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Bringing the Gas Co. to Time.

The World has been doing its best lately to waken up our representatives at the City Hall in regard to the persistent refusal of the Consumers' Gas Co. to reduce the price of gas, in accordance with the provisions of an act of the Local Legislature. We have repeatedly pointed out that the people are legally entitled to a reduction in the price of gas, and we have called on the Mayor and council to maintain the rights of the people. Our aldermen are elected as much to see that no company which is bound to the city by a certain contract extorts excessive rates from the people as they are to see that our taxes are kept within moderate bounds. But the gentlemen at the Hall have neglected their duty. Instead of instructing the city's solicitor to institute an action in the people's behalf they have left to the press and private individuals to fight out the case single-handed. Yesterday a citizen who feels that he has been overcharged issued a writ against the company with the intention of securing a rebate on the gas he has consumed. Auditor Hughes states distinctly that the city is entitled to a reduction according to the provisions of the Act. He is paid by the city to furnish an annual report of the company's affairs, and on two or three occasions he has reported in favor of a lower rate. Why then is the council so dilatory and negligent of the people's interests? When the interests of 20,000 ratepayers are involved it should not be left to a private citizen to invoke the court to claim his rights. Long ago the city should have started the action that Mr. Johnston instituted yesterday. The Mayor should see to it to-day that Mr. Johnston is relieved and his case taken in hand by the city's solicitor.

The Conspirators' Fate.

It is no satisfaction to The World that Mr. Erastus Wiman has come to grief: that he has lost all his money, has been dismissed in disgrace from the business concern of which he was the head, and is now in jail on a charge of forgery and larceny.

The World never took Mr. Wiman for an honest man in his political adventures in Canada. He returned here, the country of his birth, on a pretence of promoting better trade relations between it and the United States; but at heart he came here a traitor with the express design of promoting the annexation of Canada to the United States. He resorted to deliberate misrepresentation, to telling one story in one place and the opposite in another, and by means of money and promises of still larger sums he sought, and succeeded in cases, to corrupt some of the newspapers and public men of Canada to join in the conspiracy. And he came pretty near accomplishing his end of changing the destiny of Canada.

From the day he entered the country until he left it a self-confessed and disappointed annexationist The World followed him, kept on his track, and by argument and by ridicule exposed him as he went. In still stronger terms did we make it unpleasant for the politicians and the papers who backed him in his dishonorable methods.

For such service The World earned for itself the undying hatred of a coterie of Grit editors whose political disappointments had driven them to take up annexation as the last resort of despairing men. These same editors are now singing patriotism in as lofty a key as any of us, but when the truth comes out, and the true story has yet to be told, their treachery and treason, too, will be unveiled. Wiman spent a lot of money in this country, where he got it has yet to be shown, but Mr. Dun seems to have a very certain knowledge on this point.

The New York plot against Canada has failed and its chief promoter has come to grief, but Canadian editors and politicians who were in the plot have yet to be exposed.

H. B. Chamberlin Exonerated.

[New York Mail and Express, Feb. 12, 1894.]

Some ten days ago J. E. Paisley of this city charged H. B. Chamberlin of Denver with selling stock, through an agent, in the Fort Worth Park Place Land Company, of which he is president, the company having no title to the land. On this charge Mr. Chamberlin was held for appearance and gave bail. As soon as the papers could be secured from Fort Worth Mr. Chamberlin proved the charge to be absolutely false. Mr. Paisley on Saturday withdrew the suit, and giving a letter of retraction and apology.

Rare Old Port.

A great many people are aware of the excellent quality of Feuerheerd's Commendador Port Wine (bottled in Oporto) and regularly supply themselves with it. This wine was introduced in Canada nearly 20 years ago, and to-day can safely lay claim to be the leading bottled Port brand registered. Beware of imitations. 135

Old St. Paul's Ward.

The Conservative Association has opened an office at 763 Yonge, where citizens of old St. Paul's Ward can see the voters' list and have their names put on if not on. The work must be finished up this week.

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SEPARATE SCHOOLS AND BALLOT.

The Catholic Register and The Orange Sentinel Give Their Views on Mr. Conmee's Motion.

Catholic Register: In the introduction of the ballot for the election of Separate school trustees before the Local Legislature the other day by Mr. Conmee, a Reformer, the Government has shown an eager anxiety for its own future, whatever may be the kindness of the act towards those most deeply concerned. It reminds us of the wooden horse which the crafty Greeks bestowed upon Troy as a palladium for the pretended protection of the city. The Trojans never asked the gift. Nor in the present instance have bishops, priests or laity—with the exception of an infinitesimal fraction of the last class—petitioned for the ballot. Some years ago a few agitators talked loudly upon the subject; but the only effect they produced was a definitely expressed opinion against it. Let us hear Sir Oliver Mowat upon the subject. Speaking to his constituents on May 31, 1890, Sir Oliver said:

"Some Roman Catholics desire the ballot; these are comparatively few, yet are mostly confined to Toronto, and, for all I know, desire the ballot for the same reasons as Protestant ratepayers desire it in the localities in which it has been adopted for Public schools, and not for protection against the clergy. Of those Roman Catholics who want the ballot none had been asking us for it. The Separate schools are for Roman Catholics themselves to manage, and if at present they so generally prefer the present system of voting that none are asking us for a change, it did not seem a defensible thing for us as Protestants to be in a hurry to make the change."

Furthermore, the Premier showed the small amount of possible result to be anticipated from the compulsion to use the ballot:

"As regards Separate schools," he said, "there are but 239 of them in the province; there were contests in but seven of these at the last Separate school elections; and there is not the slightest reason for assuming that, as respects any of the other Separate schools, where there was no contest, there was any difference of opinion as to who should be the trustees. Mr. Meredith would require a ballot for 239 Separate schools, while so far as we know there are but seven of these that need any voting at all, open or secret, in the choice of trustees. Further, it does not appear that in more than one of these seven elections there was any antagonism between the clergy and any section of the voters as to the trustees to be elected. So far as known, the voting in the other six was in consequence of the same kind of differences as leads to voting in the case of public schools. The case may by possible Protestants be assumed to be otherwise, but Protestants who would be just cannot make any such assumption without evidence. We cannot assume without evidences that antagonisms exists between the Roman Catholic clergy and their flocks."

Our readers will excuse us quoting at such a length, but the speech is a very good one, and just as forcible in argument to-day as four years ago. Circumstances are not changed, except that, so far as Catholics are concerned, there is less demand for the ballot than there was at that time.

Mr. Conmee, it is claimed by The Globe, in introducing the measure voices the sentiment of the Catholic laity of this province. We affirm on the contrary that Mr. Conmee has no commission from the Catholic laity. In this matter he represents nobody but himself, if we except a score of politicians in Ottawa who are more deeply interested in the success of the Mowat Government than they are of the Separate schools. "They," said Father Whelan last Sunday, "had a right to speak for themselves but not for the other 6000 Catholic ratepayers of the city." * * *

We do not hesitate to tell the Mowat Government that in allowing one of its supporters to introduce a bill to this effect it has committed the greatest political mistake of its existence. The Conmee bill will not satisfy the extremists; it will merely whet their appetite. It will not pacify the Protestant opponents of our schools. It will win but few converts to the support of the Government; whilst it will have the effect of annoying, offending and alienating hundreds of its Catholic supporters.

It is a slap in the face of our hierarchy and clergy—at those whom our people hold dearest. The raison d'etre is the fear of supposed clerical influence, which has no existence. * * *

Lastly, we would like to know where the thing is going to stop. Four years ago Sir Oliver Mowat thought that "the attempt to impose it on Separate schools in connection with a Protestant agitation for repealing all Separate school legislation, and even abolishing Roman Catholic Separate schools, might delay any movement in favor of the ballot among the Roman Catholic people or clergy." Now, one of this same Premier's supporters, when an agitation is raised, moves that the ballot be optional with the different boards. Will matters stop here? Not if the bitter, bigoted conspirators maintain their cry.

Should Be Amended.

Orange Sentinel: The bill which Mr. Conmee proposes to introduce in the Legislature relative to the ballot in Separate school elections is a gilt-edged fraud. That bill simply provides that the ballot shall be used in those sections in which Separate School Boards, by formal resolution, ask for the same. Since all boards are at present under the control of the priesthood, which is opposed to secret voting, it is safe to say not one will venture to adopt the motion which the bill, as drafted, says must precede the right to secrecy.

It will, however, be the duty of the Opposition to demand an amendment to Mr. Conmee's measure. It would, perhaps, be too much to say Separate school elections shall in all cases be by ballot. That might involve a needless expense on sections in which there is no special need of a change in present methods. But provision should undoubtedly be made under which, on demand being made by two electors after nomination, the use of the ballot should be made obligatory. This is the amendment that the Opposition must demand when the bill comes up, and if the Government refuses to grant it the people will have to deal with those responsible for that refusal in the election about to take place.

Bishop Dowling Favors the Ballot.

"If our people want the ballot they can have it," said Bishop Dowling of Hamilton in the course of an interview regarding the bill of which Mr. Conmee has given notice in the Ontario Legislature. His Lordship went on to say that if there had been opposition to the ballot in elections of Separate school trustees, it was because the demand for the ballot came from the enemies of those schools.. "We want to preserve our schools and all other rights we have," he said, "and naturally we object to men who would deprive us of those rights and abolish those schools, dictating to us how we shall manage them."

FASHIONABLENESS — Remember, at all the prices on the picket line at the great sale of Cooper's Rosain House stock of gents' furnishings, bought at 56 cents on the dollar and now selling at the Army and Navy store, corner Yonge and Temperance-streets, at positively half-price, there is only one password, and that is FASHIONABLENESS. Make a note of it.

Valuable Furniture By Auction.

Messrs. Charles M. Henderson & Co. will sell to-morrow (Saturday) morning at 11 o'clock at their rooms, corner of Yonge and Shuter-streets, a very valuable assortment of household furniture, pianos, carpets, etc.

THE ONTARIO LEGISLATURE.

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for power being given to all municipalities to assess as real property the property of gas companies, such as mains, etc., laid in the public streets.

Bridge Legislation.

The council of the united counties of Northumberland and Durham and St. Vincent Township Council, in Grey County, declare that the present law regarding the construction of bridges 100 feet in length and over is highly unjust, because township municipalities are now often taxed by the county to erect and maintain bridges in towns and villages from which the rural population concerned derives little or no benefit, while the tendency on the part of a few municipalities is to construct larger and more expensive bridges than the convenience of the public demands; therefore they request the repeal of sec. 533a of the Consolidated Municipal Act of 1892.

Economy in County Councils.

In order to reduce the membership of county councils and the expenditure, the council of Northumberland and Durham Counties petition for legislation limiting the appointment of a deputy reeve to 800 electors and a second deputy reeve to 1500 electors.

That Ship Canal.

The Standing Committee on Canals of the Simcoe County Council inform the House that they have considered communications from Messrs. McMurrich, Coatsworth & Hodgins regarding the proposed ship canal and water power scheme, and state that they are led to believe that the principal object of the company is the construction and operation of a ship canal to connect the waters of Georgian Bay and Lake Ontario through Simcoe and York Counties. They think that this would confer a great benefit upon the whole Dominion, but particularly upon Simcoe and York Counties, through the development of trade and commerce. They further advise that, in the public interest, the land acquired and used for right of way and improvements in Simcoe County should be exempted from taxation, and they urge the council to petition this Legislature and the Dominion Parliament to incorporate the company and to exempt from taxation all land required for right of way and improvements in Simcoe County.

This report is signed by P. Ronan, chairman, and was presented to the House by Mr. Paton.

The Stubbs Estate.

Messrs. Alexander King and Hugh Yorston, executors, and Sarah Stubbs, widow, executrix, under the will of Richard, Stubbs petition for power to grant building leases on certain property situated in Queen and James-street, in order that they may erect more modern buildings and improve the rental of the estate.

Taxing Church Property.

The Hamilton City Council sets forth that the land occupied by places of worship should bear a share of the local taxation, and pray for legislation striking out the exemption of such land and declaring that all such land shall be liable to be assessed for all purposes, in the same manner and to the same extent as other land.

Bills Read a First Time.

To amend the game law by changing the close season for hares to the period between March 15 and Sept. 1.—Mr. Cleland.

To amend the Municipal Act in such manner as to enable any municipality to abolish the assessment of improvements upon land or personal property, but to raise their taxation solely from land.—Mr. Tait.

Expenditure on Public Institutions.

Hon. Mr. Gibson brought down a return giving in monthly form the expenditure on public institutions in this province, such as asylums, Central Prison and reformatories, from 1883 to 1891 inclusive.

In 1883 the total expenditure was $599,302; 1884, $600,216; 1885, $613,570; 1886, $609,228; 1887, $650,744; 1888, $721,602; 1889, $728,909; 1890, $769,905, and 1891, $820,516, making a total of $6,113,992.

Mr. Dodds' Case.

Mr. Meredith, in the absence of Mr. Barr (Dufferin), inquired of the Provincial Treasurer: Did Mr. F. J. Dodds, who held the office of License Inspector for the electoral district of Dufferin, resign that office, and if so, when? Was he re-appointed to the office, and if so, when? What salary is now attached to the office, and what was the salary at the time of Mr. Dodds' original appointment?

Hon. Mr. Harcourt: Mr. Dodds resigned the office of License Inspector, but his resignation has not yet been accepted. His salary is $400 a year.

Notices of Motion.

Mr. Ryerson: Question, Has a commission been appointed to inquire into the charges made by G. A. Dorian against Dr. P. H. Bryce, secretary Provincial Board of Health; if so, who are the members of the commission?

A LITTLE INSIDE HISTORY.

Some Facts As to the Way the Game Law Is Administered.

Hon. Mr. Gibson brought down to the House yesterday afternoon a very voluminous return with regard to the doings of a deputy game and fish warden named Hiram W. Huff of Napanee.

It began with a letter dated in August, 1892, from A. D. Stewart (now Mayor) of Hamilton, appointing Huff D.G. & F.W., and urging him to go to work at once and make an example of offenders who, he adds, "are killing off all the game and fish in the province."

Mr. Huff seems to have gone to work very vigorously, for the County Council of Lennox and Addington in January, 1893, complain that persons charged with infraction of the game laws have been dragged over 100 miles to trial.

Then the Provincial Secretary takes a hand in the game. He wants to know from Chief Warden Stewart by whose authority and at whose recommendation this Huff got his appointment, which, he thinks, will have to be cancelled. In the meantime he would like to know who is responsible for this official. He goes on: The idea of people being taken 80 or 90 miles to stand trial is so monstrous. Who counselled his appointment? What do you say to the cancellation of his appointment? There is pretty sure to be some noise made about a matter of this kind in the House. Huff protests that the farthest he had taken any offender to trial was 55 miles. The persons in question were three in number and were well-to-do. But the local magistrates were either relatives of the accused or were unwilling to act.

Hon. Mr. Hardy then writes that the matter had been considered in council and the Government had nothing but the strongest words of reprobation for such conduct, which was alleged by the victims to be in the nature of blackmail. They had had to deal with officials guilty of this kind of conduct before, and even 20 miles was too far to take an offender. He closes one letter with these words: "If the Government were to permit their officers, or indeed the officers appointed by the Fish and Game Commission, to act as Huff has acted, they might prepare to send in their resignations at a very early day."

The complaints must have been couched in extremely strong language.

A. D. Stewart denies that Huff acted under his instructions, and makes this comment upon their system of appointing officials:

"Our wardens are very hurriedly chosen; some are very efficient and others are of no use at all."

Mr. H. K. Smith, Warden of Napanee, writes that they ought to have a better system. This cannot be allowed to go on or the game laws will become unpopular. The only interest the officers have in the work is to get a few dollars out of their prosecutions. The end is that Mr. Hardy lets Huff off with a warning.

Huff's collections from fines amount to $132.

GOSSIP OF THE CORRIDORS.

Interesting Items Picked Up at the Building.

The Committee on Standing Orders met yesterday morning. Two petitions, the Portlock and Desert Lake Iron Mine Railway Co. and the Toronto Suburban Railway Co., were approved, and the committee adjourned.

Governor Simcoe, the first governor of Upper Canada, occupied a Government house, with respect to which it would have required a very ardent economist indeed to take exception to, for it is related that he dwelt in a canvas house which was imported from London. And singularly enough this canvas residence had a history, for it is said to have belonged to the rather celebrated Capt. Cook, who proved too great a temptation to the Kanaka epicures, residing at the time in the Elysian Fields, to be always found amid the charming surroundings and under the enchanting skies of the ex-Queen Lilinokalani. This canvas abode must have been of considerable dimensions, as the chronicler states that Governor Simcoe was distinguished for his hospitality.

The public accounts will be brought down some time next week, and the Provincial Treasurer will in all probability deliver his budget speech a week from next Tuesday.

Mr. Speaker Ballantyne was sufficiently recovered from his illness, due to an affection of the throat, to perform his duties on the assembling of the House yesterday afternoon, but his voice was scarcely audible.

Mr. Speaker Ballantyne entertained the following gentlemen in his chambers at the Parliament Buildings: Archbishop Walsh, Bishop of Toronto; Col. Sir Casimir Gzowski, Hon. J. B. Robinson, President Loudon, Principal Caven, Dr. Burwash, Chancellor Rand, Justice Maclennan, Hon. Frank Smith, G. R. R. Cockburn, M.P., Judge McDougall, Hon. S. C. Wood, C. H. Ritchie, James Scott, Sheriff Mowat, Hon. T. W. Anglin, Mayor Kennedy, Hugh Blain, William Hendrie J. N. Lottridge, A. Pattullo, H. A. Massey, J. S. Willison, D. Creighton, W. F. Maclean, M.P., Sir Oliver Mowat, Hon. C. F. Fraser, Hon. Messrs. Gibson, Hardy, Ross, Dryden, Harcourt and Bronson, Col. Clarke and the sergeant-at-arms.

It may be news to many that the phrase "Doomsday Book" exists in the Crown Lands office of Ontario, and in it all patents which have been issued for lands since the formation of the Province are registered.

FINANCE AND TRADE.

The bulls have their skates on again. Dealings in Canadian securities on the Montreal Stock Exchange yesterday were large, being much greater than for some time past, and remind one of old times. The Toronto crowd take some credit, however, in starting the upward movement. Our operators have for some time been taking considerable quantities of Gas, Street Railway and Cable, and current quotations show good profits.

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"It is impossible to buy stocks just now without bidding them up," said a broker to The World yesterday. "We have lots of orders, but cannot fill them when limited to a price. A large proportion of the stocks being bought are for investment, and I never knew them to be so scarce as now."

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The statement of the chartered banks of Canada for January shows a contraction of $3,800,000 in note circulation for the month. The total amount of circulation at the end of the month was only $30,571,375, as against $32,831,747 a year ago. The balances of the banks in the United States are $17,570,408, as against $18,229,248 the previous month, and $21,626,627 a year ago. Deposits on demand are $60,152,080, a decrease of nearly $2,500,000, while deposits after notice increased over a million. Discounts to the public are $198,037,104, a decrease of $2,300,000. There is a small decrease in specie, which is more than counteracted by an increase in Dominion notes.

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R. G. Dun & Co. report 51 failures in Canada this week, as against 55 last week and 60 the previous week. There is an increase of 4 in Quebec and a decrease of 4 in Ontario. Nova Scotia had 4, New Brunswick 3, Manitoba 1 and British Columbia 1.

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Owing to the severe losses suffered by the fire insurance companies in 1893 all but two companies at Chicago have advanced premiums 25 per cent.

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Nearly all the commercial exchanges of the United States intend sending delegates to the convention at Chicago on Feb. 27 to take action against the proposed anti-option legislation.

A BLAZE OF BARGAINS shoots from every line of goods in the Cooper Rosain House stock of high-class gents' furnishings, bought at 56 cents on the dollar, moved to and now selling off at positively half-price at the Army and Navy store, corner Yonge and Temperance-streets. Come now you've got the money. Every dollar spent there means two dollars worth of goods.

The Intercolonial's Trade Mark.

Halifax Recorder: The last issue of The Chicago Pointer contains the sixth of its series of railway trade-marks, among which is that of the Intercolonial, with the moose head, etc., the origin and idea of which is aptly described by John M. Lyons, the general passenger agent, who says:

The moose is the noblest and speediest animal as well as the biggest game in our territory; perfect in form, possessing strength and endurance, which, with its great speed, enables it to take care of itself. Its fur coat is an A 1 picture of comfort, as against the wintry blast of our Canadian winter, and the line that has adopted the head of this noble game for its trade mark is famous for its high standard of excellence. Our standard-built and equipped road means that it possesses strength and durability—a perfect form, like the moose, as it were; hence our "speed," which enables us to take care of ourselves as against our competitors, and with safety to the passenger. Our elegant parlor and sleeping cars, brilliantly lighted by electricity and heated by steam from the locomotive, is the comfort we give; hence my reference to the fur coat of the moose. To sum up all, we afford the traveler "safety, speed and comfort."

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SUED FOR A MILLION AND A HALF.

The Gas Co. Alleged to Have Collected This Sum in Excess of Their Just Dues.

One million five hundred thousand dollars is the amount mentioned in a suit instituted by J. T. Johnston of the Toronto Type Foundry against the Consumers' Gas Co. This sum, according to the contention of the plaintiff, represents moneys overpaid by the gas consumers of the city to the company from Oct. 2, 1886, to the present time. The endorsement of the writ reads thusly:

To recover from the defendant company the sum of $1,500,000, being moneys paid by the plaintiffs by way of rent in excess of the amount legally due to the defendant company therefor under the provisions of an act passed in 1887, which sum has been misapplied by the defendant company, and for a mandamus compelling the defendant company to carry out the provisions of the said act and for an injunction to restrain the defendant company, its directors and agents from misapplying the sum of $83,040, being the premiums on the sale of $100,000 stock sold Oct. 2, 1893, as well as all other profits of the said company contrary to the provisions of the act aforesaid, and for an account of the defendant company's profits and dealings with the said sum of $1,500,000.

Under the statute of 1887, as is contended by the plaintiff, the Consumers' Gas Company applied to the Legislature for an act enabling them to increase their capital stock from $1,000,000 to $2,000,000. The act gave them this privilege. The stock was to be sold by public auction, and the premiums and the profits of the company were to be applied in the formation of a fund called the reserve fund of $800,000.

This was to be invested in Dominion and other bonds, as in the statute stated. The interest from this $800,000 fund was to be invested in a renewal fund for the repair of plant, which was not to exceed 5 per cent. of the total amount of the moneys invested in their permanent plant.

All profits and premiums from sale of stock after the formation of the reserve fund were to be applied in the reduction of the gas rents to the consumers of Toronto.

The plaintiff contends that the company instead of forming this reserve fund out of premiums and profits has misapplied funds to the extent of $1,500,000.

It is further contended that this sum has been invested in permanent plant in violation of the direct provisions of the act of '87 under which the company were permitted to increase their capital stock.

Now Mr. Johnston sues on behalf of himself and all other gas consumers of the city for a return of the moneys overpaid for gas rents and other reliefs as above set forth.

If these provisions had been carried out as directed by the act the gas consumers of the city would, the plaintiff contends, have been paying only 75c or 80c a thousand feet instead of the present rate.

The City Auditors' report for the past three years, the plaintiff says, has been calling the attention of the city authorities to this without avail.

Mr. John Macgregor is acting for Mr. Johnston.

What Mr. Pearson Says.

General Manager Pearson of the Consumers' Gas Company laughed last evening when The World enquired if he thought the company would have to surrender the million and a half. "We are prepared to test the suit if it is gone on with," continued Mr. Pearson. "There is nothing in it. We have complied with the requirements of the Act empowering us to increase our capital stock in every particular. The proviso that the profits were to be invested in certain bonds is permissible, not obligatory. By investing the money in increased plant and not in bonds, which would realize but 4 or 5 per cent., we were enabled to realize three times the profits, and being thereby enabled to reduce the price of gas the public secured the benefit. No, we don't tear the suit at all."

K.N.G.

These letters refer to an honorable title recently conferred upon several prominent Canadians by Her Majesty Queen Victoria. S.M.T. stands for Smokers' Mixture Tobacco, which is guaranteed pure, of excellent quality and in every way a pleasant smoke. Once tried means continued use. Try it.

Local Jottings.

Commissioner Jones put 100 men at work yesterday breaking stones.

The Canadian Fruit Packers' Association met yesterday, every one of the 22 factories in Canada being represented.

The most successful smoker of the season was given last evening by G. Co., Q.O.R., in their messrooms in Richmond-street.

The Amalgamated Society of Carpenters discussed single tax and cumulative voting in room 6, Richmond Hall, last night.

The examination for certificates and diplomas of the Chartered Stenographic Reporters' Association commences this evening at the Normal School.

On Monday night some person partial to fowl broke into Mrs. Buckle's hen house at Long Branch and walked off with four fine fat ducks.

The School Board Committee of Management met yesterday and recommended the admittance on probation of six new teachers and the granting of leave of absence because of sickness to three others.

The Canadian General Electric Company of Peterboro has secured a contract from the Toronto Railway Company for 80 street car motors and about 3000 horse power generators.

The bugle band of the Queen's Own have arranged to hold a concert in the Pavilion on the 9th of March under the patronage of the officers of the regiment.

The executive of the Single Tax Association met last night in Richmond Hall. A resolution was adopted strongly approving of the Mayor's action in calling a meeting for Feb. 29 to discuss permanent remedies for the lack of employment.

William Middleton, aged 16, was admitted to St. Michael's Hospital yesterday suffering from burns occasioned by benzine while at work in the Massey-Harris Manufacturing Company's premises.

Mrs. Mary Hale, wife of George Hale, proprietor of the Mayflower Hotel, yesterday obtained an order of the courts allowing her $8 per week interim alimony, pending the trial of her action.

A deputation from the Master Tailors' Union will wait upon one of the large wholesale clothing manufacturing firms today in regard to some serious difficulty that has arisen between the union and the firm in question.

At an adjourned meeting of the creditors of W. J. D. Thompson, Toronto, and of A. & T. Thompson of Orillia, held at Assignee Boustead's office, Mr. Huson W. M. Murray was appointed inspector in both estates. A further adjournment was made in anticipation of an early settlement.

Captain Philip G. Twining, R.E., will lecture at the Canadian Military Institute this evening on "Narrative account of an exploration survey through part of East Central Africa, description of the country and its inhabitants, etc."

The Grand Lodge S.O.E. will meet on Tuesday, March 13, at 2 p.m., and continue for three days. The Mayor will welcome the delegates. The speakers will be E. Coatsworth, M.P.; N. C. Wallace, M.P.; W. F. Maclean, M.P.; E. F. Clarke, M.L.A.; Dr. Ryerson, M.L.A.; Ald. Shaw, Mayor Kennedy, Hon. J. M. Gibson, M.L.A.

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