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Signed articles are unusual in this country; but the editor of the News over his own name affirms that the Postmaster Patterson wrote or inspired the article in The World of Wednesday on the ownership and character of the News.

To be equally emphatic I say that Postmaster Patterson never saw nor heard of that article before it was published, and had no more to do with it than Mr. Branting had.

Every ratepayer in the city is interested in having as good men as can possibly be secured in the city council. The chief duty of that body is to take money out of the pockets of the people and spend it in making the city a place fit to live in.

Every member of the council should be a man of ability, integrity and energy, public-spirited and free from self-seeking. On the other hand the position of an alderman should be made so desirable and so honorable that such men would always be found ready to fill it.

Our remedy for this regrettable state of affairs is to abolish wards and make the aldermen elective by the vote of the whole city, as the mayor now is.

Another remedy is to have only one-third of the aldermen go out of office each year, so that each member of council may sit for three years without undergoing the worry and trouble of a contest.

The Grand Trunk to adopt it before January 1st, 1885. The saving to the railroads and the convenience to the public therefrom will be almost incalculable.

It would be a great relief to Yonge street, and certainly to those who have to drive over that thoroughfare, if Teranley and Victoria streets, on either side of Yonge street, were blocked. It is very hard on the wheels of vehicles to have to cross the tracks on Yonge street, and if these side streets were closed drivers would certainly take them in preference to the ruts and tracks of the main thoroughfare.

A marked case is that of Ald. Turner, whose continued presence in the council is at the present juncture extremely desirable. It is no disparagement to other aldermen to say that Mr. Turner is exceptionally well qualified to deal with the civic business for more than average ability.

The city has for years been deriving benefit from the exercise of his skill as a financier. Exercised for the purpose of lessening the burden of debt charges on the city's resources. For a year or two past he has devoted himself to the perfection of the local improvement system, and the result is a vast change for the better in the condition of the streets.

As age creeps on apace, the various functions of the body grow weaker in their performance. Old people who suffer from increasing indigestion, torpidity of the liver, and constipation, should give renewed impetus to the action of the stomach, and the bowels, by the use of the

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money in the stock exchanges, and thereupon it is rumored that the country is ruined. The country is not ruined at all; like Junius it still lives, whatever becomes of the speculators. Grass grows and water runs, no matter what happens on the stock exchanges. Let the whole Exchange go to wreck, the country would remain probably.

We may look forward hopefully to the new year. It is certain that industrial enterprises are not checked; they are in fact spreading all over the dominion. As far as agriculture is concerned, does any mortal imagine that there will be an acre the less of fall ploughing done now, or an acre the less of grain sown next spring because a bear attack in Toronto or Montreal has brought the shares of the Magnam Bonum bank down a point or two, or several points? No, ploughing and sowing go on; and at the manufacturing centres wheels revolve all the same, let the stock exchange work as it may.

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