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CROP OF CANDIDATES IS SHORT ELECTION THREE WEEKS OFF

Mayor Stevely May Be Opposed by Ex-Alderman Matthews, Who Still Has His Eye on the Big Chair—A Glance at Situation in Regard to Council and Other Bodies.

Few indeed are the number of municipal aspirants, in spite of the fact that elections are just three weeks away.

So far not a single candidate is out against Mayor Stevely, and although it is expected that ex-Ald. R. F. Matthews will again take a chance, he has not announced his decision.

Possible Candidates.

Mr. C. M. R. Graham has a desire for the place.

Mr. F. J. Darch, water commissioner, would likewise welcome a term in the mayor's chair, but he announced some time ago that he would run for the water commission again, and let the mayorality pass this time.

Mr. Graham will not run in a three-cornered contest, and as the time to prepare for the campaign is very short, it is not expected that he will face the music.

Council Aspirants.

Of the candidates for the council there are several announced. Of the present board, Ald. Ferguson, Ald. Stevenson, Ald. Parsons, Ald. Armstrong, Ald. Moorhead, Ald. Saunders, Ald. Gerry, Ald. Rose and Ald. Stewart are definitely in the field.

Ald. Beattie and Ald. Greenlees are considering the question.

Ald. Booth some time ago announced that he would not run, although pressure is being brought to bear upon him to change his mind.

There are some new aspirants for the position, not many yet, but the number will materially increase before the week is out.

The New Ones.

Mr. Benj. Noble, J. L. Flannigan, Neil Cooper, T. F. Kingsmill, jun., and several others have signified their intention of running.

The School Board.

In the school board there is little doing.

It is said that one slate is being made up as follows: E. J. MacRobert, Jas. Granger, A. E. Barbour, Dr. H. A. Kingsmill and C. M. R. Graham. Among other probable candidates are Mr. John M. Gunn, H. C. McBride and Col. Colby.

Water Commission.

For the water commission the names of Mr. Fred J. Darch and Dr. H. A. Stevenson are mentioned.

Mr. S. Screaton announced some time ago that he would retire from the hospital trust, but it is probable that he will be induced to again seek the place.

It does not look like a very strenuous election campaign.

LIBERALS, ATTENTION!

The nominations for the Young Liberal Club officers will be held tonight at Hyman Hall. A large attendance of the members of the club is requested. There is bound to be a keen race for the position of president. It is not known who will stand for the honor, but it is certain that there will be two or three candidates at least. Every member is asked to be present.

Westminster Man Had Narrow Escape Buggy Struck by a Traction Car

Mr. A. K. Saddler Had His Horse Killed at Lambeth on Saturday.

Mr. A. K. Saddler, of Westminster, had a very narrow escape from serious injury on Saturday afternoon, while driving near Lambeth.

He has just turned into the gateway of Mr. T. Hamlyn's place, and was crossing the Southwestern Traction Company's tracks when his horse and buggy was struck by the freight trolley on the way to St. Thomas.

Horse Was Killed.

Fortunately for Mr. Saddler the harness broke. The horse which he was driving fell beneath the wheels, and had one of its hind legs cut off.

The buggy, with Mr. Saddler in it, bumped along the tracks in front of the car for nearly 30 feet before it was thrown to one side.

The car was not stopped until it had gone about 100 feet. The horse had to be killed, and as it was a colt worth \$150, the loss is a severe one. Mr. Saddler, however, is very thankful that he escaped with his life.

Says Whistle Wasn't Blown.

To The Advertiser today he stated that if he had had any warning whatever he could have easily stopped it. He alleges the whistle was not blowing, and says the motorman stated to him that he was badly frightened that he was unable to stop the car.

The car was in charge of Motorman Taylor and Conductor Connell. It is likely that Mr. Saddler will enter an action for damages.

TO EXTEND SCOPE OF BOUNTY ACT

Veterans Want All Anglo-Saxons Who Fought in Africa To Benefit.

Toronto, Dec. 14.—The Dominion Government will be asked to extend the scope of the volunteer bounty act passed last session. Men who served in the South African war, but who under the terms of the act, are not entitled to share in the land grants, have formed the Imperial South African Veterans' Association, the avowed object of the association being to "seek to have the above act extended so that all men of the Anglo-Saxon race who took part in the South African war, and who are not entitled to participate in the land grant, and who were residing in Canada at the time the said act came into force, shall be included in its provisions." A largely attended meeting of these interested in the movement was held Saturday evening in the Labor Temple. At this meeting, Sheffield Grimwood, general secretary of the association, explained the object of the association, giving the reasons which, in the opinion of the veterans, the bounty act should be broadened.

The Imperial South African Veterans' Association was formed just a month ago. Already applications for membership have exceeded 2,450. Circulars have been distributed, the answers to which show that of the number replying, 91 per cent would settle on the land if they get it; 8 per cent are doubtful, and 1 per cent would not settle. A. H. H. Hair, of Montreal; George C. Webb, J. W. Thomson, of Ottawa; L. Wilschaw and Sheffield Grimwood, of Toronto, will go to Ottawa to lay the request of the association before the Government.

EPIDEMIC AMONGST SCHOOL CHILDREN

Catharrhal Jaundice Is Affecting London Scholars.

There is an epidemic of catharrhal jaundice among the children of the city.

According to the statement of a well-known physician, there must be at least 150 cases of it here. The disease, which is rather rare, affects children from 2 to 12, and while not dangerous, causes the little ones to be very ill.

"There was an epidemic of it here two years ago," said Dr. H. A. Stevenson. "It is very bad at present. I know of a number of cases and other physicians tell me that they have quite a number of youngsters ill with it. I suppose the weather has something to do with it."

STEAMERS ARRIVED.

Dec. 12-13—At New York—Utopia, from Trieste; Martha Washington, from Trieste; Philadelphia, from Southampton; Minnehaha, from London.
At Antwerp—Montana, from Montreal; Zealand, from New York.
At Leshorn—Calabria, from New York; At Naples—Laura, from New York; Caronia, from New York.
At Plymouth—New York, from New York.
At Halifax—Corsican, from Liverpool.
At Queenstown—Zedric, from New York.
At Liverpool—Bismarck, from Boston; Victorian, from St. John.

CHRISTMAS TRADE IS EXCELLENT

London Merchants Well Satisfied and Are Optimistic as to Future.

EARLY SHOPPERS IN EVIDENCE

Are Getting the Choice of the Bargains—A Moral in This for Others.

The Christmas shopper is busy, real busy. The storekeepers have been awaiting his and her advent for some time, and now the shoppers of both sexes are swarming the early bird, and are doing well.

As a rule merchants state that business is ahead of last year. This is quite true of the merchant who handles special Christmas lines, but is more than true if the man who handles staples.

A large number of the merchants were seen by The Advertiser this morning, and the replies were very optimistic.

All Are Optimistic.

"Business is 25 per cent ahead of last year at this time," said one merchant. "The real Christmas trade has not begun, although it will begin in earnest this week. Conditions are improving steadily."

"We do not look for a rush until the week before Christmas," said another, "but there was a lot of buying done on Saturday—much more than on the corresponding Saturday of 1907. The outlook is good for a fine Christmas trade."

"About the same as last year," said another merchant. "There is, however, an optimistic feeling, and I am looking for a much larger trade than last year. We have no complaints."

Better This Week.

"Trade is good with us, splendid, in fact," declared a Dundas street merchant. Our business is showing a good increase. I can hardly say that the Christmas shopping has commenced in earnest. There have been some shoppers out, but not in very large numbers. We expect a better business this week. The snowstorm of Saturday night was a good thing for us. It is like Christmas weather now. We will do a larger trade than last year."

"In our business Christmas shopping does not commence until the week before Christmas."

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BURGLAR BROKE INTO HIS ROOMS

Thomas Doherty, of 108 Dundas Street, Makes Complaint to the Police.

Thomas Doherty, who lives above 108 Dundas street, has reported to the police that on Saturday his rooms were broken into and a gold watch and chain, which he had left there, taken. Mr. Doherty lives alone, and the theft was committed while he was out. The detectives are working on the case.

MARINE DEPT MEN CALLED TO ONTARIO

Witnesses Indignant at Being Asked to Fetch Along Their Books.

Kingston, Dec. 14.—Subpoenas have been served on Messrs. McKinley & Birch Selby, Youlden & R. Davis, to attend the marine inquiry Tuesday in Ottawa, and bring their books. The firms are very indignant, and think court should have come to Kingston, as the removal of books is done at great inconvenience and considerable risk. They absolutely deny anything savoring of graft or payment of commissions.

DINED WITH PRESIDENT.

Washington, Dec. 13.—The Earl of Warwick, of England, dined at the White House last night, and related to the President an interesting experience.

THE WEATHER.

TOMORROW—FAIR AND MILD. FORECASTS.

Toronto, Dec. 14-8 a.m. Moderate winds, mostly west and south; generally fair and mild today and on Tuesday.

TEMPERATURES.			
	Today.	Yesterday.	
London, Saturday	8 a.m.	Min.	Max.
London, Sunday	19	23	31
London, Monday	27	32	46
Calgary	20	11	26
Vancouver	24	18	29
Port Arthur	24	18	29
Perry Sound	26	20	30
Toronto	26	24	32
Ottawa	16	14	24
Montreal	16	20	24
Quebec	20	10	22
Father Point	14	42	42
Victoria	42	40	42
Yankee	40	38	42
Kamloops	38	34	42
Edmonton	22	31	42
Regina	16	23	38
Qu'Appelle	16	23	38
Halifax	30	46	46

WEATHER NOTES.
The pressure continues low over the greater portion of the continent, and the weather in Canada is for the most part comparatively mild.
Since Saturday morning heavy rain has occurred in the Maritime Provinces, and light local snowfalls in Ontario and Quebec.

THIRTY-FIVE THOUSAND KILLED AND TWO MILLION INJURED

Awful Accident Record for the Past Year Among the Working-men of the United States, Iron and Steel Workers Being Greatest Sufferers.

Washington, Dec. 14.—Between 30,000 and 35,000 deaths, and 2,000,000 injured, is the accident record in the United States during the past year among workmen, according to a bulletin on accidents issued today by the bureau of labor. Of those employed in factories and workshops, it is stated that probably the most exposed class are the workers in iron and steel.

Fatal accidents among electricians and electric linemen and coal miners are declared to be excessive, while railway trainmen were killed in the proportion of 7.46 deaths per 1,000 employees.

The bulletin declares that much that could be done for the protection of workmen is neglected, though many and far-reaching improvements have been introduced in factory practice during the last decade.

Delbert Botterill Was Committed Charged With Stealing a Watch

Alleged That He Took the Time-piece From a Man on the Market.

In the police court this morning, Delbert Botterill was committed for trial at the next assizes, commencing Jan. 11, by Magistrate Love, on a charge of stealing a watch and chain from Growski B. Fleming.

In the witness-box Fleming stated that he was down around the market one morning several weeks ago, and on going home had missed his watch. He thought he had lost it, and did not know anything more about it, until it was shown him by the detectives.

Says He Had the Watch.

John L. Haines, a chum of Botterill's, gave evidence to the effect that Botterill had had a silver watch and chain, and had acted in a very uneasy manner regarding it.

He had given a wrong name to a man to whom he had attempted to sell it, and had been very anxious lest the police find out about it.

Botterill's counsel did not put in any defence, and Magistrate Love sent the case to the sessions.

Fraud Charge Laid Over.

The case of George John, the Chinaman, charged by Carl Class, of Watford, with fraud, was left over until Wednesday evening at 7 o'clock, when the court will hold a special session.

Poolroom Case.

George A. Andrus, charged with a breach of the bylaw by keeping his poolroom open during prohibited hours and also with having a minor in the rooms, pleaded not guilty.

From the evidence it was shown that Mr. Andrus had both had his rooms open after hours and had had a minor playing there. He was fined \$1 and \$3 25 costs for keeping open after hours and \$1 for having a minor in the rooms.

Family Trouble.

Philipine Russell charged her husband, Alex. Russell, with assaulting her, and Magistrate Love had a heart-to-heart talk with the couple, and as a result they have decided to separate.

The case of T. Lumsden, charged with being drunk and disorderly, was adjourned for a week and the accused was granted bail.

A Switchman Killed at St. Thomas

St. Thomas, Dec. 14.—William C. Stuart, switchman on the Pere Marquette Railway, was killed in the

company's yards here this morning. He lost his balance and fell beneath the wheels of a car which was being switched.

Bishop Williams Denies the Story

There has been some talk concerning the appointment by His Lordship Bishop Williams of the Diocese of London of a committee to investigate the system of spiritual healing that has gained such a hold in several of the larger cities of the United States under the name of the "Immanuel Movement."

Speaking to an Advertiser reporter this morning Bishop Williams said there was no spiritual story what-ever, the only excuse for it being that the Bishop of London, England, had taken such action.

Bishop Williams thinks it a far cry from London, England, to London, Canada, and stated definitely that he had neither taken such action, nor did he or any other of the bishops intend to do so. The matter had come up, he stated, at the last general sessions and

had been very strongly advocated by a member of the session who had come in very close touch with the work of the leader of the movement, Mr. McCombs, of Boston, and at that time it had been definitely decided that no action should be taken. In London, England, said the bishop, where people were living in a more artificial environment and where as a result the nervous or diseases more or less spiritual in their nature were prevalent, the movement had acquired a hold on the imagination of the people, and it was necessary for the church to meet this movement in some way and for that reason the Bishop of London, England, had formed a committee to examine into it.

The movement was in no way similar to the Christian Science movement.

Mystery in the Death of Kent Lady

Chatham, Dec. 14.—Mrs. Reaume, a widow who kept house for John Coogan, was found dead yesterday morning when Coogan returned from the country where he had been for several days. The doors of the house were all locked and Coogan had to gain entrance by a window. The corpse was lying on the bed and it is supposed she had been dead for some days.

The remains were taken to Burrows & Sons' morgue, where they await inspection by the coroner. There is some talk of foul play, and a coroner's inquest into the death will be held this morning.

Chatham, Dec. 14.—The jury empanelled in the case of Mrs. Emma Reaume, who was found dead under mysterious circumstances yesterday, viewed the body and adjourned till tonight. In meantime a post-mortem examination of the body will establish the cause of death. She was subject to fits and only recently had a fit on the street, and was taken to the hospital.

Church Filled With Worshippers Afire

Quebec, Dec. 14.—Fire from an overheated furnace caused the destruction of the Roman Catholic parish church at St. Ambrose. The conflagration started while the service was in progress. The edifice was crowded to capacity, when without a moment's warning flames burst through the registers in the floor and the church commenced to fill with smoke.

Despite the efforts of the priest and a number of the less excited members of the congregation the audience arose and rushed for the entrances. The wide exits permitted the congregation to leave the building quickly, which no doubt prevented the partly panicstricken audience from injuring one another.

The church had been recently erected and was considered one of the finest in the district. The loss is placed at \$100,000, covered by an insurance of \$50,000.

MR. BORDEN BACK.

Toronto, Ont., Dec. 14.—Mr. R. L. Borden, leader of the Dominion Opposition, arrived here today from Hot Springs, Arkansas, looking the picture of health, and says he has benefited greatly by his three weeks' rest. Mr. Borden has come to Toronto to attend a meeting of the Bank of Nova Scotia, of which he is a director. When questioned about the election, he said he knew nothing about the arrangements. He had as a fellow-sojourner at the Springs, Mr. Taft, the United States President-elect.

A POSTHUMOUS TITLE.

Pekin, Dec. 14.—An edict was issued yesterday conferring upon the late Dowager Empress Tzu Hsi An the posthumous title of "Philal and Admirable Empress of the Heavens, Equal and Bright in Practising Holiness." The edict orders that special ceremonies be carried out in connection with the conferring of the title.

Water Commissioners.

This afternoon commissioners will meet to discuss the question of winding up the business of the year. There is little to be transacted, and the session will be of short duration.



Buy some stamps or send contributions to the London committee. Every penny for the sale of stamps and every dollar given by the people of London will be used to endow a ward for patients from London. Do it now, and help along those who are working so earnestly in this effort for the unfortunate ones of our city. Every member of the London committee is authorized to furnish

Christmas stamps for sale or to receive contributions. The public schools over the city are being supplied with stamps today, through the kindness of Mr. C. M. R. Graham, chairman of the public school board, and Mr. W. H. Liddicoat, principal of Talbot street school. The hearty co-operation of all teachers, scholars and parents is desired. The London committee is as follows: W. J. Underwood, 'phones 1545, house 1970; Rev. Dyson Hague, J. W. Westervelt, sen.; W. H. Liddicoat, A. Kingsmill, secretary, and R. J. Watson, treasurer, with Globe Casket Company. 'Phones 169, house 1654.

Wilson vs. Pratt Case in the Courts A Lively Row on Hyman Street

Plaintiff Sues Defendant for \$500 Damages—A Contra Claim Alleged.

A very interesting little neighborhood fight, with numerous melodramatic incidents, was heard before Judge Macbeth this morning, when William A. Wilson, of 234 Hyman street, sued his next-door neighbor, Charles L. Pratt, for \$500 damages, for the alleged blocking up of a drain of the former so that the cellar of Mr. Wilson, according to his own story, took on a Venetian aspect for weeks at a time.

Mr. Wilson built the drain and permitted Mr. Pratt to connect with it on the understanding that the latter should withdraw if he was requested to do so. As matters turned out, Mr. Pratt was requested to withdraw his connection, and did so, but failed to close the hole after he had removed the pipes, and as the hole is in the

latter's property, Mr. Wilson was of too retiring a nature to attempt to do this himself.

The result was that from one cause or another the sewer was blocked, intentionally Mr. Wilson says.

More Trouble.

Mr. Pratt claims that all his trees are dead or dying since that time, and accuses Mr. Wilson of poisoning them; and that his suspicion might be brought before the public he had a sign painted and placed in a tree, pointing towards Wilson's property, so that he runs might reach which bore the word "Suspicious."

Mr. Wilson was incensed at this, and, armed with a paintpot, he made a descent upon the offending sign, and gave it a liberal coating, so the war waged merrily till it finally found its way into court.

There was a good deal of amusement in the court room, making matters interesting for Mr. Ed. Meredith, the prosecuting lawyer. The case is still in progress.

The University Senate Is Filling Up

The appointment of Mr. J. H. Smith, inspector of schools, Chatham, on Friday last, adds another to the rapidly-growing list of university senators.

A representative from the Trades and Labor Council will be named this week. Several names have been mentioned for the place, the most prominent being Mr. H. B. Archer and Mr. Joseph T. Marks.

Eight other members have been selected up to date, among them be-

ing Mayor Geddes and Judge C. W. Colter, by the St. Thomas Council; J. H. Smith, Chatham, school inspector; S. Frank Glass, Middlesex County Council representative; Mr. W. C. Fitzgerald, board of education; Rev. Father Tobin, separate school board; and Dr. F. R. Eccles, Principal Radcliffe of the Normal School and Vice-Principal R. A. Little of the Collegiate.

Other appointments are expected shortly.

MR. GEO. W. HODGINS MADE PRESENTATION

Rewarded for Active Part He Took in Building of Holy Trinity Church, Lucan.

Mr. George W. Hodgins, of Lucan, was pleasantly surprised at his home on Saturday evening by the board of management of the Holy Trinity Church, when they presented him with a neatly worded address, and a handsome gold watch, chain and locket, all suitably engraved. The address was read by Rev. Arthur Carlisle, rector of church, and the presentation

was made by W. E. Stanley. The board of management and the members of the congregation feel deeply grateful to Mr. Hodgins for the very active part he took in the building of the new church, and the watch and chain were a tangible token of the esteem in which he is held. Mr. Hodgins was completely taken by surprise, but expressed his thanks.

Confirmation Services.

Bishop Williams held a confirmation service at Emmanuel Church in London Township, yesterday, and administered the rite to a large class of candidates, presented by the Ven. Archdeacon Richardson.