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The Effect in England.

The lack of a home market is the causing of many British farms going out of cultivation. The other nations of the world did not fall in with the views of Mr. Cobden, and therein lay the essential weakness of his free trade policy, however sound it might be as an abstract theory based on the assumption of its universal adoption. The Textile Record gives some figures showing that in 1850 England imported 16,000,000 hundred weights of wheat. In 1870 the imports were 88,000,000 hundred weights. In 1885 they were 61,498,864 hundred weights, together with 14,689,000 hundred weights of flour. And these figures represent the imports of but one of many articles of food brought into the islands. Meantime, British farmers have been deprived of much of their home market and British land is going out of cultivation. The London Times of a recent date has an article in the same direction. It sets out to show the decline of agriculture in England in the two decades 1869-89. Within that period over four and a half million acres have been added to the land devoted wholly to grass crops. In England in 1869, 14.6 acres out of every hundred were in wheat. In 1889, more than one-third of the number had gone out of that cultivation. In the United Kingdom as a whole in 1869, 49.5 acres out of every 100 were devoted to permanent pasture. In 1889 55.8 acres out of the 100 were in permanent pasture. Here has been a loss of about 3¼ per cent. in the acres devoted to wheat growing, and a decline of more than 6 per cent. in the area devoted to all cereal crops. The number of farm horses has decreased in the twenty years 39,672; the number of sheep has decreased nearly 4,000,000. The natural result is the decline of the value of farm lands, reduction of income on the part of the landowners and distress to the tenants and subtenants.

It is calculated that last year there were $100,000,000 of British capital invested in mines, railroads, banks, lands, etc., in Mexico. The "land of the Montezumas" has always been looked upon as exceptionally rich, but the native "greaser" is not a very progressive animal.

The authorities of New York State propose to reserve a portion of the Adirondacks as a state park, with the double object of having a place of summer resort and of preserving the forests at the head waters of the Hudson and other important streams. Both objects are commendable.

It is expected that the Manchester (England) ship canal will be completed before the time stipulated, the end of 1891. Work goes on night and day, 12,000 men and 96 steam navvies being employed. The locks will be spacious enough to accommodate the largest steamers.

Walker Fearn, late United States Minister at Athens, states that brigandage no longer exists in Greece. He says that he and his daughter and a few friends, unarmed and without an escort, visited on horseback the wildest parts of Greece and met with nothing but cordial hospitality.

Scientific farming in Italy is to be undertaken this year by a company owning a capital of $20,000,000. If the operations prove successful the old wooden plow, pulled by oxen, that has held the field since an era before the Roman Cæsars, will probably have to go.

Ex-Governor Glick of Kansas says that "no man should be permitted to make $1,500,000 a year." The gentleman is quite right. A million and a quarter per annum is as much as the average man is worth.

That despatch about the engineer of a train who saw a man on a bridge and put on a full head of steam and rushed over him rather that imperil his passengers by reversing his engine on a bridge, is a "fake," pure and simple. There is no more danger in reversing an engine on a bridge than anywhere else, and if the train was going at forty miles an hour it needed no increased impetus to hurl the man from the bridge.

The despatches tell us that a mortgage of $40,000,000 is to be placed on the elevated railroads of New York. This at first glance gives the impression that the roads need money. Do they? Oh, dear, no. But their franchise requires them to pay five per cent. of their net income into the city treasury. If an interest-bearing mortgage can be made a liability the net income will be so much less. A look below the surface would disclose the fact that those who hold the mortgage are those who own the railroad, to wit, Jay Gould. Such is one of the modern financial methods.

The journeymen bakers of Vienna are on strike for an increase of pay. But bakers are always looking for a "raise."

Ben Butler, it is said, is able to quote Scripture more freely and more accurately than almost any man in public life in Washington. But is it not recorded that another historical personage is able to quote Scripture when it suits his purpose?

In its new issue of postage stamps the United States have discarded the green and adopted the red. This is another outrage on Ireland.

The Montreal Witness hopes the clause of the Polygamy Act depriving offenders of their civil rights will be restored, as that is the real safeguard against their ascendency. There is no special need for such a round-about method. If they are convicted and sent to jail the civil rights side of the program can be left to take care of itself. Prisoners do not exercise any excessive amount of civil rights.

It will be a great consolation to prisoners consigned to Siberia to know that hereafter they will be conveyed on steamers down the Volga instead of, as formerly, on barges. Prison reform in Russia is thus apparently advancing, but any ordinary sprinters could overtake it at its present gait.

Speaking of the condition of the United States farmer the New York World says:

"His case is an exceedingly hard one. He toils for long hours every day in the year and lives as meagrely as may be, and when all is done he finds that it is difficult and often impossible to sell the products of his labor for the actual cost of production. In older parts of the country farms have been abandoned in multitudes and bankruptcy has overtaken many once prosperous tillers of the soil. In the Middle West the farmers are living upon the proceeds of mortgages, while from the Far West come distressing reports of poverty and even of destitution."

Yet he is not debarred from the "market of sixty millions."

The Kingston Whig says the light buying and selling of these days is to be attributed to the uncertainty respecting the tariff changes. Has the mild weather had nothing to do with it? The experience of The World has been that a mild winter invariably upsets business, and that is no doubt the experience of every merchant.

A writer in the last issue of Scribner's Magazine says there is now existing in the Florida Everglades a band of Seminole Indians whose existence is legally unknown, and who, in consequence, have no rights under the law that a white man is bound to respect. Such a legend has been current for years, but as the Everglades have never been explored no more is known of the matter now than we knew half a century ago.

On reflection, is not this province just about as well supplied with "experimental farms" as there is any occasion for? If the Government assumes paternal care to the extent of teaching people trades, why not try an experimental shoe shop as a change?

An Ohio chemist is heralding a "discovery" of his to the effect that he found salicylic acid in beer. This may be a discovery for the scientist but the brewers knew of it long ago. The effect of salicylic acid is to prevent beer from souring, and its use, if a secret, is simply one of the trade.

Signor Salvini prides himself on his skill as a billiard player.—New York Tribune.

He is a mighty poor actor who is not familiar with the "cues."

THE REGISTRAR ELECT.

The Diocesan Record of Mr. C. R. W. Biggar, Q.C., for the Past Decade.

The new registrar of the Anglican diocese of Toronto, Mr. C. R. W. Biggar, says The Canadian Churchman of yesterday, has been for more than 10 years past an active and faithful member of synod, and has given much of his time and labor to the service of the church. An enthusiast in Sunday school matters, he has, as secretary of the Diocesan Sunday School Committee and editor of The Teacher's Assistant, wrought a revolution in our diocesan Sunday school system which has been felt far beyond the bounds of the diocese and even of the ecclesiastical province. He has also organized and kept alive the Toronto Church Sunday School Association, which is now in the sixth year of its existence and has proved a great success. In 1885-86, at the request of the Lord Bishop, he undertook and carried out at the expense of much labor a consolidation of the constitution, canons, bylaws and resolutions of the synod, which has proved most invaluable and for which he received the thanks of the synod. Mr. Biggar is a graduate of Toronto University, in which he took first-class honors in every year of his course, and for which he received in 1869 the degree of B.A. and the gold medal in physical sciences. Four years later he took the degree of M.A., which he now holds. Mr. Registrar Biggar and Mr. Chancellor Snelling are both of them members of the congregation of St. George's Church.

Have you tried Holloway's Corn Cure? It has no equal for removing these troublesome excrescences, as many have testified who have tried it.

East Toronto Municipality.

The Council of East Toronto met Wednesday evening in the public hall, Reeve D. G. Stephenson, J.P., in the chair. An account of $2400 was received from McQuillan & Co., contractors for laying the village water mains. The reeve was authorized to pay him on account $1500, but as half a mile of pipes remains to be laid, the balance was kept in hand as a security for the satisfactory completion of the contract. A resolution was passed to accept Bridge-street from Norwood-avenue to Main-street as a public street. Mr. Morton asked leave to introduce a bylaw appointing a Board of Health in conformity with the Legislative Act, and the council went into committee of the whole with Mr. Robert Rogerson in the chair. On rising the committee reported that Messrs. W. A. Fawcett, T. J. Moore and Thomas Curtis be appointed members with power to select the Medical Health officer and inspector, and to report to the Council at next meeting. The report was adopted. The former health by-laws Nos. 37, 38 and 51 were consequently repealed. Councillor McCulloch's by-law re the licensing of vehicles kept for hire in the village, which passed its first reading at the last meeting of the council, was allowed to stand over till the next meeting. A committee was appointed to confer with certain property owners in the city and certain capitalists in Toronto relative to affording special facilities to parties desirous of introducing some important manufacturing industries.

Is Our Climate Changing?

The past two seasons have been so peculiar that thousands are attacked by coughs, colds, hoarseness, influenza, asthma, bronchitis, etc. To these we recommend Hagyard's Pectoral Balsam as the safest, surest and best remedy yet produced for all throat and lung troubles.

At the Civil Assizes.

The case of McNamara v. Kirkland was concluded at the Assize Court yesterday, the action being dismissed.

In Bastad Lodge Dairy Company v. Tompkins, an action to enforce the execution of a chattel mortgage, judgment was given the plaintiffs for $850, interest and costs.

The case of Grip Publishing Company v. the Queen, a claim of $10,000 for alleged breach of printing contract with the Ontario Government, was referred to the official referee.

Judgment for the full amount was given the plaintiffs in the case of Bank of Commerce v. Moody, an action to recover the value of several promissory notes.

The case of Tennant v. J. Irving et al. to recover $184 for lumber supplied to the defendants was dismissed by consent.

Hayes v. Kennedy, an action to recover commission on the sale of land, was adjourned.

To-day's list: Muirhead v. Smith, Nolan v. Greenwood, Heffer v. Lewis, Cozens v. Quebec Lumber Company, Foy v. Parkdale Lumber Company, Tennant v. Irwin, Standard Bank v. Frind, Kennedy v. Logan, Boomer v. Bacon, Kinnee v. Bryce (two cases).

"Ayer's Cherry Pectoral has given me great relief in bronchitis. Within a month I have sent some of this preparation to a friend suffering from bronchitis and asthma. It has done him so much good that he writes for more."—Charles F. Dumterville, Plymouth, England.

Century Plants.

The old man asseverated that his daughter's suitor was not a suitable person for her, to which charge the defendant merely replied, though he might be his father-in-law he was no judge.

The pictures in a rogues' gallery are not all steal engravings.

"Everything comes to him who weights,
'Tis truth that the maxim-maker states."
And into the sugar with skillful hand
The grocer soon emptied a lot of sand.

The object of the starch trust, of course, as may have been remarked already not less than 140 times, is to stiffen prices. Such a monopoly strikes at a man's bosom.

You can always get points from the porcupine.

As long as a man is alone he may be said to be keeping lent.

Algy (who has more than he wants): "Pooh! Riches have wings!" Poor Jack (who hasn't enough): "Maybe; but they're mighty slow in flying toward a fellow."

Briggs: "Hello, what's your hurry?" Braggs: "I am going down to kill an editor. I sent a communication in signed 'Honestas,' and the blamed fool added another 's' to it."

Pa: "What is your beau's name, Mary?" Mary (blushing): "His name is Brown, pa." Pa: "Brown! I thought it might be corset." Mary: "Corset!" Pa: "Yes, you see he's such a stayer."

"How horrible it must be to be buried alive!" exclaimed Cumso to his family physician. "Yes, indeed," replied the medical man. "I assure you none of my patients are ever buried alive."

Mrs. Maybore: "The doctor tells me that Mr. Flighty is troubled with insomnia. Isn't it dreadful?" Mrs. Flighty (cheerfully): "Oh, no! It makes it so handy for Mr. Flighty to take care of the baby nights."

One or two bottles of Northrop & Lyman's Vegetable Discovery will purify the blood, remove dyspepsia and drive away that extreme tired feeling which causes so much distress to the industrious and persons of sedentary habits. Mr. W. E. Ellis, druggist, Fenelon Falls, writes: "The Vegetable Discovery is selling well and giving good satisfaction."

THE AMUSEMENT WORLD.

"The Wife" at the Grand—The Attractions for Next Week at Toronto's Theatres.

"The Wife" was given its first production in Toronto at the Grand Opera House last evening, with the following cast:

John Rutherford	Mr. Boyd Putnam
Matthew Culver	Mr. Henry Herman
Robert Gray	Mr. S. Miller Kent
Silas Truman	Mr. Henry Talbot
Major Homer Q. Putnam	Mr. Thomas H. Burns
Jack Dexter	Mr. C. B. Field
Mr. Randolph	Mr. A. W. Gregory
Lucille Ferrant	Miss Frances Gaunt
Mrs. S. Bellamy Ives	Miss Ethel Greybrooke
Kitty Ives	Miss Etta Hawkins
Mrs. Amory	Miss Eliza Logan
Agnes	Miss Olive Dunton
Helen Truman	Mrs. Berlan Gibbs

The piece is by a couple of well-known authors, Messrs. Belasco and De Milles, and enhances their reputation. Some of the situations are very strong indeed, and the whole drama gives scope for excellent acting. The leading male parts are in the hands of Messrs. Putnam, Herman, Kent, Talbot, Burns and Field, and all proved to be accomplished artists and fully equal to the requirements of the piece, taking with the audience so well as to secure for them the honor of curtain calls. The ladies deserve even more commendation. Miss Gaunt succeeded in making the audience cordially hate her—an achievement of art in the villainous role she was required to play. Miss Greybrooke adds to a commanding presence a full knowledge of stage business and a musical, clear voice. Miss Hawkins is "kittenish" and flits about the stage like a ray of sunshine. The leading part is played by Mrs. Berlan Gibbs, and this lady gave evidence of being mistress of her art and a decided acquisition to the stage.

"The Wife" will be repeated this and tomorrow evenings, with the regular Saturday matinee.

Jacobs and Sparrow's Next Week.

Of the company that is to appear at this house next week the Richmond (Va.) Item says: The Item scribe will stake his reputation as a critic on the statement that the Gray & Stephens Dramatic Company, which played "The Old Oaken Bucket" at the Philips' Opera House last evening, gives the best dramatic performance of any given here this season. The plot of the play is well conceived, admirably woven and with a strong cast is admirably carried out. It is such a play as deserves the patronage of the cultured and refined, and one in which they all delight in seeing, and there is enough of comedy and songs to make the performance relished by all. Miss Minnie Oscar Gray appears in the male characters of "Dick" and "Messenger Boy 42," and won the admiration of the audiences; the whole cast is a very strong one. There are few companies on the road who carry as good scenery as Gray & Stephens; realism is attained to a very high degree. The fire scene in the third act is grand, and the snow scene in the Alleghanies in the fourth act is magnificent. The entire stage is used, presenting a grand view of the mountains and lost in the snow and found by dogs. The dogs are not, as many suppose, circus-trained dogs, but dogs tra ned to play their parts timely and with precision in the drama.

"Siberia" continues to draw large houses, and will remain the rest of the week, with matinee to-morrow.

The Twelve Temptations.

The sale of seats for Gilmore's production of "The Twelve Temptations" will open this morning, and judging from the numerous applications already in hand there is little question but what the take will be considerable. The spectacle was prepared with a view chiefly to fitting the piece for a gorgeous spectacular setting, and it is in this direction that the greatest expenditure of money and other things requisite for a successful stage production have been expended. There are mechanical contrivances of all imaginable sorts, dragons, snakes, flying saurians and other horrid creatures. From these misshapen things there are representations of every stage of evolution up to men and fairies. These creatures disport themselves about a stage that is decorated with sparkling fountains, gardens of ferns and palms through one scene after another till the bower of the "Queen Sun" is disclosed; which is the climax of the whole spectacle. The ballets are danced by three premieres and 20 corps ballet, whose costumes are in keeping with the stage scenery in respect to richness and color, if not in quantity. There are six ballets. In the ballet of the cockatoos each dancer appears with a live cockatoo, which she holds on a gilt perch during the dance. In the ballet of the nations one wears red, white and black, another green, another red, white and blue, etc.

"Uncle Josh Whitcomb."

The Academy of Music next week will probably hold large audiences, when the great American comedy "Uncle Josh Whitcomb" will be presented for six nights with Wednesday and Saturday matinees by the Frank Tucker Metropolitan Company. This is the cast:

Uncle Josh, a New England farmer	Frank Tucker
John Martin, his city friend	E. B. Barber
Dolby, from h'old H'England	Tom Richardson
Bill Johnson, bad as they make 'em	John Kenyon
Roundy, a street Arab	E. B. Barber
Reuben, son of Uncle Josh	Sam Porter
Cy Prime, age 80 years	T. S. Dunn
Tot, a street sweeper	Miss Nellie Thompson
Nellie Primrose, a city belle	Kate Davenport
Aunt Tilda, sister of Uncle Josh	Ethel Tucker
Susie Cornell	Miss Jennie Platt

The silver cornet band and a strong company will no doubt make an enjoyable evening. The plan opens this morning at 10 o'clock.

Amusement Notes.

There is a growing demand for seats for the unique entertainment which will be given on Tuesday evening next by the Ideal Boston Mandolin and Guitar Club. They are highly spoken of wherever they have been and the newspapers speak in the highest terms of their artistic and skillful playing upon these popular instruments.

So rapidly does lung irritation spread and deepen that often in a few weeks a simple cough culminates in tubercular consumption. Give heed to a cough, there is always danger in delay. Get a bottle of Bickle's Anti-Consumptive Syrup and cure yourself. It is a medicine unsurpassed for all throat and lung troubles. It is compounded from several herbs, each one of which stands at the head of the list as exerting a wonderful influence in curing consumption and all lung diseases.

Hamilton Aldermen Inspect the Hospital.

Ald. Stewart, Griffith and McAndrew, members of the Hospital Committee of the Hamilton City Council, came to Toronto yesterday and inspected the Toronto General Hospital with a view to getting pointers towards a contemplated reorganization of the Hamilton Hospital, with which a good deal of fault has been found of late. The gentlemen of the deputation expressed themselves as highly pleased with the Toronto Hospital and paid many compliments to Dr. O'Reilly because of the cleanliness, discipline and very evident efficiency of the hospital under his care. The doctor received the visitors courteously, showed them through the institution and gave them the fullest possible information on every detail of its management.

From Police Blotters.

Walter Edmonds, 191 King-street east, mourns the loss of a beaver cap.

Alfred Teague, 259 King-street west, was arrested last night on general principles.

Fred Tounley, 3 Tinning-terrace, had a silver watch stolen from his residence yesterday.

A quantity of stationery disappeared yesterday from H. W. Moore's store, Spadina-avenue.

A thief got away with a cardigan jacket yesterday from Joseph Wilder's store, Queen-street west.

Charles McConnell was arrested last night charged with having stolen a pair of pants from Patrick Melady, King-street east.

John Smith, Joseph H. Thompson and Jeremiah Collins, three boys, were taken to Agnes-street Station last night charged with stealing scrap iron from the G.T.R.

Out of Sorts.—Symptoms, headache, loss of appetite, furred tongue and general indisposition. These symptoms if neglected develop into acute disease. It is a trite saying that an "ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure," and a little attention at this point may save months of sickness and large doctor's bills. For this complaint take from two to three of Parmelee's Vegetable Pills on going to bed, and one or two for three nights in succession and a cure will be effected.

Use the safe, pleasant and effectual worm killer, Mother Graves' Worm Exterminator; nothing equals it. Procure a bottle and take it home.

TO KEEP THEM DOWN.

A Method of Bidding Defiance to the Assaults of Time.

Here is a wrinkle to enable one to remain unwrinkly. The first place, it seems, in which a face "spoils" is under the eyes. Hollows form here, and the skin becoming loose through depression of the muscles, falls into wrinkles, or "crow's feet." "To prevent this," says a modern authority, "it is necessary to keep the cuticle as elastic and in as resistant a condition as possible." And this is how it is done: You must first "draw the mouth hard into the semblance of a smile." Do this before the glass and next place the index and third and fourth fingers of each hand on the small mounds formed at the top of the cheeks and press lightly downward with the tips. Then relax the face at once; again draw up into a smile, then relax; do this with increasing rapidity over and over until the muscles are tired, always maintaining the downward pressure with the finger tips, but not so hard but that the contraction of the muscles in the smile will raise them each time. Here, surely, is enough smiling to make even the most patient experimenter frown, and many will think that an unwrinkled face would be dearly bought at the price of the daily repetition of such a terrible facial exercise.

SALUTING HIS GRACE.

Separate School Board Trustees Pay Their Loyal and Affectionate Respects to Archbishop Walsh.

At 7¼ o'clock last night the Separate School Board paid their respects to His Grace Archbishop Walsh. Those present were Hon. T. W. Anglin, Vicars-General Rooney and Lauren., Father McCann, Bro. Odo, John and Patrick O'Connor, Secretary Hall, J. Walsh, John Herbert, O. Pape, C. Flanigan, T. H. Hennessy, C. Burns, H. F. McIntosh, James Ryan, D. A. Carey, M. Costello and M. Ryan. A beautifully illuminated address, of which the following is a copy, was read by Hon. Mr. Anglin and presented by Mr. Burns:

To His Grace the Most Reverend John Walsh, D.D., Archbishop, Toronto:

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR GRACE,—We, the members of the Roman Catholic Separate School Board of the City of Toronto, beg to tender Your Grace the expression of our love and esteem and to offer you our congratulations on your elevation to the Metropolitan See of the Archdiocese of Toronto. The happy memory of the day when the Catholics of Toronto had the benefit of your priestly ministrations makes us look forward with joy and confidence to our future relations with you in your more exalted capacity.

As a member and chairman of this board you devoted yourself with zeal and ability to the cause of Catholic education. We well remember your open-hand generosity in granting pecuniary aid from your private means to the struggling schools of those days.

Without the self-sacrificing spirit shown by yourself and the other noble priests associated with you, the maintenance of our schools would have been extremely difficult, and in these, the days of your prosperity, we do not forget that in the foundation of our success you were one of the leading factors. We are now in a position to assure Your Grace that our schools are established on a sound basis and compare favorably with any other schools in the province.

The fame of your devotion to the cause of religion and education in the diocese of London has preceded you and the splendid efficiency of the schools established there by you assure us that under Your Grace's wise counsel and supervision the progress of our schools will still be upward and onward.

We extend to you a cordial welcome back to Toronto and desire to assure you of our hearty co-operation in the great work of imparting a sound Catholic education to the children under our care.

Wishing you many long and happy years to guide the destinies of this great archdiocese.

We humbly beg Your Grace's benediction.

Signed on behalf of the Separate School Board:

VERY REV. FRANCIS P. ROONEY, V.G., Chairman.
REV. JOSEPH J. MCCANN, Secretary-Treasurer.
CHARLES BURNS, Chairman of Committee.
HON. T. W. ANGLIN, Secretary of Committee.
REV. MICHAEL M. O'REILLY, WILLIAM FRASER.

The Archbishop thanked the board heartily and spoke at some length in a conversational way of the kind way in which he had been received on entering his new work. Referring to the School Board in the olden days he said that the trustees did little talking but a good deal of work. "There were no newspaper reports," he continued, "but the work was done efficiently." He dwelt at some length on the disputed political questions of the present day. Catholics, he said, want to be let alone in peace and harmony. They pay their taxes and act like other good citizens. Canada should prefer patriotism to partyism and politicians who will love their country more than their party.

Before the trustees left the Archbishop compared the Protestant institutions of Quebec to the Catholic seats of learning in Ontario. Quoting the statistics of a Protestant minister he referred to the $20,500 which is given by the Mercier Government to the Protestant colleges in Quebec. "How much do the Catholics get in Ontario? Not a r-r-rap," said His Grace with a decisive trill on the r.

City Hall Small Talk.

Ald. Swait left for East Caledon yesterday to inaugurate a Sons of England lodge.

According to Chairman Shaw no heads will fall in the Board of Works Department.

City Engineer Jennings will take the oath of office of soon as his new duties are arranged to his liking.

The Executive has granted $1000 to the Board of Works for a survey of Ashbridge Bay and the Island.

The Claims Committee held a secret meeting yesterday afternoon, disposing of a number of claims against the city.

There is a coolness between Ald. Ritchie and Denison about the appointment of a clerk on the assessment rolls of St. Mark's Ward.

Ald. Small has hired a photographer to take views of the Don as it looks at present. The ice has broken up and he says that the sight from King-street bridge north is magnificent.

Ald. Shaw and Ritchie have developed a strong friendship of late and it is suspected around the Hall that there is a move on foot between them in the matter of the Fire Department.

Ald. Swait, Hill, Booth, Executors Smith and Woods visited Colborne Lodge, High Park, yesterday. John Stinson was made caretaker at $1.35 a day, with house room and fuel. It was resolved to ask the city to erect a small fireproof building for the pictures and remove all the outbuildings at present surrounding the lodge.

Among the Fraternities.

Maiden Block Preceptory, No. 86, initiated two candidates last night. Sir Knight Turner presided.

Hope of Toronto Lodge No. 2, I.O.G.T., met last night in Temperance Hall. One candicate was initiated.

Canada Council 612, Royal Arcanum, met last night, Regent Firstbrook in the chair. One candidate was initiated.

The Orkney and Shetland Society met last night and nominated officers. President William Houston, M.A., occupied the chair.

Metropolitan Lodge No. 6534, M.U.O.F., met last night in Shaftesbury Hall, Bro. Edwards, N.G., presiding. One candidate was initiated.

In Victoria Hall last night the annual supper of McLeod L.O.L. 821 was held. Mr. W. Morton, P.M., occupied the chair and the hall was well filled, the guests occupying two large tables, which were loaded with good things. Letters of regret were read from Mayor Clarke, J. L. Hughes, Rev. W. F. Wilson and others. The toasts were numerous, the addresses good, the supper excellent.

Under the auspices of Dominion Council No. 879, Royal Arcanum, a successful concert was held last night in Winchester Hall. Bro. D. F. Macwatt presided, and there was a large turnout of members and their lady friends. An excellent musical program was presented, in which these members took part: J. Howitt, H. English, Messrs. Hahn Bros., Messrs. Parkes and Levian and Master H. Woodlands. The committee was Alfred J. Blachford, A. D. Symon, H. Stamps, G. T. Stewart, S. E. Thicke, W. R. Haight.

Lodge London No. 31, S.O.E.B.S., held its monthly meeting on Tuesday evening in the Masonic Hall, Queen-street east, President J. G. Bent in the chair, assisted by past president Bro. J. W. Lane. There was a large attendance of members, also several visiting members from St. Alban's and Warwick lodges. Delegates Bros. S. Hine and T. S. Lobb gave an interesting report of grand lodge proceedings.

Remarkable Cure of an Ulcer.

SIRS,—Two years ago I had an ulcer on my ankle. Knowing Burdock Blood Bitters to be a good blood purifier I got a bottle and a box of Burdock Healing Ointment, and after using three bottles and three boxes I was completely cured, and recommend B. B. B. everywhere.

MRS. W. V. BOYD, Brantford, Ont.

THE REPORT ALL RIGHT.

The Executive Adopts the Recommendation of the Joint Committee to Vote the University $50,000.

At the meeting of the City Executive Committee yesterday this report of the Special University Joint Committee was adopted:

The special committee appointed to consider and report on the desirability of giving tangible expression of the sympathy of the citizens of Toronto and substantial aid towards the restoration of the university building having considered the whole matter in reference thereto, and having had a conference with the university authorities on the same subject, recommend that the city grant $50,000 to aid the university authorities in rebuilding this institution, such recommendation having first received the assent of the duly qualified electors, and that the City Solicitor be requested to take the necessary steps to obtain the legislation needed to enable the city to seek the assent referred to.

The Bill Read a Second Time.

The Minister of Education yesterday in the Assembly moved the second reading of the bill giving to Toronto University the sum of $160,000 to aid in the reconstruction of her buildings. The bill was sent through its second stage and referred to a committee of the whole House without a dissenting voice.

Mr. E. B. Osler a Trustee.

Mr. E. B. Osler has been elected a member of the Board of Trustees of Toronto University in place of the late Hon. John Macdonald.

Mr. John Leys, M.L.A., yesterday wrote to the Mayor that Toronto give the university $300,000 and the latter relieve the city of the annual payment of the $60000.

ASSAILED ON ALL SIDES.

French Papers Pitching Into the Proposed $10,000 University Grant.

QUEBEC, Feb. 27.—La Canadien of to-day says: "Let us hope that the Cabinet won't persist in having the $10,000 voted for the Toronto University. There are no serious reasons to create such a precedent. The province of Ontario is rich and has already given us a good example on the subject. If we remember well the Toronto councillors thought it fit not to vote anything at all in aid of the St. Sauveur fire. Hon. Mr. Mercier, who is a clever man, is not on courtly terms with the English-speaking Canadians, against whom he has often battled, and he now sees his way clear to make amends and reconquer his lost popularity."

L'Etendard says the Premier is trying to pander to the English vote and adds: "Let us be charitable to Catholics, Protestants, Hebrews or infidels, let us give to all who are in need, no matter their origin or their religion. But can Catholics aid in the reconstruction of a university where error and heresy are taught? We leave those who can answer this question to do so."

Le Courrier de St. Hyacinthe, edited by Hon. Mr. LaBruere, ex-Speaker of the Legislative Council, is opposed to voting the amount on the ground that the university is not the property of the state.

Le Quotidien, a Conservative organ at Levis, is most outspoken against the idea: "Mr. Mercier is to put his hands in the public chest to take $10,000 which he is to forward to the fanatics of Toronto to help them rebuild their university. While they will rebuild that building upon a scale of greater magnificence our humble houses of education in this province will ask in vain for assistance. Instead of favoring a stranger university, a manufactory of fanatics who have no other desire than to crush, no, to destroy our language, why should not Mr. Mercier employ these $10,000 in helping to educate the poor children who, with their talents and intelligence, might in their mature years defend our race against the aggressions of fanatics and foreigners."

To Aid in Restoring the Library.

BERLIN, Feb. 27.—A meeting of graduates, undergraduates and friends of the University of Toronto has been called for Saturday, March 1, at 3½ p.m. in the council chamber, for the purpose of organizing to assist in the restoration of the university library. Invitations are heartily extended to all graduates and members of the university residing in the counties of Waterloo, Wellington and Perth. There is quite a number of university men residing in this district, and Berlin is a convenient point for them all to come together. The meeting of Saturday ought to be a success.

Toronto and the University.

[From The Woodstock Sentinel-Review.]

The Toronto World deserves credit for stating clearly, in an article which we quote elsewhere, the relations of the university to the city. The World seems to be the only paper there that has the courage to do so, and to point out the city's obvious duty. Mean quibbling in one quarter and silence in others represents the attitude of Toronto journalism on a question that vitally affects the city and the whole country. It is gratifying to see that there is one paper which has the courage to speak plainly, and in a way that may not be pleasing to many of its readers in a city that is becoming noted for aggressive greed. In taking a manly stand and a fair view of the question, The World is doing a distinct service to the university and to the province. It is not necessary to point out to anyone the enormous benefits conferred upon Toronto by the location of the Provincial University there. These are of so direct, so vast and varied a character as to suggest themselves at once to everyone. It has been stated with probable accuracy that about 5000 students go to Toronto every autumn to attend its various educational institutions. The cream of this influx is drawn there by the university and its affiliated colleges. In addition to this, scores and hundreds of parents from outside places have removed to Toronto as a centre of learning in which to educate their children. So great are the benefits conferred by the university that it is not too much to say that a large part of the city's prosperity is due to it. Still, at a crisis in the history of the institution, when by dire misfortune it is in need of funds to restore its buildings and maintain its prosperity unimpaired, the representatives of the city are not only haggling over the question of granting a few paltry thousands to it, but they actually propose to make a grant the means of squeezing from the university the free use of property enormously more valuable than the bonus proposed. It would not be easy to find in the history of civic government in this country a case of such surpassing meanness. If the city gave unconditionally to the university $500,000, instead of $50,000, the balance of advantage would still remain with its citizens. It is amazing that anyone should consider $100,000 a large grant, or have the cheek to contend that it should be accompanied by such conditions as are proposed. As we have said in a previous article, the action of the Provincial Government in coming promptly to the aid of the university in a time of misfortune would of itself met with approval in the country. But it is just possible that the contemptible attitude of the City Council may change public opinion on the Government's proposal. The original lease of Queen's Park was a stupid and inexcusable blunder upon the part of the university authorities. When the city failed to carry out the terms of that agreement the university was free to do with the park what it pleased. Its second lease was the recognition of a moral claim which it was not bound to respect. To give the city the use of a park for $6000 a year, worth ten or twenty times that amount if disposed of for building sites, was surely a generous arrangement. But it seems that the city is not satisfied with securing the almost free use of valuable university or provincial property. It wants to squeeze an institution in distress into an arrangement for the free use of thirteen acres more of enormously valuable land in return for a paltry grant of $100,000. If the university authorities make any such arrangement as proposed the Government should promptly withdraw the proposal of a provincial grant. It will be surprising if public opinion upon the cool greed of Toronto does not find vigorous expression in the Legislature.

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AFTER A FAT JOB.

Ald. Hill and Hewitt Expose the Secret of the Scaffold Specification Agitation.

Ald. Ritchie presided at yesterday's meeting of the special scaffolding committee of the City Council, being assisted by Ald. Lucas, Carlyle (St. And), Hill, Hewitt, Shaw. Ald. Hill declared against the proposition to have a specification. The action of last year's council bound, in his opinion, the council of 1890, and he believed that the bylaw already adopted should be embodied in the building bylaw and at least given a year's trial. Ald. Lucas gave it as his view that if the bosses and men wanted a specification they ought to draft one themselves. The chairman objected to last year's bylaw, that it placed too much power in the hands of the scaffolding inspector. "Give it a year's trial," said Ald. Hill, "and if it is then found not to work well take the question up again. It is not the bricklayers or masons who are kicking about the scaffold but two or three members of the Trades and Labor Council."

"Yes, and I do not hesitate to say that they have started this thing for the sake of getting appointments," added Ald. Hill.

The Chairman: "I do not think that, alderman."

Ald. Hill: "Yes, I say it, and two of the delegates at the meeting had their applications in for inspectorships."

The Chairman: "And when I asked them about it they stated there was no truth in the story that they were applicants. Why did you not tell them then in plain English that they lied?"

Ald. Hill: "It would be hardly proper for me to tell any man that he lied."

Ald. Hewitt: "Yes, and I went on the scaffolds to the men working in my ward and asked them what they thought about a scaffold specification and the appointment of an inspector. They laughed at the idea, telling me it was all rot and all there was in it was that somebody wanted a soft job."

Ald. Hill pointed out that the making of a specification would be a direct interference with the Employers' Liability Act and might leave the city liable in case of accidents on a passed scaffold.

Ald. Shaw moved that the principle of a specification be affirmed and in amendment by Ald. Hill that last year's bylaw be given a 12-months' trial. The amendment and main motion were both lost on a tie vote. It was decided to let the commissioner draw up a specification to his liking and submit it at a future meeting.

A Life Record.

"I had been troubled for about 25 years with biliousness and liver complaint, and after using about three bottles of Burdock Blood Bitters I feel entirely relieved and have not had an attack for two years." JOSIAH GAMEY, Maxwell, Ont.

TO THE GOLDEN GATE.

Glimpses of the Southwest from the Window of a Pullman Car.

PASADENA, Cal., Feb. 7.—We have bid adieu to New Orleans, crossed the Mississippi on the huge ferryboat of the Southern Pacific Railway and comfortably seated ourselves in a Pullman on our way westward to the "Golden Gate," 2495 miles distant. We carry with us many pleasant recollections of the quaint old Crescent City and the hospitality, warmth and geniality of its people. Uniform kindness and politeness is the spirit of the real Southerner. Youth gives instant preference to age and it is accepted with old-time grace; that a lady should stand while there is a male occupant of a seat is something unheard of; the negro who passes a lady's car fare raises his hat as he receives it; and a thousand little unobtrusive acts of consideration make the stranger from the ice-bound north feel the warmth of kindly natures, while the weather makes him feel the warmth of 82° in the shade.

The scenery along this route for a considerable distance is thoroughly southern. A regular panorama of sugar plantations, cotton fields and rice fields extending as far as the eye could reach on either side of our track, was beginning to grow monotonous when the shroud of darkness settled upon the landscape. The planters' houses are large and handsome and the negro quarters, with their whitewashed huts clustered together, resemble miniature villages scattered over the plantations. We retired early and when we awoke next morning we found ourselves rushing westward through the "Lone Star State." Occasionally flocks of wild ducks, frightened by the train, rose from the sloughs near by, while large flocks of wild geese could be seen quietly feeding a few hundred yards off on the prairie. An occasional coyote scampered away from us and herd of twenty-five or thirty antelopes bounding gracefully over the plains within easy range made us sigh for a Marlin or Winchester repeater.

Our train traversed a diversified country for hundreds of miles through the State of Texas, made up of forest, prairie and bottom lands. Extensive cattle ranches, sugar plantations, cotton fields, corn fields and orchards manifest the adaptation of the soil and climate. The people of this state claim that every product of the so