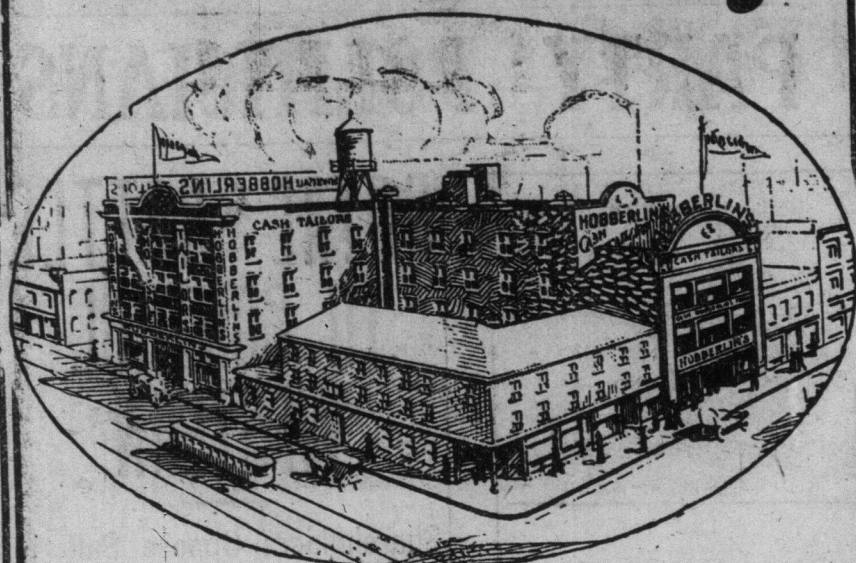


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OBITUARY.
At London—Thomas Blakeney, for ten years secretary of the London Club and formerly manager of Molsons Bank in Windsor, in Victoria Hospital this morning after a short illness.
At Vankleek Hill—John Shields, aged 88; first mayor of the town and division clerk for 30 days.

DODD'S KIDNEY PILLS
CURES RHEUMATISM, BRUISES, SORE THROAT, DIABETES, GRAVEL, GOUT, NEURALGIA, MIGRAINE, INDIGESTION, BILIOUSNESS, AND ALL KIDNEY DISEASES.
At Kingston—Mrs. J. L. Englehart, wife of the chairman of the Temiskaming Railway Commission, died yesterday in St. John's Hospital from a tubercular affection. The funeral will take place in Petrolia on Sunday.

Bond Extradition Case.
When B. B. Bond, the produce merchant from Nashville, Tenn., arrived here on the charge of defrauding the First National Bank of about \$8000, one before Judge Snider this morning, George S. Kerr, the prisoner's lawyer, contended that the arrest was illegal because it was made on the warrant of a justice of the peace, and that the Canadian warrant was not produced until after the prisoner was taken to the police station. He asked for the release of Bond on that ground, but his honor reserved judgment. When

At Whitby—David Ormiston. His family were pioneers of Whitby Township. He was for years president and since treasurer of the South Ontario Reform Association, and for more than a quarter of a century superintendent of St. Andrew's Sunday school. W. S. Ormiston, barrister, and Mrs. Dr. Ford, Ottawa, are the children. His funeral Saturday afternoon.

Jubilee of Kingston Whig.
KINGSTON, Dec. 31.—The Whig today celebrated its seventy-fifth anniversary, in that time having only two proprietors, Dr. E. J. Baker, the founder, and E. J. H. Pense, managing director of the company. The Whig began as a weekly in 1834 and a daily in 1849. Mr. Pense has been associated with it since 1862.

Hamilton Happenings

We would subscribers in Hamilton are requested to register complaints as to circulation as in this delivery at the Hamilton office, room 7, Spectator building. Phone 963.

BIG ELECTRIC MERGER COMING IN NEW YEAR

Toronto and Hamilton Interests Involved—Compelled to Fight.

HAMILTON, Dec. 31.—(Special).—As has been announced in The World, a big electric merger, taking in both the Toronto and Hamilton interests in the process of formation, and will be an accomplished fact early in the new year. This means that the fight of the electric ring to fasten itself on the people of this province will be continuing on a more gigantic scale and with greater fury than ever. In fact, it looks as if the electric fight was just beginning.

It is Justice Anglin's decision freeing the City of Hamilton from the Dominion Power and Transmission Co., that has hastened the completion of the plans for the merger. The long period during which the Cataract people were the favorite barbarians with the Dominion Government, and their undisturbed monopoly enjoyed such prosperity that they were able to pay off the bonds issued to make extensions and divide up amongst themselves huge blocks of watered stock covering the increased value of their plant, gave them a species of swollen head and they were inclined to regard with contempt financiers who had to go into the development of Niagara power. So long as they had Hamilton tied up and had some prospect of continuing the hold on the Cataract and had a good market in Welland and St. Catharines for their power, they were inclined to look back and let the other companies fight their own battles.

Justice Anglin's decision and the prospect of legislation by the Whitney government have caused them to hustle into an alliance with the other interests. They are equipped for developing 1000 horse power more than they have a market for now, and by the installation of more machinery can develop 20,000 horse power more. They want an assured market for this power, and business they will lose in Hamilton and Brantford by the introduction of the hydro-electric power.

The directors, who deny that any formal proposition with regard to the merger has been adopted by the board, make no bones of the fact that they have been discussing amongst themselves the advisability of forming an alliance with the other companies. With the whole field threatened by the invasion of hydro-electric power, they say they are compelled to put up a fight, for their very existence is at stake. They are determined to introduce government power.

They admit they are planning to take a hand in the fight in Toronto, and it is probable that the 20,000 horse power that they are capable of developing will be placed at the disposal of the merger, to be offered at cut rates wherever it is thought it can be used to the best advantage to puncture the government's project. The lower the price is the "game" that will be attempted on Toronto, as it was in Hamilton.

Longboat's Mother.
The Hamilton Banner publishes a story that Tom Longboat's mother, an early caller at the home of the editor Christmas morning, begging for assistance, and that she goes about begging from door to door. Meetings were held last night in the Barton-street and First Methodist Churches, in the interest of temperance aldermanic candidates.

Two Slices.
The hotelmen have the following 23 candidates on the list: Robinson, Ward 1—George S. Cann, Sackville Hill, and George Guy. Ward 2—Aldermen Farmer and Cramer, and W. J. Southern. Ward 3—Aldermen Nicholson and Dickson and Will Applethorpe. Ward 4—Aldermen Allan, Clark and Lewis. Ward 5—Aldermen Sweeney, Gardner, Wright, and ex-Ald. M. Kennedy and George Hill. Ward 6—Aldermen Jettin and Hovenden and Dr. Hopkings. Ward 7—Ex-Ald. E. A. Fernside, A. M. Ewing and C. H. Brayley. The temperance people have the following 12:

Ward 1—Ex-Ald. Thomas S. Morris and Geo. H. Milne. Ward 2—Ex-Ald. George H. Lee and Dr. Wickens. Ward 3—Edward Morwick, John Forth and Ald. Peregrine. Ward 4—H. N. Thomas. Ward 5—Ex-Ald. H. A. Martin and Joseph Ross. Ward 6—Ald. Anderson, W. H. Cooper and Thomas Robson.

Evidence for Divorce Suit.
Private detectives have run down a former London, Eng., stockbroker, who disappeared mysteriously, leaving a wife and family. For a time he lived with a woman in Outremont, a suburb of Montreal, under the name of Carleton, and was traced to a boarding house on West Main-street in this city. The detectives left for London this morning with evidence which the wife wishes to use to secure a divorce from the broker.

No action has been taken by the city to seek relief to the earthquake victims as the mayor advised that it would be time enough to take action when the Dominion and Ontario Governments made a move.

Clerk Gets Fortune.
Elmer C. Phelps, who worked as a clerk for the G. B. Robinson Company, Hamilton, and later in McKay's store, Toronto, has accumulated a fortune of about \$300,000 through an investment in a stock market. Geo. M. Wilson, whom he fell in with at San Francisco, of a machine to generate electric power by the action of sea waves.

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one of the detectives testified that he had taken a "gun" out of the prisoner's pocket, Judge Snider objected, saying that the use of the word "gun" for revolver was an Americanism.

Miller's Libel Suit.
F. C. Miller, sporting editor of The Times, this morning made a motion before Judge Monck for an order to compel William Southam of The Spectator to attend before a special examiner for examination for discovery in connection with a libel suit. Mr. Southam's lawyer, Frank Morrison, claimed that the subpoena was irregular, because it was not endorsed and because it did not state the year of King Edward's reign. Judgment reserved.

Roadmaster A. Grills of the G.T.R. was presented with a gold watch by the employees of his department.

The Conventual Train to Longboat-Doronto Race Leaves Toronto 2:45 p.m. Jan. 2nd.
via Grand Trunk. Only \$2.10 for round trip. Return special leaves Buffalo after race. Return limit Jan. 4th. See that your ticket reads Grand Trunk.

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The Canadian Pacific Railway announces that trains leaving Toronto for Brantford at 5:45 p.m., daily, except Sunday, at 1:30 p.m. and 11:30 p.m., Saturday only, also trains leaving Brantford for Toronto at 7:30 a.m., daily except Sunday and at 3:00 p.m., Saturday only, will be withdrawn from service Jan. 1, Thursday, Dec. 31, will be the last day on which these trains will run.

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