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THE DEPARTMENTAL STORES.

The City Council has decided to hold a meeting on Friday next to discuss the all-absorbing question of departmental stores. A large number of citizens, principally those whose business has been affected by these stores, and those who are interested in real estate contiguous to the outlying business districts, are of the opinion that some scheme can be devised whereby they can obtain relief from the injury it is alleged they are suffering by reason of the concentration of the retail trade in the centre of the city. These citizens are justified in taking united action to remedy their position as far as they may be able, but it is a question whether the council should take part in a matter that seems to be purely of a business nature. It will be well for those who are directly interested in this question to determine as soon as possible just what power the City Council has to legislate in the matter. The laws of business and of trade and commerce generally are not determined by municipal councils. A man in business has rights at law which no municipality can override, or even modify. The agitators in this matter ought to realize as soon as possible that any relief they may have against the new system by way of legislation is very limited, and that such legislation, if any at all can be had, will have but little influence in altering the condition of affairs. Much more will be gained by devising such methods of relief as can be obtained from the ordinary principles that underlie business in general. If it is a fact that the departmental stores have come to stay, the best thing for those whose interests are adversely affected by them will be to recognize the fact as soon as possible and cut their cloth according to the new ideas. They may as well understand at the beginning that they will be powerless to close up these large establishments. What they will finally have to do will be to devise some method of competing with them under existing conditions. One thing that tells against the small trader is the fact that he is obliged to give credit and incur considerable loss through bad debts. If the small retailers can devise some method whereby the credit system will be eliminated from their business, and everything done as it is in the departmental stores, on a cash basis, they will have done one thing to better their position. As it is at present a good many people go to the large stores with their ready money, and when they find they are short of funds they resort to the store near at hand, and expect these to advance them goods on credit. The abolition of the Division Court would, in our opinion, afford some relief to those who are seeking it. The doing away with the court, or the exemption of one's personal effects up to $1000, would force the ordinary everyday business transactions to be done on a cash basis, and that is one thing that would help those who feel the competition of the big stores.

NOW IT IS NEWFOUNDLAND.

The New York Sun is settling the destiny of Newfoundland in much the same way as it proposed to settle, a few years ago, the destiny of the Dominion of Canada. According to The Sun all that was required in the case of Canada and all that is required in the case of Newfoundland to make them part and parcel of the American Union is for a majority in either country to pass a resolution in Parliament favoring annexation. As we all remember, the editor of The Sun used to prophesy frequently that the return of the Canadian Liberals to power would result in the passing of such a resolution and in the consequent annexation of the Dominion by the United States. Mr. Dana seems to think the United States has, at the present time, a good chance of acquiring Newfoundland. The New York Sun is an influential, and on the whole a well-informed and wide-awake metropolitan newspaper, but it utterly fails to understand the force of the national sentiment that inspires the people who live north of the forty-ninth parallel. His estimate of the Canadians and the people of Newfoundland is no doubt based upon the information given him by the so-called commercial unionists, who, a few years ago, made frequent journeys to New York and lent themselves to a conspiracy to hand Canada over to the United States. When the details of this conspiracy are disclosed, as they will be sooner or later, several Canadian politicians and public men will take a sudden and mighty descent in the estimation of their fellow-citizens. The Wiman-Farrer gang preached the doctrine of Commercial Union only as a cloak. What they were after was annexation straight. And a definite understanding was arrived at between several prominent Canadian Liberals and certain American public men, including the editor of The Sun, as to how the scheme was to be worked. When the conspiracy is finally revealed in detail, not a few individuals in Canada will wish they had never been born.

THE DIRECT AND INDIRECT ADVANTAGES

The City Council has finally decided to submit a bylaw to the people authorizing the expenditure of $277,000 for the installation of a civic electric lighting plant. It transpired yesterday that an offer has been made to the city to light the streets under contract at $50 per light. The discussion that has taken place during the past six or eight months on electric lighting has given the public a wonderful insight into the cost of arc light production. When the discussion began, the ignorance in regard to the cost of electric lighting was so widespread and dense that a company in the business thought it could hoodwink the people into the belief that the actual rock-bottom cost of an arc light was over $100 per annum. Now we are offered these lights at $50 each, or less than one-half of what the public were led to believe was the cost price.

In his remarks before the council the other night, Ald. Davies said he favored civic control principally because it would place the city in a position to dictate to the Gas Company or any other electric company. This is really the great argument in favor of the city's establishing its own electric service. According to figures furnished by the company that now furnishes the city with its electric lights, each lamp is kept burning for 4000 hours per annum. If the city instals its own plant it will cost $60 a year for each light. That is to say, an arc light will be produced at the rate of one and a half cents per hour. This rate includes wiring, lamps, carbons, attendance and everything else. When we consider that the ordinary gas jet or incandescent light costs three-quarters of a cent an hour, it is evident that a civic plant will enable us to supply light at a rate that will force the other companies to moderate their charges. The Consumers' Gas Company gives us a 20-candle-power light and charges us just one-half what it will cost us to produce a 2000-candle-power light. When we have electric wires of our own running along all the principal streets in the city the citizens will soon demand an extension of the system for private purposes, if the gas company continues to charge its present exorbitant rates. Besides, if we succeed in arc lighting it will be fair warning to the gas and electric companies that the city will go into incandescent lighting if the circumstances will then warrant that step. Directly we will save anywhere from $15,000 to $20,000 a year by making our own light. Indirectly we will save ten times that amount by forcing the rival companies to reduce their rates.

The Recent Fire.

Editor World: In an editorial headed "Three Mysterious Fires," which was published in the issue of The World of the 4th inst., the following paragraphs appeared:

(1) "The buildings ignited all had the same electric light and power service and the same electric watch service.

(2) "The electric watch service in question is the subject of much talk in police and business circles. The talk is so persistent and so pronounced that it ought to be investigated."

As this utterance can have but one tendency, that of injuring the business of this company, we ask you to publish the following statement, explaining our full connection with the three fires referred to.

The Globe fire: In the summer of 1890 a contract was entered into between this company and The Globe, which called for the following service: Three electric signal boxes were to be placed within the building and reported from by our patrolman at intervals of half-hours during the night. For this service a fair remuneration was paid by The Globe Company. In the month of July, 1892, this contract was cancelled, on account of The Globe having employed their own watchman for the building. A second agreement was, however, entered into with The Globe and Toronto Lithographing Company, which called for several visits during the night, but at no stated periods. The three signal boxes remained and as theretofore were used as a check upon the movements of the watchman. The only electrical appliances used were the signal boxes and a single wire. These must have been passed by the inspector of the Board of Underwriters or insurance would not have been granted. As to the fire itself, the evidence of all the officers of this company in any way connected with the discovery is a matter of the court record. A meeting of the board of the Holmes Company was held, at which Messrs. W. D. McMurrich, F. A. Ritchie, L. K. Cameron and A. S. Wigmore were present, and it was decided to give every assistance in the way of discovery the company could furnish. This ends our connection with The Globe fire, except that it might be well to add that it entailed a heavy loss to us, not only through destroyed electrical equipment throughout the city, but by loss of revenue derived from subscribers burnt out.

The Osgoodby fire: The Holmes Co. had nothing whatever to do with this building; there was neither box nor wire on the premises, nor did we have a single subscriber in the building. Our only connection with this fire was a further destruction of our plant, and a loss of good revenue from subscribers whose premises were destroyed.

The Simpson fire: About five years ago Mr. Robert Simpson entered into an agreement with this company to equip his establishment with the Holmes' electric burglar protection. This system, as you doubtless know, is operated entirely from the head office of the company in Melinda-street. This service has been continued since that time, and Mr. Simpson has never had any of our night patrol service in his employ for regular night duty. We had no surveillance over his building further than that supplied by the burglar alarm. That the electrical equipment was fully up to the standard of requirements is evidenced by the statement of Inspector Smith of the Underwriters, that the wiring was excellent. Our only connection with this fire, then, was that Patrolman McKee, with Engineer Farley, discovered the blaze and gave the alarm. This fire resulted in the serious loss to this company of not only the revenue from the protection, but the cost of equipment, which had just been completed.

In view of these facts your cover innendo was uncalled for. Mr. T. G. Blackstock, as president of the board, and the gentlemen associated with him in the directorship heartily invite investigation of the business methods pursued. This, indeed, is the privilege of every business man in the city, and the efforts of this company for years have been devoted towards inducing merchants and financial leaders to examine into the merits of the systems employed.

To close this statement: In your report of the fire you particularize as to the summoning of merchants whose property was endangered. You withheld, with apparent intention, all reference to the efforts of the Holmes' Co. By consulting the opinions of our subscribers, and in many instances those who have never patronized us to the extent of a dollar, you will learn that either a conveyance or telephone message has reached them. The confidence of a large part of the influential business men of the city has been reposed in this company, and it has been by respecting this confidence that the company has prospered in the face of uncalled-for attacks and persistent opposition.

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NEW MEASURES INTRODUCED

AMENDMENT OF THE PATRONS TO THE MEDICAL ACT.

Mr. Marter Presents a Petition Asking That All Contractors for Public Works Shall Pay Union Rates of Wages—Bill Respecting School Assessment Rates—Debate on the Budget.

The promise of an exciting and interesting debate on the budget drew a large crowd of visitors to the Parliament buildings yesterday afternoon. The promise was not, however, realized, for only one speaker added to the literature already published. Mr. Howland occupied the floor from 3.15 until the adjournment, a few minutes before 6 o'clock. Much had been expected from the member for Centre Toronto; but at the conclusion of his speech the feeling among the members, even on the Opposition side of the House, was one of disappointment. Mr. Howland was terribly prolix, and his sentences were so involved that at times it was with the greatest difficulty his auditors could follow his argument. For nearly an hour he indulged in generalities, speaking of the relations between the three parties in the new Legislature. He devoted considerable attention to the Patrons; but whether he was praising or blaming that body, not even Leader Haycock could gather. Then he went on to show that the Government had taken credit for many things that had come into their hands simply owing to the fact that they had the reins of power, and by no effort of their own. He accused the Ministers of want of foresight in the administration of the affairs of the province, and concluded with these words: "The policy of the Government may be summed up in a few words; it is a record of departmental mediocrity and unfortunately of bleak, utter, dense incompetency."

At the conclusion of Mr. Howland's address the House adjourned until to-day.

School Assessment Rates.

Mr. Garrow introduced a bill to amend the Public School Act, providing that municipal councils shall have power and shall be compelled to rectify errors or omissions in school assessment rates, so as to prevent inequalities in the assessment of properties. The bill was read a first time, as was another brought in by the same member, giving municipal councils power to vary the amounts of statute labor payable in certain defined localities.

Bill Respecting Coroners.

A bill was introduced by Mr. German and read a first time, providing that, when a prisoner or inmate of a public institution dies, the death shall be reported to the county attorney, who shall have power to decide upon the necessity for an inquest.

Another bill introduced by Mr. German provides for the abolition of the limit of $5000 which there is at present in the amount of property which may be held by religious and educational societies, by declaring that the value of their buildings shall not be included.

The Provincial Secretary introduced a bill in blank for the further protection of children. Asked by The World what were the provisions of this bill Mr. Gibson replied that the council had not yet definitely decided as to its terms. The amendments would not, however, be of a very important character.

Ten Jurors May Give a Verdict.

Mr. Hardy's bill respecting jurors has been printed. The terms are as follows: "In all civil cases at the time of the passing of this act or thereafter depending in the High Court of Justice or in a county court, or in any matter or cause within the jurisdiction of the Provincial Legislature, where issues are tried or where damages are assessed by a jury, it shall be sufficient if 10 of the jurors empanelled for the trial or assessment shall agree, instead of 12 as heretofore required, and in such case 10 jurors may give the verdict or answer the questions submitted to the jury by the judge.

"A verdict rendered or question answered under the provisions of this act shall have the same effect as the verdict or answer heretofore given by 12 jurors. This act shall apply to special juries and shall be read with and as part of the Jury Act."

The bill will come before the House for second reading directly the Budget is passed.

Wages Clause in Specifications

Mr. Marter presented a petition from the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada praying that a wages clause may be inserted in all specifications for public works, providing that contractors must pay the union rate or such other rates of wages as prevail in the locality where the work is being performed.

Mr. St. John presented petitions from the Town Council of Toronto Junction to consolidate and rearrange their debenture debt; from the Town Council of North Toronto to authorize the issue of debentures to purchase or bonus street railways, and from the Georgian Bay Ship Canal Company to extend the time for the commencement of the work, to alter and enlarge the borrowing powers of the company and also to ratify and confirm certain contracts made between the company and other companies or corporations.

Patrons Dislike the Medical Council

The Patrons in caucus have determined upon the lines of their amendment to the Medical Act. They propose to abolish the examination by the Medical Council and substitute a final examination prepared by a board, consisting of three members appointed by the Medical Council, one by each medical college and two by the Government. The curriculum is to be approved by the Lieutenant-Governor, and it is to be uniform in all the medical colleges. Midwives in country districts who commence by assisting their neighbors may, by procuring a certificate of good character from the local Board of Health and after giving evidence that they have attended at least ten cases of maternity, be given power to practice in the municipality and charge fees.

Under the present system the tariff of fees that may be charged by the medical men is arranged by the electoral district societies and approved of by the Medical Council. The Patrons propose that the Government shall approve of the tariff instead of the Medical Council.

The Luckiest Man in Town.

This is what Auctioneer C. M. Henderson's friends are telling him, now that they have surveyed the scene of devastation at the Simpson fire. His next neighbors, north and south, were burnt out. So it was generally thought Henderson & Co. had been, but it is now found that so little was the damage that the firm are at once doing business at the same stand, and to-day will hold an important auction sale of furniture and other effects at 11 o'clock at their rooms, 167 Yonge-street. Mr. Henderson's friends will rally and congratulate him on his good luck.

Mr. T. J. Humes, Columbus, Ohio, writes: "I have been afflicted for some years with kidney and liver complaint and find Parmelee's Pills the best medicine for these diseases. These pills do not cause pain or griping, and should be used where a cathartic is required. They are gelatine-coated, and rolled in the flour of licorice to preserve their purity and give them a pleasant, agreeable taste."

The Proposed School for Rosedale.

It was reported yesterday that the authorities had bought the northeast corner of Elm-avenue and Glen-road. Copeland & Fairbairn, the agents for the property, state that the purchase is as yet only under consideration.

FROM SUPERIOR TO THE SEA.

Charter for a Mammoth Ship Canal Applied for at Albany.

Albany, N.Y., March 5.—To connect the great lakes of the Northwest with the Atlantic Ocean by water is the latest scheme proposed before the Legislature. The bill for that purpose was introduced in the Assembly last evening. It is the same bill for the construction of a mammoth ship canal that appeared in Congress on Feb. 1.

The project is to be carried out by private capital, and the company is allowed to issue capital stock to the amount of $150,000,000.

The company, by the bill, is empowered to construct and operate a canal from some point near the head of tidewater navigation on the Hudson River, to a point on Lake Champlain; also a canal from some point near the head of Lake St. Francis to a point on the St. Lawrence River, above the Long Sault Rapids; also a canal from a point near Lewiston, on the Niagara River, to a point above the Niagara Falls, of such dimensions as to construct navigable channels of at least 20 feet in navigable depth, of sufficient dimensions to admit of two of the largest vessels drawing 20 feet each passing one another at full speed.

The main purpose of the bill, stripped of all technical language, is not alone for the purpose of a ship canal, but to supply the towns and villages along the valley of the Hudson with a pure, wholesome and inexhaustible supply of water.

Under the charter the company can construct, acquire and operate telegraph and telephone lines. Ten per cent. of the capital stock is to be paid in within five years after the passage of the act, and the canal must be completed within 10 years, else the charter shall lapse.

Interred in St. Michael's.

The remains of Dean Cassidy, late pastor of St. Helen's, were yesterday morning interred in St. Michael's Cemetery. Requiem high mass was celebrated in St. Helen's by Vicar-General McCann, assisted by Dean Conway of Norwood, as deacon, and Father Jephcott of Oshawa as sub-deacon. Father Hand of St. Paul's superintended the ceremonies. Dean Harris of St. Catharines paid an eloquent tribute to the memory of the late dean. He expressed, by request, Archbishop Walsh's sympathy with the parents and relatives of the deceased. His Grace would have been present, but for indisposition by sickness. The musical portion of the service was under the direction of Father Rohleder of St. Paul's. Representatives of the C.M.B.A., of which the late dean was president, attended the service. The pall-bearers were Fathers Ryan, Allen, McEntee, O'Donoghue, Magrath and Tracey.

York Township Council.

At the meeting of the York Township Council on Monday Mr. W. H. Lucas was appointed commissioner for districts 6, 7 and 8; W. Sylvester for districts 1 and 10 and the east half of 13; John Goulding for districts 4, 5, 11 and 12; J. L. Heslop for districts 2, 3, 9 and the west half of 13. It was decided to print the assessment rolls of the township, and tenders will be invited for the same after the rolls have been prepared.

A petition was received from 21 people, asking for a sidewalk in St. Clair-avenue, from the Vaughan Plank-road to Lakeview-avenue. The petition was filed for further consideration.

During the council meeting Capt. Allen stated that on account of ill-health he had disposed of The Recorder to Mr. Fawcett of The Junction Leader. He thanked the council for the treatment he had received at their hands during his connection with The Recorder. On behalf of the council Reeve Hill expressed their best wishes for the captain's future welfare.

It was decided to retain the electric lights at York Mills. A special meeting of the council will be held on Monday next to consider a draft agreement with the Georgian Bay Ship Canal and Aqueduct Company.

Ronald Engine Will Be Here To-Day.

Ald. McMurrich yesterday afternoon received a telegram from Mr. Ronald, accepting the offer of the city to purchase one of the Ronald engines, 1000 gallons capacity, for $5000.

Last evening a second telegram was received by Ald. McMurrich stating that the engine had been shipped for Toronto, and that it would be ready to be delivered to the fire department this morning.

The Fire Inquest.

The warrant for the investigation of the origin of the three great fires which have visited Toronto during the past two months has been issued. The names appended are those of the Mayor and Messrs. Lamb and Bell, County Crown Attorney Dewart will conduct the inquiry. Owing to the absence of Coroner Johnson at the Hendershott murder trial in St. Thomas the date of the opening of the enquiry has not been decided upon. Expert witnesses will be examined, and the alleged attempts to burn the old Empire building will be enquired into.

New Passenger Line—Atlantic Transport Line.

One of the steamers of this line will leave New York every Saturday direct for London, saving all bother of transfers. When it is taken into account that they are among the largest vessels afloat, all being of 8000 ton burden, twin screw, with stateroom electric lighted and amidships, attendance and table first class in every respect, no doubt quite a number from Toronto will patronize these palace steamers this summer. During March first-class passage will be $40. Plans of ships and all information from the agent, Charles E. Burns, 77 Yonge-street, Toronto, 3rd door above King-street.

Colic and Kidney Difficulty.—Mr. J. W. Wilder, J.P., Lafargeville, N.Y., writes: "I am subject to severe attacks of colic and kidney difficulty and find Parmelee's Pills afford me great relief, while all other remedies have failed. They are the best medicine I have ever used." In fact so great is the power of this medicine to cleanse and purify that diseases of almost every name and nature are driven out of the body.

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Light Sentences for Burglary.

Before Judge McDougall yesterday, John Granger of Queensville pleaded guilty to a charge of burglarizing the store of Geo. H. Wright of that place on June 24, and was given two months in the Central. Robert and William Fox, his accomplices, pleaded not guilty, but were convicted and each sentenced to six months in the Central.

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A MEASURE DRAFTED IN THE INTEREST OF THE TENANTS.

"So Straight, So Plain, So Unmistakable That Discussion Ought to Be Almost Impossible," Says Mr. Russell, the Liberal-Unionist—Opinions of the Irish Press

London, March 5.—The cordial reception given the principle of Mr. Secretary Morley's Irish Land bill by all political parties was emphasized by an article recently published from the pen of Mr. Thomas W. Russell, Liberal-Unionist member for Mid-Tyrone.

"There is an issue," he wrote, "so straight, so plain and so unmistakable that discussion ought to be almost impossible. The issue I refer to is this: 'Ought the Irish tenant, who has built his own house, drained and fenced the land he tills—ought such a man to pay rent on his own expenditures?'

"This, I submit, is a clean and clear issue. The landlord contention is that the tenant has sufficient protection under the law as it stands. But by the official statement issued by the landlords' convention last month, they have gone a step further than this. In this document they defend what, I must plainly describe as the confiscation of the tenant's property.

"I see no way out of a grave difficulty save by Parliament resolutely going back to the clear intentions of the act of 1881—by sweeping aside all legal casuistry, by declaring that while the landlord is entitled to a fair rent upon the land and its inherent capacities, he is not entitled to tax the tenant's industry."

IRISH PRESS ON THE LAND BILL.

The Bill Generally Accepted As a Fair and Reasonable Measure.

Dublin, March 5.—The Freeman's Journal expresses the opinion that the Land bill, introduced in the House of Commons yesterday, contains provisions of vast utility to the tenantry of Ireland.

The Independent (Parnellite) says the vital part of the bill is the question of improvements, which requires some further explained. The voluntary agreement in regard to evicted tenants, it thinks, is a shameful submission to the Lords.

The Unionist Northern Whig, the organ of the Ulster farmers, accepts the bill as a fair and reasonable measure.

Collegiate Institute Board.

At a meeting of the High School Board yesterday evening the report of the Finance Committee was adopted. It stated that the auditors had found the secretary's books correct, with a balance on the credit side of $5223.03; that the total amount of school fees collected in February was $1244 and the total attendance 904.

The School Management recommended an appropriation of $40 for drawing models for each school.

The Property Committee recommended the tender of Alfred Cozell, at $183, for the erection of a board fence on three sides of the Harbord-street grounds; also the building of a picket fence on the remaining side.

School accounts amounting to $978.09 were allowed.

Dr. Hunter presided.

Local Council of Women.

A meeting of the Executive Committee was held on Monday afternoon in the library of the Normal School. The form of petition to the Local Legislature, re female factory inspectors, was submitted, and approved. A Decoration Committee, with Mrs. Dingman as convener, and a Hospitality Committee, convener Mrs. Hodgins, were formed in prospect of the meeting of the National Council of Women, to be held in Toronto on May 28, 29 and 30. The delegates from the Local to the National Council were elected and other business transacted.

Public Meeting in St. Mark's Hall.

A public meeting, presided over by Alderman Bird, was held last night in St. Mark's Hall. There were more than 400 people present, and on the platform were Alderman Scott and Graham, Drs. Spence and McConnell, Messrs. Badgerow, Pocock, Fenwick, B. F. Gray, etc.

Resolutions advocating the erection of a new firehall in Dundas-street, with hook and ladder equipments, and the opening of Dufferin-street and Lansdowne-avenue were carried unanimously. A committee was appointed to interview the City Council respecting the Queen-street subway. A vote of thanks to the chairman brought the proceedings to a close.

In the East End.

There was a very large attendance of the ratepayers of East Toronto Village at the monthly meeting of the Village Council held in the firehall yesterday evening. The Reeve, Mr. J. Richardson, presided, and all the members of the council were present. The first business was the perusal by the chairman of a letter from Armour, Mickle & Williams, solicitors to the council, respecting the unprotected state of the footway over the G.T.R. bridge. It was determined to provide the necessary protection. The Reeve reported that he had received a summons on behalf of the council to defend an action brought against it by J. P. Wheeler to recover the sum of $40, balance of account for professional services. The council unanimously decided to defend the action.

A resolution was proposed by Mr. Phillips, seconded by Mr. Dudley "To dispense with the services of Mr. W. H. Clay as Clerk of the Municipal Corporation." The mover and seconder argued that the present clerk is paid too highly, and that a man who would do all that the council required could be obtained for a sum of $200 a year. A somewhat acrimonious discussion ensued, but on a vote the proposition was lost, the mover and seconder alone voting for it. There was no other business of any moment before the council.

The W. A. of St. Matthew's met in De Grassi-street school room yesterday at 2 o'clock p.m. A large number of ladies were present, and an excellent paper was read by the President on African Missions.

In the First-avenue Baptist Church last night, a stereopticon entertainment entitled, "A Trip Around the World with the Brownies," was given.

To Washington, D.C., and Return.

Grand personally conducted excursion to Washington on Thursday, March 14, via the Lehigh Valley Railroad. Only single fare, $11.20, for the round trip. Tickets good for ten days. Good going and returning via Philadelphia. Pullman sleeping cars from Suspension Bridge to Washington for Canadian passengers, leaving Suspension Bridge at 5.20 p.m., arriving at Washington next morning. Tickets and sleeping car berths secured and sold at station ticket office, Suspension Bridge, N.Y. 346

TOTALLY DEAF.—Mr. S. E. Crandell, Port Perry, writes: "I contracted a severe cold last winter, which resulted in my becoming totally deaf in one ear and partially so in the other. After trying various remedies, and consulting several doctors without obtaining any relief, I was advised to try Dr. Thomas' Eclectric Oil. I warmed the oil and poured a little of it into my ear, and before one-half the bottle was used my hearing was completely restored. I have heard of other cases of deafness being cured by the use of this medicine."

CRONIN MURDER REVIVED.

The Doctor's Friends Charge Priests With Defending the Murderers.

Chicago, March 5.—The Cronin faction is making a strong attempt to drag Mgr. Satolli, and through him the Catholic Church, into the quarrel which disrupted the Clan-Na-Gael. The followers of the murdered doctor are arguing that the mystery which hangs around the death of Cronin and the circumstances that preceded that tragic event have reached too great a crisis for the church to keep clear of the controversy any longer. They charge a number of priests in this city with prostituting their sacred office to help the murderers of Dr. Cronin to escape justice and reaping rewards for their crimes. They have prepared and sent to Mgr. Satolli a petition urging the Papal Ablegate to visit Chicago and investigate these charges.

CORRUPTION IN CHICAGO.

Police, Council, Grand Jury and Assessors All on the Black List.

Springfield, Ill., March 5.—Senator Johnson of Cook County to-day offered in the Senate a resolution charging the municipal and county authorities of Chicago and Cook County, with boodleism, and calling for the appointment of a joint committee of the Senate and the House to investigate. The resolutions charge gross irregularities in the police department of Chicago; that valuable franchises have been bartered and sold by the City Council; that places on the grand jury have been bestowed to pay political debts, and that the town assessors have persistently shifted the burden of taxation on the poor, while the wealthy have purchased immunity from taxation.

BUSINESS TROUBLE.

An Old Established Jewelry House Has Been Closed Up.

A chattel mortgage on the stock of J. Segsworth & Co., wholesale jewelers, Wellington-street, was foreclosed yesterday. It was for a comparatively small amount, but other creditors are not likely to get much, as the stock was not extensive. This firm was prominent in business one time, but since its failure a few years ago their trade has gradually diminished.

The Steel Sink, Range, Boiler and Stamping Co., Limited, doing business at New Toronto, have appointed Mr. E. R.C. Clarkson as liquidator.

T. Hall, shoes, Goderich, has assigned to D. Dengate, and James Walker, confectionery, has assigned to F. C. Clarke.

Presentation to Conductor Boundy.

Conductor Boundy, who was in charge of the train on the Midland division of the G.T.R. which collided with a snow-plow, near Agincourt on Feb. 8, was presented with an address by a number of the passengers at the Walker House Saturday, for his attention to the people on his train. The address was signed by W. Lloyd Wood, W. H. Maxwell, Robert Keys, P. S. Patton, H. Cook, T. Ryan, F. Foster, J. Sholdiss, R. Mitchell, W. M. Rice, H. S. Dickson, C. S. Tuthill, A. H. Lauson, E. H. Hilton, F. Smith, F. E. Cockburn, A. Weit, G. S. Sterling and F. Taylor.

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