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THE PEOPLE'S FIAT!

Will Have to be Given as to Sunday Cars.

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ABOVE 7000 NAMES SUBMITTED.

And They Were Those of Ratepayers and Not School Children.

Intense Interest in the Sunday Car Question Evinced by the Crowds at the City Hall—Ald. Leslie Once More Champions the Cause of the People—Rev. G. M. Milligan Was the Mouthpiece of Those Who Despise the Popular Voice—Piteons Plea for Delay—Mr Maclean Urges Trust in the People—Some Narrow Views—The Petition Received—Will Be Reported On Next Monday—If All Right the Ratepayers Will Vote on January 4—Keep on Signing.

The prospect that the question of Sunday street cars was to be discussed drew a full house to the council chamber last night, and previous to the introduction of the burning question the aldermen took advantage of such an excellent opportunity to show the oratorical metal of which they are made. The crowd in attendance were impatient, however, for the advent of the popular topic and listened with but scant grace to the subjects on the program. At length Ald. Leslie arose and said:

Mr. Mayor, I beg leave to present the petition of:

The Signatures.

Canon Dumoulin, Rev. Dean Jones, Rev. Prof. Symonds, Rev. Prof. Clark, Prof. Pike, Hon. Frank Smith, Dr. Larratt Smith, W. H. Beatty, Peter Ryan, W. F. Maclean, Dr. Nesbitt, Dr. McCausland, Thomas Tait, superintendent C.P.R.; John I. Davidson, president Board of Trade; H. N. Baird, vice-president Board of Trade; John Strachan, John Armstrong, J. J. Foy, Thomas Flynn, James Carruthers, W. C. Beddome, Frank Turner, C.E., H. B. Benson, R. Davies, John Massey, Frank Somers, E. H. Gooderham, M. J. Woods, John Ballon, F. H. Doty, and more than 7000 others in favor of running street cars on Sunday.

As the monster petition was carried up to the Mayor the cheering was lusty and long continued.

Ald. Boustead: I hope the genuineness of the signatures will be examined.

Ald. Leslie's Motion.

Ald. Leslie then moved in effect that inasmuch as a petition containing over 7000 names had been presented to the council praying for a submission of the question of Sunday street cars to the people, that at the forthcoming municipal elections the question, "Are you in favor of the street cars running on Sunday?" be submitted to the people.

Ald. Rose: I have great pleasure in seconding that resolution.

The Mayor first put the suspension of the rule, which was carried with but one dissentient.

The Mayor said that before the main question was put he drew their attention to the presence in the chamber of representatives of the Ministerial Association. Was it their pleasure to hear these gentlemen?

It was their pleasure and Rev. G. M. Milligan came forward. He claimed he was there as the mouthpiece of the Ministerial Association, but he was there also as a citizen who paid his taxes.

Cries of "Oh! oh!"

The Mayor: I hope the spectators will refrain from expressing either their assent or dissent.

Mr. Milligan: "It is evident they do not know as much as they ought to know." He went on to say that this was a Christian country and that Christian principles were embraced within the law. The supreme interest of one day's rest in seven was a religious interest. There were conditions under which Sunday labor was necessary. If it could be shown that such conditions existed on this question of running the street cars on Sunday he would like to hear them stated. Once let a usage like this become recognized and it would be, humanly speaking, impossible to revoke it no matter what evils followed in its train. He went on to plead for the quiet Sabbath and dwell on its esthetic as well as its moral value. Even an agnostic might well welcome that day of quiet.

A Little Disorderly.

Some of the reverend gentlemen's statements were taken in ill part by the people in the gallery, which led Mr. Milligan to retort that he cared not for the opinion of those in the gallery, which caused some injudicious persons to hiss. The Mayor protested against this contemptible way of treating the speaker.

Mr. Milligan continued that no person would regret this innovation so bitterly in the future as the workingmen who were now so willing to throw away the boon. He did not distrust the people, but the Sabbath question was beyond discussion. It was wrong to even invite an opinion on such a subject. The Sabbath was the Lord's day. It was not a holiday, it was a holyday. He therefore asked them, as representatives of a Christian community, to refuse the prayer of this petition.

Bishop Campbell of the Reformed Episcopal Church said that the sense of the Ministerial Association was that the consideration of the petition should be deferred for a week. [Cries of "We can't do it!"]

The Mayor said he saw Mr. W. F. Maclean, editor of The World, was in the room. He suggested that that gentleman, as the promoter of the movement, be asked to state his views.

Mr. Maclean Called On.

There were loud cries of "Maclean," and in response to them the young man who was the cause of all this bother came forward.

He began by saying that he hoped he was a Christian and he thanked God that he lived in a Christian city. Personally, he was not very deeply concerned how the people settled this question, but he was deeply concerned in the recognition of the principle that the people had a right to decide whether street cars should be run on Sunday or not. [Hear, hear.] Every man had a right to his own rule of conduct, but he had no right to compel other people to conform to that rule. [Hear, hear.] The petition had been signed by the required number of ratepayers. Let it be sent for settlement to the people. The council was on record on the question. Could they consistently or honorably break faith with the people? The clergymen who had spoken were desirous apparently that the council should break its faith. They had given the people to understand by a resolution regularly passed that when 5000 names of ratepayers were appended to a petition praying that the question be submitted for adjudication to the people that it would be so referred. Were they going to go back on that? The 4th of January next the people would be attending to their municipal duties and their opinions would be gathered fully and fairly.

Must Be Fought at the Poles.

Ald. Leslie thought that a discussion of the merits of the question that night was out of order. No matter what they did or said that night it would all have to be fought out again on the hustings. The only question before them was should this be submitted to the people. But some of the speakers had wandered a long way from that text. It seemed to be insinuated that a man who rode in a street car could not be a Christian, although very many good Christians rode in carriages and buggies on the Lord's Day. [Hear, hear and cheers.] Ald. Leslie then gave an interesting history of the progress of the matter through the council at various times, concluding with pointing out that in a few days 7313 votes, one-quarter of the entire vote of the city, had been cast in favor of a submission. In conclusion he advised them to keep their arguments for the polls instead of attempting to stifle public opinion.

He Would Not Trust the People.

Ald. McDougall made a long speech containing a great variety of subjects. The gist of it was, however, that he would not trust the people to vote on this matter. He abused the referendum. It was un-British, foreign and therefore thoroughly despicable. It was in this case an appeal from Mount Sinai. The proposal to abrogate an ordinance of God, an ordinance as old as the hills. [No, no.] It was an impious thing. We know as much about it as the people [oh, oh] and they have no business to know anything about it. [Loud cries of dissent from the assemblage.]

Ald. Rose, the seconder of Ald. Leslie's resolution, delivered a speech which was cheered again and again, and expressed his complete confidence in the people, and railled the clergy on their lack of touch and sympathy with the times.

The Alder man Astounded.

Ald. Gibbs raised the question whether the signers of the petition were ratepayers. He was astounded at some of the names. A man who every Sunday repeated the Commandment, "Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy," and elicited from their flocks the response, "Hear us, Lord, and incline our hearts to keep this law," signed the petition. He could not understand the mental attitude of these men.

Ald. Rose reminded the speaker that the people of this city had been entrusted with the settlement of a moral question before today. The question of the curbing of the drink traffic had been submitted to the popular vote, and no friend of morals or good order had even regretted such submission.

Ald. Macdonald said the usual custom was to refer petitions to the City Clerk to discover the authenticity of the signatures.

Ald. J. E. Verral suggested an addition to Ald. Leslie's motion, "provided the City Clerk finds it sufficiently signed."

He Defends the Decalog.

Ald. Boustead said he was prepared to submit everything to the people, but he drew the line at the decalog. He was confident that the bylaw would get a crushing defeat, but hoped that for the fair fame of the city it would never even be submitted.

Ald. Phillips had long been connected with Sunday school work and was an opponent of Sunday cars; but nevertheless there were other people in this community besides him, and they must consider their opinions. He would trust the people to settle this matter, and believed and hoped that the question would be settled out of sight for ever.

Ald. Hall held that the council was bound in honor to fulfil the engagement implied in the resolution of the early part of this year.

Ald. Orr said that Ald. Gibbs and Boustead had misrepresented the attitude of the English Church clergy. That church, of which he was proud to be a member, had faith that the teachings of 1800 years had not been wholly lost.

Ald. Hallam did not deny that the people had an undoubted right to settle this question.

They Have Faith in the People.

Ald. Jolliffe, Allen, Pape, Burns, Score, McMath and George Verral were in favor of a submission to the people.

Ald. Boustead then moved that further consideration of the petition be deferred for a week, and that in the meantime the City Clerk be instructed to examine the names appended to the petition.

Ald. Leslie pointed out that even if the counter petition contained 20,000 it would not alter the resolution one whit. Moreover, if, as he saw, boys and girls and ladies without votes were allowed to sign the counter petition, the same privilege should be extended to the party in favor of submitting the question to the people.

The Mayor: The counter-petition ought to have no influence at all with the council. The council is morally bound to keep faith with the people; but there is nothing to be lost by a week's delay.

Ald. Gibbs agreed with His Worship in regard to the uselessness of a counter-petition.

Ald. Boustead's motion was carried, and the meeting dispersed.

CLERGY AND SUNDAY CARS.

A House Divided Against Itself is the Ministerial Association.

Sunday cars was the absorbing topic at the meeting of the Toronto Ministerial Association yesterday.

Rev. S. T. German and Dr. Parsons moved the adoption of the counter petition and that it be presented to council that night.

Rev. Dr. Johnston said: I am willing to allow the people to vote. I do not favor asking the council to reconsider its action. The majority must rule: if they vote for Sunday street cars we must submit.

Rev. O. C. S. Wallace said: I do not favor the petition. I am amazed that such a petition should be presented to the council. I doubt our right to address it to them. There is not a Baptist minister in the city who favors it. I am opposed to it because it lays ourselves open to needless attacks. We stand for truth and integrity, and shall we now ask the council to deliberately break its promise which it gave to the people?

Rev. G. M. Milligan: The council did wrong and should repent. There are things in that petition I don't like, but I'll vote for it. The popular vote is not always right.

Rev. Bishop Campbell: The council has promised the people and we should not ask them to break their word. The best thing we can do is to submit to the ratepayers' decision. Shall we go back to the days of the Puritan and say the people must do so and so?

Rev. Dr. Thomas: My soul revolts against interfering with the freedom of my fellow-man. Baptists are opposed to street cars running on Sunday, but we stultify and humiliate ourselves if we interfere with the free action of the people.

Rev. J. Duff: The petition is a mistake all through. We had better drop it here and now.

Rev. J. Grant: We can trust the people of Toronto and leave the responsibility with the council.

Rev. A. M. Phillips: I am opposed to allowing the people to vote. The council did wrong and should rescind its action.

Rev. Elmore Harris: Let the people vote on the matter.

Revs. Messrs. Burns, McKay and Parsons objected to allowing the people to vote.

By a vote of 54 against 12 it was resolved to send in the petition, and Revs. Milligan, German, Phillips, McKay and Campbell were named the committee to present it to council.

Another Consistent Clergyman.

After Rev. J. G. Bishop preached at Parliament-street Church on Sunday morning, against Sunday cars, he got into a buggy with R. J. Fleming (mayoralty candidate) and drove down Parliament-street at a good deal faster rate than the Parliament-street cars go. Mr. Fleming's coachman was thus deprived of going to church.

There Is No Immorality Involved.

Editor World: In perusing The News of Saturday I noticed a letter signed Charles Durand that amused me very much, not that it contained anything funny, but it being on the question of Sunday street cars I could not pass it without making this comment in your paper, the only one to fearlessly bring this question before the public. Mr. Durand in his letter compares the supporters of Sunday cars here to the immoral people of the worst cities of the United States. In defence of this I will ask the writer of The News letter to examine the petitions presented to council and he will find the names of men who do not oppose Christianity in any way when advocating the decision of this question by the people. This not the matter of running street cars on Sunday that will make us

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Xmas Numbers, "Graphic," "London News," "Figaro," "Yule Tide," "London Truth," "Black and White," "Holly Leaves," etc., etc., at Winnifrith Bros., 6 Toronto-street.

THE CZAR MUST EXPLAIN.

THE BRITISH LION HAS ALREADY BEGUN TO GROWL.

The Great White Father Promises an Explicit Explanation of the Pamir Incident and Meantime the Indian Government is Pushing Forward Reinforcements—The Appointment of a Joint Commission Probable.

LONDON, Dec. 14.—Despatches from Calcutta say that there has been considerable fighting near Gilgil, on the Pamir frontier, but that the engagements have been of a desultory character. The tribesmen have taken to the hills and all pursuit has been stopped for the present. There has been no further loss of life among the British and the wounded are all doing well.

Additional reinforcements have been ordered to march towards Gilgil immediately, and the Indian Government is strengthening the passes and advancing the defences and roads in the direction of the threatened disturbances.

Lord Salisbury demanded from the Russian Government an explanation, which the Czar promised, and the outcome will be the appointment of a joint Chinese-Russian and British commission to consider the whole question.

PESTILENCE FOLLOWS FAMINE.

Smallpox Carrying Off Thousands of Russian Peasants.

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 14.—To the horrors of famine in this country have been added the concomitant of pestilence. Smallpox is carrying off large numbers of the impoverished people. In two small villages of the government of Riazen 200 persons are down with the loathsome disease and 50 deaths have already occurred.

Smallpox is also ravaging eight other provinces, and typhus fever is carrying off numerous victims in various provinces.

KILLED BY POACHERS.

English Gamekeepers Beaten to Death With the Butt End of Guns.

LONDON, Dec. 14.—Two gamekeepers named Puddephat and Crawley, employed on the estate of Lord Brownlow at Aylesbury, have been murdered by poachers. The men were beaten to death with the butt ends of guns. Their faces were crushed in a most terrible manner and their skulls completely smashed.

Engine and Tender Built in 10 Hours.

LONDON, Dec. 14.—The Stratford works of the Great Eastern Railway have broken the record for the construction of a railroad engine and tender by turning out one complete in a single working day of 10 hours. It was a six-wheeled coupled engine and tender, weighing 67 tons 14 cwt.

A Flagship in a Gale.

PLYMOUTH, Dec. 14.—H.M.S. Anson, the flagship of the Channel squadron, while cruising in the vicinity of Gibraltar, encountered a terrific gale, during which the vessel was swept by huge waves and several of her men were washed overboard and drowned.

Chat from Over the Sea.

Mrs. Langtry is critically ill.

Earl Russell will visit America and lecture on electricity.

The contract for a new Spanish loan of $5,000,000 has been signed.

The Chinese rebels have announced that their purpose is to restore the Ming dynasty.

Princess Thyra, sister of the Princess of Wales, is insane, and is constantly haunted by a spectre.

The Pope has pronounced an allocation, conciliatory in its character, on the recent pilgrimage to Rome.

It is reported that Turkey and Greece are willing to open negotiations with the view of their joining the Zollverein.

By the wreck of the steamship Enterkin in the English Channel William Linskell and W. Brooks, Canadians, were drowned.

Prince Victor of Hohenlohe-Langenburg is dying at St. James' Palace, London, from a cancerous tumor of the throat.

The appointment of Lord Dufferin as British ambassador to France is, contrary to expectation, welcomed unanimously in political circles.

Mrs. Parnell insists upon writing her husband's life herself, and proposes to use in it documents that will be unpleasant for Gladstone and Chamberlain.

The French diplomatic agent at Sofia has broken off relations with the Bulgarian Government because of the refusal of the latter to allow an expelled French journalist to return.

The Emperor of Germany will visit Vienna in March, afterward going to Bucharest to visit the King of Roumania.

William Gorman Wills, the well-known dramatist, died at Guys Hospital, London, yesterday. He was born in 1828 in Kilkenny County, Ireland.

A decree has been issued stating that from Jan. 1 next the Lutheran clergy will be deprived of all the right to appoint or discharge the masters of Lutheran schools in Russia.

A special commission has been appointed by Russia to examine teachers in the German schools. Should any of the teachers display an imperfect knowledge of the Russian language they will be dismissed.

Smalley cables that the most significant incident of Mr. Gladstone's trip to Northampton was his homage to Mr. Labouchere. This public association with a man who plays politics as he would play baccarat shows the steepness of the grade down which Mr. Gladstone is descending.

The Duke of Devonshire seems to be slowly sinking, the bulletins growing daily less hopeful. His loss will be a political event of the first order, because it will exile Lord Hartington from the House of Commons. Lord Hartington is the pivot of the Unionist alliance and the political consequences of the Duke of Devonshire's death are immeasurable.

Late reports confirm the belief that the Duke of Clarence has always been in love with his cousin of Teck and never with the Princess Helene of Orleans. It is a curious fact that this will be the first English-born princess since the Norman conquest to marry an English king or an English heir to the throne.

The subject of a regency for Mecklenberg-Schwerin, which has been put off from time to time on account of the expected death of the Grand Duke, is again urged, and with such general support that it is believed that Duke John Albert will soon receive the appointment. John Albert is a major in the Potsdam Hussars of the Imperial Guard and is a favorite of the Kaiser.

The London Daily News' owners, among whom are John Morley and Henry Labouchere, recently decided to introduce type-setting machines. Several were purchased, and women were engaged to work them. The compositors did not object to the machines, but they protested against the manner in which the work was to be done and the wages proposed to be paid the women. The women were (only to be paid day wages (8 to 14 shillings a week), the machines were to be used at night, and copy was to be selected for them in violation of the rules of piecework. The owners yielded after much persuasion and men will work the machines

THE QUESTION OF SUNDAY STREET CARS.

Is One That the People Must Be Allowed to Settle by Their Votes—Sign the Subjoined Petition.

TO HIS WORSHIP THE MAYOR AND ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF TORONTO:

WHEREAS at a meeting of the City Council held Jan. 19, 1891, it was moved by Ald. Leslie, seconded by Ald. Lindsey, That if at any time during the lease of the streets of this city for street railway purposes, as per tenders to be received on Feb. 2 next, a petition be presented to this council, signed by 5000 ratepayers qualified to vote for members of this council, asking that the question of street cars on Sunday be submitted to the ratepayers, the said question shall be submitted in due course;

WHEREAS Section 40 of the Agreement between the City Council and the Kiely-Everett Syndicate stipulates: No cars shall be run on the Lord's Day until a Sunday Service has been approved by the citizens by a vote taken on the question:

The undersigned ratepayers, qualified to vote for members of the council, respectfully request that the ratepayers be given an opportunity at the forthcoming Municipal Elections of expressing their opinion for or against the running of street cars on Sunday:

NAME.	ADDRESS.

Cut out the petition, sign it, have others do so and hand in to World Office.

A SMALL CYCLONE.

Little Damage is Done But a Great Amount of Good Accomplished.

As The World's sage philosopher remarked on a former occasion, "There is nothing so uncertain as the weather." This is true in every season and at all times. An admirable demonstration of the fact was given yesterday. For the past few days the community has been blessed with remarkably clear crisp, exhilarating, vivifying weather—the atmosphere has been conducive to the wearing of furs—but at the time mentioned a change took place, and citizens were seen peregrinating about the streets attired in outfits suiting the inclemency of the elements. Some forlorn specimens of humanity, indeed, were to be seen without the requisites, but these, with one or two singular exceptions, were rushing for Dineen's as quickly as possible in order to purchase an umbrella. It was on this account that, as far as the firm alluded to was concerned, a cyclone might as well have struck town, for their premises were all day long inundated and besieged by an anxious throng. Dineens' stock of silk umbrellas—although they do not enter into the sale of this article very extensively—is an admirable one. The prices range all the way from $2 to $8, and the most epicurean cannot fail to find what they require or have their tastes satisfied. The handles are diversified, and comprise natural stick, ebony, buckhorn, natural scented wood and ivory. There are also a large number with sterling silver mounting and others again gold-plated. Dineens' do not generally sell this class of goods, but the assortment spoken of are mainly travelers' samples and were secured at prices under their real value. The firm are exceedingly anxious to clear them out and are selling in consequence at greatly reduced prices. Come now and be happy at all events during every storm this winter.

The Insane Dodge a Failure.

NEW YORK, Dec. 14.—Edward M. Field of the banking firm of Field, Linley & Wieschers was arrested to-day by detectives at the Manchester Mansion, a private insane asylum near Tuckahoe, N.Y. He is now locked up in police headquarters in this city. His arrest was made on a warrant issued by Judge Martin and the charge is grand larceny in the second degree.

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A Deep Water Canal From Lakes to Sea.

DETROIT, Dec. 14.—Next Thursday the Deep Waterways Congress will meet in Detroit, and in addition to the consideration of a 21 foot channel from Chicago to Buffalo, the question of the best location for a deep water route from the lakes to the seaboard will doubtless come up for earnest discussion.

The Vienna Medical Prescription Association are furnishing to the sick and ailing the favorite prescriptions of the most prominent and successful physicians in Europe for Rheumatism, Dyspepsia, Liver and Kidneys, Catarrh, Consumption, etc. Send stamp for particulars to Henry Schallenkamp, 68 Johnstreet, Toronto, Can. 246

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THE WORLD OF AMUSEMENT.

The Grand.....The Dazzler
Jacobs & Sparrow's.....Orphans of New York
The Academy.....Niobe
Moore's Museum.....A Melange of Attractions

"Niobe" at The Academy.

"Niobe," Harry and Edward Paulton's three-act comedy, was given last night at the Academy of Music fresh from its 100 nights' success in New York and Boston. The Academy was fairly well filled; but when local lovers of refined and clean merriment learn to-day of the jollity stored up in this production there should not be a vacant seat in the house the remainder of the week.

The fun starts as soon as the marble "Niobe" steps down from her pedestal in the first act and begins her comical dialogs with the 19th century characters. The solid mirth from beginning to end rolls the audience in laughter. They can't help it. The sparkling wit and charming plot make them laugh so genuinely that they feel the better for it. The characters in this play are uniformly perfectly sustained—if that be possible. Isabella Coe, as Niobe, gave a representation of the Queen of Thebes as true as a clever imagination could depict. Her dress, figure, language, accent, gesture and movement in walk afford a valuable study for any Toronto lady. Good-looking women and men figure throughout the clever company, who give a performance that no lover of the comedy should miss. Superlatives have oftimes been wasted on the drama, but this is impossible in the case of "Niobe" as presented at the Academy with its unique stage setting, scenery and dressing, specially designed for Abbott & Teal's company. There will be matinees on Wednesday and Saturday.

"The Dazzler" at the Grand.

"The Dazzler" goes at a great clip and makes the pace for other shows to follow. It is not a play, but it has continuity enough to introduce an organization of comedians, singers and dancers. "The Dazzler" is built only to provoke laughter and has no regard for anything else. As the performance progresses the more frequent the applause and hearty the laughter. The company is headed by the suggestive Kate Castleton, who requires no introduction. She is the same sparkling bit of feminity, sings fairly, dresses richly and trips around the stage with a charming abandon.

Joe Ott is a new-comer, but he is a good one. To look at him is to laugh, and Sherman McIlvain reminds one of John Gilbert only more so. There are a number of pretty, shapely and nimble girls, who can sing and dance and are full of "ginger." The piece is swift and fun comes thick and fast, and the large audience laughed until they were tired.

Where Fun Is Cheap.

The show at Moore's Museo this week, though not presenting any such great attraction as Jumbo or the "long-maned," is nevertheless a good all-round one. In the lecture hall are seen Prof. King, the paper king, and Frank and Annie Howard, the tatooed twins. Another attraction is Evalenz, the water queen. This lady eats and drinks while under water, with as much apparent ease as an ordinary person partakes of a noonday meal.

In the theatre S. J. Rawson and his sister give an exhibition of club-swinging, which has never been surpassed in this city. Fred Russelar, an expert with the clubs, and his many different movements keep the audience bewildered. Harry Winman is a very fine whistler and warbler, and Harding and Ah Sid give a funny sketch, in which they introduce some good tumbling. As one of the company had missed the train at Detroit, Prof. Smith Warner ably filled the vacancy in the program yesterday and gave a very touching recitation, which was loudly applauded.

Agnes Huntington and Fanny Davenport.

The holiday event this season will be the appearance of Miss Agnes Huntington and her English Opera Company next week at the Grand Opera House, where they will produce Planquette's latest and most successful opera, "Captain Therese," written especially for Miss Huntington. The company this season is composed entirely of English artists, who were engaged in London last summer for Miss Huntington's second American tour. The production will be on a scale of magnificence never before equalled in comic opera, including a quantity of beautiful costumes and handsome scenery. Miss Huntington will, no doubt, enhance the splendid reputation which she acquired last season while here in "Paul Jones."

Miss Fanny Davenport, the celebrated American actress, will appear at the Grand New Year's week in a magnificent production of Sardou's "Cleopatra." Both Miss Huntington and Miss Davenport are managed by Marcus R. Mayer and Ben Stern.

"The Orphans of New York."

The management of Jacobs & Sparrow's present this week one of their favorite attractions, N. S. Wood, the favorite young actor as he called on the bill of the play, presents this season a new comedy drama entitled "The Orphans of New York." The piece is of the same calibre as is generally produced by this "boy" star. It is chock full of heroic deeds, has the usual villain, teaches a moral and has a number of thrilling scenes which catch the audience. There will be a matinee this afternoon.

Don't Buy

your Christmas presents until you call and see Bonner's stock of Christmas novelties in gents' neckwear, gents' four-in-hand scarfs, 15c or two for 25c, sold all over at 25c each; 25c four-in-hand scarfs worth 50c, gents' scarf pins for 50c, gents' silk handkerchiefs from 25c up, gents' fine silk-hemstitched handkerchiefs for 50c, sold all over at $1. Bonner's, cor. Yonge and Queen streets. 246

Struck by a Train.

PORT HOPE, Ont., Dec. 14.—Thomas Radigan, G.T.R. navvy, was struck by a train near the depot Sunday, and sustained terrible injuries, nine ribs being broken and the flesh torn from his arms. He may recover.

Often imitated. Never equaled. Adams Tutti Frutti Gum. Sold by all druggists and confectioners; 5 cents.

A Christmas Notice.

To avoid disappointment to those desirous of having photographs taken, we would suggest as early an appointment as possible to enable us to regulate sittings. J. Power Bryce, 107 King-street west. 246

BUSY NIGHT IN COUNCIL.

SOME EXCITING TOPICS WERE DISCUSSED LAST NIGHT.

The Thorny Question of Tax Exemptions—The Overhead Trolley Electric System—The Ratepayers Will Vote on Free School Books—The City and the Telephone Companies—An Addition to the Engineering Staff.

But two members of the council were absent from the special meeting last evening, the chairs of Ald. Saunders and Ald. McMurrich were vacant.

Tax Exemption.

The special committee on exempting from taxation the building, plant and machinery used for manufacturing purposes reported "that they had given the question the greatest consideration and had communicated with the clerks of nearly all the cities in Canada, as well as several in the United States, for the purpose of obtaining the fullest possible information on the subject. The towns of Peterboro and West Toronto Junction and the city of Hamilton exempt the machinery, plant and tools used in connection with their manufacturing industries, and your committee are of the opinion that if the same policy were adopted in Toronto it would greatly assist in building up the manufacturing industries of the city and attract capitalists to locate works in Toronto. It is therefore recommended that the chairman have leave to bring in a bill to exempt from taxation, for a period of 10 years from the 1st day of January, 1893, the machinery, plant and tools used in every manufacturing industry in the city of Toronto where steam or electric power is used."

On the report a lengthy discussion took place. Ald. McDougall opposed the idea of exempting any property from taxes. He thought that churches, government buildings, every kind of buildings should contribute to the taxes. Ald. Hallam said that he had been advocating for the step now proposed for many years. He mentioned Hamilton, Montreal, Toronto Junction and Peterboro as places where machinery was exempt. Toronto boot and shoe merchants buy annually $1,000,000 worth of boots and shoes from Montreal merchants because these goods cannot be manufactured in Toronto on account of our high taxes. Ald. Boustead thought it rather strange that taxes should be taken off breweries and placed on churches. He was of the opinion that taxes should be levied on land alone.

After some further discussion along the line of single tax the report was adopted and a bill will be presented to the next meeting of council. Only three voted against the adoption, Ald. Gibbs, Boustead and McMath.

The Trolley System Again.

The report of the Street Railway Committee, recommending the adoption of the overhead-single-trolley-wire-electric-system, gave rise to some discussion. Ald. Hallam thought the council should not be too rash in making a decision binding on the city for 30 years, particularly when the battery system still in its infancy. Furthermore, he thought that the disfiguration of the streets by unsightly poles should be seriously considered. Ald. Graham, Flett and others took the same position. The council decided to refer the report back for further consideration.

It was decided to authorize the City Solicitor to prepare a case for the court to decide how the profits due to the city on the earnings of the street railway company should be computed. The city contends that according to the agreement the money collected on the cars and the money received for tickets sold, together with the receipts from such other sources as are enumerated in the agreement, should constitute the gross receipts. The company contends that the cash received from the sale of tickets is not cash earned until the passenger has been carried and his ticket collected.

Free School Bylaw.

It was moved by Ald. Gibbs, seconded by Ald. Shaw and carried, that the ballot paper on the question to be submitted to the public school ratepayers at the forthcoming municipal elections, in accordance with the resolution of the Public School Board as adopted by this council, be in the following form: "Are you in favor of free school books being supplied to the pupils attending the public schools the expense to be borne by the city at large, 'yea' or 'nay?'"

Must Have an Assistant.

A communication was read from the City Engineer stating that the sub-committee of the Salary Committee appointed to investigate the Works Department had misunderstood him regarding the appointment of a manager instead of an assistant engineer. He is of the opinion that an assistant engineer is absolutely necessary to the proper working of the department.

Telephone Communications.

A letter was read from A. Hamilton Pettit, secretary of the Central Farmers' Institute, asking for the use of a hall for the holding of the annual meeting of the institute in January.

Nelson D. Mills wrote asking that he be remunerated for services rendered during the telephone difficulty between the city and the telephone companies.

Ald. Boustead moved a resolution of condolence with ex-Ald. Dodds and family on the recent death of his son.

An Immense Fossil Elephant.

LAWRENCE, Kan., Dec. 14.—Kansas has always been noted for the large number of fossil remains found within the borders of the state. Prof. Williston now has received notice that an immense fossil elephant has been found in the arid region among the sand hills in the western part of the state. The measurements show that the animal in life was a monster indeed, and that it was larger than any mammoth remains which have ever been discovered. It is 16 feet from the sole of the foot to the point of the shoulder, and its length is proportionate with the height.

The demand for fine pictures is increasing in Toronto as a result of improved artistic tastes. At Mathews Bros.' art gallery may be seen a recherche stock of oil and water color paintings, etchings, engravings, etc., including a special exhibition of Mr. L. R. O'Brien's latest works. An early selection is advised. d

Sold His Wife for $75.

SAULT STE. MARIE, Dec. 14.—Captain B. B. Mailes of the tug Mystic to-night brought down from a fishing village at Detour the story of the sale of one fisherman's squaw wife to another fisherman for $75. A formal quit-claim deed was given, the woman making no objection to the transfer. This is the second case of the kind in that vicinity this year.

Tried to Burn the Organ.

KINGSTON, Dec. 14.—Between Saturday night and Sunday morning an attempt was made to destroy St. George's Cathedral organ by fire. When the organ was opened up on Sunday morning it was found to be almost useless. An attempt had been made to burn it.

Fine Wood Mantels.

Messrs. W. Millichamp, Sons & Co. of 234 Yonge-street, have in stock a full line of wood mantels of the newest and most artistic styles. Parties building, who desire their rooms to present a fine, comfortable, home-like appearance, should see Messrs. Millichamp and inspect their stock. 246

Natural wool underwear, all weights and size at White's, 65 King street west.

Try the Restaurant at the Hub.

The Sheffield House Importing Company (Registered).

65 Yonge-street (below Kinz). Selling off at cost for cash. Expiration of lease. C. E. Robinson, Manager.

SIR DONALD SMITH ATTACKED.

At a Meeting of the Hudson Bay Company in London.

LONDON, Dec. 14.—A lively Hudson Bay meeting was held to-day, lasting two hours, Sir Donald Smith presiding.

On the motion to re-elect Sir Donald Smith to the board, Mr. MacLean opened a vigorous and sometimes heated debate on Sir Donald's course as governor. Mr. MacLean denounced the policy of the board as one of obstruction and concealment. He congratulated the company on the good effects of bringing new blood into the management.

Sir Donald, replying amid cheers, said that he held £120,000 in Hudson Bay stock. That showed where his interests lay. The dividends paid during the four years of his chief commissionership evidenced his business capacity and knowledge of the needs of the company.

The speech was much applauded, followed by a vote of thanks to Sir Donald and his re-election to the board.

BILLIARD TABLES IN CHURCHES.

300 Ministers Listen to One of Their Number Advocating Their Introduction.

NEW YORK, Dec. 14.—At a meeting of the Methodist preachers of New York, Jersey City, Brooklyn and vicinity to-day, over 300 ministers were in attendance. H. W. Knight advocated the use of the basements in the various churches by placing in them pool, billiard tables, bowling alleys, etc., for the purpose of inducing young men to frequent them and thus come under the influence of those who would lead them into the right path. It gave them an advantage over churches. The paper was listened to with great interest and astonishment and was followed by a vigorous discussion for and against the propositions.

THE BYLAW QUASHED.

The Church of England Wins Its Suit Against the City of Winnipeg.

WINNIPEG, Dec. 14.—This morning before the Manitoba full court an application was made by a member of the Church of England to quash the city bylaw for levying taxes on the ground principally that it is illegal to assess members of the Church of England for support of schools which are not under control of Church of England and in which there are taught religious exercises prescribed by such church. This is a similar appeal to that taken recently by the Roman Catholic Church of the province. The Chief Justice delivered judgment of the full court granting the application and quashing the city bylaw.

THE GRIP IS SPREADING.

Bad Features of Former Visitations Lacking this Year.

BERLIN, Dec. 14.—The influenza, although on the decrease, is still claiming many victims. During the past week the average number of deaths from this malady has been nine daily, but to these must be added for the week about 130 deaths from illness supervening. Among the 63 deaths from this disease was that of one child two years old, eight between the ages of 30 and 40, 20 between the ages of 40 and 20 and the others ranged from 60 to 81. The average of people dying from influenza during the week was 60, and the same average was noticed in previous weeks.

Since the revival of the epidemic the medical authorities have concluded that old people seldom recover from an attack. The doctors also find that people suffering from affections of the heart suffered severely, even if none died, and that scrofulous children are generally troubled after it with disorders of the brain.

According to Dr. Otto Seifert of the University of Wurzburg the influenza is caused by a microbe, which is now called microbussei fertius, and which can only be extirpated successfully by gin mixed with benzoid of soda, the fumes from this mixture clearing the air of these microbes.

In Honor of the First Blow for Unity.

BERLIN, Dec. 14.—Emperor William, accompanied by Prince Henry of Prussia, attended the launching of a new ironclad at Stettin to-day. His Majesty christened the warship Weissenburg. In an address the Emperor said he had named the new vessel Weissenburg in memory of a great march and of his father, who won the first victory for German unity on the field of Weissenburg.

No Divorce for Florence.

LONDON, Dec. 14.—The jury in the case of Miss Florence St. John, the actress, who brought suit for divorce from her husband, to-day rendered a verdict refusing the divor