

## CHAMBERLAIN IS RETIRING FROM COMMONS

### Passing From Public Life of an Illustrious Career.

### He Has Represented West Birmingham Since 1885.

(Special Cable to the Courier)

LONDON, Jan. 7.—When Joseph Chamberlain to-day stated that he would retire from Parliament at the next general elections the passing from public life of one of Britain's most prominent commoners was presaged. On account of ill-health Mr. Chamberlain hasn't been seen in the Commons Chamber for many years, but his old constituency of West Birmingham has elected him continuously since 1885. He has been Colonial Secretary in the Unionist Government, and was at one time an ardent Liberal Radical and Republican. In the years of his greatest prominence he was familiarly known as "The People's Joe."

He is 77 years of age and is the father of Austen Chamberlain, M.P., who has been frequently suggested as the next leader of the Unionist forces of Great Britain. It is thought that Neville Chamberlain will succeed his father as the member for West Birmingham.

## GOOD RESULTS FROM ASSOCIATION

### Echo Place Residents Have Improved Things by Co-operation.

The co-operation of all the residents in Echo Place and of the energetic president, Mr. Jos. J. Burke, has made possible the success of the Echo Place Improvement Association, which was organized less than a year ago. The following are a few of their accomplishments and the results of the members work:

Sufficiently signed petitions for about five miles of sidewalk. Over a mile and one half was laid last summer, the balance to be completed this coming season. A number of road improvements also sufficiently signed petitions for Hydro street lighting, which will be a great advantage to the residents of Echo Place. Through the efforts of the Association the Grand Valley street railway has allowed their cars to run into Echo Place, hourly service. The social features of the association, which also have proved a grand success, through the co-operation of the residents of Echo Place, such as entertainments at the school, and the picnics in the summer has created good fellowship among all. Much credit is due to the Courier for the kindness in publishing news items concerning the Association's affairs, which the members and residents appreciate very much. The general feeling in Echo Place is that the Association will continue its good work in the future as it has done in the past, and hoping that all who are interested in the welfare of Echo Place will take active interest in their work. The subjoined officers of the Association for 1913 were as follows: Jos. J. Burke, president; J. C. Smith, vice-president; Morley Myers, treasurer; H. C. Thomas, secretary; F. T. Meyrow, publishing commissioner for the E. P. I. A. A grand rally meeting is called for Friday at Mohawk Park school.

## MR. HANNA IS SATISFIED

### Local Option Contest Turned Out as He Expected

TORONTO, Jan. 7.—"They turned out just as I would have guessed them," said Hon. W. J. Hanna yesterday when asked for his opinion of the local option contests. "Red" occurs little of the map now," he said, after pointing out how the white patches had grown in recent years.

## WANTED REPAIRS

After a recent railway collision in the Midlands, a Scotsman was extracted from the wreckage by a companion who had escaped unhurt.

"Never mind, Sandy," his rescuer remarked, "it's nothing serious, and you'll get damages for it."  
"Damages!" roared Sandy. "Have I no had enough of them? It is repairs I'm seeking the noo."

## Strike Will Tie Up South African Railways

### Thirty-five Thousand Men to go Out in Protest Against Policy.

JOHANNESBURG, Jan. 7.—A strike of 35,000 South African state railway employees has been called, and the men will go out on Wednesday at midnight, as a protest against the dismissal of some of the employees under the administration's policy of retrenchment. Attempts have been made during the past week to settle the dispute but the government has refused to reinstate the men. As the Natal coal miners are still on strike the situation is extremely grave.

## SIR JAMES WHITNEY IS DYING

### The Premier Suffered Severe Relapse at 10 O'clock To-day.

### Stimulants Only Are Keeping Veteran Fighter Alive.

Late Bulletin.  
NEW YORK CITY.—Two o'clock.—Sir James is in a critical condition following this morning's relapse.

(Special Cable to the Courier)  
NEW YORK, Jan. 7.—After two days of holding his own, and slight improvement, which gave ground for hope of recovery in a week or so, Sir James Whitney lapsed back into the serious condition in which he was on Monday morning. After a night of comparative rest his condition suddenly changed shortly before 10 o'clock this morning, and now he is still keeping alive and not much more.

Stimulants are being administered freely to keep the flagging heart muscles up to their work but the issue remains in much doubt. The end may come very soon, or another favorable turn may come. The abrupt change this morning came without any warning and gave a severe shock of surprise to the little group of watchers. Last night Sir James was in excellent spirits. He had made a good meal of broth, toast and eggs. After breakfast the doctors were chatting in rotation of hotel with a group of newspapermen and replying with non-committal smiles to suggestions that it might be possible to move Sir James back to Toronto in a few days, when the bell boy approached and told the doctor he was wanted in 226 at once. The number of the Premier's room is 226. The doctor rushed for the elevator, followed by a group of reporters. The doctor returned later by Mr. Wallis. Then Dr. Pyne reappeared in an overcoat hurrying for the door of the hotel. "Getting medicine," he said. "We're keeping him alive," said Dr. Pyne later, "and while there is life there is hope."

Hon. Walter Scott, premier of Saskatchewan, was in here inquiring about Sir James to-day. Only a year ago he was in such condition with pneumonia and heart trouble, but wasn't expected to live more than few hours. He is big, healthy, looking man to-day and nobody talking about choosing his successor. He asked to tell Sir James not to worry. "Say hi," said he, "that you're not half so bad as I was. You'll get better all right."

The treatment being given the patient is one of rest, with administration of stimulants at intervals to keep up the heart action. Alcoholic stimulants are not employed, but small doses of strychnine, nitro-glycerine, and various recently discovered compounds. These are given every few hours.

**They Want Pure Gas.**  
To use Onondaga gas instead of the sulphuretted gas now being supplied by the Dominion Gas Co. is the aim of the circulation of a petition among the residents of Echo Place residing between the city limits and the Brantford and Hamilton Radial line. At Cainsville and along the Hamilton road to the radial line Onondaga gas is used. It would simply be a case of cutting off the Dominion supply at the city limits and connecting the line with the Onondaga line at the radial crossing.

## WM. MURRAY TO SERVE FIVE YEARS

### Colored Man Dealt With Stiffly by Magistrate To-Day.

### "Society Must be Protected" Was Reason Given for Heavy Sentence.

William Murray, the colored man who ran amuck with a gun, was sentenced to 5 years on each of the six charges preferred against him, sentences to run concurrently. Each of the six charges against him was itself sufficient for a life sentence.

Mr. Brewster, K.C., who defended, said the charges all originated out of the one unfortunate affair, and he did not think they should be treated as individual charges. He said, in his opinion they should all be embraced in one charge. Previous to the affair, Murray had borne an excellent character and came of a good and respectable family. Murray was crazed with drink, otherwise nothing would have occurred. Mr. Brewster asked the Magistrate to use his opinion on behalf of the prisoner. He thought a lenient sentence would meet the ends of justice.

Magistrate Livingston pointed out that the plea of drunkenness at the time of the offence was no excuse. It might take the edge off the intent to commit crime, but it was no excuse in the eyes of the law. Although Murray was said to be drunk, he was "keen enough to rob a man of \$10." "You can thank your lucky stars," he continued, "that you are not up on a charge of murder. Three persons might easily have lost their lives as a result of your drunken bout." For the robbery offence, Murray was liable to corporal punishment, but the magistrate would let this charge drop, and the stripes would be eliminated. "I have a duty to perform and you are a dangerous man. You must be protected. I don't know what you might get drunk again and do a similar thing."

In view of the seriousness of the offences, the magistrate said he would commit Murray to the penitentiary for 5 years for each offence, the sentences to run concurrently. Murray took his sentence calmly, and was led away by Sgt. Wallace as a murmur and babel of voices in the rear of the court commented upon the sentence. They were instantly silenced.

Murray, as his name appeared on the list, was charged with: Shooting and robbery by Detective Chapman, with shooting by J. T. Wallace, with shooting by Wm. Donnelly, with wounding by J. T. Wallace, and with shooting with intent, by Chief Slemin.

## Time Yet For a Compromise

(Special to the Courier)

LONDON, Eng., Jan. 7.—Regarding the announcement of the Morning Post that negotiations for a home rule compromise between Mr. Asquith and Bonar Law, have been broken off, it is the general opinion here that despite the failure of the conversations of leaders, there is still abundant time to secure a compromise, as parliament will not meet till February 10th of this year.

**INTERMENT AT OTTERTILLE**  
NIAGARA FALLS, Ont., Jan. 7.—Following a three days' illness of pneumonia, the death occurred here on Tuesday of Miss Alice Jane Sherwood, fifty-three years of age. The remains will be taken to Otterville for burial.

## Guarding McKinley When Pres. Was Shot

### Jack McCauley, Soldier of Fortune, Dies at Kansas City.

KANSAS CITY, Jan. 7.—Jack McCauley, soldier of fortune, died here yesterday of typhoid fever. McCauley, when a guard at the Pan-American Exposition at Buffalo, stood beside President McKinley when he, the latter, was shot by Leon Czolgosz. McCauley held Czolgosz until other officers arrived. For his bravery on this occasion he received a special medal from the exposition officials and a letter of thanks from the National Congress. McCauley served in the Spanish-American War. He also took part in revolutions in Mexico and South America. During the last 15 years he travelled around the world.

## C.P.R. TO ABSORB LAKE ERIE AND NORTHERN

### Well Founded Report to That Effect in the City Today.

### May Mean Resumption of Work at an Early Date.

Has the Lake Erie and Northern Railway been absorbed by the Canadian Pacific? From a reliable source the Courier learned this morning that it has been agreed between the companies that the Canadian Pacific should absorb the Lake Erie and Northern. If the agreement has not already been executed it very soon will be. Chief Engineer Kellett of the L. E. & N. has been in Montreal for several days and as the headquarters of the Canadian Pacific are located in that city it is generally supposed that he is there in connection with this very important deal.

When enquiry was made at the office of the Lake Erie and Northern, no information could be secured, and at the local office of Wright, Hazard and Cohen the party in charge positively refused to either confirm or deny the report, positively refusing to say anything. As the report was well founded, it is more than likely that work will be resumed on the road at a very early date.

## SEIZURE MADE WRONGFUL ONE

### Indians Can Shoot Muskrats Whenever They Like.

On the 1st of December, Messrs. Alexander Garlow and Jesse Gibson of the Indian Reserve, shipped to Mr. John Hallam, fur dealer of Toronto, about \$60,000 worth of muskrat and skunk skins. The inspector at Hamilton seized them claiming that although shipped on the 1st day of the open season, they must have been killed during the close season, and he never took the trouble to enquire whether Garlow and Gibson were Indians or not as there is no close season for Indians belonging to the Reserve. Major G. J. Smith, Indian Agent, took the matter up, with the result that the Superintendent of the Game and Fisheries Department has ordered the skins forwarded to their destination, but it is quite likely that they are now spoiled.

## THE INAUGURAL WILL PROVE A QUIET ONE

### No Scramble Among the Newly Elected Aldermen for Jobs.

### Caucus Will Probably Arrange for Despatch of Business.

There is no scramble among the aldermen-elect this year for chairmanships any more than there was last year, when the Conservative majority was an overwhelming one. Moreover, chairmanships are not plums in the estimation of several of the aldermen, who recognize that presiding over a committee simply means increased work and added responsibility without any patronage favors being attached thereto.

In all likelihood a caucus will be held this week to fix-up the chairmanship slate in order to have business despatched with celerity at the inaugural meeting on Monday. The two most important chairmanships are the Finance and Board of Works, and to a large extent seniority of service is considered for the filling of these offices. It is almost a certainty that Ald. Ryerson will be chairman of the Fire and Light Committee, as he is thoroughly familiar with the work.

At the inaugural meeting Monday morning, civic auditors will be appointed as well as civic representatives on the Board of Health, Parks, Collegiate and Library Boards.

## WOMEN CHANGE MILITANT POLICY

### No More Interviews With the Political Leaders, They Say.

(Special to the Courier)

LONDON, Eng., Jan. 7.—It was announced at the headquarters of the Women's Social and Political Union to-day that Suffragettes would make no further attempts to further interview Premier Asquith and members of the Cabinet regarding obtaining the ballot, as these ministers had degraded themselves by their treachery and cruelty towards women. All further appeals, said the leaders would be made to King George direct.

## DROPPED DEAD

### Mr. Alex. Collins, Well-Known Stratford Resident, Succumbs to Heart Failure.

STRATFORD, Jan. 7.—The big crowd at the hockey match at the rink last night were unaware that a tragedy had occurred about five minutes before half time. Mr. Alex. Collins, rink constable in his spare evenings, was watching the game from the landing at the press box. He was suddenly missed by those nearest him, and was discovered lying head downward on the stairs. Death was instantaneous, heart failure being the cause. The remains were quickly removed from the rink and the game finished.

The late Mr. Collins was well up in years and leaves a number of grownup sons. He was popular in the city, a member of the park commission and a loyal hockey fan, and the news of his death will be a shock to the citizens.

## Shot Through Window Just Below Birrell

### Bullet Fired Into Room Near Where Irish Secretary Slept.

DUBLIN, Jan. 7.—A bullet was fired through a window of Dublin Castle early this morning immediately under the room of Chief Secretary for Ireland, Augustine Birrell. It is believed that it was fired from an air-gun, as the sentries and the police, the detective service which is near by, heard no report. The authorities think it was done as a protest against the constitution of a police commission to enquire into the recent disorders.

## THE STREET RAILWAY CASE IS UP

### City Solicitor Henderson Files Affidavit in Court To-day.

### Stockdale's Removal as Receiver is Urged by City.

(Special to the Courier)

TORONTO, Jan. 7.—Canada's celebrated edition of Jarndyce vs. Jarndyce, better known as the litigation over the Brantford and Grand Valley Railways, has not come to an end, far from it. To-morrow will witness another hearing. The city of Brantford will file Mr. Justice Middleton, sitting in Single Court, for leave to appeal from the order appointing E. B. Stockdale, manager of the Trusts & Guarantee Company, Limited, receiver for the Grand Valley Railway Company.

William Thomas Henderson, K.C., solicitor for the city of Brantford, has filed an affidavit, in which he reviews the situation. After indicating the city's success in the courts, Mr. Henderson says: "E. B. Stockdale is manager of the Trusts & Guarantee Company, Ltd., the Brantford Street Railway and the Grand Valley Railway. At the conclusion of the argument from the judgment at the trial, the Chief Justice of Common Pleas, the court expressed the view it was unfortunate that the receiver should be acting in a dual capacity, and, of its own motion, the court granted leave to any person interested to appeal from the order by which the receiver was appointed. But, being of opinion that such leave should be obtained in the High Court division, I have advised that this application be made accordingly for leave to appeal and extending the time for appealing from the order of Mr. Justice Latchford by which Stockdale was appointed receiver."

"The City of Brantford is a creditor for an amount in excess of \$200,000 in respect of moneys owing by the Grand Valley Railway Company, the larger proportion of which is for arrears of taxes and which the said receiver alleges himself unable to pay." "The receiver is in receipt of the revenue of the street railway system, which should be conserved and used for the payment of the taxes and other claims against the Street Railway system."

"The motion by way of appeal from the order by which the receiver was appointed is still pending in the Appellate Division, having been adjourned for hearing on February 2, pending an application in the High Court for necessary leave now applied for."

As matters now stand the city has the right to levy on the road for tax arrears, and the courts have declared, too, that the franchise or rights should be forfeited. This position has been affirmed by the second Appellate Division. As to whether the right will go higher, that remains to be seen.

## Field Battery Classes.

The classes for the members of the newly-formed 32nd Battery commenced at the armories last night, and will be held each Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday evening for eight weeks. There was an attendance of 25. Col. Logie of the 13th Brigade, Hamilton, in addressing the men, expressed himself as being well pleased with the class of men who were taking up the work. Lieut. McPherson of the Royal Canadian Artillery, who is conducting the classes, was in attendance, accompanied by a sergeant-major from his regiment.

## SPURIOUS COIN MAKERS ARE CAUGHT

### They Were Making Their Get-away From London When Arrested.

### Young Woman Believed to Have Aided Men in Disposing of Product.

LONDON, Ont., Jan. 7.—London detectives after a hot chase through the city this morning captured at the C.P.R. depot two young men and a young woman, whose names are believed to be in Toronto, on a charge of having counterfeited money and circulated the spurious coinage here. The trio are Valentine Phillips, aged 24, single, English, electrician; Fred Sutherland, aged 20, Canadian, carpenter, and his wife, Esther Sutherland, aged 18.

They refused to tell their addresses but among their belongings was found a telegram which had been delivered to Annie Ibbotson, 32 Blevins Place, Toronto, in June last. It was signed Herbert, and made an appointment with the girl, to "meet me at the Wilton Avenue place."

One of the men was armed with a 32-calibre revolver and carried a number of cartridges. Their arrest was effected so speedily, however, that he had no chance to make use of the weapon, had he desired. They carried a couple of suit cases one of which contained the plant with which they had produced Canadian half dollars of the 1912 variety and American halves, bearing the date 1904. They went about the manufacture of the coins by an ordinary moulding method carrying with them a small moulder's flask, moulder's sand, a couple of new and unworn legal coins, metal and metal lath, a small gas stove, attached to which was a long piece of rubber tubing for connecting to gas jets, a spirit lamp with several jets and blowpipes for the speedy treatment of metal. Files, acids and polishing materials with which to finish their product, completed the outfit, all of which is now in the hands of the police. The trio will be brought before Police Magistrate Judd in Carling Street Court to-morrow morning.

The young woman is rather pretty and is said to have aided the men in circulating the worthless coins. She with the others is now in the cells. Their operations came to the attention of the police when Lester James, a clerk in the Gullemon's drug store discovered that a man who purchased a sealift powder had tendered him a bad half dollar. He investigated and found that several other stores in the immediate vicinity in the heart of the business section, had been victimized in a like manner. Detective-Sergt. Nickle and Detectives Egelton and Down commenced work on the case, and learned shortly afterwards that the trio had paid a board bill, and departed from the home of Mrs. I. Maloney, with whom they had stopped, at 425 Talbot street, since coming to London on Saturday. Previous it is said, they had spent a couple of weeks in Hamilton, en route from Toronto.

## MUST PAY THE COST

### Otherwise Judge Says Editor of "Jack Canuck" Will be Punished.

Acting for M. J. O'Reilly, counsel for ex-Controller Charles Bird, T. H. Phelan, of Toronto, appeared before Justice Middleton in Hamilton with a motion to have Richard Rogers, editor of Jack Canuck, sentenced for not paying the costs of the recent trial as ordered. When the case was called Mr. Phelan also objected to some comment about Mr. Bird that had appeared in the paper since the trial, also to an advertisement which told of a book in which Rogers would tell why he pleaded guilty at Hamilton. Justice Middleton said that as Rogers was not represented by counsel, it would be unfair to bring any charges other than were in the motion, and the case was set back for a week. Justice Middleton warned Rogers regarding the costs and said that he would be forced to punish him if he did not pay them. Rogers pleaded that he was in poor circumstances and that he had offered to pay them \$10 at a time, and exhibited marked checks which he had sent but which had been returned. He told Rogers that it was a funny thing that a man publishing a paper could not pay \$10, and he reminded Rogers that it was better to pay than to have an obligation to his friends than to his enemies. Rogers promised to make no further references to Mr. Bird in the paper.



WRECKAGE OF FISHERMENS HOMES AT SEABRIGHT, N. J.  
Damage estimated at more than \$1,000,000 was done recently by a northeast gale which swept the New Jersey coast.  
Sea Bright, N. J., where the gale attained a maximum velocity of ninety-eight miles, was almost devastated by the wind and the highest tide ever known there. Handsome cottages were swept into the sea, miles of board-walk and bulkheads destroyed and the streets torn up for yards inland.