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SIXTEENTH YEAR — FRIDAY MORNING OCTOBER 18 1895. — ONE CENT.

A "CIRCUITOUS CONTRIVANCE"

Of the Consumers' Gas Company Exposed.

JUSTICE FERGUSON'S JUDGMENT

Of Startling Findings and Strict Accountings Ordered.

Relief in Sight For Gas-Users—Reserve Fund and Other Moneys Misapplied—An Exhaustive Accounting Ordered Before a Referee—Where Did the Reserve Fund Go?—The Badger Drawn at Last.

In the next column will be found the judgment in the action of Johnston v. Consumers' Gas Company as settled between the parties. The action was heard by Mr. Justice Ferguson on May 30 and 31 last, in the form of a special case. All the facts having been admitted, it was only necessary for the court to construe the Act of the Provincial Legislature, 50 Vic., chap. 85, assented to on April 23, 1887, amending the company's acts of incorporation, as it was charged that the company had violated the provisions of that act. On Sept. 9 last His Lordship delivered a remarkably able and most exhaustive judgment with reasons for it, going fully into all the matters in the special case, and answering all the questions adversely to the contentions of the company, and to their construction of the statute. The judgment now published contains the substance of His Lordship's judgment. The matters involved in the action are of a most complicated and highly technical character, and it is only after a very careful consideration that the ordinary mind can begin to grasp the mass of facts and figures in issue. It was largely owing to these complications that the gas company was able for years to fix the price of gas at an exorbitant figure and deliberately commit acts that were prohibited by the statute, 50 Vic., chap. 85. This act was only passed with the consent of the city officials, and at their instance were inserted many of its provisions, which the judgment now holds have been disobeyed and in not long ago compelling the company to obey the statute those officials have been guilty of gross neglect of duty. But nothing was done until a private person, acting on behalf of himself and all the other consumers of gas in Toronto, instituted the present action.

Drawing the Badger.

In the popular sport known as badger-baiting, a dog goes into the badger's hole, seizes him by the nose and drags him out for the benefit of the crowd—the plaintiff in this action, in laying bare to the citizens of Toronto the devious methods of the gas company, has adopted the tactics of drawing the badger. It is to be hoped that the city will no longer neglect to safeguard the interests of the citizens, but will as far as possible assist and encourage the conduct of this action, until this insolent corporation recedes from a position which Judge Ferguson holds to be dishonest and illegal. The company has given notice of appeal and intends, after the usual manner of wealthy and unscrupulous corporations, to exhaust every court in the realm before doing an act of simple justice to the gas consumer, by reducing the price of gas and repaying what the judgment declares it has for some years past overcharged. It is expected the appeal will be heard at the November sittings of the Court of Appeal, and it will require at least a year before its final disposition by the Judicial Committee of the English Privy Council.

A Circuitous Contrivance Exposed.

The gas company by its act of incorporation, 11 Vic., chap. 14, which came into force on April 23, 1848, was forbidden to pay to the shareholders out of profits a higher dividend than ten per cent. per annum. In 1886 it petitioned the Provincial Legislature for power to increase the capital stock from $1,000,000 to $2,000,000; this was opposed by the city of Toronto. The ground of opposition was to prevent the company from distributing among its shareholders unearned profits in the shape of premiums on its new stock, and also to secure a reduction in the price of gas. After protracted discussions the city withdrew its opposition on certain terms and conditions which related to the application and investment of the company's funds—prevented the shareholders from obtaining more than the ten per cent. per annum dividend, and also caused a reduction in the price of gas to the consumers—and these terms and conditions were embodied in the act, 50 Vic., chap. 85. Mr. Justice Ferguson now holds that the company has not obeyed the act, and the effect has been to keep up the price of gas. It was intended that the company would fix a price for gas—sufficient with its other profits to pay working expenses, directors' fees, an annual dividend of ten per cent., and to establish and maintain the various funds directed by the act—and when it had sufficient money for these purposes it would reduce and keep down the charge for gas. The surplus profits coming to the company over and above the amounts required by the act for these purposes were very large, but instead of being applied to the reduction of the price of gas, they were misapplied in various ways. Large sums, amounting in all to $108,000, were improperly written off for alleged depreciation in plant, and also were sunk in the purchase and construction of extensive and unnecessary plant, land and building material, and this is one of the accounts ordered to be taken by the judgment. It is charged that the object of this useless plant and building material—besides keeping up the charge for gas—was to form an asset of the company, so that in the event of a sale the proceeds might be handed over to the shareholders, giving them larger profits than the law allowed, and being the equivalent of a bonus on their shares and an excessive dividend—thus evading and defeating the statute. The judgment states the law to be that what cannot be done directly cannot be done by a "circuitous contrivance."

Money That Went Into Plant.

A forcible example of the company's equivocal business methods will be found in connection with the formation of the reserve fund. It opened an account in its books called the "Reserve Fund Account," to the credit of which there was on Oct. 1, 1893, the sum of $[illegible]58.13—of this sum there was on that day $221,967.37 invested in municipal debentures, and on Oct. 1, 1894, there was $129,246.53 in debentures, and the balance of the sum of $742,758.13 had previously thereto been invested in the acquisition of land, buildings, plant, and for the purposes of the business. Judge Ferguson holds that this is not a compliance with the act at all, because, to quote His Lordship's words, "opening the account and making entries and figures thereto is no compliance with the requirements of the act, respecting the rest or reserve fund, except so far as there may be in hand the cash or securities of the kind mentioned in the last clause of section four of the act." And he further holds that the act forbids the investment of the reserve fund or any portion of it in land, buildings and plant or for the business purposes of the company.

His Lordship Answers Questions.

In the judgment the questions answered and the accounts ordered to be taken cover the whole business of the company since April 23, 1887. Some of them are purely technical and will serve as a guide in taking the accounts. The accounts directed are most searching and far-reaching in their effects. Among the questions in the special case answered by the judgment, the following are particularly interesting to the gas consumer: It is declared that it is ultra vires of the company, or prohibited by the statute, 50 Vic., chap. 85, to invest or use the reserve fund, or any portion of it, the premiums on stock, or any portion thereof, in the purchase and construction of plant and buildings, or generally in the company's business, and it is further declared that (save as stated in the special case) the company did not establish, maintain and invest the rest or reserve fund in accordance with 50 Vic., chap. 85. It is declared that it was ultra vires of the company to write off sums of money from profits for depreciation in plant.

Accounts to Be Taken.

A reference is also directed to take a large number of accounts, among which may be mentioned the following: An account of all moneys received by the company from all sources since April 23, 1887; an account of all moneys disbursed by the company in its business and in the purchase of buildings and plant out of the paid-up capital, out of the reserve fund, out of the plant and buildings renewals fund, and out of all other moneys, including moneys received from premiums on stock since that date. An account since that date of the profits; Of the amount realized from premiums on sale of stock; of the amount to be added to the rest or reserve fund, until the same was properly formed; of all moneys invested in plant not in actual use; of the amount invested from the paid-up capital in plant and buildings in actual use on April 23, 1887, and since; an account showing amounts actually paid for gas rents by the gas consumers of Toronto since April 23, 1887, and showing the excess, if any, which has been paid to the company over and above the amount which should have been paid in accordance with the statute 50 Vic., chap. 85, and an account showing the amounts improperly written off against profits or the reserve fund for depreciation in plant from April 23, 1887.

If the judgment of Mr. Justice Ferguson should be affirmed by the court of final resort—which there is every reason to believe will be done—the net result to the gas consumer will be a reduction in the price of gas of about twenty-eight or thirty cents per thousand feet, and the company will be compelled to repay to the gas consumers the large amounts it has for some years past overcharged.

HIS LORDSHIP'S JUDGMENT.

What He Finds and What He Orders to be Done—A Reference of Some Kind to Take Place.

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE,
Chancery Division.

In Court Monday the ninth day of September, A.D. 1895.

BETWEEN:—

J. T. Johnston and the Toronto Type Foundry Company (Limited), who sue on behalf of themselves as well as on behalf of all other consumers of gas furnished by the defendants in the City of Toronto, Plaintiffs,

and

The Consumers' Gas Company of Toronto Defendants.

1. This action coming on to be heard before this court on the 30th and 31st days of May, A.D. 1895, upon a special case agreed to by the parties hereto and filed by the plaintiffs herein.

2. Upon opening of the matter and upon hearing read the defendants' demurrer and the pleadings and other proceedings with the special case, in which the following questions are submitted for the opinion of the Court:—

(1) Whether the plaintiffs or either of them have or has a right to maintain this action.

(2) Whether the defendants were obliged to include in the Rest or Reserve Fund, which the Act 50 Victoria, cap. 85, directed or authorized them to have: (a) The moneys which the company had standing to the credit of profit and loss account, (b) to the credit of contingent account at the time of the passage thereof, and (c) all the money received from premium of stock on the sale of stock authorized by the Act to be sold until the said fund amounted to fifty per cent. of the paid-up capital of the company.

(3) Was it ultra vires of the company to invest or use the Reserve Fund or any portion of it in the purchase or construction of their plant or buildings or in their business generally?

(4) Was it ultra vires of the company to invest the premiums received on the sale of stock or any part thereof in the erection of buildings until the Rest or Reserve Fund had been found equal to one-half of the paid-up capital of the company?

(5) Whether the defendants did establish, maintain, invest and use the Rest or Reserve Fund in accordance

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SHAW HAD $50,000 AT STAKE

THE SELF-CONFESSED BIGAMIST'S MOTIVE FOR SURRENDERING.

His Father Who Learned of His Son's Escapade Left His Estate to Him Conditional on His Clearing His Name, Otherwise the Money is to be Devoted to Charity.

Hugh Shaw, charged with bigamy, appeared before Judge McDougall again yesterday morning and was remanded on his own bail until time could be had to hear from the first wife in Winnipeg, who was a Miss Hall.

His father, George Shaw, died recently in Brantford, leaving an estate valued between $30,000 and $50,000.

The terms of the will are peculiar and explain the motive which caused Shaw to give himself up. Mr. T. H. Bull, Clerk of the Peace, of York, and Dr. A. Patullo of this city are the executors and the money is to go to the son Hugh if he returned and cleared himself of the charge of bigamy.

Previous to the old gentleman's death a letter was received from the first wife in Winnipeg claiming her rights. The father communicated with the son who, it is said, hastily left the country with wife number two. Unless the son clears himself of the charge or at any rate stands his trial, all his father's estate goes to charity.

Shaw, it is said, has no evidence to show that he believed his first wife to be dead beyond his own sworn statement. He says a brakeman on the C.P.R., whose name he forgets and who was at that time on the Winnipeg run, told him his wife there was dead. As there is nothing to be gained by Shaw's escape his own bail is accepted, as the judge prefers to hear from the other side before giving judgment.

DEATH BY ACCIDENT.

A 17-Year-Old Lad Drowned From the Upsetting of a Canoe.

Ottawa, Oct. 17.—Daniel Joseph Goulden, the 17-year-old son of Daniel H. Goulden of 235 Sussex-street, was drowned this morning down the Ottawa, near Kettle Island, through the upsetting of a canoe.

Ruptured a Blood Vessel.

Ottawa, Oct. 17.—Morin, the full back of the Ottawa College football team, ruptured a blood vessel while at practice this afternoon. He is in a dangerous condition.

Killed Commencing Work.

Sydney, C. B., Oct. 17.—William McLeod, a coal digger, went down the pit to do his work at the usual hour of 7 o'clock and had only just started to work when a fall of coal occurred, killing him instantly.

JOHN KING'S BODY RECOVERED.

One of the Africa's Victims Found—One of the Deck Hands Identified.

A despatch from Stokes Bay last evening says Capt. John McKay, lighthouse keeper, found yesterday on Loyal Island a man's body with the name of "J. King" tattooed on the arm and from this it is supposed the body is that of John King of Oakville, who was lost in the wreck of the Africa, Oct. 7. The body was perfectly nude, with the exception of a shirt, and was badly bruised. The body is now at Stokes Bay in charge of Captain Silversides of the wrecked Severn. The captain is diligently prosecuting a search for the bodies of the lost crew.

Mr. James Brennan has received word from Sarnia that one of the unknown deck hands drowned on the Africa was his brother Richard, who sailed on the ill-fated boat one month ago.

MAGIC TRANSFORMATION

In Looks on the Faces of Some of Our Would-Be Politicians.

Who came home on the early train from Woodbridge Fair and as a matter of fact did not go to see the fair. There was some kind of feed said one of them, but that he was too tired to stay. Well, he looked it; much unlike his appearance when shaking hands with an M.P. on his arrival there, and he really didn't know his best friends, until coming home, when he wasn't quite so large (though large in stature), but just a common everyday citizen, better fitted for ordinary work among the big bankrupt shoe stock at howell's cut rate shoe house; these are boots fitted for an M.P. to a mechanic, at small money.

Cook's Turkish Baths, 200-224 King west

At the Corner of King and Yonge.

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First floor in old building on Yonge-street, 25x40.

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You will soon feel better by taking Carson's Bitters.

There is No Bacteria in This Water.

The most famous spring in Canada is the one that supplies the Eaton Bros. Brewery, at Owen Sound. The Ale and Porter are made from the celebrated East Kent Golding Hops, No. 1 bright barley, and the water from the above spring, and every bottle now sold is in perfect condition. Ask your wine merchant for it.

Pember's Baths, open all night, 127-129 Yonge

Osgoode Plan at Nordheimer's.

Straightforwardness.

When you see an article advertised on its merits in a straightforward manner, you know that the chances are that it is a genuinely good article. If you have any use for such an article at any time, you want it and no other, because it is genuine. You insist upon having it. Such an article is Adams' Tutti Frutti. It aids digestion, improves the appetite and fortifies the system against sickness. By sending your name and address (write plainly) to Adams & Sons Co., 11 and 13, Jarvis-street, Toronto Ont., you will receive one of their Tutti Frutti paper dolls and a booklet free.

Your friends will see you at your best if you use Adams' Tutti Frutti Gum after meals. 5 cents a package at druggists and confectioners'.

Don't take the chances of drinking any of the water supplied without having it filtered when you can get a $7 Filter for $3.50.

James A. Skinner & Company, 54 and 56 Wellington-street west.

Dr. Carson's Stomach Bitters for stomach trouble. Druggists, 50c.

Parties desiring winter board should not overlook the Lakeview, corner Winchester and Parliament-streets. Just a few rooms left. J. H. Ayre, Manager. 135

Fetherstonhaugh & Co., patent solicitors and experts. Bank Commerce Building, Toronto

ABDUCTION OF A BRIDE.

A Former Lover Secures Her Imprisonment for Three Days—Death of a Chinaman.

Montreal, Oct. 17.—A very strange case was before Judge Dugas to-day, when Victor Talloretti was charged with abducting Miss Lefevbre, who was to have been married to-day to a Mr. Martin, also of this city. It appears that the lady was once courted by the prisoner, who became beside himself with jealousy and rage when learning of his former sweetheart's coming marriage, and put up a job to have her taken to the residence of one E. Mondehard and there kept under lock and key. The bride-elect was invited to the house unknown to her friends and there kept for three days. This morning High Constable Bissonnette entered Mondehard's house and found Miss Lefebvre lying in bed unconscious. She was removed to her home and Talloretti was arrested, with the alleged accomplice, both being liberated on bail.

Mysterious Death of a Chinaman.

A Chinaman, supposed to be Wah Lee, who kept a laundry at No. 60 Berthelot-street, died late last evening or early this morning in his place under peculiar circumstances, after having been deserted by all his countrymen, who had been living with him for the past three months. The body was found by Mrs. T. C. Moisy, who resides next door. She notified the police and the body was removed to the morgue. Deceased was said to be worth $15,000.

Death of Judge Cross.

The Hon. Judge Cross, who was retired from the Court of Appeals in 1892, died this evening aged 74. Deceased is said to have been worth a half million dollars.

CONSUMERS' GAS COMPANY.

The Manager Gets the Opinion of Expert Accountants.

In connection with the dispute between the Gas Company and its consumers, the correspondence published below will be of interest. It, in substance, is the opinion of a number of expert accountants on the conduct of the company in regard to the manner of keeping their books which the plaintiff in the recent case alleged was contrary to the acts of incorporation of the company.

Toronto, Ont., Oct. 16, 1895.

To the Executive Committee, Corporation of Toronto:

As a matter arising out of the suit recently brought against this Company upon the ground of its not having complied with some of the provisions in the amendment to its act of incorporation, passed in 1887, which will be brought before the Executive Committee of the City Council at its next meeting, and as there is a somewhat general but altogether erroneous opinion that the course taken by the Company has been prejudicial to the gas consumers, the Board of Directors instructed me to obtain from managers of public companies and accountants of the highest standing answers to certain questions which will place the matter in its proper light, and to transmit the same to you. These answers have been obtained and I now enclose a copy thereof, which I trust will receive your careful consideration.

I am yours truly,
(Signed) W. H. PEARSON,
General Manager and Secretary.

Questions for accountants regarding treatment by the Consumers' Gas Company of its reserve and renewal funds from 1st October, 1887, to 1st October, 1895.

1. Q.—State, as the result of your investigations into the workings of the company's business, which investment would produce the largest profit, that in the company's own business, or in debentures, and, what would the difference be?

A.—Capital employed in the works of the company would yield at least one-half as much more than the same investment in municipal debentures.

2. Q.—Had the company invested the whole instead of a portion of its reserve fund in debentures, as named in the act of 1887, and to have enabled them to do this had disposed of stock at the average price realized on stock sold since the passing of the act in 1887—77 per cent.—would it or would it not have been more profitable to the company, and what would the difference have amounted to?

A.—The company would have lost in above period $172,600 had all the reserve been invested in debentures instead of in its own works.

3. Q.—As the company is not compelled by the act to reduce the price of gas until after the reserve fund has reached a certain percentage of the capital, is it not manifestly to the interest of the gas consumers that the profit should be greater instead of smaller?

A.—Clearly to the permanent advantage of both the consumers and shareholders.

4. Q.—From your examination of the accounts, state whether or not the company has availed itself in all cases of the right given to it by the act to carry 5 per cent. upon the value of the plant and buildings in use at the end of the year to the credit of plant and buildings renewal fund each year, and if not, what additional sums might have been carried to this fund, in accordance with the powers conferred by the act. Had the company credited the renewal fund with such additional amount would not the reserve fund have been reduced to that extent?

A.—The reserve fund, as it appears in the last published annual report, is $140,122.46 more than it would have been had the company availed itself of the statutory provisions regarding renewals.

We submit statements of data, methods and calculations setting forth the grounds upon which the above answers rest.

(Signed) CLARKSON & CROSS,
Chartered Accountants.

We have carefully examined and verified the data and calculations upon which the above answers rest, and have thoroughly satisfied ourselves of their substantial accuracy.

(Signed) WALTER S. LEE,
Man. Dir. Western Canada L. & S. Co.
A. RUTHERFORD,
Manager Canada Landed & N.I. Co.

Have you tasted "Salada" Ceylon Tea?

Cashier and $11,000 Gone.

Duluth, Oct. 17.—C. H. Stuckey, cashier of the State Bank of Duluth, is missing and has taken $11,000 in currency and gold. The bank is amply secured by bonds.

Guinane Bros'. King-street store (89 King west) is open every night until 10 o'clock.

Pullman Company's Dividend.

New York, Oct. 17.—The Pullman Palace Car Company has declared the usual quarterly dividend of $2 per share.

Pember's Turkish Baths, 127-129 Yonge,

Knitting Mill Destroyed.

Little Falls, N.Y., Oct. 17.—West Bros.' knitting mill at Newport, was burned this morning. Loss $42,000; insurance $38,000.

Osgoode v. Queen's. Admit to grounds and reserved seat 50c. Rosedale.

A DOMINANT SPIRIT.

POLITICAL FISHERMAN LAURIER: I've got to pocket his insults and pretend to believe him friendly, for he's a Genie that won't stay corked.

HUGH JOHN AND A PORTFOLIO.

The Ex-Member for Winnipeg Still Disinclined to Re-enter Politics, But Non-Committal—More Fires.

Winnipeg, Oct. 17.—Hugh John MacDonald once again reiterates his disinclination to re-enter politics. He says he has received no proffer of a portfolio from Premier Bowell and does not expect any. Asked if he would refuse a portfolio if offered, he said it was unnecessary and inexpedient to answer one way or the other.

News has just been received in the city of a most destructive prairie fire in the northwestern part of the province. Over a dozen farmers in the Violadale settlement have been burned out, their losses averaging from one thousand to two thousand dollars each. A number of persons were severely injured while fighting the flames. Two boys, names unknown, are probably fatally injured.

HOGS FED ON DEAD HORSES.

An East Toronto Piggery Where Old Horses Are Made Into Pork.

Magistrate Richardson of East Toronto held court Wednesday, when William McKay was fined $5 and costs for allowing his pigs to run at large repeatedly.

Mr. Thomas Hughes, who appeared for him, gave notice of appeal. McKay has 191 pigs, which he feeds to a considerable extent on dead horses. A witness of the feeding states that on the occasion of his visit he saw an old horse which was lying on its back with its legs in the air, surrounded by a group of large hogs, greedily tearing it, while the interior of the carcass was filled with piglets which, on his approach, ran squealing out through the well-picked ribs.

SIR CHARLES AND GOLDWIN SMITH.

They Unite With the Metropolitan Methodist Church of Toronto

That is, they unite to make of today's issue of The Week a most entertaining number. The description of the Metropolitan Church is a brilliant article, and will deeply interest Toronto Methodists. "Good Municipal Government" is one of the most striking articles in the number and will receive wide attention here. It is a question of the day. The Week, which can be had at McKenna's Bookstore, 80 Yonge-street, 10 cents, by post 12 cents, contains also interesting articles by Principal Grant, Professor Clark, Fidelis, E. Wyly Grier and W. O. Forsyth. Mr. Trout of Regina writes of John Burns, the "Labor" M.P., as he knew him ten years ago. George Frederick Scott contributes a fine poem, "The Song of Triumph."

Harris, manufacturing furrier, alters seal mantles to latest styles at rock bottom prices. Factory 71 King-street west upstairs. Phone 2746.

Mackenzie Gets Bail.

John Mackenzie of Severn Bridge, now in Bracebridge jail charged with the murder of John Scott on Friday, Oct. 4, was yesterday granted bail by Mr. Justice Robertson on application of his counsel, Mr. J. H. Moss.

When you ask for Tutti Frutti, don't allow a substitute to be palmed off on you.

Why Physicians Recommend Tokay.

Prominent physicians recommend California Tokay from the Santa Clara Valley vineyards, because the wine is delicious, absolutely pure and a first-class tonic. We sell it at $2.50 per gallon, $6 per dozen, 60c per bottle. William Mara, 79 Yonge-street.

Smoke Alive Bollard's special cigar 5c 24

Death of an Aged Prelate.

London, Oct. 17.—Edwin Palmer, D.D., Archdeacon of Oxford, is dead. He was 71 years of age.

"Salada" Ceylon Tea is delicious.

Fair Lillian as the Sweet Singer of Lima.

Offenbach's comic opera "La Perichole" will occupy the boards at the Grand Opera House the remainder of the week with Miss Russell as the beautiful street singer of Lima in the principal role.

WILD MAN NEAR WIARTON.

An Albemarle Farmer Beaten Into Unconsciousness and an Attempt Made to Burn Him.

Wiarton, Oct. 17.—Gustave Herbshat, a German resident of Albemarle, while returning home from this place, about 5 o'clock this evening, when on the 11th concession of Albemarle, was set upon by a large burly-looking man with grizzled hair and beard who came out of the woods, and had apparently lighted several stumps that were burning on the roadside. Herbshot was rendered unconscious in the struggle, and when he recovered, three hours later, the leg of his trousers and the sleeve of his coat were burned. His umbrella had also been burned by his assailant, but his money had not been taken. There is no clue to the man.

DINEENS' SHOPPING DAY.

Special Reductions in Many Lines—Ladies. Read Bargains.

To-day is Dineens' shopping day. This firm, always recognizing that in keeping the shoppers' interest at heart they are best serving their own, have chosen Friday, when the crowds are out looking at the bargains in the departmental stores, as their own bargain day. This will be recognized as a distinct convenience by the ladies of Toronto and no doubt to-day will see this popular store crowded with ladies of fashion. A World young man was present yesterday and saw the following lines marked down so that those who read may know these reductions are genuine: Electric seal Princess scarf, with inserted squirrel tails running straight down the back with five bushy tails at the end, the newest thing in Paris, introduced here by Dineen, 36 inches long, sold at the same price as the 34-inch length in other stores; 30-inch black coney coat, satin lined, with wide skirt, $10 to-day, regular $13.50 and $15; 24-inch Greenland seal capes, good quality, satin lined, new shape, $15; 30 inches long, full skirt, $27; Columbia sable muffs, $5, regular $6; Alaska sable, best quality, $10, regular $12.50; fine black coney, satin lined, $2.50, regular $3; fine Baltic seal, looks as good as the best seal, $4.75, regular $5.50; electric seal, $4.50, regular $6; genuine seal muffs, $13.50, regular $18; Australian opossum storm collars, $4.50, regular $5.50; girls' grey lamb, $4.50, regular $5.50; grey lamb gauntlets, $4, regular $5.50; nutria, $4, regular $5; grey lamb jackets, $55, regular $65; Persian lamb, $85, regular $100; seal, $185, regular $200; Astrachan, $35, regular $42.50, and short, fur-lined circulars, $16.50, regular $20.

All these goods are fashionable and up to date and are not marked down because shop-worn or out of the prevailing fashion. Of course it must be remembered that these low prices can only be made for cash and will hold good to-day only at Dineens', King and Yonge.

Silver Cream. All druggists sell it, 25c.

For business envelopes, get samples and prices from Blight Bros, 65 Yonge-street.

Cook's Turkish Baths, 202-204 King west

BIRTHS.

WATTS—On Saturday, Oct. 12, at 340 Sackville-street, the wife of Arthur M. Watts, of a son.

DEATHS.

DUDLEY—Suddenly, Oct. 17, at her residence, 203 Seaton-street, Susan A. Hartman, wife of William H. Dudley.

KITCHENER—On the 16th inst., at 288 Borden-street, Elizabeth Marshall, wife of W. J. Kitchener, aged 60 years.

Funeral from above address to Mount Pleasant Cemetery, on Friday, the 18th inst., at 3 p.m.

ALLEN—At 347 Spadina-avenue, on Thursday, Oct. 17, Annie Scott Rogers, wife of William Allen.

Funeral Saturday, 2 o'clock, to Necropolis Cemetery.

WOOD—At Thornhill, on Oct. 17, 1895, Mrs. Susan D. Wood, wife of J. C. Wood.

Funeral on Saturday at 2 p.m. to Mount Pleasant Cemetery.

Old silver bright as new. Silver Cream, 25c. Druggists.

HE IS NOW JUDGE CURRAN

AND THE POST OF SOLICITOR-GENERAL IS VACANT.

Montrealers Petition for an English-Speaking Protestant Judge Without Avail—Gossip as to a Successor—Movements of Politicians in Montreal—Hon. L. P. Pelletier Wanted at Ottawa.

Ottawa, Oct. 17.—At to-day's meeting of the Cabniet, Hon. J. J. Curran was appointed a Superior Court judge of the Province of Quebec, thereby creating a vacancy in the Ministry and in the representation of Montreal Centre. During the day a petition was presented to the Premier, signed by a large number of influential Montrealers, protesting against the appointment of any other than an English-speaking Protestant to the position of the Superior Court Bench, rendered vacant by the death of the late Sir Francis Johnson. Mr. V. E. Mitchell, clerk in the office of the law firm of McGibbon & Co., of Montreal, presented the petition to Sir Mackenzie Bowell.

The Premier, while receiving Mr. Mitchell courteously, did not hold out any hopes that the prayer of the petition would be granted.

Judge Curran was here to-day and received many congratulations on his appointment. It may be stated that as a matter of English precedent, the English Attorney and Solicitor-Generals are invariably elevated to the Bench after their term of office.

As Regards a Successor.

Several suggestions were afloat with regard to a successor in the Solicitor-Generalship. For instance, the proposal is made to transfer Hon. J. F. Wood to the post and appoint Hon. G. B. Baker to the Controllership; another report has it that Mr. Baker may become Solicitor-General, but nothing definite has been decided.

HON. L. P. PELLETIER

Asked to Make a Change From Provincial to Federal Politics.

Montreal, Oct. 17.—If the Hon. Louis P. Pelletier, Provincial Secretary in the Taillon Government, desires it he can be a member of Sir Mackenzie Bowell's Cabinet with 48 hours. This may be a piece of surprising intelligence, but it is true nevertheless. The Hon. Mr. Pelletier came up to Montreal to-day on purpose to consult his friends and there can be little doubt of the fact that Sir Mackenzie, Sir A. P. Caron and the Hon. Mr. Ives are most anxious to have the Provincial Secretary leave local politics immediately and throw in his lot with his Ottawa friends. There were many consultations held at the St. Lawrence Hall between the prospective Federal Minister and leading politicians of the district, and although some advised the eloquent gentleman to wait until the Ottawa Government made some sign in the Manitoba school question, other powerful and sagacious advisers told Mr. Pelletier that it was just as well to accept the office at once and help his colleagues to get the best bargain possible for the minority in the prairie province.

"Do you think he will go to Ottawa?" was asked of one of the Provincial Secretary's colleagues, and the reply was: "I think he will."

The Hon. W. B. Ives reached the city this evening and in a short time was closeted with the Hon. Mr. Pelletier, and it is understood that there is every probability of a favorable answer going back to the Canadian Prime Minister. There is no doubt that if the Hon. L. P. Pelletier enters the Ministry he will be a great strength to the Cabinet representation from this Province. His promotion would be looked upon most favorably by both the higher and lower clergy, and the Hon. Mr. Pelletier's liberality toward the English people since he became Minister has contributed more than a little to his prestige amongst that element of Quebec's population.

Jacques Cartier Convention.

The Jacques Cartier County Convention, which was to have selected a Conservative candidate to contest that division, was not a great success. There were six aspirants and three retired, so the names of Mr. D. H. Girouard, C. Monk and L. Cousineau went before the convention. The latter was the nominee of the St. Laurent parish delegates, and their candidate not receiving what they considered fair play, the delegation withdrew from the hall. The next ballot gave 21 to Mr. Girouard, son of the ex-M.P., and 20 to Mr. Monk, but it was thought better in the interest of harmony and the party to adjourn until Monday next.

A DEAL FOR $400,000.

Timber Limits on the Kippewa Sold to a New Firm.

Ottawa, Oct. 17.—The sale of the timber limits of the David Moore Lumber Company on the Kippewa was consummated yesterday. The limits are now the property of a new firm, A. A. Buell & Co. This firm is composed of A. A. Buell, Burlington, Vt.; W. G. White, New York, and F. W. Avery and Charles E. Reid of this city. The purchase price is $400,000. The limits are eight in number, each limit covering 50 square miles; consequently the deal means the purchase of a 400-mile timber area.

Guinane Bros'. King-street store (89 King west) is open every night until 10 o'clock.

WHAT GREENWAY SAYS.

He Has Not Been Notified of a Proposed Visit of Federal Ministers.

Winnipeg, Oct. 17.—Premier Greenway returned to the city from his farm this evening and was shown an Ottawa despatch in the evening papaer stating that two Federal Ministers are coming to Winnipeg to revive negotiations for settlement of the school question. "They may be coming," said Mr. Greenway, "but I have not received notification to that effect." The Premier reminded the interviewer that it was positively asserted a few weeks ago that he and Sir Mackenzie Bowell were to have a conference on this question during the latter's visit to the city. Yet there was not the slightest foundation for such a statement, and it might prove the same in this instance.

Osgoode v. Queen's, Rosedale Saturday

Fine and Mild.

Minimum and maximum temperatures: Calgary, 38—64; Battleford, 28—64; Winnipeg, 30—60; Toronto, 36—50; Kingston, 36—48; Montreal, 42—46; Quebec, 38—44; Chatham, 30—46; Halifax, 44—60.

PROBS: Fine and mild to-day; winds becoming southerly to-night or to-morrow, and increasing again.

Football—Rosedale, Sat., Oct. 19th, 3 p.m. Osgoode v. Queen's. Plan at Nordheimer's.

Ocean Steamships.

Oct. 17.	Reported at.	From.
Hekla	New York	Copenhagen
Normannia	Southampton	New York
Britannic	Queenstown	" "
Germanic	New York	Liverpool
Buenos Ayrean	Glasgow	Montreal
Etolia	Father Point	Bristol
Persia	New York	Hamburg

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