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CANADA'S SALUBRIOUS CLIMATE

The World had much pleasure in receiv- hospital and a medical practitioner of ing yesterday the first copy of La Revue Nationale, a monthly magazine started in Montreal by Capt. Chartrand, a native of the Province of Quebec, who has served for some years in the French army, and who has felt himself called by patriotic reasons to return to the country of his birth and do what he can for the promotion of native literature. The captain gives a full-page picture of himself. He certainly is a gallant looking gentleman, and we take this occasion of complimenting him upon the excellent magazine which he has turned out.

The article which interests us most is one on "Our Climate and Its Effect on Us," from the pen of Dr. W. H. Hinkston, the chief surgeon of the Montreal continental reputation. The article gives the result of Dr. Hinkston's long practice and careful study of the subject, and is well worthy of our attention, especially as his conclusions appear to be so satisfactory. The two great natural facts which affect our climate, he says, are the mountains and the volume of fresh water which flows through the Valley of the St. Lawrence, more than half of the entire fresh water of the globe. Especially does this fresh water of the lakes and its flow through the St. Lawrence temper the Canadian climate and make it one not only healthy but most agreeable. Another satisfactory condition the doctor finds in the low level of the greater portion of Canada above the sea. Our mean level is less than 300 feet. Montreal at low water is only 19 feet above the sea level. If it were not for the peculiar configuration of the continent and the disposition of fresh water the only vegetation on the north shore would be mosses and the like, but, as it is, it has one of the richest vegetations in the world. The doctor affirms that the manifold diversities seen in our forests reproduce themselves in the people of the country and guarantee them superior qualities of vigor and of health. The mortality in Canada is less than in France or in England. The English Government considers Canada the healthiest portion of the Empire, and for this reason it formerly sent its soldiers here to recruit from debilitating results of the East Indies. The military authorities of the United States also recognize that the salubrity of their country increases as it approaches the northern frontier. The improved drainage of the country, Dr. Hinkston thinks, has had the effect of dispelling the intermittent fevers which formerly prevailed in Ontario, and which are now becoming much more rare, and are almost unknown in the Province of Quebec. Contrary to what is ordinarily supposed, our climate is not injurious to lung complaints. For quite a number of years English doctors have sent their consumptives here for winter, the dryness of the atmosphere affording them great relief. For this malady, a most desirable thing is an equable, dry air, and nowhere does this atmospheric condition prevail with more certainty than in this country. The favorite winter resorts of Europe are too variable, and in this way are not to be compared with Canada.

Another thing which proves the salubrity of our climate is the fact that Canada is first among nations in the natural increase of population. The French, the Irish and the Scotch not only hold their positon here, but the French-Canadians have given an example of fecundity without equal in the history of any people. The descendants of sixty thousand souls of one hundred and thirty years ago now count themselves by millions. If there is a big mortality among the children of the French-Canadians, it is only because the number of births is exceptionally large. In Europe the maximum of death is in winter; here it is the contrary. The death rate here is less in winter than in any other season. The highest death rate belongs to summer, to spring and to autumn, with variations. In summer we see that this mortality grows with the rise of temperature. Each degree of heat, frees certain pernicious gases, which would be held fast under a lower temperature. One reason why the death rate is greater in summer is owing to the trouble in getting fresh food, and especially in the article of milk.

The conclusion of the Doctor's article is that, "we have here a people great and powerful, vigorous and full of health, possessing an elasticity and vigor of mind and bodily energy capable of throwing off everything which is injurious to it, and of assimilating everything that is favorable. The children of New France, the longest in possession of the soil, are much superior to the French of France in physical energy and in power of resistance. For over two centuries Canada in this respect has not shown a single sign of physical or mental decadence. The descendants of the English, Irish Scotch and German have preserved intact all the physical forces which their fathers enjoyed on the other side of the ocean. They have always advanced in energy and physical vigor."

SUMMER MADNESS IN WINTER.

To make the Dominion of Canada an integral part of the continent to which we belong, to give Canada access to the markets of our neighbors, to increase our trade by catering to the wants of 60,000,000 people—this has been one of the advantages that the Liberal party has announced itself as able and ready to achieve for us as soon as we would place them in power. The party has hinted at several methods by which it proposes to accomplish this result. It used to be represented by the press of the Liberal party that Sir Richard Cartwright and the rest of them had the ear of the American Government, that the great American nation had confidence in the Liberal party of Canada and no reciprocal trade relations could be effected except through this party. Latterly they have not given so much prominence to this argument, but still they make the 60,000,000 market a feature of their platform. The Globe yesterday suggests a method of getting into the rich pasture that strikes us as one of the weakest political arguments that has ever been presented to an intelligent people. If the dog-day season were upon us we would accept The Globe's reasoning as a joke, but as we are in the dead of winter it is hard to believe any other theory than that The Globe is earnest in the matter. Speaking of the iron and coal productions of the two countries The Globe states that New England is desirous of using Nova Scotia coal and iron. If this were the fact, one would think it would be the simplest matter in the world for the United States Government to take off the duties on iron and coal and to let these Nova Scotian products in free. This, however, we are quite certain the American people will never agree to do. They have adopted a protection policy to accomplish a certain definite result, and that result is the exclusion of foreigners from their own markets. Provided the Americans could get a reciprocity of tariffs which would give them an advantage, they would probably agree to such reciprocity; but, unless they are sure of making something out of the deal, they will never become a party to it. That is the reason why the American people refuse to admit our coal and iron free into their markets. But, it appears, The Globe has a scheme whereby the Americans will good-naturedly pull down their tariff wall. The Globe's idea is for Canada to reduce her tariff, under the belief that the United States will follow the example and reduce its tariff correspondingly. According to The Globe, "the spectacle of a young nation growing apace without the thaumaturgy of protection would be an irresistible object lesson to our neighbors." The Globe is giving us the most silly romance of the season. It has not the remotest conception of the character of the American people if it believes they would follow our lead. The Americans are not built that way. Great Britain has had a free trade tariff for more than half a century, and the United States has had a great amount of commercial dealings with it, yet England's free trade tariff has been no object lesson to the United States. Neither would a free trade policy in Canada cause the Americans to adopt the same kind of a policy in regard to Canada. Never before have we heard such crazy logic presented to an intelligent people. A policy which is made up of arguments of this kind is rotten to the core. It will not stand discussion among people of half the intelligence of the Canadians.

Later Night Trains for the East.

Editor World: I would suggest to either the Grand Trunk or the Canadian Pacific, or both, that they alter their time-table at the first favorable opportunity, so as to leave Toronto for the east at 11 p.m. instead of 8.45 p.m. and 9 p.m. respectively. They might have to speed up the train a little in order to be in Montreal at 8 next morning, but it would make the trains much more convenient. Theatrical companies, for instance, could leave here immediately after a performance and be in Montreal in the morning. Travel between Toronto and Ottawa would also be improved by such a change. Quite a number of people would come to Toronto for evening meetings and performances if they knew that a train left east for Whitby, Port Hope, Cobourg or Peterboro at 11 at night. BUSINESS MAN.

Merely a Sprat

Editor World: I stated in a public circular that I thought Mr. Bertram's "imaginary guarantee" in the electric light matter "was quite safe." Now, I am sure of it. With a great flourish of trumpets he and the Western Electric Company between them put up $5000. A $5000 sprat to catch a $300,000 whale, it is not two per cent. on the cost, and so far from being a guarantee is only a modest discount for cash on an order of that size, and can well be afforded, as both the Polson Iron Works Company and John Inglis & Sons offer engines at a very much lower price than Mr. Bertram is fighting for.

J. J. WRIGHT.

Presentation to Superintendent Davis.

Sixty-two of the fellow employes of W. E. Davis, who has been electrical superintendent of the Toronto Railway Company since the introduction of the trolley system, assembled at the St. Charles Restaurant last night to bid him godspeed. Mr Davis leaves to-day to superintend the construction of the electrical system of the Detroit Railway Company and of the new road between Cleveland and Akron, Ohio. Mr. Davis came to the city eight years ago from Fall River, Massachusetts, and has achieved an enviable reputation as an electrical expert. A smoking concert was held in Mr. Williams' parlors over the restaurant, and the chief event of the evening was the presentation to Mr. Davis of a magnificent gold watch, inscribed as follows: "Presented to W. E. Davis by the employes of the electrical department of the Toronto Railway Company, in token of respect and esteem, on his retiring from the position of electrical engineer, Feb. 12, 1895." Mr. Thomas Graham, chief of the stores department, occupied the chair, and Mr. A. G. Horwood made the presentation. Speeches and songs enlivened the evening.

They Never Fail.—Mr. S. M. Boughner, Langton, writes: "For about two years I was troubled with inward piles, but by using Parmelee's Pills I was completely cured, and although four years have elapsed since then they have not returned." Parmelee's Pills are a vegetable and a specific for the cure of Liver and Kidney Complaints, Dyspepsia, Costiveness, Headache, Piles, etc., and will regulate the secretions and remove all bilious matter.

A Peculiar Suit and a Peculiar Verdict.

Game Warden James Kennedy was made defendant in a slander suit in the Civil Assize Court yesterday, brought against him by John Miller & Co., fishmongers, Queen-street west. The charge was that Kennedy went to the store of Miller & Co., in April, 1894, and accused them of selling fish against the law, and also that he warned Miller's customers that any person purchasing these fish would be held liable. This, the plaintiffs claimed, caused a number of their customers to withdraw their patronage. The jury were given a set of questions to answer, and replied to them in such a manner that Mr. Justice Robertson withheld the approval of the court, and will give his decision to-day.

You need not cough all night and disturb your friends; there is no occasion for your running the risk of contracting inflammation of the lungs or consumption, while you can get Bickle's Anti-Consumptive Syrup. This medicine cures coughs, colds, inflammation of the lungs and all throat and chest troubles. It promotes a free and easy expectoration, which immediately relieve the throat and lungs from viscid phlegm.

The Debs Jury Discharged.

Chicago, Feb. 12.—The Debbs jury was discharged to-day, and the case was set for a new trial on the first Monday in May. The physician attending James C. Coe, the juror, whose illness caused the hitch in the proceedings to-day, declared that the sick man would not be able to resume his duties as a juror for at least thirty days.

One trial of Mother Graves' Worm Exterminator will convince you that it has no equal as a worm medicine. Buy a bottle and see if it does not please you.

TOM GRAHAM WILL BE CHIEF

THE APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY LEFT IN ABEYANCE.

The Salary of the New Chief Will Be $2000 If the Recommendation of the Fire and Light Committee Is Accepted—Purchase of Two Merryweather Fire Engines Recommended.

Deputy-Chief Thomas Graham was yesterday unanimously recommended by the Fire and Light Committee as successor to Chief Ardagh at a salary of $2000 per year—an increase of $700 on his present salary, and $500 less than Chief Ardagh's salary. The appointment will have to be ratified by the council.

Ald. Davies moved that Assistant-Chief Thompson be promoted to Mr. Graham's position, but Chairman McMurrich ruled the motion out of order, expressing the opinion that until Mr. Graham is formally appointed Chief of the Department by the council the post of Deputy-Chief is not vacant.

A long debate on this question took place, but the motion was subsequently withdrawn on the chairman giving a promise that he would call a meeting of the committee on the day following the next council meeting to deal with the appointments of the subordinate officers.

The New Fire Engines

On the report of the fire engine experts the committee decided to recommended the purchase of two Merryweather fire engines.

The report of the experts was as follows:

"We are of the opinion that the best engine for the city to purchase is the Merryweather Greenwich pattern of 1200 American gallon capacity, on the understanding that the manufacturers will guarantee that the engines purchased will, in addition to the tests mentioned by them in their tender, be subjected to and stand, to the satisfaction of this committee, the following tests, namely: That with one line of 2 1-2 inches, 500 feet in length, with 1 3-4 inch ring nozzle, the pumps will throw a stream 230 feet horizontally; that with two lines of 2 1-2 inches, 500 feet in length, with two 1 1-4 inch ring nozzles, the pumps will throw two streams 235 feet horizontally; that with one line of 2 1-2 inches, 750 feet in length, with 1 1-2 inch ring nozzle, the pumps will throw a stream of 250 feet horizontally, the above tests to be made with rubber line hose, with the engine pumping with a suction lift of from 8 to 10 feet, the wheels to be made suitable for use in this climate, and a two years' guarantee to be given on the whole engine."

Mr Ronald Is Disappointed

J. D. Ronald, member of the firm that manufactures an engine of that name made a violent appeal to the committee for British fair play. Their engine, he said, was quite as good as those proposed to be imported, and he thought Canadian manufacturers should be given some consideration. Mr. Ronald finished up with a threat that he would call a meeting of the ratepayers to consider the question.

With reference to the deaths of Fire Chief Ardagh and Fireman Bowrey, it was decided, on the suggestion of Chairman McMurrich, that the funeral expenses in each case should be paid by the city, and that the salaries of each should be continued for three months from Feb. 1.

The Chairman pointed out that at first he thought it would be desirable to grant a pension to the families of those men, but on finding that the dependants of the chief would draw $4600 from the firemen's fund and that the other family would receive $1000, he had come to the conclusion that such a course would not be advisable.

Will Supply an Artificial Leg.

Fireman Saunders, whose leg was amputated on Monday, will be provided with a cork leg at the expense of the city and found a position in one of the departments.

Acting upon the suggestion of Ald. McMurrich the committee decided to request the Legislative Committee to apply for legislation to compel all parties, erecting buildings of five stories and over, to provide a standpipe connected in such a way with the main that the water may be turned on from the sidewalk.

Ald. Bell, Murray and Allen were on the motion of the first mentioned appointed a committee to visit the fire-hall in Brock-avenue, and the new site in Dundas-street, and report on the same with a view to urging upon the Property Committee the necessity of erecting a fire-hall in Dundas-street in lieu of the one in Brock-avenue.

Notes.

R. Rennick, from whom the city purchased the site at Mimico for the new rifle ranges, appeared before the Parks and Gardens Committee yesterday, asking, for three months' interest on the purchase money, $20,000. Mr. Rennick claims that the agreement to purchase was adopted by the council in April, that he was not able to get a cheque until July, and as he was paying on the mortgage during that time he asks for $300 interest. Chairman Hallam informed him that the matter should be investigated.

The formal opening of the new conservatories at the Pavilion will take place on Tuesday evening, Feb. 26. A large number of citizens have been invited, and a musical program is being arranged.

Messrs. Cook, Macdonald & Briggs, solicitors, have served notice of action on the city. They are acting for Mrs. Dunlop of 305 Manning-avenue, who fell on a slippery sidewalk in the south side of College-street, between Euclid and Palmerston-avenues, about three weeks ago, and sustained serious injury to one of her limbs. Carelessness of civic officials is charged.

City Commissioner Coatsworth yesterday notified Mr. E. B. Osler, president of the Toronto Ferry Company, that the foundation being placed under the Hotel Hanlan at West Point was too weak to sustain the weight of the building.

Chicago Will Tax Bicycles.

Chicago, Feb. 12.—In the City Council last night it was ordered that the corporation counsel prepare an ordinance taxing every owner of a bicycle in Chicago $2 per annum. Over 10,000 bicycles are owned in the city. Dealers and riders threaten to carry the matter to the courts.

Gets $2,000,000 to Marry Miss Gould.

New York, Feb. 12.—Rumor has it that Miss Anna Gould yesterday signed antemarriage agreement to settle $2,000,000 on her fiancee, Count Jean de Castelane. The rumor was definite and circumstantial, but was not verified by any member of the family. Members of society interested in such things, however, gave it full credence.

Ten deaths from la grippe are reported from New York in one day. Guard against this terrible scourge by drinking copiously of St. Leon Mineral Water. 36

High Speed With Safety.

A Boston editor says: "Its perfect roadbed enables the highest rate of speed, with safety. The representatives are very courteous and competent, while in equipment it leads all rival lines." This could only refer to the New York Central & Hudson River Railroad.

All traces of indigestion immediately disappear if St. Leon be used regularly after meals. 36

EMPIRE SHAREHOLDERS MEET.

The Sale to the Hyphenated Journal Confirmed at a Public Meeting.

It was anticipated that Ex-Ald. Thomas Pells, one of the shareholders of the defunct Empire, would make trouble at the annual meeting of shareholders yesterday for the gentlemen who consummated the sell-out to The Mail recently. The meeting convened at noon, however, and was over in three-quarters of an hour, and the row did not eventuate. Among those present were Senator Sanford, Alexander Cargill, M.P., W. R. Brock, Thomas Long, Speaker Peter White, Col. Tisdale, David Creighton and a few other shareholders. Almost all those present were men of special political interests, who had held on to the stock for that reason; there is a handful of shareholders whose interest was merely a financial one and who, having failed to meekly hand over their stock to the Brock-Long syndicate, disapproved of the amalgamation; but these remained away from yesterday's meeting. The affair passed off amicably, the syndicate's sale was ratified and a new board of directors, composed of W. R. Brock, Thomas Long, Sir Frank Smith, W. E. Sanford, John I. Davidson, Frank Turner and David Creighton, was appointed to proceed with the liquidation of The Empire Printing and Publishing Company. The plant will be sold, the accounts collected and the liabilities paid. This directorate will, however, have nothing to do with that of The Daily Mail and Empire.

It was stated by a shareholder yesterday that the syndicate which sold The Empire have received $125,000 stock in the new hyphenated newspaper for their interest.

A FAITHFUL SENTINEL.

Had to Be Shot Before He Would Leave His Dead Master's Body

Timothy Lynch, a well-known resident of the East End for many years, was found dead in a house occupied by him at Gerrard-street and Pape-avenue Monday night. The neighbors had noticed that for two or three days past no smoke had issued from the chimneys of the house, nor was there any sign of any person about the premises. They went over to investigate and found Lynch's dog on guard at the door. They were forced to shoot the animal before they could gain access to the house. Lynch was lying dead on the floor, and had evidently died a day or two previously. Lynch was well known as a market gardener. Last fall, when some boys attempted to steal his fruit, Lynch opened fire on them with a shotgun, wounding one of them painfully. He was arraigned at the Police Court and allowed to go on suspended sentance. He was 80 years of age.

Seabrooke as the Grand Vizier.

Thomas Q. Seabrooke and his Comic Opera Company will be the attraction at the Grand Opera House to-morrow evening. Of Mr. Seabrooke it has been said that the operatic stage contains no comedian so deliciously dry, artistically unctuous, grotesquely funny and amusingly versatile. In "The Grand Vizier" Mr. Seabrooke has ample opportunity to demonstrate his talents. Edgar Smith wrote the libretto of this latest success especially to fit Mr. Seabrooke, and Fred Gagel, the composer, has done the most ambitious work of his life in the opera. It is brimful of catchy tunes. Seabrooke's greatest song, "Swim out, O'Grady," is now being sung, whistled and given to the world through the phonograph from New York to Frisco. Mr. Seabrooke's company is unusually strong; he brings all his scenery and stage effects with him, and with the adequate facilities of "The Grand Vizier" a notable production may be looked for.

The Musee This Week.

Toddles, the only performing baby elephant in America, is still the centre of attraction at the Musee. Every youngster in the city has been importuning his parents to take him to see it, and the pranks of the ponderous infant fill the little ones with delight. In other features the Musee's program is equally strong, notwithstanding the fact that the special engagements made for this week had all to be cancelled on account of the snow blockades. Miss Mamie Russell's skill in mind-reading is most extraordinary. Munsulla, the Greek, on whose head paving stones are broken daily, is another feature. In the theatre Marlow and Plunkett, two clever people, who appeared in the Academy of Music earlier in the season, do an amusing turn. Lew Randall, Heath and Cadd and Mattie Fields complete a varied and pleasing program.

WHITE RIBBON PETITION.

The Biggest Collection of Autographs on Record.

Chicago, Feb. 12.—Mrs. Matilda B. Carse, and the great polyglot petition, bearing the signature of 4,000,000 white ribboners, left Chicago for Washington last night. The petition was expressed in great tin-lined padlock boxes. It has taken five years to collect the signatures from the four corners of the globe. After being before the powers at Washington, the petition will be sent to the Queen of England, and in turn to the heads of all civilized countries.

ICE IN THE THAMES.

Traffic at Gravesend Suspended—All the Boats Laid Up

London, Feb. 12.—The ferries at Gravesend have all been stopped by the great accumulation of ice and the watermen's boats are all laid up. The pilots and custom house men are using strong tugs to reach vessels outside.

Some floating piers have been detached, and a number of barges have been swept away from their moorings and are drifting in mid-stream.

A few of the barges have been crushed by the ice and they are in a sinking condition.

A BURGLAR SHOT.

A Postmaster Who Effectually Protected His Office From Robbery.

Ottawa, Feb. 12.—William Mortimer of Montreal and A. Winslow, Toronto, two professional burglars, were engaged in trying to crack the safe in the post-office at Gatineau Point last night, when Smith, the poetmaster, fired on them, wounding Mortimer in the leg Winslow got away. Mortimer is now in Hull jail.

St. Simon's Choir Concert.

A successful concert was given in Association Hall last evening by the choir of St. Simon's Church, assisted by Miss Evelyn de Latre Street, violinist, and the following vocal soloists: Rev. E. J. Wood, Mr. Lincoln Carlisle, Mr. E. J. Cashmore, Master Willie Wilson, Mr. Allan Fairweather, Master Michael Young and Mr. Oscar Wenborne.

30 Men Drowned or Frozen.

Philadelphia, Feb. 12.—It is believed here that at least 30 men were drowned or frozen to death through the collision during last week's storm of two unknown steamers off Five Fathom Light.

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Board of Trade Notes.

The Executive Committee of the Farmers' Association met yesterday and discussed discounts and other trade matters.

On Friday the Bankers' section will meet, and on Tuesday next the Jewelers' and Silversmiths' section.

$100,000 BLAZE IN BUFFALO.

A Dog Which Met Death After Saving His Master.

Buffalo, Feb. 12.—The four-story brick building Nos. 10 to 16 Lock-street, extending from the Terrace to Erie-street, was gutted by fire this morning. It was occupied by the Buffalo Spring Bed Company, Burdick Envelope and Bookbinder's Supply Company, Rogers and Blackhall, manufacturers of binders' supplies; August Fiene, ornamental iron works, H. L. Hart, manufacturer of printers' rollers and paste. Total loss will reach $100,000.

The blaze was caused by an explosion in the Burdick Envelope factory. A number of canal boats occupied by families are wintering in the canal back of the building. One of them was the Flower City, occupied by a boatman named Brooks and his wife. A few minutes before the explosion Mr. Brooks' dog, a large mastiff, began whining and growling, and his master got out of his bunk and gave the dog a good kick. The animal howled all the louder and barked with such vengeance that Mr. Brooks got up again to eject the poor beast from the boat. In return for three or four sharp cuffs he licked his master's hand and continued to howl piteously. Brooks dragged the dog to the deck, intending to put him off the boat, when he discovered the fire. Hastily returning, he aroused his wife, and, with no little difficulty, they escaped only a few seconds before the explosion, which riddled the deck of the canal boat. A shower of bricks, pieces of iron and heavy timbers fell on the boat, and crushed the whole boat as if it was made of thin ice. The dog, after saving his master and mistress, was caught in the falling debris and killed.

HARROW'S LOSS $17,000.

Seven Buildings Burned, Besides Numerous Barns and Sheds.

Windsor, Feb. 12.—The town of Harrow, located about 30 miles from Windsor, on the L.E. & H.R.R., suffered a severe conflagration early this morning. The fire started just before 1 o'clock in Weston's tailor shop, and the flames spread with great rapidity to the adjoining stores and dwellings. At 2.30 a.m. the fire had burned itself out, though much property was saved through the efforts of the townspeople.

The list of stores and dwellings destroyed include Webster's tailor shop, Burrell & Wright's barber shop, Straith & Co.'s general store, Roseburg's harness shop and dwelling, and the bakery and dwelling of W. S. Wright. There were also a number of barns and sheds burned. The damage and insurance, as nearly as obtainable, are as follows: Ed Webster, damage $300, no insurance; Straith & Co., $12,500, insurance $4000; W. S. Wright, $2000, insurance $1000; Roseburg, $3000, insurance $1600; Burrell & Wright, $1500, insurance $300. The origin of the fire is a mystery.

A London Grist Mill Gone.

London, Ont., Feb. 12.—Edward Kendrew's grist mill at Pond Mill, Westminster, was burned to the ground Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock. The contents were also consumed. The total loss is estimated to be $2000, on which there is an insurance of $1200. The origin of the fire is not known.

Alexandria Bay Scorched.

Watertown, N.Y., Feb. 12.—The opera house and the Westcott block, Alexandria Bay, were destroyed by fire this morning.

EXILES SEEK DAMAGES.

The Deported of Hawaii Will Sue the Republic and Steamship Company.

Vancouver, Feb. 12.—The trio of Hawaiian exiles have retained Wilson & Campbell, a legal firm, to bring action for damages against the Canadian Pacific steamship line for carrying them off against their will.

J. Cranton, the deported American resident of Hawaii, who arrived here on the Warimoo Sunday, has obtained legal counsel to prepare his case in a suit for damages which he purposes to bring against the Republic of Hawaii for his expulsion from that country.

To Save a Rebel's Neck.

New York, Feb. 12.—Col. W. T. Seward, condemned to death in Hawaii, formerly lived on Long Island, and friends here are working to save his life. Senator Hill has been asked to use his influence.

WHITE RIBBON PETITION.

The Biggest Collection of Autographs on Record.

Chicago, Feb. 12.—Mrs. Matilda B. Carse, and the great polyglot petition, bearing the signature of 4,000,000 white ribboners, left Chicago for Washington last night. The petition was expressed in great tin-lined padlock boxes. It has taken five years to collect the signatures from the four corners of the globe. After being before the powers at Washington, the petition will be sent to the Queen of England, and in turn to the heads of all civilized countries.

ICE IN THE THAMES.

Traffic at Gravesend Suspended—All the Boats Laid Up

London, Feb. 12.—The ferries at Gravesend have all been stopped by the great accumulation of ice and the watermen's boats are all laid up. The pilots and custom house men are using strong tugs to reach vessels outside.

Some floating piers have been detached, and a number of barges have been swept away from their moorings and are drifting in mid-stream.

A few of the barges have been crushed by the ice and they are in a sinking condition.

A BURGLAR SHOT.

A Postmaster Who Effectually Protected His Office From Robbery.

Ottawa, Feb. 12.—William Mortimer of Montreal and A. Winslow, Toronto, two professional burglars, were engaged in trying to crack the safe in the post-office at Gatineau Point last night, when Smith, the poetmaster, fired on them, wounding Mortimer in the leg Winslow got away. Mortimer is now in Hull jail.

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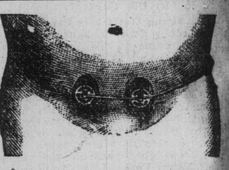

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NO USE FOR "HUMANE CLUBS."

The Police Commissioners Decide That Toronto Does Not Require Them, in the Meantime at All Events.

Judge McDougall was appointed chairman of the Police Commissioners for the ensuing year at the regular meeting of the board yesterday afternoon. The benefit fund report showed a balance on hand of $76,890.76. Sub-Inspector Gregory was promoted to a full inspectorship.

P. C. Hewston, whose foot was amputated a few months ago at the General Hospital, owing to a diseased ankle, will retire from the force on May 1.

A charge of being in a saloon while in uniform, laid against P. C. William Young, was investigated, but was not sustained, and the officer was honorably acquitted.

An American firm wrote asking the commissioners to purchase a number of recently patented rubber batons known as the "Humane Club," but their purchase was not recommended, as there appears to be no immediate necessity for a change.

TRINITY COLLEGE SCHOOL.

Temporary Quarters in the Town Hall at Port Hope.

Port Hope, Feb. 12.—Trinity College school reassembled this morning, the classes being organized and the lessons resume din the Town Hall, where the scholars have comfortable quarters.

Wabash Railroad Company.

If you are contemplating a trip to California,