NET OVERDRAFT OF \$42,000 FOR 1907.

Last Year's Council Spent Money Freely.

Street Railway Paid the City \$33,000.

Water Department Had a Large Surplus.

It cost the city of Hamilton \$1,269, 278.83 to operate the various civic de during 1907, causing an however, reduced this to \$42,005.28, the ount which will be added to the civic debt. These are the official figures con tained in City Treasurer Leckie's annua report, made public to-day.

The street railway cheque for the last quarter of the old year reached the treasurer's office yesterday and showed the amount received in mileage and percentage from the company during 1907 to be \$32,858.95, as compared with \$25,503.61 in 1906, an increase of

The figures show that the company's

First quarter ... Second quarter .

At the first of last year the city began receiving its share of the receipts on the Jockey Club line, and atthough the company drupped the litigation in this matter it continues to pay under protest. The amounts earned on the Jockey Club line were as follows: First quarter, \$1,339,48; second quarter, \$3,833.20; third quarter, \$3,428.72; fourth quarter, \$2,700.

 follow:
 \$62,760
 20

 First quarter
 78,962
 93

 Second quarter
 98,531
 24

 Fourth quarter
 77,145
 20

The city receives as its share of the company's earnings 8 per cent. of the gross receipts and \$1,879.96 each quarter

size of overdrafts, its account being overdrawn to the extent of \$22,865.27.

ANNIVERSARY AT-HOME.

RIG SNOW STORM.

Montreal, Feb. 1 .- Following the inthere was a marked drop in the temper- day at Grant Hosiptal, after an operaature last night, followed by a big snow storm, which set in about mid-night and is still in progress. The snow

WATCHMAN BEATEN.

Christopher Curry Set Upon by Probable Thieves.

Christopher Curry, 223 Wellington street north, watchman at the Canada Company's plant, was the victim of a brutal assault last night. He was going his rounds late in the night when he came across two men who were in the vicinity of the factory, on the property of the company. They tackled him before he knew where he was, and one of them-knocked him down with a "billy" or a scanting. He was rendered unconscious and laid where he fell for some time. When he came to he called up the police and notified them, but there was no trace of his assailants, and the police have come to the conclusion that it was some of the many brass thieves who are working hereabouts who were the perpetrators of the deed. of a brutal assault last night. He was

CHINESE NEW YEAR

Local Celestial Colony Paying Bills and Rejoicing.

The Chinese of this city and all over receipts during the year amounted to the world are celebrating this day as \$316,739.05, as compared with \$249,797.36 their New Year. This is the year 4,605 1906, an increase of \$66,941.69. This, in their calendar, and the 34th year of

CHOIR SUPPER.

The annual choir supper of St. Luke's

The total receipts by quarters for 1907 chair. About 50 persons, comprising the choir and a few guests, were seated at the tables, which had been amply provided by the Willing Workers' So and looked very inviting. When supper was over, a programme of music, speechmaking, etc., was gone through. Entertaining and instructive speeches were made by Canon Sutherland and Canon Abbott. Regret was felt at the unavoidable absence of Rev. H. Britten. Speeches were also made by the wardens, Messrs. Irwin and Hardman; also Messrs. Woolley, Hewson, Spencer, Brown, Walling and A. Woolley. Musical items were given by Messrs. Gerrard, Denton. Wooley, Rewbury, Elms, and Masters Elms, Green, Pollard, Brooks, A. Irwin and Clifford Irwin. Prizzs were handed to the following boys: Mrs. Edward Martin's yearly prize for conduct, to Robert Turner; the rector's prizes for faithful attendance to duty, to Stanley Brooks, Walter Lewis, Ernest Brown and Walter Seddon. During the and looked very inviting. When suppe Crescent Lodge, Independent Order of Oddfellows, celebrated the thirty-fifth anniversary of its organization by giving an at-home in the Armory Rink last evening. About 250 people attended and had a very delightful time. Cards and dancing were indulged in, Mrs. Wilson and Mrs. W. H. Dennis winning the prize at progressive cards, while Miss Soughton and Mr. Bailey secured the consolation. Refreshments were served. The committee received many congratulations.

ACTOR DEAD.

Columbus, O., Feb. 1.-Denis O'Sullig tion for appendictis Thursday. His wife was with him. The body will probably be taken to San Francisco, his native city. Mr. O'Sullivan's greatest success was in "Peggy Machree."

MANSLAUGHTER CHARGE WEAK, SAYS MAGISTRATE.

But He Committed Willie Kirkpatrick as a Matter of Form.

When the regular police court was over this morning the name of William H. Kirkpatrick was called. The prisoner sat quietly in the dock with a bunch of thieves and seemed rather dazed. His name was called twice before he responded. When the twice before he responded. When the twice before he responded. When the twice before he responded with the twice before he responded to the indictingnt was read out.

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with a bunch of thieves and seemed rather dazed. His name was called twice before he responded. When the words of the indictment was read out. "That you did on January 17 unlawfully kill and slay one John Joseph Cummings," he made no move and Mr. Kerr arose and entered a plea of not guitly.

Dr. A. Curphey was the first witness.

"You were called to attend Cummings on Inchbury street; when was lying on a lounge in the house when I got there, rather weak. He had two cuts on his face on the left side. His pulse was between 78 and 80." The doctor said he anticipated no danger and there were, in fact, no signs of it. It was several hours before he received the second call.

"A wound like that is not usually (Continued on page 5.)



MISS IEANETTE LEWIS.

Originator of the Children's Hospital idea, which is meeting with popular favor.

Jap's Defences

Tokio, Feb. 1, 4 p. m.—At a special committee meeting of the Diet to-day M. Oishi asked against whom are Japan's military preparations directed.

Minister of War Terauchi replied, saying that they were not directed against any single nation, but against eventualities upon the Pacific, where Japan has a long coast line from Saghalien to For-

MONTREAL ELECTION

Date Changed In Deference Jewish Population.

tion campaign practically ends to-day as voting takes place on Monday. Until the law was amended voting Until the law was amended voting took place on the first of February, but when this date falls on the Jewish Sabbath it was enacted that polling should be put off until Monday The Jewish vote in Montreal has risen to proportions of consequence within the past few years. This year the mayoralty, according to the unwritten law is the turn of the French citizens and Alderman Payette and Hon. P. H. Roy, speaker of the Quebec Legislature, are putting up an exciting fight.

COUNTY COUNCIL.

Strong Objection to Words of Inspector Bruce Smith.

ome of the County Councillors seen bent on prolonging their stay in this city. This morning there was a discussion on the subject of the House of Ref. sion on the subject of the House of Refuge, when many of the Councillors gave a lot of back history concerning the poor in their own townships. The discussion arose over a communication from Mr. R. W. Bruce Smith, the Inspector of Public Charities, in reference to the keeping of the county poor. He said that the county should make some provision, without foisting them on the city of Hamilton and the jail. The Clerk was instructed to write the Inspector stating that the county was making ample provision for its poor, and that it was not true that the county poor were being dumped into jail.

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The Council went into Committee of the Whole on Finance, Councillor Malcolm in the chair, and was not through

colm in the chair, and was not through at press time. At the meeting yesterday afternoon, the Councillors defeated a motion of Councillor Malcolm's for the taking over 6 1-4 miles of road in Beverly township, as county roads. The motion was passed authorizing the Road Superintendent to purchase broken stone for the county from any municipality within four miles of the county roads, at not less than \$2 per cord. The Road Superintendent was also given control of the signboards on the county roads, with power to remove any objectionable advertisements from them.

This afternoon the report of the Auditors will be taken up.

CENTRAL AFRICA.

CENIRAL AFRICA.

Chas. R. Robertson has spent years in Central Africa, first as a member of the Matabeleland Exploration Company, then as a surveyor, and again as a hunter. He does not pose as a missionary, but gives much useful information concerning the country and the tribes that inhabit it. Mr. Robertson tells his stories in a most fascinating manner. His illustrations are numerous and exceedingly interesting. Capt. Hardy will have charge of the lantern, and a highly interesting evening's programme is assured for Tuesday next in Association Hall.

Mushrooms, sweet green peppers, strawberies, Brussels sprouts, sweet potatoes, grape fruit, rhubarb, radishes, ripe tomatoes, cucumbers, ripe pineapples, corn on the cob, new potatoes, Neufchatel and square cream cheese, English Stilton, Quebec cream cheese Limburger, sauerkraut.—Bain & Adams 89-91 King street east

Jury's Finding in the

NOT

Celebrated Case.

Insanity What Saved the Prisoner.

The Verdict Reached at Noon.

New York, Jan. 31. (Flash)-Thaw was found not guilty on the ground of Insanity.

New York, Feb. 1. (—After having argued and balloted all night long in th. stuffy little jury room adjoining the chamber of the criminal branch of the Supreme Court, the Thaw jury this morning heartily welcomed their release from confinement, when shortly before 8 o'clock they were taken up town to breakfast. Several of the jurymen are well along in years and the all night session seemed to have gone badly with them. Their faces were drawn and tense and the good nature and companionship which had been so noticeable in this jury ever since the pact was completed during the first week of the trial was gone. If there was wrangling or ill-feeling in the jury room during the night the blue-coated guards outside the court room heard nothing of it.

One of the worst storms of the winter, rain, snow and sleet alternated, swept before a stinging northwest gale, was raging as the jury went to breakfast, but the fresh cold air seemed grateful to men who had spent the night in hard backed chairs.

No report with any degree of authenticity came from the jury room this morning, and the opening of court at 10.30 a. m. was waited with much anxiety, as it was believed the jury might have some communication to make at that hour, or that Justice Dowling might send for them to ask if he could be of any service.

tion to make at that hour, or that Justice Dowling might send for them to ask if he could be of any service. Thaw, although late to bed, was up with the gray of dawn this morning, and to his keepers in the Tombs expressed the hope that a verdict had been reached. He was thoroughly convinced before retiring last night that the runner div

the hope that a verdict had been reached. He was thoroughly convinced before retiring last night that the rumor dividing the jury eight to four in favor of acquittal on the ground of insanity was true and he felt to-day that the minority must be won over.

Thaw at last seems absolutely reconciled to the fact that the best he can hope for is a term of confinement in an asylum. He is convinced, however, and so are his attorneys, that he would be able to win his way out of an asylum in a short while, as the tests he stood last year when arraigned before a commission in lunacy were quite convincing as to, his present ability to prove his soundness of reason.

Cold baths, fresh air and breakfast worked a marked improvement in the condition of most of the jurors and whea they returned to the criminal court room from their hotel at 10 o'-clock all seemed physically fit to continue their deliberations for some time to come. Several of the jurymen were

to come. Several of the jurymen were gossiping in friendly fashion with the court officers as they passed into the seclusion of council room.

No Word Yet. New York, Feb. 1.-At 11.30 a. m. Jus

tice Dowling had not arrived at the Court House, and no word had come from the Thaw jury room.

When Jury Retired.

Mr. Jerome was asked in the course f the afternoon what action he would ake should the jury acquit Thaw on the ground of inst should the jury acquire haw on the ind of insanity. I shouldn't do anything," he answer-"It would be up to the court. The (Continued on page 5.)

SAFETY DEPOSIT BOXES.

To rent at \$2 a year and upwards, for the storing of deeds, bonds, stocks, wills, TRADERS BANK OF CANADA

THE MAN IN OVERALLS

Who was it that said this was to be mild winter? They must have been drawing it mild.

I hope Organizer Peebles sees the ghost walk regularly.

Suppose the city makes a \$10,000 grant to the Y. M. C. A. The overdraft couldn't be put to a better use.

It's sort of tantalizing to hear a that talk about summer parks and loc de locys.

When people talk about an auditor-ium, are they sure what they are talk-ing about?

Sir Wilfrid said he would do his best for the Labor men. Always courteous, always anxious to please.

If you are a Scotenman, what excuse have you for not being a member of the St. Andrew's Society? That timber limit scandal is the limit.

Complaint is made that the people read too much fiction. They must be reading the Spectator editorials.

Those city employees who are preparing to file requests for more salary surely could not have heard about the financial stringency.

Now if somebody could coax the hen to lay in cold weather eggs would not be the luxury they are to-day.

Memo. to the sexton: See that the furnace is attending to business to-more ow, but don't neglect the ventilation.

If you want to be immune from the Take a ride around the belt line and

John Burns seems to think that if the unemployed in London had to work for a living there would be fewer unem-

Kindly disposed people might chip in quietly, and help to raise the Con. Club rent. It's a deserving case.

No doubt the ice is getting thicker. But be careful. The water is dreadful cold, too.

That scandal talk at Ottawa is a per-ect scandal. Any apology yet for that \$60 story!

Toronto is making an awful fuss about

Who says \$20,000 to start the Y. M. A. building fund? Lefurgey and Fowler should be right

We do not believe that the Whitn gerrymander bill will be "for the genera advantage" of Ontario.

Mr. Studholme should not pattern after Mr. Hendrie. A speech or two before the House opens would please the Labor member's constituents.

Shiver my timbers, we have another timber limit scandal.

EMPIRE LIMERICK.

Cash Prizes to be Awarded Correct Answers.

A limerick that is certain to arous great interest among Times' readers is ounced elsewhere in this issue, and \$75 in prizes will be distributed, consisteach, and 20 hand-painted Japanese screens. It will be known as the Empire screens. It will be known as the Empire Limerick, and explicit directions are con-tained in the advertisement. Cut out the Times' coupon and fill in the fifth line of the limerick, and with it enclose a label from Empire package, tin or bot-

The Herudo Officinalis or Leech.

Is being used to draw off poisons from the system, and it is being used to a great extent in pneumonia cases. We are importing these leeches and always have a stock on hand. They are sold at 25c each, or \$2.50 per dozen.—Parke & Parke, druggists.

DID NOT OPEN.

New York, Feb. 1.—The Home Bank of Brooklyn, a State institution, on which a run was started yesterday, did not open for business to-day.

The Home Bank is a small institution, located in South Brooklyn.

CUFF BUTTONS MISSING.

Detroit, Feb. 1.—John W. Meredith, of Toronto, 16 years old, for two weeks a bell boy at the Pontehartrain, is under arrest charged with the theft of \$100 pair of cuff buttons and other articles from two guests at the big hotel.

Application was made yesterday morning at Toronto, before Chief Justice Falconbridge by S. F. Washington, K. C., for the dismissal of Mrs. James Morden's action against her husband for interior. interim alimony, on the ground that Mrs. Morden had left him without pro-

WANT THE TROOPS.

Carson, Nev., Feb. 1.—Both houses of the legislature yesterday passed a re-solution asking the president to retain troops in Goldfield until April.

GETTING AT FACTS IN REGARD TO POWER.

CECIL B. SMITH.

Winnipeg Board of Control Recommends Dismissal.

cil B. Smith, the well-known civil engin eer, chosen to construct the power plant there, had been dismissed by the Board of Control there, subject to the Board of Control there, subject to the approval of the City Council. Mr. Smith who is in Toronto, when spoken to last night expressed the opinion that before making comment it would be well to wait until the Winnipeg City Council had passed upon the matter, as he declared the Council did not always see eye to eye with the Board of Control. He explained that the financial troubles of Winnipeg. "as well as some contributory causes," had possibly led the Board of Control to take the action. The power works, he pointed out, were tempower works, he pointed out, were temporarily shut down. Mr. Smith designed the works, and about \$200,000 has been

DRANK LAUDANUM.

Evan Kerrish Died in Hotel at Winnipeg.

A Winnipeg despatch of last night anunces the death there of Evan Kerruish, of this city, commercial traveller ruish, of this city, commercial traveller for the Montreal wholesale house of Redmond & Co. Mr. Kerruish was found dead in his room in the Royal Alexandra Hotel. He had arrived in the city the previous night, and did not appear to be very well. He had evidently taken a dose of laudanum, as the empty bottle was found.

Deceased was born in Hamilton, and some of his people reside here. For a

some of his people reside here. For a number of years he was employed with the Sanford Company, and was a young man of exceptional ability. He was quite a clever writer, and at one time contributed a good deal to the Times. Mr. Kornich was about 40 years of are and Kerruish was about 40 years of age, and was married, his wife residing here, but he had no family.

THE YELLOW RACE. German General Warns Labor

Competition. Berlin, Feb. 1.-The danger of "the rellow peril" from the military and industrial view points was the subject of a lecture last night by Inspector-Gener a lecture last night by Inspector-Gener-al Baron Von Der Goltz, who recalled the Mongolian armed inroads into Eur-ope 860 years ago. He said that a new epoch had begun in the industrial world and warned German workers against de-manding over much, saying that other-wise they would be unable to withstand the competition of the yellow race.

CONTRACTS SIGNED.

Beach Waterworks Construction Will Begin in Spring.

All the contracts for the new waterworks system at the Beach have been The Canadian Buffalo Machin Co., of Montreal, will supply the motor; the John Ingalls Co., Toronto, will supply the tank, tower and well and the work of laying the mains and service pipes will be done by Mercer & Lovejoy, of this city.

Gartshore-Thompson Co. will supply the pipes required

the pipes required.

The contracts aggregate \$14,000, a lit

tle below the estimate made by Engineer Barrow. The work will be started early in the spring.

Mr. Eli VanAllen, Chairman of the Beach Commissioners, is ill, and he was unable to attend the regular Saturday morning meeting of the Commission to-day.

Public Taste Changes

Genuine Health Pipes.

The Alsorbo pipes are the cleanest and healthiest pipes to smoke. They absorb the nicotine and smoke dry and clean. Alsorbo pipes are sold for 10 cents at peace's pipe store, 107 king street east.

Year Before Hamilton Can Get It.

Campaign Misstatements Being Corrected.

Sothman Would Build Plant For \$200,000.

Instead of being in a position to call for tenders at once on the proposed municipal lighting plant, as intimated by Mayor Stewart, Hamilton will have to wait four months to have specifica

tions prepared. In place of getting power here for the electric pumps by July, as the Mayor says Hon. Adam Beck promised he was prepared to guarantee, it will be nine months or a year and perhaps more before the Niagara current will be

on tap in Hamilton. If Hamilton is the first to take the power, before the other municipalities have signed the contract, a point used by some of the power enthusiasts in having the by-law passed, it will have to pay for 6,000 horse power until the other places are prepared to take their

Instead of \$50,000 of the \$225,000, the mount of the by-law, providing for incandescent lighting and in municipal buildings and installing the equipment for carrying power to the Asylum, as the type-written document that he was wont to flourish at the power meetings, this money provides for installing a duct system large enough to provide for the

uture.

It will take at least nine months to build Hamilton's proposed plant.

These are a few facts that stood out in bold relief last night, when the special committee appointed by the City Council turned its searchlight on the Hydro-power proposition. Chief Engineer Sothman was there, and the inquisitive aldermen bombarded him with Hydro-power proposition. Chief Engineer Sothman was there, and the inquisitive aldermen bombarded him with questions just about as fast as he could answer them. It was a rather lively session, too. When the new Board of Works first tackled the power proposition they decided the first thing they wanted was an independent expert to figure out the estimates. Mayor Stewart tried to persuade the aldermen not to do this, but they heeded not. Them the Mayor had a little talk with the Fire and Water Committee, which fell in line with his idea of a special committee from the Council, and made a recommendation to that effect. Chairman Sweeney and his colleagues decided that they could not carry the Council on their recommendation, and decided to withdraw it. They consented to a special committee, consisting of the Chairmen of the Sewers. Board of Works, Fire and Water, a member from each of these, the Mayor and Chairman of Finance. Four members of the Board of Worke were on the committee, although two of these represented other committees. two of these represented other commit-tees. Last night they could have car-(Continued on page 16.)

HIGHFIELD.

Neat Pamphlet Published by Popular School.

Highfield School has just issued an exceptionally neat pamphlet, descriptiva of the school and its work. It is illustrated with views of the school and grounds, the class rooms, halls, etc., and hockey team on the ice, the senior cricket team and the junior football team are excellent pictures, as are the resentation of sports prizes, and "Mrs.
P. D. Crerar and Empire Day." The
pamphlet is neatly bound and a credit
to the school as well as to the printer—
the Times.

BANK STAFF CHANGES. BANK SIAFT CHANGES.

A number of changes have been made in the staffs of the agencies of th, Bank of Hamilton around Simcoe. Mr. Manfred Barber, who has been accountant of the Simcoe branch for upwards of a year, goes to Jarvis, as manager, to succeed Mr. Charles Niblett, who is promoted to Port Elgin, as manager of the branch there. Mr. Barber's place in Simcoe is filled by Mr. Harry Sterling, whose place in the teller's boy is now taken by Mr. G McDowell, of Dundalk.

HARDY. THE CHECK FORGER **GETS 23 MONTHS SENTENCE**

And Three Boys Who Stole Brass Are Also Sent Down To-day.

Summary justice was dealt out to a number of offenders at the Police Court only conviction against Thompson was for ricting in the street on stable was this morning. Bert Hardy, who pleaded guilty of forging Thomas Corridon's name to a post office bank cheque, was up for sentence. He was sent to the

The three boys who pleaded guilty to tealing brass from Burrow, Stewart & Milne, William Plooard, John Kirby and Alex. Thompson, weer also up for sen-

Central Prison for 23 months,

only conviction against Thompson for rioting in the street car strike. acordingly was sent down for only six months.

months.

William Parmenter, Bartonville, a young English emigrant, was charged with stealing \$31.34 from Cameron Gage. He pleaded guilty and elected for sentence by the Magistrate. He was remanded for a few days till inquiries can be made.

Pat Savage and Pat McGrath were up for being drunk. The first was remanded for a few days and the latter fiaed \$2.