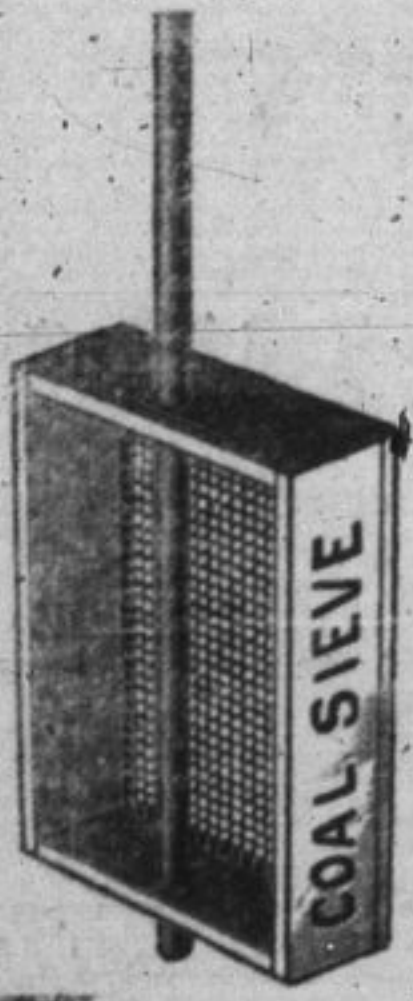


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SOME WILD FINANCING. Ottawa had, some time ago, a bank discount of \$120,000, and securities which it could not sell except at a heavy loss. There was the alternative of borrowing from the capitalists of England and abiding a change in the times. The city negotiated a loan of \$750,000, and at the present time it has on deposit \$200,000 at three and one-half per cent., while it is paying eight per cent. to Parr's Bank, of London. Since the loan was floated taxes to the extent of \$300,000 have been collected, and the marvel now is what the city, wanted with three-quarters of a million of dollars. There seems to be something wild about this financing, and in a city where financiers are so numerous that they are tripping over each other.

HANDING OUT LEMONS. The Montreal Gazette thinks L'Evenement's libel of the Quebec ministers and legislators light when the damages amounted to only \$25 and costs in each case. The total is \$3,000, and Judge Lemieux said he would have made the penalty heavier had the defendant company been able to stand it. "A paper that tried," says the Gazette, "should be able to libel a statesman more than \$25 worth." Yes, the Gazette has the capacity for destructive criticism, and occasional y sees how near it can get to saying offensive things of the liberal leaders, but it is extremely careful not to include in the luxury of libel suits. It controls itself generally with handing out lemons.

WILL BLOOD BE SPILLED? The relations between the Japanese and the masses in Vancouver, are very much strained, nor are they likely to be relaxed by the further arming of hostile parties. It is illegal for one to go around with revolvers or knives. The Japanese were caught at a disadvantage in September, when, in the assaults that were made upon them, they had to resort to broken bottles as a means of self-defence. Now they are said to be ready for war at a moment's notice. There is, as it were, a powder magazine in an exposed place, and a spark may cause its explosion at any moment. The hope of peace lies in the news which Mr. Lemieux brings from Japan. As if expecting that it means restriction in immigration from the Orient, hundreds of Japanese are said to be on their way from Hawaii. They must be headed off. To land them now and under present circumstances, is to invite a renewal of the conflict and a wholesale sacrifice of life.

THE MAYORALTY CONTEST. The mayor-elect for 1908 is Ald. Dr. Ross, and he will enter upon the performance of his important duties on Monday next.

The defeat of Ald. Toye is to be regretted. He submitted his case to the judgment of his peers, and whatever one may think of the result he accepts in good spirit. He served the city long and faithfully, and gave to it a great deal of his time, and felt there was only one acknowledgment it could make. It can hardly be assumed that experience and labour are not valued by the people. They simply allowed other considerations to divert their attention for the time being. Ald. Ross did not depend upon his public record for public favour. He was still a young member of the civic legislature when a numerous signed petition beguiled him into the contest. He was, as he intimated, in the hands of his friends, and they certainly made good any promises of success. There is no virtue in moralizing upon the results. The agencies at work in support of Ald. Ross simply outranked those at work in behalf of Ald. Toye, and the registers of the polls tell the rest. The mayor of this new year will have his own cares and anxieties, and let us hope he will be equal to his tasks. He must be gratified with the preference that has been shown to him, and no doubt, as one whose interests are centred here, he will do his very best for the city.

THE COUNCIL OF 1908. The city council has not been much affected by the elections. There could not be many changes under the new municipal system which Kingston is trying. Only one alderman in each ward went out of office, and four of them were re-elected by acclamation. Two others contested the mayorality under peculiar conditions. They did not have to resign their seats. The defeated candidate is still a member of the city council.

In two wards there were elections, because the men retiring did not ask for the endorsement of the people, and those who served them by bringing

to the city a business and technical knowledge of very great advantage.

The council will have some important questions before it, questions that will test its judgment fully. These were outlined in the Whig recently. Our public utilities are on trial. There are evidences that something better than an annually changing committee is required for an expanding business. Enough has been said at the polls, in connection with the works of last year, to suggest that the cheap job is not the best job; that contracts have to be founded on carefully made plans and specifications, and that the thing aimed at, on capital account, is work that will be enduring.

Last year there was an appreciable absence of the partisan spirit in the striking of committees, and prudence suggests a repetition of the experience. There are places for which some men are particularly fitted, and to these places, on their merits, they should be assigned. Then there will be some assurance of satisfactory service.

QUESTIONS VOTED ON. The people have seldom had before them at one time so many questions on which they were asked to express an opinion as in the elections, Monday. The works department has received a mandate to demonstrate what it can do with a small amount of money in buying plant, acquiring a quarry, and proceeding to build streets that will stand the traffic reasonably. There are some who do not think the sum asked will enable the council to do very much in the way of street making. The vote would have been larger had there been a great assurance of ultimate success. The department, however, has been given all the money if wanted, and it will have to make good its undertaking. The preparations for active service will, it is assumed, be started at once.

The school board may be satisfied with the vote on the two questions submitted by it. The proceedings of the year will, at any rate, show how it interprets the referendum. A free form in the Collegiate Institute means an addition on this account, of \$1,500 to the civic budget. The vote is in favor of this and by a small majority. A free institute, in all classes and departments, means an addition of \$6,000 to the budget, and the majority against this is large. What is the inference? That the people favour education, in the high school, at the public expense. The free first form will follow, from the beginning of the next school year.

The Queen street sewer has been authorized, and it will be constructed as soon as possible. It means the carrying of the refuse from the gas plant further into the harbour. It is not, however, and cannot be a permanent improvement. As time passes all that passes through the city drains into the harbour will have to be conveyed to a pond and treated there. Eventually the sewage will have to be kept away from the water that goes into domestic consumption as it is now kept in Hamilton and as it must be in Toronto before very long.

EDITORIAL NOTES. Again we find that few men can win office without canvassing.

Virtue has its own reward. It is well. It is the only reward which is going some times.

Is the contract system in connection with the council the best? What is the experience of last year?

For the quietest election on record there was a lot of voting yesterday. How can you account for it?

Ottawa has a board of control. It is practically a paid commission, whose plans, when developed, are endorsed or rejected by the council.

The taxes will go up this year with a bound. That is the meaning of a year vote on so many of the issues that were laid before the people.

Australia is determined that the Orientals will not get a place in its territory. In other words the southern colony of Great Britain will remain a white man's land.

It is to be hoped no alderman will go to the polls at the end of this year with the plea that he did not know about some things that were done because he disliked to investigate.

The post office salary list does not excite the people and create a furrow for the public service. How can brainy young men be expected to

go into the post office department at the compensation that is offered?

The water department should examine its accounts to realize the effects of its recent close-parring. Why did it not go a little farther when it was making a change in the rates?

Some English suffragettes have come to America to stir up an agitation in favour of their cause. They do not seem to be aware that the United States had its women's suffrage advocates forty years ago.

VETERAN TOWNSHIP CLERK Presided at Nominations—Faults in County Affairs.

Sharpton, Jan. 6.—Perhaps there was never a larger or more intelligent audience in the historic town hall, Catarauqui, then on nomination day, when Mr. Simpson, the veteran township clerk, who has graced the position for over a quarter of a century, announced that the time for nominations had closed, and that the speeches would now begin. The speaking continued for four hours and for the most part was listened to with marked attention. The electors seemed aroused to the fact that it was necessary to take an interest in the affairs of the township and county. There was much criticism of the way business was managed during the past year. The erection of Loughboro' Lake bridge, and Grays' bridge, came in for a good deal of fault-finding. It was pointed out that Grays' bridge, although not on a road travelled much by the public, would probably cost \$2,500. It was also pointed out that the county was fast running into debt, and the floating debt now is \$60,000.

One speaker said that taxes were getting to be a good deal heavier, and significantly remarked, "Where is this thing going to stop?" The consolidated debt of the county will be wiped out on December 31st, 1909. It now looks as though by that time there might be another big debt for consolidation.

Several of the speakers spoke feelingly of Reeve Aylesworth, who is very ill, all agree that as a public man he did what he believed was right. At the annual school meeting, H. Vrooman, chairman, S. Somerville was elected trustee, D. Kain not the job of supplying wood, and J. W. Bodd that of building the fire and other incidental work. There was a large party at Joseph Koen's, on Wednesday. Mr. Hanley is drawing a lot of sand from Harrowsmith, in preparation for the erection of his basement barn. As the winter is not so severe, fodder is holding out very well.

BUDGET FROM FLINTON. What Has Recently Transpired in This Village.

Flinton, Jan. 4.—A turkey shoot was held at the village hotel. There were about forty turkeys and geese disposed of. A dance was held on Christmas night at Thomas Woods'. People are now waiting for the marshes to freeze up to draw their marsh hay. The Christmas entertainment, "Uncle Tom's Cabin," was acted by local talent. The election of school trustees took place on December 26th. Amos Dufoe was elected. Nomination took place December 30th at noon in the town hall. There are many contestants. For Reeve, J. W. Kimmery and J. M. Dufoe. The councillors are: John Bryden, William Horridge, Christopher North Dakota, and George Thompson. Eli Lessard was also nominated but has resigned. The Christmas entertainment was a success in every way. The church was crowded and \$54 was realized. Nelson Craig and his sister, Mrs. Harris, are guests at the home of R. W. Kimmery. J. W. Aikens, of Weichill, Sask., spent Christmas with his relatives here. Mrs. W. J. Wagar and family are visiting at the home of her mother here. Mrs. Wagar left here about ten years ago for Garland, Man. Mr. and Mrs. Dolphus Fasteau, from Langdon, North Dakota, are visiting relatives here. Rev. T. Wallace, Mrs. Wallace and family spent New Year's with Mr. and Mrs. W. Cassada, Perry Road.

RAPID WORK. Developing and Printing For Cinematograph Displays.

As regards the rapidity with which daily events can be photographed and shown within an hour or two to the general public, the following account of the arrangements made for the Grand National 1907 race will suffice to give some idea of this. Six taking machines were at work on different points of the racecourse, and a special van was in readiness for the films to be developed while on route to London. The moment the race was over the train started, and while running full speed homeward the operators were hard at work developing. In fact, not only were the films developed, but they were washed and dried on a special mechanical drum.

On arrival a motor car in waiting carried the film quickly to the printing establishment, where 520 feet of it was printed on to the positive film. As soon as this was dried it was rushed off to the Alhambra, Empire and Oxford theatres, and shown to an almost incredulous audience. When the final cup tie was played at the Crystal Palace a motor car drove the film to London, and within three hours a cinematograph display of the match was given.

The royal wedding which took place recently at Wood Norton, was another occasion on which remarkable celerity was displayed by the energetic cinematographers. The bridegroom and the procession were photographed with apparatus which had been perfectly adjusted beforehand. The moment the necessary photographs were secured the films were rushed through at breakneck speed, and, as is well known, the wedding ceremony was shown to Londoners on the evening of the same day.

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Occurrences In The City And Vicinity—Other Brief Items of Interest Easily Read And Remembered

Fodder Held Out. Bicknell's Corners, Jan. 6.—Several attended the oyster supper at Cambden East given by the Chosen Friends. Many are much interested in social option, which we hope will succeed. John Simmons has traded horses with Arthur Ward, Harrowsmith. Clarence and Bernier Emberley visited at A. Emberley's last week. Mr. and Mrs. Judge at William Hen's on New Year's day. Nelson Amey is disposing of his hay. Owing to our mild winter, so far, the farmers' feed is doing well. Some people thought they would be buying feed by now. Peter Stover makes his usual trips to Camden East.

Willetsholme Notes. Willetsholme, Jan. 4.—A pretty wedding took place at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Bell when their daughter, Maggie, was united in marriage to Mr. Hefferty. Miss Ella Wilson, who had her arm badly scalded, has recovered. Mr. and Mrs. H. Orr and family spent Christmas with Mrs. Fisher, Sealey's Bay. Miss Eula Wilson is spending a few days at Enterprise. H. M. Winborn spent a few days among the Thousand Islands. Miss Lillie Toland, Kingston, is engaged as teacher of the public school for this year. Miss M. Edwards, teacher of Ballantyne school, has returned to her home at Carleton Place.

The Opinions Hockeyists. Lake Opinicon, Jan. 3.—Our annual box social was held on the 30th. The Opinicon hockey team played a game with Perth Road team, which ended in favor of Perth Road. M. Hughson has bought the Barr farm, and O. Campson the Claxton farm. Our school starts on Monday, the 6th, with J. Darling as teacher. We regret Davidson's leaving as he has been our teacher for a number of years; we wish him success in his new school. W. H. Sly and daughter, Willetsholme, visited friends here recently. Mr. and Mrs. Levi Phake spent a few days at Lyndhurst. Misses Nina Guthrie and Louise Hughson visited friends at Elgin last week. J. Shearer spent the past two weeks with his uncle here. Mrs. Darling is spending a few days with her son, Alexander, of this place.

Janetown Jottings. Janetown, Jan. 4.—Eli Tennant has been visiting friends in Syracuse. James Scott and Miss Annie Scott spent Friday and Saturday of last week with friends here. Roy Fair was renewing old acquaintances here last week. George Warren and bride, of Winnipeg, spent last week's guests of his parents here. Mrs. Mary Summers, Lansdowne, spent New Year's with her son, A. E. Summers. John Quinn, Lansdowne, made a business trip through here on Wednesday last. Stanley Gibson, Caintown, is spending this week at Alexander Tennant's. Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Wells spent Thursday last at Thomas Franklin's. Harry Avery, Brookville, is spending his Christmas holidays with friends here. Messrs. Alvin and Henry Avery spent a few days at North Augusta, guest of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Thomson. Miss J. Washburne, school teacher, for 1908, will open school on Monday, January 6th.

Harlowe Happenings. Harlowe, Jan. 4.—The oyster supper in the hall was well attended. Mrs. George Wheeler spent a few days this week visiting at Arden. Mrs. Parks and Miss Cora Parks were visiting at W. Black's last Thursday. Mrs. C. Miller spent New Year's at Mrs. C. Bots'—Misses Myrtle and Edith Thompson and brother, Caspar, are attending the convention at Madoc. P. Peaterson was visiting in this vicinity for a few days. Mrs. E. Palmateer spent last Wednesday at Mrs. W. Black's. Mrs. C. Miller and Miss H. Critchley are visiting at Mrs. E. Palmateer's. Some of the young people attended the oyster supper at Cloyne, on the 1st. Clarence Hall was renewing acquaintances here, this week, and all were pleased to see him. Miss L. Kinley received a message that her guardian is very low, and she intends leaving for Ottawa on Monday. Mrs. George Wood and son, Leslie, are visiting friends near Arden. Miss Cora Parks and Mrs. L. Kinley have gone to Arden. It is reported that the chessmaker has sold his factory to Mr. Gibbs, of Parham. All are sorry to hear that J. Black is going to leave, as he has always taken such an interest in the factory. Miss Clara Black spent the last week at her uncle's, J. Miller.

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