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Scope of the Legislative Authority of Federal and Provincial Parliaments.

At a meeting of the senate of the University of Toronto a statute was passed with reference to junior matriculation in arts, which requires that a candidate for junior matriculation shall produce satisfactory proof by the certificates of the principal of the school from which he comes, or otherwise, that he has read carefully during the preceding year at least four suitable works in English literature, both prose and poetry, in addition to those prescribed for examination.

The subject for the LL.B. thesis in 1909 is: "The scope of the legislative authority of the parliament of Canada, and of the legislatures of the provinces, respectively: (a) as to the constitution of courts; (b) as to the incorporation of companies and powers of companies incorporated by or under the authority of provincial legislatures.

Miss H. G. Matheson and Miss W. E. Robinscon were passed in Latin of the second year. Miss M. O. Carter in French of senior matriculation.

Students Talk Temperance.

Yesterday was students' day at the meeting of the Canadian Temperance League in Massey Hall, the speakers being representatives from Knox, Victoria and McMaster. Dr. W. F. Bryans occupied the chair, and the singing of the Alexander Choir was supplemented with two selections from a double quartet of students from Victoria College, adding largely to the interest of the meeting.

J. Geo. Miller spoke for Knox, C. F. Logan for Victoria, and J. D. McLaurin for McMaster.

A Governor-General Removed.

ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 16.—Nicholas Ngerhard, the governor-general of Finland, has been removed, and M. Von Boeckman, the governor-general of Courland and commander of the twenty-second division, has been appointed to that office. It is understood that M. Von Boeckman's duties will be chiefly military.

NEEDN'T TAKE THE GOODS SOLD BY TIPPING AGENT

Supreme Court Judge Gives a Decision That May Interest Business Men.

NEW YORK, Feb. 16.—Victory for the Anti-Tipping law was recorded for the first time in the appellate division of the supreme court yesterday, when a decision was given that a merchant need not return or pay for goods bought by one of his employes.

The case was that of a department store which appealed from a judgment obtained against it in the city court in favor of Samuel Sirkin, on the ground that the goods for which judgment was given were bought by its purchasing agent after the seller's agent had agreed to pay five per cent. to the agent to buy the goods. The purchasing agent is alleged to have received $75 for his share in a bill of $1555.81.

Judge Laughlin said the questions of fact were established, and decision should rest upon the interpretation of the law.

"The judgment of the lower court is wrong and should be reversed," he said. "That the bribe was conditioned upon plaintiff's getting the order is demonstrated by his agreement to pay a percentage of the selling price of the goods.

"The corrupt practice of secretly offering bribes to servants, agents and employes to induce them to place contracts for their masters or employes has spread to such an alarming extent that its viciousness and dishonesty attracted the attention of the legislature in 1905 and led it to declare it to be a misdemeanor to give or receive such a bribe by enacting section 384 of the Penal Code.

"There can be no doubt that the act of the plaintiff in bribing the purchasing agent of the defendant was a violation of this section of the Penal Code. The acts of plaintiff constituted a crime. He is seeking the aid of the court to enforce a contract which he procured by violating our penal statute. Nothing could be more corrupting nor have a greater tendency to lead to dishonesty of servants than these practices. I think nothing will be more effective in stopping the growth of this criminal custom than a decision that the courts will refuse their aid to a guilty person."

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York County and Suburbs

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ACCIDENT WAS BARELY AVERTED IN JUNCTION

East York License Commissioners Appointed—Items of Interest From York County.

TORONTO JUNCTION, Feb. 16.—The blinding snowstorm on Saturday afternoon was the cause of an accident in the Junction, which might easily have been attended with fatal results. Miss Elsie Winder, about 15 years old, of 131 East Dundas-street, while crossing at the corner of Keele and Dundas-streets, about 1 o'clock, was knocked down and seriously hurt by a horse and cutter which was passing along Dundas-street at a fair rate of speed. She was taken to Dr. Mason's surgery, where it was found that she had sustained nasty cuts on the head and body, as well as several bruises. The force of the blow seemed to render the girl semi-conscious for a short time, as she cannot remember what happened, except that she found herself in the surgery. An eyewitness of the occurrence states that as the girl approached the driver of the cutter slackened his speed to allow her to pass, but as the snow was blowing furiously ,he had an umbrella in front, shielding himself, and the lady and little girl who were with him in the cutter. Miss Winder also had an umbrella, and in the confusion she was struck by the horse before she could get to the other side. As she fell, the frightened animal sprang clear over her, alighting with its hind hoofs a few inches from her body, as she lay immediately in front of the sleigh runners. The occurrence was wholly accidental, and in no way the fault of the driver. To-night the little girl is better, altho there is still a slight bleeding from the cut in her head.

Mrs. Masters, wife of William Masters, proprietor of a store at the corner of Dundas and Union-streets, died suddenly this morning, aged 68 years. She had been in failing health for some time past, but the end came unexpectedly. Interment will take place to the Necropolis Cemetery.

There are 50 cars of stock in the Union Stock Yards for to-morrow's market. A special feature of the sale will be the large number of fine horses, about 12 carloads of which have arrived during the past few days.

The 20 minutes' delay in the car service to the Junction to-night was caused by a car leaving the tracks at Lansdowne-avenue and causing a blockade.

Arjutant and Mrs. White addressed large audiences in the new Salvation Army Citadel at three services to-day. Brigadier Taylor will enroll 20 recruits as soldiers on Wednesday evening. The Lisgar-street band will give selections during the proceedings.

H. H. Demers presided and gave a short but interesting address to the young men present, on the benefits of total abstinence.

James Simpson of Toronto gave an address on temperance in Joy's Theatorium this afternoon.

EAST TORONTO.

Relief Committee Have Difficulty in Work—License Commissioners.

EAST TORONTO, Feb. 16.—The Rev. Mr. Rogers occupied the pulpit of Hope Methodist Church to-night, the Rev. Mr. Ferguson, pastor of the former church, preaching in Emmanuel. Large audiences were present in each.

Mrs. Thomas Ratcliffe, who has been seriously ill,is making a good recovery.

The Ladies' Aid held their regular meeting at the home of Mrs. Andrew Grant, some two and a half miles north of the town, a few days ago. The trip out was most enjoyable and was only equaled by the cordiality of the reception accorded by Mr. and Mrs. Grant.

Acacia Lodge A.F. and A.M., meets to-morrow night.

The relief committee are doing all they can to relieve the distress existing in different parts of the town, and in the adjoining parts of York Township, which are properly under the jurisdiction of the township council. Here, as elsewhere, it is generally the most deserving, who are the least willing to make their wants known. It is said on good authority that some cases have presented themselves to the relief committee, of mechanics who, during the summer, were employed at wages ranging from $3 to $4 a day. Others again are worthy of assistance, and will be helped along as far as the means at the disposal of the committee will permit.

A section of the furriers of the T. Eaton Co. had a most enjoyable supper at the Eastbourne House on Friday night. Songs and speeches followed.

Principal Brownlee was busily engaged on Saturday in re-arranging the seats in the old Mary-street School. The new seats ordered for the Beach School were too large for the children attending there, nearly all of whom are juniors, and were accordingly placed in the old remodeled Kimberley-street, while those in the latter were taken down to the Beach School.

The re-appointment of the East York License Commissioners was gazetted during the week.

They are as last year, L. A. De Laplante, chairman, East Toronto; Geo. Forrester, Gormley, and Charles J. Humphrey of Highland Creek.

The board of commissioners is a good one, but especial satisfaction is expressed that L. A. De Laplante was offered and consented to again discharge the duties of chairman. East York is fortunate in securing his services.

MOUNT ALBERT.

Report Received Here Says Farmer on 7th Concession Lost All.

MOUNT ALBERT, Feb. 16.—(Special.)—The outbuildings and barn belonging to Jacob Hopkins, a well-known farmer in East Gwillimbury, were totally destroyed by fire on Friday night, the work, it is believed, of an incendiary. All of his crop remaining, as well as his stock, was completely destroyed. The amount of insurance if any carried, is not known.

MARKHAM.

Venturesome People Will Try the New Road—Seed Fair on Tuesday.

MARKHAM, Feb. 16.—It is being urged against the town council that they are remiss in not taking active steps to prohibit travel of any kind over the new steel bridge and roadway crossing the Rouge at the southern end of the village. The roadway is not alone high, but narrow, and, being unfinished, is as yet without guard rails along the side. Some day there will be a big accident, and the town will be put in for a damage suit, but worse than all somebody will get seriously injured or killed.

It is urged on behalf of the council that they have signs placed up, warning the people against driving over, and nailed up the entrance, but whatever the means employed the matter ought to be made safe.

The attention of Scarboro, York and Markham farmers more particularly is directed to the annual seed fair to be held in the town hall on Tuesday afternoon, beginning at 1.30 o'clock. The fee for entrance is only 25c, and exhibitors are admitted free. The importance of good seed cannot be over-estimated in these days, and the seed fair this year bids fair to be a big success. T. G. Raynor of Ottawa will give a short address. Every farmer ought to make it a point to attend and bring a sample of seed grain.

The Markham Public Library Board have not yet decided when the adjourned concert and basket party will be held. Bad roads and weather are given as the cause.

The Ladies' Aid of the Methodist Church will hold a social at the home of Mrs. P. P. Crosby on Friday evening, Feb. 28. Supper will be served from 5.30 to 8 o'clock, followed by a program.

The snow blockade was responsible for the closing of the Speight Works for a few days.

TODMORDEN.

St. Andrew's People Are Socially Inclined—May Claim Damages.

TODMORDEN, Feb. 16.—The advisory board of St. Andrew's Church (Anglican), and the Women's Guild, gave a sleighing party last Thursday night, and on Saturday night they gave a St. Valentine's social, which was the most largely attended one of the many they have held this prelenten season. They intend holding two more socials before Lent.

Chris Leamen intends claiming damages from York Township council for the flooding of his greenhouses on Pape-avenue on Friday night during the rainfall. The water course on Pape-avenue was stopped up.

MIMICO.

West York Sunday Schools Have Great Annual Convention.

MIMICO, Feb. 16.—The 18th annual convention of the West York Sunday School Association was held on Thursday and Friday of this week in the Methodist Church at Islington. Local workers by timely and thoughtful preparation made the convention socially a very delightful occasion, to the visiting delegates, especially so in the serving of meals in the Sunday school room.

The association comprises the Townships of York, Vaughan and Etobicoke, with 70 different schools, and 5000 children on the roll, over 500 active workers are regularly in the work each Sunday, while $1000 was contributed to missions and benevol. purposes.

The program was an exceptionally good one and the addresses, talks, conferences and questions made the gathering a very instructive and profitable one. The home department, the teacher's training, missions, and primary work with blackboard illustrations were presented and discussed by experienced workers in these special fields.

The delegates were welcomed by Rev. Thomas Campbell of Islington in a happy five-minute address, and tho the weather and roads detained many at home the attendance was fairly good. The closing address was entrusted to Rev. Dr. Hazlewood of Toronto Junction, and the convention was adjourned till another year.

The Daughters of the Empire concert in the school hall Friday night was much enjoyed by the large audience present. The program was both musical and recitative and well rendered, in which local talent played a large part, and revealed the pleasing fact that Mimico has some very good amateur actors.

The musical part was given first, and consisted of songs by Messrs. Street and Price-Green, and violin solos by Miss Conover, and piano solo by Miss Smith, with Mr. Colborne Thompson accompanist.

The second part was introduced by a short laughable farce, "Vice Versa," in two acts, and tickled the audience immensely. Mr. Fred Burgess as a general housemaid at work being specially laughable. As a closing piece the story of Cinderella was given with Miss Behan of Mimico as Cinderella, and the details of the plot carefully and elaborately staged and happily acted.

SWANSEA.

Residents Object to Dangerous Practices on Grand Trunk.

SWANSEA, Feb. 16.—The new street (Queen) just completed from Windermere to Ellis-avenue is being covered to a depth of two feet with slag from the rolling mills.

Surveyors are at work in this district re the Hamilton Radial. It is understood the line will cross the Humber just north of the G.T.R. bridge and run east south of Queen-street and about fifty feet from the Dominion Sewer Pipe Co.'s plant, on towards Sunnyside.

Something ought to be done to stop the Grand Trunk running their engines backward thru this locality from Mimico to Toronto. The engineer has no chance to see ahead with his engine reversed.

Residents in this locality are talking of forming Swansea into a village and a gentleman prominently connected with the bolt works is talked of for the first reeve.

The Humber piggery of ancient fame is still with us.

St. Alave's Church has been doing good work among the poor of this section.

Officer Hill of the Salvation Army has just suffered the loss of another horse, the third in about a year.

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NORTH TORONTO.

Town Again in Darkness—Memorial Service to Late Rev. Mr. Hill.

NORTH TORONTO, Feb. 16.—Except for the lunar illumination the town was shrouded in darkness again for a considerable length of time last night. Commissioner Walmsley, however, found the break of the wire at the corner of Broadway-avenue and had it repaired.

Rev. Dr. Galbraith preached both morning and evening in the Eglinton Methodist Church to-day. His sermons were in the interests of the educational fund of the church.

Rev. T. W. Powell, rector of St. Clement's Church, preached anniversary sermons at Elmvale to-day.

Rev. N. Wellwood of the Eglinton Methodist Church was at Hornby to-day, where he preached anniversary sermons.

Mr. Molyneaux will be responsible for the evening's program at the weekly entertainment of St. Clement's Literary and Musical Society on Tuesday evening.

Archdeacon Sweeney will deliver a lecture in the school room of Christ Church, Deer Park, on Tuesday evening at the A. Y. P. A. meeting. His subject will be "Tissot's Life of Christ."

The Ladies' Aid of the Davisville Methodist Church have gathered together a large quantity of warm clothing, and Rev. J. W. Wilkinson desires that if anybody is in need of some, or knows of someone in need, they will call at the Ladies' Aid at the church, or at Chief Constable Collins, and be supplied.

The North Toronto Hockey Club have covered themselves with glory during this season so far, as they have won every match played this winter. On Friday evening they scored a second victory at the Markham tournament, playing against the Centennials, winning by 13 to 2.

Rev. J. W. Wilkinson preached memorial sermons in the Davisville Church to-day, in memory of the late Rev. Newton Hill, formerly pastor of the church.

The pulpit, altar and railings were draped in black.

At the morning service the reverend gentleman sang a solo, which was one of the favorite hymns of the late Rev. N. Hill, "I Know That My Redeemer Lives."

For his text in the morning service he took Rev. xiv., 13, from which he gave a powerful exhortation.

At the close of his sermon the speaker gave a short biographical sketch of the deceased and paid a tribute to his sterling qualities as a minister in the Methodist Church for the past 40 years.

Thet ext at the evening service was: "I have fought a good fight," etc.

The choir rendered special music for this occasion.

At a meeting of the quarterly board of the Eglinton Methodist Church a resolution was unanimously passed expressing sympathy with Mrs. N. Hill and Davisville Methodist Church, in their unspeakable loss and sorrow by the death of the beloved husband and pastor.

Rev. T. W. Pickett of Deer Park will address the senior Epworth League of the Davisville Methodist Church to-morrow (Monday) evening.

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EMERY.

The ladies who have had charge of the renovation of the church here, assisted by their friends, intend holding a Japanese bazaar on the evenings of Feb. 20 and 21. In addition to the usual articles for sale, (useful and otherwise), oysters in different forms and other delicacies will be served in a Japanese tea garden. Those in attendance will be costumed as Nipponese. An orchestra will be in attendance on both evenings.

DOVERCOURT.

Victory Lodge, I.O.G.T., held an open meeting last Friday night in Davenport-road Presbyterian Church, which notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather, was well attended. Visiting brethren from other societies were present, and gave addresses, and a most excellent paper on the economic aspect of the drink question was read by Mr. John Girvan. Amongst those who took part were Dr. Abraham, Mr. Armstrong, G. L. McCrane, Mr. Dyson, the Misses Leighton, Mr. Greet, Mr. Webb, the Boy's Institute, and others.

UNIONVILLE.

Local Presbyterians Will Hold Tea and Concert.

UNIONVILLE, Feb. 16.—The members and friends of the Unionville Presbyterian Church will hold a tea and entertainment on Tuesday evening. Tea will be served from 6 to 7:30 p.m., and will be followed by an entertainment, at which a number of well-known local and city artists will assist. Among these will be Mrs. Dr. Watson, Mrs. A. G. Gormley, Messrs, Howarth, Ziegler, Frisby and others. An enjoyable evening is assured all who attend.

The attendance of villagers at the Markham carnival during the week has been large, and all have expressed themselves as delighted with the good sport provided.

AURORA.

Local Athletic Club Will Have a Great Night Friday Next.

AURORA, Feb. 16.—The Aurora amateur athletic concert on Friday evening, Feb. 21, gives promise of being a great event in town. The Mechanics' Hall has been engaged for the occasion.

Dr. Wilson of Newmarket will address the Epworth League here tomorrow (Monday) evening.

A pink and white social will be held in the basement of the Methodist Church on Wednesday evening. J. M. Walton will preside.

General regret is expressed around town at the news of the death of Rev. Newton Hill of Davisville, who was well and favorably known here.

The recent mild spell has had the effect of greatly lowering the snowbanks generally, and improving conditions for travel. The ditches and creeks are now well open and unless heavy snowfalls occur little danger of a freshet in the spring exists.

FOUR MEN ARRESTED.

Serious Case of Assault on Young Woman.

KINGSTON, Feb. 16.—(Special.)—Late last night a girl came to the police station and complained that four young men whose names she gave, assaulted her in or near Soward's coal yard. She alleged that she was seized by the throat and prevented making a noise. The marks on her body are evidence that she had been cruelly treated.

The police then went in pursuit of the accused quartet, arrested them and they are now held in the station pending developments in the police court to-morrow morning.

Their names are James Brickwood, "Reddy" Devine, Mozier and Crozier. Complaints have been made by girls lately that they have been followed in lonely places by young men and at times accosted by strangers so that few have been willing for some time to go out on the streets alone.

NEW JAPANESE MINISTER.

Says War With States Too Hellish for Thought.

NEW YORK, N.Y., Feb. 16.—Baron Takahira, the new Japanese ambassador, arived to-day on the Etruria and declared that war between the United States and Japan would be the most inhuman event in the history of the world and was too "hellish" to be thought of.

Successful Smoker.

The British United held a smoking concert and euchre party at their clubrooms, 305 Parliament-street, on Saturday night, which proved a great success. W. Johnston won the first prize, which was a handsome silver-mounted pipe and case; W. Barnard took second. The amusement committee have arranged for a ladies' social on Saturday next. Everybody is welcome. This will be an open night. Refrtshments will be served.

Raided a Crap Game.

Inspector Cuddy, with Plainclothesmen Montgomery and Black and P.C. Irwin, swooped down on a crap game at 34 East Queen-street at 9.30 Saturday night and arrested nine frequents and players, including J. Roontree and Andrew Marsicano, who will be charged with keeping a gaming house. Some money and dice were also appropriated by the officers.

Don't Want Judgeship.

WINDSOR, Feb. 16.—A. R. Bartlett of this city has decided that he would rather continue his law practice than receive the appointment of junior judge for Essex County, to succeed former Judge Clements of Berlin, resigned, and has so notified Ottawa.

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HALTON LIBERALS NAME EX-WARDEN R. D. WARREN

Well Attended Convention in Town Hall at Milton—Hon. A. G. MacKay Present.

MILTON, Feb. 14.—(Special.)—Ex-Warden R. D. Warren, editor of The Georgetown Herald, was nominated as the Liberal candidate in Halton for the local house at a convention held in the town hall here to-day. The convention was well attended, considering the state of the roads, more than fifty delegates being present. The choice was unanimous and much enthusiasm was shown.

Major Beattie of Campbellville was elected president of the Liberal Association of the riding, and Richard White, Milton, was chosen as secretary.

In the evening a public meeting in the town hall was addressed by Hon. A. G. MacKay and C. N. Smith, M.L.A.

Controller Harrison of Toronto, who was present at the convention, is being spoken of as a probable nominee of the party, to contest the seat in the Dominion House held by David Henderson, M.P. Mr. Harrison is a former resident of Milton, and has many friends in the riding.

Controller Harrison, when asked last night whether he would seek the nomination, replied that he had been asked to do so, and might seriously consider the proposition later.

RESPECTABLE SHOPLIFTERS

Drygoods Merchants Hire Martin W. Littleton to Prosecute All Cases.

NEW YORK, Feb. 16.—A number of large retail drygoods merchants have banded together to prevent prominent social connections from saving a woman detected in "shoplifting" from public prosecution.

"Store detectives generally spot professional shoplifters as soon as they enter the seore," said a drygoods man yesterday. "But you can't do anything with a so-called respectable shoplifter unless you catch her with the goods. And then, if, as is usually the case, she has prominent relatives, or her father and mother are well-known socially, she sends for them, and the case is never heard of."

A number of large drygoods merchants met the other day and decided to engage Martin W. Littleton to prosecute all cases. All of these men agreed that as soon as a woman was arrested or detected shoplifting they would immediately have the case taken out of their hands, no matter how much they were appealed to by the woman's relatives and friends. District Attorney Jerome has been spoken to, and has expressed his readiness to do all he can to assist the merchants, it was said.

Rev. Thomas Spurgeon Resigns.

LONDON,Feb. 15.—The Rev. Thomas Spurgeon, pastor of the Metropolitan Tabernacle, has made definite his resignation of the pastorate, which was postponed from March last year. His health is still poor.