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The heavy proposition, the erection of a suitable bridge at the foot of Bathurst-street, to allow street car lines to be laid into the eastern entrance of the fair grounds, came up as a notice of motion by Ald. Oliver, to have Mr. Rust report thereupon.

Ald. Oliver tendered an invitation, on behalf of the Grand Lodge of Oddfellows for city council to join the visitors' excursion to St. Catharines on Saturday.

To Encourage Home Building

The board of control will deal with Ald. Noble's motion to have the assessment commissioner offer for sale all the city's vacant land held for arrears

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A GREAT MUSICAL SEASON ASSURED AT MASSEY HALL

Leoncavallo, Famous Italian Composer, Will Be Heard Thanksgiving Night.

The coming of Yvette Guilbert, the famous Parisian singer, and Albert Chavaller, England's most distinctive humorous artist, will be the beginning of the musical season proper at Massey Hall. They will appear on Oct. 8. Since Guilbert was the rage in the musical halls of two continents she has ascended the musical scale and has re-created herself chiefly to the interpretation of old French songs, and has sung them with the accompaniment of instruments of the period in the delightful manner which has appealed to the Toronto public in the persons of the Dolmetch trio.

Following close after will be Edward Branscombe's Westminster Abbey Glee Party of London, Eng. Since the party last appeared here they have made a tour of the world. The present is their sixth British empire tour. They sailed from England Sept. 7 and begin their tour in Quebec, and traversing Canada, sail from Vancouver to China and Japan. The party is composed of Edward Branscombe and Edward Dailzell, tenors, both of these having been vicars choral of Westminster Abbey; Frederick Brown, baritone; R.C.M. Haydn Fraser, for six years a soloist at Westminster Abbey, male alto, and "Madame" Madeline Marie Hooten, contralto, accompanies them, and so does Harry Ivimey, a well-known entertainer of London.

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"HANDBOOKIES" FOR TRIAL

Eight Will Appear at General Sessions—Four Discharged.

Magistrate Denison, in police court yesterday, dealt with those who were arrested last summer on the charge of conducting "hand books," and taking bets on the races.

The following were sent for trial to the criminal sessions, which get down to business to-day:

Jos. Midgley, W. W. Worthington, Herbert Frankland, John Murray, Joseph Wagner, John Goebel, Peter McCormack and Wesley Hastings.

These were dismissed: John Honan, Alex. Smiley, Geo. McSweeney, Albert C. Duncan.

Alleged frequenters dismissed: Edward Ward, Chas. Olcott, F. C. Clapp and Morgan Kelly.

Alleged frequenters remanded indefinitely: J. Dunlap, John Anderson and W. O'Connor.

Most of the evidence which led to conviction was furnished by Charles P. Comer, an employee of the Thiel Detective Agency. The Ontario government paid him for his services.

Those committed for trial furnished the same bail as before.

Ex-Crown Attorney J. Walter Curry, K.C., and Hartley Dewart, K.C., acted as counsel for the defence in some of the cases.

THE GIRL HE LEFT BEHIND

SUES FOR BREACH OF PROMISE

If D. S. McCutcheon, formerly a druggist in Grand Valley, and Margaret Fleming, daughter of John M. Fleming, a farmer, near the village, had not gone to a church social and Maggie had not been suffering from an aching tooth, there would not have been a breach of promise suit. But the lady says that when the drug-mixer took her to his place to cure the toothache he also proposed marriage. Shortly afterwards he went to Moose Jaw and married another. An action for damages has been filed by Margaret in Osgoode Hall.

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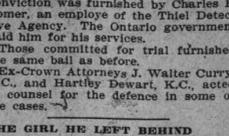
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125 High Square Model and Steamer Style Canvas Covered Trunks, brass clamps, corners, valance clamps, bolts and strap holders, with and without outside belt leather straps, one and two trays, top tray double covered, three lever set in heavy brass Eagle lock that only one key will fit, iron bottom; elm wood slats, sizes 28, 30, 32, 34 and 36-inch, with a few 40-inch steamer styles, values \$5.00, \$6.00 and \$7.00, all on sale Wednesday.

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