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SLOW DAY AT THE CITY HALL

Horse Stables at the Exhibition

Grounds, Waiting to House

the Cavalry Horses.

Inquiry was made by telephone at the

Mayor's office yesterday from Stanley

back as to whether the city would permit

the use of the stables at the Exhibition

grounds for the horses purchased for the

second contingent to South Africa. Aid

Scott, as chairman of the Parks and Ex-

hibitions Committee, has the matter in

hand.

Many Meetings To-Day.

The Board of Control meets to-day at

2:30.

The Fire and Light Committee will meet

at 1 o'clock to-day.

The Property Committee will meet at 2

o'clock to-day. The report on the insurance

of city property will be considered.

The final meeting of the Council will be

held on Friday.

The Don Waits on Facts

Engineer Temple of the Public Works, Ot-

tawa, has replied to City Engineer Busst's

enquiry. The plans for the straightening

of the River Don were forwarded to the

department at Ottawa, but nothing has

been done in the matter since.

Toronto Not So Lighted

A committee of the Winnipeg Board of

Trade is seeking information of that city

with the electric light system of that city.

Mr. C. A. Bell, secretary of the committee,

has written to City Engineer Busst asking:

What is the incandescent light most used

in your city?

The largely signed petition against the

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FIGHTING IN PHILIPPINES

Several Skirmishes in Which United

States Troops Gained Victories

After Hot Battles,

RIFLES AND AMMUNITION TAKEN.

Some Cattle Also Captured—General

Lawton's Funeral Will Take

Place Next Saturday.

Manila, Dec. 26.—Col. Franklin Bell, of

the 38th Infantry, encountered 150 Phi-

lipinos on Thursday near Alaminos, Province

of Zamboanga, and killed, wounded or cap-

tured 28 of them, and also secured a large

quantity of rifles and a quantity of ammu-

munition. One American was wounded.

A detachment of the 24th Infantry en-

countered a band of the enemy on Satur-

day at Agfao, Province of Nueva Vizcaya,

and routed them, killing two and wounding

several. The Americans also captured a

quantity of ammunition. The 1st Regimen-

ment of the Philippine Scouts, scattering

the enemy on Sunday had a brush with

the enemy near Dinabujan. One American

was killed. The troops captured 125 head of

cattle and brought them to Orani, Batangas

Province.

In the island of Panay Capt. Brownell's

company of the 20th Infantry fought a heavy

battle with the rebels last week, heavily

wounding the Americans and capturing a

number of rifles. The rebels lost heavily

and the Americans captured a number of

rifles. The funeral of Major-General Lawton

will take place on December 30th. The

body will be embarked on the transport

Thomas.

SOME NEW YEAR'S LORE.

Customs and Superstitions That

Still Prevail in Parts of the

United Kingdom and Ireland.

The New Year runs Christmas very close

in the matter of curious and interesting

customs.

There is a belief in Ireland that whatever

the kind of work you begin on New Year's

day will be your most frequent occupa-

tion during the coming year. Thus it is said

that if you begin to mend your clothes on

the day, you will be mending them all the

year. The same is said of other things.

In the west of England it is expected in

the New Year's Eve to wash clothes on New

Year's Day; and there is, or was, a custom

of spreading purple against washing dishes

on New Year's Day.

Another of these doggerels is as follows:

"Get up, good wife, and dress sweet,

and don your bonnet to them that here.

For the time will come when you'll be dead,

and then you'll be no more dead."

Another of these doggerels is as follows:

"My feet's cold, my shoon's this,

Give me a kiss, an' let me kiss."

There are very few housewives who will

refuse these requests, and it is supposed to

be very unlucky to do so.

A singular custom prevails in some parts

of the north of Ireland, that on the night

of New Year's Eve, the children are to be

made to eat the heads of the pig, washed

and boiled in water. This custom is said to

bring good fortune.

In the Orkney Islands of people used to

wander through the villages on New Year's

Evening, singing the curious old carol known

as "Queen Mary's Men." Queen Mary's

Men.

"This night it is Queen Mary's Eve's night,

And we're come here to crave our right.

And there were a number of verses, and the

carol ended thus:

"Ye ken the weather's snaw and sleet,

Sit up the fire to warm our feet;

Our shoon's made o' mair's skin,

Come open the door and us in."

DUTY ON IMPORTED ELECTRICITY.

The Question Arises Over the Canadian

Company's Offer to Supply the U. S.

Washington, D.C., Dec. 26.—The officials

of the Treasury Department are considering

a proposition to levy a tariff duty on electric

current generated in Canada and collected

across the border into the United States.

The question was raised by the Niagara

Falls Power Co. of Niagara Falls, N.Y.,

against the Ontario Power Co., the rival

concern, situated across the river at Niagara

Falls, Ont.

The Ontario Power Co. proposes to extend

its lines to as many points as possible in

the United States, selling its light and power

to as many customers as it can get. This

business, of course, competes seriously

with that of the American company, and in

communication to the Treasury Department

the officials of the latter concern represent

that inasmuch as the electric current is a

thing of value, and it comes in competition

with an American industry, it should be

subject to a tariff duty. The present

Secretary of the Treasury has submitted the

question to several points, with a view to

obtaining their opinions.

Several members of the Assistant Secretary

of the Treasury received a letter from a

citizen of Watervort, N.Y., suggesting that

he had obtained a number of the American

company's electricity bills, and asking if, in

case he should transmit the current across

the border, he would be compelled to pay

any tariff charges.

He was assured by Assistant Secretary

Tracy, now a member of the Board of

General Appraisers in New York, that no

tariff duties would be assessed on the elec-

tricity. The present Secretary of the Treasury

has, however, been strongly inclined to rule

otherwise.

"It is decided that tariff should be as-

signed to the electric current, but it is

proposed to exempt from the tariff the

tariff law, despite the representation of the

Ontario Power Co., that electricity is a

thing that can be measured as accurately

as potatoes or wheat or cotton cloth.

Five or six years ago it was proposed to

levy tariff duties on natural gas piped

across the border from Canada into the

United States. The Treasury Department

holding that the gas was an unmanufactured

article, and the McKinley

tariff law, and on appeal by the Supreme

Court of the United States. This year another

collector of duties at Buffalo resumed assess-

ment of duties on natural gas, but the Treas-

ury Department ordered him to desist, and

the decision is now pending before the

court.

BALLOT PAPERS PRINTED.

Those Who Will Go to the Polls for

Aldermen and School Trustees

The ballot papers for the election are now

being printed. The following aldermanic

candidates go to the polls:

Ward 1—Lewis Brown, George Chesman,

James Frame, John Knox Leslie, Edward

Rice, Fred Herbert Richardson, John Rus-

sell, William Temple Stewart, Charles

Christopher Woodley.

Ward 2—George Anderson, Charles Cald-

well, Edward Stuchan Cox, Thomas

Daniel, Thomas Foster, Daniel Laing,

Francis S. Spence, William Thompson.

Ward 3—John Herbert Sydney, John

Francis London, George McMurrich, Ber-

nard Sanders, Richard Scott, Oliver Bar-

tholomew Sheppard.

Ward 4—William Langley Bell, Arthur R.

Denton, John Dunn, William Stewart, Fran-

cis R. L. Starr, R. M. Tutbill, Ed-

ward Yerrall, David Clark, A. G. Lin-

coln, Daniel Thomas Hedley, John Sabie,

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