WENTWORTH ASSIZES OPEN.

Judge Rose Hearing Cases in Hamilton.

NO CRIMINAL CASES TO TRY.

Neither Has it Been Necessary to Call a Grand Jury.

Smelting Works People Asked for Five Thousand Dollars Damages—A Youth Who Was Doing Detective Work in Glanford Ran Foul of Some Young Men—Curfew Bell to Be Rung Sewer Work to Go On—House of Refuge Matters—St. Paul's Church Report—General News From Hamilton.

Hamilton, Jan. 18.—(Special.)—The January assizes opend at the Court House this morning, Judge Rose presiding. There are no criminal cases on for trial, neither is there a grand jury sitting, hence the proceedings are not very interesting to the general public.

E. Cascallen, Q. C., of counsel for the defendant in the case of Johnston v. T., H. and B., applied for a commission to Cincinnati to examine the maker of the switch used at the Garth-street Station, where Fireman Johnson was killed on the T., H. and B. last fall. J. V. Teetzel, Q. C., for the plaintiff, objected on the ground that it would tend to delay the action. His Lordship was averse to issuing the commission, but was willing to give defendant an opportunity to bring the desired witnesses to the city. The matter will be definitely decided tomorrow.

The first case called for trial was England v. Philadelphia Engineering Company, brought by Robert and Annie England of Barton to recover $5000 damages for the death of their son, Edward, which, it is claimed, resulted from injuries received on June 24, 1895, while in defendants' employ at the smelting works. The case is still on.

DETECTIVE WITH A GUN.

Albert Smith, a young man who has been engaged in private detective work in Glanford Township, for some time past, was arraigned before Magistrate Gillespie this morning, charged with having pointed a revolver in a threatening manner at one John Bain. The evidence went to show that Smith and his detective schemes were not in favor with the younger ruralites of Glanford, and that a plan had been formed to rid the community of his presence. Smith wasn't satisfied to go and, arming himself with a revolver, he gave his tormentors to understand that he would use it if any violence were attempted at the expense. The magistrate discharged the young Hawkshaw and he returned to his home and his duties.

VARIOUS ITEMS.

Henry Pim has been appointed Clerk of Ancaster Township, in place of Major Walker, whose friends made a little effort to have him retained in office.

R. Stamp and W. McHaffie, young men of this city, both distinguished themselves on Saturday afternoon by rescuing young women from drowning, the latter had tumbled into the icy waters while skating on the bay.

The city assessment, as reported by the assessors, was $25,733,880, from which the Court of Revision and county judge, marked off $407,920, leaving but $25,325,860, an increase of only $34,190 over the previous year.

The bay, which on Saturday was completely covered with ice, is to-day entirely open and ice dealers are beginning to grow anxious over the prospect of the failure of their crop.

A writ has been issued by E. Milne and against W. Halle of this city for $1000.

There are 89 patients in the City Hospital, 87 inmates in the House of Refuge and 25 in the incurables' annex to the latter institution.

The late Daniel Willman of this city left property valued at $2925, and application has been made to have the property administered. Administration has also been asked in the following estates: James Munro, city, $210.50; and Mrs. Annabel McFadden, city, $702.41.

William Claringbowl, a resident of this city since 1851, is dead, at the age of 73 years. Deceased was a native of Finglesham, Kent County, England, and leaves to mourn his loss a widow, one daughter, Mr. John Faulkner, and two sons, ex-Ald. Fred Claringbowl and William Claringbowl.

TO HAVE THE CURFEW.

The Markets Committee of the City Council to-night took up consideration of the curfew bell bylaw. Ald. Watkins introduced a large deputation of ladies, who attended in support of the petition that a curfew bell be rung at 8 p.m. in winter and 9 p.m. in the summer months. A number of these ladies, as well as others interested, addressed the committee and, after considerable discussion among the aldermen, pro and con, it was decided to recommend the passage of the bylaw at the next meeting of the Council.

SEWER MATTERS.

The Sewers Committee, on the recommendation of Engineer Barrow, decided to report favorably upon a proposition to construct a pipe sewer on Kelly-street, from Cathcart to Wellington-street and Evans-street, from Wellington to a connection with the Victoria sewer, the idea of the sewer being to turn a portion of the flow of the Ferguson-avenue sewer into that on the east end, from which the new disposal works will be supplied. The construction of the sewer will provide employment for many of Hamilton's idle men. The usual claims for damages caused by overflows were filed with the committee.

HOUSE OF REFUGE.

The new House of Refuge Committee made a thorough inspection of that institution to-day, and were much impressed with the condition of things under the new management. The committee was presented with an account from Alex Dunn and wife for services as superintendent and matron from Nov. 10 to Dec. 31, amounting to $275. The claim took away the committee's breath and that body concluded to defer action.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH.

The annual meeting of the congregation of St. Paul's Presbyterian Church was held to-night. The reports of various committees were received and listened to with much interest. The session report showed a membership of 406, there being 93 names taken off the roll and 70 added during the year. The financial report of the session showed a balance on hand of $79.35. The finances of the church are shown to be in fairly good circumstances. The receipts have been $5169.08, and there remains a balance of $212.34. An estimate was placed on the loss of mutilated coin received in the plate amounting to $5.27.

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MR. CHARLTON TALKED.

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This statement of agricultural products does not include raw cotton, vegetable fibres or tobacco. The Canadian exports of forest products to the United States for 1895 amounted to $12,482,000. Of this amount over $3,250,000 consisted of sawlogs, shingles, bolts, staves and pulpwood for American mills, and of tanbark and firewood. The entire importation of sawn lumber, shingles, laths, pickets and palings amounted to about seven hundred million feet, board measure, or less than 1-20 of the annual lumber product of the United States. The same year Canada imported lumber, timber, shingles and staves to the value of $1,550,000, or less than 1 per cent of the total consumption in the United States, Mr. Charlton expressed the belief that these fears were ill-founded. The Canadian sought for free admission under the belief that he would receive increased price. But for this belief he would be indifferent as to whether concessions were made or not. The amount of lumber or farm products admitted free would be so trifling when compared with the great bulk of American production, as to be likely to influence prices in the United States only slightly, if at all.

To the objection that reciprocity would make Canada rich, Mr. Charlton said that it would make both Canada and the United States richer, and that the benefits conferred would be mutual. If free intercourse between the States or groups of States, such as the eastern, the middle, the southern, the western and the Pacific slope, were advantageous, the same system could be extended with equal advantage to the group of States known as the Canadian provinces, and no influence, natural or geographical, would interfere with the harmonious operation of the same principle in case of such extension. Canada, he said, would gladly meet the United States in the middle of the stream. She was prepared to settle the vexed Atlantic fisheries question on the basis of good neighborhood and modern commercial comity.

DEEP WATERWAYS.

He was prepared to make arrangements for a deep waterway from Lake Superior to the ocean, providing for the cost of construction on the basis of relative interests and for a fair system of joint control, and in all of these purposes Mr. Laurier and his Government will be actuated, not only by a desire to establish the relations between the United States and Canada upon a mutually advantageous and friendly basis, but also by the hope that such arrangement will prove conclusive to the peace and welfare of the two great Anglo-Saxon nations of the world.

WHICH WAY?

One statement which Mr. Charlton emphasized seems to possess significance. He represents Canada as now standing on the parting of the ways. On the one hand are friendly business and social relations with the United States and the gradual closing of the gap which has been widened since 1866. On the other hand are Imperial confederation, Empire consolidation, a distinctively British system, embracing the Mother Land and all her colonies; improved steamship and cable services, differential duties in England in favor of the colonies and in the colonies in favor of England; colonial representation in the Imperial Parliament, and a movement all along the line for the consolidation and unification of all the scattered outposts of Britain's Imperial world-wide domain. When Canada shall present her overtures to the Government of the United States for more extended trade relations the latter will decide upon which of these ways she will enter.

How Manchester is Lit.

The corporation of Manchester, England owns and operates a large electric lighting system, which has recently been fitted with the largest storage battery in the United Kingdom. It is not located in the central station, where the current is generated, but about a mile distant in a special substation. The current is distributed in Manchester by what is known as the five-wire system, a modification of the method followed by the Edison lighting companies in this country. The current as it is taken from the wires is of insufficient voltage to charge the battery, and is accordingly transformed by a motor-generator to a current of 510 volts. The battery consists of 224 large cells, each containing seventy-three plates. The cells are made of heavy sheet lead, and are carried on iron and timber stands. The entire installation is divided into four distinc batteries of fifty-six cells each, coupled to the five-wire network of mains. Each of the batteries thus formed is further subdivided into two parts, one consisting of the battery proper of forty-four cells, and the other a regulating battery of twelve cells. All the cells are placed in five arched vaults under a street, three of the vaults containing the main batteries, the fourth being used for the regulating cells, and the fifth holding the motor-generator and switchboard. The normal maximum rate of discharge of the plant is 600 amperes from each of the four batteries, or a total current of 2400 amperes delivered at 100 volts to the mains. The average rate of discharge is 300 amperes, which is also the normal charging rate. The value of the battery has been demonstrated many times since it was put in operation, about eight months ago. The entire night load after midnight is taken by the cells, thus allowing a large reduction in the number of men employed from 10 o'clock in the evening until 6 on the following morning, while on Sundays relief is also given to the men working during the day, the battery taking the day load up to 4 o'clock in the afternoon in addition to the load of the previous night.

Making a Fast Run.

The C.P.R. Company is just now engaged in an endeavor to break the fast freight record between Chicago and Boston. A train load of beef via the Wabash reached Windsor at 6 o'clock this morning. Every effort is being made to beat out the Grand Trunk. The train is now running east at passenger train speed.

MR. HILL RUNS IN WEST YORK

Elected as Bearer of the Reform Standard

IN THE PROVINCIAL HT.FIG

Billy Claims That the Mowat Government Had No Scandals

To Answer for During a Quarter of a Century of Administration—The First Ballot Settled the Selection at Weston Yesterday—Toronto Junction and How it is Proposed to Deal With the Town's Debt—Notes From Little York, North Toronto and Richmond Hill.

Weston, Jan. 18.—(Special.)—The annual meeting of the West York Liberal Association was held in Dufferin Hall this afternoon, when there were present some 200 delegates from all parts of the riding. W. A. Parsons occupied the chair, and among those present were:

Vaughan Township—A Russell, T Baker, W D Clubine, W McIlish, J Loudon, W Cook, P Basinghwaite, M Norton, G F Led, W McDougall, F Smith, Geo High (County Councillor for Richmond Centre), H Rumble, Wm Watson, J Whitmore, A Bryson, J Redmon, J B McLean, J McGillivray, F Devins and Geo Arnold.

York Township—R Gibson (County Councillor for No. 2), F Shaver, John Cook, M Henery, T Graham, J Foley, J Robertson, A Gilchrist, W Suggitt, S Winters, A D Clubine, A Shaver, G Duffin, J Stone, W Duffin, Dr Gibson, Dr Gage, J Pearin, W J Hill (Reeve) and J T Watson.

Toronto Junction—J Smith, Geo Boylan, F Hedges, R Caubell, Wm Kemp, H Ireland, J Lugin, Mr Warren, A S Tumblyn, A J Anderson, A B Rice and about 30 others.

Etobicoke—D L Streight (Reeve), J Farr (first deputy), J A Macpherson (township clerk), J Rush, E Stock, Alghton, J Thompson, J Elliott, E Sanford and Wm Hill.

Weston—S Kahler, J Beasley, W Luted, E May, W Elcroy, H Pearson and H B Irwin.

North Toronto—J Pears, J S Stibbard, Geo C Moore and D Yeomans.

Swansea—D McLean, M S Burkholder, J L Story and D Norton.

OFFICERS ELECTED.

The following officers were elected: W A Parsons, president; Thos Webster, first vice-president; Geo Garbutt, second vice-president; W J Irwin, secretary; W J Macdonald, treasurer.

A vote upon a candidate to represent the Reform party in West York at the next Dominion election was taken, and resulted in Mr. W. J. Hill, Reeve of York, being successful on the first ballot. The result stood: Hill 1, Ellis 1, Pleming 2, A. Russell 1, H H Kelly 1, A Campbell 3, W J Irwin 7, Dr Cotton 20, Dr McLean 36 and W J Hill 84.

Drs. McLean and Cotton then moved that W. J. Hill be the unanimous choice, a motion that was heartily approved of.

CANDIDATE HILL SPEAKS.

Mr. W. J. Hill, in thanking the president, officers and members of the West York Reform Association for the honor conferred upon him, said he fully recognized the responsibility placed on his shoulders. He remembered the time when he stood upon that platform a comparative stranger to the people of West York. Only a few weeks before he had been elected Reeve of York, and some of the Reformers thought him too young and inexperienced to contest the constituency. He did his best, but was defeated by a majority of 53. As he looked into the faces of the delegates present, he said, he did not fear the result of the approaching election. He then went on to speak of the Ontario Government, which, he said, for a quarter of a century had been free from scandal, and, although they had spent over one hundred millions in the 25 years, the Opposition had never been able to point a finger at one dishonest or corrupt act. Although Sir Oliver Mowat was not in the House, Hon. Mr. Harcourt, he believed the Reform party had a true, tried and worthy friend, who would lead them on to victory. The Conservative party, he said, had no fault to find with the Government. They merely wanted a change. He thought changes were good where the people were dissatisfied, but where equal writing had not believe a change. He did not think there was any agitation in Ontario against Liberalism. The people were satisfied, and did not want a change. Objection had been raised to the ballot at the last election. After expeditious in the recent election in Manitoba, he did not expect to hear anything against the Ontario ballot again. He referred to what the Government had done for the farmer, for the workingman by the Mechanics' Lien Bill, and said that with the support of the farmers he would carry the old historic riding of West York for the Reform party at the next election.

RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED.

Mr. Rice, Ald. McLean, Irwin, A. Campbell, M.P., and others spoke, and at the close of the meeting the appended resolutions carried:

Moved by H. E. Irwin, seconded by A. B. Rice: That this convention of the Liberal party of West York congratulates the Hon. Wilfrid Laurier on the great victory won over political dishonor in the Dominion of Canada on the 23rd day of June, 1896, and desires to record its hearty appreciation of his acts since his access on to the Premiership.

Moved by Dr McLean, seconded by Dr Cotton: That this convention of the Liberal party of West York, composed of two representatives from every polling subdivision in the constituency, desires to express its pleasure in the elevation of Hon. A. S. Hardy to the Premiership of the Province of Ontario, and its satisfaction in the administration of his Government, and pledges its utmost endeavor of every Liberal to secure the return of W. J. Hill as a supporter of that Government at the next election.

The meeting closed with cheers for the Queen and W. J. Hill.

East End News.

At all the Methodist Churches east of the Don special annual missionary services were conducted on Sunday.

Wm. G. Gilman, the only son of Mr. and Mrs. Gilliman, was buried yesterday afternoon from the residence of his uncle, G. R. Ezard, 767 Queen-street east.

Mr. J. C. Jones, the well-known drygoods merchant of 763 Queen-street east, has received intelligence of the death of his father, Mr. James Jones of H.M. Customs, Belfast, Ireland, at the age of 79.

The will of Samuel Shepherd of 23 Sauter-street, caretaker at Gay Taylor's Safe Works, who died a fortnight ago, has been filed in the Surrogate office for probate by the executor, Joseph W. Shepherd. The estate of $3087, including $2287 cash, is left to the widow.

The Canadian Home Circle, No. 2521, has installed the following officers at Dingman's Hall: P.L., Clarkson W. James; L., Jason Clark; W.L., J. S. Pollock; Rec. Secretary, George Ellis; Fin. Secretary, John Buck; Treasurer, James Knowlton; Chaplain, B. R. Bowell; Marshal, R. G. Hamilton; Warden, James Goulding; Guard, J. Fleming; Sentinel, J. E. Bible; Medical Examiner, Dr. R. A. Pyne; Trustees, Messrs. Van Allen, Ferrier and Bind.

East of the City Limits.

A farmer living on the 10th concession of Markham is a man of good intentions, but he failed on one important occasion to carry them fully out. Last week he slaughtered a cow of his stock that had been suffering for weeks with tumors, and because of its unhealthy state, determined to feed it to his hens. Unfortunately, instead of doing this, at once, the carcass was left hanging up with others at the house where residents of the locality came to buy their meat. A day or two later a Hebrew spectacle peddler named C. Arent, happened along and the farmer's wife took a fancy to a pair of gold glasses which he carried, valued at $14. Fortunately for her the Hebrew was on the look-out for beef and a bargain was finally struck, the "specs" going to the delighted mistress of the house and the tumored carcass to the Jew. It was removed at once to a shed not far off and the new owner opened up shop for the passersby. Everyone who came in, however, to look at the meat, said that either something was wrong with the shopkeeper's sniffing powers, or else that he was putting up a job on them. Arent at first denied both stoutly, but finally came to the conclusion that it was the beef that was affected and started to Toronto to put the matter into a lawyer's hands.

The Blantyre Industrial School authorities are despairing of a 13-year old boy named Clune, who has run away repeatedly from the school and led others to do the same. The boy is about now and the authorities think of letting him stay away. The boys, some 20 in number, were taken for a walk along the Kingston-road, the other day and a generous-hearted gardener invited them to take all the apples they could carry. The gardener learnt their capacity when they asked for string and tying up their pants at the ankle, filled up 40 trouser legs with the fruit.

H. Stevens, gardener, is suing M. Maynard, F. Baldwin, and George Wyatt for trespass and pulling down a barn on his leased property at the Woodbine. The property belongs to the Anglican Synod, and is covered with the remains of Playter and Arnold's brickyard. Not content with removing some 200,000 bricks, the defendants, in spite of warning, it is alleged, pulled down a part of Stevens' barn. The case has a good deal of local interest.

A capital representation of "Mother Goose" was given by the Sunday school of St. Saviour's Church at Boston's Hall, East Toronto, last evening. The different performers were tastefully dressed and carried out the piece to perfection. A pretty part also was the "drill of the patriots" and the entrance upon the scene of Britannia. Among the committee responsible for this success were Mrs. Crossick, Mrs. Slemin, Miss English, Miss Lightfoot. The following were the artists: Edith Booth, E. Slemin, W. Thorn, J. Thorn, E. Weir, Gertie Binylock, N. Weir, Ada Ireland, B. Allman, Dolly Moffatt, E. Booth, T. Rogers, S. Duke, S. Shaw, E. Ireland, Lottie Hewett, A. McDermott, Lizzie Hewitt, T. Lenkin, T. Tutt, J. Pengelly.

Brakeman R. Crew sprained his left foot early on Sunday morning while stepping off a car at Port Hope.

A. Coats, who lost two fingers while coupling, goes to work again to-day.

The last of the laid-off York employes goes back to work to-morrow. There is much apprehension regarding the new rules, one railroader remarking "We can't look cross-eyed just now without being given a holiday."

S.O.E. Lodge Cambridge holds its annual dinner at Boston's hall to-night. The celebration promises to be a big affair.

William Somers, a Scarboro farmer, fell off the seat of his wagon through the horse running away yesterday, while opposite Blantyre Park, and cut his head in two places. Conductor King of the Scarboro Line lifted Somers into his car and took him to Carnahan's drug store, where a doctor looked after his injuries.

York County.

Messrs. George P. Morgan, David Lynett and Christopher Harris have been appointed License Commissioners for East York.

A young man named Kidd of Mount Albert was shot in the foot and is likely to lose it.

The will of Mrs. Annie Dennis of Weston has been entered for probate. She died $8,494.23, of which $7700 is money loaned on mortgage. The estate is to be divided among the children.

East Gwillimbury Council has appointed the following officers: Assessor, William N. Cowlesson; auditors, Edgar Mainprize and J. D. Graham; sanitary inspectors, William Hill and S. Vandewater; on Board of Health, John Crone.

S. Marshall of East Toronto yesterday recovered judgment for $22 against the County of York for injuries suffered by the plaintiff's horse, which fell into a hole in a culvert on the Kingston-road in June last. Mr. A. F. Lobb acted for Mr. Marshall and Mr. C. C. Robinson for the county.

The A.O.U.W. (Mount Albert) has elected the following officers: M.W., Dr. Forrest; foreman, T. Watts; overseer, J. T. Porter; financier, J. Leek; receiver, A. Last; recorder, A. Jones; guide, J. Crown; I.W., G. Shuttleworth; O.W., W. T. Wallace; P.M.W., Dr. Thacker. Nineteen members were initiated at the last meeting.

Garrett Brown, the wealthy private banker of Schomberg, who died in November last, appointed his son, Thomas M. of Alliston, his daughter-in-law, Josephine Brown, and A. E. Scanlan, barrister, of Bradford, his executors. His estate consists of $45,000 realty, mortgages $96,259, cash $60,722.31, debts and notes $22,800, other assets bringing the total up to $228,148.31. In addition to some small bequests $44,000 is placed in trust, the interest of which goes to the daughter, Mrs. Susan E. Wood, for life, who is also given the home in which she lives. When her children reach the age of 21 each is to get $4000 of the principal. Another trust fund of $30,000 is created, the interest of which goes to the daughter-in-law, Mrs. Brown, for life. Each of her children is to get $10,000 of the principal on reaching their majority: $5000 and a farm in King goes to Caleb Brown, the residuary legatee is left to the son, Thomas M. Brown.

Toronto Junction.

Toronto Junction, Jan. 18.—(Special.)—Mr. Rowe, representing the underwriters, gave the fire brigade a run to box 15 to-day. The brigade was at the scene in two minutes.

The funeral of the late Patrick Ineson took place to St. Michaels Cemetery this afternoon. The funeral was a very large one, there being in the procession about 60 members of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen and Engineers, of which the deceased was a member.

A very important meeting of the Toronto Junction Town Council was held last night when a letter was read from the bondholders in reference to a satisfactory arrangement of the town's debt. The Executive Committee recommended as follows: "The Town of Toronto Junction proposes to pay in cash one per cent on account of interest due Jan. 2, 1897, the remaining 3½ per cent to be represented by a debenture, payable in 15 years, and interest at 3½ per cent, capitalized yearly. In each of the next five years the town to pay 2½ per cent interest, and give a debenture payable in 15 years from time of maturity, for the remaining 2½ per cent, and interest at 3 per cent, capitalized yearly, so that the instalments will thus fall due at 15, 16, 17, 18, 19 and 20 years, respectively, from Jan. 2, 1897. The Executive Committee is empowered to buy land at tax sales and hold in security for deferred interest." The town clerk (at the request of the bondholders) explained the suggestion of a further extension for four years longer, paying 3 per cent in cash on account of interest, and giving in each year an obligation for the remaining 1 1-2 per cent, payable at 15 years and interest at 3 per cent, capitalized yearly. The bondholders, 1897, on account local improvement debentures to be paid in full, as the money is available; but in subsequent years the above proposal to apply to the local improvement debentures, as far as the same can be adopted therefor."

In the suit of Mrs. McBride against the town for damages, on account of a broken thigh by falling on the sidewalk, the town offers $700 without prejudice. Mr. Fair asked to have poundage fees remitted. The town remitted $2, but the cost of 11 head will cost him about $34. A bylaw appointing H. E. Menzies the bondholders' auditor at $250 salary, and Dr. Perfect the town's auditor at $100, was passed. The auditors are to examine the accounts monthly and also audit the school accounts. Messrs. Hill & Bailey's offer of $150 for stone left from the subway construction, was refused, and it will be offered them at current rates. Dr. Leitch was again appointed Medical Health Officer at a salary of $50.

GIBSON GOES DOWN.

Two Years in Penitentiary is the Sentence on the Owen Sound Thief.

Owen Sound, Jan. 18.—(Special.)—This morning James Gibson of this town, who was arrested in Toronto about ten days ago as a vagrant, and who was wanted here, charged with breaking into the dwelling house of Mr. John Porter in October last and stealing an overcoat and some other articles, was put on trial before Magistrate Spencer. Shortly after the robbery he was arrested and imprisoned in the town lock-up; but managed to break out and make his escape, which was the ground for the second charge. Upon the advice of his counsel he pleaded guilty, and was sentenced to two years in Kingston penitentiary. Gibson has a bad record.

Word From Ellen Beach Yaw.

The news of a week ago that this celebrated artist had burst a blood-vessel and thereby met with sudden death was startling to her hosts of friends in Canada. Later information that the case has not proven serious was most cheering. Ellen Beach Yaw, like many others, when in Canada made the personal acquaintance of Heintzman & Co., and was given the opportunity to test thoroughly the pianos of this manufacture. During her tour less than a year ago, writing from the Queen's Hotel, Toronto, she said: "I wish to express my delight with the concert grand piano which I have used in London and Toronto, and will use exclusively on my Canadian tour. We have greatly enjoyed singing to its rich and powerful tone. The singing quality is simply beautiful and the instrument throughout wonderfully even balanced."

THE GREAT CELEBRATION.

A Comprehensive Program for the Decoration of the City Money Grant to be Asked For.

The general executive of the 1897 Celebration Committee met yesterday afternoon at the City Hall, Mr. O. A. Howland, M. L. A., in the chair. There was a large delegation from the Canadian Historical Exhibition Association present, and the gathering resolved itself into a joint meeting. The chairman outlined the scheme as it suggested itself to him. The demonstration should, he thought, be self-supporting. The military element of the celebration would be, he thought, largely a matter of public display, and there could not be any revenue derived from this source. Arrangements might be made with the city to introduce some kind of license system by which the railways and all kinds of steamers and boats which would carry the people would contribute towards the cost of the regatta. His own suggestion was that the same system should be adopted as that in connection with the Paris Exhibition and tickets sold in advance for a number of events in connection with the demonstration. In the meantime the Government and city might be requested to guarantee a sum equal to the amount which the committee could raise this way.

Discussion ensued, during which the fact was developed that the celebration is estimated to cost $25,000.

Mr. R. E. Kingsford deprecated the proposal to make any charge for admission if the city and Government were asked to guarantee the cost of the demonstration.

Mr. Howland thought there would be a better prospect of getting the guarantee if an effort was made to make the affair self-sustaining.

Mr. Boyle expressed the opinion that it is now too late to organize a proper historical exhibition, and several delegates protested against abandoning the idea.

It was agreed that the entire committee wait upon the Board of Control on Thursday and ask for a bonus.

The Military Committee intend to make an effort to have the militia in camp at Niagara brought over to Toronto to take part in the demonstration. The program cannot be definitely settled until the Imperial authorities be the date of the official celebration has been issued. It is hoped that the date will be during the period of training at the camps of instruction.

PROGRAM FOR DECORATIONS.

The Civic Decoration Committee also met yesterday, Mr. A. McLean Howard in the chair, and W. A. Sherwood acting as secretary. The report of the committee will recommend that the adornment of the city upon the present occasion take as much as possible forms that will contribute permanently to its adornment and betterment. Among the suggestions made are: (1) Placing of seats and benches on the boulevards; (2) placing fountains at suitable spots; (3) fountain in Government House grounds; (4) erection of permanent floral arches; (5) the improving of the Old Fort as a memorial park, that permission be obtained from the Government to extend a drive along the waterfront of Garrison Common, and, by means of an esplanade, to connect the Exhibition, New Fort and Exhibition grounds, to Dufferin-street, together with bridle, bicycle and foot paths, with shade trees, and a Canadian arbouritum on both sides of the road; (6) the improvement of the Queen's Park, and the erection of a fine building thereon, to be known as the "Cabot" drive, and the surplus funds from the demonstration be devoted to the maintenance of the drive; (6) that the citizens be asked to decorate the street fronts in business centres with suitable growing plants, vines and flowers; (7) to decorate the spires of the principal churches with flags by day and electrical illuminations by night; (8) a general illumination and decoration of buildings by citizens on a certain day or days yet to be determined on.

THE ALGERINE DUEL.

In Which the Formality of Seconds Was Dispensed With.

There was formerly in the French service in Algeria a general of Arab origin, Yzuf by name, says The Manchester, England, Courier. One day all Algeria was moved to laughter by a satirical sketch of Gen. Yzuf in the local papers, under the title of "Monsier Joujou." The writer, it was said, was M. Arsène de Fronville, the editor of the apper, who took the responsibility. Soon after, one fine morning, the author was given to understand by a terrible knocking at the door. "Come in!" It was Gen. Yzuf, who showed his Arab visage at the threshold. He was followed by an ordinance officer, M. de Fronville was still lying tranquilly in bed. "Are you M. de Fronville?" asked the General. "Yes." "Was it you that called me Monsieur Joujou?" "We must fight." "At your command, General. I will have a couple of my friends." "No! no! none of that nonsense!" thundered Yzuf. "We will fight immediately. Understand? I want to kill you!" "Ah! in that case permit me to rise. And where shall we fight, if you please, General?" "Right here!" "In my bedroom?" "Yes." "All right. And this gentleman will serve as a witness?" "Yes." "Very well. I'm ready for you."

Yzuf drew his sabre, and at a sign his ordnance officer did the same. The bedroom was very small—nothing cheerful about this strange duel. "Take your choice, monsieur," said the General, holding out both swords. Fronville took the officer's saber. Yzuf threw off his tunic, rolled up his sleeves, and held his sabre in his bare arm, which was corded with the muscles of an athlete. His white teeth shone from his swarthy face. Uttering yells like a jackall and bounding like a tiger, savage and frightful, he was making ready to transfix his adversary with his first stroke. This stroke the newspaper man tended, but it cut him terribly on his right arm. Yzuf stuck the point of his sabre in the floor and said: "You can't use your arm; to continue the combat would be murder. We will finish this affair after you are cured." M. de Fronville saluted.

The second day after the fight the General presented himself at the wounded man's lodging, and regularly every morning thereafter. "I hope you will forgive me for getting well so slowly, General; a little patience and I am with you," said Fronville. "I am very patient," answered Yzuf. When the wounded man was able to go out at last en. Yzuf was the first to meet him. But it was to offer him his arm, and ask him to lean on it. All his anger had slowly changed to esteem.

Dr. Hayes on Voice Physiology.

The University gymnasium was packed last night to hear Dr. Edward A. Hayes of New York lecture on "Voice Physiology." President Loudon was in the chair.

Dr. Hayes said that it was a mistake to think that tone could be placed in any direction. The question that confronted singers was how to get a good voice. He had given the subject 15 years of careful study. There were two distinct views as to the vocal instrument. One was that the intrinsic muscles of the larynx were sufficient to produce tone. The other was that the intrinsic muscles were mere aids. Taking up the vocal bends Dr. Hayes said they were the cause of tone; that is, they set the pitch, but did not make the volume of voice. They had to be put under tension. Each air puff from the windpipe represented a vibration, and a certain number of vibrations made pitch. A person might wish a good voice, but wishing had nothing to do with it. A singer could only become great by putting the nerves of his listeners in harmony with his own.

Dr. Hayes will lecture to-morrow at 4 p.m. in the same place on "Beauty of Tone and its Physical Causes." The third lecture will be given in Nordheimer's warerooms in the evening on "Breath Control."

Only those who have had experience can tell the torture corns cause. Pain with your boots on, pain with them off—pain night and day; but relief is sure to those who use Holloway's Corn Cure. ed

PUBLIC AMUSEMENTS.

THE FAMOUS BOSTONIANS.

Seats are selling rapidly for the engagement of the famous Bostonians at the Grand Opera House the last half of the week. Unusual interest has been aroused over this limited season of light opera, for the Bostonians have never been heard here before and the prestige and merits of the organization are a matter of record with music lovers. Each production of opera will be given with the full singing strength of the company, which includes such great favorites and clever artists as Henry Clay Barnabee, Wm. H. Macdonald, Jessie Bartlett Davis, Eugene Cowles, George Frothingham, Josephine Bartlett, William E. Philip, Kelley Cole, Hildegarde Clarke, Alice Neilsen, Gracia Quive, Hildegarde Brown, W. H. Fitzgerald and others. The repertoire for the engagement is as follows: For Thursday and Saturday matinee, Smith & DeKoven's perennial success, "Robin Hood"; Friday night, Victor Herbert's "Prince Ananias"; Saturday night, "In Mexico," a melodramatic opera by Weil & Dazey, and which is the latest production of this organization.

ROLAND REED'S BEST PLAY.

Roland Reed, in "The Wrong Mr. Wright," which is to be seen at the Grand next week, has struck a most congenial role, it is said, and the best play he has had in several years. The theme is one of several mistaken identities. Mr. Reed is a wealthy San Franciscan, whose confidential clerk absconds with $50,000. After offering a reward of $5000 for the fugitive, Seymoure Sites (Mr. Reed) concludes it cheaper to play detective himself and save the $5000. In so doing he visits Old Point Comfort, as Mr. Wright, and there finds his wealthy niece, who is also incognito, her maid masquerading as the mistress, in order to ward off heiress hunters. To make things even more interesting, Isadore Rush, as a brand-new woman detective, on the trail of the forger, strikes "Mr. Wright," and is certain she has her man. It is ridiculous enough, to be sure, he falls in love with the fair detective, and under the influence of Cupid he becomes a spendthrift, so that when he leaves miserably. Of course everything turns out all right, but for three acts he is topsy-turvey. Besides Mr. Reed and Miss Rush, there is a very well-balanced company.

YVETTE GUILBERT.

The much-talked-of Yvette Guilbert will make her first and only appearance before a Toronto audience at the Grand to-night and is sure to be received by a large gathering. Mlle. Guilbert is said to be extremely fascinating and magnetic. She does not dress better than most French actresses, although her gowns, gloves and complete balance are perfect. We have caused more discussion than the chefs d'auvres of the most famous milliners of Paris. She does not pretend to be a prima donna, yet her voice is extolled as being beyond compare by the best and most famous critics of the world. She is said to act her songs as no great actress has ever done before. She can work on any human emotion, whether it be laughter, terror, pathos or tears, merely by her wonderful art of expression. She will be supported by a splendid operatic company, including Miss Amy Ridgeway, Miss Lillian Blauvelt, contralto; Thomas McQueen, tenor; H. Winfred Goff, baritone; Sig. Stretti, conductor, etc. Mlle. Guilbert will sing one of her famous songs, three of which are in English.

"MULDOON'S PICNIC."

The name, "Muldoon's Picnic," was at one time a sufficient guarantee for an evening's fun. That was when Barry and Fay played the leading parts. The fun of the company that is playing at the Princess this week, but the comedy is as funny as ever. There are the same laughable complications and mirth-provoking situations. Mulcahey and Muldoon still make the audience roar with laughter until tired. The three hand reel and the comical donkey are still on deck, and are as amusing as when the piece was first brought out. The "Picnic" is one of the comedies that will never grow old, and will always be a welcome visitor. This theatre is on the ground floor, and the prices are 25c and 10c.

THE AUDITORIUM FILLED.

The Auditorium Theatre was well filled last night, and the audience did not go away disappointed, unless they were agreeably so. John T. Powers raises the curtain with character change, singing and dancing, and made himself popular. "Miles" is their latest specialty, "Fun On Dragan," and their laughable sketch, "Leaving Home" crowds a deal into a matter. Phil and Carrie Russell do a very clever act, in which they introduce a pair of well-trained dogs, as well as a number of jokes fresh and inoffensive. Kane and Conoly act the part of a pair of expert black-face comedians, and do some agile tumbling. They give, perhaps, the best number of the evening. Hadley and Hart, who appear exclusively in the second part of the program, have a facility of bringing music out of anything they handle, and they hold their end up well.

"THE COTTON KING."

The English playwright, especially the builder of melodramas, knows his business. He is not only wen up in stage-craft, but he is an excellent judge of theatre-goers, and has the art of introducing into his plays dialog and situations which appeal to all grades of theatre-goers.

"The Cotton King," the attraction at the Toronto Opera House, is no exception to the rule. It is the work of Sutton Vane, one of the best authors of melodrama across the ocean. The story is exceedingly interesting, and possesses the merit of being novelty and interest. The scenes in it are well drawn, and are not so far fetched but that their prototypes can be seen frequently in every-day life.

This is the second time this play has been produced in Toronto. It pleased last season, but it should better this year, as the company is much superior. James M. Brophy, as Jack Osborne, the hero, is a success; James F. McDonald, as Ben Tupper, with songs, soon became a favorite; Nellie Eleeng, as Hettie Drayson, repeated the success she made here earlier in the season in "Old Kentucky"; Perkins A. Fitch does some clever character work as the discharged engineer. Special scenery is provided for every act. The interior of the cotton mill, with the machinery in motion, is a clever bit of stage mechanism. Bargain matinees will be given to-day, Tuesday and Saturday.

GETTING A LITTLE BETTER

Fewer Small Children Working in United States Factories Than Heretofore.

Albany, N. Y., Jan. 17.—State Factory Inspector Daniel O'Leary has completed his report for the year 1896. he report shows a total of 27,425 inspections for the year, an increase of 6240 over the previous year, the places inspected including manufactories, bake shops, mines and mining plants. In the establishments visited there are reported employed 537,702 people, 159,226 of whom are women, of whom number 55,997 are under 21 years old. There are 12,100 children over 14 and under 16 years of age. There were 84 children under 14 years found employed; as compared with 211 for 1895, and only 185 illiterate children, as compared with 310 for 1895.

Sale of Government Lands.

At 12 o'clock on Wednesday there will be sold at the office of the Commissioner of Crown Lands the Government interest in a number of islands in Lake St. Mary, as well as the water power between Whitefish Island and St. Mary's Island, in St. Mary's River.

On Saturday, Jan. 16, William Oakley and Fergus Wright, employes of the Dominion Express Company, had an exciting one mile skating race on the bay. Wright giving Oakley