

They Would Be Public Servants

Candidates for the Various Municipal Offices.

No Dark Horse in the Mayoralty Contest.

A Quartet Only Will Be in the Race for the Chair.

Mayor Wilson's Account of His Stewardship—Ex-Mayor Taylor's Attack on the Council—Other Speeches—The Campaign Begun.

FOR MAYOR.

William Henry Bartram.
James Fred Darch.
John Doherty Wilson, M.D.
George Taylor.

FOR WATER COMMISSIONER.

Henry B. Ashplant.
J. W. Little.
W. M. Jones.

FOR HOSPITAL TRUSTEE.

Thomas McCormick.
Charles B. Hunt.

The municipal campaign in London was practically begun on the rostrum yesterday—nomination day—at the city hall, when the four mayoralty candidates—Mayor Wilson, ex-Mayor Geo. Taylor, W. H. Bartram and Fred J. Darch—addressed the electors. By the time the nominations were all in and the speech-making commenced the hall was well filled and considerable enthusiasm was displayed. The audience was unusually good-natured, too, for it was Christmas as well as nomination day.

The poll was supposed to open at 10 o'clock, but at that hour city clerk Kingston was alone in his glory. About 10:10 Mr. Kingston's duties as presiding officer really began. Mr. W. H. Bartram arrived, followed by several other citizens, and the crowd gathered slowly.

In the matter of candidates there were no startling surprises in store for the electors. All the present aldermen but Messrs. Nutkins and Gerry are candidates for re-election, and there are a large number of new names before the public. The entire Socialistic Labor Party's ticket entered the field.

Mayoralty Candidates.

Mr. Arthur White nominated Dr. John D. Wilson for re-election. He said he would like to see Dr. Wilson in the council until the hospital is completed. This work was begun and carried on under his direction, and it would be better to have it carried to a completion. Had ex-Mayor Little remained in office until the sewer system was completed the citizens would have been pleased. The speaker realized that Dr. Wilson had not pleased everyone. But, he said, no man could have friends without also having enemies.

Dr. A. MacLaren seconded the nomination. He was entirely in accord with the previous speaker. It would be to the interests of the citizens, he believed, to re-elect Dr. Wilson to the mayor's chair.

Ex-Mayor John Campbell nominated ex-Mayor George Taylor. He had no objection, he said, to Dr. Wilson as a citizen, a physician or a neighbor, but he did object to him as a municipal officer. Dr. Wilson had been elected a year ago by the party to which he belonged and not on his own merits. Politics should be banished from municipal affairs, he said, and turning to the ward system said it was the cause of much ill. (Applause). It was hard for an honest man to remain honest on the board of works, he believed. By the ward system six different interests were created and each was pulling against the others. The speaker did

not concern himself as to whether he agreed with Mr. Taylor in politics or religion or anything else, but he knew that Mr. Taylor had made a good, careful mayor when filling that position in the past and should be returned.

Mr. A. C. Macpherson seconded the nomination.

Mr. Wm. H. Bartram was nominated by Messrs. Ray Stinchcombe and Henry Enigh.

Mr. Fred J. Darch was nominated by Messrs. A. B. Barter and David Ross.

Water Commissioners.

Two commissioners are to be elected and three candidates (including a representative of the Socialist Labor party) are in the field.

Mr. J. W. Little was nominated for re-election by ex-Mayor George Taylor and Mr. A. M. Hamilton.

Mr. William Jones was nominated for re-election by Messrs. Wm. McFarland and A. C. McPherson.

Mr. H. B. Ashplant (Socialist) was nominated by Messrs. L. G. Westland and W. J. Marshall.

Hospital Trustees.

For this position there are two candidates. Mr. Thomas G. McCormick was nominated by Col. R. Lewis and Mr. I. M. Mayell. Mr. C. F. Compin, the retiring trustee, nominated Mr. Charles B. Hunt as his successor. He said, he said, the citizens would find a careful and prudent trustee. The speaker felt it time to retire after having served the city for eleven years. The nomination was seconded by Ald. S. Stevely.

The nominations for aldermen and school trustees were made at the appointed places in the different wards, and handed in to Mr. Kingston. They were:

Ward One.

FOR ALDERMEN.

John H. Pritchard, by A. R. Galpin and C. J. McCormick.

Patrick McPhillips, by G. W. Heard and A. R. Galpin.

F. G. Rumball, by O. E. Brenner and George H. Britten.

W. J. Craig, by G. W. Belton and Thomas Cousins.

George H. Heard, by J. W. Pritchard and P. McPhillips.

John Simpson Mason, by P. McPhillips and C. J. McCormick.

O. E. Brenner, by George E. Belton and H. C. McBride.

Charles Taylor, by R. A. Carrothers and S. Stevely.

George H. Belton, by S. Stevely and Wm. Jones.

James H. Brown, by Geo. H. Belton and W. J. Craig.

Henry Winder, by C. J. McCormick and G. W. Heard.

FOR SCHOOL TRUSTEES.

Charles J. McCormick, by John Pritchard and Henry Winder.

Ward Two.

FOR ALDERMEN.

Adolphus B. Barter, by F. F. Radway and John Nuttall.

Stephen O'Meara, by R. Lewis and George Olmsted.

George Olmsted, by Wm. Tytler and R. Lewis.

C. D. Douglass, by Wm. McFarland and D. C. Macdonald.

Andrew E. Chisholm, by D. C. Macdonald and H. M. Douglass.

George C. Jolly, by R. A. Jones and Geo. McNeil.

FOR SCHOOL TRUSTEES.

Chas. Colerick, by A. G. Chisholm and H. M. Douglass.

Miss Jessie E. Barter, by John Richards and David Ross.

Wm. T. Hamilton, by D. C. Macdonald and H. M. Douglass.

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Mrs. Jennima Evans, by W. D. Benson and Edward Towse.
A. B. Cox, by J. M. Logan, and M. J. McRobert.

Ward Five.

FOR ALDERMEN.

John Wilkey, by Walter Richards and T. C. Bartlett.
Henry Dreaney, by G. H. Thomas and Thomas Toombs.

Wm. Hayman, by J. H. Chapman and Joseph Simmons.
Fred G. Appleton, by J. W. Smith and W. Hayes.

Frank Plant, by W. Burleigh and F. W. Montrose.

George Hayman, by Ed. Martyn and George F. Child.

F. J. Fitzgerald, by Joseph Simmons and A. Dunn.

SCHOOL TRUSTEE.

W. M. English, by F. W. Montrose and E. Graham.

George Burdick, by Joseph Simmons and F. J. Fitzgerald.

Ward Six.

FOR ALDERMEN.

A. Greenleaf, by J. T. Owen and John Macpherson.
John W. McCallum, by A. Wilkins and J. T. Westland.

Edward Parnell, jun., by Wm. Gerry and Richard Wray.

Edward G. Westland, by Henry Vincent and Robert Courtney.

FOR SCHOOL TRUSTEES.

John Macpherson, by D. Campbell and A. Greenleaf.

Mrs. Marie Westland, by Charles Fitzwalter and Henry Vincent.

The Talking Begins.

WOULD SHUT OUT WILSON AND TAYLOR.

Shortly after 11 o'clock Mr. Bartram raised a question as to the legality of the nominations of Dr. Wilson and Mr. Taylor. He contended they were not made at the proper time. According to the statutes, he said, the poll was to open at 10 a.m. and close at 10 p.m. and the candidates were in the field, he said, but he wanted the law carried out.

Mr. H. B. Ashplant came to Mr. Bartram's aid. He asked Mr. Kingston what was the time specified in the statutes for the opening of the poll.

Mr. Kingston—Ten o'clock.

Mr. Ashplant then asked what was the specified time for closing.

Mr. Kingston said the poll was to be kept open from 10 till 12, by order of the council, and even if he were wrong in his interpretation all the nominations had been received within an hour after the polls opened. Dr. Wilson's nomination was made before eleven o'clock.

Mr. Ashplant was not satisfied with this reply, and repeated his question, but the matter dropped. Speeches were then delivered by the mayoralty candidates.

MAYOR WILSON.

The present mayor was the first speaker. He was cheered on rising. At the outset he feelingly referred to the frightful accident which a year ago sent sorrow from one end of Canada to the other, and, in fact, over all the continent, and even to the old land. Sympathy was then expressed on every hand, he said, and a hard year was looked forward to. It was thought the corporation would be almost bankrupt in settling the claims. But the council had settled 300 claims satisfactorily for a comparatively small amount. Dealing with the sewage disposal question, he said: "I told you last year I didn't want a sewage farm, which would destroy our river park. And I am of the same opinion still. I am wrong, condemn me at the polls." Speaking of the telephone franchise, he said that last year ex-Mayor Little was unable to get \$1,000 a year from the Bell Telephone Company. The company said they would not pay a cent to the city. This year Mr. Baker was sent for, and he still refused. A rival company was formed, and as a result an agreement was made with the Bell Company, whereby the city received \$1,000 a year in cash, and reduction in telephone rates amounting to \$5,000 a year.

The speaker then took credit to himself for improving the city's banking system. When he came into office he found the current account was not bringing in one cent interest. Tenders were called, and as a result the city received \$347 interest on the current ac-

count this year. He also claimed credit because by calling for tenders for an electric light plant a better contract was made for the lights. New lights and a reduction of 2 cents on each was obtained. This meant 2 cents a year. In the matter of taxation, this was said to have been a terrible year. Ex-Mayor Campbell had spoken in this strain, but the speaker thought Mr. Campbell had not been following the proceedings of the council very closely. The taxes were 1 mill lower this year than last, and the council was coming out at the right end. His action coming out at the right end, his action being severely criticised, he said. The electors could give their judgment. He did not want to represent people who would stand oppression of any kind.

The speaker next referred to the hospital—"the great bugbear," he said, with a smile. Much had been said about the extras. But, he said, estimating the assessments on hospital patients, he found that the hospital cost him but 34 cents a year, or \$1 in 30 years, to pay for these extras, and have the patients properly classified and provided for. "The council has saved enough money this year to pay for the hospital," he said, "and I defy any man to prove otherwise."

The mayor's chair was not a bed of roses, he said in conclusion, and after announcing himself as a Conservative in politics, said he knelt to his life, or politics in municipal life. (Applause.)

EX-MAYOR TAYLOR.

Ex-Mayor Taylor was given a hearty greeting and a good hearing. He had become a candidate, he said, at the request of a large number of citizens. And although he consented, he realized that it would pay him a good deal better to give his time to personal affairs than to look after the interests of the citizens generally. But he had made up his mind, and felt confident of election. As he had served the city in the past, so would he in the future.

Continuing, Mr. Taylor extolled London for its natural, commercial, and educational advantages. He said the city in the country, he said. And the citizens expected to derive all the benefits that come from living in the midst of such a fine people. The taxes were too high, he said. But unless the city was carefully conducted, the tax rate could not be kept down. It would be impossible to reduce the rate very much for the next two or three years, he thought, because of the handicap.

If a clear and complete record of the city's financial transactions this year were forthcoming, we would find the council to be in the hole over \$20,000. Mr. Taylor, in support of this statement, said that over \$8,000 of taxes were received this year, the estimates were, he was informed, \$10,000 overdrawn, and \$7,500 debenture money had been used for street improvements—something that had never been done before. By the way, he was going to ask the people where they were going to end? The business of the past year had not been satisfactory to the people generally, he said. A bylaw for a hospital to cost \$70,000 had been passed. Contracts for \$85,000 were already let, and the end was not yet in sight. Before the hospital is completed it would cost \$120,000, he feared. The people wanted a fine building, but they were getting more than they wanted.

Of the West London \$75,000 breakwater bylaw, he said: "It is not honest to ask the people to vote for this without bringing forward some tangible scheme of completion. No plans or specifications are offered." He wanted more information about it before he could vote.

Referring to the city hospital claims Mr. Taylor said, while no citizen disagreed with the committee in the efforts to keep down the expenditure, yet in looking over the list one must say the doctors have received their full share, anyway.

A reason advanced for not purchasing an electric light plant was that the council had no money. This was absurd. If the bylaw had been voted upon and carried, the council could get power from the Local Legislature to issue debentures for the required amount. The appropriation for street improvements this year, he went on, was \$22,500, supplemented in a way never done in the past. The taking of \$7,500 raised by debentures for the construction of the sewer system and using it for street improvements should never have been allowed. The several contractors were obliged by their contracts to put and keep for a time the streets in repair.

Mr. Taylor next dealt with the sewage disposal question. So keen was the mayor, he said, to find out the impurity of the river and the harm it did to other towns, that the medical health officer went to Chatham to test river water there. The speaker intended to represent London, not Chatham. (Applause). As for the new system proposed, this \$45,000 bid, the speaker knew nothing about it. There was a patent

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on it. And it looked peculiar on the face of it that the mayor should press it upon the public. The system of land filtration had proved successful. An example could be seen at the asylum. It was a peculiar scheme and could be adopted at the cove. He contended that the sewage should be emptied into the river as long as law would allow. They could get the beds ready to be used when necessary.

Reverting to financial matters, Mr. Taylor said that although no figures had been given to the citizens, he would make the statement that the estimates were \$20,000 overdrawn. It was a peculiar thing that the council had failed to give to the public a financial statement. In the past it had been brought forward at the last meeting of No. 1 committee. Why not this year? By a reduction of taxes, he said, influential people, manufacturers and merchants would be induced to come to the city, and to cut down the taxes there was only one thing to do and that thing was to stop the issue of debentures; then the ratepayers would be relieved of the millstone about their necks. Nearly half the yearly taxation was to meet interest. Last year the amount for this purpose was 9.75 mills on the dollar. The assessment for public schools was 4.09; for the collegiate institute, 1.04, and for general purposes, 5.2 mills. This was not right. The speaker closed with an appeal for support.

MR. W. H. BARTRAM.
Preliminary to making an address,
(Continued on page 7.)

A Helpless Invalid

Chatham Lady Prostrated by Severe Kidney Disease, Restored to Perfect Health by Doan's Kidney Pills.

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"Several years ago I was taken ill with a severe pain in the small of my back. Following this I suffered very much with urinary trouble, sleeplessness, etc., and had to quit work. Medical aid proved of little avail, and I was in a most distressing condition. To add to this an almost unbearable pain ran down the back of my neck. "I went from bad to worse until I was obliged to take to my bed, where I remained a helpless invalid for some time. At this juncture I heard of Doan's Kidney Pills and sent my boy to the drug store for a box of them, and began using them. They seemed to act directly on the weakened organs, and I was at once convinced that they were the only remedy to remove all kidney troubles. I continued taking them and day by day grew better. I gained in strength; the pain left me; I began to sleep soundly, and felt brighter and more energetic all the time. I am now better than I have been for years, and consider Doan's Kidney Pills the most excellent remedy for kidney weakness, for to them I owe my present good health and happiness. Doan's Kidney Pills, 50c a box, or three for \$2.25, at all druggists. The Doan Kidney Pill Co., Toronto, Ont."

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THE MARKETS.

Local Market.

London, Monday, Dec. 27.
Wheat, white fall, per bu., 68½c to 69c
Wheat, red fall, per bu., 68½c to 69c
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Oats, per bu., 27½c to 28½c
Peas, per bu., 44c to 45c
Corn, per bu., 44c to 45c
Buckwheat per bu., 45c to 46c

No wheat offered today.
Oats were scarce and sold at 82c to 86c per cwt.
The prices quoted for all other kinds of grain are based on last week's transactions.
Hay sold slow at \$6.50 to \$7.50.

Quotations:

GRAIN.
Wheat, white, fall, per 100 lbs. 1 13 @ 1 14
Wheat, red, fall, per 100 lbs. 1 13 @ 1 14
Wheat, spring, per 100 lbs. 1 13 @ 1 14
Oats, per 100 lbs. 82 @ 84
Peas, per 100 lbs. 70 @ 80
Corn, per 100 lbs. 82 @ 1 00
Barley, per 100 lbs. 85 @ 86
Rye, per 100 lbs. 85 @ 86
Beans, per bu. 1 13 @ 1 14

PROVISIONS.

Honey, comb. 9 @ 12
Honey, extracted. 7 @ 10
Cheese, per lb. 10 @ 11
Eggs, single dozen. 23 @ 24
Eggs, fresh, basket, dozen. 14 @ 18
Eggs, fresh, store, doz. 14 @ 18
Butter, per lb. retail. 17 @ 17
Butter, per lb. wholesale. 15 @ 16
Butter, per lb. tubs or crocks. 15 @ 16
Butter, per lb. tubs or crocks. 15 @ 16
Lard, per lb. 10 @ 11

VEGETABLES AND FRUIT.

Pumpkins, per doz. 50 @ 1 00
Potatoes, per bag. 60 @ 65
Apples, per bag. 15 @ 20
Apples, per barrel. 1 50 @ 1 60
Onions, per bu. 20 @ 25
Celery, per doz bunches. 25 @ 30
Turnips, per bag. 12½ @ 15
Carrots, per bag. 12½ @ 15
Fennel, per doz bunches. 40 @ 50

LIVE STOCK.

Young pigs, per pair. 2 00 @ 3 50
Cows, per lb. 20 @ 40
Beef, per lb. 24 @ 40
Hogs, light, per 100 lbs. 2 25 @ 3 75
Hogs, heavy, per 100 lbs. 2 25 @ 3 75
Pigs, young, per pair. 30 @ 1 50
Sows, per 100. 30 @ 30
Ducks, per pair. 50 @ 50
Chickens, per pair. 50 @ 50
Hens, per pair. 50 @ 50

HAY AND SEEDS.

Hay, per ton. 6 50 @ 7 50
Straw, per load. 2 50 @ 2 50
MEAT, HIDES, ETC.
Beef, front ends, per lb. 4½ @ 5
Beef, hind quarters, per lb. 4½ @ 5
Mutton, quarters, per lb. 4½ @ 5
Veal, quarters, per lb. 4½ @ 5
Lamb, quarters, per lb. 4½ @ 5
Dressed hogs, 100 lbs. light. 6 00 @ 6 00
Dressed hogs, 100 lbs. heavy. 7 00 @ 7 00
Hides, No. 1, per lb. 14 @ 14
Hides, No. 2, per lb. 14 @ 14
Hides, No. 3, per lb. 14 @ 14
Calveskins, green. 14 @ 14
Wool, washed, per lb. 16 @ 17
Wool, unwashed, per lb. 16 @ 17
Chickens, per pair. 50 @ 50
Ducks, per pair. 50 @ 50
Turkeys, per lb. 5½ @ 6
Geese, per lb. 5 @ 6

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PETROLIA, Dec. 26.—Oil opened and closed at \$1.40.

GRAIN IN STORE.

Montreal, Dec. 26.—Stocks of grain in store this morning: Wheat 204,500 bu, corn 25,839 bu, peas 17,301 bu, oats 64,044 bu, barley 4,740 bu, rye 2,303 bu, flour 12,376 bbls, buckwheat 22,659 bu, oatmeal 399 bu.

English Markets.

Liverpool, Dec. 27.—12:30 p.m.
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THE QUEEN OF
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Vivien eyed him under her long lashes with a mingling of amusement and respect. Her careless, good-natured brother, who had been wont to yield a point rather than argue it, and if he scolded her one moment, kissed and forgave her in the next, had spoken for once with authority, and refused to be laughed out of his convictions.

Before following the countess and Crescenda from the breakfast room, she leaned over the back of his chair, and clasped her arms around his neck.

"Are you really angry with me, brother mine?"

"I shall have no cause for anger, Viva, if you behave sensibly."

"It's no compliment to hint that I am the first lunatic in the family. How am I to prove that I am not?"

"As I told you before, by resisting the lowering tendency to play with the affections of an honorable man."

"In other words, to say to him at once, 'Merci, monsieur, pour votre offre, but I'm owing you to marry—a baronet.'"

"Word it as you please," said Aymer, curtly, as he drew a writing-case towards him. "Do you then empower me to tell Hatherfield that you decline his proposal?"

"Would it be any use?" asked Vivien, mischievously. "They say a young lady's first 'No' is never considered final."

"But I will take care that you shall be," his brother retorted, as he dipped a pen in the ink. "So make yourself easy on that point. I will make Hatherfield understand that that offer is never to be repeated."

"Thanks, but I prefer to dismiss my lovers myself."

"In this case I intend to do it for you. Sir Hatherfield has properly asked me to sanction his address, and I promised that he should hear from me this evening."

Vivien, who had hitherto tyrannized merrily over her brother, began to feel half afraid of him. Who would have imagined that he could be so determined, and so impervious to her attempts to turn him from his purpose?

"Now, Viva, listen to me!" he exclaimed, when he had dated his note and written the opening words. "I proposed that you should take a couple of months for reflection; but if I understand you aright, you prefer to put an end to Hatherfield's suspense at once. Am I then to tell him this?"

"Yes," said Vivien, and then in loud, though still tremulous tones, a more decided "No," to which she added, peevishly, "I wish you would leave me to manage my own affairs myself."

A remonstrance to which, however, the earl chose to append, and Vivien went away, consoling herself with the recollection that she had been accorded two months' grace. Into that short space of time how many triumphs might not be crowded! Long before it was over she would be acknowledged not only Queen of the Season, but of the heart of the baronet whose homage was still tendered so coldly to satisfy the proud and scornful girl who had vowed to bring him to her feet, though only to reject him.

"He fancies he loves me," she cried with disdain; "but how does he testify his passion? Always so temperately, so prudently, that he gives me no hold upon him. It is as I told Aymer: I am beautiful enough to please his eye, and my rank makes me a good match for even the fastidious Sir Innis Hatherfield. But he is in no hurry to wed me; he can wait, and be calm when I am cold, and smile when I satirize his pretensions, because he thinks Aymer's championship and his own indiscreet will bring me to submission. We shall see. I will be alternately coy and kind till I have kindled in him a spark of something more like the fervent affection a woman likes to inspire, and then I will give him his cone in right good earnest."

Her meditations were interrupted by the entrance of her brother.

"Vivien," he demanded abruptly, "who is that strange female I have just met on the stairs?"

"My dear boy, how can I tell? She may be a new housemaid, or a person from the milliner, or the little professor of deportment whom the countess has engaged to work a reformation in Crescenda's shapeless shoulders."

"Tush! she is neither the one nor the other, but looks like a Parisian lady's maid, and she passed into your room. Who is she?"

"Why, Aymer, you have yourself answered your question. If it was Justice you encountered, she is a veritable Parisian, and condescends to charge herself with the duties and mysteries of my toilet."

She spoke playfully, but Aymer's voice was hoarse and troubled as he put the query.

"And Mary Deille?"

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Mr. Bartram then proceeded to address the electors, referring first to the candidates. Mr. Darch, said the speaker, was a bright young man, coming before the people with a good programme, but he (Mr. Bartram) was opposed to it because it was too sweeping. There was Mr. George Taylor, continued the speaker; he was a most remarkable man. When he thought of Mr. Taylor it reminded him of a bird story. The bird was a cuckoo, the only bird that steals its nest. Mr. Taylor entered into the whole push, he wanted to be everything, and he wanted to be member of parliament because he was mayor, and now wanted to be mayor again. Mr. Essery had made a nest, the speaker said, and Mr. George Taylor had crawled into it at Mr. Vincent's instigation. When Mr. Taylor had heard that the speaker was to be chosen at the Patron's convention to contest East Middlesex, Mr. Taylor had rushed down all the factions that he could gather to wrest it from him.

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[Denver Post.]

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And frisky as long as we can, and show to the world by both action and tongue.

We yet are a mighty good man. We laugh at gray hairs as no token of age.

But look in the mirror appalled. As we find we are facing that worrying stage.

When a fellow begins to get bald.

It fastens a look of care in the eyes. It anchors a dread in the soul.

For here is a feature we cannot disguise.

A skating rink up on the poll. The head of anxiety tortures the brain.

Our taste for enjoyment is palled. Our pleasure is tinged with the color of pain.

When a fellow begins to get bald.

We blow in our money for tonics and creams.

We try all the lotions in sight, but every preventive we plaster on seems

To hasten the hair in its flight. We wear out our shoes on the specialist's stairs.

Expertise into council are called. But every day adds to the burden of care.

When a fellow begins to get bald.

We sit away back at the naughty display

Of fights at the high-kicking show. Through fear that our friends may in- humanly say

"We've hit the old bald-headed row. At night our once pleasant, delectable dreams

By visions of wigs are enthralled. When waking the brain with keen mis- ery tears

When a fellow begins to get bald.

Whenever we meet lady friends on the street

We blush while upholding our hat. And though they may smile us a greet- ing most sweet,

We know they have got us down pat. We seem to care little when to our re- ward

In the realms of the blest we are called. For half of the pleasure of living seems

When a fellow begins to get bald.

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To all who received presents of money. You must remember that the giver intends that you shall use it by adding to your bodily comfort. Furs come first and foremost.

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GENERALLY FAIR—COLDER TONIGHT.

Toronto, Dec. 26—11 p.m.—A depression of considerable energy is centered quickly eastward. It is now drawing southerly and southwesterly gales over the lake region. A decided fall in temperature has occurred over Manitoba, but no very high pressure exists in the Northwest. Minimum and maximum temperatures: Victoria, 44-48; Kamloops, 30-32; Edmonton, 28-30; Winnipeg, 6 below-32; Port Arthur, 12-32; Parry Sound, 1 below-30; Toronto, 14-33; Ottawa, 6 below-14; Montreal, 2-18; Quebec, 4 below-10; Halifax, 24-32. Probabilities: Toronto, Dec. 27—1 a.m.—Lower lakes: Strong winds and gales, southerly, shifting to westerly and northwesterly; generally fair; light local snow, becoming considerably colder at night.

Local temperatures: The highest and lowest readings of the thermometer at the observatory on Monday, Dec. 26, were: Highest, 31 above; lowest, 13 above.

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A LOCAL BUDGET

—Mr. George A. Reid, of Brantford, spent Christmas with friends here.

—Miss Lynn R. Hambly is spending her Christmas vacation with Mrs. O. Rowan, at Guelph.

—Mrs. George T. Mann and family, and Mr. Walter Mann, of this city, spent Christmas at their home in Brantford.

—Mr. and Mrs. John Walmesley and W. P. Walmesley, of this city, were guests of Mr. John Bickie, at Woodstock.

—Messrs. James Kelleher and James Hevey, of Sault Ste. Marie, two former Londoners, are renewing old acquaintances around the city.

—Miss Maggie Canary and Miss K. June, of Hamilton, who have been spending a few months here, have returned to their homes.

—B. S. Murray, route agent of the western division of the Canadian Express Company, is absent on a business trip to Eastern Michigan.

—Mr. J. S. Armistage and wife, of Paris, together with his mother, wife and family, of British Columbia, are enjoying a family reunion at 785 King Street, city.

—Rev. Alex. Langford, D.D., of Orangeville, formerly of this city, has accepted the invitation of the First Methodist Church, Owen Sound, to become its pastor.

—Mrs. Saunders, of Oxford Street, who was badly injured by a runaway horse on Richmond Street north on Wednesday last, has been removed to St. Joseph's Hospital.

—Damage to the extent of \$50 was done by a fire in a sand house on the G. T. R., near Rectory Street, between 1 and 2 o'clock yesterday morning. The cause of the fire is unknown.

—Messrs. F. C. Wheeler and C. D. Johnston, city, received from Mr. Jolly Bennett, Glasgow, Scotland, yesterday, each a beautiful greenheart fishing pole and a pigskin fish-hook wallet. The poles are particularly well finished.

ALL WE HAVE

Left of our expensive Christmas neckwear and some elegant new patterns which came too late for the Christmas trade, worth up to \$1.50 each, selling this week at

50c.

BOUGHNER,
See Our Window.

and were manufactured expressly for Mr. Bennett by a firm in Gaelic Head, Scotland.

—Rouney Mercury: Mr. Stewart Patterson, who has acted as agent for Noxon Bros. in this locality for some time, has been promoted, and made a general agent, with headquarters at London.

—Detroit Free Press: B. H. Rothwell left last night for London, Ont., to attend his mother, who is very low. His father is also very ill, and it is not thought that either will survive. Mr. Rothwell has many friends in Detroit.

—Mr. Wm. Loughrey, harness-maker, and his wife, after a residence in this city of 44 years, have decided to leave next spring to spend the remainder of their days with their sons, William A. and Frank C., plumbers of Amherst, Nova Scotia.

—The office staff and drivers of the Dominion Express Company presented Mr. Harry P. Sharpe, local agent with a valuable memento. A heavy gold fob and a gold top on the bow added to the richness of the gift. Mr. Sharpe made a happy reply. He is one of the most popular agents the company employs.

—The management of the Canadian Express Company report this Christmas trade as being a record-breaker. Every official and employee of the London agency was on duty almost continuously from Thursday morning until Saturday night, together with extra assistance, the handling of traffic not being marred by a hitch of any kind.

—Mr. Geo. H. Williams, Jun., who died in Buffalo a few days ago from injuries received in a fall from a bicycle was a son of the late Geo. H. Williams, sen., of this city. The remains were brought to this city and interred in Woodland Cemetery yesterday. The bereaved mother and brothers, who live at 345 Thames Street, have the sympathy of many friends in their sad affliction.

CHRISTMAS IN LONDON.

The holiday was quietly spent by the citizens generally. The skating rinks afforded the most popular amusement, and both afternoon and evening were very largely patronized. Evening and matinee performances at the Grand Opera House were also largely attended. "Open house" was held at the Y. M. C. A., and nearly 1,000 people visited Association Hall during the day. Aside from these attractions, there was little but the nominations to bring people out of their homes, and the streets were somewhat deserted. The police had very little to do.

EXTENSION OF LINES.

The Canadian Express Company have just completed contracts with the Tilsonburg, Lake Erie and Pacific Railway, giving them access to points east of Tilsonburg, Eden, Staffordville, Vienna and Port Burwell, also the Detroit and River St. Clair, running from Mount Clemens, Mich., and touching New Baltimore, Anchorville, Fair Haven, Algonac, Pearl Beach, Roberts Landing and Point DuChene, with terminals at Marine City, one of the most important centers in the part of Michigan. None of these points have ever been served by rail until the introduction of the above line, just now completing a regular passenger train service. By these contracts the Canadian Express Company have still further increased their usefulness, and have given the manufacturing and mercantile interests and public generally connection with practically every point in the United States and Canada as well as added some very valuable territory to their western division.

HIRED WEBSTER FOR A WEEK.

Of course Webster was in demand by those who could afford to pay for his services, says the Boston Herald. A sharp Nantucketer man is said to have given the better company a good lesson in the principles of an amusing way, however.

He had a small case which was to be tried at Nantucket one week in June, and he posted to Webster's office in great haste. It was a contest with a neighbor over a matter of considerable local interest, and his pride as a litigant, was at stake. He told Webster the particulars, and asked what he would charge to conduct the case. "Why," said Webster, "you can't afford to hire me. I should have to stay down there the whole week, and my fee would be more than the whole case is worth. I couldn't go down there for less than \$1,000. I could try every case on the docket as well as one, and

Winter Fruits

are scarce. Fruit is not only delicious to the taste but necessary to the health. The salt extracted from the juices of pure fruits is the basis of

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Its use promotes health. 60 cents a large bottle. Trial size 25 cents. Of all druggists.

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It wouldn't cost any more, for one case would take my time for the entire week, anyway, for I'd have to be on hand."

"All right, then, Mr. Webster," quickly responded the Nantucketer. "Here's your \$1,000. You come down, and I'll fix it so you can try every case."

Webster was so amused over this proposition that he kept his word. He spent the entire week in Nantucket, and appeared on one side or the other in every case that came up for hearing. The shrewd Nantucketer hired Daniel out to all his friends who were in litigation, and received in return about \$1,500, so that he got Webster's services, for absolutely nothing, and made a good profit to boot.

AUSTRIA'S EMPEROR

A Tribute to Francis Joseph—Growth Toward Liberalism.

It is the rarest kind of tribute to personal strength that Francis Joseph should stand out after these 50 troublous years as the one point of agreement that is common to all his peoples. Much of his authority is due to the great tragedies of his life; much also to the racial wrangling and cliques that by a process of exhaustion have lifted the monarchy above party politics into a position of determining influences; but more to the character of the emperor himself. It was man years before the real nature of that character could make itself known. Education and surrounding had made Francis Joseph a bigot and an autocrat. The collapse of the Hungarian revolt was followed by ten years of pitiless reaction. The church and the army were summoned to make German authority, the German language and the German bureaucracy paramount among 30,000,000 aliens of Slav, Croat, Italian and Latin extraction. Such an attempt spelt absolutism in its crudest form. The Austrian Empire of forty years ago was in all its essentials a medieval state.

The change came when, as a result of the French and Prussian wars, constitutionalism took the place of autocracy, and the "principle of nationality" was partly admitted. Her old rights of self-government were restored to Hungary, and the Austrian Empire converted it into the dual monarchy. The great sacrifice once made, other reforms came more easily. Austria has grown towards liberalism since 1860 with a rapidity that no other country has equaled.—Harper's Weekly.

The Proposed Monument to Tomsheh in Victoria Park.



AND A Few Words About Dying.

The dying year naturally turns our thoughts to that great dissolution which is the fate of every son of man. Vast masses of humanity regard it with abhorrence, and even those whom hope bids look for greater bliss beyond draw back and hesitate to share the hidden joys. And yet this should not be. The all-wise Mother Nature, with watchful care, ushers us through the portals of this vale with- out an ache or pain, and it is but logical to suppose that she is not less kind at our departure hence, and that we pass away in tranquil peace. And science, too, gives sweet assent. The pains of death are not physical. Of mental pains abound, as one looks back over a mis-spent life, on ill-gotten wealth, the spoliation of neighbors and injustice done; or, ask. When our time comes—as come it must, to young and old alike—and we stand gazing at the farther shore, we will not wish to leave to our children gold and lands, rubies and houses. Rather would we leave to them those principles of honor and virtue which are the only inheritance to be valued. To posterity we will leave the excellence of that celebrated manu- facture and the high grade of the material will justify us in using, with reference to the "Spot," those words of the Roman poet, Horatius Flaccus: "Exegi monumentum aere perennius."

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Basket of Ribbons..... 10c per yard
Basket of Ribbons..... 15c per yard
Basket of Ribbons..... 20c per yard
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Boxes of Laces..... 5c per yard
Boxes of Laces..... 10c per yard
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CHIFFONS—In black, white, cream, cardinal, turquoise, lemon, royal, coral, Nile, maize, purple, pale blue, pink, moss and rose.

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High-class Novelties in the finest quality pale mushroom tints and oyster shades..... 2.00

Ladies' Silk Mitts..... .50

Ladies' Silk Mitts, wool lined, 60c, 65c..... 1.25

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Full line of Ladies' Evening Gloves, in suede and glace.

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SEEING THE POINT.

The following story is told of a Philadelphia millionaire who has been dead some years. A young man came to him one day and asked pecuniary aid to start him in business. "Do you drink?" asked the millionaire. "Once in a while."

"Stop it! Stop it for a year, and then come and see me."

"Now and then."

"Stop it! Stop it for a year, and then come and see me again."

"The young man went home and broke away from the habit. It took him some time, but finally he worked through the year, and presented himself again."

"Do you chew?" asked the philanthropist.

"Yes, I do," was the desperate reply.

"Stop it! Stop it for a year, and then come and see me again."

The young man stopped chewing, but he never went back again. When asked by his anxious friends why he he replied that he knew exactly what the man was driving at. "He'd have told me that now that I have stopped drinking and smoking and chewing that I must have saved enough to start myself in business. And I have."

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