

Day's Doings in West Toronto North Toronto East Toronto

VEGETABLE GROWERS HOLD BIG MEETING

Boy Drowned at Balm Beach— Fine Concert at Woodbridge — Blaze at Norway.

WEST TORONTO, Jan. 3.—The election fever has already abated and the city is now settled down to its last few months of single blessedness before union takes place with the City of Toronto. In the meantime, the truce, in the shape of special legislation, will have to be prepared and all the annexation negotiations brought to a satisfactory conclusion. Mayor Baird will finish his work.

NORTH TORONTO, Jan. 3.—A. J. Brown, mayor-elect for 1909, is busy formulating his policy and plan of action for the year, and has already stated that he wants to have property organization of the council to expedite the business during the year. He proposes to appoint an executive committee and special committees so selected that the members of the different committees reside in different parts of the town under the following names:

Finance and executive committee, consisting of four members; board of works committee, four members; fire and light committee, four members; relief committee, three members; legislative committee, four members; parks and recreation committee, four members; revision committee, four members; an annexation committee and a committee for the promotion of better railway facilities. Each of the last two committees shall be the council as a whole.

For the first time the local rink was last night used for general skating and advantage was taken of the opportunity. Should the weather be favorable, a hockey match will be played on Monday evening.

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THE LICENSE REDUCTION

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and you have been ever faithful and prompt in your attendance, and untiring in your labors, and as a small token of appreciation we ask you to accept this cocoa set and ask you to treasure it, not for its intrinsic value, but for the love and esteem which goes with it. We wish you every success and hope that our pleasant relationship may be long continued.

RICHMOND HILL

Local Meetings Sunday All Had Reference to Temperance Measure. RICHMOND HILL, Jan. 3.—Great interest centered in the services here today. Rev. H. S. Magee, field secretary of the Department of Moral Reform of the Methodist Church, spoke at Headford in the morning, at Paterson in the afternoon and at 4 o'clock today in the Conger Coal Co. yards on Vine-street. The firemen were on the scene promptly and found a car of coal on fire. The damage was slight. For being drunk and disorderly Jas. Munro, 30 East Annette-street, was arrested on Friday evening by P. C. Hughes. Police Magistrate Ellis allowed him to go on suspended sentence.

SCARBORO JUNCTION

Happy Event in Which Scarboro Young Couple Flounce. SCARBORO JUNCTION, Jan. 2.—The home of Mr. and Mrs. William Thomas was the scene of a grand wedding at 6 o'clock Wednesday evening, Dec. 30, when their eldest daughter, Miss Della Thomas, was united in marriage to Obadiah Peacock. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Mr. McArthur of Agincourt. The bride entered the drawing room carrying a bouquet of white carnations and was given away by her father, Mr. W. Thomas, sister of the bride, Miss Ida Thomas, sister of the bride, was her attendant, while Jacob Adams was best man. The happy couple received a number of useful presents. Among those who were present were Mr. and Mrs. James Thomas, Boxgrove; John Thomas, Markham; Mr. and Mrs. William Twiss, Scarboro Junction; Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Carr, Aurora; Mr. and Mrs. George Carr, Scarboro; George Bishop of Toronto and others. After a short honeymoon the bride and groom will take up their residence in Little York.

VEGETABLE GROWERS MEET

Enthusiastic Meeting of Members at Albion Hotel on Saturday. The Toronto branch Ontario Vegetable Growers' Association held their regular monthly meeting at the Albion, President Thos. Delworth in the chair. A. McMeans, O.A.C. Guelph gave a very interesting address on "Profitable Greenhouse Crops for the Vegetable Grower" and was given a hearty vote of thanks.

WEXFORD, Jan. 2.—A very pleasing event took place at the residence of William White on the York town line on Wednesday evening when the members and choir of St. Jude's Church paid a surprise visit for the purpose of acknowledging the valuable services of Mrs. White as organist in the church. An appropriate address, accompanied by a present of silverware, was presented to Mrs. White as a token of appreciation of the zeal and fidelity with which the latter has fulfilled the duties of that position. A delightful evening was spent by all present.

UNIONVILLE

Young Lady Organist is Kindly Remembered at Close of Year. UNIONVILLE, Jan. 3.—A most successful entertainment in connection with the Presbyterian Sunday School was held on New Year's Eve. An excellent program was rendered by the school, consisting of choruses, solos, recitations, dialog and pantomime entitled "The Holy City."

EAST TORONTO

Hope Methodist Church, the musical portion of to-day's services was furnished by a special choir. There was a reunion of the "old boys and girls" of the choir under the leadership of J. E. Zeman, a former leader of the choir. Some 45 attended and rendered several anthems in good form. Next Sunday Miss Murray of Tilsonburg will assume charge of the organ and the new choir.

WOODBRIDGE, Jan. 2.—A meeting of the Woodbridge branch of the Women's Institute will be held at the home of Mrs. Agnes Cameron, Pine-street, on Tuesday, Jan. 5, at 3.30 p.m. The members of the Western and Lambton branches are expected to give the program. Tea will be served. Everyone welcome.

Railway Discrimination Opinion of Commissioner Mills in Weganast Case.

The recent decision of the Dominion Railway Commission in the suburban service case, which came on for hearing upon the application of F. W. Weganast for an order requiring the G.T.R. to cease its discrimination against Brampton and Oakville was not unanimous. Commissioner Jas. Mills did not concur in the opinion and judgment handed down by Judge Mabee, chief commissioner. His dissenting opinion reads as follows: "The Grand Trunk Railway Company admits that it has been and is now discriminating against the Town of Brampton as compared with the Town of Oakville in the matter of commutation tickets.

"Discrimination in tolls, or rates, against any person, commodity, or locality, is prima facie unjust, and should be disallowed by the board of railway commissioners, unless facts are stated and reasons given which are sufficient to prove that, under the special circumstances and conditions of any case in question, the difference in treatment is justified. It is an unjust preference or an unjust discrimination. (Railway Act, section 77)."

"In every case of a lower toll given to one person, commodity, or locality than is given to another person, commodity, or locality, under substantially similar circumstances and conditions, the burden of proving that such lower toll or difference in treatment does not amount to an undue preference or unjust discrimination shall lie on the company. (Railway Act, section 77)."

"A great deal of so-called evidence was given in this case; but very little of it bore even remotely upon the point at issue, viz., whether or not the admitted discrimination against Brampton as compared with Oakville in the matter of commutation tickets is just and reasonable. The railway company made an effort to justify this discrimination, but its failure to do so was, in my opinion, most signal and complete. The only witness called in defence was Mr. J. J. Bell, general passenger and ticket agent of the company.

"Mr. Bell went at length into an explanation of the reasons why the company discriminated against Brampton and other places for a number of years, and why it had not been taken advantage of, and Mr. Bell testified that the company had drawn on account of a demand, backed by a threat, from the business men of the town, because so many Brampton people were waiting to purchase the commutation tickets to purchase goods in Toronto. Note Mr. Bell's evidence: 'When you were given commutation tickets to Brampton, the traffic got so large that it alarmed the business men of the town, as you said, put a pistol to your head.' Answer by Mr. Bell: 'It got enough for them to get excited, but the adds and desire for further discrimination was put in to cultivate. It was people doing business and living

in Brampton, and coming in daily to the city.' Further question by Mr. Cowan: 'Is it possible to bring up a suburban service between here and Brampton by commutation tickets?' Answer by Mr. Bell: 'I cannot believe it possible in the conditions existing.' Thus the company is represented as withdrawing the commutation tickets from Brampton at the dictation of the business men of the town because so many people were going daily to the city, and at the same time justifying the withdrawal on the ground that it was then and is now impossible to develop a reasonably profitable suburban traffic between the town and the city—traffic of the kind which the company desires, but no evidence is given to prove that the admitted discrimination against Brampton is not unjust or unreasonable.

"Mr. Bell stated that, after making an experiment with commutation tickets, the company had withdrawn them from certain places, including Brampton, and had decided to continue them in Oakville, because 'some people in Oakville, during this experimental stage, had bought homes in the country, that they might have to sacrifice if the cheap fares were withdrawn, but, further on, he stated that he could not tell how many people living at Oakville were doing business in Toronto just stating the general principle; but he gave no evidence as to how many they had, or how many vested interests in Oakville, neither the magnitude of the property which might be sacrificed, especially in view of the fact that there is now an electric line between Oakville and Toronto; nor anything which could be called evidence as to whether there were, and are, similar vested interests in Brampton, from which town there is no competing electric line to Toronto.

"The complaint was made to the board by the applicant and other interested parties, alleging that the Grand Trunk Railway Company was discriminating in tolls, or fares, against the Town of Brampton as compared with the Town of Oakville.

"At the hearing of the complaint, the railway company admitted that it was discriminating against the Town of Brampton, but not unjustly—so maintaining that the discrimination complained of and admitted was just, fair and reasonable.

"The said railway company completely failed to justify the said discrimination, either by giving any evidence which, by the utmost stretch of imagination, could be said to prove that the difference in treatment of the Town of Brampton as compared with the Town of Oakville, is either just, fair, or reasonable.

"Therefore, my judgment is that the board is under obligation to take such action as may be necessary to remove the discrimination, either by ordering the restoration of commutation tickets to the Town of Brampton, or by simply directing the railway company to cease and desist from further discrimination against the said town as compared with the Town of Oakville in the matter of commutation tickets."

er number of people who need not travel, but will do so for a consideration—an inducement offered in the way of rate reduction, combined with the possibility of a greater variety of goods and better bargains in buying and selling; but no one can avail himself of the benefit, or supposed benefit, of the cheaper ticket until he has paid the company \$7.15, which is sure income to the company, whether the purchaser makes the whole or only a small portion of the trips within the month covered by the ticket; and so for each succeeding month. Hence it seems almost certain that the use of commutation tickets such as the above, on ordinary trains, without any additional expense for equipment or service, would pay the company better than the use of the ordinary return-trip ticket; and I think this is true wherever the traffic may be from surrounding towns and villages to Montreal, Quebec, Toronto, Hamilton, London, Ottawa, Kingston, or any other important business centre. I am satisfied that it would increase the revenue of the railway companies.

MRS. SCHWAB THREATENED.

But Will Hold Reception Despite Mysterious Mischief. CHICAGO, Jan. 3.—Mrs. Henry C. Schwab announced last night that her monster reception for Jan. 6 would be held exactly as planned. This announcement followed a day of excitement, during which a score of private detectives were in vain to discover the identity of the person who, in a letter, threatened the death of the popular South Side society leader.

BARTENDERS WOULD PROTEST

Believe That Friday's Vote Was Not Fairly Taken. At a meeting of the Bartenders' Union yesterday, it was decided to take steps to see that legal proceedings cannot be taken to restrain the passing of the license reduction bill.

AN ATTRACTIVE SIGN.

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