Sarnia Another Fox Farm Starts | **Stratford** Public Utilities Paying Well | **Barrie** Street Railway For the Town | **Penetang** After C.P.R. Connection

GOOD YEAR FOR UTILITIES BOARD

Stratford's Light and Heat Commission More Than Doubles Net Profits.

(Special to The Toronto World)

STRATFORD, Dec. 26.—Stratford's light and heat commission has had a successful year. The total revenue for 1913, partly estimated, for the month of December, is $55,010.85, an increase over 1912 of $11,638.64. The estimatetd net profits for 1913 are $9,558.12, as compared with $4704 for 1912, or more than double. These figures are obtained despite the charging of the payments for the year on purchase account of the local electric plant and property from the Stratford Gas Company, amounting to $4,380 as ordinary operation expense, tho strictly a capital expenditure. The sum of $3890 is written off for depreciation. Taking these two items together, it practically amounts to $8270 being written off for the year. The amount paid the Hydro-Electric Commission for electric power during 1913 (including estimated $2400 for the month of December), was $22,082.50, as compared with $16,617.67 in 1912, being an increase of $5,464.83.

Beverley Mackay, the young son of Graham Mackay, who lives near Stratford, had a close call from drowning while out shooting Christmas afternoon. The boy was crossing a frozen pond, when the ice, rather rotten from the recent thaw, gave way, the young fellow going into the water. Bert Karn effected a timely rescue.

The first big convention of the year 1914 in Stratford will be the 47th annual meeting of the Dairymen's Association of Western Ontario. The dates are Jan. 14 and 15. Simultaneously the winter dairy exhibition will be held. The program promises a splendid gathering.

A bullet smashed thru a smoker window this morning on the train in charge of Conductor J. Cox, about one quarter of a mile south of Ripley. The miscreant could not be discovered.

TRAFFIC ABANDONED FOR FIFTEEN HOURS ON ROAD

Breaks in Power Line Tie Up Niagara S. and T. Ry.—Passengers Spend Night in Cars.

(Special to The Toronto World).

ST. CATHARINES, Dec. 26.—Traffic on all divisions of the Niagara, St. Catharines and Toronto Railway was abandoned for over 15 hours on account of breaks in the Toronto and Niagara Falls Co.'s high tension line which supplies the railway system with power.

The mishap was caused by the action of a terrific gale of wind on the wires which was covered with sleet. Three other breaks occurred in the railway company's wires, all between Thorold and Niagara Falls.

The cars, all of which were crowded, were obliged to remain where they stopped when the power failed, and the passengers thus caught at isolated points were forced to spend the night in the cars in the snowstorm. Those cars, heated by electricity, became cold when the power went off So filled were the cars that many Christmas passengers had to remain on their feet during the night.

All the breaks were repaired at ten o'clock this morning, but traffic was not completely resumed until one o'clock this afternoon.

ESCAPES FROM CUSTODY.

Gunner Charged With Desertion Gives Escort Slip by Jumping From Train.

KINGSTON, Dec. 26.—(Special.)—Gunner Burgin, who was being brought back to Tete De Pont Barracks from Brantford on a charge of desertion, managed to give his escort the slip at Ernestown station, and thus far has not been recaptured. He asked to go to the lavatory, but instead jumped off the train.

Mrs. Drawbridge, wife of Ernest Drawbridge, chief of police at Portsmouth, dropped dead of heart failure.

LINDSAY WOMAN SEEKS DIVORCE.

(Special to The Toronto World).

OTTAWA, Dec. 26.—Mrs. Lottie Thorndike of Lindsay, Ont., is suing for divorce from her husband, George M. Thorndike, a barber at Chelsea, Mich.

HOME ON VISIT, DIES IN CORNWALL HOSPITAL

J. A. McLeod of Los Angeles, After Twenty-Three Years' Absence, Passes Away.

(Special to The Toronto World).

CORNWALL, Dec. 26. — John A. McLeod, druggist, of Los Angeles, Cal., who arrived home on a visit to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. James McLeod of the South Branch, a few weeks ago, after an absence of twenty-three years, died last night in the General Hospital, where he had been a patient for eight days, suffering with appendicitis. He was 47 years of age and leaves a widow and one son, 18 years of age, in Los Angeles. The remains will be taken to his home for interment.

TRIED TO ROB FARMER.

BERLIN, Dec. 26.—(Special.)—Robert Evans was sentenced to twenty-one months in the Central prison for having enticed R. G. Thompson of New Dundee, a farmer, into a side room in a local hotel and there attempted to rob him of $71.

Fred Anderson, for stealing a watch from a foreigner, received six months.

WINDFALL FOR CHRISTMAS.

OTTAWA, Dec. 26.—One of the first letters opened by Customs Collector Fred Journeaux here this morning contained ten $10 bills around which was fastened by an elastic band, a small piece of paper bearing the words: "Please add this to the customs receipts." No name was given. The envelope in which the conscience money was mailed bore Niagara Falls, Ont., postmark.

QUEENS BEAT SUDBURY.

Fast University Combination Too Much For Sturdy Nickel City Players.

SUDBURY, Ont., Dec. 26.—(Special.)—Queen's University beat Sudbury in a fast and furious game here tonight. Sudbury played a splendid checking game, but were outcaseed by the university's splendid combination. Duncan, goalkeeper for Sudbury, played a brilliant game and prevented the score from being much higher. Smith, in the nets for the university, also starred. Sudbury have a strong team and should give a good account of themselves this season. Score: Queens 5, Sudbury 2.

OJIBWAY BANDS SEEK SEPARATION

Two Reserves, Comprising Five Hundred Indians, Now Agitating.

(Special to The Toronto World).

SARNIA, Dec. 26.—Many Indians from the local reserve have been hired for the winter to cut wood from the bushes of Plympton Township as a result of the big storm that swept over the section recently. The woodmen will clear up the fallen trees and place them in proper shape for the market. One man has a contract to cut one hundred cords in one bush.

Word has been received here that a fox farm is being started near Port Lambton by John Conlon, a well-known resident of that section. Already six black and silver foxes have been placed in their homes and more are expected to arrive in a few days. One pair of the foxes is valued at $10,000.

At the present time there is considerable agitation on the Sarnia and Kettle Point reserves to have the two bands of Indians separated. There are on the local reserve about 400 redmen, while the other reserve has about 100 all told. Should the two bands of the Ojibways be separated, they will each handle their own funds and have their separate councillors and chiefs.

Material is now on hand for the construction of the big addition to the Lougheed machine shops on North Front street. The work has been held up for some time, but will be rushed after the holidays. The building will be two storeys in height and constructed of brick.

The voters of the Village of Point Edward will have a chance on Jan. 5 to state whether they desire a system of waterworks to be installed in the village, for which water will be furnished by the new Sarnia waterworks, now under construction at the lake shore. The village will be supplied with water at the same rate as the citizens of the town. The total cost for the building of the system and the interest thereon will amount to about $20,000.

HYDRO USERS PAY FOR EXTENSIONS

Hamilton People Are Assured of Fair Dealing by T. J. Stewart, M.P.

(Special to The Toronto World).

HAMILTON, Dec. 26.—In connection with the bylaw to raise $335,000 for extension of the local hydro system, to be voted on New Year's Day by the ratepayers of Hamilton, T. J. Stewart, M. P., made it plain this morning that the interest and sinking fund would be paid by the department's customers only, he said:

"There seems to be an impression that the interest and sinking fund of this hydro bylaw are paid out of the general fund of the city, and that the tax rate makes provision for that. The impression is altogether wrong. These hydro debentures will be paid off from the department's earnings solely, and any ratepayer who is not using hydro power will not have to pay one cent extra."

Smoke Consumers.

The Grand Trunk Railway has been experimenting for some time with smoke consumers on a number of its locomotives. The experiments have so far proved such a success that the company has decided to equip all its engines with the consumers.

No Privileges.

A free market with no privileges, was the slogan of the board of control this morning, considering the recommendation of the property committee providing for certain changes.

Means More Work.

A gratifying announcement was made today by the International Harvester Company. It was said that a contract is likely whereby a large quantity of harvesting machinery will be sent to Brazil. This is welcome news in the face of the predicted hard times.

Just One Cab.

The remarkable stringency of the new clauses of the Election Act are causing a great deal of worry to candidates in the present campaign. The clause which provides that a man cannot even volunteer to drive a voter to the polls is particularly annoying to most candidates. A candidate is only allowed the vehicle in which he himself drives, and if he rents another, or accepts it free of cost from a friend, the candidate and the owner of the rig are both liable to heavy penalties and disqualification.

SHIPS GUNPOWDER IN A TRUNK AS BAGGAGE

Twelve Pounds of the Explosive Sent by Man From North Bay to St. Catharines.

(Special to The Toronto World).

ST. CATHARINES, Dec. 26.—That twelve pounds of gunpowder was shipped in a trunk as baggage from North Bay along with several steel tools, developed in the police court today when George Trowbridge pleaded guilty to making the shipment without having notified the Grand Trunk Railway Company. He professed ignorance of the law.

The trunk was leaking when it arrived at St. Catharines station, and after it had been moved a baggageman who dropped a match upon the platform where some of the loose powder had fallen had his face burned when the explosive became ignited.

Trowbridge was allowed to go on suspended sentence after a severe lecture by Magistrate Campbell.

POLICE WARRANTED IN USING BATONS FREELY

Investigators of Los Angeles Riot So Decide—Will Issue Complaints.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Dec. 26.—(Can. Press.)—The police were justified in dispersing the meeting yesterday of 1000 unemployed men at the Plaza at a cost of the life of one, the arrest of 75, and the clubbing of many others, according to the members of the public welfare committee of the city council.

That decision was reached late today after an official investigation of the affair, which convinced the committee that the riot was started by the idle men themselves—Industrial Workers of the World and Mexicans and other foreigners—when the police attempted to stop a public meeting which was being held without a permit. It was decided to issue complaints tomorrow, charging disturbance of the peace against 32 of the 75 men arrested, the belief being that it would be easier to obtain convictions upon that charge than upon rioting.

ALFALFA KING BUYS SHEEP.

REGINA, Dec. 26.—(Can. Press.)—W. T. Smith, the alfalfa king, has purchased 10,000 sheep for breeding purposes. They will enter Canada thru Coutts, Alb., from Montana.

FIRST SECTION TO START IN BARRIE

Toronto to Orillia Railway Plans to Begin Operations by April.

BARRIE, Dec. 26.—The first section of the Toronto, Barrie and Orillia Electric Railway to be built is the portion in this town. Work is to be begun by April next and the line in the town finished by September, 1914.

The company is seeking running rights over Elizabeth street to the C.P.R. at Midhurst or Utopia, and to operate from the eastern limit of the town on the south shore to the eastern limit on the north shore, which means to the top of Kempenfeldt Hill.

It agrees to keep the railway in full operation during the franchise, and to repave and restore all streets to the satisfaction of the town. No car or train of cars is to be operated at a greater speed than fifteen miles an hour. A five-cent fare is to be charged for three miles and two cents a mile for any over that distance. Six tickets will be sold for twenty-five cents, good for any distance up to three miles; children, half fare. School children, eight tickets for twenty-five cents.

NORTHERN TOWNS WANT CONNECTION WITH C.P.R.

Proposition to Have Road Tie Up to Midland and Penetang Via Electric System.

PENETANGUISHENE, Ont., Dec. 26.—The mayor and council of Penetanguishene are taking up the matter of procuring electric railway connection with the C.P.R. at Port McNicoll, and are in correspondence with the Hydro-Electric Power Commission with a view to procuring estimates of cost and arranging details.

As the proposed railway would pass thru the Town of Midland, that corporation is being asked to co-operate in the project.

ZIONISTS AGAINST GERMAN LANGUAGE

Adoption in Technical School in Palestine Elicits Protest.

BACK UP INSURGENTS

Fund Provided to Maintain Fight for Hebrew as Instruction Medium.

MONTREAL, Dec. 26.—(Can. Press).—At the Zionist convention today by standing vote a resolution was adopted strongly protesting against the action of the Jewish technical school of Haifa, Paalestine, in adopting German as the teaching language and heartily sympathizing with two of the Berlin officials of the board of that institution and practically the whole teaching staff of every Jewish school in Palestine, who had resigned their positions in protest. Over $1000 was voluntarily subscribed to assist in the upkeep of these men until such time as Hebrew shall have been adopted as the teaching language of the school, and they can return to their positions on the staff.

The Rev. Meldola de Sola, who presented the resolution, pointed out that already Zionists thruout the world had protested against the introduction of any foreign language to a Jewish school in Palestine.

Not Political Move.

The false impression among a portion of the Jewish race that the Zionist body was concerned with the political aspects of Judaism, to the exclusion of the religious beliefs of the Jews, was taken up and it was suggested that a copy of the presidential address should be sent to the central committee in Berlin, showing there were no grounds for the impression that the move was one of political import only.

It was suggested that a still higher campaign could be carried on in the spreading of Zionism especially the bringing of more of the famous exponents of the cause from other lands to address Canadian audiences. The Ottawa delegation pointed out that speakers had been heard in Montreal and Toronto, and that Ottawa had been ignored.

There was no afternoon session and tomorrow Zionist sermons will be delivered in all the synagogs in the city.

FIFTY JAP OFFICERS WANT TO JOIN ARMY

They Have Requested Permission to Serve in Mexico Against the Rebels.

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 26.—(Can. Press.)—Fifty Japanese military officers have requested permission thru the Mexican special embassy, now in Tokio, to enlist in the service of the Mexican army, according to information received by the war office here. The request, it is said, is being given consideration.

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Also the Overcoat "between seasons"—

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Everything for the Formal and the Informal Occasion — from Collars and Cravats to Hosiery, and all between for Men.

The Semi-ready Store
143 Yonge Street

WATER SITUATION BAD IN MONTREAL

Only Half Normal Supply is Available at Present.

FIRE DANGER GREAT

Mayor Lavallee Warns Citizens to Watch House Boilers.

MONTREAL, Dec. 26.—(Can. Press.)—With a private concern supplying half the city's normal demand for water, water carts delivering the supply to hospitals, and private citizens carrying pails to fire hydrants on some streets, Montreal is tonight having a foretaste of conditions which will probably prevail for ten days, for it is estimated that it will take that time to make repairs to the sixty-foot break in the main conduit, which occurred late Thursday night. So grave is the situation that Mayor Lavallee has issued an official statement suggesting that manufacturing concerns shut down for a few days, and warning citizens of the danger of explosion if the water is drawn from the tanks in houses.

The city pumps have been shut down, and the best the officials of the Montreal Water and Power Company, a concern which has come to the aid of the civic department, can promise is a supply of fifteen million gallons per day, or about half the city's normal supply. This will have the means of ameliorating conditions in the lower flats of houses, but the pressure will be so low that the second floor apartments will be without water.

Danger From Fire.

Water carts are making rounds, supplying the hospitals, hotels, restaurants and boarding houses, and supply is being given citizens at the fire hydrants on certain streets, while all of the city snow is being gathered and melted for drinking and washing purposes.

The greatest danger in the circumstances is from fire. All first call alarms are being attended by the amount of apparatus which usually turns out on the second call, and at a small fire tonight about a block from the Montreal General Hospital the firemen extinguished the blaze with hand extinguishers.

SNOW IS PLENTIFUL IN NEW YORK STATE

Real Old-Fashioned Blizzard in Some Sections—Transportation Suffers.

ALBANY, N. Y., Dec. 26.—(Can. Press).—Lumbermen and sleigh owners in Northern New York are well pleased tonight with a heavy dry snow which fell today in depths varying from five to eighteen inches. This was a part of a general snowstorm thruout the greater part of the state, but many points south, east and west of here, reported the snow was wet and melting.

Electric and steam transportation lines suffered. Northern cities reported many trains from one to two hours late. At Saratoga, electric cars were held up several hours. The roads near there were drifted full of snow, and many became impassable. From Whitehall came the story that the blizzard was the worst locally since the famous one of 1888.

CLASPED LEFT HANDS THEN SHOT EACH OTHER

LEXINGTON, Ky., Dec. 26.—(Can. Press).—Word reached here today from Pineville, Ky., that Solomon Jackson and Tate Souders, of that city, fought a peculiar duel there yesterday, in which both were killed. The men had trouble over a lawsuit and it was suggested that they clasp their left hands and with a pistol in the right hand of each, "shoot it out." Standing hand in hand they killed each other.

York County and Suburbs of Toronto

LEAD LIKE LAMB TO THE SLAUGHTER

Burgess Says The Telegram Turned Him Down at Last Minute.

HIGH COST OF LIVING

Controller McCarthy Says Radial Lines Will Help Reduce It.

"I would not have come out for mayor had The Telegram not said they would support me. To the shame of The Telegram they led me like a lamb to the slaughter till the last minute and then turned me down." With these words Alderman Burgess described the treatment he had received at the hands of The Evening Telegram, to the North Riverdale Ratepayers' Association last night in Playter's Hall. A number of candidates for the city council and the board of education were present, and five minute speeches were the order.

Mr. Burgess went on to say that some might consider him presumptuous in running for mayor, but he thought, despite newspapers and anything else, he would be elected. He said that he was absolutely for public ownership, but the price asked for the Toronto Street Railway and the Toronto Electric Light Co. was far too high.

Big Business

Mayor Hocken said that the business of the city was big business and required men of experience to run it. Reviewing the work of the council during the past year, he referred to Commissioner Harris' report, which stated that with all the big undertakings of the city during the year there was an overdraft of only $150,000, where last year it had been $500,000. "This proves," he said, "the efficiency of the past year's council."

Regarding the water system, he said that the supply had been ample and the public had at no time been asked to refrain from using water at certain times, as was the case in 1912.

He paid a tribute to the work done by Alderman McBride in connection with the Yonge street widening.

Speaking on the transportation question, he said he was just as strong an apostle of rapid transit as when he first proposed it. He thought that with a thoro and independent study of the different phases of the purchase question, something would be evolved far superior to any plan already submitted.

A question was received by mail asking him if he was in favor of condemning the high cost of living, to which he replied that he was, and had written the Dominion Government, asking them to take up the matter.

Radial Lines.

Regarding the high cost of living, Controller McCarthy stated that there must be a development of the radial transit for thirty or forty miles around Toronto, so that the produce could be more easily marketed. This was one of the things which would play a big part in reducing the cost of living.

The health problem was one with which, he said, he had been concerned during his term of office, and, altho the population had increased so much the cases of typhoid, diphtheria and scarlet fever had been cut in half during the past year.

Mr. Ferguson wanted to know whether he was in favor of dumping sewage in the lake near the Exhibition Grounds, in answer to which the controller said he had always protested against dumping dirt into the lake and then attempting to purify it.

Replying to another questioner, he said that the assessment law needed some 1913 bought brought in to do away with the old-time prejudices and vested interests which it at present contains.

Woman Candidate.

Mrs. Courtice, one of the candidates for the board of education, said that the Toronto Council of Women were responsible for her nomination. She wanted to see more manual and physical training introduced into the schools, and to do away with some of the "frills" which at present were prevalent. "Vice, as well as virtue, was implanted in young brains, and hospitals, prisons and so forth would not be so crowded if the young children received better education at home and in school."

Dr. Steele briefly stated his qualifications as a candidate for the board of education. He stated that he could give any time required to the interests of education.

Robert Luxton, another candidate for the board, stated that among his qualifications was the fact that for eight years he had been superintendent of a Sunday school. He did not think that ladies should be allowed to teach. Mr. Luxton was heckled considerably, and many of the questions leveled at him evidently required some consideration on his part before he could answer.

Ward Six Liberals

A municipal night will be held by the Ward Six Liberal Association on Monday evening at their headquarters, 234 Gladstone avenue. All municipal candidates are invited to be present and to speak.

EARLSCOURT

Clothes closets for the men's clothes, a winter floor and a new steam jacket in the firemen's sleeping quarters are the latest additions to the Earlscourt fire hall, Ascot avenue. The lumber delivered for the fire hall proper is being used on the men's apartments, to make them more comfortable for the winter. The flooring of the large hall has been left over for a future time. Considering that the fire hall is only a temporary building, everything has been done as far as possible for the comfort of the establishment. The site upon which the present fire hall stands is to be used for the new library.

The postal delivery for Christmas was the heaviest on record in the Earlscourt district this year.

Gaetz is erecting one pair of solid brick, two storey dwellings, on Nairn avenue, north of Hope avenue.

After church hours on Christmas Day the streets of the Earlscourt district were practically deserted. Scarcely a person was to be seen abroad, Christmas being observed in the homes with mirth and festivity.

The Canadian Bank of Commerce are presenting a handsome map of Toronto, showing the city by wards, to their customers in the district. The Dominion Bank are presenting a pretty calendar and folder to their patrons.

The secretary of the Earlscourt District Voters' Association is in receipt of a letter from the Suburban Express Co., Earlscourt, in which they state: "We beg to announce to your splendid association that the above company, composed of Earlscourt people, has been formed for the purpose of giving to the Earlscourt district long needed transportation facilities. We intend to run, with our motor trucks, a daily delivery to and from the city at the lowest rates. Co-operation on the part of the merchants to aid us in our collections will be of material benefit.—Signed, Ernest J. Bloore, manager."

Earlscourt public library opened its doors yesterday for real business. The first person to apply for a book was Master Fred Wiseman, his selection being a work of fiction.

Earlscourt District Voters' Association will hold an executive meeting on Friday evening next in the Dominion Bank Chambers. President Holmes will preside. The following voters have joined the association since the last meeting: Messrs. R. H. McGregor, Ernest J. Bloore, J. W. Clare and Wm. Milligan.

HOLY NAME QUARTERLY.

The winter quarterly meeting of the branch society delegates to the Holy Name Society Union will take place in St. Basil's Church, St. Joseph street, on next Monday evening, Dec. 29, at 8 o'clock.

NATURAL CAUSES.

A verdict of death from natural causes was returned yesterday afternoon by Coroner Winnett's jury which inquired into the death of the female baby Goldberg, which died in the Western Hospital on Dec. 25. The autopsy revealed the fact that the child had died from starvation, but not thru any fault of the hospital authorities nor the mother.

NO LIQUOR STORE FOR MARK MAYNARD

Todmorden Man Says He is Not Asking for License.

FIRST CHRISTMAS TREE

St. Andrew's Sunday School Held an Entertainment for the Scholars.

Much has been heard of late in Todmorden regarding a liquor store which, it is understood, is to be opened in the neighborhood by Mark Maynard. Talking to The World yesterday, Mr. Maynard said that this rumor has absolutely no foundation, and the reports recently published have been made at the instigation of people who know nothing regarding the matter at all.

"About two-thirds of the residents of the district have requested me to petition for a license, as they do not think that city firms should have the privilege of distributing their liquors in the township without a license. The roads are in a bad enough state at the present time without having four or five liquor wagons driving over the district, without contributing in some manner to the upkeep of them," said Mr. Maynard.

"I have told the people that the matter was being considered, as, in any case of sickness in Todmorden, it is impossible to obtain liquor of any kind without traveling to the city, and I think with the people that this should be remedied."

Christmas Tree.

The first Christmas tree of the Sunday school of St. Andrew's Church was held in the parish hall last night. This entertainment was for the younger children of the school, as the large number on the roll make it necessary to hold two Christmas trees. About 150 children enjoyed an excellent tea, after which the presents were distributed. Among those who assisted in the entertainment were Mrs. J. Edge, Misses R. Vernon, A. Vernon, E. Wehley and F. Lusty, Messrs. C. and A. Maynard. The Rev. A. A. Bryant presided.

HIGH PARK RATEPAYERS.

A special meeting of the High Park Ratepayers' Association has been called for tonight, when Controller J. O. McCarthy and John R. Robinson (editor of The Telegram) will hold a debate on the street railway purchase. In addition a number of members of the board of control and city council will be present and make ten-minute addresses. The meeting is to be held in High Park School at 8 o'clock.

MUNICIPAL FRANCHISE REFERENDUM.

There will be a large meeting under the auspices of the St. Anne's Church Men's Association at eight o'clock on Monday, Dec. 29, the Rev. L. Skey in the chair. The subject of the meeting will be the referendum to give municipal franchise to the women. Miss L. A. Hamilton, Miss Glendenning and several other speakers will be there. There will be several musical numbers.

HIT BY MOTOR.

While crossing the intersection at the corner of Queen and Parliament streets at 8 o'clock last evening Henry Sweedenham was struck and knocked down by a motor car driven by James Collins of 32 East Queen street, sustaining a severe gash on the left side of the head. After receiving medical attention he was able to go to his home.

WORKMAN FOUND IN TRUNK SEWER

Discovered by Policeman Four Hours After the Accident Happened.

ALLEGED THIEF HELD

Joseph Croney Arrested on a Charge of Stealing Carpenters' Tools.

Charged with the theft of carpenters' tools from an unfinished house at 1345 Lansdowne avenue, Joseph Croney of 719 Indian road, was last night arrested by Acting Detective Croonie. The tools were left in the house by the carpenter, Edward Robins of 700 Markham street, and were traced to Croney, who was convicted for a similar theft a few weeks ago.

The death occurred yesterday at the General Hospital of James Quaigg of 153 Franklin avenue from acute pneumonia, in his 74th year. The funeral takes place from Speer's undertaking parlours, to Prospect Cemetery at noon today.

Early yesterday morning, while making his rounds of inspection at the new trunk sewer in course of construction on Morrison avenue, Alfred Horokin, the night watchman, who lives at 55 Salter street, had a narrow escape from death by falling down the shaft.

Horokin had just emerged from the engine house and was walking over the framework, which bridges the tunnel while excavation operations are going on when, in the dark, he stepped over the end and fell to the bottom of the shaft, a distance of about twenty-five feet. Fortunately for him he did not strike his head against any of the timbers, but his leg was broken by the fall and for nearly two hours he lay at the bottom of the shaft unable to move. He was discovered there about 4 o'clock by a policeman, who summoned Dr. McCormack. Horokin was taken in Speer's motor ambulance to the Western Hospital.

Constable Haynes (451) arrested Antonio Klemens, a clever young Macedonian, on a charge of vagrancy yesterday afternoon. Klemens claims to live in Berlin, Ont., and is charged with obtaining money under false pretences by passing worthless cheques on his fellow-countrymen in Ward Seven.

Lakeview Lodge, A. F. and A. M., held a well-attended meeting for initiations in St. James' Hall last evening.

A public meeting for the discussion of the matters of interest now before the people of Toronto and especially of Ward Seven will be held in the Anglican mission building, St. Clair avenue and Runnymede road, tonight. Speakers will include Jesse G. Wright and Ald. Sam Ryding, the two Ward Seven favorites for aldermen next year, and James Simpson, the candidate for board of control. Messrs. Wright and Ryding believe that the ratepayers of the north and west have had little opportunity to hear of the issues in the coming municipal elections, and it is for this reason the meeting is being held.

Mr. and Mrs. F. Percy Hopkins of Oil City, Pa., are spending a Christmas vacation at the residence of Trustee Dr. P. R. Hopkins, Annette street.

WHITBY

The municipal elections, until John Baird Laidlaw announced his candidature as town councillor, were without the usual interest on the eve of nominations. Mr. Laidlaw has established his country home here at "The Grange," and is one of a number of Toronto business men who have come to live in Whitby.

DRANK WOOD ALCOHOL.

With a bottle of wood alcohol lying beside him, the body of Max Richmond was found by another roomer, stretched across the bed in his room at 190 Ontario street, at 6 o'clock yesterday morning. Richmond was a German, a pedlar by trade, and 55 years of age. The body was taken to the morgue, but no inquest will be held.