### WEDNESDAY, JAN. 20, 1909

OPENING OF PARLIAMENT. To-day the eleventh Parliament

the Dominion is being organized, and it is expected that at this afternoon's sit ting Mr. Charles Marcil will be elected Speaker, and Mr. McIntyre, of Perth, Deputy-Speaker: Mr. Marcil has for

weeks been made the target of abuse by the Opposition press, led by the Toronto News and Mail and Empire. Probably no stronger argument for his selection as Speaker than this abuse by the scandal organs could be asked.

The Government programme for the session is in readiness and no excuse will given to the Opposition for delaying the business of the country. It is expect ed that an amendment will be made to the rules of the House enabling Parlia ment to control malicious obstruction ists. Important items of the session' legislation will be the enlargement, as already outlined, of the boundaries of Manitoba, Ontario, and Quebec; the new insurance bill; amendments to the banking act; a bill along British lines to prevent "graft" by making it a criminal ofsions in connection with either public or private business. The treaties with the United States will come up for ratificathe civil service bill, to the acts relating to marine and shipping; and the control of water services derived from the Trent canal will be placed in the hands of the Dominion Railway Commission, A bill to create a portfolio of Labor will also been closely pared with the object of fitting them to the revenue which de creased considerably in the period of finloquaciousness, there would seem to be no reason for the session being a long one, and it is hoped that it may be brought to a close early in the summer.

### NOW TALK BUSINESS.

The much-abused street railway, which last year was hindered greatly in its work of improvement, is now pro ing for aldermanic decisions that will enable it to early in the spring proceed to rebuild its roadbed and to construct its car sheds and shops. Had the counci of last year shown ordinary busines self to a war of revenge, matters would have been much more advanced in the direction of improved street railway. and several hundred men would have been employed on the sheds and shops The mischief thus done during the Stew art regime cannot now be undone, but the anti-Hamilton policy should cease railway to give us a good service; we

The company wants a definite direction as to the width of the devil strip to be used. This matter has been used by some aldermen in the past as illustrating the street railway's grasping disposition, and it has been made an ob stacle to progress toward improvement The aldermen wanted wide, modern cars, which cannot be operated with a four-foot devil strip, and at the sam time they refused to permit the widening, and then cursed the company for not getting the wide cars! The com pany for some time operated two wide, nodern cars of the short kind, which were well liked by the public; but as such cars could not pass each other or the tracks with a four-foot devil strip it is not practicable to utilize them gen erally. The City Council has its choice wider devil strip and wider, better cars, or the narrow devil strip and the old kind of rolling stock. But the com pany wants to know what to do request is not unreasonable. And wethink that it is about time that the "war party" washed off its paint, pluck progress in the city's interest.

### WHAT IS LIFE?

fined life as "health." According to the that life is "the sum total of the forces is "the constant uniformity of phenom ences": Duges, that it is "the special activity of organized bodies," and Beclard twofold internal movement of composition and decomposition at once general and continuous." Herbert Spencer's conception of it is: "The definite combinasimultaneous and successive, in corre and sequences." G. H. Lewes suggests successive changes, both of structure in an individual without destroying its identity." The Americana says this latter is one of the most satisfactory definitions, and adds, the simplest answer to the question probably is: "Life is metabolism.

Each or all of these may be correct physiological or scientific definitions of what we term "life." They may de scribe its formula or how it is propagated or continued. But they do not in any way answer the question, "What is life?" with its cares and worries, its opes and joys. The mechanism of the animal man may be dissected and described, and nature's method of maintaining him on this earth may be capable of demonstration. But after all, we are left in the dark as to the real meaning of life—the why of it, what is the paramount object of it all? Why animal man may be dissected and de-

have health or sickness, happiness orrow, friends or enemies, honor or dis onor, pleasure or pain, wealth or pov that is told But back of it all, what is the riddle?

### MUNICIPAL GRAFT.

Boston has a finance commission a ork investigating the gross waste and extravagance in its various municipally wned and operated departments. eport is thus referred to by the New ork Engineering Record:

This report shows that even where ivic standards are as high as at Boston, the blight of politics lays a heavy burden on taxpayers. Little satisfaction can be derived from this document by the advoates of municipal ownership, although he technical staff of Boston has long

the technical staff of Boston has long and justly had an excellent reputation for ability and zeal. The situation is precisely that existing in many cities. This work has been done and the results of it are instructive as an example of municipal ownership.

The fundamental cause of the waste of money in this department is reported to have been the employment of many more men than were needed. The number complexed in 1898, was actually chant of the department was very About 50 per cent, more men less. About 50 per cent, more men were employed to do about 15 per cent, less work. The efficiency of the day-labor force had diminished so by 1908 that the amount of work done per man per hou had shrunk by 50 per cent. In the mat ter of employees receiving high salaries the case has been still more significant of political control, according to the fin ance commission. Although there were had practically nothing to do, a third was added in 1906 at a salary of \$3,000. was added in 1906 at a salary of \$3,000, and the position of secretary and chief clerk, with a similar salary, was divided into two offices, with salaries aggregating \$3,500, in order to make a new place for a political favorite at \$2,500. The office force of the distribution division consisted of a chief clerk and eighteen assistants, but the work could have been done by half that number. Two of the three assistant superintendents were unnecessary and a large "cree of useless inspectors was employed, "These are the results of conducting a great department of the public service with the purpose of getting votes instead of a fair day's work for a fair day's wage," according to the commission's report.

### EDITORIAL NOTES.

Sacred to the memory of T. J. Stew art, Mayor, and his machine council, one overdraft, \$127.000.

Now, who did call that secret meeting with the Hydro agents? Who was "played" the new aldermen?

The output of the Ontario mines nineral works for 1907, exceeded \$25,-000,000. That is a great source of nat

But it will not do for the council to play fast and loose with the people in this license matter. The Markets Com

It is now for the aldermen to decide: Wide devil strip, wide cars; narrow devil strip, the old narrow cars. The con pany will accept its mandate.

one. But think of the mess he would have left us if he had got us committed

There must be some mistake, surely! There never was any shortage when money was wanted to waste in booming the Hydro-Electric fad.

The traffic earnings of the Grand Trunk Railway from Jan. 8th to 14th this year shows an increase of \$22,488 over those of the same period last year.

This is a sign of the times. duly crushed now, he must be a hard of the Mail and Empire devotes an edi-torial to "Bill Templeman's Hard Case"!

They annear to have their McBride's in the United States as in Canada, but at least their fool anti-Jap legislation is not pressed in the face of the president of of

The Board of Works wants \$89,000 you please." Encyclopedia Americana, Bichat says this year. We should like to see it get it, but the \$127,000 overdraft of last year renders that quite impossible Last year's machine Council mortgaged the

The Conservative papers credit Mr. that it is "organization in action." De Borden with holding that the Speaker Blainville's definition is: "Life is the should be appointed for life, as he would then be "in a more independent position." Would Mr. Borden be in favor of giving the members of the House their seats for life for the same

> Street railway receipts still decreas ing! And yet on the strength of a guess that they would regularly increase 10 per cent, each year, didn't the council of last year refuse concessions that would have secured a new and extended street railway system! Well, it had

Oh, yes! We are not astonished that Ald. Morris and some of his colleagues should be annoved at the position in which they have been placed by the Hydro-Electric wire-pullers and that seeret caucus. The gang is slippery, cunning and, judged by the way they "played" the aldermen; not over-scrupilous. It is not Hamilton it is agoniz ing to benefit; never think it-

A local contemporary objects to it be-

and during their incarceration." Just And the prisoner's record while in on is kept by whom, if not by priso officials? It is a dangerous scheme,

The Hains jury has felt constrained to give to an outraged public the state ment that it was a doubt of Hains guilt, and not any influence of "the un written law" appeal upon them, that led to the acquittal of the cowardly brute. It is at least good to know that the jur ors feel ashamed of the failure of justice, and are anxious to escape the re proach of contempt of the reasonable regulations of society of which they have been suspected.

It won't do, gentlemen of the Board Works, to talk about a four-foot devil strip on any part of the street the citizens to have large, modern street will be responsible for the conditions im posed. If you believe that the devi strip should be only four feet, stand by that; but don't do it merely to fight" the street railway. That would

The World now presents its plan of getting rid of the Intercolonial Railway in a suggestion by Watson Griffin. It would have the Government give the P. R. Company \$100,000,000 cash, and throw in the Intercolonial Railway to Company's stock, Mr. Griffin and the short of proposing that we give the C ailway white elephant off our hands Infected, as the Toronto Globe is, with

the "ownership and operation" virus, nd lending no little aid to the socialistic war upon private investment, seriousness of the situation created by the Whitney Government's evident in tention to try to crush out private franchise-holding companies been serving the public-doubtless much better and more cheaply than it will be served under the socialistic system-and to to cause great loss to investors who have risked their money on the good faith of the public. The Globe's protest hould have been made earlier and

# OUR EXCHANGES

(Toronto News). Do not leave your horse in the cold ithout throwing a blanket over him. How would you like to stand shivering for three hours outside of a saloon.

(Toronto Telegram.) Toronto asks the Street Railway Company to stop making excuses whereupon the S. R. C. stops making

(Guelph Herald.) Man's chief duty these days is in utting coal on the fire, earning putting coal on money enough to buy coal, ing any mosquitoes that may be

(Ottawa Citizen).

A Hamilton bride is to have a ding cake weighing a quarter of a ton. The cake is a present from the groom who evidently thinks the bride should

Advertise. (Berlin Telegraph.)

And we have not the slightest doubt hat if the Canadian manufacturers genthat if the Canadian manufacturers generally were as fully alive to the importance of a vigorous and continuous campaign of well-directed advertising some foreign producers would make less serious inroads upon their home market.

(Tit-Bits.) And the name is to be?"-asked

the suave minister, as he approached the font with the precious armful of fat and "Augustus Philip Ferdinand Codring-

-"A little more water, Mr. Perkins, if

(H. T. Miller.) (H. T. Miller.)

Lips are more than signal wire,

Lips aflame with friendly fire,

Lips for drinking the life-stream in,

Singing the purest vestal hymn.

Lips seal up the sacred way,

Heaven is close to the lips that pray.

The double stream from source divine

Blend in one, at the holy shrine;

Double gates to dwelling true,

Double clasp for me, for you.

Blames Toronto.

(Ottawa Free Press) An ending to Toronto's fight against the Street Railway Company appears in sight. One of the newspapers has recognized that the fault lies mainly with the City Council, and has had courage enough to say so. It will not take the powers-that-be at the City Hall long to reach an agreement with the company once they make up their minds that once they make up their minds that abusing it is out of date as a vote-mak-

ing process. Some Generations Hence.

(Ottawa Free Press).

Why are the trees all chopped away? the little fellow said. the little reliow said.
"Why do the streams go dry while sun-shine's beating overhead?"
His father said: "It is because the lum-

bermen so gay
Each had an ax to grind, and was a cutup in his way!"

Private Slander.

(Toronto Star.)

self in the courts. But a story unculated through private gossip may travel and gather strength and venom for months or years without the victim being made aware of the mischiel He may find friends growing cold without suspecting the cause.

(Montreal Star). (Montreal Star).

A wife-beater is a traitor, a violator of his word, a betrayer of the most sacred trust, an enemy of the family as an institution, a danger to society, a coward, a soulless brute, a thing without heart or conscience. He should not be allowed to add to his cruelty towards his wife by idling in prison while she starves. He should be made to work for her support while in jail, and have his term punctuated by the application of the lash. When a wife-beater comes up for a second sentence, he comes up for a second sentence, he convicts our system of justice of utter

## POLICEMEN ACTIVE IN LATE ELECTION.

that was not the way to get them any advancement. Judge Snider and Magistrate Jeffs both stated that they were very glad the matter had come up, and would be pleased to support the Chief Magis.

glad the matter had come up, and would be pleased to support the Chief Magis-trate if he brought them up. On motion of Judge Snider, seconded by Mayor McLaren, Magistrate Jelfs was elected Chairman of the Board. The first lusiness taken The first business taken up was charge brought against a constable, I

rett, by Sergeant Walsh, of being off his beat on Nov. 26, 1998.
"This is a smell matter and you should deal with it. Chief," said Judge Snider. This man denies the charge, and I have to bring it before you," said Chief

a minor offence and has been dealt with by the chief in the past," said Judge "Well, it is getting too common," said

Constable Barrett and the sergeant vere called in and the case went on, Barrett pleading not guilty. Sergt. Walsh said that the officer failed to make two points on his beat, and when

Barrett was sworn, and said he had

"The trouble with you is that you are boozing too much, and I want the board to understand that," Chief Smith remarked to Barrett.

"That's not true," said Barrett.

"It is true, but you are a good man outside of that," said the chief.

"I've been here ten years and never been charged with drunkenness," Barrett replied rather warmly.

"He must be a good man to booze for ten years and get away with it," ob-served the Mayor.

to tell a story. "A man called me up-one Sunday morning and told me a cer-tain hotel was doing business. I told him to tell the police, and he did. He-called me later, and said that ten min-utes before the police arrived at the hotel the lights went out and the place

trage

For Six Months They Suffered Tortures - Patches of Humor Became Raw—Could Hardly Sleep—Medical Treatment Did No Good but

### TWO SETS OF CUTICURA **CURED THEM IN TEN DAYS**

"Last February my sister broke out with a humor which gradually spread to the rest of the family. I being the last to take it. It manifested itself in patches varying from the size of a pea to that of a silver dollar. The joints of our limbs were most affected. The parts where the skin was tender soon became raw and irritated and we were able to sleep but little because the itching got so bad at night. My sister consulted a physician but he was unable to name the disease and the treatment he prescribed did no good at all. As the warm weather came on we were tortured worse than ever, the irritated parts causing us to scratch until they would bleed. In August, when it was at its worst, my sister was given a cake of Cutieura Soap. This she tried and it afforfied so much relief that I bought the (complete treatment, consisting of Cutieura Soap, Cutieura Ointment, and Cutieura Pills. This we used according to directions and immediately the humor began to disappear. I then bought another set and the whole family were cured by these two, the blotches disappearing in ten days. After this we used the Cutieura Pills for ten days more to be sure that the humor had gone to stay. We have not been troubled since and we all think that If it had not been for the Cutieura Recordes we would have been suffering yet.

# DISFIGURING

Humors, Eczemas, and Itchings Cured by Cuticura. Cured by Cuticura.

The agonizing itching and burning of the skin, as in eczema; the frightful scaling, as in psoriasis; the loss of hair and crusting of scalp, as in scalled head, all demand a remedy of extraordinary virtues to successfully cope with them. That Cuticura Soap, Cuticura Ointment, and Cuticura Pills are such at ands proven by testimonials of remarkable cures when all else has failed.

A Slagic Set often Cures. Soid throughout the All Rice de la Paix: Austrials. R. Towns & On. Sydney; U. S. A., Potter Drug & Chem. Curp., Soic Props., Boaton.

# THURSDAY, JANUARY 21, 1909 SHEA'S

Skirts Made to Measure of Sale Goods \$1.25

# **DUR WINTER CLEARING SALE**

Thursday Sale of Underskirts, \$2.50 for \$1.39

Quantities of them, made of Regal Taffeta, Messaline Sateen, Plain Sateen, Moreen, etc., etc., black colors; \$2.50 value to clear at each ......\$1.39

Special Thursday Sale of Underwear

enman's Sovereign Brand, flat knit Vests, only the kind that sells for \$1.00 always; about 10 dozen

Fleeced Vests and Drawers 35c 

Women's Knitted Skirts \$1.75 Wool Knitted Underskirts, with wide, close knit beautifully elastic and good wide width, \$2.25

,Sample D. & A. Corsets, sizes 20, 21, 22, only, worth 50c to \$5.00, on sale to clear at from 35c to \$3.00.

Women's Mantles and Children's Coats

Never have good, dependable, up-to-date Coats been sold at the ridiculous prices they are now being offered at in the Shea Mantle Department. Coats from Germany. Coats from New York. Coats from the best makers in Canada, all going at prices that in some cases would not pay for the making.

## Dress Goods Sale

ool goods, 46 inches wide, in navy, brown and black, orth 75 to 89c, on sale, to clear at per yard .... 50c 390 490 Serges worth \$1, to clear at ... ... Silks worth 50c, for ... ... ... ... 29 and 39c

Turnbull's Vests and Drawers 871/2C

Turnbull's Vests and Drawers, flat knit; the best in the world, natural wool, unshrinkable. durable, comfortable, worth \$1.25 up to size 4, on sale for, per garment  $\mathbf{87}/_2\mathbf{c}$ 

2 Big Waist Bargains 

\$2.95 \$8.95 \$15.00 Women's Coats, worth \$15 to \$17.50, for Women's Coats, worth \$25, for

### Children's Plush Coats \$1.95

### Rich Silk and Wool Brocade

police sent out a runner?" asked Judge

Snider, incredulously. Mayor McLares smiled, but said nothing. Constable Brannon was charged by In spector McMahon with withholding in formation from Detective Coulter in re-gard to the theft of some chickens from gard to the theft of some chickens from Bartholomew Moriarity. The constable pleaded not guilty, and Inspector Medahon said that after the detectives had worked all day on the case and had not succeeded in getting any information, Brannon got formation that the chickens were in the house of a city fireman. Brannon refused to tell who told him this. He also neglected to report the matter to the sergeant in charge, and this was why he was on the carpet. Brannon was told two things, never to tell where he got any information, no matter who asked him, and tion, no matter who asked him, and never to neglect to tell his superior of-ficer of anything which should be reficer of anything which should be re-ported. He was let go with these warn-

Constable R. Duncan was charged with assaulting the 13-year-old son of Henry of the constant of the constant of the pleaded not guilty. The boy said he ten years and get away with it." observed the Mayor.

Barrett-was adjudged guilty by the board and fined \$10. "The men should be warned to be perfectly frank with their superior officers," said the Mayor as the next business was called.

Mayor MeLaren interjected pertinent remarks in different spots during the meeting as to the way the police did their work. After the close of the above case his worship remarked that some of the men on the force could not see a hotel open if the front door was wide open. Judge Snider remarked that he was satisfied that the men did their duty pretty well.

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The members of the force were grant-ed leave to petition the City Council for a cash grant to their benefit fund. As in the case of Sergt, Pinch, the four men who were to have retired this

year were given another year on the force in order that they may share in who will be granted this privilege, as others coming after them will be able to son and Moore and Constable Hallisey. This quartette and other pensioners get nine fortieths of their gross pay after retirement. An application from the members of the force for a day off every month instead of one day off in fifty three days was pigeon holed, as Chief Smith said it would not work till he got more men.

of more men.

The pension fund was reported to be eathly and glowing fast; \$40,000 is ing in the coffers of the fund at the

# CHIEF'S ANNUAL REPORT.

 Murder
 1

 Manslaughter

 Assault and robbery
 12

 6

Juveniles Ninety-six juveniles were harged with indictable offences, as com-

orses, harness and vehicles are in a cryiceable condition. Two extra patrol boxes should be added to the signal system, and a gong and telephone installed at the corner of King and James streets. New transmitters are needed for the telephones, as the old ones are not reliable. The usefulness of the bicycles were more apparent than ever last year. Two new ones are required.

Stations—The police stations fack the necessary accommodation. As I pointed out in my report of last year, several one who are attached to No. 3 Station who was a statched to No. 3 Station who was a statched to No. 3 Station who was a statched to No. 3 Station who are attached to No. 3 Station who was a statched to No. 3 Station who was a static period of the No. 4 Station who was a static period of the province of the province of the No. 4 Station who was a station who was a

ontly twice as many prisoners are fined in the building. No. 4 Station, Napier street, is kept oper for the detailed for dealers.

## SURGEON'S REPORT.

During the year Dr. Roberts, Surgeon of the department, made fifty-five calls or the following causes: Appendicitis, 1; amourthoids, 1; ulcerated tooth, 1; lumbago, 4: grip, 4: neuralgia, 2: injured foot, 3: diarrhoea, 2: acute indigestion, 1: sore hand, 1: rheumatism, 2: gestion, 1; sore hand, 1; rheumatism, 2; pain in side, 3; epilepsy, 1; infected fin-Chief of Police Smith's annual report.

1. return calls, 15. Examinations for persons arrested were handled at the reconstruction.

## OFFENCES CLASSIFIED.

Assault and robbery 12 7 
Burglary 6 1 1 
Burschreaking 64 27 
Pocketpicking 10 1 
Theft · 433 452 
Theft of bicycles 74 70 
Decrease in 1908, 29, Lost and stolen property recovered by the police, 89,932, which is an increase of 88,852 Miscellaneous cases 132 occurrence reported, 631; Day Act, 15; breach Medical Act, 1; breach Edition 194, 15; breach Health Act, 7; breach Lord's 20 
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Pocketpicking—There was only one 1: personation, 2; person under indict ment surrendered by bondsmen, 1; re pay wages, 113; refuse to pay hire, 2; receiving stolen goods,

approach places where gambling is known to be carried on, without being seen by the look-outs. However, a number of convictions were secured, notwithstanding the difficulties met with.

Immoral houses—The keepers, inmates and frequenters have been brought into court when the circumstances justified the action of the police.

Inquests—Twenty-three inquests were held during the year, as compared with 30 in 1907.

Ambulance service—2.189 calls were received, as compared with 2.005 in 1907.

The sum of \$172 was collected from non-residents for services rendered, and paid to the City Treasurer.

Patrol wagon and signal service—The borses, harness and vehicles are in a serviceable condition. Two extra patrol boxes should be added to the signal systems.

## MÍSCELLANEOUS.

men detailed for day duty in the western portion of the city, and No. 2 Station is used for the convenience of the men on duty north of Sthart and Barton streets. Our police system is obsolete, and I again point out the necessity of dividing the city into two police divisions, and the appointment of superior officers to have charge thereof. In order to do so, we require a new station on Napier street, with the necessary number of cells for the detention of prisoners. The strength of the force on the 31st of December was 64, all ranks, but we should have at least 75 men, in order to meet the requirements of the city.

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Lost children found, 11; accidents reported, 25; buildings found of earlier without alarm, 6; muisances and dead animals reported, 5; siek and injured persons assisted, 975; sudden deaths reported, 3; studiedes or attempts at suicide reported, 3; studiedes or attempts at suicide reported, 3; studiedes or attempts at suicide reported, 6; constables sick and off duty, 1,191; lots of goods found, 97; unmaways reported, 2; special guard furbished, 292; vacant houses, number of visits, 11,291; value of money found on prisoners, 82.

013.10; value of property conservations were series \$1.162.50.

During the year three constables were reprimanded for being absent from duty; four were fined for the same offence; one was fined for disobedience and two were fined for violation of rules. Twenty females and 1.215 males were sheltered for the ambulance ser females and 1,215 males at No. 3 station. The vice answered 2,189 c o. 3 station. The ambulance answered 2.189 calls, the patrol ns 3.128 calls. Over the signal sys-ware made and 942

## UNNATURAL DEATHS.

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There were 39 violent deaths, or sudden deaths, to which the police were called, as follows:

Found dead in bed, etc., 9; by drowning, 4; by accident, 1; on railways, 5; inhaling coal gas, 3; assault, 2; excessive liquor drinking, 1; killed by falling down stairs, 1; from a scaffold, 2; thrown from a wagon, 1; falling wall, 1; struck by automobile, 1; struck by a horse, 1; struck by a crane, 1; electricity, 2; suicide by shooting, 1; suicide by poisoning, 1; murder, 2; total, 39.

# THREATENED TO KILL.

Kingston Ont., Jan. 20.—David Hogan, a young man living on Colborne street, is under arrest, charged with threaten-ing to kill Florence Redden, a young is under arrest, charged with threatening to kill Florence Redden, a young woman living on Pine street, and with having a loaded revolver in his possession. Hogan, who was drunk at the time, says he did not mean to shoot.

Dead men tell no tales, and dead

