# ONTARIO'S LEGISLATURE.

*WHAT WAS DONE AT YESTERDAY'S SHORT SITTING.*

**A Batch of Petitions—Bills Introduced—Notices of Motion—Notes of the Corridors—Scientists Ask a Money Grant for Their American Friends.**

The Legislature held another brief session yesterday. Ordinary routine business was transacted, and the House adjourned twenty minutes after it had met. The members of the Government then retired to the council chamber, where they remained until six in the evening, carving out the work of the session and tracing the best course to pursue regarding the most important measures which will hereafter engage their attention.

Petitions and bills are growing in number and importance.

**Petitions.**

Mr. Balfour—Of J. C. Patterson and others praying for a bill to incorporate the Amherstburg, Lake Shore and Blenheim Railway Co.; also a petition from the municipal council of Amherstburg to the same effect; also a petition of residents of the counties of Essex and Kent to the same effect.

Mr. Awrey—Of the municipal council of Wentworth praying for the amendment of section 157 of the General Road Companies Act by inserting the words: "private companies" after "private individuals."

Mr. Guthrie—Of the Presbytery of Guelph Presbyterian Church in reference to a certain lot in the township of Puslinch granted to certain trustees in 1836 for the purpose of a site of a school and church in connection with the Church of Scotland. Prior to this year another congregation in connection with the Church of Scotland was formed in the township and a number of the old congregation acceded to the new church. The latter acquired land opposite the lands in question and formed a congregation known as the "Duff Church." The petitioners asked that a portion of an additional ten acres of land acquired in 1886 for the purposes of a burial ground, as soon as two trustees are nominated by each congregation, should become vested in the trustees for the purposes of a burial ground for the use of the adherents of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, and that the rest be sold. It appears that the trustees decline to sell the land which is unnecessary for a burial ground, not knowing how to distribute the proceeds.

Mr. Harcourt, of the Council of Haldimand County, against exemption of every description.

Mr. Chisholm of the Village of Streetsville, to the same effect.

Mr. Hardy—Drawing attention to the unsatisfactory state of the municipal law.

**Reports.**

Hon. Mr. Hardy presented the report of the Agriculture and Arts Association, 1888. It contains the reports of the meetings of the Association, the reports of prize farm judges, the essays to which prizes have been awarded, the report on the educational scheme, the result in prize awards of the 43rd Provincial Exhibition, and the report of the principal of the Provincial Veterinary College, etc. A statement of assets and liabilities of the association for 1888 shows it to be in a splendid financial position. Its assets on Dec. 31 were $54,389.93 and its liabilities $10,048.57, leaving a balance on hand at the end of the year of $44,341.36. The receipts of the year were $29,158.64 and the disbursements were $29,092.71.

Hon. Mr. Hardy handed in a return to an order passed on March 15, 1888, showing the date and appointment of Asa Beach as license inspector for the county of Dundas, also the number of convictions in the county since his appointment in April, 1886, for violation of the Canada Temperance Act, and other facts. The number of convictions were 115 and the fines imposed amounted to $5,780. Seven of the convicted appealed, five absconded and 14 fines were not paid. The balance of fines were paid into the municipality.

**Bills.**

Mr. French—To amend the law of slander.

Mr. Dack—To amend the Snow Fence act.

Mr. Balfour—To amend the Assessment act.

Mr. Miller—To amend the Municipal act.

Mr. Sprague—To amend the Municipal act.

Mr. Ingram—To amend the Assessment act.

Mr. Waters—To enable widows and unmarried women to vote at elections of the Legislative Assembly.

**Government Returns.**

The following is a return of the prisons and inmates of government institutions, supplied by Mr. Hardy:

| | MALES. | FEMALES. | TOTAL. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Central Prison | 346 | | 346 |
| Reformation for Boys | 195 | | 195 |
| Females | | 121 | 121 |
| Refuge for Girls | | 49 | 49 |
| | 549 | 170 | 719 |
| Inst. for Deaf and Dumb | 132 | 96 | 228 |
| Inst. for Blind | 72 | 53 | 125 |
| | 204 | 149 | 353 |

In these institutions the percentage of inmates in the scale of religious denominations is:

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| Church of England | 23.34 |
| Roman Catholic | 24.31 |
| Presbyterian | 13.25 |
| Methodist | 20.16 |
| Baptist | 4.15 |
| Others | 9.77 |

The number treated and harbored in asylums is:

| | MALES. | FEMALES. | TOTAL. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Toronto | 349 | 348 | 697 |
| London | 453 | 457 | 913 |
| Kingston | 324 | 344 | 668 |
| Hamilton | 325 | 407 | 732 |
| Orillia | 143 | 141 | 284 |
| Totals | 1697 | 1697 | 3394 |

**Notices of Motion.**

Mr. Awrey—On Monday next—Resolution—That this House, while recognizing that the Provincial Exhibition has in the past proved of no little service to the interests of agriculture; that the work it has hitherto done is now being done more effectively by the exhibitions held in our larger cities; that in view of the fact that the Provincial Exhibition has proved a financial failure year after year (aggregating a loss during the last seven years of no less a sum than ten thousand dollars); that it meets each year with but indifferent support; that the large cities refuse to give to it their show grounds for exhibition purposes; that property belonging to the province, held in trust by the Board of Agriculture, has been mortgaged to meet yearly deficits; that the Board of Agriculture released a lien of four thousand dollars held upon the property of the Western Fair Association and have agreed to give the said association a grant of one thousand dollars in addition thereto for the privilege of holding their exhibition at the city of London every fourth year; that such indication of the unpopularity of the Provincial Exhibition is not creditable to the province; is of the opinion that it would now be justified in refusing to give any further grant for the purpose of holding a Provincial Exhibition under the direction and management of the Board of Agriculture.

Mr. McMahon—On Monday next—Bill to facilitate the purchase of toll roads by municipalities.

Mr. Ross (Middlesex)—Monday next—Bill to amend the Act respecting the School of Practical Science.

Mr. Stewart—Monday next—Bill entitled "An Act to Amend the Municipal Act."

Mr. Ostrom—Monday next—An Act to Amend Chapter 8, R.S.O., respecting voters' lists.

Mr. Monk—Inquiry of Government—On Monday next—Whether it is the intention of the Government to afford to the city of Ottawa and the County of Carleton the advantages of the Farm Land Transfer Act on the same terms as was afforded to the city of Toronto and County of York, when first introduced? (2) If not, whether it is the intention of the Government to allow the other counties to take advantage of the machinery now established at Toronto at the general expense until the business shall warrant the county councils in assuming the burden imposed by the Act of 1887 for the establishment of local registries.

Mr. Meredith—On Monday next—For a return of all correspondence relating to the prosecution instituted by the Attorney-General of Ontario against the corporation of the City of London for pollution of the waters of the River Thames and to the proposals for the settlement of the matter in controversy in the said proceeding.

Mr. Meredith—Monday next—That a select committee, consisting of eleven members, be appointed to enquire as to the best means of disposing of the sewage of cities, towns and villages, and for preventing the pollution of the waters of lakes, bays and rivers by the discharge of sewage into them, with power to send for persons, papers and documents—said committee to consist of Messieurs Clarke, E. F., Clarke, H. E., Snider, Hardy, Fraser, French, Whitney, Gibson (Huron), Caldwell, Murray and the mover.

**The License Debate.**

The debate on the license commissioners will not come up before a fortnight. It is thought wise that the fever should pass. The fair-minded members and supporters of the Government are full of the subject, and they are against the system of tyranny and blackmail practised by the present board. The Globe yesterday acknowledges that it will be the great question of the session, and it states that Dr. Willoughby is full of it. Well, the Doctor is not anxious for the notoriety which The Globe gives him, and his attempts to remedy the evil may be frustrated by The Globe and Mr. Mowat combining to continue under the patronage of Jaffray, Davis, Doherty & Co. The Globe has no grounds for stating that Dr. Willoughby is a strong worker against the present license system. He is working against the abuses of the present license commissioners, in the country and in town. He has not expressed himself forcibly on the subject, but The Globe evidently thinks that in the case of all energetic members Dr. Willoughby should be loaded up on the subject.

**Notes.**

The bill presented by Mr. French regarding slander is for the purpose of defining and punishing slander as it particularly relates to women. In ordinary life if a man makes a remark regarding another's business which is damaging to it and proves to be so he is liable for damages; but in the case of a man or woman defaming the character of another man or woman's private character such is not the case. One individual, according to the present law, may say the vilest things of another man or woman's character and go scot free, while by his statement the character of that man or woman may be ruined. Mr. French's bill is for the purpose of bringing redress to those who have their character ruined by the slanders against the personal characters of citizens, the same as it is against their business character.

A great many complaints are heard from the Muskoka lakes regarding poaching and seining. Those who visit the lakes during the summer are sorry to hear of the wholesale destruction now carried on by fishermen in these waters. If the Ontario Government or the Marine Department at Ottawa do not look to it soon they will find that fishing on the Muskoka lakes will be entirely destroyed. It is singular that both the Ontario and Federal Governments have supervision over these lakes, and notwithstanding the fish are being daily destroyed by seining and other methods.

W. C. Caldwell of Lanark, N.R., was introduced by Hon. C. Fraser and Mr. Evanturel yesterday. He took his seat amidst the applause of the House.

Speaker Baxter gives his dinner to the members of the House on the evening of Feb. 7.

*DEPUTATIONS TO THE PREMIER.*

**Money Grant Solicited to Entertain American Scientists in Toronto.**

The Premier and Cabinet received two deputations after the adjournment of the House yesterday afternoon. The first, composed principally of gentlemen representing Provincial educational institutions, desired to obtain a money grant from the Government to enable them to entertain members of the American Association for the Advancement of Science who will visit Toronto next August. The deputation was composed of Sir Daniel Wilson, Professor Loudon, University College; Rev. Provost Body, Trinity College; Professor Ellis, Professor Galbraith, School of Science; J. H. Pearce, President of the Biological section Canadian Institute; Professor Carpmael, Superintendent Magnetic Observatory; Rev. Dr. Dewart, Dr. Kennedy, Dr. Meredith, Rev. Father Teefy, St. Michael's College; Dr. W. H. Ellis, Dr. Daniel Clarke, William Houston, Provincial Librarian, Mr. Hunter and Ald. Gibbs.

The association meets every year in a different city, and Professor Loudon explained to the Premier the efforts that had been made, and which had been attended with success, to secure the presence of the association in Toron to this year.

Professor Carpmael said a very large attendance of members was expected.

Mr. Mowat: "To see if Canada is worth annexing?" [Laughter.]

The Professor: "Yes, perhaps to see if Canada is worth annexing."

The strangers, the Professor continued, would in all probability visit our mining districts to see what our mining resources were. He thought that $2500 would not be an extravagant request in view of the $10,000 grant given by the Dominion Government some years ago when the British Association for the Advancement of Science visited Montreal.

The Americans, Professor Wilson said, had always treated Canadian and British visitors with the greatest liberality on occasions of a similar nature, and the Canadian scientists wished to reciprocate their courtesy and generosity. The visit of the association would doubtless give an impetus to science in Canada.

Rev. Provost Body and Ald. Gibbs supported the object of the deputation.

The Premier wished to ascertain what State Legislatures had done in the matter of financial grants in order to form an idea of what the Ontario Government should grant. He promised to consider the request made by the deputation.

**Suggested Electoral District.**

A deputation from Mattawa and vicinity yesterday waited on the Government to urge upon its members the necessity of making the Nipissing district an electoral district. They set forth that the rapid increase of population owing to the mining and lumbering wealth of the district should entitle it to representation in Parliament. Mr. Thomas Murray of Renfrew introduced the delegation, which was composed of Colin Rankin, John Loughran, Chas. McCool, F. Corcoran of Mattawa, John McKay of Enclaire and John Clock. The Premier was apparently in favor of giving Nipissing representation and said it would be early considered. The delegation also waited on the Minister of Public Works to ask his acquiescence in the construction of an inter-provincial bridge across the Ottawa River at the Sault Rapids above Mattawa.

**How Doctors Differ.**

A delegation of druggists yesterday came into the House with a bill affecting their business. It was framed by the Druggists' Association and it asked that no one be allowed to engage or take part in druggist business unless he is a qualified chemist and druggist. The bill was referred to the members of the medical profession in the House. They, however, after giving careful consideration to the measure expressed the opinion that it will prevent outside parties from putting capital into drug business and prevent men thoroughly capable chemists and druggists with small capital from receiving the support of their friends in entering drug business.

**Amusement Notes.**

At the Grand last night Minnie Palmer played "My Brother's Sister," for the last time in Toronto this season. To-night she will appear in "My Sweetheart" which will run for the rest of the week. The Saturday matinee promises to be a jammer.

Mrs. McKee Rankin will conclude her engagement in "The Golden Giant" at the Toronto to-night. Large audiences are enjoying the play.

"We, Us & Co.," a three-act comedy which is playing to crowded audiences in Montreal this week, will be presented at the Toronto next week.

The attractions at the Grand next week will be "The Fugitive" for the first three nights, and the New American Company for the rest of the week.

Ald. John Shaw, chairman of the Fire and Gas Committee of the City Council, presided last night at a concert given in Temperance Hall in aid of fireman Wm. Gay, who was injured the night the exhibition of the fire brigade was given in honor of the Governor-General.

Batoche and Toronto Councils Order of Chosen Friends gave a concert in Temperance Hall last night. W. Bannon being in the chair.

Mr. Alfred Borroughs gave one of his weekly concerts in Shaftesbury Hall last night. There was a fine program of music and readings, and the most interesting number was Mr. Grant Stewart's exhibition of mind reading.

The Hungarian Band played to excellent audiences yesterday afternoon and evening. Two performances to-day and two to-morrow will conclude their successful engagement at the Permanent Exhibition.

Don't be without Jelly of Cucumber and Roses if you want a beautiful complexion and freedom from chapped hands or lips. Druggists keep it. W. A. Dyer & Co., Montreal.

# REQUESTED BY THE "SOO."

*TWO LICENSE COMMISSIONERS INVESTIGATED.*

**An Enquiry Made by the Ontario Government into Serious Charges Against Messrs. Quibell and Loudry—The Evidence Submitted in the Case.**

As requested by the Sault Ste. Marie town council some time ago, the Government of Ontario have held an investigation into the actions of the license commissioners (Quibell and Loudry). The court of enquiry was presided over by Mr. Botham of Toronto, and the evidence as taken will be given to the Attorney-General. The following is the evidence:

Mr. Quibell, called and sworn: "I am one of the license commissioners. I was one last year. I resigned about a month ago. I was license commissioner from May till some time in December. I know Mr. Breen who runs the Windsor Hotel. The hotel was formerly run by McArthur & Boulger. They were the original licensees. There was a transfer made from McArthur & Boulger to Mr. Breen. The application for the transfer of the license came up before the board and it was passed unanimously as far as I recollect."

Q. Will you answer this question: Do you remember whether there was any opposition? A. I did not oppose it. It was passed unanimously so far as I can recollect. I was chairman. I did not receive $240 from Mr. Breen. I received a sum of money from Mr. Breen. I cannot say just when it was, on or about the 20th September, as near as I can recollect. I received from Mr. Breen $100 in cash and his note for $140. The note was not paid. It was afterwards handed back to Mr. Breen before it was due. It was handed back to him within a week after it was given to me. The money was not returned. I have known Mr. Breen for some time. I cannot recollect when I first became acquainted with him. I received this money on my account owed me by McArthur & Boulger. I was on speaking terms with Mr. Breen some time before he handed me the money. I am not on terms when McArthur & Boulger left. It was a few days before I got the money that it was reported that they had left town. It was the first time that I had seen Mr. Breen since they had left town that I received the money. My account happened to be just $200, instead of $240 as I at first supposed. McArthur & Boulger owed me $200. I handed back the note to Mr. Breen and he gave me a due bill for $100. The due bill has not been paid. I hold it yet against Mr. Breen. I have not seen or heard anything from McArthur & Boulger since they left. I did not hear that they owed a great many people. I have heard since that they owed Mr. W. D. Kehoe. Mr. Kehoe "They did not owe my brother for some time before they left." Mr. Quibell: "When I heard that they had sold out and gone away I understood that everything was bona fide as far as Mr. Breen was concerned and that they had sold out and gone about their business. It was on the day that you introduced me to Mr. Breen that I received the $100 from him, with his note for $140.

When Mr. Breen was introduced to me I told him that McArthur & Boulger were owing me an account which I understood he was to pay. I told him the amount as near as I could make out at the time.

It was from my clerk that I first heard that I was to look to Mr. Breen for payment of the account, as I had been to Toronto and returned on Saturday nights and ran down to the store and my clerk told me that McArthur & Boulger had left and they had sent over word that my account was to be paid. I told this to Mr. Breen and he asked me how much it was and I told him $240. He said it was too bad that I should lose that and he proposed to give me $100. I told Mr. Breen I could not see it that way, as they had left word that the account would be paid, and I would not take anything less in settlement of it. Mr. Breen said: I am going out, and I will be in in a minute." He returned in a few minutes and said he would pay the account. He asked me if I needed the money particularly and said he would give me $100 and his note for the balance of $140. He also asked me if he paid the account if I would guarantee the transfer of the license. My reply was that I would not guarantee him anything in reference to his license. That was my full reply to him. He did not agree to the paying of the account at once. He said it was hard for me to lose that amount, but McArthur & Boulger had not said anything to him about the payment of the account.

Q. "Did you understand from Mr. Breen that he had paid up McArthur & Boulger in full?" Not that I am aware of. I understood that everything had been done straightforward and above board, but I am informed it didn't happen to be so. The very fact that this work was done clandestinely was my ground for saying this.

I have heard that some of the other creditors have been paid and some have not. I think that there was some understanding that this account should be paid by Breen, but Breen denied any agreement to pay it at that time.

Mr. Londry's letter directed to the License Department, Toronto, read.

Mr. Quibell: I will corroborate the statement and say that was a bold-faced lie, and the man who wrote it was another.

I have heard the letter and I endorse it. I also add that there is no truth in the charges as to Mr. Londry and myself.

Examined by Mr. Farewell: "I did not say anything to the other commissioners to induce them to support this transfer. At the time the transfer was made there was a full meeting of the board of which I was chairman. It was moved by one of the commissioners and seconded by another, and as I was chairman I had nothing to do with it. I cannot say whether it was Mr. Londry or Mr. Jackson that moved.

When Mr. Breen came to me first I looked over the books and I made the account to be $240, but I found that I had not entered in the ledger a credit of $40 which they had paid me, and I went over to the American fault and I gave him back his note for $140, and he gave me a due bill for $100."

Mr. L. Loudry called and sworn: "I remember having written that letter. I have been a commissioner a number of years. I know the contents of the letter. What is in the letter is true to the best of my knowledge. I know nothing about the Breen matter."

Cross-examined by Mr. Farewell: "I think the transfer would have been made even if Mr. Quibell had opposed it. I told Mr. Breen that I did not think there was any difficulty in getting a transfer. He agreed to make further improvements in the house. I gave him a verbal permit to sell. I was the only commissioner in town at the time."

James Breen, called and sworn; examined by Mr. Kehoe: "I am one of the proprietors of the Windsor. It is true that I gave Mr. Quibell $100 and my note for $140. At that time I did not owe anything. I didn't authorize McArthur & Boulger to let him know that I would pay their account, either verbally or in writing. I heard of other creditors after the sale was made. I cannot say how many—chiefly business men. Some came to me and asked me if I was going to pay McArthur & Boulger's debts. I didn't pay anyone but Mr. Quibell."

Examined by Mr. Farewell: "I gave $5150 for the Windsor, I think. That included everything that was there. I cannot say what the furniture was worth. The stock and furniture would not be worth $1000. The stock and furniture would be worth between five and six hundred dollars. There was only a few liquors and a few thousand cigars. I thought I was making a good bargain if the town went ahead. I will swear there was no mention of the account. It was after I had paid McArthur & Boulger that I heard of this account. I had paid McArthur & Boulger in full before I heard they owed Mr. Quibell a bill. Mr. Quibell's account of the conversation that took place between him and me is right. I asked Mr. Quibell if I paid the debts if he would guarantee a transfer. He said: 'Mr. Breen, I cannot guarantee you anything; this must come up before the Board in the usual way. I think it would be nothing but right to transfer this license.' At this time I had seen Mr. Londry. He had given me to understand that he would support this transfer and that he thought it right to transfer this license. There were a few parties came to me and said they were going to test this sale. I said that the thing could be tested and that the papers were at Mr. Kehoe's office."

Examined by Mr. Kehoe: "Mr. Quibell states that you went out and returned." Answer: "That is right. I think I came over to your office and was talking to you. I told you that Mr. Quibell didn't feel like losing this debt that they owed him. You didn't advise me to pay it."

Matthew Scott, called and sworn; examined by Mr. Farewell: "I know McArthur & Boulger. I remember the time they sold out here. I had some conversation with McArthur previous to the sale. He said that Mr. Quibell was to be paid. My business was about my own account. He said that he would settle with me. It was the next day that I told the clerk that the bill was to be paid. I did not know that Mr. Quibell was absent from town. He did not go so far as to say that Mr. Breen was to pay the account."

Mr. S. J. Martin, called and sworn; examined by Mr. Farewell: "I know McArthur & Boulger. I remember the time that the sale took place. I saw them after they had left town. I saw them at Breen's Hotel, on the other side. I had conversation over there with Mr. McArthur. There was something said about the account. Mr. McArthur said there were three decent men here, whom he was going to settle with, and they were W. D. Kehoe, Mr. Quibell and that I need not make any fuss as I would be paid. He did not say how they were going to be paid. I did not tell this to Mr. Quibell or anyone in his store until a couple of days afterwards, and then I told Mr. Quibell himself."

**The Investigation Should be Searching.**

*From The Dresden Times.*

The Toronto World is after the Toronto license commissioners with a sharp stick. If all the charges are true an investigation of the most searching kind should be made by one of the Governments. The World is doing a good turn for this country.

**That's What We're Here For.**

*From The Brockville Times.*

The Toronto World continues to make bold exposures of the abuse of the power placed in the hands of Mowat's Toronto license commissioners. The World is plucky and threats of libel suits scare it not even a little bit.

So rapidly does lung irritation spread and deepen, that often in a few weeks a simple cough culminates in tubercular consumption. Give heed to a cough, there is always danger in delay, get a bottle of Bickle's Anti-Consumptive Syrup, and cure yourself. It is a medicine unsurpassed for all throat and lung troubles. It is compounded from several herbs, each one of which stands at the head of the list as exerting a wonderful influence in curing consumption and all lung diseases.

**The Colonel's Court.**

The Police Magistrate yesterday remanded till Feb. 4: John Downs, Wm. Barton, Joseph Murphy, Stephen Nagle, Geo. McArthur, and Michael Connors, charged with breaking into the premises of Wm. McKay & Co. and stealing a quantity of woolen goods, silk handkerchiefs, etc. Stephen Nagle, Geo. McArthur and Michael Connors were further charged with breaking into the premises of John Smiley, 530 Queen-street west, and stealing goods therefrom. They all pleaded not guilty on the first charge, and on the second charge McArthur pleaded not guilty and Connors guilty. Morris Bloom, charged with fraud on J. Moyer, was sent back to the County of Brant for trial. Hannah Stokes and Mrs. Stridway, charged with being unlicensed baby farmers, were allowed to go on promise of appearing again if called upon, or agreeing to comply with the law in future. Mr. E. Saulter, who resides in Montreal, was summoned for neglecting to put a house, of which he is the owner, situated at 621 Gerrard-street east, in a proper sanitary state. The case was a very bad one, and defendant was fined $20 and costs or 14 days' imprisonment. The case against W. F. Maclean, of libeling License Commissioner Armstrong, was adjourned till Tuesday next.

**"The Merry Wives of Windsor"**

could scarcely have played such fantastic pranks had they been subject to the many ills so common among the women of to-day. Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription is a legitimate medicine, carefully compounded by an experienced and skilful physician, and adapted to woman's delicate organization. It is purely vegetable in its composition, and perfectly harmless in its effects in any condition of the system. It cures all those weaknesses and ailments peculiar to women, and is the only medicine for women, sold by druggists, *under a positive guarantee* from the manufacturers, that it will give satisfaction in every case, or money will be refunded. This guarantee has been printed on the bottle-wrapper, and faithfully carried out for many years.

**A Debate at All Saints.**

At an entertainment in All Saints School House last night, over which Mr. W. H. C. Kerr, M.A., presided, there was plenty of well-rendered music. But the most interesting part of the affair was a debate on this: "Resolved that the requirements of the present day justify a more liberal construction of the laws governing Sabbath observance." Messrs. R. Patching and E. L. Griffith upheld the affirmative, and Messrs. A. M. Watt and H. D. Hulme the negative. The question was decided in favor of the affirmative.

**Among the Societies.**

General Gordon Lodge No. 154, L.O.L., held a special degree meeting last night in Victoria Hall, Bro. Henry presiding. Several members were advanced to higher degrees.

The annual supper of Enniskillen Purple Star Lodge, No. 211, was held in the Orange County Orange Hall last night. A large number of guests were present, and short speeches were delivered by the chairman, Bro. Ald. Bell, G. Downard, D.M., H. Gibbons, D.M., E. Medcalf, P.D.M., Ald. McMillan and others. A past master's jewel was presented by the lodge to Mr. J. Brown.

The master bakers held a special meeting in Richmond Hall last night to consider several questions relating to their trade. Ald. Tait occupied the chair.

The McIntoite Dramatic Club met last night in Richmond Hall to conclude arrangements for their "At Home," which they purpose holding in Victoria Hall Feb. 13.

The officers of St. Alban's Lodge, S.O.E., were initiated last night in Shaftesbury Hall in the mysteries of the White Rose degree by Richmond Lodge.

Rugby is the name of a new lodge of S.O.E. opened in Shaftesbury Hall on Monday. S. B. Pollard, M.W.G.P., and J.W. Carter, R.W.G.S., assisted by members of various city lodges. These officers were chosen and installed: W. Barker, P.P.: J. Swait, W.P.; T. Purkiss, V.P.; Chas. Swait, Sec.; C. A. Mathews, Treas.; W. Clarke, Chap.; E. Taylor, G.; J. Goodman, O.G.; Drs. Martin and Allen, Surgeons. Committee, J. Lever, C. Smith, A. R. Hosier, C. E. Allen, W. A. Soley, E. Bastes.

Faces as yellow as that of the "Heathen Chinee," in consequence of bile in the blood, grow fair and wholesome-looking again when Northrop & Lyman's Vegetable Discovery and great blood purifier is used to relax constipated bowels and expel the bilious poison from the circulation. Rheumatic and blood impurities are also driven out by it, digestion restored, and the system benefited in every way by its use.

**From Police Blotters.**

It is understood that Sergeant Somerville is to be transferred from Headquarters to Dundas-street Police Station, and Sergeant Archer from the latter division to Headquarters.

Arthur Hunt, 127 Lisgar-street, is a prisoner at Headquarters on a charge of larceny.

Some time in November last, No. 228 McCaul-street was entered in the absence of the family and a quantity of jewelry stolen. The detectives traced the crime to a man named Joseph Copeland, but could not lay hands on him until yesterday, when he was captured in Orillia. Detective Davis is up after him.

Chief Rankin of Cobourg came up yesterday morning for the two men, Peter Black and Robert Paterson, the suspected receivers of the stolen furs, leaving with them in the afternoon.

Chief Grasett yesterday received an enquiry from Renfrew, for information as to the Toronto Grain and Seed Co., No. 4 King-street east, Toronto, representatives of which were traveling the country selling wheat to farmers at $1.5 per bushel, taking their notes for it, and promising to buy back a big lot of the crop in the spring. He telegraphed a reply to the effect that no such firm existed in Toronto, and warned the enquirer that the canvassers belonged to the Hayfork gang.

*Dyspepsia and Indigestion.*—C. W. Snow & Co., Syracuse, N.Y., write: "Please send us ten gross of Pills. We are selling more of Parmelee's Pills than any other Pill we keep. They have a great reputation for the cure of dyspepsia and liver complaint." Mr. Chas. A. Smith, Lindsay, writes: "Parmelee's Pills are an excellent medicine. My sister has been troubled with severe headache, but these pills have cured her."

**Personal Mention.**

Major Watters, Lindsay; James Livingstone, M.P., Baden, and Dr. Barnhardt, Owen Sound, are at the Walker.

John McPherson, Brooklyn; J. G. Walson, London; R. W. Ritchie, are at the Palmer.

James Masson, M. P., Owen Sound, passed through the city yesterday en route to Ottawa.

Major Ferguson, North Bay, is at the Rossin.

T. A. Christie of Brandon, Manitoba, is at the Rossin.

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# IN AND OUTDOOR SPORTS.

*KEEN CURLERS STRIVE FOR HONORS ON MANY RINKS.*

**Racing on Straightaway Tracks—Toronto Gun Club Annual Meeting—Moss Park Beaten by Bowmanville—Trotting at Orillia—Other Sports.**

What are they going to do with all the race tracks around New York? No less than four new courses are being built this winter near the big city. When these are completed the metropolis will have on its outskirts the New York Jockey Club's track at Westchester, the Long Island Jockey Club's track at Astoria, the New Jersey Jockey Club's track at Elizabeth, the American Jockey Club's track at Jerome Park, the Coney Island Jockey Club's track at Sheepshead Bay, the Brooklyn Jockey Club's track at Gravesend, the Monmouth Park Association's track at Monmouth, the Brighton Beach track, the Clifton track, the Guttenburg track, Phil Daly's track at Long Branch, possibly a track at Sandy Hook, and the track at Saratoga. Of course, the main question with those interested is, Will all these race courses pay? Time will solve the conundrum. The association which will launch out on the grandest scale is historic old Monmouth, with its straightaway track of one mile and three furlongs, its oval track of one mile and three-quarters, its old track of one mile for exercising purposes, and its colossal stand. Practical horsemen of long experience already predict that the English style of long straightaway tracks will not suit racing men in America. The Dwyers say that American racegoers want to see every foot of a race, and that a mile track, "with safe turns, is good enough for them." Col. A. D. Bruce, one of the fathers of racing in America, says: "We must confess that we do not regard these changes with enthusiasm or admiration. The racing public has not yet shown that it has fallen in love with straight tracks, and as for an oval track of one mile and three-quarters, it is too large, and would take the horses too far away from the eye at the backstretch on the far turns. The public likes to see the races from beginning to end, and to be able to distinguish the contestants."

Officers of the old course express the opinion that the long stretches would afford opportunities for jobs that could not be prevented or detected, while others assert that it is time to do away with the old circus ring.

The new track at Monmouth Park will certainly be an improvement, and the straight course is the only way to get at true form, as was stated in The World interview with Mr. Charlie Littlefield a few weeks ago. The public must be educated to racing on a straightaway track, and when, as will be the case at Monmouth or any other course that will adopt it, a grand struggle between thoroughbreds and skilful riders can be watched from flag fall to finish, it will not take long to accomplish it.

**$18,000 for a Trotter.**

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Jan. 31.—Mr. Joseph Cairn Simpson has sold the trotter Antevolo to Mr. Robert Steele of Philadelphia for $18,000. Antevolo is a brown horse by Electioneer, dam Columbine, and is a full brother to Aubee.

**The Second Day at Orillia.**

ORILLIA, Jan. 31.—This was the second day of the winter meeting. The weather was fine, attendance good, but track heavy. The results:

2.50 Class—Purse $75.

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| Royal Jim | | | | 1 1 1 |
| Toboggan | | | | 3 4 2 |
| Minnie Moore | | | | 2 2 3 |
| John Dolridge | | | | 4 3 4 |
| Brown Charlie | | | | 5 dr |

Time—2.43, 2.46, 2.45.

Green race—Purse $40.

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| Topsey | | | | 2 2 1 1 |
| Deceiver | | | | 1 1 2 3 4 |
| Queen | | | | 5 5 4 2 2 |
| Livery Boy | | | | 3 3 5 4 3 |
| Birdie McCoy | | | | 4 4 dr |

Time—3.18, 3.13, 3.16, 3.16, 3.15

Free-for-all—Purse $100.

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| J. E. Smith's (Cannington) F. O. P. | | | | 3 3 1 1 1 |
| A. Jones' (Toronto) Dan O'Connell | | | | 1 4 4 5 2 |
| J. E. Smith's (Cannington) Maud S. | | | | 4 1 5 3 4 |
| Lady Collins | | | | 2 2 3 4 5 |
| Kitty Wells | | | | 5 6 6 2 2 3 |
| Parke | | | | 6 5 5 6 6 |

Time—2.47, 2.47, 2.47, 2.50, 2.50.

**For Jubilee Honors.**

A match was played yesterday afternoon on the Caledonian Rink for a jubilee medal, between the Bowmanville and Moss Park clubs, which resulted in a victory for the visitors by five shots. The ice was very soft, the majority of the players having great difficulty in reaching the tee on the keen sides. Dr. Ross umpired the game to the great satisfaction of both sides. The score:

| *Bowmanville.* | | *Moss Park.* |
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| RINK NO. 1. | | |
| J. Wesley. | | R. Watson. |
| W. P. Prower. | | N. Richards. |
| S. Burden, skip | 20 | W. Summerfeldt. |
| | | J. P. Rogers, skip | 22 |
| RINK NO. 2. | | |
| R. Beith. | | Jas. Lumbers, jr. |
| N. T. Young. | | Wm. Patterson. |
| D. Beith. | | Jas. Lumbers, sr. |
| J. Renbottom, skip | 22 | Dr. J. C. Clapp, skip | 15 |
| RINK NO. 3. | | |
| R. Davidson. | | W. A. Malcolm. |
| M. McTavish. | | A. S. Forgie. |
| C. L. Mason. | | Wm. Brown. |
| Dr. Beith, skip | 18 | R. Malcolm, skip | 18 |
| Total | 60 | Total | 55 |

Majority for Bowmanville, 5 shots.

**Harvey's Rink Victorious.**

HAMILTON, Jan. 31.—The first match in the series for the rink medal between the members of the Thistle Club was played yesterday and resulted as follows:

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| C. Stiff, | | R. B. Skinner, | |
| C. W. Mulligan, | | J. Watson, | |
| J. Milne, | | M. Legat, | |
| J. Harvey, skip | 30 | R. Hills, skip | 11 |

**Thamesville Defeats Chatham.**

THAMESVILLE, Jan. 31.—The primary competition in group 108 for the Ontario Tankard was finished to-day at Chatham. The final draw was Thamesville v. Chatham, and resulted in favor of Thamesville by 14 shots. The score:

| *Thamesville.* | | *Chatham.* |
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| RINK NO. 1. | | |
| J. Davidson, | | W. Slater, |
| W. Wray, | | S. Perrin, |
| J. Graves, | | W. B. Wells, |
| John Ferguson, skip | 29 | Dr. Bray, skip | 18 |
| RINK NO. 2. | | |
| G. Shirran, | | J. Henry, |
| A. J. Campbell, | | J. May, |
| R. Ferguson, | | C. R. Atkinson, |
| Jas. Ferguson, skip | 19 | A. M. Rolls, skip | 16 |
| Total | 48 | Total | 34 |

**Chesley Wins By 20 Shots.**

WIARTON, Jan. 31.—The primary competition in group 13 for the Ontario Tankard between Chesley and Wiarton was played here to-day and resulted in favor of the visitors by 20 shots. The score:

| *Wiarton.* | | *Chesley.* |
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| RINK NO. 1. | | |
| Skip | 17 | Skip | 34 |
| RINK NO. 2. | | |
| Skip | 17 | Skip | 20 |
| Total | 34 | Total | 54 |

**A Challenge to the Young Man.**

*Editor World:* I hereby challenge the young man who was openly challenging me and all comers at the Granite Rink on Monday evening to skate one mile, sixteen laps to the mile, for $50 a side, and will meet him at the Granite Saturday evening, Feb. 2, to sign articles. F. C. J.

**Snowshoeing.**

Twelve members of the Toronto Snow Shoe Club tramped last night, starting at the Horticultural Garden fountain, to Eglinton via the Don valley.

Starting from the Brown Monument on Monday evening next they expect to have another successful outing.

**Toronto Gun Club's Annual Meeting.**

The annual meeting of the Toronto Gun Club was held last night at the club rooms, King-street east. President Pearsall occupied the chair. After the preliminary business had been dealt with the election of officers took place and resulted as follows: President, Ald. C. O. Small; Vice-President, Jas. H. Briggs; Secretary, W. Miller; Treasurer, R. Meldrum. The election of the Executive Committee was held over till the next meeting. Eight new members were taken into fold and the club is in a flourishing condition. It was decided to hold the annual match of President v. Vice-Presidents, which will be captained by Ald. Small and Mr. Briggs respectively, but the date was not fixed upon.

**Scranton Retires.**

SCRANTON, Pa., Jan. 31.—The Scranton Baseball Association disbanded last night, and the players received their release. Baseball has been a financial failure in this city for the last three seasons.

**Dust From the Diamond.**

Baltimore has offered to release Pitcher Walker to the Hams for a small consideration.

Syracuse Standard: It is said that Walker has signed for $300 less than he secured last season. This is very creditable to Walker's good sense. He dosen't believe in ruining the baseball business.

**O'Connor-Gaudaur Race Postponed.**

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 31.—The sculling match to take place here on San Francisco bay between Willian O'Connor and Jake Gaudaur has been postponed until March 3.

**The Western Congregational Organ Opened.**

The formal opening of the new organ in the Western Congregational Church took place last night. The organ was built by Warren & Sons of this city and apparently has all the qualities of tone and technical detail necessary to a good instrument. Dr. Davies of Ottawa was the soloist and his selections from the compositions of Gounod, Mendelssoh