## FOOTS UP OVER \$800,000.

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Street watering, exclusive of cost of water 26,000
Water for same. 40,000
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Cherry-st. bridges.
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Extension of sewers to deep water 5,000
Sherbourne-st bridge (liability of 1892). 1,791
Culvert on McPherson-ave, city share. 1,051
Stone pavement on Exchange alley, city share 523
Stone walk at court house, Adelaide-st., city share. 578
Sand pump. 578 3,000

Level crossings expenses.

Snow and ice cleaning from street channels...

Special works, 1895.... 7,000 Total......\$504 944 \$353,790 Water Works Branch. 1896. 1895. Totals.....\$320,005 \$215,183

BUSINESS EMBARRASSMENTS. A Publishing House and Well Known Hardware Firm in Financial Difficulties.

The Presbyterian Printing and Publishing Company are in financial dit-ficulties, and have called a meeting of creditors for next week. Mr. Robinson expects an early settlement of the company's affairs, and an offer of compromise has been made.

The well-known wholesale hardware

house of James A. Cowan & Co. of London are in financial straits. Then credit heretofore has been good, and a few years ago the firm was rated at \$20,000. The St. Catharines Clothing Com pany have liabilities of \$13,000, and assets nominally \$2000. The outlook for

The McCrea-Hanes Company, manufacturers, 48 Richmond-street west, have called a meeting of creditors for Tuesday. Tuesday next. The last statement showed a good surplus.

Stewart & Co., the Guelpr shirt manufacturers, who assigned to C. H.

Francis, this city, a short time ago, have made an ofter of 40 cents on the The offer was accepted.

A very large and fashionable audience assembled—at Trinity University in the Convocation Hall on Saturday afternoon at 3.30 to hear the first of the course of Shakespearean lectures that are to be given during February and March by Rev. Canon Sutherland of Hamilton. Right Rev. Bishop Sweatman. presided and in addition to the Provost hearly all the Dons were present. The lecturer took as his character for delication Imogen in "Cymbeline." Most skilfully did he set her sorrows, trials and temptations before the audience. It was an exquisite word picture. One could almost fancy Imogen stood before them. Everyone followed her course breathlessly, how she was falsely accused, condemned and finally triumphantly vindicated. With a detailed analysis of Imogen's possible and probable in a close. The next lecture was brought to a close, The next lecture was brought to a close. The next lecture on February 29, will be on Beatrice ("Much Ado About Nothing.")

New York, Feb. 22.—A despatch to The Herald from Rome says: The newspaper of the last meeting of the quarterly official board of the Woodgreen Methodist, Tabernacle, Rev. W. J. Barkwell, B.A., was invited to remain in charge of the church for another year, which he has agreed to do. This makes the he has agreed to do. This makes the third, year of his incumbency. The finances of the church are in a healthy condition. There has been a largely incondition. There has been a largely incondition, the crack British Columbian schler, will be in Toronto again this summer for the racing season, and will carry the colors of one of the local clubs.

New York, Feb. 22.—A despatch to The Herald from Rome says: The newspaper of the chest restored life. The members of the Gould household vouch for the truth of the story.

Congressman Walker, chairman of the House Committee on Banking and Currency at Washington, will introduce a bill to provide for a banking system and bill to provide for a banking system and that the Government bonds shall be used in the banking system, and that the Government bonds shall be used in the banking system, and that the Government shall be relieved and Joe of the benchman of the truth of the story.

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Savage of this town, who was successful in the King arson case, on their behalf, to secure what evidence he cculd in support of their position. The case was to commence at the Civil Assizes in Toronto next Monday, but just when Mr. Savage expected to distinguish himself, he got word from the it surance company to stop proceedings, the Graham Bros. having asked for a settlement. This was effected by their abandoning the suit, paying their cwn costs and accepting \$450 in full of all claims, the company retaining the salvage. The insurance company is highly pleased with the service of Mr. Savage, as the actual amount they have to pay Graham Bros. is only \$250.

have made an ofter of 40 cents on the dollar. The offer was accepted.

R. Gamble & Co., drygoods dealers at Ottawa, have obtained an extension.

Relyea & Co., drygoods, Cornwall, have compromised at 60 cents on the dollar.

R. R. Rooks, harness, Napanee, has assigned to G. D. Hawley.

At a meeting of the creditors of Geo. Spence, drygoods merchant of Uffington, held under the direction of Assignee C. L. Penniston of Caldecott, Burton & Spence, a statement was presented showing liabilities of \$4000.

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New York, Feb. 22.—A despatch to The Herald from Rome says: The newspaper Don Marzio declares that the position of Gen. Baratleri, commander-in-chief of the Italian troops now operating in Abyssinia, is the same as that of Marshal Bazaine in Metz during the Franco-German war. King Menelek is prepared to drive the Italians from Adigrat and bring about an Italian Sedan. The Ministry has decided to send further reinforcements, and has authorized Signor Crispo, the Prime Minister, to fix the number of troops to be dispatched. An/Italian Sedan Possible.

## BUSINESS OF THE WEEK.

SPECULATIVE STOCKS LOWER.

Stocks were irregular last week and the volume of business very small. There was some investment demand for bank shares, and they ruled firm. The misce lanceus list, however, was dull and heavy. Commercial Cable is 1 per cent. lower, and Postal is about 2 points lower than a week ago. Canadian Pacific was dull, but steady throughout. Toronto Rilway is 1 to 1½ per cent. lower, and some real zing in Western Assurance causeed a decline of about 1½ per cent. The greatest decline is in Montreal Street Railway, which sold at 215 yesterday, a decline of 3½ per cent. Montreal Gas heavy and 1½ lower for the week.

BRITISH INVESTMENTS.

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Mr. McIntosh, Hon. Mr. Gibson's secretary.

Hon. Mr. Hardy was interviewed on Saturday by Dr. Doolittle regarding an amendment to the Municipal Act, which the Canadian Wheelman's Association wants the Government to introduce. The proposals for bettering the streets and roadways will be discussed at a meeting likely to be held this week at the Pavilion.

THE UNITED STATES.

The hard times have caused a rush of recruits for Uncle Sam's army, and same of the recruiting offices have been closed because the ranks are full.

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The Speaker gives his second dinner on Wednesday evening.

Dr. Spohn, ex-M.P., visited the Buildings on Saturday.

Deputy Attorney-General Cartwright is reported in better health, as is also secretary.

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"Did he punch hard?"

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"Yes, I got one in the face with his left that was a stunner, but as it was only in my face, it did not have any serious effect. Peter is a good, hard, game fighter, and I am sorry he made such a poor showing. I did not find Secretary Carlyle has awarded to J. Pierpont Morgan \$4,700,000 of the new faulted.

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game fighter, and I am sorry he made such a poor showing. I did not find him any harder to whip than he was when I whipped him before. It was said, I hear, that I was nearly out. That is a great mistake. There was no time that I did not have supreme confidence in my ability to whip my antagonist. He has improved some in cleverness, but he has not got rid of his slowness, and a man must be quick as well as clever in a prize ring."

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SOLEMN KNIGHTS AT PLAY. ferente Division of the Pythians Enjoys Philadelphia, Feb. 22.—The annivers-

"Hearty greetings to our American kinsmen, who are celebrating Washington's birthday. We join with you in doing honor to your national hero by advocating fraternal union through



Greetings From Great Britain - The

Meeting Held in Honor of Washing

ary of the birth of George Washington

a permanent court of arbitration for the peaceful and honorable adjust-ment of all differences arising in the English-speaking family."

RAMBLERS AT HOME.

of the city temple.

ton's Birthday.

The Ocean Like a Mill-Pond-A Delightful Passage - Solld Comfort on the Paris-Springtime in Old England Already-The Civility of Servants-First | We put up a 5oc. size, which Contrasts and Impressions.

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English-speaking family."
(Signed.)

Right Rev. Brooke Foss Westcott,
Bishop of Durham; Lord Playfair,
Very Rev. F. W. Farrar, Dean of Canterbury; Sir John Lubbock, Lady
Henry Somerset, Mrs. Fawcett, Rev.
Hugh Price Hughes, William R. Cremer, Dr. Clifford, Dr. Parker, pastor a slice of Wiltshire bacon (they know better than to buy their eatables in America) and an egg which the balminess of the good old Gulf Stream has induced a sea-faring hen to lay that morning. At 11.30 the deck steward or one of the staff he keeps for the purposessful at home A large number.

Montreal, Feb. 22.—A. Montreal, Feb. 22.—A.

Mrs. O'Shinsky of Long Island City, soil of the U. S. A.

aged 31, after preparing for death and giving instructions as to the disposal of her body, hanged herself with a early on Wednesday morning, we extend the wall of her room.

As the land of ships was neared, changed our sailless and deserted sea for one on which appeared craft of all arms."

The Sentry: "Fernaps the old continue of the sentry in the

Emulsion of cod-liver oil

is rapid. For this reason is enough for an ordinary Lake Ontario in June, a sheltered bay cough or cold or useful as a fine Mediterranean—the terrible trial for babies and children.

of the Mediterranean—the terrible trial for babies and children. Morth Atlantic Ocean in the month of an antifeature was the conference held in the headquarters of the Universal Peace Society by prominent advocates of arbitration, for the purpose of discussing the feasibility of the creation of a court of arbitration for the peace-ful adjustment of difficulties that may arise between the United States and Great Britain. Judge William N. Ashman presided, and among those portion of the "little world" on the form when the Stream, the lole portion of the "little world" on the soft breezes of the Guif Stream, the lole portion of the "little world" on the soft breezes of the Guif Stream, the lole portion of the "little world" on the soft breezes of the Guif Stream, the lole portion of the "little world" on the soft breezes of the Guif Stream, the lole portion of the "little world" on the soft breezes of the Guif Stream, the lole portion of the "little world" on the soft breezes of the Guif Stream, the lole portion of the "little world" on the soft breezes of the Guif Stream, the lole portion of the "little world" on the soft breezes of the Guif Stream, the lole portion of the "little world" on the soft breezes of the Guif Stream, the lole portion of the "little world" on the soft breezes of the Guif Stream, the lole portion of the "little world" on the soft breezes of the Guif Stream, the lole portion of the "little world" on the soft breezes of the Guif Stream, the lole portion of the "little world" on the soft breezes of the Guif Stream, the lole portion of the "little world" on the soft breezes of the Guif Stream, the lole portion of the "little world" on the soft breezes of the Guif Stream, the lole portion of the "little world" on the soft breezes of the Guif Stream, the lole portion of the "little world" on the soft breezes of the Guif Stream, the lole portion of the "little world" on the soft breezes of the Guif Stream, the lole portion of the "little world" on the soft breezes of the Guif Stream, the lole por

There has been no winter in England; the gardens and parks are bright with violets, crocuses, snowdrops and acon-ite; the furze is in full bloom, and the matter how much she rolls or pitches, judicious exercise over the 600 feet of birds are singing as alone an English spring can make them sing. There is growth and greenness everywhere, especially in the water meadown that disjudicious exercise over the 600 feet of her promenade deck, and the tonic of the salt air you breathe, will enable you to do justice to each meal or the six without the stimulus of sherry and bitters or hors d'oeuvre.

But the meals of the American Line must have a paragraph to themselves. Between 8 and 10 a. m. you breakfast. A fried sole, a devilled mutton kidney, a slice of Wiltshire bacon (they know better than to buy their eatables in America) and an egg which the balmiriages and tiny engines which, though they look like toys, yet go so fast; but the impression which strikes one more than anything else is the politeness, the

sandwich from the canteen, and just as he was about to eat it, up came the Major in mufti. The sentry did not recognize him, so the Major said, "What's that you are eating?"

The sentry replied, "A sandwich Have a piece?"

"Do you know who I am?" ejaculated the Major.

The sentry said, "Perhaps the Major's servant, or perhaps his groom."

The Major: "Try again, sentry."

The Sentry: "Perhaps the old chap himself."

picturesque and enter To His Excellency an Ottawa and Canadia little gratitude for a pily conceived as it complished. Besides, round of social gaietie our own country is and the historical pa effect of bringing vie the society of the caring and effective man ous and the personal a part in the usual ciety and so when som ous or educational chi ed on which the people cosm may turn their appreciable benefit is do grateful must this ha tawa, where one portithat composed of the sidents—is conspicuous and where the other p the floating legislative the rural districts—is no roughness and ignorance clety has all the defe community, which sees practice of the court to tive and affected. The originality among those whose wives and daughte constantly in dalay. constantly in debt, but

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absolute social ommisce The blessed penitentia dances. Let us thank I mercies, and may it gra time ere the millenium less labroious and more manner of bringing toge bers people of opposite s devised. Under the pres programs, it becomes a la ten minutes dancing or tal young person who probainterest you and then rus your next partner with spend another ten minutes you are fortunate to me congenial, entertaining or eftsoons, the music begins is the same old rush off, o you still continue to talk or three dances, then Mrs the cackling Miss Grund the fact, and if on anot the same thing happen Everything is settled. It for the marriage, elopem -they are probably all terms-to be announced papers, "The cringing, cu with his slavering, cackling society small talk, is one fects of the system of lat

Looking back on the so Just past there is little to it from recent years. The hard times is still felt and functions," as the reporter were not remarkable for dor. We miss the frills days. The crush at private creases, and it seems imanyone who knows anyone a dance in his own hor crowding his hospitality threshold. There is great no an organization like the Da whose affairs alone are fre cessive crowding. Two of enjoyable events of the v those which came last, th Club at St. George's Hall, Bal Pondre in the Pavilion. Club ball passed off with success, and this year the the decoration and the exc the supper were two dist features. Of private dances pleasant memories, among people of Mrs. Kirkpatrick's ball; Mrs. E. B. Osler's, Plummer's, Mrs. Arthurs', M. Walker's, and the Dancing ( at Mrs. Herbert Hammon Larratt Smith's and Mrs. Heward's.- It has not been a season, and though brief, t ample breathing spaces, th theatre, concerts, dinners parties filled up many space been an exceptional winter fing and skating, and the new Club has proved a verita whose blessings will be the gr preciated during Lent, assiste Driving Club on Saturday af With the promise of abundan beautiful, snowshoeing short prove a favorite pastime, ar one intend to resurrect my tand tempt the unkempt Rosed once more. Some remarks on the marris

tion made a week ago last have attracted the attention of people, if I am to judge by respondence I have received subject. I select one letter, which is distinctly worthy of tion, even though one may scribe to its views in their er Dear Sans Gene, Apropos paragraphs in your paper week, discussing early and lat riages, let me say a word. Ear riages, that is, marriages of a 17 to twenty and a boy of two thereabouts are undoubtedly they are too young generally to