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MAYORALTY 1903

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C. J. GRAHAM.

MAYORALTY 1903

To the Electors of Kingston: LADIES AND GENTLEMEN—I am a candidate for the mayoralty for the year 1903, and respectfully ask for your votes and influence on my behalf.

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SOCIAL SATURDAY NIGHT.

It is quite certain that of all the Christmas get-togethers, none was more thoroughly enjoyed than the exchange of presents which took place in the choir vestry of St. George's cathedral on Christmas eve. Mr. Harvey was then presented by the choir with a pair of sealskin gauntlets, "as a slight token of the sincere admiration and affection" his choir has for him—the stereotyped phrase being a living reality in this case. Mr. Harvey, in his turn rewarded six of the choir boys, Messrs. Charlie Dalton, Colin Dowsley, Walter Campion, Ferguson Twigg, George Low and Curly Patterson, for regular attendance and general good behaviour by giving each a present. Speeches most appropriate to the occasion were made on all sides, after which the choir went forth to the beautiful old-world custom of caroling, ushering in with their melody the holy day.

Is there anything in the wide world more guileless, inconsequently careless than the small boy or small girl running errands. You start them out on a couple of small messages, which would probably take you, with your tired old feet and stiffened-up muscles, an hour and a half to accomplish, but making all due allowance for the attractiveness of shop windows and the fascinations of the street which lure to lingering, you give them an hour to return. That hour passes, and yet another. You fidget and fuss, and time goes on flying, all the more rapidly, if you are in a hurry to go out. By and by you get on your hat and follow "it" with one arm of your coat. Still the waiter for comes not. Finally, you sally forth in awful wrath to find about half way on the return journey, that serene infant hopping along first on one leg, then on the other, with an all-day-sucker in one hand, and the note you've been waiting for in the other, and the most heavenly smile of seraphic innocence illuminating all, and you take your note and—well, that's all you have the heart to do, and the matter ends.

The tea given by Victoria circle of King's Daughters, for the inmates of Yate's ward at the hospital, was very much enjoyed by the patients now there, and the distinguished guests, the leader, Mrs. Yates, and her co-workers, was very much appreciated. Mrs. Martin, and Miss Knight were amongst those who kindly contributed to the short programme.

The kindest thought, and the heartiest good will, went into the tree which "outgrows" the school room of the most church, on the afternoon of the Feast of the Nativity, and as a natural result, much happiness came not only to the two score or more little ones, who were present, but also to the tired workers who had planned the treat. Apples, buns and milk in abundance, composed the feast, which came first, and then the tree with its gifts topped off the happy afternoon.

While warm and true friends feel that they are powerless to relieve one whit of the pain, still, the very deepest sympathy is extended from their clark to the family of the late Mrs. Clarke, that gentle woman, who passed in Kingston, whose release came on Christmas night.

With the death of Alice Frederica, Lady Dale, which occurred at Eastbourne, November 25th, has passed away one of the foremost, as well as one of the most loved women of the north country of England. In politics, in charitable organizations, in church societies, she was the quick and keen intellect to think, the strong will to command, the wise judgment to advise, and yet withal, there is but one verdict, concerning her gracious gentleness, her sweet womanliness, her attractive personality, Lady Dale, was a daughter of the late Sir Frederick Milbank, her grandmother being the daughter of the first Duke of Devonshire, and she was closely related through her mother to the Earl of Rosebery. Her funeral took place from her home "West Lodge," to the parish church at Woodlands Road, the cortege including representatives of the town council, the different political organizations, the C. O. S., and the various county families. The principal mourners were her husband, Sir David Dale, Miss Milbank, Miss Edith Milbank, and Sir Powell Milbank. In Lady Dale's death, the North and in dead all England, loses a power for good, and sincere will be the mourning alike of the humbler servant in her girlhood's home at Thorp Porvov, and of the noted men and women with whom she has been associated in her long years. The news of her death came as a great shock to some very near relatives who reside in Kingston.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Lamb were with Mrs. Birmingham for Christmas. Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Bickford are down from Toronto, and are with Colonel and Mrs. McGill. Major Van Straubenzee, Toronto, is at "Kirkkatham" for the holidays. Mrs. Roderick Mackenzie will give a children's party for Miss Portia, and Master John Mackenzie, at the Bank of Montreal, on Friday, January 2nd. Mrs. Bamfield will be hostess of the Riblet Enche Club on Tuesday next. Miss Chantrel Macaulay, on Christmas day, will give a long list of gifts by which she has at different

times enriched the cathedral, by presenting the Very Reverend the Dean, with a beautifully embroidered festival stole, of white brocade. Miss Avonlea Cotteris with Mrs. Cottrell, Alfred Street. Miss Robinson, of Winnipeg, gave a luncheon last week for Miss Edith Drury.

Mr. Jack Hamilton, of the Imperial Bank Toronto, and Mr. Colin Hamilton, of the Bank of Montreal, in that city, spent Christmas day with their mother, Mrs. Hamilton. Mr. J. W. and Mrs. Forsythe, Sydnam, were guests of Canon and Mrs. Grout for a few days this week. Mr. Charles M. Wrenshall, who is at present in charge of the St. John's branch of the Merchants Bank, spent Christmas day at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Wrenshall, Albert Street.

Mrs. Rayson, who is missed so much out of Kingston, is at present staying with the Rev. William and Mrs. Johnston, at Holland, Mich. Mr. and Mrs. Johnston have lately moved into a new, and very comfortable rectory. Mrs. Frank Strang gave one of Christmas night's large family dinners, and Mrs. Francis Hill Macece also entertained her people at dinner. Miss Florence Franklin has returned to town. Mrs. Carruthers has promised a second Christmas tree, at which some larger people than were hidden to the first, will be the fortunate guests.

Mrs. Agnew is spending Christmas with her daughter, Mrs. Dowsley. Mrs. Thomas Mills gave a Christmas tea and party for her little daughter, May, when about forty guests were present.

The Rev. Prof. McComb is in New York, where he will spend the next week. Mr. Robert Moore, with his little daughter, Miss Lou, and Mr. Arthur Moore, were here for Christmas day. Dr. J. R. Shannon was home from New York for Christmas day.

Madame Duplessis has hidden a large number to the Christmas tree which she is giving to-night. The tree will be decked in the German way, as only those who come from the Vaterland can deck it. According to German custom, none of the presents are put out on the table until after the tree is set up, and the tree itself bears only the candles and other ornaments.

Mr. Courtland Strang was in town for Christmas, and Mr. Cyril Jones was also up for the day. Probably the largest and jolliest of the many family dinners which were given on Christmas night was that which claimed Mrs. Kent as hostess. The dinner, which extended its borders to include several fortunate outsiders, was followed by a tree, at which there were about fifty guests, and which proved so delightful, as only Christmas trees can, to all concerned.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Cassels, of Toronto, are with Sir James and Lady Grant. Mr. and Mrs. Reginald Northcote gave one of the Christmas evening's pleasant dinners in Toronto. The guests were: Mr. and Mrs. Hayter, Mr. and Mrs. Leigh Pemberton, Mrs. and Mr. Pemberton, Mrs. Hugh Scott and Mr. W. Scott.

Chief Justice and Mrs. Falconbridge, Mr. and Mrs. Ince, and Mr. and Mrs. Chadwick of "Lanham," gave happy family dinners of large dimensions last evening. Thirty-nine sat down at Mr. and Mrs. Chadwick's hospitable home, where the children were joyfully entertained in the afternoon with a Christmas tree, and the grand old Smith was the admirable Santa Claus of the occasion.

Mrs. Clifford Sutton, of Quebec, has arrived in Toronto, and is the guest of Major and Mrs. Victor Williams. The Rev. Ernest Wood, curate for some years at St. Simon's church, Toronto, has accepted the rectorship of Dorchester, New Brunswick.

Mr. Bueh Sims, of Ottawa, spent the holidays in Montreal. Lady Chapleau, of "Spenserwood," Quebec, is to spend the winter in Bermuda with her father, Lieut.-Col. King.

Mrs. Alex. Rosamond came in to Ottawa from Almonte for the Christmas vacation and has been with Colonel and Mrs. Cartwright.

Mr. Jameson was the guest of Sir Richard and Lady Cartwright this week. Mr. Robin Jellett, of the Bank of Montreal, Toronto, has been removed to the head office in Montreal.

Mr. and Mrs. Hanev, Miss Hanev and Miss Eva Hanev, of Rossdale, left Toronto last week for the round trip of the world, and will not be expected to return home until the month of June.

Mr. Henry McGee, a Canadian warrior, who saw much service in the South African war, first in Lord Strathcona's contingent, and later in the South African Constabulary, arrived in New York on Monday, a passenger on the S.S. St. Louis.

Mr. and Mrs. St. John will sail for England shortly, to meet Mr. Street, who will be out from India on leave from his regiment.

Skating costumes are all the go at present. A pretty fancy is to line pleated skirts with plaid silks, so that the bright hue may show when the dark snow or clots meet, a full ruffle of the same being put inside the hem. Red cloth also is most effective when trimmed with very dark or very light fur. A plain white costume is extremely chic too, white broadcloth or serge and white tulle and furs.

Lady Dundonald and Lady Grizel Cochran were among the guests at the wedding in London, Lady Adelaide Meade to Capt. Stanley Colville, recently. The Prince of Wales, Princess Christian, Princess Victoria and Princess Henry of Battenberg were among the guests. There were a number of beautiful presents, including a large silver bowl from the king, a silver cup and tray from the Prince of Wales, a silver tea caddy from Princess Louise, and the Duke of Argyll, a fitted travelling bag from Princess Christian, and a pair of water-color pictures from Princess Henry of Battenberg.

Miss Hanington was the guest of her parents, Rev. Canon and Mrs.

Hanington, this week, in Ottawa. She will return to New York on Sunday.

The engagements of two most popular girls announced in Toronto on Christmas eve, interested everyone, and were the subject of sincere congratulation among a host of loving friends, namely, that of Miss Evelyn Falconbridge, daughter of Chief Justice Vincent J. Hughes, of Montreal, set of the late Mr. B. B. Hughes, of Toronto, and Miss Adele Falconbridge to Mr. Cav. Mulock.

The engagement is announced in Montreal of Miss Goldie Harris, daughter of Mrs. T. Harris, of St. John's, Newfoundland, to Mr. Harry Freedman, of Montreal.

A marriage will shortly take place between Mr. Arthur H. Aylmer Morton, M.P., and Evelyn, third daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Wilson Todd, of Hantsly Hall, Croft, Darlington, and Tranby Park, East Yorkshire. Mr. Wilson-Todd is related to one of the old families settled in St. John and Fredericton, New Brunswick.

At St. Mary, Macdunn's church, Melbourn, Bedfordshire, Eng., recently, the marriage took place of Mr. George Lawson-Johnston to Miss Laura St. John, one of the many daughters of Lord St. John, of Bletsoe. The bride, who arrived at the church with her father, who afterwards gave her away, wore a tulle and chiffon dress and white satin train trimmed with nose-point lace, chiffon and horsehoes of myrtle and white heather. Her tulle veil covered a wreath of orange blossoms, and she carried a bouquet of lilies and white heather, the gift of the groom.

The bride's train was carried by two pages, Mr. Edwin Lawson-Johnston, and among the bridesmaids were three of the bride's sisters, two sisters of the bridegroom, as well as Miss Duberly and Miss Harrison. They wore pink, crepe de chine, white hats trimmed with lace and pink roses, and muffs made of pink roses. Each wore a turquoise angle, the gift of the groom. Mr. Edwin Lawson-Johnston, of the Scots Greys, accompanied his brother as best man. About two hundred guests travelled by special train from London, and immediately after the service the wedding party adjourned to Melbourn Park, where Lady St. John held a reception. The wedding presents were on view, including a gold watch and chain from Lord and Lady St. John; a diamond tiara from Mrs. Lawson-Johnston; a diamond and pearl butterfly brooch from Lord and Lady Duncannon and presents of plate from Lord and Lady Oranmore, Lady Edith Playfair and many others. Mrs. Lawson-Johnston wore a gown of blue cloth, with hat and gloves of the same color. She wore a travelling coat of sealskin and sable. Mr. and Mrs. George Lawson-Johnston returned shortly before the holidays from their honeymoon on the continent, and were in residence at Mrs. Lawson-Johnston's country place, Raynham Hall, in time for Christmas.

The visitors at Government House, Ottawa, have been at Quebec seeing the glories of a Canadian winter in that most picturesque town. They stayed at the Chateau Frontenac, from which there is certainly one of the best views in the world.

Lady Curzon has arranged for the secluded women of high caste in India that they shall see something of the great durbar from behind a latticed part of the amphitheatre, also that the free Art Gallery of Delhi shall be reserved for women alone on certain days.

"Cynric Silver" is the latest fad for the society belle wherewith to adorn herself. The thread-like chains are beautifully made, and mainly of patterns reproduced from wonderful Celtic designs of past ages. Chains and ornaments of "Cynric" gold also are quite the most chic thing of the moment.

One of the latest novelties in London fashions is the "granny muff," which is huge—one of the most fashionable sizes is thirty inches round and a half a yard wide. A quite new shape is a copy of a melon. Muffs of fur and velvet are also doing the thing. Fur is embroidered, actually, squirrel coats with strappings of leather and epaulettes of the same. Mole-skin is ultra fashionable fur, and a beautiful rich dark color it is, and looks well as a short Russian coat, puffed and belted.

The dresses worn in the captivating play at the Haymarket, now delighting the London audiences, are of the early Victorian style, and are described as very charming, notably one of black chintilly lace, embroidered in gold, in a bold lead design; a full empire front with a blue bow descending from the top of the low bodice to the waist at the back, the sleeves falling to the elbow with under puffs of chiffon. Red bonnets are worn, also, caps of lace, and all singularly well in effect. The handsome Lady Dudley is wearing, at a great deal on the public occasions in which she appears. One was a gown of rich violet velvet embroidered with gold and black, with chinchilla furs, and a toque to match. Another was violet zibeline, with trimming of Russian squirrel and ermine, and hat to correspond.

Fudge, that dainty sweet to the tooth of the college girl, or anyone else has taken on some new touches lately. The basis is the same, and may be chocolate or vanilla fudge, to which are added chopped fruits, candied or dry. Stoned dates, figs, cherries, pineapples, candied nuts, preserved ginger—anything of the sort, and a little of each—are chopped in bits and stirred in while the mixture is hot, but just after it is taken from the stove. And by the way, an easy way to make the basis, given me by a girl who manages to have everything picnic which she puts her hand to, is to melt the chocolate in a milk, two cups of sugar, one cup of milk, and a quarter of a cake of chocolate together till the mass is bubbly and thickish, and then she beats it all 'till stiffens, and it's all right with no more bother.

The following story is included in Bishop Walsham How's delightful collection. A youth was up for examination on his qualifications for a mastership in one of the church schools of England, and in reply to the ques-

tion, "What is a church warden," he wrote, "A church warden is a godly layman, who appropriates the funds of the offertory, and acts as a check on the extravagance of the parochial clergy."

A Sunday school is not alone a place for imparting religious instruction to the young, but it is also a place where one gets much exercise in the difficult art of keeping one's visible faculties under a certain degree of control, as many a teacher can testify. Two Sundays ago, when the church brought before her children's minds, the subject of the Christian ministry, a teacher was instilling into her class of small boys the lesson of the day, and after having elucidated her remarks on the first two orders, bishops and priests, with illustrations drawn from life, and had reached the lowest order, she asked—"Now, boys, who comes next?" "I know," said the bright boy with gleeful joy, "the sexton."

Lace covered wrist bags and card cases are decidedly new and smart and are appropriate with dressy costumes. Mrs. Alfred G. Vanderbilt has a small bag of white Irish point lace, lined with white silk. It has gold mounts and hangs from a long, slender gold chain over her arm.

For a salad of celery and Brazil nuts, one cupful of shaved Brazil nuts and two cups of celery cut rather small. Mix with a cupful of mayonnaise dressing. Chicken may be added for festive occasions, but it is quite as delicious without. The Brazil nuts are easily prepared and they make the best of all nut salads.

A Chicago paper gives the following recipe for "Canadian Apple Pudding." One quart of quartered sour apples, one-half cup of sugar, one-fourth cup of water, a pinch of grated nutmeg. Bake these ingredients together for twenty minutes in a deep pudding dish; then remove and pour over the apples a cupful of following batter: One cupful of flour, one tablespoonful of salt, one beaten egg, two tablespoonfuls of soft butter. Return to the oven, increase the heat and bake for twenty minutes more. Serve with maple sauce.

BOER CONTINGENT. Will Serve With British in Somaliland.

Durban, Dec. 26.—Replying to an address of welcome on his arrival yesterday, Mr. Chamberlain said the object of his mission was two-fold. In the first place he wished to express, on behalf of the king and the government, sympathy with fellow subjects, and a desire to understand them better, and to cement their new relations. In the second place he was here to gain information which would only be gained on the spot. He appreciated the notion that by the wave of a magic wand they would settle every difficulty. Patience would be needed to accomplish this end. The difficulties that had been made, however, must not be thrown away. He hoped that self-government of the new colonies would soon come, but there could be no greater mistake than to hasten this prematurely. Mr. Chamberlain announced that the offer of a Boer contingent to serve with the British against the Mad Mullah in Somaliland had been accepted.

What Is Expected. New York, Dec. 27.—The Tribune's London cable says: Protests from the loyalists against the indifference to their losses during the war and remonstrances from the Boers against the annexation of Wakkerboom and Vredhof to Natal, are the chief discordant notes in the peacemaking triumph of Mr. Chamberlain's first day in Natal. The first stage of the colonial secretary's note-taking visit of inquiry is the easiest. The Transvaal and Orange River Colonies will offer more arduous tasks, and Cape Colony, with Sir Gordon Sprigg, supported by Dutch sympathizers with the rebellion and deserted by the loyalists, will be the most difficult ground.

HOMELESS WOMEN PROBLEM. Unable to Find Solution for Public Lodging-House.

London, Dec. 27.—The decision of the London county council to establish a common lodging house for women has excited the keenest interest. For years it has been a scandal that there is practically no place in London where a respectable woman finding herself suddenly homeless can take refuge.

Time after time philanthropists have discussed the matter. Lord Rowton and Mr. Farrar had plans and estimates drawn up and the Salvation Army went so far as to secure a site in Old Street, but neither scheme was pursued.

Glasgow corporation has for some time had a women's lodging house run as a family home, where widows with children can find cheap lodging, and can have their children cared for while they are out at work.

In managing a female lodging house the main problem is to decide what women shall be excluded. If all comers are admitted, the house would soon be unbearable. The rule that will probably be adopted in London is that the places will be open to all sober women who behave themselves while there, and who do not openly abuse the privileges.

It has so often been declared impossible to do successfully what the council now proposes that the experiment will be closely watched.

It Was A Canard. Paris, Dec. 27.—The rumor current here that Frederic Humbert, the husband of the notorious Mme. Humbert, of "Crawford Millions" fame, had been found dead in his cell in the jail at Madrid, had not the slightest foundation in fact. It was a sensational street rumor, and was disproved by the officials here, and formally denied from Madrid. The authorities are taking minute precautions against suicide.

\$2. And \$2.50 Pants For \$1.50. Prevost, of the New York Clothing Store, Brick street, is offering a great bargain in ready-made pants, ranging from \$2 to \$2.50 a pair, will be sold during the sale for \$1.50 a pair. This is the greatest bargain ever offered to the trade yet.

BIG OVERDRAFT OF THE CIVIC FIRE AND LIGHT COMMITTEE.

What the Books of the City Treasurer Show—Alderman Bell Sailing Under False Colors.

Kingston, Dec. 27.—(To the Editor.) One side of the story always sounds plausible until the other is told. It was much impressed by the related statements of Alderman Bell, that the fire and light committee of this year had been very saving, and would pass out of office with little or no deficit, having had a smaller appropriation and spending less money than any of the preceding committees since 1897. Out of curiosity I paid a visit to the office of City Treasurer Ireland and requested him to give me a statement of the figures, showing controllable and uncontrollable appropriations, and actual expenditures of the committee since 1897. He kindly took the trouble to furnish me with these totals. I find by them that the fire and light committee of 1902 will go out of office leaving a deficit of \$38,225, which is greater than that left by any of the committees of the year he named, excepting that of 1900.

As to appropriations. That of the fire and light committee of 1902 was \$9,000; only one committee within the period named by Alderman Bell had a larger one, that of 1899, which had \$9,254.25. But in 1899 council passed \$1,800 for a special and specific purpose, viz., the purchase of certain appliances for the fire department that were absolutely demanded by the insurance underwriters. So that deducting this \$1,800 from the committee's ordinary appropriation of that year would leave an actual appropriation of \$7,454.25. I might add that the committee of 1899 left office with a creditable surplus, as the city treasurer's books will show. It is, therefore, manifest that the fire and light committee of 1902 actually controlled \$18,000, and spent more profusely than any other of the preceding committees since 1897, that is as far back as my researches extended, as that covers the period named by Alderman Bell in his statements. I do not desire to trouble you readers with the figures, as statistics make dry reading, but if anybody asks for them, I will willingly furnish them through your columns, or they can do as I did, get them from the city treasurer.

Alderman Bell may attempt to show that the deficit of his committee is not as large as I have quoted by \$10. Let me explain that item. A week or two ago the committee sold one of the fire department horses for \$110. That money cannot be shown on a financial statement of the committee as an asset; the committee cannot spend the money except by re-vote of council. In one sense, the money does exist as an asset, but as against it there must appear the deficit of one horse. If it were possible for committees to acquire a surplus by this means, few of them would go out of office leaving a deficit.

Alderman Bell's statement, that his committee this year had a smaller appropriation than any preceding fire and light committee since 1897, is not borne out by the figures in the books of the city treasurer; neither is his second statement, that this year's committee carried on the work of the department with a smaller expenditure than any committee since 1897, and the same can be said of his third statement, that the committee will save sixty dollars. If he attempts to show a reduction of the committee's actual deficit, by the use of the \$110 obtained by the sale of a horse, he is sailing under false colors.

The committee of 1902 spent \$1,947.64 more than that of 1897; \$1,529.44 more than that of 1898; \$297.97 more than that of 1899; \$200 more than that of 1900; and \$182.81 more than that of 1901.—J. T.

MUST CONSIDER IT. Canadian Northern R.R. Will Ask For Aid.

Toronto, Dec. 27.—D. D. Mann, vice-president of the Canadian Northern railway, states that the company will apply for an act for its transcontinental line at the next session of the House of Commons. The company has not yet decided what it will ask for, but it is understood that no land grants are expected. In repeating a former statement that no negotiations were going on between the Canadian Northern and the Grand Trunk Pacific, Mr. Mann said, "There is room out west for all of us."

The news of the Venezuela dispute will be referred to The Hague tribunal is received by to-day's London news papers with little enthusiasm. It is feared that the affair will not be cleared up for many months.

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