In the meantime, all three will take the oath of office in order to be prepared for the council meeting on Monday morning next.

Ald. Richter is to be credited with the discovery of this fact, and as an authority on municipal law, his opinion will hardly be questioned.

The reason for the change in representation is found in the wording of the application of the council for the annexation of the new district was to be known as Ward 5. The subsequent order of the Ontario railway and municipal board ratified the application, and designated Ealing, Pottersburg, Chelsea Green and Knollwood park as Ward 5.

According to the municipal act, section 71, the representation of a city shall consist of three representatives to each ward. It does not say "may" but "shall."

The section, in part, is as follows: "The council of every city shall consist of the mayor, who shall be the head thereof, and three aldermen for each ward, to be elected in accordance with the provisions of this act, provided always that the council of any city may on or before the first day of November in any city pass a bylaw reducing the number of aldermen for each ward to two members, etc."

METHOD OF ELECTION.
The provisions of the act make it absolutely certain that the council must consist of fifteen members, and as Messrs. Donnelly, Coles and Blandford are next in line to the twelve already declared elected, the additional seats must be at their disposal.

Had the application of the council and the subsequent order of the Ontario railway board not specified that the annexed district be Ward 5, the territory would have been added to the wards which it adjoined.

A SENSATION.
The news created quite a sensation at the city hall, nothing having been known about the matter until Ald. Richter discovered it.

It is known that the three gentlemen interested will take the oath of office, and be prepared to take their seats on the day the council is inaugurated. "I have been informed that I am elected to the council," said Ald. Coles. "I have consulted some lawyers, and they have informed me that according to the municipal act, I am one of the fifteen members of the council. Mr. W. R. Meredith, who took an active part in the annexation proceedings, informs me that my contention is proper, and that I am entitled to a seat. I will take the oath of office, and be prepared."

"I have also been informed that I am entitled to a seat on the council," said Ald. Blandford. "Instead of Ald. Johnston being last man, I will have that distinction. I will qualify, of course, and be prepared to take my place in the council."

Ex-Ald. James Donnelly had not heard of the matter, and could not say what he would do. It is understood that he, too, will qualify.

ALD. RICHTER IS CERTAIN.
Ald. Richter is confident that the three gentlemen named are entitled to a seat on the council board. He has gone into the matter very carefully and his judgment is that the council must consist of fifteen members.

"I have had this matter under advisement for some days," said Ald. Richter. "In looking over the municipal act, I discovered that there should be three members elected from each ward. The act does not say 'may' but 'shall' have three members, but 'shall' have three members. In the application for the annexation of the suburbs it was specifically stated that the newly-annexed territory should be known as Ward 5. I have seen the copy of the order of the Ontario Railway and Municipal Board, and it states that the new territory should be known as Ward 5. Had the territory been taken in without any mention of what ward it should be, it would form a portion of the wards which it adjoined. However, it is practically certain that the city now has five wards, and as such we must have 15 members of the council. Ex-Ald. James Donnelly, Ald. W. C. Coles, and Ald. Blandford, accordingly, are entitled to seats on the new board. I see no way of stopping this. I have not obtained the opinion of City Solicitor Meredith on the question, but I think there will be no trouble about this matter."

Will Change Committees.
The addition of three members will make some difference in the formation of the committees. Up to the present time they have consisted of four members to each of the standing committees, with the mayor as the fifth. It is expected that each will consist of five members, with his worship forming the sixth.

The council will have sixteen members, including his worship, and it is possible for many of the votes during the year.

The striking committees will meet tonight, and will make an effort to name the various committees. It is expected that at this session, the written opinion of City Solicitor Meredith will be presented. If, as it is expected, he will decide that the council will consist of 15 members, the 3 additional aldermen, Messrs. Donnelly, Coles and Blandford, will be placed on committees. Ald. Coles will in all probability be made chairman of the special city hall committee.

Box Car Burned.
An empty box car, standing on a siding in the Rectory street G. T. R. yards, was burned this morning shortly after 11 o'clock. Fire companies Nos. 2 and 5 responded, but could not save the car. The cause is unknown.

Buried in Woodland.
Mr. and Mrs. A. Welch, 65 years of age, were buried in Woodland cemetery Monday afternoon. Rev. B. H. Hayden conducted the services.



ALD. R. F. BLANDFORD.

As It Looks Now

ELECTED.

J. G. RICHTER	3,075
G. E. ROSE	3,025
B. W. BENNETT	2,796
S. F. GLASS	2,781
J. P. MOORE	2,780
J. F. WHITE	2,665
HUBERT ASHLANT	2,677
JOHN H. SAUNDERS	2,664
E. J. L. STEIN	2,641
WILLIAM SPITAL	2,588
W. E. ROBINSON	2,426
E. H. JOHNSTON	2,387
JAMES DONNELLY	2,257
WM. G. COLES	2,245
R. F. BLANDFORD	2,057
NOT ELECTED.	
William Gerry	1,782
Fred G. Mitchell	1,677
Neil Cooper	1,603
U. A. Buchner	1,600
James A. Tancock	1,272
Wm. Hayman	1,153
Harry Ryan	1,114
Harry Wallace	386
E. H. Russell	382

Weather Notes.

The death at Victoria Hospital this morning of four-year-old Christina Murphy, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Murphy, of 29 Blackfriars street, West London, and the critical illness of her 18-month-old baby brother, John, are attributed to the consumption of putrid bacon, which is said to have been consumed at the evening meal on Monday.

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LATE LOCAL OPTION FIGURES TEMPERANCE VICTORIES, 24

In Twenty-Two Places Repeal Was Attempted and Act Was Sustained in Twenty-One—Twenty Places in Which Contests Were Held Still To Be Heard From.

LATEST SUMMARY.
Contests 78
To be heard from 20
Local option carried 24
Failed through three-fifths clause 24
Defeated by clear majority 10

[Canadian Press.]
Toronto, Jan. 7.—In addition to local option results previously published, the defeat of the act is reported from Georgetown and from the townships of Esquewaug and Marlboro, in each case through the operation of the three-fifths clause.

According to the figures collected by the Dominion Alliance, the result at 1 o'clock stands as follows:

An attempt was made to put the act in operation in 73 places; twenty of these are still to be heard from. In the remaining 53 the temperance people have carried the day in 24, they have failed in 24 others through the operation of the three-fifths clause, and in 10 the liquor people have obtained a clear majority. In 25 places repeal was attempted, and in 21 of these the act was sustained.

(See Inside Pages for Details).

BACON BLAMED FOR DEATH OF A LITTLE CHILD

4-Year-Old Christina Murphy, of West London, Died in Odd Circumstances.

INQUEST WAS ORDERED BY CORONER MACLAREN

Dr. A.V. Beecher Thinks Bacon Eaten by the Family Was Cause of Trouble.

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STRATFORD GIVES MR. BECK REBUKE VOTES FOR C.N.R.

Electors of Classic City Roll Up a Big Majority for Street Railway Franchise.

PRIVATE POWER PLANT FACTOR IN CAMPAIGN

Mr. Beck Attempted to Play the Dictator and People Gave Him Decided Rebuke.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Stratford, Jan. 7.—The city of Stratford has given a decisive answer to the dictatorship of Hon. Adam Beck.

By a large majority the city today voted in favor of granting a 25-year franchise to the C. N. R. for the street railway.

Mr. Beck injected himself into the campaign and sought to prevent the granting of the franchise. But Stratford is not quite so sure of Mr. Beck as it used to be, and the citizens gave him a decided rebuke yesterday.

Swings the Big Stick.

Mr. Beck sought to force a clause into the bylaw whereby the company would be forced to use hydro-electric power. The council argued that this was fairer than to force a private industry to use hydro. So the council left the matter optional with the C. N. R.

Mr. Beck's private steam power plant in his cigar box factory at London figured in the campaign. The fact that Mr. Beck had thrown out motors of the hydro-electric type to install a 75 horsepower engine had much significance for the electors, and Mr. Beck's sincerity toward his own scheme was brought into question.

Elected on Small Vote.
While Mayor-Elect Greenwood was opposed to the granting of the franchise, he received only 442 votes compared to 1,442 votes for the other three candidates, all of whom were in favor of the franchise. There was hardly 100 votes' difference between the three candidates. Greenwood received 888, Prince 396, Stevenson 546, and Frame 500. Mr. Greenwood was an eleven-hour candidate brought out by the opposition to the franchise. It is said today that Mr. Greenwood realizes the wishes of the people, and will abide by them in the conduct of his office.

May Knife It in Legislature.
It is stated in some quarters that Mr. Beck may make an effort to defeat the bylaw when it comes to the Legislature. Such a movement would be flying in the face of the people, and a very serious protest would be registered.

Early this morning Mrs. Murphy took the four-year-old child to Victoria Hospital, and departed shortly after the little girl was admitted to the institution. Mrs. Murphy intended upon her return to take the baby to the hospital also. However, ten minutes after she arrived Christina died, after having suffered great agony.

Potomine poisoning is believed to have been the cause of her death, and the bacon is alleged to have been responsible.

It was believed this morning that the baby could not live, but while he suffered convulsions at the hospital, his condition is reported to be somewhat improved this afternoon, and his ultimate recovery is anticipated.

Came From Ireland.
Mr. John Murphy, the father of the children, came to this country from Climerick, Ireland, with his family last May, and has since been employed at Hyman's tannery. His wife was unwelcomed after the meal, and he had suffered from a cold for the past week, but because of his greater strength they fared worse than the children. Three other children, May, Annie and Margaret, were well after the meal.

The death of the inquest has not as yet been decided upon.

**PLAN NEW RAILWAY
TO HUDSON'S BAY**

Surveys Are Being Made From Winnipeg to Port Nelson.

[Canadian Press.]
Winnipeg, Man., Jan. 7.—A syndicate of prominent local financiers are arranging to begin work in the spring on the construction of a railroad from Winnipeg to Hudson Bay, with Port Nelson as the objective point. They have already spent a large amount of money in preliminary surveys, purchasing land, etc., and are in earnest.

The directors are now contemplating the construction of terminals here under an option already secured. The charter for the road has already been secured under the name, Hudson Bay, Peace River and Pacific Railway.

GRAND OPERA TOUR.
Montreal, Jan. 7.—Announcement is made that the Montreal Grand Opera Company will begin its tour, which is to take in Quebec, Ottawa and Toronto, in the first week in February. The dates for Ottawa are February 3 to 8. The company will introduce the following operas: La Tosca, Le Jongleur de Notre Dame, Rusticana, Rigoleto, Madame Butterfly, Faust and Carmen. The company will include Messieurs La Palme, Carabini, Carmen Molis, Deryne and Scott and Messrs. Lattin and Conrad. The company's performances in the capital will be under the patronage of the Governor-General, the Duke of Connaught.

ALD. W. G. COLES.

The grand jury, which was empaneled for the winter sittings of the high court, which commenced at one o'clock this afternoon before Sir John Boyd, is composed of the following residents of the city and county: Thomas J. Clatworthy, lumber merchant, London; Township; Kennedy, farmer, Dorchester; Henry Ferncombe, farmer, London Township; H. E. Gates, manager, London; W. B. Harding, yeoman, West Nisour; William McVey, yeoman, West Nisour; James A. Stevenson, probation officer, London; Arnold Swayzie, superintendent, London; Robt. Twiss, farmer, Ekfrid; William Westman, farmer, Biddulph; J. L. McTaggart, farmer, Ekfrid; J. C. McDonald, farmer, West Williams; and W. L. Toth, M. farmer, McCalfe. The last three jurors are members of the county council, and were re-elected by the electors of their municipalities yesterday.

COACH WAS BURNED.
[Canadian Press.]
Winnipeg, Man., Jan. 7.—The baggage coach on the C. P. R. Imperial Limited express was burned in the yards here last night with all its contents. An overheated steam pipe is supposed to have been the cause of the blaze.

RECKLESS ABUSE POURED ON BUSINESS LEADERS OF LONDON

Wholesale Men, Manufacturers and Merchants Are Accused of Deception in Asking for Time to Look Into Electrification Report—Dishonestly Accused of Trying to Prevent Vote.

The London Free Press levels charges of dishonesty and trickery against those citizens who pleaded for time in which to supplement the Gabery-Storer report by an independent inquiry, and to ascertain the attitude of the Michigan Central and Pere Marquette. Says the Free Press of Monday:

"The rival slate was brought out because of the deliberate attempt that was made to throttle Hon. Adam Beck's proposal, and to prevent its going to the people in January or at any other time."

This is the accusation brought against the seven aldermen who voted for more information, and against the prominent businessmen who endorsed their attitude and asked for re-election of the six who were in the field again.

All those with honest doubts are placed in the same category, all are dishonest in their public statements; none of them mean what they say. What sort of a cause is it that requires these insults to be heaped on the majority of the manufacturers, wholesalers and jobbers of the city of London? Every business firm whose name appears on the following petition is thus singled out for abuse and misrepresentation.

We, the undersigned merchants and manufacturers of the city of London, beg to say that we heartily approve of the action of the aldermen who voted in favor of the resolution to delay the submission of the question of electrification of the London and Port Stanley Railway until the advice of independent experts had been obtained, and time given to consider the effect thereof, and until some conference had been had with the Michigan Central and Pere Marquette, important railways now terminating in London. We hope the

electorate will not put in a set of men who will rush the question to a vote of the people without these precautions.

E. LEONARD & SONS.
MURRAY SHOE CO.
SOMERVILLE PAPER BOX CO.
JOHN FERGUSON & SONS.
C. S. HYMAN & CO.
THE O-PEE-CHEE GUM CO.
THE NATIONAL NOVELTY CO.
T. B. ESCOTT & CO.
R. C. STRUTHERS & CO.
McMILLAN, CALDER & CO.<