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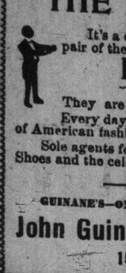

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COUNTY AND SUBURBAN NEWS.

Activity This Week in Political Circles—Access to Monroe Park—Township Meetings—Other News.

Toronto Junction, Feb. 24.—(Special.)—The late Thomas Davidson of High Park-avenue left an estate valued at $2670.

The Molsons Bank and Canadian Bank of Commerce have opened subscription lists to the Indian famine fund.

The only members present at the Works and Waterworks Committee to-night were Councillors Linton, Gilbert and Tovell, and the only business done was to order repairs and a coat of paint to the sprinkling wagon.

A quiet wedding took place in St. John's Church to-night, the contracting parties being Miss Annie J. Anderson, sister of Mr. A. J. Anderson, barrister, of 188 Louisa-street, to David Pennington of Middlesex. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Prof. F. H. DuVernet.

Argument in Chapman v. the Town, re water lot at the pumping station, was concluded to-day. The referee will give judgment in the course of two weeks.

Mr. A. J. Anderson left for Walkerton to-night to defend the suit brought against him by E. Imrie, and which will be heard to-morrow.

East Toronto.

The dog by-law passed by the Council at its recent meeting commends itself to every citizen. Every person who wishes to keep a dog must pay a tax of $1, on or before the 1st of May. After that date the tax is $1.50 and the owner is also liable to a fine. Anyone coming to live in the town for a short time is not compelled to pay the tax if he can show that he has paid such tax elsewhere.

The proposed gas main runs down Queen-street as far as Beech-avenue to the Kingston-road. From this, gas will be supplied in every street. Where oil is now used gas lights will be placed. The cost is expected to be less than $24 per lamp, which is the rate charged in the city. It is understood that the house supply will be guaranteed by the company, if the town accept the proposed offer. From the existing facts it, therefore, seems that in the near future East Toronto will have first-class lighting. This will doubtless be another strong attraction to people who think of siding up their residence in this beautiful town, which has a better site and elevation than any other Toronto suburb.

The article in one of the evening papers which stated that the road is now clear for the Toronto street railway to run the cars to Monroe Park, is incorrect. The matter stands exactly as it did last fall. All that is necessary to set the whole affair in swing is that East Toronto Council ask for a dismissal of the case from the courts. Such a dismissal would reopen matters. True, it would be well if some amicable arrangement could be arrived at.

On the one hand it would be a great benefit to the street railway, as it would make Monroe Park a favorite place for summer amusements. It will never become such as long as the people have to go all the way round the Scarboro line.

On the other hand the village has a grievance which will not be redressed until the railway company gives them a single fare to the city. Unless the company agree to do this The World has it from the Council that no Toronto railway can run further through the corporation's territory.

Another consideration for the company is the statement on good authority that the York Township Council will not hold their offer open to the railway company unless the road be built before July 1, 1897.

Mr. Tidsberry, who has been doing constabulary duties for the County of York, during the past few years, has been appointed Constable of East Toronto. His pointed Constable of East Toronto. His duties will be defined at the next regular meeting of the Council.

Three weeks ago it was concluded that the carnival held in the curling rink had reached the climax of success. But not so, for even that success was surpassed by the dress carnival held last night under the auspices of the York Citizens' Band. The large crowd representing the city and many surrounding towns spoke for the popularity of the band and voiced their good taste in the selection of prizes. The ice was in excellent condition, but there was scarcely enough room for another individual to skate.

Mrs. Curran gave an at-home to a number of her friends last night. By some mistake the special car ordered for the guests failed to come. Hence they were compelled to walk to the Woodbine.

North Toronto.

A first-class concert was given at Christ Church school house, Deer Park, last evening. The accommodation at disposal was taxed to the utmost. The following artists took part in the evening's entertainment: Mrs W. Bentley Hall, Mrs. Fletcher Snider, Mrs. Herbert Brown, Miss B. Geddes, F.T.C.M., Miss Ward, Miss Bourne, Miss C. Bourne, Malcolm Sparrow, Mr. Frank Fallh, Dr. Malcolm Sparrow, Mr. Dahl, Blatchford, Mr. Woodley Musson, Mr. Dahl, Mr. Milliward.

A meeting of the Finance Committee was held last evening, with Councillor Waddington in the chair. Messrs. Harper, Brown, Stibbard, Lawson and Mr. Harper were also present. The bylaw appointing the chief constable was taken up, and considered at some length. Councillor Harper enumerated numerous duties he wished embodied in the bylaw. Police Magistrate Ellis was to have been present to advise the committee on the duties, and, owing to his absence, the further advancement had to be delayed.

Mr. John Savage of Petrolea, who has made water supply a business for the past 23 years, addressed the members with regard to the proposed new well. He thought the proposal to enlarge the present well was useless, and advised the driving of an eight-inch pipe. He was put through a thorough cross-examination by Councillor Harper, and other members of the committee, and told of many of the wells he had sunk at different towns in Ontario. No action was taken by the committee.

The auditor's report was presented and after consideration, was referred on to council. The total assets were found to be $121,853.80, and liabilities $99,870.57.

Township Clerk Mr. W. A. Clarke tested his shooting abilities yesterday on a dog. The dog had recently bitten a little child and was brought to the hall for justice. Mr. Clarke has lost none of his well-known prowess and dispatched the canine with one charge at long range.

A large number of town residents spent a social evening at Mr. Elijah Armstrong's on the second concession, west of Yonge-street.

Weston.

Weston, Feb. 24.—(Special.)—About 50 members of the Queen City Baseball Club and the Toronto Lacrosse Club held a dance and supper at the Central Hotel last night.

The Central Young Men's Liberal Club of Weston purpose holding a public meeting in Eagle Hall on Thursday evening, when speeches will be delivered by Mr. W. J. Hill, the Reform candidate, and members of the Dominion and Local Parliaments, also prominent Liberals of Toronto and West York. A musical program has been prepared and reserved seats will be kept for ladies.

The nuptials of John McGuire of Manitoba and Miss Ethel Banks of Weston were performed to-night by Rev. J. J. Ferguson. The groom is a nephew of Mrs. Johnson of this village and Miss Banks, a very popular young lady, was the daughter of the late Mr. Banks, for many years druggist here.

At the Methodist Church concert on Friday evening the Toronto Junction Octette, Mr. Wilson, Mrs. Lawrence and others will take part.

West York Conservative Convention.

The West York Liberal Conservative Association will hold a convention at Weston on Saturday next for the purpose of selecting a candidate to represent the party at the next election for the Provincial Legislature. The speakers on this occasion will be: Mr. J. W. St. John, M.L.A., and Hon. N. Clarke Wallace, M.P. The Young Conservatives of Weston have taken the initiative and have arranged for a banquet, to take place at the Eagle House immediately at the close of the afternoon program. Around the festive board, in addition to the representatives of the riding in both Dominion and Provincial Houses, will be Mr. J. P. Whitney, M.L.A., leader of the Conservative party in the Ontario Legislature, and Dr. Willoughby, chief whip. Delegates from every polling division and subdivision in West York have been appointed to attend this convention and all indications point towards it being one of the greatest rallies in the history of West York Conservatism.

Lambton Mills Conservatives.

The Conservatives of Lambton Mills and vicinity met on Tuesday evening and elected the following delegates to attend the West York Convention at Weston next Saturday: Dr. E. Bull, A. Clayton, Robert Thomson, William Harris and Mr. Sullivan.

Mimico Conservatives.

The Mimico Conservative Association has elected W. Kingsberry, H. J. McNeil and R. Warriner as delegates to the West York Convention. Divisions No. 1 and 4 Etobicoke will send these men to represent them: J. Bryans, J. J. McCallum, John Clarke, Alf. Parker, and Mr. Ritchie, with Ben. Goldthorpe and Geo. Goldthorpe subdelegates.

Richmond Hill.

Mrs. John Kelly, who has been ill for some time, is at present staying with friends at Tottenham in the hope of recruiting her health.

Mr. Walter Palmer and Mr. A. Proctor left on Tuesday in search of wealth at Rossland.

The members of Ivy Lodge are congratulating themselves on the large increase of membership since the re-opening of their charter in January.

The annual meeting of the Richmond Hill and Yonge-street Agricultural Society will be held at Lorne Hall next Wednesday.

The residents of Maple and the surrounding district are somewhat envious of the facilities enjoyed by Richmond Hill of getting to the city by the electric cars at so cheap a rate. Petitions have been prepared and will be circulated, asking the Grand Trunk to grant them a return fare for 50c to Toronto. Unless this request is granted efforts will be made to establish a buss connection to Richmond Hill to connect with the cars.

The residents of the village who attended the Albani concert did not arrive home until 3 o'clock next morning, owing to a delay in the cars.

Reeve Pugsley thinks it would be a very foolish idea to change the location of the proposed new York Mills bridge, and thinks the Township of York could reasonably step into the breach and prevent the opposition offered by the Rolls estate.

Thornhill.

The Temperance Society and young people of Forest Hill to the number of about 100, intend taking possession of the rink for an evening's skating the beginning of next week.

The Calvert-Currier specialty troupe performed at the Victoria Hall last evening.

Death of William Cowan.

Mr. William Cowan, a well-known resident of Pickering Township, and also well-known throughout Scarboro, died at his late home near Port Union on Tuesday evening. His people settled in Pickering in 1832, when Mr. Cowan was quite a child. He leaves a widow, three sons and three daughters. Mr. Robert Cowan of Highland Creek, Deputy Reeve of Scarboro, is one of the sons.

Hardy in Jail.

John Hardy of Markham, who is accused of stealing 40 bushels of wheat from J. C. Smith, by tapping the floor of the storehouse, was lodged in jail yesterday.

A Growing Monthly.

The issue of Business of Feb. 15, the fifth number of the second year of publication, is the strongest and best number yet published. With the opening of the New Year the publishers, The J. S. Robertson Company, took over the subscription lists of The Canadian Mutual Underwriter and merged the interests formerly represented by that journal with Business. The result is today a publication of 40 pages, carefully and creditably prepared from a typographical standpoint, and valuable from a journalistic standpoint in its several departments.

Ontario Land Surveyors.

At yesterday's session of the Ontario Land Surveyors, the report of the Committee on Drainage was read by Mr. B. J. Saunders, and that of the Committee on Topographical Survey by Mr. Otto J. Klotz. Papers on "Waterworks" were read by Messrs. T. H. Wiggins and C. A. Jones.

In the afternoon, besides the hearing of the report of the Land Surveying Committee, Mr. Sherman Malcolm, Hamilton, read his paper on "Hints On Surveying and Instruments"; Mr. C. E. Fluton, Ottawa, on "Island Surveying"; Mr. James Dickson, Fenelon Falls, on "Land Surveying," and Mr. J. S. Morris, Pembroke, on "Evidence."

Cucumbers and melons are "forbidden fruit" to many persons so constituted that the least indulgence is followed by attacks of cholera, dysentery, griping, etc. These persons are not aware that they can indulge to their heart's content if they have on hand a bottle of Dr. J. D. Kellog's Dysentery Cordial, a medicine that will give immediate relief, and is a sure cure for all summer complaints. ed

Photographed the Mock Trial.

Mr. Frederick Lyonde, the society photographer on King-street, took a flash-light photograph of the mock trial at Osgoode Hall last night. He got an excellent negative.

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DRAMA AND MUSIC

VARSITY'S BRILLIANT AFFAIR.

Tickets are on sale at Nordheimers' box office for the Varsity concert at the Pavilion Friday evening. Miss Jessie Alexander will be heard at her best in "King Henry V.'s Address to His Soldiers," and "The Hazing of Valliant," an amusing sketch of college life, and some of her inimitable dialect selections. Miss Frances World and Miss Edith J. Miller are at present both in excellent voice, and their work should create new successes for them. Five hundred rush seats at 25 cents will be on sale at the doors.

THE DIAMOND JUBILEE CONCERT.

At a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Toronto Philharmonic, held in the Confederation Life building on Tuesday last, Mr. J. K. Macdonald, the president, in the chair, it was resolved that the musical celebration in honor of Her Majesty the Queen's Diamond Jubilee should take the form of a patriotic concert, to be given on a date intervening between Her Majesty's birthday and the anniversary of her coronation.

The first part of the program, after the performance of the National Anthem, will be devoted to sacred music, and will include Handel's Coronation Anthem, a magnificent work, containing some grand seven-part harmony, and Mr. J. Humfrey Anger's "Song of Thanksgiving," a work which gained the gold medal offered by the Bath (Eng.) Philharmonic Society, on the occasion of Her Majesty's Jubilee in 1887. The second part will consist of national patriotic songs, English, Irish, Scotch and Welsh, opening with "Rule, Britannia," and finally concluding with our own Canadian song and chorus, "The Maple Leaf Forever." Mr. Anger's cantata is being published, and copies are expected to be out by the middle of March.

A performance of "Eri King's Daughter," by Niels W. Gade, is booked for the latter part of April, the second part of the program on this occasion to be devoted to ecclesiastical music by the Toronto Symphony Orchestra.

The chorus of the Philharmonic will be limited henceforward to 300 voices, the number of seats on the platform in Massey Hall. The members are now being allotted their seats, a plan which is being adopted by the Chorus Committee to save a repetition of the confusion that occurred at the Albani performance of "The Messiah" in March last year.

THE NORSEMAN IN OPERA.

The presentation by the Whitney Opera Company of "Brian Boru," or "The Magic Fiddle," has caused much comment in society circles on the period between the beginning of the ninth and the closing of the tenth centuries, and on the authorities who furnished pictorial history from which the costumes and accessories of Messrs. Cook & Edwards' last opera, were designed and made. "Brian Boru" is not by any means the first operatic work to direct the efforts of stage production to delve into the history of the Viking period, as will be seen by reference to the operas included in the Wagner cycle, "Tristan and Isolde," "Tannhauser," and "Lohengrin" were not only costumes and property reproductions of the Viking period, but it is a well-known fact that the same period furnished the themes, if not the inspiration for Richard Wagner's grandest and best works.

There is no doubt but that it was the most picturesque period in the story of man, and the times of "Brian Boru" furnished the stalwart, warlike individual feared by his enemies and worshipped by his followers, who, while he was undoubtedly an admirable and striking barbarian in reality was not half as effectual in real life as he is upon the stage, where he usually wears a tunic of bear or wolf skin, is covered with chainarmor, and has a strong penchant for swinging a great, broad-sword or a huge battle-ax. Altogether he is a noble figure in a barbaric way, and his great horn or wing-covered helmet usually towers above his followers. He is in strong contrast with the dainty, gauzily garbed fairies, the soubre frocked monks, and the lighter and more brilliantly apparelled knights and courtiers. Whether he be Brian Boru, Tannhauser, or Lohengrin, or any other creation on the operatic stage, the Norseman is a striking, picturesque and effective figure in the stage picture of the music drama.

THE BIJOU.

Edison's latest picture, "The Black Diamond Express," is causing much comment and crowds are going to see it. This is truly a wonderful picture, and no one should miss seeing it. The continuous plan of running this house, together with the excellent entertainment given at a very small price of admission, is proving very successful.

A STRONG ATTRACTION.

The Toronto Opera House will have another strong attraction next week, when the distinguished author and star actor, McKee Rankin, will be seen in a highly successful play, written by himself, and called "True Vife." A number of New York managers, including Mr. Charles Frohman, wanted to purchase it, but Mr. Rankin decided to produce it himself, and did so recently at Rochester, and at the Murray Hill Theatre, New York, last December. It will be presented at the Toronto by the original company, and without any deviation from the regular scale of popular prices. The sale of seats is now in progress, and during the engagement "bargain matinees" will be given as usual.

SPECIAL MATINEE TO-MORROW.

In addition to the regular matinees announced for to-day and Saturday, a special matinee will be given by Black Patti's Troubadours at the Toronto Opera House to-morrow afternoon. This extra performance is given in response to requests coming from the patrons of the Toronto, who were unable to secure seats or admission to the other matinee performances.

MEETING WITH SUCCESS.

The Sully & Moore Vaudeville Combination are drawing good houses at the Auditorium Music Hall this week. Osborne and Imhoff and Dean and Jose are four very clever performers, and are giving splendid satisfaction in their various specialties. The daily dime matinees are apparently gaining in popularity.

THE CROW'S NEST ROAD.

Will the C.P.R. Rule Canada or Will Canada Rule the C.P.R.?—A Hamilton Paper's View.

Toronto Telegram, Feb. 24.

First The Globe insisted that the Crow's Nest Pass Railway, built and operated by the Government, would necessarily be a failure, because the C.P.R. would control its outlet to and inlet from Eastern Canada.

The Globe's theory that the C.P.R. would block the Crow's Nest Pass Railway at Lethbridge was, perhaps, an unintentional, but none the less a glaring, misrepresentation of the facts. Many Westerners pointed out the ease with which the C.P.R. could be checked via 60 miles of prairie railway between Lethbridge and Grand Falls.

A misrepresentation of the ability of the C.P.R. to control a Government road at the Crow's Nest Pass, at its eastern terminus, was the weapon first used by The Globe. It has dropped that weapon, and now insists that "it is absurd to talk of controlling the C.P.R. by the construction of a competing line through Columbia."

So sweeping a statement imputes the guilt of absurdity to many admirers of The Globe in the West. The Globe is unfair, if not controlled, in its contention that the Crow's Nest Pass Railway as a local road. Hon. Joseph Martin declared that the Crow's Nest Pass Railway was the key which could unlock the wealth of this country's door to freedom from the worst evils of railway monopoly. And thinking Canadians in the Western country on both sides of the mountains endorse the opinion which Mr. Martin expressed. All these authorities may be inferior to The Globe in knowledge. They are not its inferior in patriotism. In their judgment, the Crow's Nest Pass Railway is a local road. They insist that the Government which builds and operates the Crow's Nest Pass Railway will thereby put the C.P.R. under bonds to deal fairly with the commerce between East and West. There may be less high sounding theory, but there is more common sense, in their belief than in The Globe's contention. The Crow's Nest Pass Railway, operated by the Government, would prevent the C.P.R. from becoming absolute master of the facilities for trade between East and West. The C.P.R. would then have a motive for dealing fair with the country, for it would know that unfair dealing would drive the country's Crow's Nest Pass Railway into a working alliance with an American road, or else force the construction of a new line across the prairie from Lethbridge to Winnipeg. So long as the Crow's Nest Pass Railway is owned and operated by the Government, the country is not all powerless, and the C.P.R. is not all powerful. But let the Government enfranchise the C.P.R. with the right to build the Crow's Nest Pass Railway with the country's money and land, and the C.P.R. will be master of the country.

The Globe is within its rights when it advocates a policy which will be best for the C.P.R. In earlier stages of its advocacy of that policy it insisted that the C.P.R. would be able to block the Crow's Nest Pass Railway at Lethbridge. It has abandoned that fallacy, and is now serving the interests of the Canadian Pacific by insisting that the Crow's Nest Pass Railway is a local road. The Crow's Nest Pass Railway would be the same sort of local road which enables the Southern Pacific to cut all of San Francisco and a great part of California off from all hope of local competition. The Crow's Nest Pass Railway, owned and operated by Canada, will enable Canada to control the C.P.R., and owned and operated by the C.P.R. will enable the C.P.R. to control Canada.

Government Railway Through the Crow's Nest Pass.

Hamilton Times, Feb. 24.

It is announced that the Dominion Government has decided that a railway shall be built at once through the Crow's Nest Pass and into the mining territory of British Columbia, but there is still some difference of opinion as to the best method of carrying out the work. On the one hand, the Canadian Pacific is not only willing, but anxious, to build and own the road, of course with the understanding that Parliament shall vote liberal subsidies towards the cost of construction. On the other hand, there is a decided feeling throughout the country—a feeling with which The Times has great sympathy—that Canadians have given too much money, too much land, too many franchises and privileges, altogether too much power and influence, to the Canadian Pacific already.

The Crow's Nest Pass is the only available route still unoccupied through the mountains which divide Canada. This makes the question to be decided a far more important one than is involved in the mere expenditure of a sum of money. As one critic observes, "give the Crow's Nest Pass over to the C. P. R. and that company has the whole country by the throat. Everyone demands the early construction of the Crow's Nest Pass Railway, the only question being whether the road shall be built and operated by the Government, or shall be built and operated by the C. P. R., or whether the Dominion Government shall charter some other company to build and operate the road. The third alternative may be looked at as absurd, for the C. P. R. at any cost would at once capture control of any small corporation which might secure the Crow's Nest franchise. This certainly reduces the question to the straight issue of whether the C. P. R. or the Government shall build and operate the Crow's Nest Pass road."

The weak point in connection with Government construction, ownership and operation of the Crow's Nest road is that its Eastern terminus will be a station on the existing line of the Canadian Pacific, hence that corporation will still have a chance to bleed the traffic between Ontario and the mines in British Columbia. This is an unfortunate condition, but it is not irremediable. To extend the road eastward through the prairie country to Winnipeg, or even to some point where independent connection can be made with Lake Superior and with all the American roads would be a comparatively cheap undertaking, and the knowledge that such a remedy was available would put and keep the Canadian Pacific upon its good behavior. What the country requires is cheap transportation to and from the mines. Past experience has taught us to feel certain that this cannot be obtained by giving the Canadian Pacific an enlargement of its present monopoly. The C. P. R. is building and operates the Crow's Nest Pass line, if it can control the trade of the Kootenay no matter what rates it may charge, no matter whether it behaves itself or not. If the Government builds and operates the Crow's Nest Pass line the C. P. R. will control the Kootenay trade only while it behaves itself and while it charges fair rates. A Crow's Nest Pass Railway operated by the Government would have every reason to prefer a working arrangement with the C. P. R. to the other alternatives of connection with an American railway, or with a road across the prairie from Lethbridge to Winnipeg. The country does not want freight to go West or come East over an American line to Lethbridge. But Eastern capitalists would hardly allow even an American line to share in the freight business to and from the Kootenay than allow the C. P. R. to dictate terms and oppress commerce by charging such rates as it pleases. A Canadian Government owning and operating a Crow's Nest Pass line would have to be driven to desperation before it would give business to an American line or encourage the building of a new railway from Lethbridge and Winnipeg. It would be the fault of the C. P. R. if it drove the management of a Government road to desperation, but so long as the Crow's Nest Pass road was under Government control, the country driven to desperation would have a remedy, and with the Crow's Nest Pass road owned and operated by the C. P. R. the commerce between the Kootenay country and Eastern Canada might be maimed and tortured by excessive freight rates and still the country have no remedy. Building and operating the Crow's Nest Pass Railway as a Government road, is simply a guarantee for the good behavior of the C. P. R. The C. P. R. wants to be free to behave as it pleases.

It is a pity that the Government of Canada, instead of subsidizing companies to build railways, had not kept them as Government works and operated them for the good of the country, after the Australian system. It is little if it be possible to undo all the mischief that has been done by the mistaken policy of the past, it is quite practicable to make a start in the new direction. Since the road through the Crow's Nest Pass will in any event be built with the country's money, and land, should the Dominion Government not take the nation's money and the nation's land and build the road for the good of the country, rather than give the nation's money and the nation's land to the C. P. R. and allow that company to build the road for its own benefit?

Veterans of '66 at St. Kitts.

The most successful meeting of the series was held by the Niagara District Veteran Volunteer 1866 Association in the City Hall, St. Catharines, on Tuesday evening, when a large number of new members were enrolled. Lieut.-Col. V.P. Thomas O'Donnell occupied the chair. Communications were read from Capt. W. Fahey, Toronto; Gunner John McClelland, Parry Sound; Private Thomas Wright, Port Dalhousie. Press Secretary Beatty had made replies to McClelland and Wright, copies of which were read, and the secretary was instructed to reply to Capt. Fahey. It was resolved that the memorial be forwarded to Ottawa through Mr. W. Gibson, M.P. for Lincoln, for action, and that the question of sending a delegate to represent this association at Ottawa be deferred to a subsequent meeting. The name of the honorary president was struck from the list of officers and that of Capt. Reuben Wynne inserted in lieu thereof. The secretary was instructed to forward to Major Hiscott, M.L.A. for Lincoln, a letter of condolence in the loss of a beloved daughter and the great affliction of another daughter.

HAMILTON NEWS

THE POTATO PATCH SCHEME.

A Man From Detroit Tells All About It.

WHO GETS THE BENEFIT?

The Detroiter Says It Is Not the Poor Workingman.

He Had to Find His Own Hoe, Work the Land, Wait for the Harvest and Then Get About 55 Cents for His Weeks Work—The Corporation Gets the Best of It—Victoria Rifle Club Ranges—Sketch of the New Incumbent of St. Paul's Presbyterian Church—General News From the Ambitious City.

Hamilton, Feb. 24.—(Special.)—Aid. Findlay's potato patch project, looking, as it does, to the amelioration of the lot of the poor of this city, has been favorably endorsed by a number of the citizens. In deciding upon an enterprise of so much importance every bit of evidence admissable will be of some value, and the following statement to The World by a witness of the scheme in Detroit, its birthplace, may not be amiss. The speaker, who is now working in Hamilton, asked that his name be withheld from publication, but said that if it was required he would substantiate his statements.

"The project started with some 10 acres," said the speaker, "and this was seeded by the projectors. The unemployed who came along had to bring his hoe with him, or, if he was not the owner of this tool, he had to borrow or hire it. He got out the weeds and looked after the cultivation, until, in the process of time, the harvest was ready. The big man now divided the spoil. Each worker, after being warned against waste, was asked how large a family he had, and how many bushels of potatoes he thought would suffice him for the winter. If a man said that he was blessed with four children he received four or five bushels. Potatoes were then selling at 11 cents a bushel. The patch-worker, therefore, had he had the funds, could relieve of all care and anxiety and bought his winter's supply at the outset for 55 cents. Instead of $1 or $1.50 a day for the support of his family, the worker gets 55 cents for probably a week's labor, and this, of course, is the pecuniary value of his months of waiting. On the other hand, the owner of the property got his land manured and relieved of all trouble, and the municipal profit was in one year over $6000. The idea of helping the poor is a good one," remarked the speaker, in conclusion, "but unless the scheme proves more beneficial to what I saw in Detroit the corporation, and not the unemployed, will be benefited by it."

VICTORIA RIFLE CLUB.

A meeting of the Victoria Rifle Club will shortly be held to take action in the matter of introducing a number of alterations at the ranges, made necessary by the introduction of the new rifle. The rifle grounds, situated about one mile from the centre of the city, are approached at the back by several farm houses. To maintain the range of 1000 yards, the firing points will be removed northward, and other alterations to be adopted will be the throwing up of earthworks and the strengthening of the stone and earth embankment for the protection of the marksmen, by the addition of massive steel plates. It is understood that these improvements will cost in the aggregate over $1000, and that the 13th Battalion will assist in the expense. There are no better ranges in Ontario.

ST. PAUL'S NEW PASTOR.

A Canadian Who Has Won High Honors—The Orphans' Festival.

Hamilton, Feb. 24.—(Special.)—The Rev. Neil McPherson, B.D., St. Paul's new pastor, who will be inducted to-morrow (Thursday) at 8 o'clock, arrived at the Royal Hotel from New York this evening. A number of the members of the congregation called at the hotel early morning to welcome the new pastor. Inquiry at the hotel elicited the information that Mr. McPherson had arrived at the hotel at 10 o'clock, and had spent the forenoon in the city, and his impression of Hamilton was very favorable. He was educated at the High School there and entered Queen's College, Kingston, in 1886, where he made a specialty of the study of mathematics, and graduated with first-class honors. Deciding on the ministry he entered the Divinity School and before graduating secured his B.D. degree. During his college course he captured the Glass memorial in mathematics, the Neil Dow scholarship in theology, and the Leiton memorial in apologetics. The Presbyterian Church at Petrolea now gave him a call and for three years he was its pastor. From Petrolea he comes to Hamilton but a month or two ago went to New York city to look into church and mission work there. "I was delighted with all I saw," remarked the minister. "New York Presbyterianism has able representatives in Doctors John Hall, Charles Parkhurst, David Burrell and Henry Vandyke." Asked if he was a good speaker, Mr. McPherson replied that he was very fond of curling and belonged to the Petrolea Club while in that town.

Moderator Rev. J. Shearer will preside at to-morrow's session and addresses will be given by Rev. A. McWilliam, Rev. Dr. Laing, Rev. Dr. Fletcher, etc.

ORPHANS' FESTIVAL.

The orphans' festival held at the Grand Opera House to-night brought out the tremendous audience it always does and a fine program of entertainment was provided. Mr. Harold Jarvis received an ovation as he finished "The Wedding of Wineyed," and "The Island of Dreams" was as heartily applauded. Signor P. Delasco pleased the house mightily with "At the Forge," and Miss Edith J. Miller, a pupil of Madame Marchesi, Paris, did honor to her teacher's great name. "Oh, For a Day of Spring" was very happily given. Miss Lizzie Addison and Mr. George Fox also won fresh laurels. The clever band of the 13th played several selections. Mr. James F. Morrissy, as accompanist, was entirely satisfactory. The proceeds of the festival amount to nearly $1500.

THE TOURISTS.

There was a large number of the members of the Tourists present to-night at the meeting of the club, held in the Y.M.C.A. A new list of officers was elected and the question of disbanding was dropped. Twenty-four new members were enrolled.

A DROP IN GLASS.

A lively runaway occurred on the Market-square late this afternoon. One of Hegdrie & Co.'s wagons was driving out of an alley near James-street with a load of glass jars, when the driver got down to remove a rig that was obstructing the way, and his team started and ran across the road. The wagon struck a telegraph pole and there was a drop in glassware. The team then started across James-street direct for one of Grafton & Co.'s plate glass windows, but at this point the driver caught hold of one of the lines and tugged the team around and they were brought to a standstill before any further damage was done.

DID HIS WIFE THROW IT?

It has leaked on what appears to be reliable authority, in connection with the Imperial Hotel affair, that the cuspidor by which Fahey was struck, was pitched at him by his wife. Only a slight skin wound resulted and for three days nothing further was thought of the matter. Then, the cut festering, a physician was called in who found that he had blood poisoning to deal with. Fahey lies to-night in a critical condition, although slightly better than he was this morning. The Imperial Hotel has had bad luck in the years past. A former proprietor, Macdonald, and his wife drank themselves to death; then Searles, the next proprietor, was found dead at the beach under suspicious circumstances, and the third chapter is now before the public.

Mr. J. W. Murton, Sheriff of Wentworth, is quite seriously ill.

HAMILTON GENERAL NEWS.

Woman's Musical Club Concert—The Wounded Sectionman is Dead—Notes.

Hamilton, Feb. 24.—(Special.)—The Woman's Musical Club held another successful concert this morning at St. Paul's School, drawing for their program upon Paderewski, Moszkowski and Jensen.

Michael Delaney, the sectionman struck by the G.T.R. morning express near Dundas during Monday's snowstorm, died early this morning at the hospital. The remains were removed to his home this afternoon for interment on Friday.

Constable William Clarke wants Constables English, Harris, Barron, Zeats and Cruickshank, all members of the Police Athletic Association, to apologize for their statement that he withheld certain moneys.

The Committee of Management of Macnab-street Baptist Church, the pastorate of which is held by W. J. Cameron, the young preacher who has been holding Sunday afternoon services at the Star Theatre, are, it is said, about to call for that minister's resignation, on the grounds of his advanced theories, and for alleged neglect of his Sunday School services. Mr. Cameron declines to give up the Star services.

The Central W.C.T.U. met at the house of Mrs. Hardy, 30 Hess-street, yesterday, and took for its chief discussion "Systematic Giving."

The case of E. Gallagher, charged with slapping the face of Rose Gowans, a young mulatto girl, brought a big crowd into Magistrate Jelf's court this morning. Gallagher, in defence, said that the girl stopped him on James-street and abused him because he would not give her money, and to get rid of her he had pushed her from him. Magistrate Jelfs could not see that this charge of assault was substantiated, and imposed a higher over to keep the peace in a $50 surety.

Engineer E. Wingate has been instructed to draw up plans and specifications for the iron bridge over the mail track.

J. W. Young, agent of the Fraser & Chalmers Company, will visit Hamilton with the view of establishing a factory here.

The residence of T. Bale, letter-carrier, 225 Catharine-street north, was entered last evening by a duplicate key, and $6 taken from the purses of Mrs. Walker and her daughter, who were visiting there. Some jewelry is also missing, but the thieves neglected a roll of $50 lying beside one of the purses left.

Hotelkeeper John Fahey of the Imperial House, John and Hunter-streets, is lying at the point of death, caused, it is alleged, by a blood poisoning from a blow from a broken cuspidor thrown in fun at him by a friend. Two nurses are attending him.

City Engineer Barrow has fitted up a room in the basement of the City Hall as a testing laboratory.

A Great Road.

With all the modern improvements in railway construction and equipment, the old and reliable Lake Shore Route still continues to keep at the front. Its straight, level roadbed, smooth and easy riding as the ocean in calm, is the favorite for people who desire a railway journey without the annoyance and fatigue of the jolting which is too often encountered on lines where sharp curves and steep grades abound. The Lake Shore furnishes a service which for speed, safety and comfort cannot be surpassed. The equipment of trains consists of Wagner sleeping, drawing room and private compartment cars, with comfortable day coaches on the regular trains and elegant dining cars. For prompt, reliability and completeness this railway cannot be surpassed. It is a well-known fact that for a long time the name Lake Shore has been a synonym for rapid and prompt railway transportation in this country, so much so that many years ago the Government awarded this line the valuable contract for carrying the special fast mail between Chicago and New York, which contract it still holds. The Lake Shore is to-day a living illustration of the saying, "nothing succeeds like success."—The General Manager.

The Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Railway is the only double-track road between Buffalo and Chicago. Wagner vestibule sleeping cars without change between Chicago and Cleveland, Buffalo, New York and Boston. An elegant dining car service. Information about rates, tickets, sleeping cars, time of trains, etc., can be obtained of T. S. Timpson, General Eastern Agent, Buffalo, N.Y., or to A. J. Smith, General Passenger and Ticket Agent, Cleveland, O.

The Wabash Railroad

If you are contemplating a trip to the gold country, please consider the merits of the Wabash Railroad, the short and true route, via Detroit and St. Paul, to all points in the Kootenay country. Passengers leaving from principal points in Ontario early morning trains reach St. Paul next day at noon, where direct connection is made to all points in the gold district. Tickets and time tables of this great railroad from any railroad agent, or J. A. Richardson, Canadian Passenger Agent, northeast corner King and Yonge-streets, Toronto.

Dyspepsia and Indigestion.—C.W. Snow & Co., Syracuse, N.Y., write: "Please send us ten gross of Pills. We are selling more of Parmalee's Pills than any other pill we keep. They have a great reputation for the cure of Dyspepsia and Liver Complaint." Mr. Charles A. Smith, Lindsay, writes: "Parmalee's Pills are an excellent medicine. My sister has been troubled with severe headache, but these pills have cured her." ed

Farewell to Albani.

The sensation of the month in Toronto and Winnipeg has been the concerts of the Albani company. This favorite prima donna took Manitoba by storm, and Winnipeggers could not restrain their enthusiasm at the concerts given in that city, making the stay of Madame Albani there longer than at first planned. The Massey Hall ballad concerts in Toronto were a tremendous success. Madame Albani will close her Canadian tour with her high position as a vocalist fixed more deeply than ever in the hearts of the people of Canada. And there will always be connected with the name of Albani that of Canada's premier and veteran piano manufacturer, Heintzman, of Heintzman & Co., whose instruments were used exclusively by the Albani company in their Canadian tour. Fifty years of piano making has placed Heintzman & Co. at the top in piano manufacture.

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