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A GRAND BILLIARD ROOM.

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The above is rather a big boast, but, nevertheless, the Athenaeum Club of Toronto is undoubtedly now in a position to claim the honor. Old members and shareholders who had not been frequenting the club so much of late are now reappearing on the scene, and are industriously at work getting back into their old form at billiards. The Athenaeum Club always was first and foremost a billiard club, and for years held together at their old club quarters, where the free library now is, an army of the best amateur billiard players in the province. Eventually the present new club house scheme was worked out to a grand completion, as most of our young men are aware, and in planning the building the directors and architect laid themselves out to provide for a grand billiard room. This they certainly did. The hall, covering an area of about 40x75 feet, handsomely finished in oak, and with a great height of ceiling to roof, perfectly lighted both for day and night play, heated with steam, and with spectators' gallery encircling the entire hall, which, with comfortable seating accommodation, gave the club at once the best laid-out billiard hall in the Dominion.

This grand hall has within the past few weeks been the scene of a transformation. Messrs. Samuel May & Co. of Toronto, having been awarded the contract over all competitors for an entire new table equipment, consisting of four full-size English billiard tables, one under-size, 5½x11 English billiard table, eight popular size, 4½x9 billiard tables, and one regulation, 5x10, billiard table, giving a grand total of fourteen handsome oak tables, richly carved, all fitted with the most approved quick cushions, and furnishings throughout. Samuel May & Co. have spared no pains in making the tables up-to-date in every respect, and the members and stockholders certainly appreciate the change, judging from the patronage given the new tables. The club now certainly have at once the largest and best equipped billiard hall in the Dominion to-day, and cordially invite all old shareholders to call and see for themselves.

In addition to the billiard room, the Athenaeum also provides the largest and best equipped bowling alley outfit in the Dominion, having a set of eight alleys of the latest type. This department has recently been put into thorough order. There is also a complete gymnasium, with instructor, baths, etc., whist rooms, music room, library, chess, bicycle club, and last, but not by any means least, an up-to-date "Beefsteak" Club, giving young men who are eligible a most complete recreation club at a trifling nominal expense. The annual fee to shareholders has been done away with, also shareholders have the privilege of introducing friends as members at a nominal charge of $3 a year. A limited number of such annual members will be written.

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THE IMPERIAL UNITY IDEA.

Duke of Devonshire Says it is Progressing.

A MASSACRE OF ITALIANS.

Consul Cechi and Fourteen of His Officers Killed in Somaliland.

Attacked From Ambush and Slain After a Fierce Fight—Cardinals Received Their Red Hats From the Pope—Great Britain Will Pay the Expenses of the Dongola Expedition—Hamburg Strikers Decline Arbitration—General News By Cable.

London, Dec. 3.—The Duke of Devonshire, in a speech before the British Empire League to-day, said that the idea of Imperial unity was progressing in some of the colonies as a practical movement, though those engaged in the movement were in some degree disappointed. Lord Salisbury and Mr. Chamberlain, he said, were in sympathy with the idea, but probably the time had not yet arrived to settle the proposals of the Ottawa conference. Still, the developments were tending toward unification.

The Duke of Devonshire, in the course of his remarks, said that the Colonial Defence Committee, consisting of representatives of the War, Colonial and Admiralty Offices, had desired him to make public to colonial citizens the principles upon which the plans of the Colonial Defence Committee were based. He proceeded to explain that the plans consisted of the maintenance of Great Britain's supremacy at sea upon the basis of a system of Imperial defence against attack from sea at all places likely to be attacked. The committee, he added, would advocate the creation of adequate fixed defences and troops sufficient to cope with any possible enemy.

Mr. R. K. Dobell moved that the meeting proceed to the election of officers of the league for the ensuing year, and the motion was carried. The Marquis of Hartington was elected president, Mr. A. J. Balfour and the Marquis of Dufferin were among the vice-presidents chosen, and R. R. Dobell, J. M. Macdonald, Sir Donald A. Smith and Sir Charles Tupper were chosen among others as members of the council. All of the elections were unanimous.

Mr. Dobell delivered a speech, in which he said that Great Britain stood in the glorious position of having discarded all attempts at a retaliatory policy. Canada, he declared, was second to none of the colonies in her loyalty to England. Canada admired the wonderful success of the United States, but had a greater admiration for the forbearance and generosity which this country has shown towards the United States for the last twenty-five years. There was great reason to hope, he said, that these sentiments had not been thrown away, and the time was coming when the United States would appreciate them.

The Duke of Devonshire said that the merchants of London might suggest the means of establishing better understanding between the Home Government and the colonies through the agency of the league great progress had been made in recent years for colonial defence. The colonies knew exactly what the Government would undertake in case of an attack, and also what would be expected of themselves. The Government attached the greatest importance to the renewal in some form or other of naval arrangements with Australia-Asia. He hoped that the time would soon come when another conference would be held to reconsider that arrangement, and extend it to the other colonies, and also expressed a hope that the opportunity would then be taken to reopen the discussion of the whole question of colonial defence. The Lord Mayor, who presided, said that the most fitting manner in which to celebrate the sixtieth anniversary of the reign of Queen Victoria would be to lay at the feet of the First Lady of the world a great scheme for the absolute and perfect unity of the British Empire. (Great cheering.)

Referring to Prof. Goldwin Smith's statement that the ultimate goal of Canada was its absorption by the United States, Mr. Dobell said he believed that if Imperial Federation was effected it might be possible to absorb the United States, and he continued: "I am sure that every part of the empire will welcome back the wandering child."

Sir Charles Tupper spoke of the profound belief felt in Canada and by himself in the work and aims of the league, and referring to the statement of the Duke of Devonshire that it was of the duke of the colonies to provide for the adequate defence, Sir Charles declared that no people in the whole empire were readier than the Canadians to contribute to the defence of the empire.

FOURTEEN ITALIANS KILLED.

King Humbert's Consul and a Number of Officers Ambushed By Somalis.

Rome, Dec. 3.—Advices from Zanzibar tell of the massacre of Signor Cechi, the Italian Consul, and the Italian officers with him at Magadoxo, Somaliland. It is stated that fourteen Italians were killed. The caravan was attacked during the night by the Somalis. The latter were repulsed at first, but rallied later, and continually attacked the retreating caravan. The Italians and their escorts of Askaris fought desperately, but were eventually overpowered.

So soon as the news of the fighting reached Mogadoxo a detachment of sailors and a force of Askaris were sent to the assistance of the caravan, but they arrived too late to save the Italians. The rescue party recovered 27 bodies and arrested many Somali tribesmen who took part in the massacre. These prisoners were punished in an exemplary manner.

THE NEWS AT ROME.

In the Chamber of Deputies to-day the Marquis Viscount Vencosti, Minister of Foreign Affairs, confirmed the reports received from Zanzibar of the murder of the Italian Consul, the captain and a number of other officers of the Italian warships Volturno and Staffetta, and the wounding of a hundred or more other Italians by Somalis at Magadoxo. The men had fallen into an ambush and were caught without warning. The Government, the Minister said, would take energetic measures to punish the Somalis who were guilty of the outrage.

GOT THEIR RED HATS.

An Interesting Ceremony in the Throne Hall of the Vatican—The Consistory.

Rome, Dec. 3.—A public consistory was held in the throne hall of the Vatican to-day, the ceremonies beginning at 10 o'clock. The hall was thronged as the Pope entered, His Holiness being borne aloft in the sedia gestatoria. As he appeared in the hall the entire assembly fell upon their knees. After the Pope took his seat upon the throne a brief service was held, which was followed by the distribution of red hats to the recently appointed Cardinals. The bestowal of the hats was made by the Pope himself. Cardinal Satolli, recently papal delegate to the Catholic Church in the United States, was the first one to receive the hat, and after him came Cardinals Ferrata, Agliardi, Jacobini, Cretoni, Pierotti and Prisco.

After the ceremonies were over the new Cardinals went to the Sistine chapel, and the Pope retired from the hall in the manner in which he entered. As His Holiness was raised aloft he was saluted with cries "Viva Pope and King."

Among the appointments of new Bishops announced at the consistory was that of the Rev. Edward J. O'Dea of Portland, Ore., to be Bishop of Nazqually, Ore.

In the published announcements of the proceedings of the Papal Consistory at the Vatican to-day it is stated that Rev. E. T. Prendergast of Philadelphia has been appointed Titular Bishop of Scillo, and Mgr. Martinelli papal delegate to the United States has been confirmed in the rank and title of Archbishop of Ephesus. The vacancies in the Sacred Congregations of the Propaganda, studies, index and lauretane have been assigned to Cardinal Satolli.

BRITAIN WILL PAY THE BILL.

The Half Million Pounds Required for the Expedition to Dongola.

London, Dec. 3.—Commenting on the decision of the Alexandria Court, The Times says it thinks the decision of the Court of Appeal leaves things in statu quo, but that if Great Britain has to pay for Dongola the latter will be hers instead of Egypt's. The opposition papers to-day will attack Lord Salisbury for having muddled the Egyptian situation.

Britain Will Pay.

Cairo, Dec. 3.—As a result of the decision of the Court of Appeal at Alexandria sustaining the judgment of the Egyptian mixed tribunal declaring that the money taken from the Egyptian reserve for the purpose of the Soudan expedition must be returned, Lord Cromer, British diplomatic agent, has informed the Egyptian Government that England will repay to the commissioners of the Caisse the £200,000 advanced by them, together with such other sums to the Egyptian treasury as were required for the purposes of the Dongola expedition. The conditions of the amount of interest and the repayment of the principal are to be settled hereafter.

THOSE GERMAN EDITORS.

Prince Hohenlohe Told Leckert That He Had No Time to Waste.

Berlin, Dec. 3.—The trial of the five editors, Baron Von Letzsow and Herren Poellmar, Leckert, Plovetz and Berger, charged with libelling Count Von Eulenberg, Freihern Marschall Von Belberstein and Prince Alexander Von Hohenlohe, which was begun here yesterday, was continued to-day. Prince Hohenlohe was called to the stand, and in answer to a question said that the assertion that the defendant Leckert had interviewed him meant nothing at all. Under the pretence that he had an important communication to make, Leckert had forced his way into the official antechamber at Breslau and accosted him (Prince Hohenlohe) at the door, asking a question upon some matter or other of a wholly trifling nature. It was possible, he said, that Leckert had asked if Count Kapnist would succeed Prince Lobanoff as Russian Minister of Foreign Affairs, to which question he received the answer that the witness knew nothing about Prince Lobanoff's successor and had no time to waste. The whole incident, he added, was utterly insignificant.

SHE WAS BADLY DAMAGED.

The Steamer Manitou Will Have to Have Extensive Repairs Made.

London, Dec. 3.—The British steamer Manitou, Capt. Dicker, from Cardiff for Halifax, which put into Bantry, Nov. 30, in distress, having been damaged by a coal gas explosion, has been surveyed. It was found that the vessel had been greatly damaged, and that it was not safe for her to proceed on her voyage. It was recommended that she discharge from six hundred to seven hundred tons of her cargo at Bantry, effect temporary repairs and then proceed to a repairing post, where she could discharge the remainder and effect permanent repairs. The vessel will have to go into drydock and have a complete survey made.

The Norwegian ship Premier, Capt. Wahl, at Greenock, from Sabine Pass, reports that on Nov. 4 and 5, she encountered severe weather, during which she lost boats, a part of her bulwarks and had her deck fittings damaged.

The Norwegian barque Seladon, Capt. Jager, from Newcastle, N.S.W., July 23, for Honolulu, has been re-insured at 80 guineas premium.

The German barque Meteor, Capt. Memian, from Shediac, S.pt. 19, for Runcorn, has been re-insured at 70 guineas premium.

THE HAMBURG STRIKE.

At Bremen the Trouble is Over—Hamburgers Refuse Arbitration.

Bremen, Dec. 3.—The strikers to-day adopted an agreement concluded with the warehouse company and a committee of the strikers for the settlement of the dispute, and the strike here is over.

Hamburgers are Obstinate

Hamburg, Dec. 3.—The Employers' Association has written a long letter to Senator Hachman justifying their refusal to arbitrate on the ground that the strikers are failing to receive foreign aid and are becoming weaker, while the work at the port is being performed by foreign dockers who are continually arriving and are glad to work for the wages offered. A patched-up compromise would only lead to further disputes, "for," they said, "it is not a fight about wages, but is for supremacy." Finally, they object to an Arbitration Court comprising one representative of the employers and four representatives of the strikers.

Support From England.

London, Dec. 3.—The leaders of the London dock laborers declare they have received telegrams from Hamburg informing them that a large majority of the English non-union laborers who went to Hamburg to take the place of strikers are refusing to unload vessels and are returning to England. The London Dockmen's Union is subscribing one shilling a week per man for the support of the Hamburg strikers.

GENERAL CABLE NEWS.

A National Testimonial to be Given to Ambassador Bayard at Christmas.

London, Dec. 3.—The Daily Telegraph announces its intention of opening a public subscription for the purpose of presenting Mr. Bayard, the United States Ambassador, with a national Christmas gift as a token of respect and good will on the part of the English people, in view of his approaching departure from the country. The Telegraph will head the list with a donation of £100, and will welcome the smallest contributions. The paper suggests that rare and unique editions of the works of Chaucer and Shakespeare, of which it has already secured complete copies, would be a suitable gift to Mr. Bayard.

Britain Will Buy Erythrea.

London, Dec. 3.—The Chronicle publishes a despatch from Rome saying that the Marquis Di Rudini, the Italian Premier, intends to submit the question of the retention of Erythrea by the Italian Government to a vote at the next general election. The Corriere Di Napoli, which is sometimes inspired by Premier Di Rudini, the despatch adds, asserts that Great Britain has offered to buy Erythrea.

Australia Will Have to Buy Flour.

London, Dec. 3.—The Times prints a Melbourne despatch saying that in consequence of the deficiency of the crops, Australia will require 100,000 tons of flour from America, half of which quantity has already been ordered.

Bank of France.

Paris, Dec. 3.—The Government has decided to accept the principle of the renewal of the charter of the Bank of France for 24 years. The decision will be announced on Friday. The select Committee opposed all schemes for a State bank.

Famine Mortality Decreasing.

London, Dec. 3.—The Globe publishes a news agency despatch from Bombay, that the mortality from famine in the Belapur and Belagbal districts is steadily increasing. Hundreds of persons have died from starvation in the Gonda district.

Italian Bank Gone Down.

London, Dec. 3.—A despatch to The Pall Mall Gazette from Milan announces that the Luraghierra Company, bankers of Como, have gone into bankruptcy, and it is stated by the same despatch that the Bank of Como closed its doors at the same time.

Yield of French Vineyards.

Paris, Dec. 3.—The French vintage of 1896 will amount to 44,656,000 hectolitres, of an estimated value of 1,174,000 francs, which is 18,000,000 hectolitres over the vintage of 1895.

MARRIAGE AND DIVORCE.

An Edmonton Man Named Raymond Suing in the Old Country.

London, Dec. 3.—Mr. E. N. Raymond, who formerly owned a hotel at Edmonton, Canada, which he sold early during the present year, is suing his wife for divorce. Mrs. Raymond denies the charge and pleads connivance. The couple met in London, and were married in Montreal in 1893.

NOT GOING TO MARRY.

Mr. George Haig, of the firm of Haig & Haig, whisky merchants of this city, states that there is no truth in the statement that he is engaged to be married to Mrs. Coleman Drayton, the eldest daughter of Mrs. William Astor, who some time ago obtained a divorce from Coleman Drayton on the grounds of desertion and non-support.

A FRENCH SENSATION.

A special despatch received from Paris says that a sensation has been caused there by an action for divorce commenced by Princess de Wrede against her husband, Prince Adolph de Wrede, who is a brother of the Austrian Minister at Munich, Bavaria. It is reported that Prince Adolph a few days ago went through the form of marriage with an American heiress at Geneva, Switzerland.

A Great Winter Route.

If it is your intention to spend the winter in some southern clime, please consider the merits of the Wabash Railroad, with its superb and magnificent through car service. Every morning at 11 o'clock the Wabash Montezuma Special leaves Dearborn-street Station, Chicago, and starts on its flight towards the land of sunshine and flowers, arriving at St. Louis same evening, giving passengers one hour to view the new St. Louis depot, the largest and finest passenger station in the world. Your particular attention is called to the fact that passengers taking this route reach their destination hours in advance of other lines. Maps and time tables of this great railway from any railroad agent, or J. A. Richardson, Canadian passenger agent, northeast corner of King and Yonge-streets, Toronto. ed

Cucumbers and melons are "forbidden fruit" to many persons so constituted that the least indulgence is followed by attacks of cholera, dysentery, griping, etc. These persons are not aware that they can indulge to their heart's content if they have on hand a bottle of Dr. J. D. Kellog's Dysentery Cordial, a medicine that will give immediate relief, and is a sure cure for all summer complaints.

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WHAT TORONTO WILL ASK

When the Legislature Gets Down to Business.

AFTER THE CONTROLLERS

The Mayor's Veto Vote Does Not Suit All Members of the Council.

East End Aldermen Want Ashbridge's Bay and Vicinity Protected From an Unwelcome Addition to the Factories—Wharf Owners Protest Against the Proposal to Enlarge the Corporation Wharf—General Civic Budget.

The Committee on Legislation met yesterday afternoon to consider proposals referred to them respecting new legislation which may be required.

Ald. Spence addressed the committee in support of the proposal to abolish the personality assessment and establish a business tax instead. He urged the serious and favorable consideration of the committee.

Ald. McMurrich thought it unjust that the man who invested his money in mortgages, bank stock, etc., should only be assessed upon the interest derived from the investment, whereas if he invested the same amount in a business the entire stock purchased would be assessed. He had for some time been of the opinion that the system of a business tax as operated in Montreal was much better than the system now in vogue.

It transpired that a special committee of Council had been appointed to take up the question and Ald. Jolliffe's resolution to assess personal property on the same basis as real estate without any reference to the liabilities against it. The matter was referred to the special committee to deal with.

TO REGULATE THE BOARD.

Ald. Boustead's proposal to seek amendments to the law relating to the Board of Control was taken up. It proposes to deprive the Mayor of the double vote, to increase the membership to five, and make the salary of $700, which is paid to the Controllers, inclusive of the $300 which is paid to the aldermen. The Board of Control was supposed to protect the city from the admission of reports and by-laws which are improperly or incorrectly drawn. This the board had not done, as instanced in the case of the application to renew the franchise of the Blake Manufacturing Company and award the company a contract amounting to $7250, which was clearly contrary to the wishes of several respected ratepayers. The only exception was taken by a member in Council that the alleged act was prevented. The old Executive Committee, with 12 members, was, he thought, a better protection to the city than the board had proved. The best interests of the city would be served if the Mayor had the vote only on the board. If advisable, the Mayor might be given a veto power in another way.

Ald. Lamb admitted that the work of the Board of Control overlaps the work of other committees. From the experience of this year he hardly thought that the Mayor should have the casting vote of the Board of Control. The Mayor should get power some other way, but he has so many other duties to attend to it is impossible for him to give the attention to details which the chairman of committees had been in the habit of doing. He thought that every ward should have representation on the board. He suggested that the members of the committee be supplied with copies of the bylaw and statute in order that they might post themselves before the next meeting.

The suggestion was adopted and the committee adjourned.

PROTECTING THE EAST END.

The Property Committee held a brief session. The application of Gilchrist & Co. for the lease of a site on the new channel between the harbor and Ashbridge's Bay was considered. Ald. Lamb was present and addressed the committee, urging that efforts be made to lease the land, which had been reclaimed, and apply the revenues to the general uses of the city. A representative of the company addressed the committee, giving as a reason for their desire to get the lease that the Medical Officer had ordered them to vacate their present site on sanitary grounds.

Ald. Shepard was of the opinion that after enduring the odors of the crematory, and the soap and pork packing factories, it was quite a relief to get out on top of Mirchmont & Co.'s dump.

Ald. Small took up the cudgels for the East End residents and made a strong fight to prevent the location of the nuisance fertilizer factory at the very entrance to all the valuable lands which had been reclaimed for factories, etc., at the cost of thousands of dollars to the city. Several other members expressed the opinion that it would be folly for the city, after purifying the bay and marsh, to lease a site there for such a purpose, and action was deferred.

The committee agreed to accept the offer of John P. Small to renew the lease of a lot on the island for use of the Sick Children's Hospital at 40 cents per foot.

Chairman Burns reported that several houses are being built upon the island, and there are indications that residence it ere will be more popular next season than it was last.

There was quite a discussion upon the enquiry of Ald. Shepard as to who authorized the vendor of hot pies to have a stationary stand on the market.

Commissioner Coatsworth explained that the structure occupied a site that was not otherwise used and Ald. Small entered a plea for the tenant, who has no other occupation. As it transpired both the Commissioner and Ald. Small had taken lunch at the stand and were well satisfied with the quality and price the committee decided not to interfere.

ABOUT THE WHARF.

An application has been made by the lessee of the City Wharf for the city to enlarge the wharf in order to accommodate the largest steamers entering the harbor, and offering to pay interest upon the cost. Messrs. Freeland, the owners of the Yonge-street Wharf, who some time since took legal proceedings to protect their right to the title of "Yonge-street Wharf," have sent the following protest to the Council:

"We observe that the City Council propose to expend an additional $5000 in extending the City Wharf at Yonge-street 80 feet further west, the tenant to pay interest on the expenditure in lieu of rent.

"The city has a large number of lessees of water lots, the undersigned among the number, who have for many years paid rental and taxes, and have invested their capital in erecting wharves and warehouses on these water lots, and we submit that it is unfair for the city to apply these rents and taxes in building wharves to compete with their own tenants and other citizens who have embarked in the wharf business.

"The lessees find it difficult enough to meet their rent and taxes and get a reasonable return for their outlay, and justly complain of the city, as their landlord, coming in and constructing competitive wharves, to the great injury of their business.

"We further submit that the city is not warranted in sinking public money in speculative ventures. Every one acquainted with wharf property knows that these structures are perishable and require to be renewed every 10 or 12 years from the water up, therefore a mere payment of interest on the outlay is not nearly enough.

"The present tenant of the City Wharf has only two more years to run, and there is no guarantee that the city will get from the next tenant interest for their outlay, or even as much rent as they now receive, besides the proposed improvements may not suit the business of a new tenant, therefore the proper course for the city, we submit, would be to refrain from expending any more money on capital account on their wharf until the expiration of the present lease.

IS THERE ANY NEED?

"We would point out, also, that there is really no need for increased wharf accommodation in Toronto for some years to come. The present wharves have not by any means been overcrowded nor used to their full capacity, and we have built a new pier, 430 feet long, with warehouse covering nearly the entire length of the wharf, at a cost of about $25,000, expressly for the accommodation of the largest steamers entering the harbor, and therefore we contend that the city is not warranted in incurring a large expenditure in providing an extension of wharf accommodation, ostensibly on the ground that there is need of it, while, in reality, there is ample accommodation already.

"The fair and honorable course for the city to pursue, we submit, having regard to their own lessees of water lots, who are also heavy taxpayers, would be to do, as has been done in the past, namely: to lease by public competition to the highest bidder for a term of years, and allow the lessee to make his own improvements, subject to such conditions as the city may see fit to impose.

"Another important view of the case which we would submit is that just so soon as the filling is extended to the new windmill line, 250 feet south of the present wharf, the proposed expenditure will vanish, being covered up with the filling, and irrevocably lost, whereas, if the matter is deferred, then this money will, at a future date, be available for the permanent construction on the new windmill line.

"All of which is respectfully submitted.

"W. & R. Freeland.

"Owners of the Yonge-street Wharf."

THE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY.

Additional signatures to the petition asking that the 26th day of December next be proclaimed a public holiday continue to be received. Among the business firms which yesterday added their names to the list were: E C Hill & Co, W Donald Wilson, D G Lorsch & Co, Bentley & Work, The Mat, Hairdressing Parlor, Thomas McIntosh, The Moffatt Stove Co, Ltd, Miss Sullivan, Miss Stevens, D Prentice, T J Fawkes, Brydon & Walker, Ward Kingsley, W L Murray, Charles Brazz, Metallic Monument Co, Ltd, A Macdonald, S Miller, T Francis, John T Kinsman, Wheeler & Wilson Manufacturing Co, the Davies Bros.' Company.

DEPARTMENTAL NOTES.

There are only three officials in the city service who are affected by the resolution of Ald. Spence referring to the employment in the city service of gentlemen who occupy seats upon the Public School Boards. They are Messrs. E. P. Roden, Secretary of the Works Department; William Fitzgerald of the Commissioner's Department, and Thomas Whiteside of the Tax Collection Department. All of these gentlemen hold their seats on the School Board until Dec. 31, 1897.

The property-owners interested have petitioned against the following local improvement works: Asphalt pavement on Carlton, from Sherbourne to Parliament; concrete walk on Bay, east side, from Adelaide-street northward, and a wooden walk on Dufferin-street, the west side, from Dundas to College.

The committee to arrange for the celebrations which it is proposed to hold next year meets at 4 o'clock to-day at the City Hall.

Five acres on the Don flats are to be flooded at once for a free skating rink. Chairman Saunders yesterday agreed to have the square in Tannery Hollow at Yonge-street flooded also.

STOCK MARKETS STRONG.

There Was Free Selling in London, But That Did Not Weaken Wall-Street to Any Considerable Extent.

New York, Dec. 3.—The Evening Post's financial article says: All things considered, the stock markets showed a good deal of strength to-day. London sold at the opening, St. Paul particularly being quoted on the early forenoon market a full half point below the New York parity. But there was little real weakness. The London selling had its basis, doubtless on the St. Paul's gross returns for the fourth week and the full month of November. The latter showed for the week from 1895 was not perhaps as heavy as had been anticipated, but it was hardly a cheerful showing. For the month the St. Paul's earnings were $678,000 short of 1895, the Rock Island's $198,138. The October gross returns of the same companies decreased respectively only $271,700 and $98,800 from the previous year. But there has been no good reason since the farm communities adopted the not unreasonable policy of holding back their wheat, to expect any more favorable comparison. Anyone who observes the weekly receipts of grain nowadays and compares the figures with the receipts last month or year, will understand the November granger statements. The local operators, however, were not disposed to follow London's selling. The market was extremely dull, but the majority of stocks it was strong all day. Sugar certificates were an obvious and natural exception, and St. Paul and Burlington made gains only slowly.

Towards the close there was a rather active advancing movement in Lake Shore stock, based on the company's not at all unfavorable statement for the November quarter. There was no outside news, except a further increase of $570,368 in the Treasury's gold reserve, making a total net increase since November 3 of $17,244,901.

To-day's Bank of England statement throws some light on the London money situation. The bank is very evidently not giving any assistance to the discount market; its accounts of "other securities," representing loans outstanding, shows decrease for the week of $3,875,000. This loan contraction is clearly no result of decreased demand for accommodation; it is merely a continuation of the recent policy of the institution. Since it "borrowed from the market" to gain control of money rates during the third week of October, the bank's outstanding loans have decreased by $7,670,000. To-day's statement of the Bank of England loans contrasts impressively with those of the Banks of France and Germany, whose discounts increase respectively for the week $15,160,000 and $5,205,000. Of course the London bank rate is maintained at 4 per cent. The open market rate for time loans is even now only ½ of 1 per cent. below the bank, and in fact is fractionally higher than the ruling rate Oct. 21, the day before the bank rate was reduced from 5 to 4 per cent. Call loans, moreover, on this week's London market are fully 1½ per cent. above the level at that time. This action of the Bank of England sufficiently explains the very slow concessions in the London money rates, even in the face of recent heavy transfer of capital from New York to London. Time loans were easier again to-day, but the change was very slight.

It will also be observed that whereas the three great European banks increased their combined gold holdings last week, more than $8,000,000, this week they report a decrease of $5,280,000, all of the institutions losing gold. No doubt a good part of this decrease originates in what is known as the "holiday demand" from the interior of the several countries, but for the time the influence of the drain is quite as marked as if all of the gold were exported. The upshot of the whole situation presumably will be that Europe's money markets will hold firm until after the year has closed, and that our sterling exchange rates will continue at a correspondingly high figure.

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News from Africa.

A very interesting lecture on "Mission Work in Africa," illustrated by limelight views, was given in Olivet Congregational Church by Rev. Wilberforce Lee, pastor of the church, who has recently returned from the African Mission Field. The choir and orchestra of the church, under the direction of Mr. George McLellan, rendered a fine musical program in a very able manner, the orchestra numbers being especially good. The church was crowded, and a very pleasant evening was spent.

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Hamilton Times.

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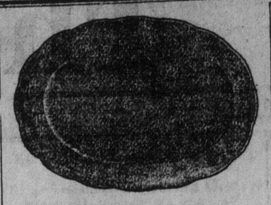

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