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CIVIC NOMINATIONS.
 On Monday the electors will put in nomination those whom they desire to see made members of the city council in 1904, and in this ceremony they begin the process of selection which culminates in the polling of votes on January 4th. So far as the Whig can ascertain most of the old members of the council will seek re-election.

Alderman Craig retires from the re- presentation of Sydenham ward in or- der to become a candidate for the mayoralty; Alderman Bass and Mowat retire from St. Lawrence ward, and Alderman Walken leaves Ontario ward with which he has been so long iden- tified. Their places will have to be filled, and the people appear to be quite eager to secure as their suc- cessors men who will be equal, in business energy and usefulness, to every responsibility of office.

There may be other changes as a result of the next week's campaign- ing. Surprises in elections are not uncommon, and the most unexpected things will sometimes happen. Some critics of this year's council have pro- nounced it very good. It is even said to bear a favourable comparison with the best councils of former years. Mayor Bell has given it his approba- tion in what has been referred to as his farewell address. And yet opposi- tion is talked of in several of the wards. It may not materialize. Let us hope that it will only find expres- sion in a desire to improve the civic government and make it the very best.

An awakened public spirit, a marked manifestation of devotion to public affairs by the wiser and more ex- periented men, a willingness to make personal sacrifices in the people's in- terest, should be welcomed and applaud- ed. There should be discrimination, of course, between the selfish and un- selfish, between the simply good fel- lows and the men who have a ca- pacity for effective service, and the electors should make such a choice as will reflect the highest credit upon their judgment.

RE-ADJUSTING CIVIC AFFAIRS.
 A reader of the Whig asks if there is to be a consolidation of staffs, (when the electric lighting plant has become the property of the city) and if there will be employment for the present employees of the city and the Light, Heat and Power company.
 There will be many things to con- sider, and the first thing unquestion- ably will be the extent to which the employees can be utilized in their new relationships. Some years ago an at- tempt was made to bring all the civic financial departments under one head, and it failed because the only prom- ised result was the removal of one official who had been somewhat faulty in his work. The probable purchase of the electric works, however, forces upon our council some serious thought as to what can be done to bring the several departments into harmony, to promote efficiency on the most econom- ical basis.

It has occurred to some of the alder- men that in the course of time—under the circumstances which have been already cited—a committee will have to be appointed to go into this ques- tion and report upon it. The commit- tee will have to consider how the civic departments of other cities are ar- ranged, and how the departments here can be regulated so that they may conduct the city's business with the greatest convenience.

When the details have been discus- sed it may be that one of the officials, the oldest and most experienced, may be available for the office of control- ler. It may be that when the re- venues of the city, in taxes, in elec- tric light and gas and water rates, are swelled by many thousands of dollars a year that same one may be profitably employed as general super- visor, and he may, with all his time at the city's disposal, be able to act as permanent auditor as well. The man whose name has been associated with this position is now in the city's employment. Reference is made to Frank Ireland, the treasurer, af ex- pert accountant and for many years the chief adviser of the council in financial matters.

"It may take a couple of years to work towards the conditions which some of the aldermen contemplate, but these conditions are attainable. Meanwhile the audit which is follow- ed in London and Hamilton is very desirable—the audit that begins with the new council, continues during its term of office and is complete—the council of 1904 will do well to give it effect in its appointments at the in- augural meeting.

The industrial fair in Toronto paid well last year. Of the surplus cash the city gets \$70,000.

EDITORIAL NOTES.
 A manufacturer inveighs against the candy which is cheaper than sugar. Perhaps there is reason for his pro- test.
 La Patrie is opposed to the present preference tariff. It is not good for the protection which Mr. Tarte ad- vocates. Well, that is honest.
 Mr. Cowan, M.P., in an address in Renfrew, said, "the conservatives pur- suing elections was like a man swallow- ing a potato bug and then taking a dose of Paris green."

Mr. Tarte was offered the conserva- tive nomination in Berthier county and took it into consideration. Wise man. If there is a softer place to fall Mr. Tarte will select it.

The Dominion Mail Association will ask the government to permanent- ly abolish the canal tolls. The experi- ence of the season is the best evi- dence of the wisdom of this course.

W. H. Brainard suggests that as tipping cannot be suppressed a scale rate be adopted commensurate with the service which is rendered. The corrective is nearly as bad as the evil it- self.

A "liberal" alderman of Pembroke is said to have gone vote hunting with Gamay in North Renfrew. The poli- ties of any man who makes a chum of Gamay is seriously open to ques- tion.

The Mail refers to one meeting which Mr. Stratton attended as a failure. The World says the provincial secre- tary "received a splendid ovation." The same pen may have produced both reports.

Mayor McClellan, of New York, is being hooped for the presidency of the United States. Tammany Hall can control elections in New York, but it is not very much in evidence in a general election.

The voting proceeds in North Ren- frew to-day. The tory papers say the machine is in operation. It is quite likely. Bob Birmingham can hardly have spent nine months in the riding to no purpose.

A plan has been devised by which, it is said, milk can be kept, in a pre- served condition, for several years. Embalmed, eh? The Whig has heard of it. It may be good—for mummies not for live men nor even babies.

The fact has been commented on that Mr. Stratton and Mr. Gamay did not meet on the public platform. Neither did Mr. Whitney and Mr. Gamay meet in the same manner, and it is a very remarkable circumstance.

The Mail has a report about a new ballot box which is in use in North Renfrew, a Yankee concern, and capable of switching and spoiling ballots. As such a box cannot be used the absurdity of the story is quite appar- ent.

The court of appeal has declined to order a new trial for W. H. Callaghan. Which puts a quietus on the conserva- tive yarn that the man did not get a fair trial and justice. One paper heads the decision of the court, "A Rebuke to Anarchy."

Montreal and Ottawa ran municipal fuel yards last winter when coal was scarce and a famine was in prospect. They lost money. But what they did in the public interest they would be justified in doing again under similar circumstances.

CAN'T GET BACK AT LEAST FOR FIVE YEARS TO COME

After Passing The By-Law to Wipe Out Wards—Better Stay Where We Are Until We Know More.

Kingston, Dec. 24.—(To the Edit- or.) Many citizens who think favor- ably of the proposed change in the method of electing the city council have expressed their satisfaction now that a by-law for the desired pur- pose is to be submitted for their ap- proval, and many others are at the same time advancing reasons against the change and declaring their intention to vote against it. Probably both classes are equally pleased that the question has been submitted for their decision. In fact, as the con- sideration of the ratemakers, by majority vote, is required before the law can be changed the submission of the by-law was practically inevitable once the question has come directly before the council, for no alderman could be ex- pected to refuse to leave his election or defeat to the larger constituency of the whole city, and in a matter af- fecting the status of his own ward, ratemakers each member of council nat- urally and properly enough refrained from any attempt to put a summary end to the question. In a money vote similar matter council owes a duty to the ratemakers to block a danger- ous by-law and prevent it from going to the polls, where it would probably meet those interested in its passage, while those opposed to it would prob- ably stay at home. The present ques- tion, however, once up for decision, was the property of the ratemakers and was properly allowed to live long enough for them to kill it, if it is to be dealt with at all. It is sincerely hoped that they will use good judgment in the matter.

The principal arguments that have been used in favor of the by-law are: (1) that each voter will have a voice in the election of the whole council, and that each voter is thereby ben- efitted; (2) that only worthy representa- tives can be elected in a general vote, or at least that the weaker men will be eliminated; (3) that the present council will thus be improved; while incidentally the canvassing evil will be lessened as few will care to canvass the whole city; (4) that the present con- flict of ward against ward will cease, and the city no longer be divided against itself.

The first argument is good and will, at least, stand on its own legs while we look at the others. The second argument is plausible and could natu- rally enough justify a hope of the good results it suggests, but for a serious intervening difficulty, namely, the in- fluence of politics and of such other forces as are strong enough to exer- cise a controlling influence upon the vote. Men say these influences are al- ready felt in ward elections. Even when that does happen, however, one ward can correct or offset another, and the total result is likely to be unfair or oppressive. Un- der the proposed plan, on the other hand, any dominant power or influ- ence could be so strong enough to elect its whole ticket of twenty-one al- dermen. Can any fair-minded man say that such a result would not be de- plorable? Surely the danger involved in this second argument must destroy its effectiveness unless it is supported by an incidental advantage referred to above in the matter of the canvassing evil which would not be great enough to encour- age us to accept the risks of the "straight ticket."

The third argument begs the ques- tion. It assumes that it is an un- mixed evil to have ward opposed to ward, and that it would be an unmix- ed blessing to have the council peace- fully quiescent on all matters of local policy. This might be true if each alderman received a fair salary, and could and would devote his whole time to the task of correcting wrongs and rendering unbiased judic- ments for the welfare of the whole municipality. But these premises are contrary to the fact. No alderman would be so free to devote his time to investigation of all the difficulties ex- isting throughout the whole city, and so long as these matters are not re- lated entirely to permanent civic de- cisions they would receive treatment that would be rather by chance than by good judgment. The fact is that direct representation of each dis- trict in the city is a necessity unless permanent officials are given greater power and greater responsibility; and while the opposition of one ward to another in the division of funds is bad enough, the proposed "happy family" idea might prove much worse, especially if the probabilities approx- imate and men whose business connec- tions and interests lie in the centre of the city proved to be the only ones well enough known to win out in a gen- eral election. We might secure an evil, but the outlying districts would quite probably enjoy the same repre- sentation that North Renfrew has en- joyed since the provincial representa- tive died a year and a half ago. A boardwalk such as the long stretch out Union street west, condemned one year and the next year definitely resolved to be torn up and replaced by a new one, might rot away altogether if its own accord if there were no ward representatives to continue their repeat- ed and urgent demands and to insist upon fair and final treatment at the very outset of the third season when it comes.

To go back to the remaining argu- ment—the first cited. I may say it commends itself to me as only fair to the whole body of citizens. If we grant the abstract principle involved in it, however, would we not also have to argue for parliamentary elections on the same lines and ask that the honorable member for Kingston and the honorable member for anywhere else should hold their respective seats by virtue not only of the will of their respective electoral districts but also by virtue of a majority vote of the whole list of voters in Canada? Those of us who believe confederation was a good thing and who hope to see the whole country even further united, would have to do so anyway. The thought suggests itself here that there are some voters in Kingston who may not consider themselves favored on crossing and to put twenty-one crosses and a ballot containing perhaps forty or fifty names; also that many free and independent electors if they really

exercised their franchise, would prob- ably use judgment for a few votes and record the balance of the twenty-one haphazard. When I went into the whole question with the city solicitor, some time before the present by-law came up, it was mainly this cumbers- some ballot which decided me to drop the idea of bringing the matter into council.

There are, no doubt, many argu- ments on each side to which I have not referred. N. P. Wood's recent let- ter contains valuable information re- garding the effect of the system in other municipalities. Am I have done has been to point out that what are considered the main reasons for the by- law, certain serious intrinsic defects, and as themselves suggest reasons for hesitation.

Let me close by ringing the changes once more on Hamlet's soliloquy al- ready quoted in part by Mr. Givens and Dr. Ackroyd. The former would have us bear those ill we have rather than flee to others that we know not of. The latter points out that Ham- let was contemplating death, while we are easily returned if we find the new ills we are contemplating are worse than those we now bear. Let me add that we are approaching an "undis- covered country from whose horne no traveller returns" for at least five years. Sub-section 7, of section 70 of the consolidated municipal act of 1903, makes this clear.

—FRANCIS KING.

THE OLD LANDS.

Mail News Of General Public In- terest.
 There are sixty cases of small-pox in Glasgow.
 The Glasgow Samaritan hospital bazaar realized £23,240.
 An earl is one of the applicants for the chief constabulary of Fife.
 Piper Milne, who distinguished him- self at Barga, has been appointed keeper at the house of the late Mr. and Mrs. David Hoggie, a happy Auclerarder couple, have celebrated the sixty-fifth anniversary of their wedding.

An average of 2,090 lives are lost yearly among British seamen; 4,000 French lost 250; the Germans, 400; United States, 1,100.
 About £2,000 was realized by the exhibition and sale of Irish manu- factures held at Windsor, and visited by the king and queen.
 Lieut.-Col. Forbes Maclean, B.C., retires from the command of the first battalion of Gordon Highlanders at the Glasgow Garrison.
 The formal handing over of Pitme- crief Park and Glen (Carnegie's gift) to Dunfermline, took place in presence of over 20,000 persons.
 The Perth ladies' choir, which has ceased its work now that the quar- antine is over, during its three years of singing, collected £31,000.
 The manuscript of Milton's "Para- dise Lost" will be sold by auction by Sotheby and Co. on March 15, unless previously disposed of at private sale.

Mr. Kate Purnell, South Croyned, accidentally trod on a piece of wire, the sharp point of which punctured the big toe, and she died from lock- jaw.
 From recent experiments there seems little doubt that the coming engine for torpedo boat destroyers, to which speed is a paramount necessity, is the turbine.
 The death occurred at Hasler Naval hospital of Fleet-Surgeon Gilbert Kay- let. While performing an operation he contracted blood poisoning through having pricked a finger.
 Lord Rosebery unveiled a memorial tablet erected in St. Giles' cathedral, Edinburgh, to officers and men of the Royal Scots who lost their lives in the South African war.

James Henstock, of Matlock, Bath, head postman who has walked 225, 300 miles, delivered 9,198,000 letters and carried 600 tons of mails during his forty-two years of service, has been awarded an Imperial Service Or- der by the king.
 The second battalion of Royal Dub- ling Fusiliers got a great reception in Dublin. The regiment, returned from Aden, where they were detained on their voyage home from South Africa owing to the disturbances in the Hin- ducostal, are stationed at Butevant, county Cork.

Some people in London earn respect- able livings solely by exercising dogs, and some who do live are ladies. In every suburb and park these exercisers of dogs may be seen every day, and one gentleman pays fifteen shillings a week for the walking-out of his bull- dog, the young fellow who under- takes the job having a dozen other employers.
 The British admiralty has issued re- gulations to secure the earlier retire- ment of naval officers when not em- ployed in active service by increasing the rate of retired pay. It will also ensure speedier promotion to younger officers. The number of admirals is increased from eleven to twelve, vice- admirals from twenty-one to twenty- two; rear admirals from thirty-seven to fifty-five.

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Member Of Parliament Dies.
 London, Dec. 26.—Charles Lindsay Orr-Ewing, member of parliament for the borough of Air, Scotland, died on Thursday. He was born in 1860.
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