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The Court of Revision.

There is at present sitting in this city as antiquated a court as the modern world can show, and as unfit a one for its duties as folly could constitute.

It is styled the Court of Revision, the duty of which is to hear appeals against city assessments of property and income, and to change or confirm them as it decides. It is, in fact, a Court of Appeal, presided over by five judges, with an experienced official sitting as an assessor, who is in every case practically the defendant, whose judgments are pleaded against, as he is the head of the assessment department.

The amounts to be assessed are fixed by a number of supposed expert valuers, who visit each property yearly, examine it in a perfunctory manner, interview the owner or tenant and decide on the values of properties by this inspection.

Their assessments then are supposed to be the valuations of experts, but who are not independent, as they are paid officers under orders. The Court of Revision consists of five alderman selected without the slightest regard to any special fitness for their duties, who, in very rare instances, have no more knowledge of property values than the average citizen; they are not in any sense expert valuers.

Yet these judges hear appeals against the judgments of experienced valuators, who are their own servants, without seeing the properties whose assessed values they revise, or knowing anything about them beyond a few hasty words from the owner, or the official, who himself has not examined the cases, but is merely the head of the assessment department.

The court can only be compared to a body of laymen organized to revise the decisions of a law court, who know nothing of law, and who, even if they did, are incapable of giving a sensible verdict, as they rattle off decisions wholesale, without any direct knowledge of the facts.

Not only are these judges utterly unfit for such duties owing to absence of knowledge and inexperience, but they are directly interested in the decisions, for they are property owners and the representatives of owners. As holders of real estate their own assessments are affected by their decisions, and as aldermen they are looking for the votes and influence at the next election of other owners by whose votes they will be unseated or returned.

A more viciously organized court of appeal could not be framed. The Court of Revision is a survival from the days when our cities were villages. In those times every man in the place knew all his neighbors, was familiar with every plot of ground, the cost of every building, the prevailing rentals and all the facts upon which fair assessments could be based. Thus a primitive Court of Revision was composed of men who were practically experts by their knowledge of local conditions. In fact the whole of the ratepayers then acted as a Court of Revision, as each one knew all about his neighbor's affairs; every man could judge what was a reasonable and fair assessment of any property, and had time to look after and discuss such matters. What, however, can the average aldermanic tradesman in any of our vast wards know of the values of real estate away from his immediate vicinity?

We believe that the Court of Revision is largely responsible for the inflation of values which took place in this city a year or two ago. The aldermen set their minds upon raising the assessments in order to raise the income for vast expenditures, rather than put the rate of civic taxation at the figure necessary for this purpose, as that course would have excited public anger and checked their extravagance. Step by step they have gone on blowing wind into the "boom" balloon by endorsing inflated valuations and spending money based upon income from inflated assessments.

These excessive valuations will be justified in time, the trade of the city is sound; Toronto is bound to advance, but it is high time we learned to govern the place as a city, and not as a village.

The ratepayers may well cry out, "Give us a rest." There is no need for annual assessments, which necessarily tend to booming, and a Court of Revision should consist of a body of experts wholly independent of the council, sitting with two or more permanent officials to give assistance with the books of reference and records that may be called for.

Kodak Pictures of the U.S.

The value of photography lies mainly in its presenting, necessarily, a picture of the objects depicted directly reflected by themselves, which, mechanically and chemically, paint their own portraits when the camera holds the mirror up to nature.

The press performs an analogous operation in its daily record of public events and public opinion. Those who are favoring the union of Canada with the States deny with vehemence the accuracy of the charges made in this country against the social, political and judicial systems of the States.

Let us test those accusations by press photographs issued in the republic "taken on the spot."

We select first a few of the kodak pictures found in a recent number of the journal that is the official organ of the chief labor organization in the States, because such a paper cannot be suspected of entertaining any "aristocratic" or "British prejudices" against the Republic.

One charge against the States is the corruption of its judiciary; it is alleged that the scales of justice are weighed down by bribes; that wealth escapes whippings and restraints which are imposed upon the poor. Look at this picture. The paper before us, speaking of a case before the courts, says it will come before "unrighteous judges, all eager to earn gold by doing devil work." Again, "millions of producers loath and distrust our," that is the United States, "judicial system, because they believe it has become a ready tool in the hands of the corporate oppressor. This of itself is enough to divide the nation on class lines between the rich and the poor, with anger on one side and deadly hate on the other." A lovely result truly of a system we are urged to adopt. Speaking of Chief Justice Paxson, it says: "This learned jurist seems to be of the true plutocratic type and will receive high honors and rich rewards from Carnegie, Frick and the devil. This country is nearing a terrible danger line, when the masses of the people cease to respect its courts of law."

Another journal charges plainly that Mr. Carnegie's gold has put "the judicial machinery in his hands." A third threatens that, unless the judicial system of the States is changed by the "*ballot*," so as to ensure equal justice for rich and poor, it will be by "*bullets*." So much then for the charges made against the U.S. judiciary.

Now for a picture showing the so-called abounding prosperity of the States. A leading Republican Senator says, "a million of men are hunting for work." Were that proportion to prevail in Toronto, we should have 3000 men "hunting" for a job.

A distinguished public writer thus depicts the situation: "Capital is arrayed against labor, and this glorious land of liberty, the Republic, is fast becoming the home of the rich and the land of the slave. Men are losing their homes through sheriff's sales and foreclosures with frightful rapidity. In four States of the Union troops were recently called out to quiet the unrest of the people." He foreshadows "the death of popular liberty in America, and the erection upon its tomb of a nation of *serfs* and tenants."

We ask, in all seriousness, what has Canada to gain by throwing in her lot with a nation so rotten in her social system as to be in imminent peril of convulsions akin to civil war?

The Snow Question in Toronto.

It is high time the question as to the policy to be pursued in regard to the snowfall in this city was settled. We fortunately have far less difficulty in this matter than more eastern and northern cities. But still there is often serious trouble in our streets owing to falls of snow. Scenes have occurred in our main thoroughfare, where retailers most do congregate, that we should be sorry to have repeated, but which will be provoked unless the occasion of them is removed.

The electric cars cannot run unless the rails are nakedly in contact with the car wheels. To ensure this the central roadbed must be kept clearer than we have ever seen it during the snowfall season. The clearance has hitherto been effected by piling the snow on the strips between the rails and the footpath curbs. This causes extreme inconvenience to wheeled vehicles and sleighs, so much so as to divert such traffic and lessen materially the visiting of stores in winter, and to render the delivery of goods most inconvenient, often indeed impossible or dangerous.

We trust this question has been thoroughly considered by the street car company and ample provision made to keep the electric cars running continuously without causing the ordinary traffic to be driven off the store-lined streets, or those other grave inconveniences arising from piling snow between the sidewalks and the railtrack. The engineer of the Montreal street railway favors the melting of the snow in specially designed furnaces. If feasible there where the fall is 120 inches it should be very easy in Toronto where the fall is not a third as much, but where the fitfulness of the climate in this respect makes it even more desirable to have clean streets than in a city where a street snow-bed is the normal condition for several months.

A citizen has been lodging a complaint with The World against the practice of some of our theatres in seating camp stools in the aisles. It is illegal and ought to be abandoned.

Street Car Advertisements.

Editor World: Instead of being occupied by vulgarly worded advertisements of cheap wares, should not some of the spaces along the sides of street cars be devoted to placards containing the rules of the company, directions as to getting on and off the cars, transfers, etc., etc.? There is no other or better way, I think, of admonishing foolish people against errors dangerous to life and limb and against mistakes which lead to great personal inconvenience.

UBIQUITOUS.

Great Furniture Sale.

Messrs. Charles M. Henderson & Co. will sell at their mammoth auction rooms tomorrow (Saturday) a very large and well-assorted stock of valuable household furniture, pianos, carpets, etc. Parties furnishing would do well to attend. The sale commences at 11 o'clock.

Excursion to City of Mexico.

On Nov. 19 to 26 inclusive, the Wabash Railway will sell tickets to the City of Mexico at lowest first-class fare for the round trip. Tickets good going via Detroit and St. Louis and returning via Chicago, or vice versa, valid up to Dec. 31. This will be the grandest opportunity ever given to see this ancient land of the Aztecs. Words fail in describing the majestic and beautiful scenery on this trip, admitted to be without equal on the American continent and not surpassed in the world. Full particulars at the Wabash new office, northeast corner of King and Yonge-streets, Toronto.

Joe Gets the Appointment.

Mr. Joseph Dickson of this city has been appointed grain inspector at the frontier and will be stationed at the Bridge. His duty will be to inspect Canadian grain intended for export via New York.

Fever and Ague and Bilious Derangements are positively cured by the use of Parmelee's Pills. They not only cleanse the stomach and bowels from all bilious matter, but they open the excretory vessels, causing them to pour copious effusions from the blood into the bowels, after which the corrupted mass is thrown out by the natural passage of the body. They are used as a general family medicine with the best results.

Analysis by Dr. A. R. Fyne, Dominion Analyst.

This is to certify that the sample of Marsala port wine received from Mr. W. Mara is all that is desirable in a medicinal wine, being free from an excess of acid, and containing a sufficiency of potash and phosphates to make it wholesome. It is admirably adapted for invalids requiring a stimulant.

The above wine has been in wood 10 years. Price $3.50 per gal., $8.10 per doz. William Mara, 79 Yonge-street, third door north of King. Telephone 1708.

It may be only a trifling cold, but neglect it and it will fasten its fangs in your lungs, and you will soon be carried to an untimely grave. In this country we have sudden changes and must expect to have coughs and colds. We cannot avoid them, but we can effect a cure by using Bickle's Anti-Consumptive Syrup, the medicine that has never been known to fail in curing coughs, colds, bronchitis and all affections of the throat, lungs and chest.

The Only Through Vestibule Pullman Sleeper Toronto to New York is via Erie Railway.

Nothing can surpass the magnificent new sleepers which have been built for this run. Leave Toronto at 4.55 p.m. daily except Sundays. Apply to G.T.R. agents for berths and for further particulars to S. J. Sharp, 19 Wellington-street east, Toronto.

The superiority of Mother Graves' Worm Exterminator is shown by its good effects on the children. Purchase a bottle and give it a trial.

SMILE THEIR PENCE AWAY.

"JOHNNY HAS GONE TO YE FAYRE" —IN SHOALS.

A Paradise of Lovely Damsels, Sweet Sounds and Laughter—The Turnout of Toronto People Was Immense Yesterday—Everything Running Smoothly—A Great Time To-day.

Ye Olde Englyshe Fayre had a bigger day than ever yesterday. The attendance of ladies in the afternoon was very large indeed. Thomas Baker's entertainment excited a great deal of merriment indeed.

"Wouldn't you like to buy some of these?" And what can the poor swain do? Ye Booke of Ye Fayre is in great demand; with the pleasing covers that Messrs. C. E. Preston & Co. were good enough to donate, it forms the best souvenir of this delightful festival.

The sale of wares progresses well, thanks to the unceasing energy of the damsels of the booths. The impecunious young man who takes the maiden of his heart to Ye Fayre finds that a refusal to buy does not discourage the fair flower girl. She straightway goeth to his young lady and sayeth:

Ye Crier is one of the most interesting of the many institutions of Ye Fayre. Master Thomas A. Baker, who is a character player of no mean ability, is this worthy fellow. Before each event his stentorian tones are heard proclaiming that which is going to take place. He wears a clouted cloak and a battered hat and is verily a picturesque figure.

Ye showe of Punch and Judy, by Master A. U. Oldfield, delights the youngsters. The trials and tribulations of the old wife, Judy, and her wayward husband, Punch, never fail to delight the hearts of the onlookers.

The attendants of Ye Olde Garden are attired with the grace and simplicity of our great-grandmothers in dotted muslin gowns made after the fashion of the Empire period. They are indeed goodly-looking damsels and afford a delightful contrast to the brilliant maids to be seen elsewhere.

Fine Coiffures.

Dames Gibson and Cameron and Mistress May Walker have coiffures wonders of the hairdresser's art and after the fashion of that which the Duchess of Lovelace wore. The other young ladies, who form such delicious pictures in their quiet, verdant surroundings, are Dame A. Bolte and Mistresses Howland, Heward, Edith Heward, Armour, Maynard (of the goodly town of Deitrich Knickerbocker) and Violet Mortizambert.

At Ye Syne of Ye White Rose near at hand Dame John Cawthra wears a gorgeous Elizabethan costume of black velvet and white brocade, with jeweled head-dress; Mistress Cawthra wears a Dame Durden gown of white satin, with quilted skirt; Mistress Sybil Seymour wears a pretty gown of flowered blue muslin.

The costumes in the dances are of the most delightful description. The four heralds, Mistresses Mabel McKinley, Berta Lee, Lois Taylor and Mabel Virtue, wear simple classic gowns of delicate green, and the autumn combination of belts of rich purple with this produces a beautiful effect. These be maidens possessed of unusual grace and dignity of mien, and they play exceedingly difficult and necessary parts in this great picture of loveliness. The costumes of all the children are chosen with unusual thought and with assured harmonious effect. The two little cupids in white and gold, Allan Galbraith and Rupert McIlroy, are delightful. The brilliant black and gold of the "innumerable bees" is one of the most notable features.

A Clever Dancer.

Miss Dottie Lamont's dancing is one of the great delights of the Fayre. There is probably no dancer of any age on this continent who could provoke more admiration and delight than she. She unites a perfect grace with a lightness and ease that makes the most intricate movement seem perfectly spontaneous. Of the oldest of arts it may certainly be truthfully affirmed, "The highest art is the concealment of art." Her dancing is like the song of birds, as wonderful, as natural and as difficult to fathom.

Ye Scribe's Jottings.

One of the most beautiful costumes in the Pavilion is that of Mistress Lena Cawthra, who wears an Elizabethan court dress of white and yellow and yellow velvet headdress, jeweled. Dame J. Herbert Mason wears a costume of pink and black with lace trimming and cameos.

The damsels of Ye Cider Presse wear charming Dolly Varden frocks and minister to those who have become thirsty in Ye Haymarket Theatre.

I cannot ete but littel meate,
My stomache is not goode;
But sure I thynke that I can drynke
With him that wears a hoode.

In Ye Haymarket Theatre the jollity and merriment occasioned by the pomposity of Master Dunstan, the elusive pathos of Master Macdonell, the brightness of Mistress Powell and the humor of Mistress Dougill still continue to excite the mirth of all who see them. Last night between the acts Master Owen A. Smiley did some very amusing and very artistic character work in a sketch of a school examination.

The loyal musick of the band of musicians known as the Queen's Own was much appreciated, particularly as the musicians asked no fee. They played the merry old songs that our grandsires and great grandsires have loved. Mynheer Schuch's company of singers sang "Rule Britannia" to the delight of all.

Wayfarers are advised to purchase Ye Booke of Ye Fayre early in the evening, because the eloquent accounts of all the diversions printed therein add to the interest of it all.

Oh, dear, what can the matter be,
Johnny has gone to the Fayre!
He promised to bring me a bunch of blue ribbon
To tie up my bonny brown hair,

laughed a jaunty little gypsy maid as she sold the scribe a ticket to Ye Cave of Harmony. The gypsy maids seem the most enterprising of all.

Still Another Triumph.

Mr. Thomas S. Bullen, Sunderland, writes: "For fourteen years I was afflicted with Piles; and frequently I was unable to walk or sit, but four years ago I was cured by using Dr. Thomas' Eclectric Oil. I have also been subject to Quinsy for over forty years, but Eclectric Oil cured it, and it was a permanent cure in both cases, as neither the Piles nor Quinsy have troubled me since."

Evidence for the Defence.

The defence is having its turn in the Obernier v. Robertson case at the Assize Court, all the evidence in support of the plaintiff's claim having been adduced. Mr. John Ross Robertson was subjected to a particularly searching cross-examination by Mr. Lount.

Why suffer from disorders caused by impure blood when thousands are being cured by using Northrop & Lyman's Vegetable Discovery? It removes Pimples and all Eruptions of the skin. Mr. John C. Fox, Olinda, writes: "Northrop & Lyman's Vegetable Discovery is giving good satisfaction. Those who have used it say it has done them more good than anything they have ever taken."

BAY ICE AND BACTERIA.

Dr. Allen Condemns All Ice From the Bay—City Privy Pits Should Be Abolished.

In compliance with a resolution of the Board of Health, Medical Health Officer Allen has had a test made by Mr. J. J. Mackenzie of the Provincial Board of Health of the various ices used in the city during the past summer.

The Health Officer's Opinion.

Dr. Allen has prepared a report on the result, which will be submitted to the Board of Health to-day. Commenting thereon he says:

Looking at these results I would consider samples from Lake Simcoe, Small's Pond and Green River very good. That from Burlington Bay is suspicious, but I would not entirely condemn it without examining further samples of clear ice from the same locality. It will be noticed that the plate from the clear ice is as good as sample. The large quantity of yeast in the bubbly layer seems to me, however, to point to drainage in the neighborhood, and as I mentioned above probably from a brewery. It is well to notice here, however, that the investigations at the Lawrence Experiment Station, Mass., found in their examinations of crude sewage a large number of yeast cells, but they were by no means proportionally as numerous as in samples from Burlington Bay. The sample from Grenadier Pond I would be inclined to condemn, as the number of bacteria per c. c. and the number of species is high. But local conditions must naturally be considered in this case and that of Burlington Bay.

Referring to samples of bay ice, he condemned them all, especially one sample taken 50 yards out from Yonge-street wharf, it containing 15 different species of bacteria.

What the Engineer Says.

Mr. E. F. Ball, civil engineer of the Health Department, examined Grenadier Pond. "I cannot unhesitatingly condemn this pond as a source of ice supply, nor can I recommend it. If no other source of supply were available for Toronto it might be tolerated, but as there are sources of unquestioned purity easily accessible I would recommend that no ice be allowed to be cut in Grenadier Pond for use in Toronto."

Yet Another Report.

An examination into the danger of sewage contamination of Grenadier Pond from West Toronto Junction has also been made by Mr. Howman, C.C., of the Health Department. He finds that the outlet for water and street washings for the town of West Toronto Junction will, when the present sewage system under construction is completed, discharge the whole of this matter from the western district of the town directly into Grenadier Pond.

"In view of the results shown by the various chemical and bacteriological examinations of the different samples of ice submitted there can be no question as to the contamination and consequent danger attending many of our present sources of ice supply," adds Dr. Allen. "As it has been proven to be a matter of impossibility to prevent impure ice if cut being used for domestic consumption I would recommend that in future only one quality of ice be allowed to be cut or stored within the city of Toronto, and that ice to be of unquestioned purity."

It is recommended that all the privy pits in district No. 3 of the city be abolished.

NATIONALIST ASSOCIATION.

Sympathy With Locked-Out Printers—Address on Legal Reform.

At the usual weekly meeting of the Nationalist Association last evening the following resolution was adopted: "That this association sympathize with the locked-out employes of The News in their efforts to withstand an unfair scale of wages which affects not only themselves but many others, and assures them of their support in every possible way."

Mr. F. E. Titus delivered an address on "Legal Reform," pointing out that the existing system tended to promote protracted and costly litigation instead of discouraging it. He suggested that instead of people being encouraged to rush into law the parties to a suit should meet before a judge alone and go into matters fully, it being the judge's office to try to bring about an amicable settlement and act as mediator. In many cases it was a feeling of pride that induced men to go to law, and this plan would tend to avert much trouble from this cause. If either of the parties refused to accept the friendly settlement proposed by the judge and insisted on going to law he should be compelled to pay the whole of the costs in case he did not get a verdict for more than the amount of the proposed settlement. Lawyers should be put upon exactly the same basis as other court officials, that is, one of absolute impartiality as between the parties to a suit and should have no pecuniary interest in the result of a case, their function being simply to see justice done. In criminal matters incentives were held out to county attorneys to find the accused guilty. Detectives also had an interest in convictions, and the result was that many innocent persons, especially poor, were found guilty of crimes of which they were innocent. It was just as much in the interests of the people that an innocent person should be acquitted as that a guilty man should be convicted. The counsel for the prisoner, as well as the prosecuting counsel, should be paid by the public. The speaker favored the election of judges. The system had resulted well in the United States, where the judges occupied a higher standing, as compared with the legal profession, than in Canada.

The discussion that followed was participated in by Messrs. Charles Armstrong, G. Howell, G. T. Wood, Arnot Hepburn and Amey.

The association adjourned for two weeks owing to next Thursday being Thanksgiving Day.

Local Jottings.

York County Council meets Nov. 21.

Damage to the extent of $15 was done by a small fire at 43 Wickson-avenue yesterday morning.

Robert Hyland, for larceny and indecency, was yesterday committed to the Central for five months.

Inspector Hughes has received from the Militia Department forms of application for rifles for the drill corps of the public schools.

Henry Graham and Hugh Lighton, two boys, were yesterday sentenced to 10 days' imprisonment each for theft of a watch.

Dr. Parsons will open a Bible class this afternoon at 4.30 o'clock. Subject, "Best Methods of Bible Study."

The second book classes in Borden-street, Cottingham-street, Huron-street and Jesse Ketchum schools will re-open on Monday next.

At a meeting on Wednesday night of the Brotherhood of Railway Carmen, Toronto Lodge No. 84, a resolution was passed condemning the action of The Evening News and sympathizing with the locked-out printers.

A special "self-denial" inauguration service, under the auspices of the Salvation Army, will be held in Association Hall this evening. Commander and Mrs. Booth will conduct the service.

The East Toronto Cricket Club concert in the school room of All Saints' on Tuesday evening, Nov. 8, should be one of the best of the season. It will witness the first appearance of Mr. W. J. A. Carnahan, who is said to have a magnificent tenor voice.

The literary association in connection with the Ontario School of Pedagogy intend holding an open meeting in the amphitheatre of the Education Department Friday evening. Mr. J. A. McLelland, M.A., president of the school, will deliver a lecture.

THE AMUSEMENT WORLD.

Rhea All Next Week.

M'lle Rhea will make her appearance next week at the Grand Opera House, commencing an engagement of six nights and three matinees. On Monday, Wednesday matinee and Friday night her great play, "Josephine, Empress of the French," will be given. It is a strong, interesting, historical play, whose presentation even outside of Rhea's popularity will merit a large attendance. Rhea is especially fitted by travel, association and education as a student of French history, as well as an actress of dignity and power, to interpret such a play. On Wednesday and Saturday evenings and Thanksgiving matinee she will give that sparkling comedy "Much Ado About Nothing," and on the other evenings and Saturday matinee Sardou's greatest comedy, "Princess Andrea."

"A Temperance Town."

Next Monday evening at the Academy of Music Mr. Hoyt will personally produce his latest play entitled, "A Temperance Town." The name of Hoyt is synonymous with laughter. He has already written and presented nine successful comedies. In this play Mr. Hoyt has made a wide departure from the style of pieces he has heretofore furnished, and instead of the rollicking burlesque of the "Tin Soldier" he has given a play dealing with the more serious sides of life, although the comedy element is not overlooked. "A Temperance Town" is a presentation of certain phases of life in a prohibition town in Vermont. Mr. Hoyt has used great care in drawing his characters to show all sides of the question, from the ultra-prohibitionist to the advocate of personal liberty.

Jacobs & Sparrow's Opera House.

Never in the history of melodrama has there been so successful a production as "The Fast Mail," which comes to Jacobs & Sparrow's Opera House next week, opening Monday next. It will be presented by one of Lincoln J. Carter's companies, of which he has four, two in England and two in the United States. The performance is replete with scenic and mechanical illusions. There is a freight train of 14 cars and a working engine. There are 10 separate features to "The Fast Mail." Matinees will be given Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday.

"Ruy Blas" at the Grand.

"The Players," headed by Mr. Edward Vroom, have returned to Toronto and are to be seen at the Grand Opera House. Last night they presented "Ruy Blas," a comedy-drama in four acts, drawn from Victor Hugo's well-known novel. The cast is a good one, comprising such well-known names as Edward Vroom, Maclyn Arbuckle, Charles Fyffe and Gertrude Gifford. Mr. Vroom played the double part of Ruy Blas and Don Cæsar de Bazan. Though he had a difficult task, he acquitted himself admirably and showed great comic power. Miss Agnes Maynard as Marianne has not very much to do, and does it well. Of the remainder of the company, we may mention Mr. Arbuckle and Mr. Fyffe, who as Don Salluste and the Count of Alba, respectively, were excellent. The singing of Mr. Basil Tetson, the Russian baritone, was well received and won him an encore. The play will be repeated to-night, Saturday matinee and Saturday night.

Remenyi at the Auditorium To-night.

The Montreal Gazette says: "There were few seats vacant when the concert began, and when the veteran violinist was performing his numbers (whether it was eccentricity or genius) Remenyi electrified his audience."

A St. Louis Post despatch says: "Remenyi appeared before an audience of 5000 persons and received three encores and 14 calls for his first number. The audience stood up, shouted, waved handkerchiefs; the whole orchestra applauded."

The music-loving people should not miss these concerts.

Mr. Clark's Farewell Recital.

Last night S. H. Clark, the elocutionist, gave a farewell recital in Association Hall prior to his departure to enter upon duties in connection with Chicago University. While his necessitated absence will be greatly felt, it will at the same time be somewhat compensated by the recent advent in local artistic circles of one of Boston's most accomplished recitationists, Miss Jessica Terwilliger.

Mr. Clark's powers were displayed to the greatest advantage in his spirited rendering of the "Chariot Scene" from Ben Hur. Every detail in the picture was vividly portrayed. His auditors could almost feel that they stood amid the animated populace which thronged the ancient circus, and heard the tumultuous approbation of the Romans urging on their competing countryman. Mr. Clark's histrionic capabilities were admirably demonstrated in the Forum scene from "Julius Cæsar"; while the pathos in "The Old Man" was well brought out.

The assisting vocalists—Mrs. Frank Mackelcan, Miss Hortense Jones and Mr. Harold Jarvis—fully sustained the enviable reputations they have already severally secured.

Entertainment at All Saints'.

A very successful entertainment was held in All Saints' Church last night, when Miss Maud Masson, formerly of Oshawa, gave a number of readings in a manner that proved her at once to be a thorough artist. She has recently returned from the Emerson College of Oratory at Boston, where she greatly distinguished herself, receiving several flattering notices from leading critics. Notwithstanding that she gave six readings last night the large audience insisted on her responding to several encores. Rev. Arthur Baldwin presided and vocal contributions to the evening's enjoyment were given by Messrs. Harry Rich and T. A. Barker.

BUSINESS EMBARRASSMENTS.

A Large Montreal Rubber Firm Assigns—Paying 100c on the $.

A dividend of 100 cents on the dollar has been declared by Henry Barber & Co., assignees of the estate of Henry Hilker. In the estate of Ruby & Hilker a first dividend of 40c on the dollar has been declared.

The stock of Stovel & Co., merchant tailors, King-street west, was sold yesterday afternoon to Mr. O'Brien.

W. Godbee Brown & Co., dealers in rubber furnishings of Montreal, have assigned at the demand of Perrin Freres & Co., with liabilities os about $44,000. The principal creditors are: Bank of British North America, $14,500; Perrin Freres & Co., $3901; Gault Bros. & Co., $2084; Gale Manufacturing Co., $1484; Wyld, Grasett & Darling, $1053; W. Brown, $2800; Hyslop, Caulfeild & Co., $841; Samson, Kennedy & Co., $522; John Macdonald & Co., $697. There are also a number of other creditors in Toronto and England. The assets are about $25,000 in stock.

The stock of boots and shoes, etc., of J. T. Brown & Co. of Guelph is to be sold at Suckling's Nov. 9.

'Twill Come Into Court.

Street Commissioner Jones has decided to bring Mr. Lock, who tore up the sidewalk in front of his private lane in Front-street to prevent certain parties from entering it, into court. The case will come up to-day. "If Mr. Lock had asked permission to obstruct the entrance to his lane he would probably have been allowed to do so," remarked the Commissioner, "but now he will have to take the consequences. The interests of the city cannot stand between him and those with whom he has a difficulty."

Municipal Briefs.

A petition has been presented to the Mayor asking that coal be weighed on the public scales.

The sub-committee of the Executive Committee appointed to consider the application of the Massey-Harris Company for a guarantee that if the company increases its works in the city the assessmen of its buildings shall not be raised above $50,000 for at least a few years met this afternoon and agreed that the assessment should remain at $50,000 for the next 10 years.

THE WINDMILL LINE.

The Proposed Extension Objected to By the Grand Trunk Railway Company.

A conference was held in the Mayor's office yesterday morning re proposed extension of windmill line. Engineer Tully and Mr. Morgan Baldwin represented the Board of Harbor Commissioners, Mr. Edmund Wragge the Grand Trunk, Mayor Fleming, City Solicitor Biggar, Ald. Saunders, Lamb, Bell and Surveyor Sankey the city.

The immediate object of the meeting was to obtain the views of the Grand Trunk and the Board of Harbor Commissioners on the question.

Mr. Wragge took objection to the matter being opened up at all, holding that the extension of the windmill line would not result in any benefit to his company. He maintained that if it was decided to extend the windmill line it should be continued westerly past the waterworks through the Grand Trunk property and that Lake-street should be continued in order to give access to that portion of their property that was now isolated.

The city's representatives demurred at these suggestions.

The Harbor Commissioners present favored the extension scheme, but it was decided to send on the plans to the board for its consideration.

It is expected that the matter will have to go before the Privy Council for final settlement.

To-day there will be a consultation between the city and the property-owners interested.

BIG SUITS SETTLED.

The Action of Conmee Against the C.P.R. Company Arranged.

The action of Conmee v. C.P.R. has been settled. The action was brought by Contractors Conmee and McLennan to recover payment for construction of a part of the line, which the company contended was not finished according to specifications. In the Court of Appeal the contractors succeeded, and the company appealed to the Supreme Court, depositing as security for the appeal a deposit receipt for $252,137.53 with the accountant of the court. The argument of the appeal before the Supreme Court occupied about a month, but before judgment was delivered Chief Justice Ritchie died, and the parties, rather than argue the case again, agreed to a settlement. The costs of the case so far have been enormous. Just what the contractors received in settlement is unknown, but it is said that the amount of the deposit receipt was handed over and that each party paid their own costs of the argument before the Supreme Court.

The City Water Supply.

Editor World: Perhaps I may be allowed a few words further in regard to the Waterworks question. Mr. Hamilton's remark that auxiliary pumping has been proposed before is, I know, correct. That is no proof that it is not desirable or necessary. A screw pump which I consider is a cheap and simple method of doing this pumping has been proposed, so far as I know, been so proposed before. This said, I have only to mention the other contention. It is claimed that it would be better to make all pipes and connections tight and leave matters as they are. Very good. But will it be done? How long have the present leaks been in existence and are they all located yet? How will we know when leaks occur in the future, except possibly by a rise in percentage of zymotic diseases? Again, it is perhaps foolish to pump good lake water into the bay, but a good many citizens do think that it is much more foolish to pump bad bay water into the mains. The one at best is a loss of money, but the other is a loss of a much more serious character. If the pipes are tight the loss is small, as the head under which the water is pumped is reduced by the auxiliary plant. If the pipes leak the extra power required to preserve the level in the well will disclose the leaks at once. The facts as they stand are that the citizens discovered that the water was in an unsatisfactory state first. That of itself is permanent evidence of the incompleteness of the present system. Typhoid fever, as I know from experience, is a very unsatisfactory microbe meter.

JAMES MCDOUGALL.

What's the Matter With the Town?

Editor World: Do stop complaining about mortgage covenants and mortgages and depression in real estate. No wonder we have empty houses while we send an order for the largest steamboat that can be built to Hamilton and order for the Dundas-street bridges to Montreal, orders to Belgium or England for rails for the street railway, orders for the electric wire to Montreal. All our money is going out to keep workmen employed in other cities and countries. Why don't you call on the Dominion Government to raise the duties on iron and steel like the Yankees have done? The N.P. is not a failure, but it does not go far enough. It is simply madness to send 20 millions of money out of this country to buy iron when we have iron ore of the best quality within a hundred miles of this city. Just think of this one fact, reckoning our population at five millions. The same number of people in the States consume twenty-two times more iron per head than we do. Another fact, in Ireland, in that land of poverty, Belfast is fast outstripping Glasgow in ship-building. Orders have been received there lately to build the largest steamship afloat by the builders of the Majestic and Teutonic. We have as large a population as Ireland and we laugh at their slowness, but until Canada is able to build ships of this class it is folly to talk of independence. I think the Toronto Board of Trade ought to call a meeting at once before Parliament assembles and discuss the iron duties and also the establishment of iron-smelting works in our midst.

PROGRESS.

Moneys in Trust.

An application was made to the master in chambers for leave to pay into court under the Trustees Relief Act certain moneys which were in the hands of the late Dr. O'Sullivan as trustee. The moneys were the proceeds of an insurance policy on the life of the late Father Braire, who reside d at Vroomanton. The moneys were to be distributed among certain claimants and Ontario creditors, but a settlement had not been arrived at when the doctor died, and his estate wants to be relieved of responsibility in the matter. Judgment was reserved.

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