THE CITY HALL TO-DAY.

General indications point to Ald. Spence and Sheppard as two of the members of the Board of Control for 1900. The choice for third place would narrow down to Ald. Lamb if he had not had previous experience. He served on the board with Ald. McMurrich. Ald. Crane is acknowledged a good man on all hands; but it is understood he has no ambition for the office, and moreover is opposed to the Board of Control as an institution. He would probably not be particular about hiding his settled opinion that the board is an iniquitous substitution for the old Executive Committee. Ald. Burns is not a candidate. Frame and Saunders, who are not new men in the Council, would find some support. Bowman is more anxious for preferment than either, but his chances are quite remote.

There was some speculation about the hall yesterday as to the method of taking the vote on the controllerships. There will of course be a chance for trimmers to weaken or strengthen one candidate when the vote is being taken. It is likely, however, that there will not be more than three nominations. The canvass was so active yesterday that the matter will be practically settled by the end of the week.

Ald. Woods' election injuries have not hurt his self-esteem in the least. He is still possessed with the hope of a controllership. He would be a fixture if he could manage it. His canvass goes on industriously. The aldermen whose pledges he claims will not plead guilty to the indictment. He asserts the support of about half the Council, which is most absurd. Aside from his own statements to the individual aldermen he has buttonholed, there is not the ghost of an indication that he will find even one of them to name him. In fact Ald. Woods is not in the running at all.

Mayor-Elect Macdonald is no admirer of the Board of Control. This may be one of the reasons why there is not a very general rivalry among the old Council members to serve. At the same time it is a certain reason why the Council should be independent in choosing the three best men available and who will accept. Ald. Spence has not canvassed; but he has notified many of the aldermen in a straightforward way that he is a candidate. Ald. Sheppard was in the hall yesterday looking more like himself, although not quite recovered. Neither was he canvassing, but his name was mentioned whenever the subject was discussed.

Mayor Shaw was in his office yesterday morning and was at the hall again in the afternoon. He was looking well and happy and chatted very freely and pleasantly on last Monday's election, which as a topic has not yet become threadbare. The Mayor-elect also made morning and afternoon visits. But the two did not run up against each other. Mr. Macdonald was quiet and polite to all who met him, whether officials or others. He stepped into his official quarters for a few minutes in the morning, and in the afternoon had a consultation with the City Solicitor.

It is unfortunate that this interregnum, when neither the out-going Mayor nor his elected successor feels entirely responsible, shall fall in with the departure of the second Toronto contingent. Some aldermen were saying yesterday that, by special meeting or some other course, a send-off might have been arranged for the volunteers. The chairman of the Reception Committee, Ald. J. J. Graham, is still in the hospital, which adds to the difficulty of finding ways and means. There is not, under the circumstances, the smallest ground for blaming anyone over the subsidence of official action.

As a Mayor Mr. Macdonald will be an ideal democrat. In years past the inaugural meeting of the Council has been more of a "function" than the opening of the Legislature for the people of Toronto. On Monday next there will be no "function."

There are no cards of special invitation. The general public are expected to come, and every preparation will be made for their proper reception. If the Council chamber and the adjoining reception room were large enough they would be used on the occasion. The assembly room on the top floor, used for the Mayoralty nominations, will again be used for the inauguration. But the place will be properly heated, and its bareness relieved with flags and bunting. The Mayor-elect took a personal interest in the comfort and convenience of the visitors. City Commissioner Coatsworth was instructed to have everything shipshape and gay-looking by Monday.

Some of the aldermen are not a little disturbed by the awkwardness of their situation as regards the salary question. Several were enquiring yesterday who gave the City Solicitor instructions to prepare a bylaw. Others were looking for precedents to facilitate avoidance of the issue. Ald. Spence is content to accept the verdict of the electors. This is a point of consistency with him. When Sir Wilfrid Laurier figured out that the plebiscite vote did not command action on his part because it did not show a majority of the electors in favor of prohibition, Ald. Spence declared the Premier's argument bad. Mr. Spence took the view that those who voted in the plebiscite represented the entire electors, because all who stayed away from the polls tacitly consented that the voting portion should speak for them. The condemnation of the salaries paid to the Mayor, controllers and aldermen is a parallel. Spence will therefore support the public verdict whatever his own opinion as to the principle of paying aldermen may be.

CITY HALL GOSSIP.

The following is a return of the births, marriages and deaths registered at the City Hall during the past seven years:

	Births.	Mar.	Deaths.	Total.
1893	4064	1507	3426	8997
1894	4201	1456	2778	8435
1895	4131	1408	2986	8523
1896	4246	1601	2974	8821
1897	4076	1501	3125	8702
1898	4122	1696	2871	8689
1899	4007	1841	3294	9142

For the month of December the births numbered 332, marriages 128 and deaths 240.

F. B. Hayes of the Toronto Carpet Manufacturing Company and R. Y. Ellis have been nominated by the Manufacturers' Association as their representatives on the Technical School Board.

The bungling way in which Council conducted the revision of the Fire and Light Committee's report at the final meeting of Council has naturally led to a misunderstanding. Ald. Hubbard has just discovered the error in the minute.

City Treasurer Coady has not yet taken steps to effect insurance on the members of the second contingent, the list of members not having reached him.

Greenway Holds the Reins Yet.

Winnipeg, Jan. 3.—(Special.)—Mr. Greenway has not yet resigned.

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Returned With His Bride.

Mr. Walter Bryce of the Victoria-street school staff, accompanied by his bride, returned to the city yesterday and will take up residence at 59 Czar-street. Mr. Bryce was married a week ago yesterday to Miss Letty Miller at Keene. Rev. Francis Andrews of the Presbyterian Church at Keene officiated. Miss Margaret Miller, sister of the bride, was bridesmaid, while Rev. D. W. Best of Beaverton supported the groom. The bride was given away by her uncle, Mr. Thomas Blezard, M.L.A. for East Peterboro.

Standard Mining Exchange.

	Morning. Ask.	Morning. Bid.	Afternoon. Ask.	Afternoon. Bid.
Ontario—				
Alice A.	8	6	8	6
Bullion	55	...	50	...
Empress	2	...	2¼	...
Golden Star	32	31¾	32	31¾
Hammond Reef	16	10	16	12
Olive	70	64	70	65
Trail Creek—				
Big Three	10	7½	10	7½
B. C. G. Fields	4	3¼	4	3¼
Can. G. F. S.	7	6½	7	6½
Deer Park (asses.)	3	1	2¾	1
Evening Star	9	7¾	9	7¾
Iron Mask	63	...	63	...
Montreal G. F.	7	5½	7	5¼
Monte Cristo Con.	7	5½	7	5½
Northern Belle	2	1	2¼	1
Novelty	2½	...	2½	...
St. Elmo	5	...	4	...
Victory-Triumph	5	3	5	3
Virginia (asses.)	8	5	8	5½
White Bear	4	3¼	4	3
War Eagle	252	247	250	246
Centre Star	159	153	158	153
Republic Camp—				
Republic	110	102	106	103
Jim Blaine	25	...	26	...
Lone Pine	20	...	20	...
Insurgent	3½	...	3½	...
Black Tail	10	...	10	...
Princ. M. (asses.)	10	7½	10	7½
Camp McKinney—				
Cariboo	105	...	105	...
Minnehaha	12¼	11½	13	12
Waterloo	13	11½	13½	11
Boundary Creek and Kettle River—				
Knob Hill	83	78	83	78
Old Ironsides	103	...	103	...
Rathmullen	7¼	5	7	5
Brandon & G. C.	28	24	24¼	22½
Morrison	7	5	7¼	5
Winnipeg	29	25	27¼	25
King (Oro Denoro)	26	20	26	20
Nelson and Slocan—				
Athabasca	35	32	35	30
Crow's Nest Coal	39.50	...	39.50	...
Dardanelles	11	10½	12	10
Noble Five	18	...	18	...
Payne	107	103	107	103
Rambler-Cariboo	58½	54	58	54
Fairview Camp—				
Fairview Corp.	4	3¼	4	3½
Cariboo District—				
Cariboo-Hydraulic	100	...	100	...
Miscellaneous—				
Van Anda (Tex.)	5¾	5¼	6	5¼
Gold Hills	4½	3¾	5	4
Deer Trail No. 2	13½	12½	13¼	12
Montreal-London	36	34	36	34
Virtue	59	54	58½	54

Morning sales: Minnehaha, 500, 500, 500 at 12½, 500, 500 at 12; Fairview Corp., 500, 500, 500, 500 at 4; Van Anda, 500 at 5½; Manitou, 1000 at 20.

Afternoon sales: Golden Star, 500, 500 at 31¾; Van Anda, 5000 at 5½.

Toronto Mining Exchange.

	Morning. Ask.	Morning. Bid.	Afternoon. Ask.	Afternoon. Bid.
Ontario—				
Am. Can. (A.A.)	10	7½	10	7
Empress	2½	1½	2¼	1
Hammond Reef	18	12½	18	11
Golden Star	32	31½	32½	32
Olive	75	65	75	65
Saw Bill	17	10	17	10
Camp McKinney—				
Cariboo	104	...	100	60
Minnehaha	14½	13	15	12½
Waterloo	13	11¾	13	12
Fontenoy	13	...	13	10
Cariboo District—				
Cariboo Hydraulic	100	60	100	...
Fairview Camp—				
Fairview Corp	4½	3½	4½	3
Boundary Creek—				
Old Ironsides	101	90	101	75
Knob Hill	83	75	83	65
Rathmullen	7	5½	6½	5½
Brandon & G. C.	27	22½	28	20
Morrison	8	5	7	4
Winnipeg	28	24½	28½	24½
Slocan, Ainsworth and Nelson Districts—				
Athabasca	33	30	33½	30
Dundee	15	12	18	10
Dardanelles	11	10½	11	10½
Noble Five	18	11	16	11
Payne	107	101	104	...
Rambler Cariboo	57	54	57	54
Wonderful Group	4	2	4	2
Crow's Nest P. C.	39.00	35.00	38.00	35.00
Tamarack	10	7	11	7
Republic Camp—				
Republic	107	103½	106	102
Deer Trail No. 2	14	12½	14½	12½
Bonanza	12	6	12	6
Okanagan	11½	7½	11	7½
Texada Island—				
Van Anda	5½	5	5½	5¼
Trail Creek—				
Big Three	10½	8½	10	8
Deer Park	2¼	1	2½	1
Evening Star	9	7¾	9	7¾
Iron Mask	60	45	60	45
Montreal Gold F.	7½	5¾	7	5½
Monte Cristo Con.	7	6	7	6
Northern Belle	1½	...	2	...
Novelty	2¼	1½	2½	1¾
St. Paul	2	1	2	1
Silver Bell Con	2½	...	2	...
St. Elmo	5	3	5	2½
Virginia	7½	5	7½	4½
Victory-Triumph	5	3¾	5	4
War Eagle Con.	253	240	253	24[illegible]
White Bear	3¾	3¼	4	3
I. X. L.	26	23½	26½	24
Development Companies—				
B. C. Gold Fields	...	...	4	3¼
Canadian G.F.S	...	...	7½	6
Gold Hills	...	...	5¼	4½

Morning sales: Athabasca, 650, 100 at 30; Van Anda, 1000, 500, 500, 1500 at 5¼; Minnehaha, 1000, 1000 at 13½; Golden Star, 500, 500 at 31¾; Monte Cristo, 1000 at 6; Giant, 1000 at 8¾. Total sales, 9250 shares.

Afternoon sales: Golden Star, 500 at 32; Van Anda, 1000, 1000 at 5¼; Athabasca, W. D., 1000 at 30; Giant, 2500 at 8¼; B. C. Gold Fields, 1000, 1000, 500, 500 at 3½.

Montreal Mining Exchange.

Montreal, Jan. 3.—Sales to-day on the Montreal Mining Exchange were: Morning board: Republic, 200 at 105, 200 at 107; Virtue, 200 at 52; Decca, 500 at 16, 500 at 15; Deer Trail No. 2, 2000 at 13; Granby Smelter, 1000 at 43½.

Afternoon board: Slocan Sovereign, 1000 at 33½; Montreal-London, 100 at 36½; Deer Trail No. 2, 2000 at 13½.

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