Child In London To His Invites Every Santa

# **DRAKE GOES**

Former Has One Added Seven Subdivisions Checked.

TEDIOUS IS

Final Result Not Expected To Be Announced Before Tomorrow.

Ex-Ald. John Ashton was leading by one vote over Ald. Gordon Drake in the ward three recount, The Advertiser was notified at 2 p.m. today, Ballots have been checked over completely in seven subdivisions out of 25. It is tedious work, and the final report is not now expected until to-

The proceedings opened at 10:30 a.m., with His Honor Judge Talbot Macbeth presiding and City Clerk Sam Baker, returning officer, in attendance. It was announced early this afternoon that while Ald. Drake this afternoon that while Ald. Drake gained one vote in the seven subdivisions checked, ex-Ald. Ashton gained three. This places the Labor representative in the lead, as Ald. Drake was leading by one ballot when the returns were finally announced election night.

It is further explained that the court is checking the subdivisions from Wellington street east, and more changes would be anticipated in the southeastern section of the city, where both candidates reside. In the event of a tie vote, City Clerk Baker must cast the deciding vote. He will give it to Ald. Drake as being now in office. The clerk established this precedent when he voted for Dr. Hu, a Stevenson when Col. Gartshore and the ex-mayor tied in a mayoralty contest.

first defeat. Ex-Ald. Ashton is a representative of the Labor party. and served several years on the counand served several years on the counant served several years on the country of the

# TO BE CONSIDERED

Public Utilities Manager Is Instructed To Advise Overseas Concerns.

Following the recent action of Toronto city council in rejecting certain British tenders, although they were the lowest received, the Assoclation of British aMnufacturers in Canada has written to the public utilities commission asking its atti-tude on the matter of British firms

The letter which sets forth the facts relating to the rejection of the tenders by Toronto in favor of a firm in that city, although the price of the latter was considerably higher than that submitted by the British firm, asks whether it is worth while

ders.

The members of the commission, after hearing the letter, authorized General Manager Buchanan to write to the association and say ehat the British manufacturers would receive the same consideration as anyone else, price and quality always being taken into consideration. The action of the Toronto council was deplored.

## THE WEATHER

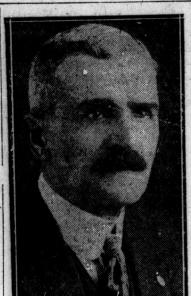
FORECASTS.

The highest and lowest tem

during the 24 hours previous to 8 a.m. during the 24 hours previous
today were:
Stations. High. Low.
Victoria ... 44 40
Calgary ... 42 16
Winnipeg ... 14
Parry Sound. ... 36
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Ottawa ... 34 34
Montreal ... 34 32
Quebec ... 28 26
Father Point ... 30 24
St. John ... 38 34 Fair Clear

The highest and lowest temperaures recorded in London during the
thours previous to 8 o'clock last
dight were: Highest, 49; lowest, 40.
The official temperatures for the 12
nours previous to 8 a.m. today were:
Highest, 50; lowest, 40.

Barometric Readings.
Thursday, 8 p.m.—29.42.
Today, 8 a.m.—29.47.



EX-ALD. JOHN ASHTON, who at 2 o'clock was leading Ald. Gordon Drake by two votes in ward

Believes Legitimate, Reasonable Land Speculation Should Be Encouraged.

NO BIG SPECULATORS

Legitimate and reasonable land speculation should be encouraged in London, in the opinion of Assessment Commissioner Harry Bennett, who incidentally pointed out today that the "single tax" scheme should not be considered in this city.

Commenting upon the latter scheme of taxation as now under consideracontest.

Ald. Drake has served eight years tion in Toronto and other centers, and this would be his the commissioner agreed with the argument advanced by its proponents that the land speculators are penalized under the "single tax" arrangement of assessment.

"That would be the case, of course in the bigger cities," he concurred.
"But we would not need the single tax here in London. Of course I have not given the question as much but I would hardly recommend

"The speculators would be penal-"The speculators would be penalized, but then there are no big speculators in London. There are no large parcels of land held here for speculation purposes. In fact, I would be more inclined to encourage some land speculation in London. The little fellow is not in a position to purchase large tracts of land. We'll take those who buy large areas and break them up into building lots, grade the streets, and so forth. The average person could not do that, but average person could not do that, but expansion of this nature enables him, however, to secure a lot, probably on easy payments, upon which he can have his small house. It gives him a start."

a start.

The "single tax" means a tax upon the land only, but the commissioner would recommend, if there was to be of exempted property. He points out that property valued at \$6,000,000 or \$8,000,000 roughly, is totally exempted

# TO SOON FEATURE

Matter of City Structures Will Likely Be Considered in Three Years.

During the next three or four years, if not sooner, city councillors will be compelled to consider the question of their bridges, City Enineer Near warned today. danger is apparent at present, but a thorough consideration of the question with a view toward action,

is slated. Considerable work in that direction has been accomplished during the

work will commence without further delay on the York street bridge, in accordance with the ruling from the Ontario Railway and Municipal hospital during the war, called on Board. The latter surveyed the situation and directed what work should be done by the city and the street railway. Both parties agreed to abide by this decision, and the work will be effected immediately.

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# **MODERATES**'

Toronto Reports Extensive Petition Campaign Will Be Launched Shortly.

BEER AND LIGHT WINES

Hope To Convince the Ontario Government Time Is Ripe For Another Mandate.

governmental control of bee

nd light wines—are massing for the Arrangements are well under way The Advertiser has been informed today from reliable sources in Toronto, for the circulation of petitions throughout the province of Ontario

It is reported that before many lays have elapsed petitions will make their appearance simultaneously in London, Hamilton, Toronto and elsewhere in Ontario. Premier Howard Ferguson, Attor-ney-General W. F. Nickle and individual members of the new admin-istration at Queen's Park have repeatedly warned that there must be some "practical manifestation" from the public at large before any vote

whatever respecting proposed changes in the act can be sanctioned by the legislature. The "moderates" state their intentions to circularize every section of

ALD. GORDON DRAKE, whose lead in ward three has been taken away in the re-count being carried out this afternoon.

Expect Record Surplus Before End of the Present Year.

HAVE \$28,466 TO DATE

secure the names of representative electors in sufficient thousands to convince the legislature, at its initial gathering, that the time is opportune anticipated by the authorities.

Complete returns are expected to bring the total to \$29,000 at least, and a return to the bar, but they would be completely satisfied with legislation to grant "beer and light wine" a record for receipts will have been licenses or government control of all a record for receipts will have been spirituous liquors.

## Today Is Not Shortest Although Sun Is Directly Over Tropic of Capricorn



CALAS APPLE WOMEN.

present term. The King street bridge thas already been strengthened. The same work is now in the course of progress on the Dundas street edidays when No. 10 stationary hos-The engineer stated today that pital of this city was serving in madame and her family on his recent visit to the continent. The old

### Professor Kingston States To morrow Will Be the Shortest.

MORNINGS SHORTEN

the shortest day falls on the 22nd.

of December as it did last year.

According to Professor Kingston,

Of York street to be about the worst According to Professor Kingston, authority on astronomy at the Uni-

authority on astronomy at the University of Western Ontario, the shortest day is usually on the 21st and sometimes on the 20th. It all depends on the behavior of the sun. "The earth goes around the sun each year which causes the sun to apparently move around the earth among the stars," Prof. Kingston said. "In the winter time the sun moves toward the south and in summer toward the north. On the 12st or 22nd of this month it reaches its farthest point south in the sky. This means that it rises far south in the south-western horizon and sets on the south-western horizon. Therefore. south-western horizon. Therefore, during the day it passes only a small part of the whole daily circles of mo-

part of the whole daily circles of motion above the horizon.

"The sun today is directly over all parts of the Tropic of Capricorn. After today it will begin to travel north and the days will start to lengthen. This will not be very noticeable until along in January. A peculiar circumstance is the fact that the mornings will continue to shorten for a period of about three weeks while the afternoons will lengthen."

AWARD COAL CONTRACT. The contract for this year's supply f coal for military buildings of the ity has been given to the William

# UIDATOR SEES BRIGHT

Urges Every Member to Share " in "On to Ottawa" Expense.

SLIPS DISTRIBUTED

Dambra States Efforts Should Be Concentrated on Full Indemnity.

Chances of the dominion government assuming responsibilty for paying Home Bank depositors in full London. are regarded as exceedingly bright by I. E. Weldon, Home Bank liquidator, who wrote Joseph Dambra, president of the local depositors' association, to that effect this morn-

Comparing the Home Bank situa-tion with that of the defunct Far-mers' bank of 1914, Mr. Weldon says the chances of finally getting every cent for depositors are much more

the chances of finally getting every cent for depositors are much more favorable.

Mr. Weldon also sent several hundred white slips which he asks all depositors who withdrew their 25 per cent dividend to fill out. The liquidator says in part: "At the request of the committee, I am writing again to you to endeavor to see that the white slips contributing the one-half of one per cent (1-2 of 1) street, will give some of her beautiful dancing, there'll be some funny people and candy and a little toy for every boy and girl at the party. Don Macaulay, leader of the Winter Gardens of the orchestra will be there to play for Santa Claus and the children, and Manager Bill Baines and his young son, Billie, Jr., have the Gardens all decorated with bunting and lights and Christmas trees, ready to welcome the boys and the vast stretches of Northern Ontario, and every town, city and hamlet from James Bay to the lakes and
from the Lake of the Woods district
to the Ottawa River. This will be a
tedious operation, they say. Hence
the early start.

During the past few days has come
the first inkling of definite preparations for the campaign, calculated to
secure the names of representative.

ble sources of relief the local com-mittee, Mr. Dambra said, is of the mittee, Mr. Dambra said, is of the opinion that the depositors' efforts should be concentrated in obtaining from the government full indemnity for their losses. The grounds for obtaining such relief are reasonable and just, he claims.

"Such relief will not be obtained without effort, and expenses will progressibly be incurred in promoting

necessarily be incurred in promoting the depositors' interests before the government," Mr. Dambra said. "With that in view I would recommend that depositors contribute the one half of one per cent asked for. In order to obtain the best results united effort is necessary and it is expected that all those who have not signed the white slips will do so immediately."

Mr. Dambra added that a quantity of these slips will be left in the market branch of the Bank of Mon-treal where the initial 25 per cent dividend will be paid.

Section Considered One of the

of York street to be about the worst paved thoroughfare in the community.

The proposal would include the widening of that section of the street extending from Ridout street to the bridge, and the telephone poles in that block would be moved in several feet from the curbing.

Mayor Intimates Every Effort Will Be Made To Clear Up Charge.

The Spence charge against the police department will be continued in all likelihood at the next session of the police commission, Mayor Wenige, chairman, stated today.
"This question is still 'on tap," he stated. "The case was adjourned in order to secure certain information not then available."

I Spence railmed worker above.

### Santa Asks All His Children To Be At the Winter Gardens At Eleven o'Clock Tomorrow

Everybody Invited For an Hour of Fun-Loveliest Children Will Be There.

WILL GIVE PRIZES

Doris Short Will Dance-Music by Winter Gardens Orchestra -Candy and Toys.

Every little girl and boy is invited by Santa Claus to come to his party in the Winter Gardens at 11 o'clock omorrow morning.
Santa Claus will give The Adver-

tiser's prizes to the Loveliest Child, Ella Mae Scoyne, and her three leve-liest companions, Irene Roach, Clare McCandless and Tennes Tanner, and Mayor Wenige will receive the loveliest children on the platform with Santa Claus in behalf of the city of

Irene Roach is ill at home, so Santa Claus will call there first to mee Irene, and will drive from The Ad vertiser building to the Winter Gar-dens at 11 o'clock sharp with Ella Mae and Clare and Tennes.

Santa Claus has arranged an hour of fun for everyone. Little Doris Short, 8-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Victor Short, 425 Dundas street, will give some of her beautiful

trees, ready to welcome the boys and girls. Everybody is invited, because Santa Claus wants to see what splen-

to have your seat by 11 o'clock, cause Santa Claus will be there sharp

Vigorously Oppose Return to Canada.

Minneapolis, Minn., Dec. 21.-Norman "Red" Ryan, alleged gunman exprobably will be returned to probably to finish his sentence at Kingston Penitentiary, from which he escaped, it was said today prosecution and have indicated a willingness that he be sent back across the border to receive his pun-

London.

A new pavement is proposed for York street, from Richmond street hos besides St. Paul. The cities are Debed and Flint, Mich.

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December, contract the payers are rective were sent for proper signatures.

In his confession Ryan admitted holding up banks in five other cities besides St. Paul. The cities are Detoit, Cleveland, Chicago, Oshkosh, and Flint, Mich.

Frank W. Brunskill chief and Flint and Fl tentiary is expected to be made as soon as extradition papers are re-turned from Washington, where they

apolis police, said he believes Ryan will make a desperate attempt to prevent extradition. The escaped convict had admitted his fear of returning to Kingston because, he said seven lashes with a cat-o'-nine-tails awaits him there.

TWO HUNDRED ARE NOW AT WORK ON SEWERS

More than 200 men, including many ermanent city employees are now ngaged on the city's big sewer pro-lect, the Wellington-High street ex-ension. City Engineer W. P. Near tension. City Engineer W. P. Near stated today that the necessary pre-cautions had been taken against freezing weather in order that the work could continue until February

### MR. AND MRS. ROACH SAY: "THANK YOU!"

Mr. and Mrs. Manson Roach of 130 Garfield avenue, whose little daughter Irene was named second of the four Loveliest Children, have received nearly fifty letters of congratulation and good wishes since Irene's picture appeared in The Advertiser.

Mr. and Mrs. Roach, and Irene, too, wish to express their sincere thanks for these kindnesses and to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas.



Here is little Luela Mandas, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Mandas. She called on the Doll Lady one morning and by evening had won

City Treasurer, After Conference, States Sale Not Anticipated.

After a short conference this morning with representatives of the London and Western Trusts Company, City Treasurer James Bell reported to The Advertiser that in all likelihood the city's claim against the Ruggles Truck Company for arrears o'clock, with Constables Monahan and

Fearing Lashes, Will public auction.

The 1922 land tax, a matter of about \$593, is sought by the municipality. Goods have already been seized and could be sold for that amount, the treasurer points out, but he has no desire to hasten action if there is any assurance forthcoming that the money will be paid within a few days by the London and Western Trusts Company, the cor-poration empowered as trustees of the Ruggles Company until such time as a receiver is appointed.

The treasurer expects that payment will be met in order that the 1922 accounts. The amount sought is for 1922. The 1923 land tax is un-

## be placed until a judgment is hand-ed down by Mr. Justice Kelly in the "annex school tax" issue. 2,500 DINNERS

Officials of London Command Will Also Bring Cheer to Jail Inmates.

Yuletide cheer, costing several thousand dollars, in the form of 2,-500 dinners and toys for 1,000 children, will be distributed in London on Christmas Eve by the Salvation Army, it was announced at head-quarters by Adjutant Spooner today. The Salvation Army will also make ne especially important visit in Lon don this Christmas time, and as a result many men who had been look-ing forward to a lonely, bleak day, find happiness, companionship

and gaiety.

The visit will be made to the county jail and the festivities have been planned by Adjutant Lewis of the industrial department. Baskets of food will be distributed among the inmates of the jail. On Christmas morning there will be religious services.

wices.

More than 350 families in London will find cheer through the Salvation Army. The baskets, which are being prepared for the 2,500 needy of the city, contain nothing but the highest quality of produce. Each basket will contain meat, potatoes, turnips, carrots, oranges, apples, nuts, candies, tea, butter, bread, sugar, flour, biscuits, a Christmas pudding, and small toys and trinkets for the children.

# AS POLICE

Harold McCullough, Wife and Several Guests Appear in Police Court.

HAD A "REAL TIME"

Ten Young Men Fined, While Young Women Are Remanded to Jail.

"There were sounds of revelry by "And all Chief Birrell's men soon

It was a Christmas party and it was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harold McCullough, 643 William street last night and early this morning, until broken up by the police. The entertainment was given by the eldest daughter of the house and from police accounts given today, it was "some" party adorned by liquid refreshment. wasn't a drop left in the six whiskey bottles for the police when they burst their way into the house at

The upshot of the afafir was that Mr. McCullough was fined \$25 and costs or 21 days in jail while ten young men, guests at the party were assessed \$10 and costs each. Three young women were remanded to jail for a week and their parents noti-fied of the afafir, while Mrs. McCullough and her daughter had the charges aginst them dismissed.

All present at the iolitication present at the jollification charged with disorderly con-

duct.

Alt is one of th emost disgraceful brought to my attention since scenes brought to my attention sale have been police magistrate," comnented Mr. Graydon after hearing all

the evidence. Four cyhildren of the McCullough's AMOUNT NOT SETTLED all girls, ranging from ten to four-teen years were taken to the children's shelter by the police and some substantial guarantee of future good behavior will have to be given Inspector Kelly of the C. A. S. before he will allew them to return to their parents.

Sergeant Middaugh stated that on information received, he proceeded to the McCullough home about 12 in taxes would be satisfactorily set-line taxes would be satisfactorily set-block away, he stated.

"There were three automobiles there and I sent Monahan for more men." related the sergeant. or four drunken young men came out while we were watching, and one woman was brought out. so drunk she had to be carried to the auto, which then drove away. Bottles Scattered About.

"When the others arrived from the station, shortly after 1 o'clock, we went into the house. I went in by the kitchen. The eatables were spilled all over the floor. Mrs. Mc-Cullouch was in the kitchen under Cullough was in the kitchen under the influence of liquor. Mr. McCuilough was upstairs on a bed. He was drunk. Two or three of the boys Please See Page 16, Column 3.

### Is Santa's Writing Inside?

Santa Claus arrived today to be ready for the children's party in the morning.

This afternoon as this edition was being printed the big presses were stopped eight times while Santa Claus wrote his name on the big roll of white paper.

Somewhere in the thousands of copies of this edition are eight Evening Advertisers signed by Santa Claus. Any little boy or girl who brings a signed copy to The Advertiser office tomorrow morning at 10:30 sharp will be introduced to Santa himself.