

## City of Saskatoon DEBENTURES

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## OLD FOLKS IN COURT

Two Women Aged 90 and 90, and Negro Aged 110.

It was the day of the sere and yellow leaf in police court yesterday.

William H. Morgan, who lays claim to having been born in slavery 110 years ago, was charged with non-support of his wife, aged 90.

"I'd be mighty glad to support the old man," she said, "if he'd only be good."

"Do you mean to say he's only gallivanting after the girls?" asked the magistrate, and the wife sadly admitted that this was the trouble.

During all this the aged William shed copious tears, but was finally turned over to the care of his wife.

"What'll happen my grandchildren?" queried Agnes McPherson, aged 80, as she was sent to the Mercer for six months for drunkenness.

Jane McPherson, 90 years, wanted a home. She was sent to jail for sixty days.

## MASONRY IN CANADA.

LONDON, Jan. 21.—(C.A.P.)—Lieut. Gov. Fraser planted two Canadian maple trees in the public park at Peebles, referring to the honorary membership conferred on him by Kilwinning Lodge, he said they thought a great deal of Masonry in Canada.

Introduced by a Scotsman, in every town, village and hamlet there were to be found brethren practising the principles of the order in deed as well as in word.

## FOR GOVT-OWNED ELEVATORS.

OTTAWA, Jan. 21.—Dr. Schaffner, member for Sourthern Ontario, will give notice of a motion in favor of government ownership of grain elevators at Port Arthur and Port William, and also of transfer of elevators between these points and the Atlantic seaboard.

## Phone Problem in Kingston.

KINGSTON, Jan. 21.—The franchise of the Bell Telephone Co. will expire on July 1. The franchise was last granted in 1904, and the telephone company has been given wide publicity to the effect that the city council should grant a new franchise to the Bell Telephone Co. for a term of years, and give the city a number of free phones for the city buildings.

There are now about 900 phones in use.

Another agreement the city council will consider is that by which the street railway desires power from the city plant. The rate at present is very low.

## Washington as a Mason.

FREDERICKSBURG, Va., Jan. 21.—The Fredericksburg Lodge of Masons, which possesses the Bible on which Washington was initiated, passed and raised, and also the records of the lodge when he was given his degree in the century by a story which was given wide publicity to the effect that the lodge of the Masons of the Bible on which Washington was initiated as a Mason.

Woman Lawyer to Defend Murderer.

NEW YORK, Jan. 21.—Miss Mary Coleman, a lawyer, can convince Judge Tiers, an inmate of the Matteawan Asylum, is sane, she probably will be the first woman in the United States to defend a man charged with murder.

De Tiers has written a book of aphorisms, which Miss Coleman thinks should convince the court of her client's sanity.

De Tiers was accused of shooting his brother to death in 1902.

In the Police Court.

The penalties were imposed in police court yesterday: George McCoy, Hamilton; Thomas Carter, Port William; Frank Smith, North Bay; and rancy, 60 days; Thomas Brewster, of brass castings, 30 days; Herbert Grose, theft of silverware, 15 months in Central.

Farmer Cuts Throat.

QUEBEC, Jan. 21.—David McMillan, a well-known farmer of Erin Township, committed suicide by cutting his throat this morning. He had been confined in the Guelph Sanatorium for several weeks.

Good Running.

Yesterday the Toronto express from Winnipeg was in on schedule time. She came to a standstill in the Union Station on time to the second.

Owing to the inclemency of the weather the train has been running on a variegated schedule ever since the winter set in.

New School at Island.

Loi Solman, manager of the Toronto Ferry Co., has offered the school department the use of a cottage near Hamilton's Point for use as a winter school. This is to favor island residents, and the offer will likely be accepted.

## ACTUAL BUYERS FIND STOCKS SCARCE.

World Office, Thursday Evening, Jan. 21.

A strange mixture of bullish and bearish activity in two stocks represented the chief factor at the Toronto stock market to-day. Toronto Rails was put up again with the initial movement started at Montreal, while Mackays were heavy here at a drop of four points and also soft on the other exchanges. A dull steadiness generally pervaded the market, but it was again noteworthy that stocks were scarce when actually required by investors. The retention of a 3 per cent. rate by the Bank of England was regarded as favorable to securities.

HERBERT H. BALL.

## Dulness Ends in Strength Wall St. Stocks Are Firmer

New York Market Breaks Out of its Rut—Canadian Issues Firm Without Exception.

World Office, Thursday Evening, Jan. 21.

Operations at the Toronto Stock Exchange to-day were somewhat mixed, but the average of prices was well maintained, and in one or two instances advances followed responsible purchases.

The weakness in Mackay common which was perceptible a few days ago was much more pronounced to-day and sales of the stock were freely made at a low, a break of upwards of 6 points from the high price reached a few weeks ago. Plenty of this stock was on tap also at the other exchanges at which the securities are dealt in.

The only reason for the weakness in the shares is the confident opinion that Commercial Cable Co. will either have to make a large cut in its rates or meet competition from a government cable.

The traction securities continue to attract the principal speculative interest of the market, although there was less activity in the foreign tractions than recently. Buying of the best character is reported in Twin City under the guise of tentative offerings of the stock, but it is conceded that all offerings of the actual stock are readily absorbed by those who will be prepared to put the price higher when the opportune moment arrives. Montreal was rumored as ready to advance the stock at once.

Toronto Railway was taken in hand again by the Montreal interest and the price advanced nearly three points above yesterday's figure. It is rumored here that the company is again in need of more money and that an increase in capital will be asked for at the annual meeting.

All the issues regarded more from the standpoint of an investment were steadily firm. Bell Telephone sold at 144 3/8, and 202 was bid for Consumers' Gas without inviting offerings. Shares of the financial institutions were dull, but bids for these securities were much more frequent than offerings of the shares.

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## IMPERIAL BANK OF CANADA

DIVIDEND NO. 74

Notice is hereby given that a Dividend of 11 p.c. per annum upon the paid-up Capital Stock of the institution has been declared for the three months ending Jan. 31, 1909, and that the same will be payable at the Head Office and Branches on and after Monday, the 1st day of February next. The Transfer Books will be closed from the 18th to the 30th January both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board.

D. R. WILKIE, General Manager.

Toronto, Ont., Dec. 23, 1908. 12517

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