

LET PEOPLE DECIDE IT.

That is Dundas Council's Stand on License Reduction.

Dundas, Feb. 10.—A special meeting of the Town Council was held last evening, all the members being present, and Mayor Lawason in the chair.

Regarding the question of license reduction, it was pointed out that it was not made an issue at the municipal elections, and that as the question is essentially one for the people, the committee did not feel justified in granting the request.

Both clauses of the report were unanimously adopted.

A recommendation from the Property Committee was that the Clerk's office, and the Council Chamber, be repaired and renovated. It was decided to do what was required in the clerk's office and that consideration of the recommendation to fix up the Council Chamber be considered at a future meeting.

J. D. Pennington drew attention to a report that from a house where diphtheria had appeared, mattresses had been put out of doors, the result being that several cases of the disease had subsequently appeared in the near vicinity.

The clerk informed the Council that a meeting of the Board of Health would be held in the near future, and it was decided to call the Board's attention to the matter.

Reeve Lawson gave notice that at the next regular meeting of the Council he would introduce a by-law to amend the by-law relating to places of amusement. Council then adjourned.

The Central Temperance Executive Committee has arranged to have three addresses on temperance and moral reform in the town on Sunday the 28th.

They will be in the morning, in the Presbyterian Church, in the evening in the Methodist Church, and again in the Presbyterian Church after the regular evening services.

Miss Laura Brown, of Townsend Centre, is a visitor with her aunt, Mrs. John Lumbers.

A meeting of the Board of Directors of the Y. M. C. A. was held in the Association building last evening, with a very good attendance, and F. D. Suter, Vice-President, in the chair.

The directors decided to change the location of the office in the building, to a more convenient place.

J. D. Pennington has generously agreed to donate fixtures and the Ladies' Auxiliary will also contribute. The Finance Committee reported that for the year \$1,635 would be required. The Association was found to be in a very satisfactory condition.

The A. O. U. W. held a social last night for members and friends. Gordon Webster presiding. A good literary and musical programme was contributed by Miss Newitt, Mrs. Pilgrim, Mrs. Bond, Miss Quackenbush, Miss Kennough, Fred Barrett, Bert Barker and Walter Kenough. Refreshments were served and an hour's dancing indulged in.

Ex-Councilor W. Brannigan left this afternoon for Calgary, along with Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Brannigan.

THE GOW GANDA RUSH OLD PROSPECTOR SAYS

He Never Saw Anything to Equal It—All Eyes Centered on Northern Ontario.

An old and grizzled veteran of many a campaign waged in an endeavor to wrest wealth from the hidden mineral hoards of mother earth sat in one of the local hotels reflectively chewing the butt of a half-smoked cigar. "No, sir," he said to the reporter, "I never saw the likes of that Gow Ganda rush, and I've been in many a mining stampede in many parts of the world. The Yukon gold fever was something like it, but not much—not much." And the old prospector lapsed into a preoccupious silence.

"I've been all over that diabolic ridge at Gow Ganda," he continued as the newspaper man was framing a question to ask him. "and I know that old man's it's Gow Ganda. Injun for big pickered. Ojibway Jimmie says—I've seen the native silver sticking out all over it, but all staked up—blasted the luck. I've seen all the big strikes up here. Armstrong, Reeve, Mann, Ryan, O'Kelley, and all the rest, but I never find that made me forget for a bit the tenth commandment are on the claims of McLaughlin and McIntosh, you know, the two fellows who sold out to the Bartlett Mines, as they are called now. Say, sonny—here the old man's eyes sparkled with animation—"the amount of silver pure silver that I saw right there in the solid rock made me so sore because I wasn't in on it that I hit the trail for civilization, and here I am wanting to get back into the bush again."

"Then you think Gow Ganda is a winner, do you?" asked the reporter.

"Yep—I sure do."

The veteran rose, buttoned his coat up to his chin, proffered a garbled hand and said: "Good-by, son. Glad to know you. I'm going across to have a look at Hamilton building to the Bank of Hamilton building to the Bartlett office to keep me from being lonesome."

**TAX BACHELORS.**

Sofia, Feb. 10.—The Bulgarian Sobranj has voted to tax bachelors over 30 years of age \$2 yearly.

The proceeds will be devoted to education.

**INVENTOR OF SIXTEEN.**

Harold Doten Has Improved Wireless Telegraphy.

Plymouth, Mass., Feb. 9.—Harold B. Doten, sixteen years old, who has been a student of wireless telegraphy for the last three years, and who has a small power sending station at his home, 7 South street, has succeeded in duplicating the receiving portion of his plant so that two operators can sit and "listen in" independently of each other, the detectors being in duplicate. This is done by a process of tuning, and makes it possible for two operators to work on the same antenna and check one another's copy.

ROYAL BAKING POWDER Absolutely Pure The Only Baking Powder made from Royal Grape Cream of Tartar—Made from Grapes—A Guarantee of Pure, Healthful, Delicious Food

SILENT GUN.

Inventor Gives Test of "Silencer" in New York Offices.

Slows Down Escaping Gases Prior to Atmospheric Impact.

New York, Feb. 10.—A merry party opening many bottles of champagne was what Hiram Percy Maxim's demonstration of his new gun silencer sounded like this afternoon at the Potter building in Park row.

Now and again, however, there came a report several degrees louder than the puffy pops, and the audience understood Maxim was just showing the difference between the old and the new way.

But for the most part it was just that little puffing and popping, and Maxim said most of the noise came from the impact of the bullets against the sand in the target.

It was the first public demonstration which the inventor has given of the silent gun, which, with smokeless powder, leaves the marksman invisible as well as inaudible. He held it in the offices of his attorneys, and in the next room a typewriter kept pounding keys just in line with the course of the bullets. But Maxim's target did not let any of them pass.

The guns which he used ranged all the way from the little 22 repeating rifle to the new .38 army weapons, and took in the high power Mausers and Mannlichers.

The silencer is a little black tube which screws on to the muzzle of the gun and has about twice the diameter of the barrel. The size and weight vary according to the caliber and power of the arm. For a .22 calibre rifle the tube is about four inches long and less than an inch and a half in diameter. For a .30 rifle the silencer is two inches longer, but has the same diameter. The weight is from six to nine ounces.

First Maxim snapped his little repeating rifle at the target without the tube on the end, the noise was a pleasant to hear. Then he put on a silencer. The listener heard the hammer come hard against the cartridge, he saw a little puff and that was all. Maxim tried short and long rifle cartridges, and the noise was not appreciably different.

Then he worked up to high power guns, let a .30 rifle go without the silencer, the black tube on the end, and after that everybody held his ears when time came for a shot without the silencer. With it in place, the noise was just the same as a champagne bottle popping.

Finally he picked up a United States army rifle, which he described as the best in the world. The bullet has an initial velocity of about 2,700 feet a second, and when one hears it started on its course under normal conditions the impact upon the eardrum is severe. Yet with that little black tube in place the sound is scarcely audible.

The theory upon which the silencer works Maxim described as being identical with that of the negative turbine. The gunpowder gases, as soon as they enter the silencer from the barrel of the gun, meet the spiral chambers in the interior of the tube and are set to whirling. The tendency of whirling bodies is to fly out from the centre, and inasmuch as the only means of exit from the silencer is near the centre the gases are unable to escape until they have slowed down.

**GOW GANDA GROWING.**

New Townsite Rapidly Building Up and Supplies Going in by Tons—Silver Attracts Thousands.

The atmosphere of earnest and active business pervades the offices of P. R. Bartlett & Co., Limited, Royal Bank building, Toronto. This new brokerage firm is making a specialty of the stocks of the Bartlett Mines, Limited, of Gowganda, and the readiness with which the interested callers subscribe to the issue which they are offering shows that the Gowganda silver field has taken a hold on the public mind.

The samples of ore from the Bartlett Mines are of such undoubted richness that old-time mining men, who know Cobalt thoroughly, acknowledge that even Cobalt cannot excel the showing.

Mr. F. R. Bartlett says, "Reports I have received from Gowganda state that the locality has assumed an almost inconceivable activity. Prospectors, investors and miners continue to flock to the new mining district by hundreds and buildings are being erected on almost all the properties on which prospects have been located. Gowganda townsite is rapidly assuming the appearance of a thriving town. Stores, hotels and residences are rapidly being raised, and the former are being well stocked, not only with necessities, but also with some of the luxuries of life.

"The roads from the railway terminals that were made hurriedly are now in good shape and are busy thoroughfares. The excessive traffic to which they have been subjected has made them into finished highways and several branch roads are now being contemplated, some of which are now being constructed. The weather has not been severe at the camps and the claim holders have been enabled to rush their work without hindrance."

**CASTORIA.**

The Kind You Have Always Bought

REGISTERED QUAKE.

Naples, Feb. 10.—The instruments in the observatory at Valle di Pompei registered a very strong earthquake shock at an estimated distance of 1,400 miles.

COMPANY C.

Capt. Turnbull's Command Holds Annual Meeting.

The annual meeting of C. Company, 91st Regiment, was held in the new armory on Thursday night, there being a large and enthusiastic attendance. Capt. Turnbull presided.

The various committees and the treasurer presented their reports for the year, which showed the company to be in first class condition. It was decided that a committee be appointed to arrange for the annual entertainment and to invite the lady friends.

The following officers and committees were elected for their reports for the year: Hon. President—Major Roberts. President—Capt. Turnbull. Vice-President—Lieut. Colquhoun. Treasurer—Col. Sergt. Kidner. Secretary—Sergt. Buckingham. Auditors—Ptes. Burkholder and Graham.

Armory Committee—Sergt. Warring, Corp. Bowman, Ptes. Hall, Eggert and Callaway.

Entertainment Committee—Sergt. Rollo, Corp. Yates, Ptes. McAdams, McQueen and Burkholder.

Rifle Committee—Lieut. Colquhoun, Sergt. Buckingham, Warring, Corp. Yates, Ptes. Graham, Burkholder and Callaway.

Management Committee—Capt. Turnbull, Lieut. Colquhoun, Col. Sergt. Kidner, Sergts. Buckingham, Rollo, Lithgow, Warring and Pte. Beerfort.

FOR THE SAN.

Ladies' Auxiliary Receives Report of the Dispensary.

The monthly meeting of the Ladies' Auxiliary Board of the Hamilton Health Association was held on Monday. Miss Renton's report of her work, both in the dispensary and in the city, was most interesting. During the first month after the dispensary was opened forty-three patients attended for examination, many receiving instructions and materials to treat themselves at home; others being admitted to the Sanatorium. Miss Renton has many patients who have neither flannels nor warm bedding with which to take the out-door treatment, and would be very glad of donations of half worn flannels and quilts. All patients left at 49 Hess street north are distributed where most needed.

A competent gardener has been hired for the summer, and the board hopes that it will prove even more successful venture than last year's. A plow and set of plow harness are needed, but perhaps some good friend of the Sanatorium will donate these.

MURDERER LYNCHED

Mob of Three Hundred Men Quietly Hang Man Who Shot Clergyman.

Houston, Miss., Feb. 9.—Robby Baskin, murderer of the Rev. W. T. Hudson, was lynched by a mob here this afternoon.

A crowd of over 300 determined citizens took the negro from the jail and hanged him to a nearby tree. Not a shot was fired, and the whole proceeding was conducted quietly.

Baskin was 18 years of age. He admitted the murder of Hudson, who was found shot to death on Sunday, under a tree where he was wont to rest. Baskin had robbed him and then killed him to try and conceal the crime.

LOCAL LEGAL.

The following cases came up at Toronto yesterday: Dymont vs. Dymont.—A. E. H. Creswick, K. C., for the defendant, moved to strike out jury notice. W. E. S. Knowles (Dundas), for plaintiff, contra. Referred to trial judge. Costs in case.

Laud vs. Laud.—G. C. Thomson (Hamilton), moved for an order for the payment out of money in two payments, \$1,000 and balance in a year. F. W. Harcourt, K. C., for infant. Order made.

COLLEGIATE AT-HOME.

There has been a large demand for tickets for the Collegiate at-home on Friday evening, and the affair promises to be a great success. R. McKay & Co. are transforming the appearance of the building by their up-to-date methods of decorating. The supper will be served in the gymnasium by Caterer Crawford, and Louisa will supply two orchestras for dancing and promading.

READINGS AT WESLEY.

An enjoyable entertainment was held in the Sunday school room of Wesley Church last evening, when a large crowd assembled to hear an evening of readings given by Mrs. Emma T. Jack, of Rochester, who is visiting in the city, and was induced to give the readings. Mrs. Jack has a pleasing presence, and is a reader of ability. She is delightful in her lighter numbers. Messrs. Charles Williams and J. H. Summers contributed no small measure to the programme with two capital songs and a duet. A. C. McMillan played the accompaniments.

Stanley Mills & Co. Wednesday, Feb. 10th, 1909 Stanley Mills & Co. LIMITED



Just Three Days More of the Great Home Industrial Exposition

Come to-morrow. You know what Saturday will be like. All those who haven't been able to come before will want to be here on the last day—and hundreds who have been here before will want to go the rounds again—so interesting and instructive are the exhibits. Without exception this has proved the most instructive, educative and inspiring event that has ever been held in Hamilton. Don't miss it. Come in the morning. Remember, all the exhibits are on the third floor.

Special Invitation to the Members of The Retail Hardware Association To the hundreds of Retail Hardware Merchants, attending the convention, Stanley Mills & Co. extend a special invitation to visit, not only the Home Industrial Exposition on the Third Floor, but to make themselves thoroughly at home throughout the entire establishment. We feel quite sure that one and all will be interested in this store's up-to-date methods of conducting a retail business. Come and make yourself at home. Come often.

To-morrow's Special Bargain List

Following our usual custom of "Thursday specials," we have prepared an exceedingly helpful list of bargains for to-morrow. Visitors and shoppers will find ample opportunities for splendid savings in seasonable goods throughout the store.

- WIDE VALS. Regular 10c and 12 1/2c for 5c. 500 yards of wide Valenciennes Laces, with insertions to match, from 2 to 4 inches wide; beautiful lace for white wear trimmings; worth regularly 10c and 12 1/2c yard; choice on Thursday at 5c yard.
- WIDE EMBROIDERIES Thursday at 29c Yard. Fine Corset Cover Embroideries, 18 inches wide, in pretty openwork patterns; several different designs to choose from; worth regularly 35c yard, Thursday only 29c.
- ALLOVER EMBROIDERIES Thursday 29c Yard. A large assortment of Allover Embroideries, 18 inches wide, in pretty hand and openwork patterns; suitable for blouses, yokes and other trimmings; choice Thursday only 29c yard.
- WOMEN'S HOSE 3 Pairs for \$1.00. Women's plain Black Cashmere Hose, fashioned throughout, double heels and toes; very soft and warm; 3c pair; 3 pairs for \$1.00.
- BOYS' AND GIRLS' HOSE At 35c Pair. Boys' and Girls' Fine Saxony Wool Hose, suitable for school wear, with double heels and toes; all sizes; very special value at 35c pair.
- WOMEN'S FINE HOSE At 65c Pair. Women's Plain Black Indiana Cashmere Hose, fashioned throughout, hand seamed; made of the best English cashmere yarn 65c pair.
- WOMEN'S UNDERVESTS Thursday at 59c Each. Women's heavy winter weight Undervests; 1/2 wool; unshrinkable quality; worth regularly 75c each; Thursday only 59c.

- Advance Spring Lines in Dress Goods. You'll be interested in what will be worn this spring. Come and see the beautiful new material, the new weaves and colorings, to-morrow. All priced at this store's famously low prices.
- NEW SUITINGS. All wool Suitings, in neat combinations of greys, browns, greens, fawns and blues, forming stripe and check patterns; width 56 inches; very stylish \$1.25. Very fine all wool Suitings, with a bright, clear finish, with neat unobtrusive stripes, in blue, green, brown, taupe, fawn and bronze tones; 56 inches wide; beautiful materials for \$1.50.
- STRIPE SATIN CLOTH. All wool Satin Cloths, with pretty shaded stripe effects, for shirtwaist costumes, skirts and jumper suits; 42 inches wide; at only 60c yard.

- HAND BAGS Thursday 49c. 1 gross Hand Bags, large size, in brown, black, navy and green; some with outside pockets and lugs; worth regularly 75c each; very good value Thursday at 49c.
- LEATHER BELTS Thursday 19c. 4 dozen Women's Leather Belts, in brown, tan, navy, red, green, grey and black; wide or narrow shapes, large or small gilt buckles; worth regularly up to 50c each; Thursday 19c.
- BLOUSE NETTS Thursday 86c Yard. Eru Filet Nett, with dot; width 40 inches; very effective for evening waists; worth regularly \$1.00 per yard; special Thursday 86c.
- BLACK SILK NETT Thursday 75c Yard. Black Fancy Figured Silk Nett, 40 inches wide, suitable for waists or veils; good value; regularly at \$1.00; Thursday 75c.
- ERU NETT Thursday 59c Yard. Eru Nett, fine mesh, imitation tucks; 40 inches wide; good value at 75c yard; Thursday 59c.
- VALENTINE PARTY SETS Special 35c Set. 1 dozen Valentine Party Sets, consisting of 1 Table Cloth, 1 dozen Napkins, 1 dozen spoons and 1 dozen Plates; pretty, appropriate and inexpensive novelties for Valentine parties 35c set.
- VALENTINE POST CARDS Special 2 for 5c. 500 Valentine Post Cards, in a charming variety of designs; choice Thursday at 5c. Very fancy Valentine Post Cards, decorated with silver frosting; choice Thursday at 5c each.

THE WATERWAYS.

Lively Tilt Between Senators Lodge and Smith.

Treaty Drawn For Benefit of Power Companies.

Washington, Feb. 9.—A somewhat sensational charge made in the executive session of the Senate to-day by Senator William Alden Smith of Michigan during the consideration of the international waterways treaty precipitated a lively row between that Senator and Mr. Lodge, of Massachusetts, who is a leading member of the Foreign Relations Committee. Mr. Smith, who is fighting the ratification of the treaty, asserted that the convention was not written by former Secretary of State Root, at all, but by Chandler Anderson, a New York attorney, formerly connected with the Joint High Commission. He said that Mr. Anderson had told him so. Mr. Lodge retorted that this was to be viewed as closely related to mendacity, for it was not made in the presence of the gentleman concerned. Thereupon Mr. Smith replied, in effect:

"When I will repeat it, and add that the Senator from Massachusetts also told me so."

Mr. Lodge denied this hotly, and Senator Tamm, of South Carolina, shouted, with an attempt at humor, "I hope there are several hundred years of culture behind the Massachusetts Senator, so they won't."

Senator Smith continued his statement in regard to Mr. Anderson's alleged connection with the treaty, declaring that he is the attorney for large power interests at Niagara Falls and that the treaty was framed for the benefit of these interests. The charge made more impression on the Senate in the discussion of the treaty, and it became evident that the opposition to the convention will continue for some time. Senator Lodge, who is practically in charge of the treaty, will try to keep it before the Senate in frequent executive sessions until the matter is disposed of.

The waterways treaty has aroused a surprising degree of acrimony in the Senate. During the debate behind closed doors to-day, Senator Smith turned fiercely upon Senator Lodge, saying in

HANGED HIMSELF.

BOWMANVILLE DENTIST COMMITS SUICIDE IN A CELL.

Unfortunate Victim of Liqueur and Drug Habits Had Been Confined to Await Transfer to Some Asylum—Inquest to be Held.

Bowmanville, Feb. 9.—Dr. Charles H. Harnden, who has practiced dentistry in this town for nearly forty years, committed suicide this morning by strangulation in the lockup, where he has been confined over a week awaiting admission to a public asylum or sanitarium. The papers were forwarded about a week ago, and permission to enter has not yet come to hand. From all reports current hereabouts Dr. Harnden has been unfit to be at liberty for some months. His wife was forced to leave him last autumn, and quietly left town for Philadelphia, where a sister and brother reside, and where she now is.

Dr. Levi Potter advised his incarceration several weeks ago, and his friends being finally urged to have him put in a place of safety to avoid a tragedy, that might occur at any time owing to his irresponsible condition, consented. Two sisters, Mrs. W. C. Tyler and Mrs. P. Malloy, have done all in their power to provide for his needs and comfort before and since his incarceration. Other friends have visited him and as his mind seemed troubled over religion conversed and prayed repeatedly with him.

They remained with him late last night, and Night Watchman Fletcher looked in on his half-hour rounds, seeing him last at about 6 o'clock this morning when all was quiet. His sisters had provided bedding for him, and taking a quilt he tore off a strip, with which he accomplished the terrible deed. He fastened it round a bar in the cell door, and deliberately knelt, after fastening the twisted cotton around his neck.

Chief Jarvis found him at 9 o'clock when he came on duty, quite dead. It is supposed this trouble was brought on the deceased through excessive drink and use of morphine.

Captain Nikitin, of the Russian general staff, retired, has been condemned by a court-martial to death by hanging, after having been found guilty of conducting revolutionary agitations among the enlisted men of the army.

Hon. Chief Justice Dubs will have served thirty years on the Manitoba Bench within a few months, and will be retired on full salary. Judge Howell will succeed.

GRAFT CHARGES.

Norrish Repudiates His Alleged Statement to Guelph Mayor.

Guelph, Feb. 9.—The graft charges alleged to have been made by Mr. H. N. Norrish to Mayor Newstead that \$100 had been spent in passing the by-law last year to extend the hours of billiard and pool rooms on Saturday night were today investigated before Judge Chadwick at the Court House. Charges were made that aldermen and others had interested themselves in the matter, but a positive denial was given by every member of the council last year, and by others whose names were brought in over thirty witnesses were heard, and the Court House throughout the day was crowded. An adjournment was made this evening until Thursday to hear one ex-alderman, whose name was connected with the affair, and then the Judge will sum up the evidence and present it to the council. The straight denial and the uncertainty of the charges, if it ever was made, leaves little to act upon.

Mr. H. N. Norrish, who was alleged to have made the charge in the office of Mayor Newstead during the old home week, denied all knowledge of going to the Mayor's office that week or of making the charge. If he had, he said, he had been either drunk, crazy or hypnotized, and the old home week was a week out, anyway. The first he had known of the matter was when Mayor Newstead came to him in December and asked him for a statement of what he had said, and not being able to remember it, he had refused. In January he had again gone to the Mayor's office and talked of the matter. He had then accused his worship of trying to get him into a trap and make admissions.

Ex-Mayor Newstead repeated his statement of what Norrish had told him.

PANIC IN A COAL MINE.

Two Men Were Drowned at Genton, Illinois.

Genton, Ill., Feb. 9.—Two miners were drowned in a scramble for safety in the Letter coal mine here to-day. Fourteen others escaped without injury. The panic was caused by a slight explosion in the workings. The explosion did comparatively little damage. In the rush of the sixteen for the shaft two of them, M. Kimball and Lawson Palmer, the latter a negro, fell into a water hole near the bottom of the shaft and were drowned.

THE NON-MILITANTS.

Will Invoke Divine Aid Instead of Fighting Police.

London, Feb. 9.—The non-militant Suffragettes, instead of taking the street against the police, will invoke Divine aid for their propaganda. The leaders, M. C. Fawcett and Lady Frances Balfour, have issued an appeal to sympathizers to assemble at Westminster Abbey on Feb. 15th, the day before the opening of Parliament, to intercede for the furtherance of the cause during the coming session.

CANADA'S IMMIGRATION POLICY.

Sir C. Kinloch-Cooke Hopes Financial Restrictions Will be Removed.

London, Feb. 9.—Sir Clement Kinloch-Cooke, chairman of the Central Immigration Board, writes the Times hoping that past mistakes, on which ever side they occurred, may be allowed to die a natural death, and that the Dominion Government may soon supercede its severe financial restrictions by an immigration policy and procedure which, while preventing an influx of undesirable, will secure to Canada a return of her old popularity with British emigrants.

FIDELITY FUNDING CO.

Cannot be Adjudicated a Bankrupt in Involuntary Proceedings.

New York, Feb. 9.—Special master P. Olney, in a report filed in the United States District Court late to-day, finds that the Fidelity Funding Company, of which Patrick J. Kieran was the head, is not amenable to the bankruptcy act, and cannot be adjudicated a bankrupt in involuntary proceedings. The report is expected to be confirmed by Judge Holt. At the time of the filing of the involuntary petition against the Fidelity Funding Company, the liabilities of the corporation were estimated to be \$3,941,037.04, and the nominal assets \$3,579,315.01.