

## MR. BECK IS NOT A CANDIDATE FUSION SLATE IS CRUMPLING

Looks as Though Gentlemen Named for Utilities Commission Will Now Drop Out—Some New Blood for Aldermen Next Year.

The fusion slate shows more signs of crumbling to pieces, and it was rumored today that further attempts at slate-building would be abandoned. It has been impossible to get the man wanted to head the ticket. With the withdrawal of Mr. George C. Gibbons, K. C., efforts were made to get Hon. Adam Beck to run. It was stated today on the best authority, however, that Mr. Beck would not be a candidate, but would confine his efforts to the power question. That was the last blow to the hopes of the men behind the fusion ticket, and it will collapse. Mr. Phil Pocock, Mr. A. T. McMahon and Mr. Wyatt will not likely run for the utilities board, but will wait until some future occasion, in all probability.

### Some May Run.

Some of the candidates named for the council may run, without a slate. Mr. H. Young, it was stated, would enter the contest, and several more will take a chance with the electors. The Municipal League have commenced canvassing for their candidates and from what can be learned, will carry on a vigorous campaign. The present councilmen will seek some sort of office the coming year, with the exception of Ald. Parsons, who will retire. Eight aldermen, Ald. Stevenson, Garrett, Moorhead, Fitzgibbon, Ross, Cooper, Saunders and Terry, will seek re-election for the council, while Ald. Beattie and Ald. Ferguson will run for the mayoralty. Mayor Stuevel and Ald. Stewart will run for the utilities board. There should be quite a field for the council in any event.

## COAL MAN SMILES BROADLY ORDERS ARE PILING IN NOW

Wintry Blasts Force People of London to Invest in Fuel—Mercury Dropped to About 13 Degrees Above Zero—Business Conditions Are Improving.

It looks as though winter is here at last. The one thing needed now is a foot or two of snow, and the change from fall to winter weather will be complete. There was a windstorm yesterday afternoon and this morning that would do credit to March and the mercury went down to 13.5 above zero. That was the coldest point of the season so far, and according to the prognosticators it will be a good deal colder, as a cold wave has set in from the west and temperatures are going away down.

### A Regular Gale.

At times yesterday and this morning the wind blew a regular gale, and for a while yesterday afternoon its velocity was about 30 miles an hour. Everything began to freeze up, and as a result of the rain in the morning the sidewalks and pavements are like glass. Blacksmiths have done a roaring trade all day getting horses shod, and so that they can keep their feet. It was quite a common thing down town this morning to see horses slipping and falling as they tried to get started with loads, or tried to keep their balance while going around the corners. Quite a number of pedestrians had heavy falls.

### The Hat Question.

The wind had a merry time whisking people's hats off, and sending them swirling down the streets. All day yesterday and today the coal dealers have had the smile that won't rub off as they pile up orders for fuel. Businessmen welcome the cold weather as it means a decided improvement in trade.

## HIGH WIND WRECKS HOUSE AT TORONTO

A Two-Story Building Collapses During Great Gale of Yesterday.

(Special to The Advertiser.) Toronto, Dec. 8.—There is a piece of wreckage on Stanley street that yesterday was a brick house. It came down with a crash in the high wind yesterday afternoon and lay a moment later a spray of bricks and a jumble of debris. The place was owned by Mr. Alex. Henderson, and it was being built on the front of a frame house where his family lived at 873 Shaw street. It had six rooms nearly ready for the roof, the second story being almost completed. At 4 o'clock the walls collapsed inward, the whole framework going down with them.

## GRAND JURORS FOR THE COUNTY COURT

Names of Those Who Have Been Selected to Act on Dec. 14.

The list of grand jurors for the county court, which opens on Tuesday, Dec. 14, was given out today as follows:

John A. Anderson, gardener, Stratford; Hugh Brooks, farmer, Garsden; James Brodie, farmer, North Dorchester; Joseph R. Collinson, farmer, Biddulph; John Colville, farmer, Westminister; T. Courcy, drover, Lucan; W. F. Guest, farmer, West Nisour; Thomas H. Haskett, merchant, London; Hugh Lamont, farmer, Lord; John Love, farmer, West Williams; Archibald McKellar, farmer, Lohar; Albert E. Smith, Parkhill; James Tait, farmer, Ekfrid.

## J. A. TAYLOR APPOINTED

Selected as Joint School Inspector for the County of Elgin.

St. Thomas, Dec. 7.—Mr. J. A. Taylor, of Wingham, has been appointed joint school inspector, and will act in Elgin No. 1 and St. Thomas districts.

## LOSES ANOTHER POINT

An Appeal of Mrs. Jane Felker in Power Case Dismissed.

Toronto, Dec. 8.—At Osgoode Hall yesterday Mrs. Louise Jane Felker lost a point again in her action against the F. H. McGuigan Construction Company, C. L. Demarett & Co., and the Niagara and Ontario Construction Company, Limited, for trespass on her lands by those who are erecting the hydro-electric transmission line. Her appeal from the order of the master in chambers on Friday last, striking out paragraphs 7 to 11 of her reply to the statement of defence, was dismissed by Chief Justice Meredith. Mr. J. H. Moss, K. C., represented the plaintiff. Mr. A. W. Ballantyne appeared for the Niagara and Ontario Construction Company, and Mr. R. H. Farmer for the F. H. McGuigan Construction Company.

## Car Caught Fire.

A Wellington car in charge of Motorman McFadden caught fire this morning about 11 o'clock, from an overheated chimney. It was blazing merrily when the car reached York and Richmond streets. It was stopped and the blaze extinguished with snow.

## WELL-KNOWN SARNIA LADY DROPS DEAD IN THE STREET

Mrs. H. B. Heffernan, Wife of the Well-Known Merchant, Seized With a Fatal Illness While on the Way to Church.

[Special to The Advertiser.] Sarnia, Dec. 8.—Death came with terrible suddenness to Mrs. H. B. Heffernan, wife of Mr. H. B. Heffernan, one of the best-known merchants of this place. Mrs. Heffernan left her home early this morning to attend mass, and had gone but a short distance when she was seized with illness and sank to the sidewalk. When help reached her, which it did in a few seconds, she was quite dead, heart failure being the cause. The late Mrs. Heffernan was 55 years of age and had a wide circle of friends. She came to Sarnia with her husband a Toronto four years ago.

## TEACHERS WILL LOSE POSITIONS AS RESULT OF DOUBLE SESSIONS

Eight or Ten Ladies' Services Are Likely To Be Dispensed With—The Work of Reorganization Is To Be Begun at Once—A Meeting Today.

An informal meeting of No. 1 committee of the board of education will be held this afternoon to take up the matter of reorganization of the kindergarten on the double session basis. Miss Jean R. Laidlaw, supervisor, will attend, and with Inspector Edwards will work out a schedule. It is understood that the services of from eight to ten teachers will be dispensed with under the new arrangement. From information received Miss Laidlaw will be offered her old position, and it is said that she will accept. Trustee Graham was authority for the statement that in all probability ten teachers could be dispensed with, and that the larger number will be left off, but rather 7 or 8, until such time as the new scheme is in proper working order. Then other changes may be arrived at.

## MAJOR BEATTIE AND RACING PETITIONS

Presbytery of London Says They Were Sent to Him By Dr. Shearer.

## DENIES RECEIVING THEM

His Recent Speech in the House on the Gambling Question Caused a Lively Discussion Yesterday.

"Thousands of petitions have been presented to the House upon this subject, and I received many of them, and these petitions were signed by young girls, who knew nothing about the subject, and had been on a race track. I am proud to say that I am perhaps the only member of this House who lives in a thoroughly respectable non-gambling community. I received no petition from the city of London on this subject."

This extract from a speech delivered by Major Beattie in the House during the discussion of the anti-gambling bill was the subject of some warm discussion at yesterday afternoon's session of the London Presbytery, and there was a good deal of questioning as to why Major Beattie had been so remarkably free from these petitions, when hundreds of them had been duly sent.

## THE PERE MARQUETTE TO INCREASE WAGES

Plans From Five to Seven Per Cent Increase After January 1.

[Special to The Advertiser.] Ottawa, Dec. 8.—Major Beattie states that he received no petition against race-track gambling from any citizen of London. He received a petition from Rev. Dr. Chown, he says, and presented it to Parliament.

## THE WEATHER.

TOMORROW—COLDER.

FORECASTS.

Toronto, Dec. 8.—S. 8 a.m. fair and cold, with snow showers. Thursday—Fresh westerly winds and colder.

| TEMPERATURES.               |        |      |      |
|-----------------------------|--------|------|------|
| Stations.                   | 8 a.m. | Min. | Max. |
| London                      | 14     | -10  | 20   |
| Calgary                     | 10     | -20  | 16   |
| Winnipeg                    | 10     | -20  | 16   |
| Port Arthur                 | 14     | 6    | 12   |
| Port Huron                  | 24     | 26   | 28   |
| Toronto                     | 24     | 26   | 28   |
| Ottawa                      | 22     | 28   | 24   |
| Montreal                    | 24     | 32   | 24   |
| Quebec                      | 24     | 28   | 24   |
| Father Point                | 30     | 28   | 32   |
| Dawson                      | ...    | -41  | -28  |
| Atlin                       | ...    | -28  | -12  |
| Victoria                    | ...    | 34   | 42   |
| Vancouver                   | ...    | 38   | 42   |
| Calcutta                    | ...    | 28   | 29   |
| Edmonton                    | ...    | -26  | -6   |
| Battleford                  | ...    | -8   | -4   |
| Prince Albert               | ...    | -8   | -2   |
| Minus (-) means below zero. |        |      |      |

## NO NEW CASES ARE REPORTED

Medical Men Are Hoping That Scarlet Fever Has Been Overcome.

There have been no new cases of scarlet fever develop in the city in the last few days, and medical men are hoping that the epidemic is now effectually checked. Last week there were 28 scarlet fever patients in the contagious wards at Victoria Hospital, but eight have during the week been discharged, and more will probably be able to go to their homes in a few days.

## LONDON CASE IN TORONTO COURTS

E. F. B. Johnston and J. M. McEvoy Put Forth Arguments.

## ONLY ONE MEAL A DAY

Says Mr. Johnston if Private Enterprises Continue To Be Taken Over.

The divisional court has reserved judgment in the action by R. H. Smith, a London ratepayer, to prevent the city of London entering into the contract with the hydro-electric commission, says the Toronto Telegram.

Mr. LeRoy resumed his argument when the court opened. Mr. Justice Latchford—Let me put this case to you. Suppose the city of London wanted cement for municipal purposes, and the citizens wanted cement for private purposes, could the Province give the exclusive right to the cement to supply the city of London?

Mr. LeRoy—In the Hull case the Provincial Government gave a company the exclusive right of supplying electricity for Hull, and could it be said to do so.

Chancellor Boyd—You concede that it's done, but say that the Province has the right to do so.

Mr. LeRoy—I don't want to concede anything.

Knows Better Than Citizens.

Chancellor Boyd—I suppose the Legislature knows better than the citizens what is good for them.

Mr. Johnston—I am very much struck by the suggestion of Mr. Justice Latchford. This comes very near to the criminal code. If the Province should authorize a combine which would control prices, that would be in violation of the criminal law, and could it be said to be valid legislation?

Mr. LeRoy argued that when the provinces were given control over local undertakings, "local" was not to be understood to refer to one spot, but to undertakings within the Province.

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## ENGINEER FEARS HORSE CONTRACTED SMALLPOX

Says Old "Delaware" Is on Sick List—Now for the Buckskin.

The city council will not have to pay for City Engineer Graydon's buckskin steed.

The opinion of City Solicitor Meredith was obtained on the legality of the transaction, and he declares that the council are not compelled to pay for the animal. Incidentally, he remarked that Mr. McCartney could collect from Ald. Gerry and City Engineer Graydon.

"And it looks now as if Mr. Graydon will have to take the horse."

"I will buy it," said Mr. Graydon. "If the council will pay me a reward or hire for the horse, I will take him. Old Delaware is about all in. He has been making trips to the smallpox hospital of late, and today he is sick. I do not know whether or not he has smallpox. Perhaps he is getting old, like some of the rest of us. He is now 23 years of age, and is ready for the horse cemetery."

## EMPLOYEES BLAMELESS IN BEACHVILLE CASE

Beachville, Ont., Dec. 8.—The coroner's jury in the case of Lela Draper, the little daughter of Rev. Mr. Draper, killed at a crossing here on Saturday last, last night found "That the said Lela Draper came to her death through no fault of the employees of the Grand Trunk, and that no blame through error of judgment or neglect of duty can be charged against them, as conditions exist," adding a recommendation for gates or other protection at this crossing.

Literary Men Here.

Cy Warman and Sam E. Kiser, the well-known literary lights, were in the city today en route to Montreal for the annual banquet of the Quebec Game and Fish Protective Association at the Windsor Hotel. They return on Friday to Chicago.

## SANATORIUM NEARLY COMPLETED AN IMPOSING INSTITUTION

Buildings For Different Purposes Will Soon Be Ready For Occupation—London Will Shortly Be Able to Provide For Consumptives.

The buildings being erected for the London Health Association on their farm down the river are being rapidly completed.

Three of the shacks could be occupied now if necessary, and the other will be pushed to completion as rapidly as possible.

The roof would have been placed on the administration building had not this storm prevented the men working. It is ready for the roof now. The infirmary is well advanced. Two private shacks are finished, with the exception of the plumbing and one public shack is also completed. There is a little more to be done on the other public shack and it will be ready for occupancy.

Will Be Imposing.

The institution is going to be quite an imposing one. The private shacks are 35 feet by 20 feet, and the public shacks are 40 by 24 feet. The infirmary is 65 feet by 24, and the administration building is 57 by 26, and two stories in height.

They will be located along the river bank. At this point, it is about 85 feet high, giving the patients a fine view of the country roundabout, and affording them every opportunity of obtaining the fresh air.

The Main Entrance.

The main entrance to the grounds will be near the Byron bridge on the north side of the river. The administration building will be located there, and a fine lawn, with a driveway, will be built. The buildings stretch along the river bank.

Getting Along Well.

"We are getting along nicely with the work," said Mr. Beck, "Mr. Purdom, the contractor, has nearly finished the buildings, and if we had good weather this past two or three days we would have been able to have finished it."

The architect, Mr. W. G. Murray, awarded the contract for plumbing to F. C. Hunt & Co. yesterday.

## SERVICE MATTER OF TRAFFIC PURELY BUSINESS PROPOSITION

Water Commissioners Are This Afternoon Considering the Application of the Byron People and the London Health Association—All Other Questions Have Been Satisfactorily Settled.

The water commission will settle the question of Springfield privileges with the London Street Railway this afternoon.

The agreement with the company has been prepared and will be submitted.

Everything has been settled, with the exception of the demand of the Byron residents for better service to the park in winter.

A petition has also been presented by the London Health Association about the same issue.

Matter of Traffic.

It is problematical what will be done. The company, it is understood, claim that the highway traffic on the line does not warrant any more cars than in fact, they assert that it does not.

## STRATFORD MAN DROPS DEAD AT WORK

Richard Morgan Formerly of Ridgetown Meets Very Sudden Death.

## STRATFORD RAISES TEACHER SALARIES

Collegiate Board Last Night Decided on a Boost All Around.

[Special to The Advertiser.] Stratford, Dec. 8.—The collegiate board met last night, and decided to increase the salaries of collegiate teachers as follows: Principal, \$2,000; heads of departments, \$1,500; specialists, \$1,300; non-graduate specialists, \$1,300; other specialists, \$1,200. These salaries are to be attained by annual increases of \$50 and \$100.

Brotherhood of St. Andrew.

A local assembly of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew was held at Huron College last evening, and was largely attended. Rev. Principal Walker, of Huron College, was in the chair, and the programme included an address by Rev. Canon Dyson Hague on "Personal Power," and short addresses by Rev. Prof. Jenkins, Mr. J. K. H. Pope, and others.

Russell Jenkins, a young man who lives with relatives on concession 5, London Township, caused a good deal of anxiety some days ago by wandering away from home. It was feared at first when he had been away some time that some accident had befallen him, the police were notified and a party of friends started out to search for him. He was found after a couple of days' searching a long distance away from home but apparently none the worse for his experience.

Smith—Hodgins.

A quiet wedding took place this afternoon at the home of Mrs. R. Hodgins, 132 Simcoe street, when Miss Laura Emma Hodgins of this city was married to Mr. John Alfred Smith, of Toronto. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Dean Davis, of St. James' Episcopal Church, South London.

## ALL THROUGH TRAINS ARE RUNNING LATE

Storm Is Raging Between Port Huron and Chicago—Terrific Windstorms.

Owing to the stormy conditions that prevail between Chicago and Port Huron, all the through expresses coming through from the west are running very late today. The only morning express from Chicago to New York, due here at 2:30, did not arrive until 4:30, and No. 6, which goes through at 11:30, did not leave until 1:30 this afternoon. The Chicago report that in some places the windstorm was terrific, and in many districts was accompanied by considerable snow.

The railroads here are fully prepared to deal with a blizzard, as following the last snowstorm everything was got in readiness.

## RURAL MAIL ROUTES DEVELOP MAIL BUSINESS

London Is Rapidly Becoming a Mail Order Center. Say the Authorities.

As a result of the large number of rural free mail delivery routes in this district, London is rapidly developing into one of the largest mail order centers of the Dominion. The important part that the free delivery system plays in Christmas shopping has been pointed out by the post office authorities. The extra letters to London merchants are being handled, and great quantities of parcels of all kinds are being sent out. This is the first Christmas that a really excellent mail order business has been in operation in this district, and the effect is, according to post office officials, very noticeable.

The postoffice is a very busy place just now, and it will be for many days. To an outsider it would seem almost impossible that the tons and tons of letters and papers that come in could be handled. The system, however, accomplishes much, and the persistent work of a big staff of sorters gradually reduces the big piles, and they are sent to their destinations only to be replaced by other huge piles.