The report of Auditor Hughes on the is a very important document, According to his audit the users of gas in Toronto are entitled by statute to a reduction of 2R cents per thousand in the price of gas. We have figured it out repeated by to show that such a reduction is possible without depriving the shareholders of their usual dividends. Mr. Highes shows how we are entitled to it by a slave in the company's charter specially relating to reduction specially relating to reduction specially relating to reduction is possible without a year now since we pointed out the necessity of investigating Audit for the street gains and that I was in the price of the street gains and the street gains and the street gains and the street gains and the street gains are specially relating to reductions from time to time. It is about a year now since we pointed out the necessity of investigating Audit for the street gains and the street gains and the street gains are specially relating to reductions from time to time. It is about a year now since we pointed out the necessity of investigating Audit for the street gains and the street gains and the street gains are specially relating to reductions from time to time. It is about a year now since we pointed out the necessity of investigating Audit for the street gains and the gains and the street gai formity with the law. If one energetics pushing man in the council had taken the question up he would have had it settled long ago. We are told that Mr. Christopher Robinson has been retained to argue the case for the city in the suit that has been entered against the company by a private citizen. That is all right so far as it goes. But there is something else that might be done in the meantime. Why not let us have an expect accountant look over Auditor Hughes' reports and tell us whether the latter is on the right track ow not? If Mr. Hughes' deductions were approved of by competent enthorities, this in itself would go a long way towards making

In Kinz-street. When found at So'clock in the morning he was completely, unconscious and he remained in that state for 16 hours. The doctor reports that if it had not been for his strong constitution. We have such that the strength of the solution of the other month. itution Mr. Thompson would have suc-imbed. Yesterday he had recovered Railroad Train First, Bicycle Second, Running Horse Third. Emiliped. Yesterday, he had recovered consciousness, and when asked how the accident occurred, he stated that when he went to bed he left the gas burning. That, he says, is all he knows about it. The inference from this statement is that the gas was turned off at the meter by, an hotel employe after Mr. Thompson had gone to bed, and had been turned on again early in the morning by those whose duty it is to do the early work work whose duty it is to do the early work work work control may, have occurred by reason of the gas being blown out in some way or other. We think the case is very well worth of an investigation. We know, without inquiry, that such a thing is always jiable to happen as Mr. Thompson states to thave been the cause of the accident. Whether an investigation would early have accident to the carelessness of the hotel people or not, it is quite evident that some precaution should be taken to prevent accidents of this kind.

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The Trolley To Disappear.

The World at Hamilton.

The World now recognized as the business man's paper, is delivered at any address in Hamilton before 8 o'clock every morning. An office has been opened at No. 5 Arcade, James-street, where question of unsightly trolley poles and dangerous wires will soon become a matter of past history. The company says the new installation will cost from \$20 to 30 per cent, less than the overhead equipment. It is stated that some ritizens of Belleville have secured the right for using the invention in Canada. The railway which it is proposed to construct in that city will be equipped with the new underground device. All that appears on the surface of the street is a strip of metal one inch in width, and running equi distant between the running equi distant between the rails. There is no slot, and the strip is flush with the roadbed. All that is newide and down to the depth of the top of the sleeper. In this is laid the conducting apparatus, the top part of which is only one inch in width. In ad-

an apparatus weighing 100 is attached to each motor car. Good municipal government cannot be secured without the exercise of constant vigilance on the part of the citizens who have interests at stake. The people can not delegate the management of their af- SHIRTS fairs to a council of aldermen without some kind of supervision over the latter, no more than a man can stay away from NECKWELL s office and allow his clerks to run his business. The press is supposed to be a powerful deterrent to wrongdoing on the part of public men. This is true to a large extent, but the aldermen who are rocked are generally clever enough to elude the vigilance of the average newspaper reporter. A few private deter-tives shadowing the aldermen for two or three years back would have headed off a good deal of the crooked work that has formed the subject of Judge McDougallia investigation. But the people of Toron-to are not prepared to adopt this American system of dogging a man's steps; of following him to his home and into his private life. The revelations that have just been made before Judge McDougall about Pinkerton's detectives shadowing prominent citizens gave the city a suden and unexpected shock the other morn ing. While extreme methods of that kind cannot be considered in connection with the supervision of our aldermen, they have a system in Philadelphia that possesses some commendable features.
The Citizens' Municipal Association is the name of an organization which emmany of the prominent business

of municipal abuses. It is in working order all the year round and it employs an agent whose sole duty is to investigate the execution of city contracts, to eport upon the attitude of the various men upon the questions before the ouncil and generally to follow closely the administration of municipal affairs.
Writing about this association the other day a Philadelphia paper says "it is the

for the restraint of abuse in mu nicipal trust, and as such commends the very general confidence of the community." This system ought to effect good esults if adopted in Toronto. The large taxpayers and the principal business men who say they have neither the time nor inclination to take part in municipal affairs ought to form a permanent associa-

by competent enthorities, this in itself would go a long way towards making the company act justly towards the people. Mr. Hughes has been sending in the same kind of reports for several years back, but no attention has been paid to them. If Mr. Hughes is correct in his deductions we ought to know it, and at once, and without waiting till the question is decided in the court. If Mr. Hughes is wrong the fact dught to be made public at once, so that we may adopt other measures to obtain relief.

OUGHT TO BE INVESTIGATED.

Mr. James Thompson, a visitor to the lity, from Winnipez, had a narrow estage from suffocation by gas at an hotel in Kinz-street. When found at 8 o'clock

The sentence was one month in jail and a since of the game of the pleasure of the game and not for the pleasure of the game and perfectly proper and perfectly permissable, and nothing can be said against it, but the law must be brought into action to suppress the vice of gambling. It cannot be played without money like other reasonable games. People can whist, or other games, but this wretched game of poker is not worth game of playing and is never played except for stakes of money. Therefore it is a distinctively gambling game and ought to be suppressed. People who engage in this kind of game must be taught that the law is against it, and must not be allowed to do that sort of thing.

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Where the Money Was Paid.

sand dollars if he would vote for the Brown to step in please; he Street Railway Company. W. A. Bell, room at the side. civic circles as "Billy Bell," admitted that he had given \$200 to ex-Ald. Bell on behalf of the Street Railway Company, and stated that he had received the money from Fred Coleman.

The Bell Telephone Franchise.

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Louis G. Harris is one of the agents of the Toronto Telephone Company, which applied for a franchise in 1891, but without result. He had said that if they had spent money like the Bell Company they might have got the franchise; but beyond that he never made any statement of the change in the street railway. Bell was still very friendly towards him.

Did you interview Bell on the subject of the change in the street railway. Bell was still very friendly towards him.

Did you point out to him the advantage that would accrue to him if he was readed. might have got the franchise; but beyond that he never made any statement of the kind. He might have made some wild statements about bribery immediately after the granting of the franchise, sible advantages accrue to him if would vote for the company?—A. may have said there might be some p sible advantages accrue to him. ately after the granting of the franchise, but they had no foundation, in fact one day the witness met President Sise of the Bell Telephone Company on the street in Montreal and went into his office. While there Mr. Sise pulled a wad of bills out of his pocket and said: "You didn't use enough of this." The witness, however, said that he believed that Mr. Sise was only joking.

"Yes," commented Mr. Nesbitt. "I suppose so. It is one of those jokes that have bobbed up quite frequently in this investigation."

President Sise Makes An Emphatic Denial.

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President Sise denied that he or his company had ever paid any money in any way, either directly or indirectly, to any alderman or agent for the purposes of getting their support for his company. In conclusion witness said that he would not buy Harris out because of the trouble and the general annoyance he had caused he public.

At all.

Was it a joke?—A. No, it was not a joke. (Laughter.) Coleman asked me if I could help him. I thought it was in connection with the paving business. I thought he would get the contract for the paving.

How He Got His Idea.

Street Railway Co. would he can be supported by the public. man was concerned with the Street Rail-Co., and that he would help him; that he could put lots of little things in his

So far as you know these books were not examined ?—A. Not by me.

Who did examine them?—A. I don't know. Not having seen them I could not say whether they contained information of an important character.

Ex-Ald. William Bell. Ex-Ald. William Bell said he was in the council in 1891, 1892 and 1893. He had a con who was in the coal business in 1893. He was in the council where the change in the Street Railway agreement was voted on. He knew Fred Coleman, but he newer had any discuysion with him on the vote. He may have had a conversation with some one representing Coleman.

Did you ever get any money purport-

Railway Company?—A. I don't know whether it came from Coleman.

Was it from the Street Railway Com-

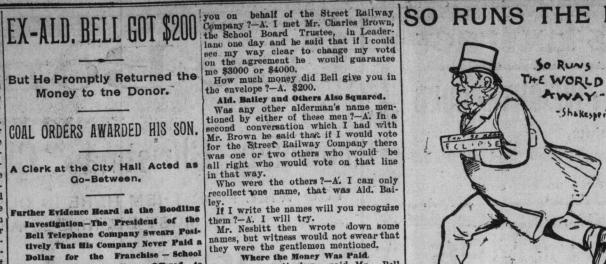
were you told that that order could be got if you voted right?—A. Yes.

Was an order given?—A. Yes.
Was a second order given?—A. Yes.
Were they both cancelled (when you did not vote the right way?—A. The Returned the \$200.

Witness said the money was given to him in an envelope by Mr. Bell, who at the time said that the Street Railway Company would like to have his vote. Witness understood that the money came from the Street Railway Company. When witness went home he showed the money to his son and told him all about it. He informed him that he intended to return it, and he did return it to Mr. Bell on the next day. Witness told Bell that he would have nothing to do with it, and that he meant to vote the other

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Mr. Kiely's Considential Cierk.

James Gunn, the confidential cierk of the late George Kiely: He remembered that Kiely used to carry a wallet in which he kept private memoranda. With he kept in that pocket book. He believed he kept a book for each year. He did not know whether Kiely kept a book for each year. He did not know what had become of them.

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Did you speak to Mr. Bell about his son getting the coal contract for the Street Railway Company?—A. Coleman told me that Bell could get an order told me that Bell could get an order told me that Bell could get an order tallway Company, and I informed the alderman of that. There was no contract.

Mr. Nesbitt: No. There never is.

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quest he wrote down the name of an alderman whom he saw, and swore that he would not intimate to that gentleman what he had done.

Mr. Nesbitt consigned the paper to his "little red wallet" and then called out, "Let Mr. Bell out."

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money would be useful to Bell. He was an old friend of mins.

That was at the time the change in the street railway agreement was under discussion?—A. Yes.

Witness continuing said: Coleman gave me \$200 in \$50 bills sometime in June or July, 1893. He asked me to give it to Mr. Bell. He said it was in connection with the street railway agreement. I had an ordinary acquaintance with Coleman. I got no money for anyone else. I will swear that positively.

It is not true that I told Bell, there was money going, and he might as well have some of it. I was never, except this, be repository or depository of money for any alderman.

Mr. Nesbitt: I want to caution you money for anyone with the street railway was present was money for any alderman.

Mr. Nesbitt: I want to caution you now, Mr. Bell, as I cautioned you before. Why did you deny to me at first any knowledge of what you have now admitted?—A. I did not want to get mixed up in this affair at all.

What guarantee have I that you are telling me the truth now?—A. You have my oath.

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