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for Mayor, One for the Trunk and Liquor License Bylaws—Where There will be No Contests Aldermanic Candidates.

de of Toronto will be called upon ass judgment on several matters of importance to the welfare of the y will elect their Mayor for 1888, the ldermen, the Public School Trustees, two million dollar scheme for the a trunk sewer shall receive their d whether the liquor licenses are ed by 580, 50 taverns and 30 shops. ter subjects are placed before the the shape of bylaws.

e Best Choice for Mayor.

yoralty contest being uppermost in 's mind, The World respectfully candidate to them as by far the ble man in the field. Therefore ballot thus:

Defoe of the City of To-o, barrister-at-law.	X
ederick Clarke of the City Toronto, publisher.	
rs of the City of Toronto, coal merchant.	

e, The World emphatically repeats, for the people. By electing him will have a Chief Magistrate who will an impartial hand. Mr. Defoe is nince of any class, sect or party urely and simply on his own honal record, which during the bitter ust closed none of his opponents impeach or cast the slightest re-n. VOTE FOR DEFOE!

should remember that they have e for Mayor. They can, however, rmen in every ward where they are

The Board of Aldermen.

ill be contests for aldermen in all except St. George's and St. Paul's. rmer Ald. Verral, Maughan and go back to the Council unopposed. r Ald. Shaw, Hill and Roaf do All of these gentlemen have made epresentatives, and their constitu-rfectly satisfied with their records. f the other wards the fight prom-exceedingly warm. The Prohi-expect to have a majority in the l. The candidates in the various

s Ward—W. H. Gibbs, J. G. Gibson, J. O. Swait, R. J. Fleming—4.
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Ward—Henry Piper, John Irwin, A. H. Gilbert, Frank Moses, J.

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al of 35 candidates in the field, are running on the Prohibi endorsed by the Young Men's lub.

Public School Trustees.

e the first time that the Public ees are chosen on the same day as on. In St. Stephen's, St. David's, St. George's and St. Paul's Wards embers are returned by acclamation. A. R. Denisoh, E. P. Roden, W. S. B. Brown (chairman), and C. J. in the other seven wards there will s. A competent, honest Public lled is of as much importance as Council.

The Two Bylaws.

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who has a vote for Mayor and qualified to vote on the Liquor law, but they have *one* vote only. ck by any whether they are or are of reducing the number of tavern 150 to 100 and the number of s from 50 to 20.

MYSTERIOUS EXPLOSION.

Gasoline Blown to Atoms—The Engineer Instantly Killed.

K, Jan. 1—The engine-house of the Gas Works was blown to atoms lock last night. The cause of the still a mystery. It was at first was caused by an accumulation of but it is now rumored that a b was thrown into the engine-uilding was fifty by forty feet high, with foundation walls k. The explosion drove the and leveled them close to the hines were not moved from

ank Plaisted, the engineer, buried in the ruins. His n the steam lever. His adly burned. He leaves The others injured by doing well, none of them —Vote for Defoe and t.

Davies' Brewing Co.'s It is tip top.

John S. King.

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A BIG FIRE AT QUEBEC.

The Seminary Chapel and $500,000 Worth of Paintings go up in Smoke.

QUEBEC, Jan 1.—About 3 o'clock this morning a fire broke out in the Quebec Seminary Chapel which totally destroyed the edifice and about $500,000 worth of original oil paintings. When the firemen arrived the flames were still confined to the cellar where the fire originated, but the smoke was so dense that all approach was cut off. About a minute after the arrival of the brigade the fire gained the ground floor on the interior of the chapel and, fed by the old and dry wooden fixtures of the place, gained such headway that all hope of saving the building was abandoned. The flames quickly spread to the northeasterly portion of the dormitory, which is unoccupied, adjoining the chapel, but the firemen checked its progress there and consequently saved the whole of that immense block surrounding the Seminary yard. Only the bare walls of the chapel remain and these are so badly shaken that they will have to be demolished.

The edifice was built in 1735, shortly after the founding of Laval University, and was probably one of the most ancient buildings in Canada. It contained five altars some two centuries old.

There is an insurance of $14,000 on the chapel and $16,000 on the paintings, which are a total loss. The dormitory is damaged to the extent of $1000, fully covered by insurance.

NEWFOUNDLAND'S PREMIER.

What He Says About the Fisheries Commission and the Bait Bill.

MONTREAL, Jan. 1.—Hon. J. S. Winter, the Premier of Newfoundland, is stopping at the Windsor on his way back to Washington. "What conclusion has the Commission come to?" he was asked.

"I really could not tell you, our lips must be closed in this matter."

"Did you see anything to indicate the truth of the report that Mr. Chamberlain had written to England that if the meeting was unproductive of any result it would be Sir Charles Tupper's fault?" "No, I did not; on the contrary, the relations between Mr. Chamberlain and Sir Charles are of the most cordial kind, and they quite approve of each other's actions."

"How do you think the Newfoundland Bait Law will work?"

"Very good, whenever and wherever we wish to enforce it. I do not anticipate the slightest opposition."

"How are things in Newfoundland in general?"

"Very prosperous, indeed. It is true fishing is our principal means of existence, but the lumber trade is greatly increasing, and our lead and silver mines are panning out extremely well."—Vote for Defoe and Honest City Government.

GLADSTONE INTERVIEWED.

He Would Retire but for Irish Liberties—Too Cold for War.

PARIS, Dec. 31.—The Soleil prints a brief interview with Mr. Gladstone. The latter is reported to Rave said: "Being now in my 79th year I would retire but for the Irish liberties for which I am fighting. I shall perhaps not see the end, but I shall have the consolation of knowing that I have done my whole duty."

"What do you think about war?"

"War will not break out now. It is too cold, but spring is not very far off. Nobody can know what will happen. I hope diplomacy will avert a European war, which would be terrible above all for you."

"What would be in your mind the attitude of England?"

"We have no great interests at stake. The role of our Government will be certainly to regard passively this terrible struggle and to watch strictly over the interests of the country."—Vote for Defoe and Honest City Government.

A Double Murder.

BALTIMORE, Md., Jan. 1.—Stephen Conroy and Patrick O'Donnell were drinking together for some hours last night at the home of the former, and about midnight a quarrel took place, in which O'Donnell was badly beaten and thrown out of the house. Shortly after he was found unconscious in the street and taken home, when he charged Conroy with assaulting him. The police went to arrest Conroy and found that he had killed his aged mother with an axe. The room in which the murder was committed presented a horrible appearance, the walls and ceiling being literally covered with blood. O'Donnell will die.—Vote for Defoe and Honest City Government.

A Big Celebration.

MADRID, Jan. 1.—The Spanish Government has invited the representatives of the United States and the Spanish American Republics to co-operate in the Christopher Columbus celebration, and the proposal has been heartily adopted. All the governments of Europe and America and all the geographical and other learned societies of the world have been invited to send delegates to the celebration. The festivities will continue one week, and the ceremonies will include the unveiling of a monument to Columbus at Huelva.—Vote for Defoe and Honest City Government.

New Year's Day in New York.

NEW YORK, Jan. 1.—This was a dreary New Year's Day, during the greater part of which the rain fell in torrents. But for the greens in clubs, stores and private windows, the throngs in restaurants and the special services in the various churches, the New Year's holiday would have been but a hallucination of the calendar. At Castle Garden the immigrants were treated to a hearty dinner. Calling was but little indulged in. Towards evening the fall of rain ceased, and the indications are that to-morrow's weather will permit of the time-honored calling.—Vote for Defoe and Honest City Government.

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New Year Honors.

LONDON, Jan. 1.—Numerous New Year honors have been conferred by the Queen. Among the persons thus distinguished are Sir Charles Warren, Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police, who is made a Civil Knight Commander of the Order of the Bath, and Mr. Browning, Mr. Balfour's private secretary, also becomes a Civil Companion of the same order.—Vote for Defoe and Honest City Government.

The London Money and Stock Markets.

LONDON, Jan. 1.—During the past week there was an active demand for discount at 2⅜ to 2½. Business on the Stock Exchange was very limited. The tone was good except for foreigns, which were dull under the political outlook. American railway securities were neglected and closed flat owing to disappointment respecting the dividends of the Vanderbilt companies.—Vote for Defoe and Honest City Government.

A Collision in a Snowstorm.

CHICAGO, Dec. 31.—The express for Milwaukee last night, over the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul railroad, smashed into a freight train at Shernerville, Ill., in a blinding snowstorm, making a bad wreck. No lives were lost, but Engineer Little was hurt seriously and the fireman fatally.—Vote for Defoe and Honest City Government.

A Happy New Year to The World.

VICTORIA, B.C., Jan. 1.—The Times wishes its eastern contemporaries a happy and prosperous New Year. Sporting buttonhole of wild flowers plucked to-day on ...ons.—Vote for Defoe and Honest ...ment.

Killed by a Fall.

While Mr. James May, of Hull, with some carpenters building in front of his house yesterday, he fell to the ground, a distance of ...ive feet. He was taken up unbefore anything could be done ...y. Take out at once a policy in ...rers' Accident Insurance Com-

DEPARTED AMID GLOOM.

DARK CLOUDS HUNG OVER EUROPE AS THE OLD YEAR DIED.

The Situation one of the Greatest Perplexity Which Nothing Else Than Some Authoritative Deliverance From the Czar or the Kaiser can Clear Up.

LONDON, Dec. 31.—With the exception of The Pall Mall Gazette all the London dailies and weeklies insist that the year ends in general gloom. The Spectator declares that there is now less reason than ever for believing that peace on the Continent is possible. The Saturday Review generally commends the German policy, and says that Germany and Austria have been studiously peaceable for twelve years past, meanwhile suffering constant menace from Russia. The Review sees a single tangible peaceful glimmer in the decision of the Czar to permit the publishing of the forged documents in Berlin.

At the German Capital.

BERLIN, Dec. 31.—The year closes without the relations between Russia and the allied powers showing any symptoms of amelioration. The situation has become one of the greatest perplexity, which nothing else than some authoritative deliverance from the Czar or the Kaiser can clear up. Gen. Von Schweinitz, the German Ambassador to Russia, has frequent interviews with M. de Giers, Russian Minister of Foreign Affairs, one result of which has been an arrangement for the publication of the forged documents.

No decisive diplomatic issue is expected before the middle of January. After that events will develop with electric rapidity. The concentration of Russian troops in Poland appears to be suspended. The whole country lies deep in snow and ice. The roads are blocked and railway traffic is retarded. Galicia is in a similar condition. If an order were given to-morrow for the mobilization of the Austrian troops, it would be impossible to execute it except within a small radius of Vienna; but a few weeks hence, when the snow storm has abated and the surface of the country is settled into its winter's hardness, military operations could be easily effected. It is the opinion of military authority that Austria and Germany will agree upon winter as the best time for a campaign in Poland, and that if war must be it should either commence in February or be deferred until June. While the movements of troops in Poland are ceasing troops are being concentrated in Bessarabia, and this fact leads to the belief that Russia either distrusts Roumanian neutrality or has other plans than a campaign in Galicia. The forces now massed along the Bender and Odessa lines are estimated at 85,000 men. The stations are crowded with troops and artillery transports. Several corps in Southern Russia are already fully mobilized and echeloned along the Pruth and Dniester rivers and the railways converging to Roumania. The Black Sea fleet is being hurriedly equipped for active service. Four gunboats have been sent to the Kilia arm of the Danube and a numerous flotilla of vessels designed for river service is being concentrated at Odessa. The formidable extent of these preparations gives rise to the suspicion that the Czar contemplates a sudden descent upon Bulgaria, while acting on the defensive towards Galicia.

Reports emanating from Paris attribute to the Czar the intention to announce peace or war on the Russian New Year's Day, and war is predicted as Russia's choice. In discussing the issues the Russian press confidently assumes the defeat of the Austrians.

The Forged Documents.

The text of the forged documents appears in to-night's Reichsanzeiger. It prints four letters, three of which purport to have been written by Prince Ferdinand of Bulgaria, to the Countess of Flanders, sister of King Carol I., of Roumania. The first of these three letters is dated Aug. 27. In it Prince Ferdinand says he would not have gone so far if he had not received the most satisfactory information from Berlin in a note written by Prince Reuss, German Ambassador at Vienna, explaining the secret views of Prince Bismarck. Prince Ferdinand inclosed this note to the Countess and begged her to induce King Carol I. to use his influence at St. Petersburg.

The second document is a forged letter to Prince Reuss, stating that Prince Ferdinand's taking possession of the Bulgarian throne was a question of personal initiative to which the German Government cannot for the time being give official support. However unfavorable or hostile, says the letter, the acts of Germany in the meanwhile may appear, the sentiments secretly cherished by her may one day be made apparent.

The third document is a letter from Prince Ferdinand to the Countess of Flanders under date of Sept. 16. He says that in spite of the open war that Germany is urging against him he receives assurances every few days from German agents that Bismarck's policy may change openly in the most favorable manner, Germany's attitude depending upon the issue of a grave question with Russia. In a fourth letter Ferdinand informs the Countess that according to a communication he has received from Berlin, the fate of Bulgaria has been discussed at meetings between Bismarck, Kalnoky and Crispi, and that the result was favorable to Bulgaria.

The Crown Prince.

Prince Bismarck's appeal to Crown Prince Frederick William to consent to the establishment of a regency, although repulsed, will now be renewed in view of the danger of an outbreak of war. The best men in political and military circles feel the necessity of there being, in the event of war, an active working regent, competent to perform all political duties and in touch with the army. Only a small court party will continue to oppose a regency if the Crown Prince remains an invalid.

The Russians Astonished.

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 31.—Persons in political circles here are astonished at the continuous repeated press reports of Russia's intention to cross the frontier of Austria or Germany, or both frontiers. The official intercourse of Russia with Austria is friendly, while that with Germany leaves nothing to be desired. Taking everything into consideration, the Russian people do not believe that war will occur, but they do not expect a speedy settlement of the Bulgarian question. The recent military movements were taken solely for the purpose of assuring the safety of the frontier, and in consequence of the unfriendly character of antecedent declarations of Austria's policy. It is expected that the recent conjectures and arguments of the foreign press regarding imminent war will shortly be decidedly refused from Russia.—Vote for Defoe and Honest City Government.

Tisza Thinks War is Not Imminent.

PESTH, Jan. 1.—Premier Tisza, replying to New Year's congratulations from Liberals today, said that he did not believe that war was imminent. He was convinced that Hungary would not provoke a war, but that she would be ready if a war was forced upon her. More than that he was unable to say. Herr Falken expressing similar sentiments said he thought that the present gloomy uncertainty was worse than war itself.

President Carnot's New Wishes.

PARIS, Jan. 1.—President Carnot gave the usual New Year's reception to the diplomatic corps to-day. The Papal Nuncio, on behalf of the diplomatic body, congratulated the President, who, in the course of his reply, said he trusted that all fears would be dispelled and that the nations might in complete security devote themselves to the development of their moral and material interests.

King Humbert Hopeful.

ROME, Jan. 1.—The King and Queen received the members of the Senate and Chamber of Deputies to-day in the Quirinal. The King spoke hopefully of the present prospects for peace.

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TUNNELLING THE DETROIT RIVER.

Notice Given for the Incorporation of a Company to Push the Work.

WINDSOR, Dec. 31.—Notice is given in The Canada Gazette this week by Kingsmill, Cattanch & Symons, the Toronto lawyers, that "application will be made at the next session of the Parliament of Canada for an act to incorporate a company to construct and work a tunnel for railways under the Detroit River from a point in or near the towns of Windsor and Sandwich, in the County of Essex, towards the City of Detroit, in the State of Michigan, with all powers and privileges necessary for that purpose."

Henry Russel, the solicitor of the Michigan Central Railroad, was interrogated as to the significance of the dispatch to-night. He said: Mr. Onderdonk, of New York City, a mining and tunnel expert, has carefully examined the conditions involved in tunneling the Detroit River at this point and that he has become satisfied from his investigations that such a tunnel can be economically constructed. He is a man who has conducted much larger enterprises than this would be, having completed with success a huge piece of engineering in California. The scheme, fo far as we know, is that Mr. Onderdonk is backed by all the money necessary to a successful carrying out of the plan; that he will apply to Parliament for a special act under which to commence operations and that the whole matter is purely private enterprise."

"Will not the Canada Southern or some other railroad be entertained in the tunneling of the river here?" was asked Mr. Russel.

"Yes and no," he replied. "The Canada Southern road has been given to understand that the projected enterprise is not the work of an opposition road, but no further than that is the road or any other interested."

"Is the fact that a former tunnel company secured an act of Parliament of any particular significance in this case?"

"No more than it would seem to insure a readiness on the part of Parliament to grant another company the same privileges without delay."

BANKER TAYLOR IS COURT.

The Cases Against Him Again Postponed—A Casualty at Mount Brydges.

LONDON, Ont., Jan. 1.—From appearances Henry Taylor will have to answer for his misdeeds as the master spirit of the Ontario Investment Association swindle before the criminal court, negotiations for a compromise having so far failed. When his name was called yesterday in the Police Court, to answer five charges of embezzlement, his counsel endeavored to get stay of proceedings for another week. This was strenuously opposed by County Crown Attorney Hutchinson, who, however, on the distinct understanding that the defence will be ready by Thursday next, consented to an adjournment until that day.

A young girl named Elizabeth Cook said to be an orphan in the employ of a Mount Brydges clergyman, was instantly killed yesterday afternoon while walking on the Grand Trunk track. It seems the eastbound St. Louis express was passing Mount Brydges Station at a high rate of speed when the girl was seen to cross the track. It was storming at the time and she had a cloak over her head which probably prevented her from hearing the warning whistle of the engine. She was struck and instantly killed before it was possible to stop the train.—Vote for Defoe and Honest City Government.

A Card From Ald. Piper.

83 GRENVILLE-STREET,
ST. JOHN'S WARD.

Editor World: In answer to the numerous enquiries of my friends who have so often supported and elected me in this ward, I may state that there is no truth in the false reports of those most interested. My nomination is correct. I simply refer to the sworn returns of Mr. James Ramsay the returning officer, and his clerk, which returns are in the possession of Mr. John Blevins, City Clerk. My friends must not be deceived by the rumors manufactured by my quondam friends. Among other reports was one that the lions at the Zoo had devoured me; still another that I was down with the smallpox, and should your readers hear of my being swallowed by the whale be not surprised. With the usual courtesy of Mr. John Ross Robertson (towards me) in the letter which I took to the office of The Telegram yesterday, and was published in last evening's issue, page two, and addressed (to the Editor), and for which I paid 25 cents per line, I fail to see why a letter so addressed should have the letters "advertisement" gratuitously placed thereon; perhaps they have a significance, he knows best. I am yours very truly,

H. PIPER.

The First Train Crosses the "Soo."

SAULT STE. MARIE, Dec. 31.—The first train crossed the International Bridge at 4.45 this afternoon. Great interest was manifested in the event, which will open the route via the "Soo" to the great west. The train was given a grand send-off from the Canadian Sault and met with an enthusiastic reception on reaching the American Sault. Regular through trains will commence running on Tuesday. Arrangements are complete for a grand railway jubilee here on Jan. 18. One hundred cars of flour from the Washburn Mills, Minneapolis, will be the first consignment of through freight, arriving here Tuesday. The Canadian Pacific Railway lines are going to put immense yards in at both Saults. Real estate has advanced 20 per cent. this month.—Vote for Defoe and Honest City Government.

A Family Reunion.

At a reunion held last week of the Rose family at Hampton, Ontario, at the residence of the parents, who are both hale and hearty, were gathered their entire family of boys and girls, thirteen in number, the youngest being 22. To attend this reunion two sons came from St. Paul, two from Friendship, N.Y., two from Bowmanville, one from Exeter, one from Toronto (Mr. Joseph Rose), and the others from Hampton and vicinity. It was an exceptionally happy family gathering, where no shadow of sad memories of missing ones was present.—Vote for Defoe and Honest City Government.

Narrow Escape from a Frightful Disaster.

NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—Trains on the Third-avenue Elevated Road collided this evening. One car containing fifty people was thrown from the tracks. At this point the tracks are connected by ties which saved the fallen car from dropping fifty feet to the ground, and thus averted a frightful disaster. A panic ensued, but only one person was seriously hurt.—Vote for Defoe and Honest City Government.

An Accident to the Lansdowne.

OTTAWA, Jan. 1.—The Department of Marine yesterday received a despatch stating that the Government steamer Lansdowne left Georgetown, P.E.I., on Friday afternoon for St. John, N.B. Whilst on her way the Lansdowne got her bows stove in by the ice and will have to undergo repairs. The Northern Light will now perform the service between Prince Edward Island and the mainland. The Government steamer Newfield has been docked at Halifax for repairs.

Probably in Canada.

ROCHESTER, N.Y., Dec. 31.—Assistant Cashier Wm. N. Smith of the German American Bank, of which Secretary of State Frederick Cook is president, is $9,000 short in his cash, and has decamped. Smith had always been regarded as honest and faithful. He has a wife and three children here. He is probably in Canada.—Vote for Defoe and Honest City Government.

Metropolitan Toronto.

One of the evidences of Toronto's steady growth and rapid rise to a metropolitan rank is the palatial store of Messrs. Kent Bros., 105 Yonge-street, with its nearly ten thousand (10,000) square feet of floor space crowded with the highest grades of the jeweler's and silversmith's arts. On the ground floor may be found watches, diamonds, silverware, jewelry and fine French clocks; the first floor has an immense display of bronzes, bisque, china table decorations and imported glassware; the second floor American clocks, in all style from the cheapest model to fine office regulators, while the third floor is devoted to the watch repairing and jewelry manufacturing departments.

MAYORALTY.

The Week: Mr. Defoe, the German, has really done good service to the city, and takes the field on his past record and his personal merits.

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The friends of Mr. Defoe should be on their guard to-day. Beware of roorbackers and the men who will tell you that Mr. ... is not in the race. He is in the race ... will stay there until the last vote is polled.

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The most remarkable feature about the present mayoralty fight is the comparative absence of betting. The wagers posted so far are few and far between. With three candidates in the field, the men who would like to bet money can't quite call the turn.

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Electors, if any of you still have doubts who is the best man in the field, take The World's advice and cast your vote for Mr. Defoe.

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Vote against the trunk sewer fraud and then vote for Mr. Defoe for Mayor.

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Vote for Ald. Defoe and Honest City Government.

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Actions speak louder than words. Mr. Defoe has a record that any city alderman might feel proud of. The citizens of Toronto should not forget his years of service in their behalf. Give him a big fat plumper.

W. & D. Dineen will offer to-day misses' fur capes, best quality, at cost. Corner King and Yonge streets.

ELECTORS.

Dear Friends: In our daily papers, in handbills and in posters there has been published an anonymous advertisement headed "Stubborn Facts," making some statements in reference to the "crime of drunkenness" in the city. It is to be regretted that any citizen should under any circumstances slander the community in which he resides in the interests of the liquor traffic. CRIME IN TORONTO HAS NOT INCREASED DURING THE PRESENT YEAR. Toronto's record is not only better than that of any other city of equal population, but is even better, as the present time, than it has been for many years, as the following facts will show:

Since 1884 our city has increased in population from 105,000 to 125,000. The latter figure is probably to-day below the actual facts. During the same time the city's area has been increased from 5578 acres to 9188. Now, has crime kept pace with this increase?

In 1885 there were 25 burglaries in Toronto; in 1887 there were 21. In 1884 there were 845 arrests for larceny; in 1887 there were only 796. In 1884 439 vagrants were arrested; in 1887 there were 425.

Crime has decreased, Police Court business has increased in the class of cases, which simply show that law is better enforced, and this is because our police force has been largely increased in numbers and efficiency, as every well-informed citizen knows.

For example: In 1884 there was one prosecution for cruelty to animals. There were 193 this year. In 1884 there were 44 prosecutions for keeping houses of ill-fame; there were 90 in 1887. There were 607 city bylaw prosecutions in 1884, and 1592 in 1887. Don't you see now how the great increase in Police Court cases is to be accounted for?

With regard to drunkenness we are now arresting many offenders who before were allowed to go. A large proportion of the cases for drunkenness in the Police Court are simply arrests of the same old offenders. In September the Governor of the Jail reported that there were 170 prisoners in the jail; 28 were lunatics, and the remaining 142 represented 1500 convictions. We have less crime than ever, better enforcement of law, and will have still less crime and still better enforcement as the liquor traffic becomes more restricted.

"Liquor traffic is fighting the reduction, because reduction injures the liquor traffic; and everyone knows that the greater the drink business, the more the crime.

Dear Friends: Be not deceived by any brewers' anonymous election dodges, but for our fair city, our homes and our little ones, go, as I will, to the polls on Monday and VOTE FOR LICENSE REDUCTION.

Yours faithfully,

W. H. HOWLAND.

A QUIET NEW YEAR'S EVE.

Snow and Rain Drive People from the Streets to the Firesides.

Saturday and Saturday night, New Year's eve, were remarkable only for disagreeable weather and the quietness of the streets, especially after dark. There was almost a complete absence of the drunken scenes that were to be noticed on the Saturday preceding Christmas and the day after. Heavy, damp snow fell nearly all day, and about 11 o'clock it turned to rain, which continued throughout the night. By the time it started to rain the thoroughfares were almost deserted, the home and fireside being preferable to the slippery, wet footpaths.

Watch-night services were held at nearly all the Methodist churches. The attendance was not nearly so large as on previous years. This can be accounted for by the inclement weather.

With the police everything was awfully quiet and uneventful.

To-day (Monday) being election day, the saloons will be closed, which ought to be a preventative against the drunken scenes which disgraced our streets a week ago.—Vote for Defoe and Honest City Government.

Davies' Brewing Co.'s Crystal Ale equals Bass' English Ale. Try it and be convinced.

DEPARTURE OF MR. CHAMBERLAIN.

He Compliments the City of Toronto on its Appearance and Enterprise.

Mr. Chamberlain spent the morning quietly at Chestnut Park on Saturday waiting train-time. Between 10 and 11 several representatives of the city newspapers called on him and were cordially received. Beyond an expression that he was really delighted with Toronto as a city and its people as progressive and enterprising, he had little to say.

Hon. T. W. Anglin and Mr. Wm. Houston, members of the Municipal Commission, also called on Mr. Chamberlain, and spent considerable time discussing municipal matters as carried on in England. Mr. Chamberlain, who was Mayor of Birmingham for three years, detailed the system in that city.

The British plenipotentiary and his staff drove from the Park to Union Station and took the 12.20 train for Niagara Falls, where they remain for a day or two, en route to Washington.—Vote for Defoe and Honest City Government.

Fly Detective Hayner.

Frank Hayner, the "fly detective" who is going to turn Montreal upside down when Fahey and his companions are put on trial, returned to Toronto on Saturday evening. Hayner is so fly that he devotes much of his time to blowing himself and letting catch acquaintances into his secrets. Many of the patrons of the Shakespeare Hotel now know as much about Hayner's "fly" as he does himself.—Vote for Defoe and Honest City Government.

Crowded With Customers.

—There's no store on Yonge-street that's busier than the Great Housefurnishing Emporium, 179 Yonge-street. The rush for fancy goods, toys, games, etc., etc., which are now being sold at "give away prices" is just immense. The store is crowded all day long. In fact Strachan's is the noted Yonge-street house now for bargains. 3

BLOODY RAILWAY WRECKS.

THE LAST DAY OF THE OLD YEAR PROLIFIC IN CALAMITIES.

A Fast Express Meets a Freight on a Curve—The Killed Number Five, and Seventeen Badly Injured—Two Passenger Trains Crash Together in Kentucky.

MEADVILLE, Pa., Dec. 31.—A wreck occurred on the New York, Pennsylvania and Ohio Railroad, five miles west of this city, at 9.30 this morning. It is the most horrible disaster that ever occurred in this vicinity. The colliding trains were the "Thunderbolt," a through train from Chicago to New York, consisting of one express, baggage, smoker, ladies' car and two Pullman sleepers, due in this city at 5.30, and freight train No. 23, a west-bound double header. Both trains were over two hours late, and the express, being entitled to the right of way, was running without orders. Simply taking it for granted that the express was in, Conductor Murphy of the freight pulled out for Geneva, where he had orders against trains 28 and 82. Almost simultaneously the trains swept by the last two intervening stations, Geneva and Buchanan, only four miles apart, and as the word was sent to the despatcher's office in this city the inevitable result was certain. The two trains, the "Thunderbolt" running forty-five miles and the freight train fifteen miles an hour, met in a long forest-hidden curve with a crash that was terrible to witness.

Both engineers and firemen of the two colliding engines were crushed between the iron ruins. The baggage car, express car and smoker of the passenger train were completely wrecked. The baggage car was telescoped into the smoker like a wedge, splitting is open and sweeping every seat from the floor. The total number of passengers on the train was fifty-three, fifteen of whom were in the smoker. All of these were more or less injured.

The groans and cries that soon came from the ruins brought the people to a realization of the terrible situation and in a very short time a large force of men were at work, systematically doing all they could for the wounded and dying. The railroad company, after despatching two wrecking crews to the scene of the disaster, soon followed with a passenger train on which to transfer the passengers of the wrecked train and bring the wounded and such of the dead as had been recovered to Meadville.

The work of clearing the wreck was prosecuted under the disadvantage of a driving storm of sleet that lasted the entire afternoon. Trains were run around the wreck by the Meadville and Linesville Road until the New York, Pennsylvania and Ohio was finally cleared about 4 o'clock this evening. The killed and injured are:

Engineer E. P. Swan, Meadville.
Engineer William George, Meadville.
Fireman Arthur Irving, Meadville.
Fireman Edward Haines, Cambridge, O.
William H. Stephenson, Toledo, O.
H. E. Holm, New York, leg crushed; Ad. Wernecke, Buffalo, leg broken; A. D. Hosen, Paterson, N.J., leg crushed; H. L. Malvel, Middlefield, Ohio, one leg crushed, the other broken; Michael O'Brien, Buffalo, leg broken; F. N. Newton, Shinglehouse, Pa., leg bruised; D. Beauland, Titusville, leg broken; C. A. French, Sterling, Mass., leg broken; Horace Graham, Kent, Ohio, badly hurt across hip; M. F. Wyman and Jos. Boynton, railway employes, seriously hurt; P. Foulk, San Francisco, arm broken; F. A. Malone, Salamanca, N.Y., leg broken; Adolf Buser, Cincinnati, legs crushed; Fireman Crumb, badly bruised about head and shoulders; J. M. Woods, Greenville, Miss., hurt while leaving train.

ANOTHER CALAMITY.

Two Fast Mail Trains Collide on the Cincinnati Southern.

SOMERSET, Ky., Dec. 31.—The Cincinnati Southern Railroad experienced one of the worst wrecks to-day since the road has been operated. At 1.30 trains No. 1 and 2, the fast mail trains, met near Sloan's Valley and on a steep as well as a deep fill. The trains were running at full speed and dashed into each other so as to cause the loss of the lives of four persons and injuring several others. The facts gleaned are about as follows: The despatcher gave orders for the trains to meet and pass at Summit, and one of the engineers, mistaking the name "Summit" for "Somerset," went ahead. Both engines were demolished, together with several cars. The following is the list of dead and wounded:

Lee Wilbrow of Cincinnati, baggagemaster, throat cut, mouth crushed in and terribly mangled otherwise. Was dead when found.

Lawrence Collan, baggagemaster, from Ludlow, Ky., killed outright.

James Severns, jr., mail agent and son of James Severns of Stanford, Ky., traveling for the firm of J. M. Robinson & Co., Louisville, died to-night.

T. Candoe, fireman, Chattanooga, Tenn.

W. B. Powell, express messenger, Madisonville, O.

Miss Jessie Green, Chattanooga, Tenn.

Among the injured are:

Pete Murphy, fireman on engine 32, arm broken; Pat Taylor, engineer, an ugly gash in the face and one of his eyes knocked out. Taylor is a resident of this place. He was left at Greenwood under the care of physicians; Wm. Michael, engineer, escaped with few bruises which will not prove fatal; Mr. and Mrs. Avoy, Covington, Ky., scalded and inhaled steam, will both probably die; Sam Shrumm, conductor, internally injured; J. B. Gibson, Cincinnati, badly scalded face and hands, probably fatal; Jas. Nolan, colored porter, laceration of the hip and hand; William D. Michaels, engineer No. 2, who jumped from the engine, sprained ankle, hand scalded and cheek gashed; W. T. Roberts, Rieville, Tenn., mail service, leg and arm broken; W. E. Jackson, Ludlow, Ky., express messenger, hand, head and back bruised; L. E. Sackett, Cincinnati, news agent, head, face, back and legs bruised; J. D. Burch, Sydney, badly scalded head, face and hands; Joe Hepp, Covington, Ky., scalded and bruised; Deck Patton, Ludlow, Ky., brakeman, cut and scalded; J. E. Campbell, Hanoverton, O. face and neck and hands scalded. In addition to the above train No. 2, which came north this evening, carried to Cincinnati five or six badly injured passengers. These passengers were in the boudoir car and the railroad officials refused to allow the Associated Press reporter access to them or to give names or injuries.—Vote for Defoe and Honest City Government.

A Wreck on the Chicago and Atlantic.

KOUTS, Ind., Dec. 31.—Another disastrous wreck occurred on the line of the Chicago and Atlantic Railroad, six miles from this place, between two sections of train 86, a fast stock train going east. The first section having slacked speed for the crossing and the second section following close. Being unable to see the first section on account of the blinding wind and snow-storm, it went crashing into the rear end, demolishing the engine and caboose. One car of cattle was destroyed. The cattle were burned. The rear brakeman was burned to a crisp. His name was L. Lyman of Huntington, Ind.

One Man Killed and Another Hurt.

BUTTE, Dec. 31.—A collision occurred yesterday on the Utah & Northern Railroad near the city of Dillon, M. T., which resulted in the death of one man and the very serious injury of another, besides heavy damage to railroad property. It was caused by the breaking away of a long train of ore cars at Springhill, sixty miles distant, the grade being downward. After running wild that distance it collided with the freight train. As a result of the accident Fireman Patrick McShane was instantly killed and Engineer John Sweeney was seriously hurt. The cars of both trains were completely wrecked.

Two Trainmen Killed.

ALBANY, N.Y., Jan. 1.—This morning the south-bound passenger train ran into a slide south of Bidder and killed two trainmen.—Vote for Defoe and Honest City Government.

HE KNEW THE NOTE WA...

T. B. Taylor Replies to a Statem... by Ald. Rogers in the Selby C...

The case of forgery against Wm. ... was called in the Police Court on Satu... the charge being that on Oct. 7, 1886, ... forged the signature of Taylor Bros. to a promissory note for $3000, drawn out to the order of Selby & Co., at the Traders' Bank, the note being for four months. The accused pleaded not guilty. No evidence was taken, and an enlargement was made until Wednesday, Selby being admitted to bail.

Mr. Elias Rogers Knew the Note Was Forged.

Editor World: Permit me to say with reference to the statements appearing in Saturday's World in connection with the William Selby forgery case, that I am not now and have not been for about a year past either directly or indirectly connected with the Ontario Brewing and Malting Company, and further that my action in laying the information against Selby for forgery was not in any way influenced, as insinuated in what purports to be Mr. Rogers' statement. As a matter of fact my wife and myself had commenced an action against Mr. Rogers long before he was a candidate for the mayoralty, with a view of having the mortgage obtained by him from me set aside on the ground that the same was obtained by misrepresentation and on an illegal consideration, and that action is now pending. Mr. Rogers having filed his defence a few days ago. The information laid against Mr. Selby was on the advice of counsel that it would be desirable to have the charge of forgery established before the civil action was brought to trial.

I further say that Mr. Rogers never endorsed any paper for me nor for the firm of Selby & Co., except the paper he endorsed to take up the alleged forged notes, and when Mr. Rogers says that he was not aware of any crookedness in connection with the transaction he is simply stating what is untrue, as both Mr. Rogers and his solicitors were present at the bank after midnight when the notes were endorsed by Mr. Rogers, who heard the admissions made by Selby, and took care to see that the irregular paper was destroyed. Moreover, on the next day Mr. Rogers, my solicitor and myself went to the bank to see Mr. Str